

SMITH ADVOCATES STATE CONTROL OF SALE AND ALCOHOLIC CONTENT OF LIQUORS, BUT SAYS SALOON MUST NEVER RETURN TO U. S.

Pledges Strict Enforcement of Dry Statutes as Long as They Are Laws.

TEMPERANCE IS URGED

Present Conditions Sapping Respect for Government, Says Nominee.

By THOMAS L. STOKES
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ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 23.—Gov. Alfred E. Smith, New York, accepted the Democratic presidential nomination Wednesday night in a speech laying down a definite program for prohibition modification and urging its adoption on moral grounds.

First, he proposed changing the Volstead act by increasing the legal limit of alcoholic content of beverages and by permitting individual States to set lower limits or prohibit all liquors at their discretion.

Second, he advocated amendment of the Eighteenth Amendment to permit States, by popular vote, to adopt a system of State sale of liquor similar to the system used in Canada.

He pledged himself to strict enforcement of the Volstead Act and the Eighteenth Amendment as long as they remain on the statute books and reiterated previous statements, that he would not countenance return of the saloon.

He promised, if elected, to call an agricultural leaders' conference to work out a farm relief plan for presentation to Congress.

"I believe in temperance," Smith said. "We have not achieved temperance under the present system."

"I believe in reverence for law. Today disregard of the prohibition laws is insidiously sapping respect for all law."

He then presented his program for changes in the prohibition law.

Amend Amendment

"In accordance with the Democratic principle, some immediate relief would come," he said, "from an amendment to the Volstead Act giving a scientific definition of the alcoholic content of an intoxicating beverage."

"The present definition admittedly is inaccurate and unscientific. Each State would then be allowed to fix its own standard of alcoholic content, subject always to the proviso that that standard could not exceed the maximum fixed by the Congress."

"I believe, moreover, that there should be submitted to the people the question of some change in the provisions of the Eighteenth Amendment. Certainly no one foresees when the amendment was ratified, the conditions which exist today of bootlegging, corruption and open violation of the law in all parts of the country. The people themselves should, after eight years of trial, be permitted to say whether existing conditions should be rectified."

"I personally believe in an amendment to the Eighteenth Amendment which would give to each individual State itself, only after approval by a referendum popular vote of its people, the right wholly within its borders to import, manufacture or cause to be manufactured and sell alcoholic beverages, the sale to be made only by the State itself and not for consumption in any public place."

"We may well learn from the experience of other nations. Our Canadian neighbors have gone far in this manner to solve this problem by the method of sale made by the state itself, and not by private individuals."

Against Saloon

"There is no question here of the return of the saloon. When I stated that the saloon 'is and ought to be a defunct institution in this country' I meant it. I mean it today."

Smith pointed out that the changes he proposed would "preserve for the dry States the benefit of a national law which would continue to make interstate shipment of intoxicating beverages a crime," and would "preserve for the dry States Federal enforcement of prohibition within their own borders."

"The platform of my party is silent upon any question of change in the law. I personally believe that there should be change in the law. I personally believe that there should be a change and I shall advise the Congress in accordance with my constitutional duty of whatever changes I deem necessary or expedient. It will then be for the people and the representatives in the National and State legislatures to determine whether these changes shall be made."

Pledging enforcement as long as the present law stands, the Governor said dramatically:

"If with one hand on the Bible and the other reaching up to Heaven, I promise the people of this country that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States and to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States, you may be sure that I shall live up to that oath to the last degree."

Farm Relief

Smith pledged himself to seek enactment of farm relief legislation along principles set forth in the Democratic platform. He reiterated his intention to call a conference of agricultural leaders, to be held to work out the details, and to present the plan they devise to Congress. He also said he would seek to make the tariff effective for agriculture.

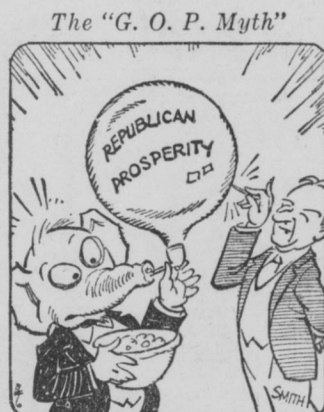
In discussing the detail other ma-



"I propose to substitute action for inaction and friendliness for hostility."



