

Wig-Wags From Washington

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WASHINGTON, March 22.—Immigration is on its way towards consideration on the floor of the House and is scheduled to come up next week, according to Chairman Johnson, of the House Immigration committee. He doesn't believe that anything else will be run in ahead of immigration after this week. Chairman Johnson has his coat and hat off and his sleeves rolled up ready for a fight that he anticipates will be staged when the immigration bill comes up for discussion and debate.

The Senate immigration committee has completed its public hearings before the subcommittee and the Johnson bill as presented to the House is being taken up for discussion by the Senate committee in executive session this week. The last public hearing with the Senate committee was had with the representatives of the Hebrew Immigrants' Aid Society of New York, which was seeking a modification of restrictions applying to relatives of admitted aliens.

To disseminate more widely the religious teachings of Christian churches, radio broadcasting is being undertaken by many of the larger denominations in the eastern part of this country. This means of reaching millions of persons who might have no other contact with religion is a great thing. Throughout the east every Sunday there is an invisible audience listening in to many of the great sermons and the fine musical programs being heard in the churches. The only thing the invisible audience misses is the collection. And one or two ministers have been heard to extend a kindly invitation to all whom he can not see to send in their checks and donations by mail.

It is well that the Christian people of this country are up to date on this matter for it is now announced that the Vatican will, in a few months, adopt radio to spread the word of the pope to millions of persons over the world, due to the efforts of a company headed by Guglielmo Marconi, radio inventor.

If one reads the Denver papers he must conclude that there is some-

thing wrong out that way with officials sworn to uphold the law. A Denver cartoon shows the people of that city held up at the point of a gun by a baby bandit.

A half page of a Denver paper shows photos of bandit suspects and bandit queens—an advertisement for the Denver thugs and underworld. And here are some of the big headlines:

"Young Denver bandits foiled in plan to break from jail."
 "Prisoner escapes by clever ruse in shadow of station after arrest."
 "Woman nabbed in apartment after capture of pair in big car."
 "Holdup suspect is identified."
 "Everyone in Denver is seriously interested in the stickups, robberies and assaults that are being committed daily."
 "Uprisings of the citizens."
 Here's one result: "Seventy-eight prisoners from the state reformatory at Buena Vista have been turned loose on the community on paroles in the last six months, according to information which Denver police have provided the juvenile court authorities. The court is making an investigation as to how many of the alleged youthful bandits have been convicted or arraigned in that court."

Whenever the citizens of Denver make up their mind to put a stop to this sort of thing they can do it. There ought to be sufficient Klansmen out there to provide the proper power to administer the laws as they should be administered where officials sworn to do their duty fail to do it.

Two new words have been coined up Massachusetts way. They are Banbug and Scottlaw. The word Banbug is a general word to apply to all persons advocating restriction of various rights and privileges. Scottlaw is the word selected by prohibition advocates in Boston as an appellation for persons who violate the laws.

These selections of words were made out of more than 30,000 entered in a recent contest in the Bay state.

A correspondent of this bureau sends in a lot of clippings taken from the editorial writings of Arthur Brisbane and wonders why such stuff is put out all over the country in newspaper form, in syndicated material, etc. Just stop and analyze the writer of those paragraphs and know from whom he takes his orders and you will have the answer.

Arthur Brisbane is the chief editorial writer employed by William Randolph Hearst and is said to draw the largest salary ever paid to any newspaper man in this country. He is a brilliant and splendidly informed man, but he is working for a man who is pro-Catholic and therefore takes his orders for that sort of material.

That ought to explain why so much of Brisbane's stuff carries nice little paragraphs for the Roman Catholic church and so many kind things said for nuns and priests. Brisbane also favors the aliens and alien immigration and if he had his way would open the gates wide and let all of Europe come in that could get here.

Somebody has discovered that large sums of money are spent every year taking care of insane aliens. That being the case, aliens should be kept out of this country who might become a public charge on us. Best reason in the world for restricted immigration.

