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"I Am Sorry for Him; They Put Him in Tough Spot," Former Candidate Says, Adding It Was Not "The Joe Robinson I Have Known" in Former Years

New York, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Alfred E. Smith declared today "there is only one man who should try to answer" his American Liberty League address—an open challenge to President Roosevelt, issued after Senator Joseph T. Robinson's reply to the Liberty League address of Smith.

The former governor and bitter critic of the New Deal, defended his course of action before the Liberty League, praised the group of anti-New Deal Democrats who have "put country above party" and delivered sarcastic comments on Senator Robinson's address last night.

The 1928 Democratic presidential nominee said he would make no specific reply to Robinson's address, which accused Smith of an about-face in political views and beliefs, but said a "few words about my friend Joe" I was an unhappy warrior to hear him read off his speech, over which he stumbled so that I felt sure it was canned and did not come from the heart of the Joe Robinson that I have known.

Smith said: "Poor Joe—I am sorry for him. They put him in a tough spot. He did the best he knew how. But it was no answer. As I said in my speech at the Liberty League dinner, there is only one man who should try to answer me."

ROBINSON PRESSES FDR'S FIGHT ON ALFRED E. SMITH

Washington, Jan. 9 (AP)—The furious feud between the Roosevelt forces and Alfred E. Smith raged on as undiminished acrimony today, with the New Deal officially labeling the former New York governor as a man "who has deserted progressivism and gone over to the camp of the enemy."

Any likelihood that the administration would seek to bridge the chasm between Smith and it appeared to dwindle away, in view of the reply delivered last night by Senator Robinson, Democrat, Arkansas, to Smith's speech here last Saturday night before the American Liberty League.

The capital waited Smith's next move, watching to see what effect the attitude of administration forces would have on the ex-governor, who has threatened to "take a walk" from the next Democratic convention.

To Smith's charge that the New Deal has tossed aside the party platform and become socialistic, Robinson replied that Smith was "warring against the men and women with

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Ethiopians Try To Halt Rout By Foe

Italians Claim Still More Victories On Southern African War Front

(By The Associated Press) Delayed accounts from the Southern Italian front told today of desperate efforts of Ras Demeu, Ethiopian chief, to re-assemble his scattered forces after Fascist victories along the Ganale Doya river.

The pursuing forces of General Graziani found the retreating defenders had fired one large supply magazine, but the invaders captured a second with its guns, ammunition and supplies.

The Italians moved to cut off a possible Ethiopian supply source from the British Kenya colony as the scattered Ethiopian soldiers left water holes in the hands of the swiftly moving blackshirts.

Two planes flying across the Kenya border were reported by the Italian high command to be signalling troop movements to the Ethiopians.

Negro's Knife Victim



The bandage covers knife wound Deputy Sheriff Edgar Blalock (above) received from Ozie Powell, Scottsboro case defendant, who was wounded in break for liberty. Lawyers for the defense indicate they will ask Federal court to take over jurisdiction in the case on grounds that losing against the defendants prevents a fair trial in state courts.

DEMOCRATS WILL PUT OFF MEETING

State Convention Probably Will Be Held After June State Primary

FEAR EARLY SESSION

If Graham or Hoey Groups Could Endorse Ehringhaus Administration, It Would Be Blow to McDonald Hopes

Raleigh, Jan. 29.—The State Democratic Convention will not be held until after the State Democratic primary the first week in June, according to most opinion here. For while all the members of the State's delegation in Congress are regarded as strongly favoring the holding of the convention before the primary, the belief here is that most of the political leaders in the State think it advisable to postpone the convention until after the primary.

The reason for this belief is the fear that the convention might become a pep meeting for one of the candidates for governor, or that the faction backing one of the candidates might get control of the convention, and hence of the platform committee and write some planks into the platform that would help its candidate and hurt the others. For while the principal and almost the only duty of the convention is to elect delegates to the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, most observers concede that it might show more interest in the primary campaign within the State than in the national convention if it should be held before the primary.

At least one of the candidates for

POWER COMPANIES FOR LOCAL LIQUOR

County Stores Would Provide Revenue and Keep Down Power Plans

Raleigh, Jan. 29.—If sentiment is growing steadily over the State in favor of county liquor stores and county control, instead of for State liquor stores under centralized State control—and reports heard here from many parts of the State indicate that this is true—the reason is not grape nuts.

