

Plan To Start Lowden For President Boom In Middle Western States Soon

Des Moines, Iowa, April 4.—Plans were formed today to bring out former Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois as a Republican presidential candidate in 1928. With Iowa as a starting point, Republican leaders of the former Illinois governor intend developing a boom for him throughout 11 midwest states. Conferences today between Frank J. Lund, former campaign manager of Senator Smith W. Brookhart, and A. G. Gustafson, chief of the Iowa house of representatives, brought the announcement that the first work will be confined to Iowa. 11 congressional districts. Following their organization, it will be carried to other agricultural states.

At a conference at Chicago yesterday, Mr. Lowden advised he would consider seeking the nomination provided a sufficient number of agricultural states in the middle west demanded it.

The statement came as the result of a visit from an unofficial Iowa legislative committee headed by Mr. Gustafson.

The former governor expressed a keen desire to remain in private life, but told his visitors should a movement requesting his candidacy spread to a sufficient number of states in the middle west, he would give the request serious consideration.

There Are Lots More Like This Man, Monroe Enquirer.

Came a Monroe "business man" to the Enquirer office on a recent day, bringing with him an air of belief in community-spirit, and everybody-should-trade-at-home attitude, and proceeded to tell me how the mail order houses were flooding the country with catalogs, and that the nearby own merchants were littering streets and lawns of residences with page advertisements.

I admitted everything the gentleman said.

"You could do lots of good," said he, "by printing some articles and telling the public how the mail order houses do not help pay preacher, keep

up our schools, our roads, and pay very little taxes."

All of which is true.

But I also happened to know that the "business man" in question, who wanted me to cuss 'em out, last year purchased for his company \$180 worth of calendars from a Chicago "art house" and that he spent practically nothing in the local newspapers to tell the public of his wares.

Besides the pictures on the calendars this man purchased consisted of a half-naked woman lolling on a divan and labeled—"The Peils of the Har-em."

And yet this "business man" wants the folks to trade at home.

Henry Judd Gray: A Study



Here is a photo-study of Henry Judd Gray, salesman, and married, who was arrested on charges of joining Mrs. Ruth Snyder in murdering her husband, Albert Snyder, magazine, art editor, in his home at Queens Village, N. Y. Physiognomists pointed out that he was far from being of the so-called "criminal type," yet his features showed an unusual amount of determination.

EDITORS ASSERT SOUTH WILL BACK SMITH IF NAMED

Poll Reveals No Strong Tide Against Candidacy of the Governor.

Washington, April 6.—Political attention was focused today on a poll being taken by the Baltimore Sun of Southern editors on the candidacy of Gov. Smith of New York for the Democratic nomination for president, shows no strong tide against him there, though, of course, his weaknesses are recognized.

In Virginia, North and South Carolina and Tennessee, editors have either stated that Gov. Smith is their personal choice as candidate or else have held to the traditional opinion that the Governor's religion and his stand on the wet and dry issue will make him unavailable to the South.

It is regarded as singular that nearly all the editors who have responded have commented that no matter whether or not they would oppose Gov. Smith for the nomination their States would run true to form and return Democratic electors in November of 1928.

One of the weaknesses of the Smith boom, according to his political enemies has been the fact that if nominated he might lose some of the States of the solid South and permit a Republican candidate to roll up an enormous majority.

Foes of the Governor's candidacy are beginning to awaken to the possibility that dry and church elements may not be so strong in some of the Southern States as they have been represented and it is understood here that quiet organization work has been going on to keep them intact.

No actual movement for a Smith declaration has been started in any Southern State though there is already compromise talk in Texas on the part of the friends of Gov. Moody and some indications have been seen that Louisiana may have a fight for Smith delegates with the aid of one powerful newspaper.

In fact, this season of the year has been marked by the slackening of the fight against Smith and by the merely casual results obtained by some of his bitter critics, including former Secretary of the Navy Daniels, who insisted that the Democratic nominee must be a dry, although he reserved comment on the religious question.

Observers have been commenting on the lack of activity in the camp of the anti-Smith forces. Whereas at this season in the pre-convention campaign of 1924, William G. McAdoo was far out in front and leaders were declaring for him left and right, it is noticed they are extremely cautious about the matter now, and even the close friends of the former Secretary of the Treasury are not assured of his plans with regard to the spring and summer campaigns of this year.