Someone sends us a Denver paper carrying this paragraph about Indiana and Indiana politics:

"What is the power of the Ku Klux Klan? Don't say off hand: 'Oh, it amounts to nothing.' You might be mistaken. Results in Missouri indicate that the Klan is powerful there. In Indiana, Edward Jackson is running for governor with the support of the Klan. He doesn't call himself a Klansman and on the other hand doesn't deny that he is one. What's going to happen in the election in May? Wise men from Indiana say the Klan will make Jackson governor."

In the same state the same Klan had a strong hand in sending Samuel Ralston to the United States Senate and laying Beveridge on the shelf.

INTEREST INCREASES AT MARYSVILLE, OHIO

MARYSVILLE, O., March 22.—The organization has been somewhat inactive here during the winter so far as the public might judge, but there has been no slacking of interest in the great work of the Klan movement. The meetings have been of an interesting nature and the attendance has never lagged. However, as the spring approaches and as the weather settles somewhat and the roads improve, outdoor activity, covering many branches of the work, has been planned. Meetings are now held each Monday night. A special meeting was held March 13, attended by 250 Klansmen. Addresses of interest were made and a splendid lunch was served by the mess sergeant.

MARTINS FERRY AGENT ABSENT

MARTINS FERRY, O., March 22.—The agent of The Fiery Cross here has been absent from his office for some time and still is away because his home has been quarantined on account of a case of scarlet fever. He will be on the job again as soon as the quarantine is lifted.

PATRIOTIC ADDRESS GREETED WARMLY BY GREENCASTLE CROWD

Theater Filled to Hear Charles J. Orbison in Plea for a Cleanup of the Polls

Former Partisan Man Has Seen the Light and Now Urges Voters to Put Good Men in Office

GREENCASTLE, Ind., March 20.—Before an audience that filled Cook's theater here Sunday, Charles J. Orbison, former judge of Indianapolis, now potentate of Murat Temple Shrine, made a patriotic address that brought one of the chilliest gatherings, at the beginning, to its feet several times as the speaker warmed up and sent out facts that his hearers approved vociferously and applauded to the echo.

The theme of Mr. Orbison's address was "Americanism." He touched on many phases of political conditions in the nation, the state, counties in Indiana and in the cities. Mr. Orbison admitted he formerly was a party man, having long been actively engaged in supporting candidates nominated by the Democratic party. He was somewhat apologetic on this score. The time has come, he thinks, when partisan politics has failed to serve the masses. Some of the most enthusiastic applause tendered the speaker came when he said it was "time to support the man for office instead of some person the party put forth."

Our Nation

"Our nation is the greatest experiment of all time," he said. "Kingdoms rise and fall, caused by selfishness and greed, but our nation shall not fail, because men are going to be put in office who will put the betterment of their country first and self last. From 1871-87 was a critical time in our experiment, and was passed only when our own constitution was adopted by the convention. Then there were only 3,000,000 Americans along the Atlantic coast; now there are 109,000,000 scattered from coast to coast and in our island possessions."

Touching on patriotism, Mr. Orbison called attention to the part America played in the world war. "It proved to the world," he said, "how people will fight and die for a cause that insures them liberty, justice and happiness, and is absolutely against anyone or any nation that seeks to destroy our constitution. America has the torch of civilization in her hands, and it is up to every man and woman to stick side by side during the coming primary and fall election, and put only men into office who will uphold and enforce the laws."

"Nearly everyone has read the constitution, but few understand it, and none in the last election knew the personnel of the office seekers. But things have changed. This year any man or woman who does not vote is not a good American citizen."

Sunday Religion

"Too many men have their religion only on Sunday morning and keep it in their write's name."

On the subject of immigration, Mr. Orbison said:

"Seventy per cent of our inmates in insane asylums and prisons are of foreign birth. We owe ourselves a limited immigration to protect our future generation."

Mr. Orbison said: "Every foreigner who becomes an American citizen should be able to read and write the English language. The next American Congress will be American first and last, and strictly for American purposes. This is a free country, with one limitation—a traitor should be forced to leave and never return to our fair shores." "Our public schools," said the speaker, "are the foundation for future America, for with them we are going to make the children of today real Americans, who will vote for the man, and for American principles, and not for the party or money."

His Eyes Open

In closing, Mr. Orbison referred back to voting and acknowledged that he formerly was a party man, but from now on, he said, he was for the man himself, regardless of his party, religion or other beliefs, if he was the best man for the office. He pleaded with his hearers to vote for the man in the coming primary and fall elections.