The principal reason for the change in sentiment, according to reports gaining in circulation here, is that the gaining in circulation here is that the big power companies of the State have started to get behind the county liquor stores, liquor control plan as one means of warding off any interest on the part of cities and towns in municipal power plants. The theory seems to be that if the counties are permitted to operate liquor stores and divide the revenue from these stores

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Public Health Head



Dr. Thomas Parran, Jr., succeeding Hugh Cummings, Dr. Thomas Parran, Jr., 43, has been named Surgeon General of the U. S. Public Health Service. He has been Commissioner of New York State Department of Health since 1930.

SOUTH'S INSURGENT DEMOCRATS ATTACK ROOSEVELT'S RULE

Scanty Attendance at Macon "Grass Roots" Meeting Is Ascribed to the Weather

STATE RIGHTS BIG PLANK IN ASSAULT

Virtual Suspension of Constitutional Government Declared to Have Existed in United States Since Roosevelt Went In; Declare He Is No Democrat

Macon, Ga., Jan. 29.—(AP)—Insurgent Southern Democrats, rallied by the cry "States rights," organized at a "grass roots" mass meeting in Macon's \$1,000,000 auditorium today for a drive against the nomination of President Roosevelt for a second term.

Resolutions bitterly condemning the administration's record were presented, and the Roosevelt policies were assailed in speeches by Governor Eugene Talmadge, of Georgia, himself a tentative candidate for the presidency, and John Henry Kirby, of Houston, Texas, wealthy head of the Southern Committee to Uphold the Constitution.

Gloomy skies and cold weather, leaders said, contributed to reduce the attendance.

The auditorium of this mid-Georgia city, seating about 4,000 persons was less than one-third filled as the time neared for opening of the session at 11 a. m.

Governor Talmadge asserted "there is nothing to becloud the issues of sovereignty of local self-government."

"Of the present program is continued for four more years, the lines between the states will be only a shadow on paper, and the government of the separate states will be subservient to the will of a central power in Washington."

Talmadge and Kirby called "Jeffersonian Democrats" of 17 cotton belt and border states to the session.

"The thing President Roosevelt is providing for us," Kirby told the assembly, "is some fashion of slavish, contemptible, all-oppressing bureaucracy. The security it may give will be no better than that found behind the walls of the Atlanta penitentiary. "No real Democrat can or will endorse Mr. Roosevelt."

Doubtful And Inflationary Soil Conservation Measure Is Reported Out To Senate

CHEAPER MONEY POSSIBLE ADJUNCT TO NEW FARM BILL

Committee To Decide Tomorrow on Inflation Aspect of Proposed Relief Scheme

TWO REPUBLICANS VOTE IN NEGATIVE

Senator Smith Doubts Bill Is Constitutional; In Form Sent to Senate It Is Without Major Changes from Original Form in Which It Appeared

Washington, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Burdened with constitutional doubts and threatened with inflationary attacks, the revised administration soil conservation subsidy plan for replacing the AAA was ordered reported to the Senate today by its agriculture committee. The vote was 15 to 2.

Chairman Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, expressed "grave doubt as to the measure's constitutionality, and said he and several others of the 15 on the affirmative side voted merely to "report" it, instead of "favorably" reporting it.

He and Senator Bankhead, Democrat, Alabama, who introduced the bill, declared, however, that a majority of those voting wanted a "favorable" report.

Senators McNary, Oregon, Republican leader, and Norbeck, Republican, South Dakota, voted against the bill, which goes to the floor without material change.

Smith said the committee would meet tomorrow to decide whether to include in the report, and not in the bill, an argument by Senator Thomas,

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THREE CANDIDATES RALEIGH VISITORS

Hoey, Graham and McDonald Express Satisfaction With Their Progress

Raleigh, Jan. 29.—The three leading candidates for governor were all in Raleigh during the first two days of his week campaigning and conferring with their supporters. Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, was here Sunday and Monday, Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham was here Monday and Tuesday, while McDonald was here for a short time Monday. McDonald also spent considerable time here Friday and Saturday of last week.

All three candidates expressed satisfaction as to the manner in which their campaigns are progressing. While Hoey has not made any campaign speeches as yet, he is getting about the State more than ever making non-political speeches before religious and fraternal meetings—he spoke here Sunday afternoon before the State meeting of the Baraca and Philaetha Sunday School class movement—and conferring with his supporters. Current reports are that Hoey is rapidly perfecting a very strong organization extending into almost every county in the State. He indicated he would open his campaign about the middle of February with a speech in Charlotte in which he would state his position on all of the issues in the campaign.

Lieutenant Governor Graham was much in evidence Monday night and Tuesday at the various sessions of the State convention of the Daugh-

OUR WEATHER MAN

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cloudy, probably occasional snow in west and rain or snow in east portion tonight and Thursday; slightly warmer tonight and on coast Thursday.