Every one here admits that the "break" of public sentiment have been with Gov. Smith. Only this week Senator Borah of Idaho, in whom many Democrats as well as Republicans have confidence, said he believed the Governor, if elected President, would enforce the prohibition law. Of course he put a sting in his statement by saying he thought President Coolidge might be a candidate again in 1928 and by indicating his own lack of opposition to the President.

When former Postmaster-General Burleson and former Attorney-General Gregory declared in Texas for Gov. Smith it was strongly asserted that the solid McAdoo line had been broken and commentators quite generally agreed that even though Burleson and Gregory did not command the State politically, their influence nationally would be powerful.

Gov. Smith has promised an answer to a prominent inquirer of his stand on the relation of the church and State and this will be awaited with

the greatest interest. It is acknowledged here that if the Governor can, as it is confidently expected he will do, reconcile his political oath and his religious beliefs, it will be a ten-strike for him will win over many who are now on the doubtful bench. So far as known this will be the first time a prominent candidate for the Presidency has expressed his views on the relation between the United States Government and the Catholic Church, though it is pointed out by Smith men that such an eminent churchman as the late Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore said firmly that any Catholic elected President would owe his first duty unquestionably to his country.

Marines in the Boxer Uprising.

Washington, D. C., April 5.—The present service of United States marines in China is not the first time that Uncle Sam's "devil dogs" have distinguished themselves in that country.

When the Boxer troubles began in 1900 marines were sent immediately to the legations in Peking. The American force was a small one of some 60 men and officers, but it performed herculean duties in keeping the Chinese fanatics from slaughtering the diplomatic officials and those under their protection.

Then a march was started for the relief of the city under Admiral Seymour of the British navy. It was a failure because the force was too small. In that march American marines and sailors under Captain McCalla did splendid work, for they were equipped for rough service, and the extra rations they took along came in handy to share with the soldiers of other nations.

Another relief force was started for Peking and the American and Japanese soldiers were in the forefront. They showed their superiority to the others for general marching. At Tientsin there was much fighting, and the taking of that city cost the lives of a number of Americans, among them members of the marine corps.

The trail at Peking was taken up and after a lot of hard battling the gates were reached and the walls stormed. Americans and Japanese leading the way. It was a welcome sight to the besieged residents to see the flags of the nations, and among them the stars and stripes, flying to the breeze. Some of the regiments of the regular army of the United States participated in this march and they shared with the marines in the glory of the rescue.

China's First War With England.

London, April 5.—China's first war with England occurred in 1839, when the Chinese government attempted to stop the importation of opium into the country by the East India Company. The opium trade had grown from 4,100 chests in 1796 to 30,000 chests in 1837 and was, therefore, a most important source of revenue to the British company.

Early in 1839 the emperor sent a commissioner to Canton to put a definite stop to the opium traffic. The peremptory instructions given the commissioner were "to cut off the fountain of evil, and if necessary to sink the British ships and to break their cables, since the only thought on the emperor's part was to do away with opium forever." The emperor himself was a reformed opium eater and he had lost three sons by the vice.

Within a week of the commissioner's arrival at Canton he issued an edict wherein he stigmatized the foreigners as a heartless people who thought only of trade and of making their way by stealth into the Kingdom, whereas the laws of England, he asserted, prohibited the smoking of opium in their own country. A demand was made to surrender to him all stores of opium within three

Matinee Ladies

BY William B. Courtney

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SYNOPSIS

Bob Ward, poor college student, working as a dancing partner for rich women, falls in love with Sally Smith, a cigarette girl. She turns him against the mysterious and beautiful Mrs. Hammond, habitue of the roadhouse, who finds her "thrill" in "hunting" Bob, who, however, trusts her. She offers him free use of her secret apartment. Bob quarrels with Sally, breaks up a wild party she attends, and goes to Mrs. Hammond. Sally and her friend Maste Revere learn that Mrs. Hammond is the wife of Aldrich, a great financier.

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Sally, who had been listening eagerly, clutched at a chance to save Bob yet from the clutches of the designing vampire.

"Some wives are cheaters, too!" she cried, "and I could tell you something about your wife!"

Aldrich's guilty conscience grabbed at this straw in the wind. Man-like, he became at once the injured party, covering up his own shortcomings by a quick and terrible rebuke. The double standard of morality was not for his household. Croesus' wife, like Caesar's, must be above reproach. He hundreded over Sally:

"What are you hinting at, girl? Tell me at once!"

Sally, frightened by his outburst, looked to Maste helplessly, while Aldrich reiterated his furious demands. Maste shrugged and nodded as much as to say:

"The cat's out of the bag."