The address was unusually well received. Comments coming from many sources show that the people of Putnam county are aroused and thinking.

JEFFERSONVILLE KLAN IS BUSY AND GROWING

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., March 22.—A campaign of activity in the parts of the county in full swing here, and the results are surpassing the fondest hopes of the leaders of the Klan movement. Meetings conducted in Jeffersonville this week by the Rev. Bob Lewis have been largely attended and many persons have been enlightened on the principles of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The Protestant citizenship of Jeffersonville are rapidly awakening to the conditions here, a city absolutely ruled by Roman Catholics so far as city offices are concerned. Bootlegging, gambling and every imaginable condition that accompanies a community where the duly constituted officers of the law refuse to do their duty, is rampant here. It truly is time the good citizens awaken to the conditions, and the Klan workers are rapidly bringing about this awakening.

THIRD PARTY LOOMS BELIEF IN WASHINGTON

LAFOLETTE THREATENS ACTION IF CONVENTION FAILS TO DO CERTAIN THINGS

Oil Scandal Still Throws Out Smoke and Congress Sits Idly By—Bonus Is Tough Bone

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WASHINGTON, March 22.—The political situation in Washington this week is still being discussed in terms of oil and we are breathing the fumes that have filled the air for the last two months. This certainly is a "winter of discontent" in Washington and the man Capt. Hifi are still plunging away on scandals or alleged scandals, one by one. These scandals apparently touch all three branches of the government, the legislative, judicial and even the executive, or at least a studied effort is aimed at the executive.

Pomerene and Roberts, special government attorneys, are on the job in the far west, having filed action at Cheyenne and in California to place the oil fields in the hands of a receiver, as it were, and looking to expulsion of the Doheny and Sinclair interests. Also there are indications of prosecution of all who are found guilty of corruption and graft. The American people are expecting just this sort of expulsion and prosecution and will be satisfied with nothing less. They want the government attorneys to go to the roots of the evil and dig them up clear to the last end. There must not be one law to protect the rich and another law to convict the poor.

Borah Makes Suggestion

On the other hand, Senator Borah, of Idaho, comes out in a speech in the Senate and asserts that the people will hold Congress responsible for any failure to enact tax legislation and other relief measures. He intimates that all of this session must not be taken up with investigations and declares the time has arrived when the Senate should dissolve itself "as a grand jury" and resume the business of legislation.

The Daugherty investigation has been on for days and we have had the Roxie gang with us in Washington. Such evidence against the attorney-general as she has given is not regarded as very damaging here. We have been getting stuff second hand, third hand and by intimidation from men and women accused or at least indicted as murderers, blackmailers and degenerates.

The American people do not like that sort of witnesses, even though the attorney-general might be guilty. It has all been juicy reading, but everyone knows it would not go far one minute as evidence in any well regulated court in the country. It all goes to show to what a mud-slinging campaign we are approaching. This is why our presidents are having a hard time in getting good, clean, honest men to serve in public office for the reason that good people do not relish putting themselves in a position where they can so easily become besmirched with mud and rubbish, no matter how innocent they may actually be. However, the old saying holds true, we must have people in public office who will regard such a position as a public trust and not as a private snap and who will conduct themselves accordingly. That is an American idea that holds good today as it has in the past.

The thing that the public is thinking of is, they can't get any more Denby or Denby, they should be impeached and not merely covered over with mud and then requested to resign from office. That savors too much of the game of playing politics.

Here's More Politics

President Coolidge is no slouch himself when it comes to politics. Democrats admit and charge that he is a past master at the game. Look at his latest California appointment. The new secretary of the navy, Curtis D. Wilbur, is said to belong to the Hoover wing of the Republican party in California and of course Senator Hiram Johnson does not like that. Johnson and Hoover are not on speaking terms. While Hiram goes bobbing over the country scoring the Coolidge administration, the president is in appointing a Hooverite to the cabinet. Mr. Wilbur himself is returning to his first love, the navy; he was graduated from the naval academy at Annapolis in 1888, and ought to make a good man for his new job.

