

SEEN and HEARD around the NATIONAL CAPITAL By Carter Field

Washington.—There is a distinct possibility that congress, instead of the Supreme court, may prove the chief obstacle next year to President Roosevelt's New Deal program.

There is no doubt that this is his present intention. But he just may find himself faced with new problems next January.

But there are many degrees of obedience—many fine lines where loyalty to the President enters. It certainly does enter into the phrasing of bills, but it is very difficult to make the folks back home understand this.

On a clean-cut question such as whether six additional justices shall be added to the Supreme court there are no such fine lines.

Moreover, the struggle to control the party, looking forward to the 1940 campaign, with a view to nominating Roosevelt's successor and writing the platform of that year, has already begun.

So it is possible, if not probable, that Mr. Roosevelt will have a good deal of trouble in getting just what he wants from congress next year, despite the oratory from the very men who will be seeking to block him praising him to the skies.

Every one here has assumed for a long time that Governor Earle was hearing the buzzing of the presidential bee practically continuously.

One phase of it is of course very clear. Earle wanted to curry favor with President Roosevelt. He has lost no opportunity to do that—not only to praise the President extravagantly at every opportunity, but to demonstrate himself, in one way or another, as being even more New Dealish than the President himself.

not is open to question. It happens to be a fact that great men have very seldom put themselves out to nominate a successor who was obviously crazy to get the job.

So in a way Theodore Roosevelt had the very normal human thrill of forcing somebody else to make a sacrifice for the sake of the public good.

The fact remains that nobody, and certainly not Governor Earle, thinks that Lehman is a candidate for the presidential nomination, or will be considered by the convention.

There is also the fact that Governor Lehman is tremendously strong in a state that will have a very large block of delegates at the Democratic national convention and whose delegates are never bound by the unit rule!

It just so happened that the Roscoe Conkling episode happened in Governor Lehman's state, and is generally credited by political historians with having changed a presidential election.

"Not a headache in a barrel" was the slogan of a famous whisky maker in the good old days before prohibition.

The problem is whether to put official sanction on the claim that whisky can be aged just as satisfactorily, both as to flavor and aroma and as to the curtailing of injurious effects on the drinker, by aging it in used charred barrels as in new charred barrels.

Not long ago the administration decided the question, temporarily. It held that whisky aged in second-hand barrels, or more accurately, barrels which had already been used for the aging of whisky, must be labeled "less than one month old"—even if the liquor had been in the used barrels for a couple of years!

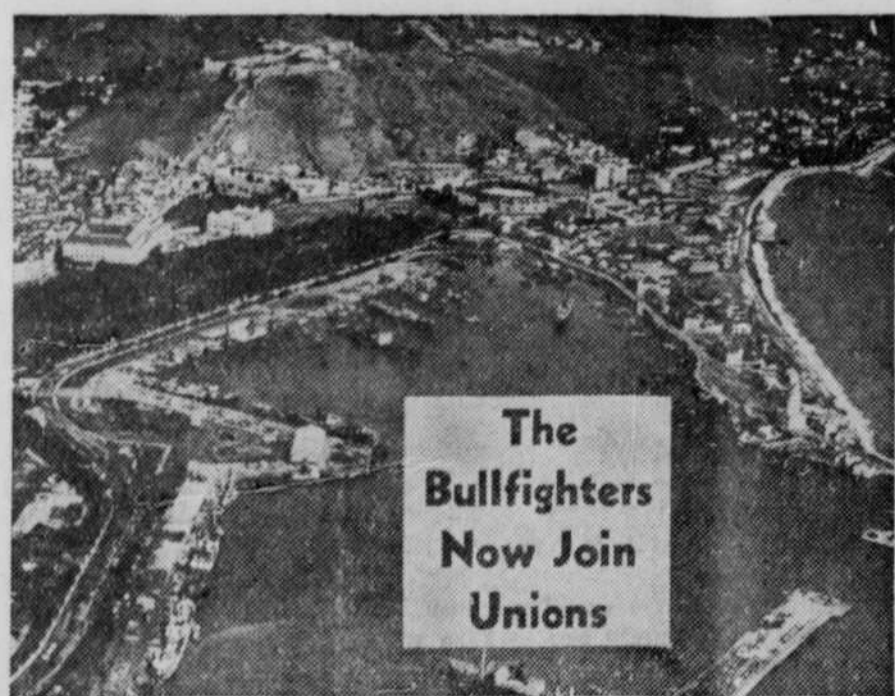
This brought loud protests from certain distillers, particularly from one who had been operating for years in Canada, where the law permits the use of charred barrels for aging which had already done service for a previous batch of whisky.

