

TODAY'S THOUGHT
"There is no more independence in politics than there is in jail."—Will Rogers.

DEMOCRATIC CONFIDENCE

Surveying the political situation after the Democratic Convention at Philadelphia, one finds the supporters of the Administration highly confident as to the outcome of the election next fall. The Republicans, with campaign activities increasing, are much more hopeful than before the Cleveland Convention and determined to put on a campaign which can and will win. The candidacy of Representative Lemke has been announced but the political effects of his entry into the presidential race are not yet clear.

HAS IT A REAL BASIS?

Taking up the Democratic viewpoint first, one finds them cocky, relying upon registration statistics which point to the President's reelection and confident that the bulk of the Farm and Labor groups will continue to support the President. Asserting that the Cleveland platform all but endorsed the Roosevelt principles, the Democrats insist that the Party has a record of achievement to counter "mere promises" which are an "imitation."

The enthusiastic Democrats assert that the Republican record, including that of Governor Landon, is mixed up with the New Deal, that the Tipaldo case removed the constitutional issue, and that the Farm and Labor policies of the Administration are sure to win widespread support. In addition, the Democrats count heavily on the improved condition of the country economically since March, 1933, the popularity of President Roosevelt and his campaigning skill and the "confidence" of the masses that the President is with them. The strength of the Democratic organization, fed during the past four years by many appointments to the payroll, is also considered an asset.

THE AL SMITH BLAST

The warning message sent to the Democratic Convention in an open telegram from Alfred E. Smith, Bainbridge Colby, James A. Reed, Joseph B. Ely and Daniel F. Cohalan, definitely presaging a bolt, did not affect the confident mood of the party leaders. Most of them insisted that the "walk-out" was expected and that the net result of the attack from the Democratic right—hostile to Roosevelt before Chicago—will weld party support and when coupled with the attacks of Representative Lemke and his left wing attack, will leave the President in the key position he likes to occupy—"a little left of center."

The blunt threat of Smith, former Governor of New York; Colby, Secretary of State under Wilson; Reed, former Governor of Missouri; Ely, former Governor of Massachusetts, and Cohalan, former Justice of the New York Supreme Court, included a sharp and unequivocal condemnation of the New Deal, asserting that it was a campaign "to buy the Presidency" through "misuse" of public funds, intended "to alleviate need and distress."

The Smith blast came as a culmination of a long and aggressive attack on the President and can hardly be attributed to his policies since his inauguration because the opposition began prior to Mr. Roosevelt's nomination in 1932. The feud between Smith and Roosevelt is well known, Colby is held to represent the Hearst position, and Cohalan was prevented from becoming United States Senator twenty-five years ago by Mr. Roosevelt. Mr. Reed sought the presidential nomination in 1932 and Mr. Ely fought Mr. Roosevelt before Chicago and has not been pleased with Democratic management in Massachusetts since that time.

THIRD PARTY A THREAT

More disturbing to the Democrats is the entry of Representative Lemke, of South Dakota, as the presidential candidate of a Third Party, with the backing of the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, of Detroit, the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, head of the remnant of Huey Long's "Share-the-Wealth" movement, and the probable support of the Townsend organization. While the vote to be secured by the Third Party is not expected to be large, there was general fear that it would come more heavily from President Roosevelt than from Governor Landon, and the admitted possibility that it might be large enough to make some states, like Minnesota, the Dakotas and Montana doubtful in

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Landon Remains In Rocky Mountain Colorado Retreat

Easy Republican Victory In November Is Predicted By Dela., Senator. Bell To Talk With Nominee

BORAH OFF FOR IDAHO

Still Maintains Silence As To Attitude Toward Landon's Candidacy. May Seek Senate Seat Again

Estes Park, Colo., June 30.—Governor Alf M. Landon, Republican presidential nominee, remained today in his Rocky Mountain retreat here making quiet plans for his campaign. At the same time, Senator Townsend, of Delaware, newly appointed chairman of the Republican Senatorial campaign committee, was predicting an "easy" party victory.

