

# Notes From Washington

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Near the end of the third day of the Republican filibuster in the House, this honorable body blew up in a flash and a roar. The last hour was a culmination of a hilarious convention, a near riot, and an Indian War dance. It is my first experience with a filibuster and I witnessed it with mingled feelings of hope and disgust. Hope, that the members would cease their horse-play and get down to business and a feeling of disgust that the members of the greatest parliament of the world would act worse than a bunch of rebellious school boys. I am informed that the filibustering has been resorted to at various times in the legislative history of the country and it is interesting to know that the minority to block the program of the majority. In this instance, the Republicans were the guilty ones but in years past, the Democrats have been charged with the same offense. But to a new member, it all seems so silly.

It began by the Republican minority trying to block the silver bill of the administration. The rules of the House are so complex that shrewd parliamentarians can find ways of delaying the procedure. The silver bill was finally brought to passage after numerous vexatious delays. The Republicans went on the war path, keeping up the filibuster to the expiration of the majority side. It was an ridiculous that the small group of Republicans were running away with the show and wrecking the Democratic program, since the Democrats have a membership of nearly three to one. Hour by hour the Democratic side became more and more aroused, the partisan feeling increased, and these on both sides. The storm broke when Congressman Bankhead of Alabama, chairman of the rules committee, unexpectedly brought in a rule which suspended the ordinary rules of procedure and gave the Speaker and the floor leader the right to call the roll to prevent further dilatory actions on the part of the minority and at the same time, furnish the machinery for the expedition of business.

Here are some of the methods used by the filibusters. The minutes of each day's business are presumed to be read at the opening of the next session. Under the usual procedure the floor leader moves that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and this is done by unanimous consent. By objecting, one member can compel the reading of the minutes which consumes from one to two hours time. At every member has the proceedings before him, this is entirely unnecessary. But the filibusters compelled the reading of the minutes and then demanded the roll call for their approval. As a roll call consumes from 25 to 30 minutes, it too wastes much valuable time. Of course a roll call is quite important upon significant legislative matters but to demand it upon petty activities, only delays the House. The filibusters continued to demand roll calls at every opportunity.

One of the favorite stunts of the filibusters was to raise to the point of no quorum and as many of them as could would escape from the floor of the House to avoid being counted. When a quorum call is made, the doorkeepers are presumed to prevent the members from leaving the floor. But the doorkeepers on the minority side were very lax and permitted a number to escape. This aroused the ire of Congressman Joe Byrns, the Democratic floor leader, and he proceeded to give them a good scolding.

One of the days during the filibuster the roll was called eight times. One day the House was in continuous session for eight hours and another for nine hours, which in itself wears the members to a frazzle.

One of the leaders of the filibuster was Congressman McGugin of Kansas, who at one time was an attorney for Mrs. Jackson Barnett, whose marriage to her Indian husband was set aside because of the proof of the government that Jackson Barnett, who recently died in Los Angeles, was mentally incompetent. McGugin received some fat fees in defense of Mrs. Barnett and the government has filed suit against him for an amount considerably in excess of \$100,000. McGugin is very active on the floor of the House and continually harassed the Democratic leadership for points on order, demands for quorums, roll calls and other dilatory tactics. The Democrats finally became exasperated that a number of them would respond to McGugin's antics by giving Indian yells and war dance hoots each time that McGugin arose. In the roll call over the rule, the House was in a wild uproar, and two of the members would have engaged in a fist fight had they not been prevented by by-standers. The galleries were filled with visitors who thoroughly enjoyed the scene. The storm ended in a climax that was more entertaining than a circus but reflected little credit on the greatest parliament of the world. After the new rule was ratified by almost a unanimous Democratic vote, the filibusters were squelched and business again proceeded in a rapid manner.