Tobacco Committee Now Asking Voluntary Slash Of 30 Percent This Year

Advisory Board Meeting in Washington Voices View AAA Decision Also Suggested Kerr-Smith Act; Four Recommendations to Growers Made by Group

Washington, Jan. 29.—(AP)—A voluntary 30 percent acreage reduction below 1936 flue-cured contracts was recommended today by the flue-cured tobacco advisory committee.

The committee expressed the opinion the Supreme Court decision invalidating the agricultural adjustment act also did away with the Kerr-Smith tobacco program.

Claude T. Hall, of Wooddale, N. C., said present indications were for a 900,000,000-pound crop in 1936, whereas the committee believes that only 640,000,000 pounds can be sold at reasonable prices.

The committee made the following recommendations: 1. That flue-cured tobacco growers reduce their individual plantings in 1936 thirty percent below their bases under the 1936 contracts.

2. That all production credit agencies, including warehousemen, fertilizer dealers and governmental sources exercise extreme caution in extending credit for tobacco production this year.

3. That all tobacco growers attend the program planning and discussion group meetings now being conducted in their counties and put themselves in position to take advantage of the proposed soil conservation program or any new program offered by the Federal government.

4. That as soon as Congress enacts farm legislation, the growers be notified of its provisions, and what will be necessary for them to qualify for benefits.

Killed In Prison

LOEB'S DEATH IS LAID ON CONVICT

Co-Slayer of Little Bobby Franks in Chicago Killed in Prison

WARRANT IS WRITTEN

Joliet, Ill., Jan. 29.—(AP)—A coroner's jury sifting Richard Loeb's slaying in Stateville penitentiary yesterday, returned a verdict today accusing James Day, 23-year-old fellow convict, of homicide.

The jury recommended that Day, who refused to tell his own story as the first official investigation was launched, be held to the Will county grand jury.

Authorities said the jury's verdict was the usual one in cases of murder, but its report found that Loeb, partner of Nathan Leopold, Jr., in the murder of Bobby Franks, died in a fight with the younger convict.

The fellow convict who killed Loeb—23-year-old James Day, smoked nervously as a mental expert confirmed in part the killer's story that indecent advances by Loeb brought the infuriated attack.

TEXTILE CONCERNS MAY FIND PENALTY DOUBLED ON THEM

Impound Taxes May Have To Be Paid Back to Customers and New One as Paid Also

FEAR RETROACTIVE LEVY BY CONGRESS

Washington, Jan. 29.—(AP)—A provision of the new farm relief program which they said might double the penalties suffered under the old processing taxes was the concern today of textile industry leaders.

The cotton men, jubilant when the Supreme Court invalidated AAA processing taxes, said they faced the danger of double the cost which they protested under the old law.

After suits were begun against the processing tax last April, the court impounded processing taxes on cotton estimated at about \$65,000,000. Contracts then were made by manufacturers, whereupon invoices were stamped with an agreement that in the event the processing taxes were held unconstitutional, the levies would be refunded to the customers.

"Now it appears," a spokesman for the manufacturers said today, that under the retroactive provisions which I understand is or will be in the new farm bill, we will have to repay the taxes to the government, and, if the clauses in our recent contracts were legal, refund an equal amount to our customers."

Dr. C. T. Murchison, president of the Cotton Textile Institute with the board of directors of that organization, and the directors of both the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers and the American Association of Cotton Manufacturers, attended a meeting called to discuss the retroactive excise tax proposed in the new farm bill.

Roosevelt Plans To Greet Dancers On His Birthday

Washington, Jan. 29 (AP)—President Roosevelt will interrupt his own birthday party tomorrow night to greet over the radio those attending more than 7,000 birthday balls throughout the country.

As usual, the President will observe his birthday with his "gang." For years he has had intimates of his service as assistant secretary of the navy and as Democratic vice-presidential nominee in 1928.

Mrs. Roosevelt is arranging a birthday cake today with 64 candles to designate the number of years of the anniversary.

Big Gain By Industry In 4th Quarter

Large Corporations Roll Up Huge Yearly Earnings Largely as Result

New York, Jan. 29 (AP)—Industry's steady push toward recovery last year achieved its greatest momentum in the final quarter, as evidenced in the impressive showing of industrial and railroad earnings released during the last few days.

General Motors Corporation, giant leader of the automotive industry, reported the largest December quarter earnings in the 28 years of its existence and for the entire year 1935 the best profits since 1929.

United States Steel Corporation, likewise the leader of its field, ended a long succession of deficits with the first December quarter profits after preferred stock dividends in several years.