Sally blurted a fragmentary and tearful story of how Mrs. Hammond had won Bob from her, from his

college, from his honor. By the time she had finished, Aldrich's temper was real. It was not his wife's transgression that infuriated him so much as the realization that he, the world's richest man, had been cheated.

He cried out for the address of the "loveseat."

Maste, who for all her sophistication was as frightened as Sally by the stark melodrama that was unfolding in their hands, gave it to him, moved by animus for Mrs. Hammond.

Aldrich stepped back; whipped a pistol from his pocket, and exclaimed:

"Both of them will suffer for this. Both!"

Then he was gone, raving.

Raw fear paralyzed Sally. Oh, what had she done, in her spitefulness? Not alone Mrs. Hammond, but Bob, too, would suffer. She fell on her knees before Maste.

"Maste, Maste, take me there, to Mrs. Hammond's apartment, quick! Please, for God's sake. We must beat Aldrich there, or he'll kill Bob!"

"Serves him right!" declared Maste.

But Sally's frantic pleas moved her, despite herself. Swiftly she threw on a cloak, and raced downstairs to a taxi with Sally.

Meanwhile, in the cosy studio of the loveseat apartment, Bob Ward sat in a deep chair before the fireplace. There was everything to make him comfortable—and beautiful Mrs. Hammond was curled up on a fluffy bearskin rug at his feet, her gorgeous head pillowed on his knee.

But Bob was far from comfortable. Youth goes to extremes in all things, and then tries to take the first train back. But here was a ravishingly beautiful woman to keep Bob to the cynical and immoral tangent on which he had flown off when disillusionment gripped him in sheer bitterness of heart, malice of soul, Bob had torn down all the things that up to now had held dear in life, and had flung himself hotly to Mrs. Hammond.

Already her eyes were misted, her voice low and vibrant with passion, as she anticipated the Sicilian hours with her young Adonis in this luxurious temple of love.



Beautiful Mrs. Hammond was curled up on a fluffy bearskin at his feet.

CHAPTER XVII

Scarcely three weeks after the exciting events of that Sunday afternoon, the purple shadows of a perfect June afternoon were darkling the Hudson, far below the Hall of Fame, while the last rays of the sun, as it slid like a great flaming wafer down behind the black rim of the Palisades across the river, gilded the domes and roofs of the University buildings.

The Commencement crowd, at once quiet with the sadness of passing things and gladness with the promise of signal futures, was dispersing. One name was on many tongues—Bob Ward, to whose eternal enshrinement in N. Y. U.'s football history had been added the lustre of graduation at the head of his class in the School of Engineering with honors.

A group of classmates stood on the steps of Good Memorial Library and raised their young voices in "The Palisades." Hats in hand, faces earnest, eyes dim, they sang:

Bob was there, in the center, Freddy holding one of his arms Arch the other. Their voices dropped to a reverent whisper for the third stanza of the classic song:

"But college friendships all sweet sever,
And fade as does the dying day,
And closest kinship all be broken,
As out in life we tread our way."

Now they had finished. Now they were shaking hands all around, each looking sheepish because of the tears he felt in his eyes; each promising to write, to attend reunions, and all that. Now they had parted. This was the end!

The end? No, the Beginning!

Bob walked briskly, proudly, to the campus gate, where little Sally Smith, whose stary eyes had feasted on his glories through all this livelong afternoon, waited unobtrusively until he should have finished with his chums the last rites of college friendship.

Then, arm in arm, they walked happily away. And the path that stretched ahead of them through the years was as bright as the burnish of the setting sun on Sally's combed-honey hair.

(The End.)

days. To enforce this demand Chinese troops were concentrated around the European settlement. Eventually more than 20,000 chests of opium were seized and dumped into the sea.

Meanwhile England had sent a fleet of warships under Admiral Matland and Captain Elliot to China to deal with the difficulty. After Britain had achieved various successes with both land and sea forces, the war was terminated with the treaty of Nanking, which gave England the island of Hong Kong, opened the Chinese ports to British trade, and exacted a war indemnity of \$21,000,000 from

China.

Fatty Arbuckle Signs Contracts. From Time.

"Fatty" (Roscoe Conkling) Arbuckle, onetime cinema comedian, signed two contracts last week—to appear in vaudeville on the Panatages Circuit; and to act in a series of films made in Germany. He expects to earn \$2,500,000 in five years. Since the orgiastic, accidental death of one Virginia Happe in 1921 no U. S. producer has dared risk the national opprobrium against "Fatty" Arbuckle. Last week he looked both doubtful and healthy.

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