

U. S. Loans Be Cut By Billion

Washington—Topping all other subjects of conversation in Washington is the speech which Alfred E. Smith made at the Liberty League Dinner, and its possible effects upon the political situation.

Of course, Mr. Roosevelt will be renominated, but there is no mistaking the intention of Mr. Smith and his followers, included in the Liberty League, to bolt the Party, whether they undertake to put a third ticket into the field or not.

How serious this defection may be in its effect upon the President's chance for reelection is a question upon which opinions vary widely. Naturally, the warm supporters of the Administration ridicule the idea that the Liberty League crowd can influence any material volume of votes.

Considerable significance was attached here to the declaration by the late Governor Allen, of Louisiana, that his organization would join up with the Liberty League in trying to prevent Mr. Roosevelt's renomination.

The point of greatest doubt is how far these attacks upon the President and his policies may be carried if they fail to stop his renomination. It is conceded by the political experts that a high percentage of those Democrats who dislike the New Deal will nevertheless swing into line under the Party banner, preferring to retain their "regularity" than to bolt the ticket.

One third-party movement that seems to have been pretty well blown up is that threatened by Dr. Townsend if the present Congress did not adopt his plan of old-age pensions for everybody.

Instead of scaring Congressmen to flock to the support of his Old Age Revolving Pension plan, it has rather impelled many members to look upon it with less seriousness. That is partly due to the realization that from an economic standpoint the plan of paying every old person \$200 a month would be ruinous, and partly because the voting strength behind the Townsend Plan is so far confined to a few areas and Congressional districts.

Representative John S. MacGroarty of California has a modified Townsend Plan in the form of a bill which would provide for \$50 (Continued on page 4)

Recover Body of Negro Woman In Unique Way

Local Colored Undertaker To Answer Cause For Holding Body

Albemarle, Feb. 4—Claim and delivery proceedings have been reported to in an unusual manner to recover the dead body of a 102-year-old Stanley negro woman, Leanna Sibley, who died at the home of a relative near Richfield 10 days ago.

It happened like this: After her death on January 25 the body of "Aunt" Leanna, as everyone knew her, was turned over to a negro undertaker of Salisbury, who alleged that the deceased had been protected by burial insurance. The funeral had been set for the following Tuesday afternoon, the 28th, and when relatives and friends gathered at the grave and no body showed up after many hours waiting past the appointed time, some of the brethren set out for Salisbury to ascertain the reason.

Calling at the establishment where the body had been carried, they were told by the negro undertaker that the woman's insurance dues had not been duly paid, and that she was not in good standing with the association, and therefore the body was being held for the undertaking charges, amounting to \$50.

Thus the brethren were faced with a peculiar situation as "Aunt" Leanna had no immediate survivors from the 18 children that had been born to her except one son, aged 70, now being cared for by the county, and there was no one to pay the undertaking charges.

Saturday of last week some of the colored brethren decided that something must be done. In sympathy with their plight, a local attorney prepared a claim and delivery action, placing the value of the body at \$5,000, and these papers were served upon the Salisbury undertaker.

In lieu of putting up \$10,000 bond to fight the action, he surrendered the body, and "Aunt" Leanna was brought to her home and buried in due form Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large host of her friends.

The Salisbury undertaker, Leroy Cheshire, because of his action will face charges of false pretense in county court here next Monday.

RIDICULES NOE'S REQUEST New Orleans—Frank H. Peterman, resigned State works progress administrator, in a statement termed the request of Governor James A. Noe for a reorganization of the WPA in Louisiana "childish."

Salisburyans breathed a sigh of relief Sunday as twilight set in after some 12 hours of cloudy weather during which Mr. Ground Hog did not have a Chinaman's much less a Ground Hog's chance to see his shadow.

After the worst winter weather in almost a couple of decades the fact that the Ground Hog could not see his shadow on what has come to be known as Ground Hog Day is welcome news to those who hold to the ancient belief that he is a good weather prophet.

To those unversed in the folklore of these United States, the Encyclopedia Britannica has a paragraph devoted to Ground Hog Day. "It says: 'Ground Hog Day, February 2, so-called in the United States because of the fanciful supposition that the Ground Hog emerges from winter sleep to observe the approach of spring. If the Ground Hog sees his shadow he retires to his burrow for six weeks more of winter, but, if the day is cloudy, he remains above ground, confident of continuing mild weather.'"