"Prohibition is the new 'political pork barrel' I will ruthlessly stamp out."



"The Republican party builds its case from a myth."

for issues than prohibition and farm relief, the nominee challenged Republican claims of economy and prosperity; denounced the use of United States Marines in Nicaragua; declared for "real outlawry of war" and for cooperation with European nations in the interest of world peace, favored Government ownership and control of Muscle Shoals, development of the Boulder Dam project in the Southwest by the States involved by a "Colorado River authority" similar to the New York port authority plan, and Government ownership of all waterpower and natural resources still in the hands of the Government or States; condemned "dishonest and unpatriotic propaganda" of electrical power interests, and pledged himself to seek legislation to prevent "grave abuses" in the use of Federal injunctions in labor disputes.

Attacks G. O. P. Record

Pointing out that President Coolidge twice had vetoed the McNary-Haugen bill, Smith said that no adequate substitute ever was recommended by the President.

A "reactionary element" dominates the Republican party today, he declared.

"It assumes that a material prosperity, the very existence of which is challenged, is an excuse for political inequality. It makes the concern of the Government, not people, but material things," he continued. "I have fought this spirit in my own State. I have had to fight it and to beat it, in order to place upon the statute books every one of the progressive, humane laws for whose enactment I assumed responsibility in my legislative and executive career. I shall know how to fight it in the Nation."

Smith also raised the "corruption issue," indicating he will emphasize it in the campaign.

"The Republican party today stands responsible for the widespread dishonesty that has honeycombed its administration," he declared. "During the last presidential campaign, the Republican managers partially were successful in leading the American people to believe that these sins should be charged against the individual rather than the party."

"The question of personal guilt now has been thoroughly disproved and in its place, challenging the wisdom and good judgment of the American people, is the unquestioned evidence of party guilt."

Prosperity Issue

The Democratic nominee challenged the Republican claim of prosperity, declaring that "specie industries are wholly prostrate" and that 4,000,000 men are out of work. Likewise, he challenged the economy claims, saying that actual Government expenditures were \$346,000,000 more for the fiscal year just ended than in President Coolidge's first year and that \$383,000,000 more were taken from the people "taxes for the past fiscal year than in Coolidge's first year."

Discussing the tariff, Smith promised that the Democratic party "will not advocate any sudden or drastic revolution in our economic system which would cause business upheaval and popular distress."

It would, he said, restore the Federal Tariff Commission "to the

Promises to Call Parley of Farm Leaders on Relief Measures.

SCOUTS PROSPERITY CRY

Use of U. S. Marines in Nicaragua Denounced; Stresses Corruption.

high level upon which President Wilson placed it."

"The evil effect of the Administration's policy with respect to Latin tended to our relations with the rest of the world."

"To no declaration of our platform do I more heartily commit myself than the one for the abolition of the practice of the President of entering into agreements for the settlement of internal disputes in Latin-American countries, unless the agreements have been consented to by the Senate as provided for in the Constitution of the United States."

He said he approved the Administration's anti-war treaties, which he characterized as an effort to "renew and extend the arbitration treaties negotiated under the administration of President Wilson."

"But the usefulness of those treaties as deterrents of war is materially impaired by the reservations asserted by various nations of the right to wage defensive wars as those reservations are interpreted in the light of President Coolidge's record," he declared.

Foreign Affairs

"Our unwarranted intervention in internal affairs in Latin America and this specious reason for it constitute the basis upon which other nations may seek to justify imperialistic policies which threaten world peace and materially lessen the effectiveness which might otherwise lie in the multilateral treaties."

The Republican party, he contended, has failed in efforts to outlaw war. He added that it likewise has not made effective its efforts to limit armaments.

"I pledge myself," he said, "to a resumption of real endeavor to make the outlawry of war effective by removing its causes and to substitute the methods of conciliation, conference, arbitration and judicial determination."

He declared for development of highways, inland waterways and flood control. He explained he had favored the so-called all-American route through New York State for the proposed Great Lakes-St. Lawrence waterway, but that if elected he would order an impartial engineering survey to determine the best route.