W. D. Bell, New York, chairman of the Republican finance committee, is expected to confer with Landon Friday. Senator Steiwer, of Oregon, keynoter at the Cleveland convention, also is expected to visit the Estes park camp this week, and four members of the Landon campaign staff are due to arrive "in a day or two."

He was scheduled to address the Ohio State convention at Columbus tomorrow, Thursday he will address a political rally at Chicago and plans to remain there until July 8. He then will take a five days' vacation before swinging into New England.

Before leaving he announced he expected to complete all state campaign organizations except that for the Southern states by September 1.

Senator Borah, of Idaho, also left Washington tonight heading for his Boise home. He still maintained a tight-lipped silence on his attitude toward the Landon candidacy. Although he refused to say whether he would be a candidate for re-election to the senate, his friends declared there was little doubt that he would seek to retain his seat. Nominating petitions in Idaho must be filed by July 11. If he runs, Borah will face C. Ben Ross, cowboy governor of Idaho.

Young People Of Methodist Church Organize League

On Sunday night, June 28, a number of the young people of the Sparta Methodist church met and organized an Epworth league, the following officers being elected:

Edna Wall, president; Hazel Burchett, vice president, and Marie Perry, secretary and treasurer.

The following were appointed supervisors of the four different departmental divisions of the League:

Spiritual, Ode Joines; Recreational, Annie Marie Choate; Social, James Dalhouse, and Missionary, Dwayne Irwin.

Joe B. Cox, of Mouth of Wilson, Virginia, president of the Epworth League union, and Mrs. Wilma Crouse, secretary and treasurer of the League union, were present and assisted in organizing this league and making plans for its program and work.

Doughton Arrives In Sparta Monday From Washington

Congressman Robert L. Doughton arrived at Sparta Monday, where he will remain the greater part of the summer.

He will set up a temporary office here to handle a great part of his mail and other business, until Congress convenes next year. His secretary, Sidney Gambill, and Mrs. Evelyn Hall Turner, stenographer, will also be here during the summer and fall.

Mrs. Turner, whose home is at Albemarle, and who has been in Mr. Doughton's office at Washington the past year, accompanied him home.

Aspires To Office



J. Ed Butler (above), Morganston attorney, who is the first candidate for the presidency of the Young Democratic Clubs of North Carolina, which are to meet in convention at Greensboro July 17-18.

President And Farley To Have Talk On Thursday

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., Among Those Mentioned As Possible Candidate To Oppose Lehman In N. Y.

Washington, June 30.—A statement was made tonight by President Roosevelt to the effect that he would confer with Postmaster general James A. Farley Thursday and indicated that they would discuss the question of Farley's possible resignation from the cabinet.

Asked at his press conference whether Farley would resign to devote his full time to the chairmanship of the national and New York State Democratic committees, Mr. Roosevelt said he would have nothing to say until after the Thursday conference.

Reports long have been current that Farley would retire. However, in Atlantic City last night, he said: "I have not resigned as postmaster general and beyond that I have no comment to make."

Usually well-informed sources here said there was a possibility Farley might take a leave of absence until after the conclusion of the election campaign. Should he do so, they added, he would be in a position to return to his post after November.

When he was asked about the reports Farley would resign, Marvin H. McIntyre, one of the president's secretaries, said today: "All I know is that Jim said at Philadelphia he was not going to take any action until he talked to the boss."

During the day the decision of (continued on page 5)

Knox Is Heard Friday Night At Republican Rally

Manchester, N. H., June 30.—Addressing a public rally in his honor as Republican vice presidential nominee, Colonel Frank Knox, of Chicago, pledged himself Friday night to support six points of governmental policy for which he said New England long has stood.

The six points were: "1. A rigid economy in public expenditures.

"2. A budget swiftly brought into balance and kept there.

"3. The maintenance of a sound, stable currency.

"4. The protection of the national credit through fulfillment of every promise uttered.

"5. The preservation of the principle of local self government.

"6. The maintenance in its full integrity of the judicial authority."

The Chicago and Manchester publisher said he spoke "as a New Englander to New Englanders."

Roosevelt To Be Heard Friday At Big Meadows, Va.