Over in the Senate, another filibuster has been continuing against the President's tariff reciprocity bill. Since there are no rules to squelch the filibusters in that body, the only remedy which the leaders in the Senate have, is to

# Western Chain Organization Stages Drive On Spring Lamb

Bridging the gap between the mountain range and the kitchen range, Safeway and Piggly Wiggly markets in 18 Western states are sponsoring a producer-consumer campaign on lamb during the period from June 14 to 23, according to an announcement made yesterday by Clarence Dale, manager of markets in Southern California.

This is the third consecutive year that this company has put the distribution force of 3000 markets behind an effort to bring money into the pockets of the growers and put spring lamb on the dinner tables of Western homes.

That the lamb growers of the West have benefited by these campaigns made throughout the Safeway and Piggly Wiggly system west of the Mississippi is shown by the fact that more than 1,025,000 lambs were sold by these markets during 1933.

Lamb is not the only Western product that has been promoted by these producer-consumer campaigns. Last month, every district of Safeway and Piggly Wiggly Stores concentrated on the sale of locally grown fresh vegetables and fruits, and earlier in the year the prune growers welcomed the aid of this company in moving a bumper crop.

In every campaign the principal medium used to bring these values to the public is the local newspaper. In addition, the weekly broadcast of the Homemakers' Bureau stresses the farm product, and leaders in the producing field are invited to address the public over Safeway sponsored programs. All do their part in bringing the products of farm and orchard from producer to consumer with benefits to both.

During 1933, the total value of California-grown and California-manufactured products purchased by Safeway and Piggly Wiggly for resale in this and other Western states exceeded the total sales of these companies in this state, bringing to California producer and worker a very favorable balance.

There is much in the newspapers to the effect that Congress should adjourn and go home. Some of these suggestions are sincere but others are plainly propaganda. Undoubtedly the stock brokers would have liked for Congress to adjourn before the bill was passed for the regulation of the stock exchange. Those who opposed the Silver bill felt the same way. A large portion of the squawks against Congress are those who are feeling the restrictions of the New Deal.

I have suggested that I believe the Palos Verdes Hills would be a most finer location for the United States capital than Washington, D. C. Especially do I think so when a howling, freezing, torturing Washington wind makes me gasp for breath in the wintertime, and a hot, sweltering, suffocating Washington wind whips me in the summertime. And, in contrast, I think of the fresh, delightfully cool zephyrs so profuse on the Palos Verdes Hills in the summertime and the warm, soothing breezes flitting over its crown in the wintertime. What Californian wouldn't want to change the location of our capital were he a Congressman?

Still, there is another reason. While Los Angeles citizens seem to have no difficulty in getting to Washington when need be, it would save a lot of wear and tear to have the seat of the national government closer at hand. Each week brings its Golden State representatives to Washington. They come in flocks and droves from every part of the state, all asking for funds for various and diverse projects. The same is true of every other state. Washington was never before such a magnet drawing from every direction.

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Superior Judge Thomas P. White, before whom Dischner was tried with a jury a week ago ruled that Dischner would not have to serve the jail term if he would pay the fine. Following the pronouncement of sentence, Dischner arranged for payment of the fine. He was convicted of assault upon Thomas B. Lynch, 69, in Lomita last March 10.

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# HOSPITAL NOTES

Wm. E. Partridge, 716-A Amalopolis, janitor at a San Pedro school, was operated upon at the Torrance Hospital Monday, and is getting along as well as can be expected.

**Births**  
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kirschman, 1007 1/2 Portola, a boy, June 9.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Neill, Castle Apartments, a boy, June 10.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. Rudder, 100 Beryl street, Redondo Beach, a boy, June 7.  
Mr. and Mrs. K. Zaffires, 2325 Redondo-Riverside boulevard, Gardena, a girl, June 10.

**Student Traveled 14,208 Miles**  
C. A. D. WELLS, Ida. (U.P.)—Extra-curricular activities were just as important to Gerald Wallace, Senior at the College of Idaho, as his major subjects. During three years of college, he has traveled 14,208 miles on debate tours, extension trips, and special studies.

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