

**Fifty-Fifty Figuring
A New Order
Foreign Trade
Attention
The President's
Position**

Perhaps not the most important but in political circles one of the most interesting things being talked about here is the discovery that the repeal of Prohibition has not put the bootleggers out of business, and that the new taxes on whisky and other liquors are not yielding the revenues that were expected. The two facts are closely connected.

Joseph H. Choate, Jr., director of the Federal Alcohol Control Administration, reports that two-thirds of all the liquor being sold in the United States is being made in illicit stills, built in Prohibition days and never licensed, so that only a third of all the liquor consumed pays taxes to the Government. The enforcement unit has been so reduced that it is impossible to ferret out all these illegal sources of liquor and stop flow from those sources. Their business thrives because the high tax on liquor makes it profitable to take chances on making and selling stuff which pays no tax.

The remedy proposed for this state of things is to reduce the tax on whisky and gin, to a point where there would be no profit commensurate with the risk, in making it illicitly. If Mr. Choate's figures are correct, and two-thirds of all the alcoholic beverages in the market are paying no tax, then a reduction of the tax to one-third of what it is now would bring in just as much money, if it were collected on all the liquor manufactured. The question under discussion here is whether or not all liquor could be successfully taxed, even at a reduced rate. It would involve sending a lot more than has been done to the enforcement of the law in any event.

The real problem, many think, is how people can be induced to drink more whisky; though the President has a plan to let liquor from abroad come in free of duty in the hope that it can sold so cheaply that people will prefer it to the bootleg stuff at the same price.

All in all, official Washington is waking up to the fact that the liquor problem is a real and serious problem, as much now as it was under Prohibition.

Another major topic of conversation is the marked change that has suddenly come over the attitude of the Administration in the public utterances of its representatives on the general subject of social reforms. Criticism of the program under which social regeneration was being emphasized far more than economic recovery, and realization that some of the most highly publicized recovery projects are not working as had been expected, is slowing down the social program and setting officials to hunting for new means of bringing business back.

The indications now are that less stress will be put upon the demand for higher wages and more upon getting men back to work at any wage the industry or business can afford to pay; also that there will be less insistence upon higher prices for commodities, and more tolerance of price competition.

The report of the NRA committee on durable goods has been received with some concern. Under this heading of durable goods come such things as locomotives, power plants, steam-shovels, buildings, everything which is not directly consumed but is used to make or house or transport consumer goods. Business has not increased in those lines, because there has been no new capital available with which to buy them. Such things need additional capital on the part of the industries using them.

The condition is having an effect upon consideration of such things as easing up restrictions on new capital stock and bond issues, and upon the loosening of long-term credits.

Much greater attention is being given to means of increasing and recapturing America's foreign trade. When Secretary Wallace, in his clearly-thought-out booklet, "America Must Choose," pointed

"THE WATCHMAN
CARRIES A SUMMARY
OF ALL THE NEWS"

**TO PROBE SHARE CROP CHARGES
Hughes Says Enforce Law**

**Farm Agents To
Survey, Make
Adjustments**

Farm Administration Plans To Correct Injustices In Cotton Crop Control.

TENANTS' PROTEST

It Is Claimed That Tenants Are Being Discriminated Against By Landlords.

Washington—In an effort to rectify complaints that some sharecroppers and tenant farmers have been discriminated against under cotton reduction contracts, the farm administration has appointed eight extension service agents to "investigate and adjust" all violations.

At the same time, the administration disclosed it intended to refer to this group a report made public in New York by Norman Thomas, the Socialist, in which the cotton program is criticized.

The Thomas report, based on a survey of 500 tenants and sharecroppers families in Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi, said the acreage program is "unsound."

It was the sound critical report made on the cotton program. The other was conducted for the department by Dr. Calvin B. Hoover, Duke university professor, who several months ago served the department as an advisor. This report was made public ten days ago.

As an outcome of the Hoover report, extension agents from eight southern states were called to Washington this week to study charges that share-croppers and tenants were being discriminated against by some landlords in the division of benefit payments made under the program.