Apparently the Ground Hog knows his onions—weather to you—for soon after dark the mixture of snow and sleet, which had been falling more or less all day, stopped. The sky remained cloudy, however, and the hopes of the people were granted as rain began to fall and the temperature rise and the rain began to wash away the ice and snow, the novelty of which has definitely worn off for local citizens.

Senate Repeals Bankhead Act

Washington — Complying with President Roosevelt's request in a special message to the Senate, the Senate Tuesday repealed the Bankhead Cotton Control Act, the Kerr-Smith Tobacco Act and the Potato Control Act.

Without a record vote, the Senate adopted unanimously a resolution repealing the laws, introduced by Senator Smith (Democrat), South Carolina, chairman of the Senate agriculture committee. Smith said the committee agreed unanimously on the President's request.

Meanwhile, in the House, Representative Marvin Jones (Democrat), of Texas, chairman of the House agriculture committee, introduced a measure for repeal of the Bankhead act.

President Roosevelt, in a surprise message to Congress Monday recommended immediate repeal of the Bankhead Cotton Control act, the Kerr-Smith Tobacco act and the Potato act of 1935.

The Executive explained in a one-paragraph message he was making the recommendations because of termination of the AAA (Continued on page 4)

Simmons Stays Out Of Politics

Former Senator At 82, Says He Has Enough of Office Holding

New Bern—Although declaring that he deeply appreciated the recent press comments and hundreds of personal messages that suggest his entry in the senatorial race against Senator Josiah W. Bailey in the approaching primary, former Senator F. M. Simmons said that he would not seek this or any other political office.

Recalling his recently published assertion that he had for many years planned to retire from public office at the age of 80 years, the former senator pointed out that he was now 82 years of age and that he felt that he had held office long enough.

Never before in his life, he repeated, has he been so happy as at present, with his local farm and home interests, and especially with the numerous kind expressions, congratulations and good wishes that are pouring into him from all parts of the State and nation regarding his birthday statement in support of the New Deal.

After paying high tributes to his "beloved old friend and colleague" the late Senator Lee S. Overman, Senator Simmons told Senator Overman's daughter, Mrs. Edwin C. Gregory of Salisbury, who called upon him at his home here, that he hoped very much she and all the other State university trustees would staunchly support President Frank Graham and his plans and policies for the consolidated university.

Urge Officials To Install Radio System

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Spring Fashion Parade Swings to Action



NEW YORK . . . Spring fashions for women are now very much on parade here. On the left is an early straw with high pointed crown, trimmed with a spray of blue cornflowers and pink and yellow bachelor buttons. It is a shiny black basket-weave straw. The bow is of cornflower blue silk taffeta. On the right is Miss Pamela Prime, wearing a navy blue wool Spring coat with wooden buttons and hat to match. The coat has pockets on the sleeves and collar.

Accidents In U. S. Claim 99,000 Lives

Chicago—Ninety-nine thousand 3,250 lives. Motor vehicle crashes brought death to 36,400, an all-time high, permanent injury to 107,000 and temporary hurts to 1,170,000. Monetary loss in this bracket was set at \$1,600,000.

There were 31,500 fatalities in home accidents, a decrease of nine per cent from 1934. Falls accounted for about 44 per cent of them with burns, scalds, asphyxiation, firearms, poison and cuts other leading causes. There were 4,600,000 injuries. Monetary loss was set at \$580,000,000.

Occupational deaths totaled 16,500 and injuries 1,400,000. Their cost was reckoned at \$620,000,000. This was a slight increase but industrial activity was at a higher level. A duplication of 2,900 deaths in the automobile and occupational classes was pointed out.

They noted a drop of 3,000 from 1934 but pointed out the heat and drought of the latter year claimed

To The World War Veterans Of Rowan Co.

Since the end of the World War in 1918, the American Legion and other Veterans organizations, and also the parents and relatives of World War Veterans have been trying to secure a list of all the men who served from Rowan County in the armed forces of the United States or Allied nations.

There is no available source from which this information can be secured without great expense and trouble but an opportunity now presents itself whereby the names, and military services of these men can be compiled. In order to obtain the bonds recently granted by the Congress, it will be necessary for each man to make application on the proper form. The American Legion has designated the following men to assist in the preparation of these applications: Peeler, at Peeler's Funeral Home; and Donald Clement, at the Peeler Motor company.

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Doughton Will Back 'Chief' On Inflation Issue

Winston-Salem, Feb. 3—Representative Robert L. Doughton, chairman of the House ways and means committee, said here tonight he "will stand by President Roosevelt on the question of currency inflation."

