OBSERVATIONS and personalities. The ceiling over the House chamber consists of glass panels which are inlaid with the official shields of the 43 states done in colored glass with their burs of delicate and rare beauty. There are five women in Congress - Mrs. Khan from California who succeeded her husband, Mrs. Norton of New Jersey, Mrs. Rogers of Massachusetts, Mrs. O'Loughlin of Kansas, whose husband was a state senator and is now his wife's secretary, and Mrs. Jonkoes of Indiana. Congressman Beck, from Pennsylvania, was an authority on constitutional law invariably interlards his speeches with classical allusions; Congressmen have their moments and one of them will happen on June 10th when the Republican and Democratic members clash in a baseball classic. The author is expected to do some heavy stick work for the G. O. F. (fancy that.) Congressman Gayer, age 64, outfielder on the Republican team is an old pal of "Pop" Aschen, father of baseball. John Casket of Peoria was ambitious before construction on the Supreme Court this week. Contrary to the belief that this ceremony requires frock coats and like sartorial trimmings, John received it in business suit and his sponsor, Earl Major of the Springfield district was attired in blue tunic (toncy word for coat) white flannel trousers and no waistcoat. (Perhaps I shouldn't tell this.) Congressman Stengall, chairman of the House Banking & Currency Committee, despite the fact that he is from a small town, is an authority on banking and has volumes of facts and figures on the end of his tongue.

Latest indoor sport - Slim Jones, a local character has been buried alive in a 7 by 3 coffin for seventeen days out in the village of Bladensburg. He is fed by means of a tube about 6 inches in cross section running from his vault to the surface. Another tube at the foot of the casket permits air. He has a telephone and friends call him at all hours. He vows to remain underground for a month. Half the proceeds of the stunt go to the F. D. P. The other proceeds to a local charity. The Senator from Arizona has announced that he made a mistake in this bill but he is compelled to back up. He is already in process of doing so.

FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION. This is the new title of the agency that will handle all matters pertaining to farm credits. It displaces the Farm Board, Farm Loan Bureau, Farm Loan Division of the R.F.C., Crop Production and Seed Loan offices. This new administration will handle (1) refinancing of farm mortgages, (2) crop loans (3) seed loans (4) direct loans to farmers (5) loans under the original Farm Loan Act (6) and refinancing and financing of the production loans of the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporations.

OFF THE GOLD STANDARD. Do you own a Liberty Bond? Look at it. There is a recital that it is payable in gold. Other bonds and contracts which you hold may contain (often do) the same recital. That will not be the case if and when the Stengall bill, which officially takes us off the gold standard pass. (It has already passed the House.) It is designed to take all of our money, equal in value, gold, silver and currency. In other words, so far as obligations are concerned, you can pay off obligations which recite that the holder is entitled to receive payment in gold, with currency. It is by this bill that we are made legal tender.

HOO HILN! Barnum & Bailey circus arrived today and I note that Washington young folks are no different from those in Peoria, Wisconsin, Toulan, Spring Valley or Tremont. All want to carry water to the elephants. President Roosevelt is using his swimming pool for the first time this week. It was constructed at a cost of $12,000, the money having been donated by folks from New York and elsewhere, most of them school children. The Morgan Quiz proceeds full speed ahead. A second preferred list, was bored today showing how $7 million in profits was given away to 300 favorites. Senator Medcalf and Secretary of War, Haas were also in the audience. Hucy Long's favorite college football team, "you don't have to eat a whole beard to tell if it's tainted."

MISCELLANEOUS. Other bills passed this week include the Wagner-Peyser Bill establishing Federal Employment Bureau, designed to so coordinate the work of finding employment and of directing the unemployed to available work (when there is work) so as to eliminate duplication of effort and lost motion. The new Farm Credit Bill, setting up the new consolidated agency for handling all phases of farm credits, including loans, refinancing of farm mortgages, seed and crop loans, etc. The Railroad Bill, providing for coordination of railroad groups, repeal of the reclamation Act, a new base for rate making and protection of existing jobs, began its course thru the House today.