Their three-day conference was concluded with the agents being designated to work as field men for the administration "to investigate and adjust all complaints, violations and misunderstandings under cotton adjustment contracts."

These agents are: W. J. Green of Stillwater, Okla.; C. C. Randall of

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**Gains In Indiana
Pleases Doughton**

Washington—No one in administration circles found more solace and satisfaction in the election results in Indiana than did Representative Robert L. Doughton of Laurel Springs, chairman of the house ways and means committee and North Carolina member of the Democratic congressional committee.

The election returns from Indiana are a barometer of the times, said the veteran lawmaker. "Everywhere the people have spoken at the ballot box they have voted confidence in and satisfaction with the administration of our President. As fast as one election is held after another in various states, the people have recorded their approval of our great leader and the policies which he is pursuing to restore the country to a healthy and prosperous state.

"One feature that is overlooked by many of us is that in states where dual primaries are held, the large number of votes cast and the increased number recorded for the Democratic candidates are indicative of the firmly established status of our party. Not a single instance has a house Democrat what has stood loyally by the administration been defeated for renomination. Thus all augurs well, and forecasts are that the Democratic losses in elections of the 74th congress will be inconsequential."

**NEWS
BRIEFS**

DIES OF WRECK INJURIES

Norman Ward, 22-year-old textile worker at Rockingham, died in a Hamlet hospital from wounds received when a roadster overturned.

OFFICER KILLED BY SHELL

Capt. Clarence O'Leary, ordnance department, died Saturday from injuries received on Tuesday, in the station hospital at Fort Bragg, when a detonator exploded in his hands.

PRESS MEETS AT BANNER ELK

The North Carolina Press association will hold its summer session at Banner Elk, July 11, 12, and 13, accepting the invitation of Edgar Tufts of the Lees-McRae college.

SANDERS RESIGNS

Everett Sanders has tendered his resignation as chairman of the Republican National committee, and a meeting has been called for June 5 to elect a successor.

CANNON WINS

A confidence vote of 269 to 170 accorded Bishop James Cannon Jr. a smashing victory in the judicial general conference of the Methodist church to relegate the churchman to the sideline. The conference overrode a recommendation of its Episcopacy committee, which voted for the superannuation of Cannon.

UNVEIL BRYAN STATUE

A bronze figure of William Jennings Bryan the "Great Commoner," was unveiled in Washington last week, and was accepted by President Roosevelt on behalf of the nation, Joseph Daniels, Ambassador to Mexico, and president of the Bryan Memorial association made the presentation address.

FOREST FIRES

Fanned by a brisk wind, forest fires swept over 200,000 acres in Wilkes and Alleghany counties last week, destroying 13 homes, and two persons were believed lost. Flames broke out in many places, and were soon beyond control.

LETS NEW CONTRACTS

Temporary airmail contracts on 15 routes have been awarded by Postmaster-General James A. Farley, while others will be let soon.

FAMOUS MOTHER DIES

Mrs. Rebecca Doughton, mother of Congressman R. L. Doughton, chairman of the powerful ways and means committee, and R. A. Doughton, long a public servant, passed away last week at her home in Alleghany county after a prolonged illness. She was 96 years of age. Funeral services were held at Laurel Springs.

NEW ANTI-CRIME LAWS

Ten anti-crime bills, including one to permit the federal government to put a stiff price on the heads of criminals branded as public enemies, have been pushed through the house, at the instigation of Attorney-General Homer S. Cummings.

S. C. EXTORTION PLOT FAILS

An attempt to extort \$5,000 from J. F. Bland, wealthy Sumter county farmer, was revealed with the arrest of Ozie Mathis, 19, who was charged with writing the extortion letter. Officers revealed that Bland last week received a letter instructing him to put five thousand dollars in small change bills in a package and leave it at Cane Savannah Station Sunday. The letter was signed "Southern Gangsters" and threatened death if he failed to follow instructions.

