

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

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FIREWORKS

Washington, D. C., July 3—There will be oratorical "fireworks" in the United States Senate after the Fourth. Senator Joseph T. Robinson, majority leader, has announced that the Court bill will be called up for consideration after the holiday. He made the announcement shortly after his return from the "get-together" of the democrats at Jefferson Island.

Opponents of the Court plan are willing to have a vote on the original bill at any time. They are confident it would be defeated with comparative ease. The Administration strategy, however, will be centered on a compromise. On that the opponents are not so confident and have indicated they will talk "until the snow flies" rather than permit on any compromise which has a chance of passing.

Want Popular Expression

No one likes filibusters. They are generally unpopular. But the senators fighting the Supreme court proposal believe the people as a whole do not want any changes in the Supreme court for the purpose of influencing its decisions. They believe that the people are opposed to the theory underlying the proposal, whether it call for the appointment of 6, 4, 2 or 1 judge, this year or next. They believe that, at the very least, the people should have the opportunity to express themselves on the question in a Congressional election. On the issue they are willing to submit themselves as candidates for re-election.

If the opposition is correct in its conviction as to the attitude of the majority of the people back home, we may witness one filibuster which will have a nation-wide approval. It may serve to rally public opinion to such an extent that the Administration will be compelled to drop the proposal altogether. That remains to be seen.

Ready for Filibuster

The debate in the senate promises to be one of the greatest parliamentary battles of words in our history. Immediately following Senator Robinson's announcement that the bill would be called up, Senator Edward R. Burke, democrat, of Nebraska, announced the plans for the filibuster, should such tactics prove necessary to defeat a compromise proposal.

He stated that they had divided the opposition into seven groups of five senators. Six of the seven democratic senators who signed the Adverse Report of the Judiciary committee will individually have charge of one of the groups. Senator Carl A. Hatch, of New Mexico, cannot be used as a "group leader" inasmuch as he is offering the compromise. In all probability the leader of the seventh group will be Burton K. Wheeler, democrat, of Montana.

Senator Bennett Champ Clark, democrat, of Missouri, who has long been recognized as the senate's parliamentary authority, will serve as "chief strategist." He will supervise the parliamentary maneuvering on the floor. It is reported that during the past week he has been coaching the different groups in the rules of the senate. The opposition is determined not to lose the battle it intends to wage because of a technicality which has so often destroyed many a senate filibuster.

Rule of Unlimited Debate

The rules of the senate provide for unlimited debate. In order to retain the floor and prevent a vote, if necessary, they plan to have each group occupy the floor from noon one day to noon the next, if the Administration leaders hold the senate in continuous session. This group will then yield the floor to the second group for another day of ceaseless oratory. By this procedure each

group will have to speak only one day in seven, thus allowing six full days to rest and to prepare for the day's ordeal in the following week. The Administration, on the other hand, will have to keep a quorum in the senate at all times.

Another angle to the controversy developed this week. The Senate Judiciary committee has set aside July 12 to consider proposed amendments to the Constitution. It thus appears that the opposition to the President's plan will try to have one of the proposed amendments reported to the senate for a place on its calendar. They will then take the position that while they are unalterably opposed to changing the court by a statute, they will support the reported amendment for submission to the people. Such would strengthen their position inasmuch as they would have something definite to offer in lieu of the President's recommendation.

Vital Chapter in History

We are writing one of the most profound, and at the same time one of the most interesting chapters in our history. One wonders how the American people 100 years from now will view this period. Are we unknowingly in the midst of a revolution, marking the fall of the American Republic, or is this simply a trying period in the evolutionary process toward a greater democracy?

Radio Stars to Appear
at the Stadium Tuesday

North shore people will have an opportunity to see in person several artists of radio fame Tuesday at the Stadium theater. The "WLS on Parade" stage show has been obtained for the one day only, and among the stars appearing on the program will be such favorites as Lulu Belle, Skyland Scotty, Jatsy Montana, the Prairie Ramblers and others.

One of the reasons given for the popularity of the WLS entertainers, according to the Stadium management, is the fact that they have an appeal for every audience. They represent an interesting side of the American scene—that of the backwoodsman, the pioneer and the "hill-billy."

There will be matinee and evening performances of the stage show in addition to the regular program of two feature pictures.

VISITING

J. M. Mitchell of Indianola, Iowa, is visiting his son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Mitchell of 205 Sixth street, having come to the village Monday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and their daughter, Mary Lee, when they returned from Indianola after a stay of several weeks. Mr. Mitchell plans to return to Iowa in about two weeks.

CANADA TRIP

Mrs. John Turley of 627 Laurel avenue left the first of the week with her daughters, the Misses Mary and Ruth, and her son, John, on a trip to Canada. They plan to be gone for about two weeks, visiting with friends and relatives and taking in all the points of interest along the way.

IN MICHIGAN

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Eves, 741 Cummings avenue, Kenilworth, left Saturday for northern Michigan, where they will be for about three weeks. Wayne Eves is attending the Boy Scout jamboree at Washington and Nevlyn is at camp at Ludington, Mich. Nevlyn will be home about the last of July and Wayne in August.

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