

WASHINGTON NEWS -:- GOSSIP

By CHARLES BROOKS SMITH.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 16.—It is plain why the country wants and is going to have the biggest jollification July Fourth that it has ever had with in the memory of the living generation. Committees are at work on their programs everywhere, and one feature that all of them want is a government aeroplane and its pilot. Requests that are too numerous to tabulate, and the government couldn't possibly begin to comply with them. It hasn't enough expert aviators still in the service not a sufficient number of machines, and as it cannot near meet the demand, it proposes not to attempt to meet it even in part, or as far as the number of machines and aviators might permit. In other words, it does not care to undertake to discriminate between communities, and will not grant any requests of this kind. That is the understanding Senator Elkins has at a conference with the responsible officials in charge of aviation today. He was trying to get fliers and machines for something slightly less than a dozen towns in West Virginia where elaborate preparations are being made for the celebration of the Fourth. Other members of the delegation tried and failed at the same thing. If any celebration committee in West Virginia secures an aviation stunt for its program, it will have to successfully deal with private concerns managing exhibition fights for the government finds the order too big to fill.

Get Arms for Protection.
The Louise Mining Company, composed of Judge H. D. Rummell and other Charleston investors, owns a property in the State of Sonora, Mexico. It was attacked and looted by Yaqui Indians and Mexican bandits on May 17. The employees in charge said it could have been easily protected had they possessed sufficient guns and ammunition, particularly the latter. Those facts and many others of interest are showing the situation in that locality are contained in correspondence transmitted by Judge Rummell to Senator Sutherland. The former asked if a permit could not be secured from the government for the company to take a sufficient number of arms and a quantity of ammunition out of the United States across the border to its property. Senator Sutherland found that it could, and he immediately secured permission for the transportation of 12 guns and 500 rounds of ammunition which was an amount of both greater than contained in the request made.

They Can't Leave.
The members of the West Virginia delegation in Congress are overwhelmed with invitations to attend Fourth of July celebrations in their state, and none of them can be accepted for the very good reason that Congress is grinding in a business like way, and every Republican member is burdened with work that he is expected by the leaders to do without prodding from them or delay. The minority members may loaf and enjoy their freedom from responsibilities, which last November's election relieved them of, but there is nothing of that kind for the members of the party in control. They have to put in full time, most of them are compelled to work hours overtime, and they have to be in the sound of the call bell, if they are not on the floor, all the time that Congress is in session. Committee meetings start as early as 9 o'clock, and continue all day recessing only when the bell rings for a vote, and then the members hurry in and vote and hurry back to committee work. There has not been such working Congress as this on Capitol Hill for years; so serious, purposeful and industrious. Over in the Senate wing, there is less opportunity for a Senator to absent himself even for a session than on the House side, where the controlling party has a large majority. In the Senate the Republicans have but a slender margin of two votes. There isn't therefore, the slightest chance of Senators Sutherland and Elkins getting away to attend any celebrations in West Virginia or anywhere else, and hasn't been since this Congress convened. They have been compelled to decline with thanks all such invitation and whether they like it or not, will have to continue to decline them.

A Precedent Wanted.
If a precedent can be dug up for it, the committee to which the bill has been referred, might favorably consider a bill introduced in the House by Representative Goodykoontz to official recognize the Barnes Federal code. A similar bill was offered in the Senate by Senator Elkins. Old time members of Congress say that the proposal is a new one that smacks of advertisement. Barnes Federal Code is a West Virginia publication, and the lawyer members of Congress who have been shown it and examined it, say that it is something new and badly needed by the profession. It is a thick, one-volume publication, bound in leather and printed on the finest "Bible Paper." It is the first condensation of Federal laws brought within one cover. All others are a good sized library within themselves. Representatives Read who is a friend of the author, Uriah Barnes, of Charleston, W. Va., has shown it to a number of his lawyer colleagues. Republican Leader Frank Mondell praised it highly and sent for a copy once. The Librarian of the house did the same. Mr. Barnes was at one time professor of law at the State university, but in later years has been associated with the State Court of Appeals. The title page of the volume gives Henry Craig Jones, dean of the university's law college and Judge Ira E. Robinson as associate editors.

Gaujot Stays in the Service.
Capt. A. A. Gaujot who last month returned from overseas, is to remain in the army with the commission of captain and will later become an officer in the regular army establishment. That was arranged yesterday at the War Department after a week's negotiations in which both West Virginia Senators and Representative Goodykoontz played an influential part. Captain Gaujot fought in the wars against Spain and Germany, winning high honors in both campaigns. He also knows from actual experience something about South and Central Amer-

can revolutions. He is the soldier of fortune type and a gentleman, adventurer whose life has been full of thrills in all parts of the world. It is said of him that he is one of the most expert marksmen that West Virginia can boast.

To Restore Excursions.
The war and the government control of the railroads put the cheap Atlantic City excursion rates out of business. The fact was reminded to Representative Woodyard when he received a pathetic appeal from the Park City constituents to get busy and see what could be done to restore the summer-time excursions to the famous Boardwalk. The inference is that unless this can be done, some Parkersburgers who are looking forward to the trip will not be able to take it. Mr. Woodyard did not delay in hustling over to the railroad administration and making a plea that the Atlantic City excursions be revived, or at least, one excursion be run for the exclusive and particular benefit of Parkersburgers who feel an inability or a reluctance to float a note for the trip that would take into consideration the full and advanced rates of travel that prevail. Mr. Edward Chambers, director of the division of traffic, is the official in whose hands at present rests the fate of the Parkersburg petitioners. Should he hand down a verdict denying them (perish the thought) Neal's Island bathing beach and not Atlantic City would be theirs this summer.