Will Be Chief Speaker At Dedication Ceremonies For Shenandoah National Park. Ickes To Be There

Big Meadows, Va., July 1.—President Roosevelt will come here Friday to dedicate the beautiful Shenandoah National park and to receive it formally into the national park system as a gift from Virginia, at exercises sponsored jointly by the State Commission on Conservation and Development and the United States Department of the Interior.

He will deliver the dedicatory address at 2:30 P. M. at this point, 3,500 feet above sea level along the famous Skyline drive in these Blue Ridge Mountains, with 50,000 persons expected to hear him here and with a nationwide audience to listen to him over coast-to-coast hook-ups of the National and Columbia Broadcasting Companies.

The thousands who are planning to attend the exercises were advised here today by Wilbur C. Hall, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, to make an early start from their homes. In order to reach Big Meadows in time for the program.

The Skyline drive will be made one-way for incoming traffic from 7 A. M. to 1:30 P. M., and one-way for outgoing traffic from 2:30 P. M. to 6:30 P. M. on Friday, so that traffic may be dispatched with speed. Estimates are that about 10,000 automobiles can pass over the drive each hour under these arrangements, but early starters will have better traffic conditions and will be assured better positions at the dedication grounds.

Mr. Hall emphasized again recently that the exercises are free to the public and no cards of admission are necessary. Parking at Big Meadows, where facilities are available for more than 20,000 automobiles, will be free, also.

Headquarters for the dedication event, which has been at Richmond, was shifted on Monday to Skyland, a resort near here, and from this point, Mr. Hall and his aides are putting the finishing touches on the arrangements for the big event.

As a means of accommodating the thousands of visitors, the federal government has temporarily lifted the ban on concessions on the Skyline drive by permitting the sale of food, drinks and native handicraft at Big Meadows from Thursday through Saturday.

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Miss Andrews Given Position At Forsyth County Sanatorium

Miss Iileen Andrews, a graduate of Sparta high school, and also a graduate of North Carolina State Sanatorium, left Tuesday afternoon to take up her work as Night Supervisor in Forsyth county sanatorium, Winston-Salem.

Miss Andrews completed her training recently, graduating with the honor of having maintained the highest scholastic average in her class.

Doughton To Speak In Statesville At Celebration July 4

Congressman Robert L. Doughton, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, will deliver an address at an Independence Day rally at Statesville on Friday, July 3, when more than fifty thousand people are expected to hear him. His speech will be delivered from a platform to be built on Statesville's main street, which will be roped off from traffic.

Two bands will lead an elaborate parade through the principal streets of the city immediately preceding Mr. Doughton's address. All the business firms of Statesville are arranging floats and other attractions for the parade, and the number of people in attendance is expected to break all prior records.

Roosevelt and Garner Are Renominated By Democrats At Philadelphia Gathering

Roosevelt Gets Big Welcome At Hyde Park Home

Describes Scene Saturday Night At Philadelphia. Has Breakfast With Gov. Lehman And Family

Hyde Park, N. Y., June 30.—President Roosevelt returned home Sunday for a week-end of rest and, fresh from one of the "greatest scenes" he ever witnessed, was accorded a "surprise" welcome by fellow townsmen.

As he entered the grounds of the ancestral estate after a motor drive from Highland, on the west bank of the Hudson, more than 100 members of the Roosevelt home club of Hyde Park and nearby Poughkeepsie waved and shouted greetings.

Before entering the house to have breakfast with members of his family and Gov. and Mrs. Herbert H. Lehman, of New York, the president told the welcoming group they had missed one of the "greatest scenes" in political history.

He described the scene Saturday night at Philadelphia, where in accepting renomination by acclamation of the Democratic national convention, before more than 100,000 cheering delegates and citizens in the University of Pennsylvania bowl, he said he was "enlisted for the duration of the war" against "economic royalists" who "hide behind the flag and the constitution" in their quest for power.

Congratulatory messages began arriving soon after the president-nominee reached Hyde Park.