Samuel Insull's Return



NEW YORK. The most recent picture taken of Samuel Insull (above), former Chicago "czar" of Public Utilities, as he boarded the S. S. Exilona for the return to the United States under the watchful eye of U. S. Federal Authorities.

**Insull Back Home
To Face Accusers**

Fallen Utilities Czar Is Brought Back After Two Year Exile

Samuel Insull, the fallen utilities czar, after an exile of two years, is back in America to face charges of embezzlement, larceny, fraudulent use of the mails and other accusations brought against him.

He would seek not only freedom, the aged prisoner said, but complete vindication. "I have made mistakes—but they were honest mistakes," he stated. "They were errors in judgment, but not dishonest manipulations."

Those "errors in judgment" referred to his activities as head of a far-flung utilities empire, the collapse of which resulted in charges of embezzlement, larceny, use of the mails to defraud and violation of the bankruptcy act being brought against him.

Swiftly and carefully government officials executed Insull's transfer from the S. S. Exilona to a Chicago-bound train.

A coast guard cutter met the steamship out at sea, and Insull was bundled aboard and taken to Fort Hancock, N. J.

There, a motorcade waited, and speeded him to Princeton, junction, N. J.

**Badly Burned
As Gas Ignites**

Mrs. Lewis M. Miller of 514 West Council street was critically burned Tuesday morning about 6 o'clock when a basin of gasoline, with which she was cleaning floors in her home, became ignited.

The fire was started apparently from the short circuit of a floor lamp connection, a spark leaping into the gasoline and igniting the fluid. Mrs. Miller screamed for help, and with her clothing afire, rushed into the room of Edward Fox who lives in the Miller home, and he grabbed a blanket from his bed and attempted to extinguish the flames.

Mr. Fox sustained painful burns to the hands in trying to beat out the flames.

Damage of several hundred dollars was done to the house.

Passes Examination

Mrs. W. D. Kennedy, a registered nurse of Salisbury, has been notified that she successfully passed the government civil service examination for graduate nurses.

**N. R. A. Plea To
Increase Rates
Is Turned Down**

Washington — The inter-state commerce commission turned down the plea of the N.R.A. for an increase in railway passenger rates in the southeast.

In a brief memorandum the commission granted the Southern Railway company permission to continue charging one and one-half cents a mile for travel in day coaches and three cents a mile in sleeping and parlor cars for six months after May 31.

Similar permission was granted to other carriers in the southern territory if they wished to start the one and one-half and three cents rate or establish a two cent rate for coaches if they so desired.

The permission was granted over a demand by Sol Rosenblatt deputy administrator, in charge of the motor bus Code who told the commission that the low rates charged by the railway company are causing motor busses to lose money.

**Legion Post For
School Supplement**

The Samuel C. Hart Post of the American Legion at its meeting Tuesday night unanimously endorsed the special school levy of 10 cents on the \$100 valuation, the question to be submitted to the voters of Salisbury on June 5 at a special election.

The funds, if voted, will be used for supplementing teachers' salaries and enlarging the educational system here during the 1934-35 session.

**Fourth French
Default On War
Debt Is Certain**

Paris—The fourth French default on the war debts to the United States is considered certain by high officials who spoke privately of the question.

These officials asserted no negotiations regarding the debt "directly or indirectly" have been in progress recently and added the situation is "more confused than ever."

The French position on the debt was reiterated remained the same as after the overthrow of the government of Former Premier Edouard Herriot who championed payment.

**GOOD
MORNING**

A local oil man cut across the country going to Jal a while back. He got off the road over in Andrews county and finally got to a desolate ranch house and asked an old fellow who lived alone how to get to Jal.

The rancher reflected. "Well, I believe I would go back about a mile and take the first right hand road. No, I believe I would take the left hand road. Come to think of it, stranger, if I was going to get to Jal I wouldn't start from here at all."—Exchange.

Girl—"Every time I look at you I think of a great man."
Boy friend—"You flatter me. Who is it?"
Girl—"Darwin."

The schoolmistress was giving her class of young pupils a test on a recent natural history lesson.

"Now, Bobby Jones," she said, "tell me where the elephant is found."