W. Va. Pension Business.
Rep. Bowers, Silas M. Matheny of Bruce Hill, W. Va., \$30 a month from May 15, 1919; \$35 a month from April 21, 1920.
Rep. Woodyard, James Morrison, of near Ceredo, \$30 a month from April 30, 1919.
Rep. Goodykoontz: Award to the beneficiary, Peter Collins, of William or brother of the deceased soldier, James Henry Collins, by the war risk insurance, \$57.40 a month for 20 years. The insured died in England in October, 1918. Mr. Goodykoontz has up with the Pension Commissioner the claim for an original pension which he filed for Joseph May, of Canterbury, W. Va.

Postal Matters.
Joseph P. Echols has been commissioned postmaster at Warrior, W. Va. Representative Goodykoontz was at the P. O. Department to arrange for improved mail transportation between Kermit and Selwyn; and from Wayne and Fort Gay to Echo, Wayne county.

the post office at the latter place having been ordered closed.

Personals.
Representative Stuart F. Reed has left for Glenville where he was booked to deliver the commencement address at the State Normal school there, and also at Harrisville, at the high school graduating exercises. He expected to attend the Flag Day celebration on Saturday and Sunday at Clarksburg, the last date being the local Elks tribute to the flag. Col. John Temple Graves and Representative S. D. Pess of Ohio were secured by Mr. Reed to deliver the orations at these two celebrations.

Dr. U. W. Showalter of Clarksburg was a recent visitor in Washington. Miss Ada Koons of Grafton is the guest of Judge and Mrs. T. E. Robinson at their apartments at the Arlington.
J. Ed. Peck of Logan has been a Capital visitor for several days.
R. P. Hutton, Anti-Saloon superintendent for Wisconsin, formerly assistant superintendent for West Virginia with headquarters at Elkins, was among Senator Sutherland's callers today.

Evening Chat

A Beautiful World.

Friday night was one of the most perfect nights I have ever seen. The moon rose gloriously and reached its height at about midnight when it literally poured its radiance down on landscape made beautiful by its beams. The world was as light as day—and much more beautiful—for there was no glare from a too hot sun to mar the beauty of the long shadows cast on trees, grass and flowers. Everything was aglow with a soft radiance which seemed to dissolve itself into the air and the gurgling moon high in the heavens lighted up a sky which twinkled with myriads of stars.

All nature seemed to be awake to the beauty of the night and every blade of grass, every flower and every tree seemed to be trying to add to the entrancing character of the setting made for them by the silvery light as it was thrown broadcast over the earth.

The moon seemed to sink into a stream on which I gazed, so clearly was it reflected in the waters. And so brilliantly did it flood the earth that every hill and every tree stood out for itself against the luminous horizon.

As we gazed on the moon's splendor and the magnificent picture created by it we were sorry that the world was most of it—sleeping and losing the grandeur of the night.

It seems to me that in sleep we lose so much of the beautiful in nature. The world is never so beautiful as at dawn and the few hours following dawn before the busy world awakens

to take up the strenuous duties of "another day."

Say Pleasant Things.
I so often meet people who have the happy faculty of saying just the thing to make you feel comfortable while on the other hand I so often meet with that other class who appear to cultivate the habit of saying just the things to make one feel most unhappy and uncomfortable.

The other day I was walking down street—and it was one of these blisteringly hot days that we are experiencing—I was feeling very hot and uncomfortable and wishing I had stayed at home, when a young woman friend of mine, stopping to exchange a few words with me said "my how cool you are looking." My how good those words did sound to me and I immediately did feel cooler and much happier and felt as though I would like to embrace the young woman on the spot. And I am sure I will always have a kindly feeling for her. That little since when I have had many little remarks which I have thought of in the hot streets I have thought of what she said and gone on my way thinking—well if I look cool that helps a lot—even if I do not feel that way.

On the other hand I have had exactly the opposite experience. I have a friend who seems to take delight in telling me that I look hot and my face is red and even though this remark is oft repeated by this "would be friend" I never get used to it and am sure when it is made that the blood mounts still higher in my face and I am several degrees hotter for this unkind remark.

I meet with people daily who seem to delight in telling people who perhaps are a little too stout—that they are surely getting stouter. Now if we can't conscientiously tell our friends that they are losing flesh—when we know they want to—why make any remark at all? It doesn't do us any good and sure results in making the person to whom the remark is addressed decidedly uncomfortable and I am sure does us no good.

I know a young woman who is plump

—not stout—but who objects strenuously to her plumpness—which really only served to add to her attractiveness—who actually took a violent dislike to another woman who never lost an opportunity to tell her that she was surely gaining flesh.

It seems to me that the little "white lies" as we are wont to call them, might be permissible occasionally, if by telling them we can make our lives a little happier and more comfortable.

Do you think it any harm if some one were to come to you with a new dress or hat and ask you if they were not pretty and becoming—even if you thought they were not pretty and decidedly unbecoming—for you to say that they were pretty and becoming—when by so doing you would add to their enjoyment of the garments—which had perhaps been bought, paid for and must be worn? Don't you think there would be less harm done in telling this "fib" than to have said something that would have made this person unhappy or dissatisfied every time she donned the garments?

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