

News From Washington

By Your Congressman CHARLES J. COLDEN

After groping around for nearly two weeks, the House rallied from its daze and has passed a bill extending the National Industrial Recovery Act to April 1st, 1936, but it is a far different bill than the one originally passed.

Under the new act the industries may, of their own choosing, form an agreement concerning prices, wages, hours, which the President may approve, but with practically no power to enforce such agreements.

Much of the opposition to the N. I. R. A. had come from the Republican side of the House, along with a few old-order Democrats. It has been a subject of chronic criticism and one of the chief themes of the minority side from the beginning.

The minority feel that in spite of its many faults, the N. I. R. A. has a number of beneficial and commendable features, which might well be preserved by permanent legislation within the constitutional limitations.

Among the number of beneficial and commendable features the minority report mentions: 1-Provision against unfair methods of competition.

So, when you can get the minority to turn a somersault like that, and point out all these good features, you may be sure that its most carping critics have found some room in the much criticised N. I. R. A. It's the old story, you never know how good a man may be, until his funeral is preached.

Congress is swaying between two ideas. One is the old states

FIFTY YEARS FROM NOW

By GEORGE H. SAPP

When I got up this morning I felt so very blue For I've worried over the depression 'Til I don't know what to do.

For when I go out walking And a friend I chance to meet We straightway go to talking, Of what we're going to eat.

Oh! In 50 years from now Everything will be O-K. For the courts will reconsider, And resume the N. R. A. And when that pleasant day arrives, How happy we will feel, And if F. D. R. is still on deck, Then, we'll have a brand new deal.

Oh! In 50 years from now Everything will be O-K. Everyone will have a job, But here I wish to say, That none of us will be here then, But our children's children will, For we'll all be safely sleeping, Out on the marble hill.

We'll be out in the marble orchard, Where the flowers are in bloom, For underneath the grass roots, There's always lots of room.

California occupies a unique position among the 48 states. California is one of the great gold producing states of the Union, free from competition for the reason there is a constant demand for gold that has never been satisfied.



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ments, there is a tendency to encourage collective thought and co-operative action in the state of California, that is absent in most of the other states of the Union.

For example: Los Angeles was forced to resort to public ownership to secure a sufficient supply of water. This step was logically followed by the development of municipal light and power.

This necessity of co-operation is developing in California an advanced state of mind on social justice and economic reform. In other words, the average citizen in California, if he lives in the rural section, is faced with the necessity of co-operation in securing water and power and in marketing his product.

share that feeling myself for the reason that our forefathers provided means for the amendment of the constitution. Not only did they point out a method of amending the constitution, but they further, were parties to the submission of a number of amendments that followed the constitution. The first ten amendments were submitted by the first Congress of the United States when the constitution was fresh from the minds of the framers.

Nobody doubts the wisdom of the framers of the constitution of the United States, but even the far sight of Washington and Jefferson was not of such scope as to see what would happen in these United States in 150 years. Our forefathers lived in the sail and paddle boat, the horse-back and stage-coach age. The horse and buggy was a luxury. Without doubt, our forefathers saw the necessity of making the constitution of the United States subject to amendment, in order that it might be made sufficiently flexible to meet the future needs of the country.

One of the occasional criticisms of the members of the House and the Senate is that members submit their remarks for the Record, and do not make them on the Floor.

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