At the breakfast table Sunday morning were the president and his wife, Mrs. Sarah Delano Roosevelt, the president's mother; the Lehmans, Mr. and Mrs. James Roosevelt, the president's son and daughter-in-law; son John; Mrs. John Boettiger, the Roosevelt's only daughter, and her husband; and Miss Marguerite LeHand, the president's personal secretary.

With several members of the family, the president later attended services at the little St. James' Episcopal church.

He already is slated to speak July 3 in dedication of the Shenandoah national park in Virginia and Independence Day at the home of Thomas Jefferson at Monticello, near Charlottesville, Va.

Ben G. Reeves To Operate Theatre In West Jefferson

Ben G. Reeves, owner and manager of the Spartan theatre, has purchased the Jeffersonian theatre in West Jefferson, and expects to take charge in the very near future.

Mr. Reeves states that new equipment will be installed in the Jefferson theatre, and the public may expect the best possible in theatrical entertainment. Mr. Reeves has had success in the theatre business here, where he opened and operates the first theatre the town has had.

J. L. Farnsworth, pioneer in the talking picture business in West Jefferson, has made no announcement of his future plans.

BEE SPECIALIST VISITS ALLEGHANY COUNTY

C. L. Sams, Bee specialist from Raleigh, spent a day in Alleghany county recently advising citizens as to the care of bees.

By using the proper methods of handling bees, farmers can produce their own honey, according to Mr. Sams. However, he does not believe there are great commercial possibilities along that line for this county.

Mr. Sams was in the county at the invitation of R. E. Black, Alleghany county farm agent.

Naming of Roosevelt Friday Night Greeted By Mighty Demonstration ACCEPTANCE SPEECHES SAT.

Chief Executive Hits Monoply In Address At Franklin Field

Convention Hall, Philadelphia, June 30.—By a shouting Democratic National convention, amid colorful scenes of noise and acclaim, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt was renominated to serve for another four years in the highest office within the gift of the nation, at 12:42 a. m., Saturday morning.

Friday night's convention session ran over past midnight into the hours of Saturday morning, before adjournment finally came, because of the long routine of the Roosevelt nomination seconding speeches, made by a representative of each of the states and territories.

The present occupant of the White House, renominated by a convention that suspended the rule on the taking of a ballot to make a nomination, took the New Deal chief the responsibility of party standard during the coming campaign. This was the first time such a nomination had been taken since Woodrow Wilson was so renominated. The convention welded in the heat of a night demonstration the first half of Garner ticket of 1936.

Through eight hours of outpouring praise of Roosevelt—56 nominating and seconding speeches—the tired-throated, weary-eyed delegates stayed to cheer. And at the end, although most in the once-packed galleries had emptied, they demonstrated anew.

When Judge John E. Mack, of New York, placed the president's name in nomination, terming him the friend of "the masses," the convention burst into an ovation that filled this 15,000-seat auditorium with tumult for a solid hour.

The convention floor again was made a sea of banners after Governor Tom Berry, of South Dakota, was recognized by Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, the convention chairman, to make a motion that the rules be suspended and the nomination recorded by acclamation.

Robinson had to pound with all his rugged strength to bring the delegates to order for a vote. Hundreds seemed anxious to be first in the parade around the hall that finally followed.

Members of the Roosevelt family were present Friday night in

N. Y. Governor Decides To Ask For Third Term

Albany, N. Y., June 30.—Announcement was made here today by Governor Herbert H. Lehman that he would run for a third term and fight for "social security" under the Roosevelt banner.

His 200-word statement at a noon press conference reversed a decision publicly disclosed a month ago to quit politics. "I feel that I can no longer resist the plea of my party . . . or of those with whom I have worked in the closest association for many years and with whom I have waged the fight for equal opportunity and social security," the governor said.

Foremost among those associates is President Roosevelt, and the nation's chief executive was quick to applaud the decision of the banker-governor.

"It will be a good influence for the carrying out of our program of social legislation in the broadest sense," the president told the White House correspondents, almost at the same moment the governor was holding his press conference in Albany.

Then the president beamingly disclosed that he had written a long letter to his former Lieutenant governor only yesterday, pleading for reconsideration.

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