The contention of this distiller is that two very different types of whisky are produced from the same fermented mash by aging in new and old barrels.

Chemists Worried But—contended this distiller, who had several supporters—drinkers have been educated up to think that age is the most important thing, and hence the prospective purchasers of whisky set great store by labels.

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Government chemists are much worried about the controversy. They do not want to stick their necks out and give some one a chance to crack their heads.



Malaga, Spain, before shot and shell marred its beauty.

The Bullfighters Now Join Unions

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CIVIL war in Spain signified the startling changes which have swept that ancient land in recent years.

In the swift rush of daily news, more is said of military leaders and their campaigns, of statesmen and changing governments, than of the deep social and economic transformations behind the news, or the character of this land and its people.

Long before King Alfonso fled, these changes were of course under way, and because of them his monarchy failed.

These transitions have gathered momentum, until today this once romantic land of duennas, monasteries, bullfights and leisurely pastoral life has written a new and dramatic chapter in its long history.

From the Bay of Biscay down to the blue Mediterranean, traditional peasant costumes are being discarded and men are dressing in plain blue overalls.

Use American Cash Registers. Big signs advertise American automobiles. Indeed, three-fourths of all cars in the Plaza are of familiar make.

Professional Orators. WE HAVE in Southern California a professional orator who long ago discovered that the most dulcet music on earth was the sound of his own voice.

What's worse, this coast-defender of our labors under the delusion that, if he shouts at the top of his voice, his eloquence will be all the more forceful.

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What Irwin S. Cobb Thinks about

This Business of Golf.

OAKLAND, CALIF.—As I sit writing this, I look out where elderly gentlemen, intent on relaxing, may be seen tensing themselves up tighter than a cocked wolf-trap, and then staggering toward the clubhouse with every nerve standing on end and screaming for help and highballs.

I smile at them, for I am one who has given up golf. You might even go so far as to say golf gave me up. I tried and tried, but I never broke a typhoid patient's temperature chart—never got below 102.

And I used to slice so far into the rough that, looking for my ball, I penetrated jungles where the foot of man hadn't trod since the early mound builders.

But the last straw was when a Scotch professional, after morbidly watching my form, told me that at any rate there was one thing about me which was correct—I did have on golf stockings!

Congressional Boldness. WARNING to pet lovers: If you own guinea pigs or tame rabbits or trained seals or such-like gentle creatures, try to keep the word from them that some of the majority members of the lower branch of congress actually threatened to defy their master's voice.

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Thus a peek at Spain of today reveals a startling modernity of thought, civilization and up-to-the-minute comforts and contrivances, superimposed upon the stubborn

Intimate With Chic



THE lovely flower may have been born to blush unseen, Milady, but not you. Anyway, what chance could you have of going unnoticed when you wear one of these exciting new frocks by Sew-Your-Own—not the Ghost!

Maybe we're wrong, Little Sis, but we heard that this is the dress Mommy has her heart set on for you. You know princess lines that flare, and puff sleeves that give you that cunning big-little-girl look go over well with both mother and you!

Super Courage. Courage is the supreme virtue. Courage is the key to success and to happiness. Courage is more than physical bravery; it is the quality which gives vitality and action to thought.

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THE CHEERFUL CHERUB I love this life with all its strife. I love its joy and woe. And through my days a song of praise Heart-singing I shall go.

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