The boy hesitated for a moment; then his face lit up. "The elephant, teacher," he said "is such a large animal it is scarcely ever lost."

The story is told that when

our west, a big strapping fellow came in and sat down beside him. Sizing up the Methodist prelate he exclaimed, "Where in hell have I seen you before?" To which Bishop Candler replied: "I don't know; what part of hell are you from?"

"Mamma, when the fire goes out where does it go?"

"My dear boy, I don't know. You might just as well ask me where your father goes when he goes out."

Baby's fond of you, isn't he?"
"I should say he is. He sleeps all day when I'm away and stays awake all night just to enjoy my company."

Culprit—"All I want to say is that I hope the honorable judge some day gets what he deserves."
Judge—"The prisoner is fined \$50 for contempt of court."

Golfer (to members ahead)—"Pardon, but would you mind if I played through? I've just heard that my wife has been taken seriously ill."

Woman (about to attend political meeting)—"I'm not prejudiced at all. I'm going with a perfectly open and unbiased mind to listen to what I'm convinced is sure rubbish."

TAKING HOLD

Telephone: "Hello, I'd like to know where I can get hold of Miss Osgood?"

Operator: "I don't know; she's awfully ticklish."

GOOD ADVERTISING

"I wish," complained the preacher, "that I could make my flock take more of an interest in Heaven. None of them seems to want to go there."

"Tell them that children under 16 are not admitted," suggested the helpful friend.

NICE BOOK

"I hope that's a nice book for you to read," said the fond mother to her young daughter.

"Oh, yes, mother, it's a lovely book, but I don't think you would like it. It's so sad at the end."

"How is it sad, dear?"
"Well, she dies and he has to go back to his wife."

**Chief Justice
Asks The Aid
Of The Public**

Impossible For Communities To Promote Social Welfare Unless Law Enforcement Is Observed.

DISPOSE OF 880 CASES

Statistics Prove That Criminal Justice Is Promptly Administered By Federal Courts.

Chief Justice Hughes appealed to the public to insist upon law enforcement.

In a speech before the American Law institute, he said. "The primary need is a robust civil sentiment, dominated by a sense of justice, which demands intelligence in the making of laws and impartiality in their execution, which is the determined foe of graft and every form of official delinquency as well of outstanding breaches of the criminal law."

"To cultivate and re-enforce this public sentiment, all social agencies must play their part."

Heaviest responsibility was on the bar, he said, and there was difficulty "in securing the co-operation of the most learned, enlightened and experienced members of the bar."

Improvement in the administration of criminal justice was essential, he asserted, in protecting "the foundations of the security of society."

"No community can be trusted to promote social welfare which does not have the self-respect and stamina to insist upon the enforcement of its laws."

The chief justice reviewed what the supreme court, by authority of congress, had recently done to expedite the administration of criminal justice, and referred to the great volume of work encountered.

Up to this date last term the court had disposed of 756 cases, and this term during the same time, disposed of 880. He predicted that the present term would dispose of about 100 more cases than the last term.

He appealed to the bar to refrain from bringing to the high court cases lacking merit.

"The spectacle of persons convicted of crime at large on bail pending unnecessary delays on appeal brings the processes of the courts into public contempt," he added, giving statistics to show that criminal justice is promptly administered by the federal courts.

**Candidates Must
Report On Expenses
By May 22**

Raleigh—All candidates for public offices in North Carolina must file their initial statements of expenditures by Tuesday, May 22, according to the primary election calendar compiled by the State Board of Elections.

Candidates for state and district offices must file statements with the secretary of state. All candidates for state senator in districts composed of only one county, candidates for the house of representatives and all county officers must file their statements with the superior court clerks in their respective counties.

**NINE KILLED IN AIR
CRASHES SUNDAY**

Nine persons were killed in three air crashes Sunday. A woman and three men died near Houston, Tex., in the fall of a private plane; a woman and two men burned to death at Fulton, N. Y., as a plane caught fire after fall; two men were killed at New Market, N. J., when ship lost wing and fell.