Yes, it begins to look like a third party in 1924. Senator LaFollette has passed out the word that he is willing to head it if certain things are not done by the Republican party in its platform in Cleveland in June. And you and I know right well that the Republicans are not going to do the bidding of Bob LaFollette in June or any other old month.

The Democrats can hardly contain themselves over this announcement. They may laugh too soon. They ought to keep still until after the thing is done, but they can't do it. They are immensely pleased over the outlook and can't conceal their attitude, for they well remember that the third party movement in 1912 was what put Woodrow Wilson in the White House. They see the same thing happening again to their advantage. In this Congress LaFollette and his crowd unquestionably hold the balance of power in both branches and a LaFollette revolution this year may throw the No-

MODOC KLANSMEN ON MISSIONS OF CHEER

MODOC, Ind., March 22.—Klansmen are proud of the work being carried on by Klan No. 44 of Modoc. The visit to three churches recently by delegations of Klansmen has created much favorable comment in the community on the activity of the Klan. At each church—one in Modoc, one at Losantville and one at Mt. Zion—contributions of money were left for the ministers. The pastors of these churches warmly welcomed the Klansmen and in each case they were invited to return.

Much charitable work has been done by the organization. Recently a widow in destitute circumstances was aided by the Klan. The activity has not been confined to the community of Modoc, but has spread to all parts of the county.

November election results into the House and Senate for settlement. Senator Magnus Johnson, of Minnesota, is a LaFollette follower and he said the other day on the floor of the Senate that he didn't care what happened to the Republican party. That so far as he was concerned he would like to help give the Republicans the licking of their lives. That reflects the LaFollette sentiment as it exists in the Congress.

Bonus Up to Coolidge

It is a well-known fact that President Coolidge does not like the idea of a bonus baby being left on his front doorstep and he sees it coming up the White House driveway. Congress seems to be the nurse and the president is wondering what to do with the thing when it arrives. It is now thought in Washington that if the president vetoes the bonus bill as he has indicated he would, that Congress can muster up the necessary strength to pass it over his veto. Judging by the overwhelming vote by which it passed the House 352 to 54, the House can make it jump the presidential veto all right and presently we shall see what the Senate does with it.

The country is at that stage where it is getting anxious as to what legislation this Congress is actually going to put through. There is the taxation question, immigration and hundreds of other good things yet in the background and we are almost up to the first of April. Perhaps Congress is going to play an April fool joke on us and get mighty busy next month. There may be such a thing as this Congress becoming actually fatigued at its own apparent idleness in getting down to real legislative efforts and stop all this investigation business that has consumed all the time for the last three or four months.

Has Had Enough of Germany

To compare large persons and things with small ones, Bergdoll, the draft dodger, now occupies in Germany a position somewhat similar to that of Benedict Arnold, the traitor, after he went to England. Arnold, apart from his unsuccessful attempt to deliver West Point into the hands of the British, did not a little real and efficient fighting against the cause he previously had served well, and so had a claim for British gratitude, but none for British respect was recognized, and he became an unhappy and barely tolerated resident of London.

Bergdoll, by his refusal to enter the American Army, did what the Germans at home had expected all German-Americans to do, and at first he was treated as a hero in Germany and vastly enjoyed the attention he received. This feeling was revived a little for a while by the ill-advised attempt to kidnap him, but he never has been accepted there as a real German, and his welcome has worn gradually thinner and thinner until now the German government, without telling him as yet to quit the country, has made uncomfortably plain that it regards him as a nuisance and would be glad to have him go away. This naturally has strengthened his desire for home, as he is not one of the few German-Americans who have found life enjoyable in the "Fatherland," whose charms they are so fond of singing at a distance.

With characteristic impudence, Bergdoll proposes the conditions on which he will return; he is willing to endure a little punishment, but he must have authoritative assurance that it will be only a little. Of course, his only chance of securing leniency lies in an unconditional surrender, but he does not see that, being a distinctly dense person and also one with a grotesquely exaggerated estimate of his own importance. It would be preposterous to offer any other terms to him, and probably the cause of justice will be better served by letting him fret in Germany as long as he is allowed to stay there than it would be by putting him in prison here.

Why he behaved as he did is almost as mysterious as was the fact that one of the most brilliant of

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