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Doughton left for Washington after attending a meeting of the Winston-Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce, at which Governor Ehringhaus was the speaker.

Loses Appeal On Lindbergh Law

Washington — Arthur Gooch, Paris, Texas, was denied Supreme Court intervention in his fight against a death penalty under the Lindbergh kidnaping law for the alleged abduction of two policemen who attempted to arrest him.

Spencer Officer Is Convicted By Suggested Simple Assault Finance Plan

Gets Thirty Days In Davidson County For Affray At High Rock

H. C. Rogers, special railway officer, of Spencer, formerly a Lexington policeman for eight years, was absolved of blame for the drowning of Ernest Michael, Lexington man and father of eight children, in the waters of High Rock Lake on Sunday, January 12, by a jury in Davidson County superior court Saturday afternoon.

The jury convicted him of simple assault, growing out of the admitted fact that Rogers and Michael engaged in a fight along the 160-yard stretch of fill across the Abbots Creek arm of the lake below Southmont between the point where Rogers' car was stopped and that where the body of Michael was fished out of about ten or twelve feet of water.

Judge J. A. Rousseau sentenced the former officer to serve thirty days in jail, to be assigned to the roads, which was the maximum prison sentence the law allows under the simple misdemeanor of which the jury convicted Rogers. It was stated in court circles that under the law the sentence dates from the first day of court, which meant that virtually one week of the time imposed had already elapsed.

Judge Rousseau charged the jury that under the evidence they might find Rogers guilty either of voluntary manslaughter, involuntary manslaughter, simple assault or might acquit him altogether. It is understood that the count of simple assault was an unusual one to be included in a homicide case, but counsel for the defendant pointed out the statutory provision therefore in a case where there is no evidence the accused used a deadly weapon. The jury remained out more than an hour before returning its verdict.

County Adds New Busses

Four new buses have been added to the county school transportation system this week following action of the board of education and commissioners in a meeting Monday. The State offered to send two replacement buses here if the county would buy a like number, and the proposition was accepted.

CUTTER CHASES RUNNER

Washington—Treasury officials said the pursuit of a rum runner had taken the coast guard cutter Hamilton, Bermuda, to the coast of Alaska, where it captured a schooner carrying 100,000 gallons of rum.

Pick Jackson's Portrait To Grace Bonus Bonds

Washington—Secretary Morgenthau announces that the portrait of Andrew Jackson will grace the \$50 bonds through which World War veterans will get their bonus.

"As a soldier-President, Jackson ought to be appropriate," he added—but that didn't tell the whole story.

The treasury couldn't very readily pick the last four Presidents—Harding, Coolidge, Hoover or Roosevelt—because they vetoed bonus bills. It was reported that the choice finally narrowed down to Jackson

Finance Plan Is Created By Suggested

He Declares Move Justified By Improved Economic Recovery

HOLC BE EFFECTED Washington As a part of a government-wide financial inventory-taking, President Roosevelt determined to scrap congressional authorizations for borrowing of more than a billion dollars.

The Chief Executive made his announcement at a press conference, after a parley with financial advisors and the heads of several lending agencies. Quickly he explained to newspapermen, however, that the cancellation of specific authorizations meant only that funds would not have to be borrowed for the purposes mentioned. It did not mean, he said, that these funds would be available to meet other government expenses.

The move aroused considerable speculation. A quick check of the Home Owners' Loan corporation, which the President mentioned as one agency involved, showed that around a billion dollars in authorizations might be available for cancellation there alone. The subject of housing thus might be involved.

Some observers saw one purpose of the move as putting the government's financial house in neater order, in view of the heavy borrowings scheduled by the treasury during the fiscal year.

Mr. Roosevelt had little to say along this line. No mention was made of the subject of taxes. Nor would he discuss whether methods of financing the bonus were involved, saying only that this question was still under consideration. He specifically declined comment when reminded that there had been considerable talk of inflation on Capitol Hill.

Asked if the prospective cancellation of authorizations meant the end of the emergency period, the President replied that this was too broad a statement. Further, he replied in the negative when a reporter inquired if the move represented a tightening of the purse strings.

Junior Order Plans District Meetings

Statesville — Twenty district meetings of the Junior Order in the western district of North Carolina will be held Friday night, February 21, as the members rally to the call of Monroe Adams, Statesville, state councilor, to hold class initiations. Through the initiative of the states councilor, several hundred new members are expected to be added to the order in the state.