Discussing the Mississippi flood, Smith said: "The last two Administrations waited for this calamity and for universal demand that something be done instead of taking leadership in this important work."

"The money actually appropriated for flood relief is too small to even make a start," he added.

Smith pledged himself to a "progressive liberal conservation policy" of all national resources.

Public Utilities

"No more dishonest or unpatriotic propaganda has ever been seen in this country than that disclosed by the investigation into the methods of certain utility corporations," he declared, referring to the Federal Trade Commission inquiry.

Sources of water power which still belong to the States and the Government "must remain forever under public ownership and control," he said.

As regards Muscle Shoals, the nominee explained that it would be the policy of his administration to develop under Government ownership and control, "a method of operation for Muscle Shoals which will reclaim for the Government some fair revenue from the enormous expenditure already made for its development and which is now a complete waste."

"None," he said, "can question my respect for and cooperation with the Civil Service nor my interest in proper compensation for Government service."

"While I stand squarely on our platform declaration that the laws which limit immigration must be preserved in full force and effect," he said, "I am heartily in favor of removing from the immigration law the harsh provision which separates families, and I am opposed to the principle of restriction based upon the figures of immigrant population contained in a census 38 years old."

Smith said he will not be influenced in his appointments "by the question of a person's wet or dry attitude, by whether he is rich or poor, whether he comes from the north, south, east or west or by what church he attends in the worship of God."

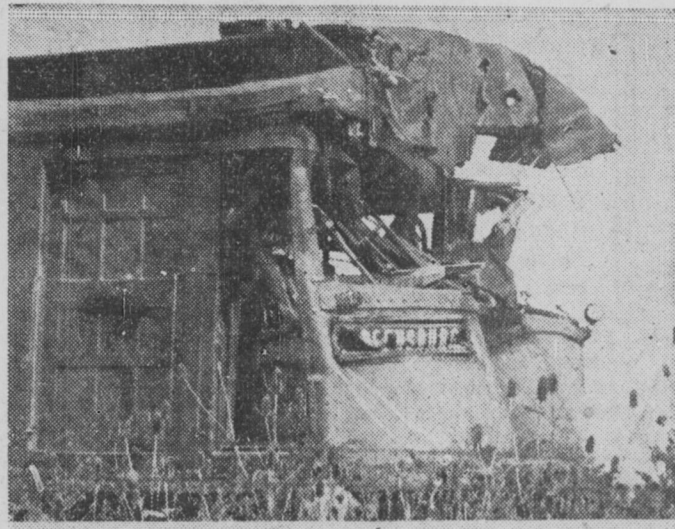
BRIDEGROOM MISSING

Unheard from Since Disappearance Prior to Wedding.

By United Press
KELNERSVILLE, Wis., Aug. 23.—Hundreds of villagers "got their money's worth" here a few days ago when they danced at a party which was to have followed a marriage ceremony—but didn't. When the time came for the wedding the bridegroom, Emil Patosick, was absent. He has not been seen since.

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Interurbans in Crash



Here are cars 603 and 611 of the Southeastern Traction Company which crashed in a head-on collision near Fairland, Ind., Wednesday, injuring twenty-three persons, four seriously.

FOUR OF 23 IN TRACTION CRASH BADLY INJURED

Remain in Hospital at Shelbyville; Oily Tracks Blamed.

By Times Special
FAIRLAND, Ind., Aug. 23.—Four of twenty-three persons injured in a collision of Indianapolis & Southern traction cars near here Wednesday are in a serious condition today.

Among the seriously injured are Irvin Meal, Indianapolis, conductor of the east-bound car in the crash; Thomas Slater, Chicago, and Earl Talbott, Shelbyville.

In addition to Meal, Indianapolis persons injured include D. P. Cook, 30 Jackson Pl., and Misses Elizabeth and Ann Forsythe, 1014 Fletcher Ave.

Miss Ann Kaufman, Shelbyville, a singer, who is to receive a final audition this fall for a place with the Metropolitan Opera Company, New York, suffered slight scratches and shock. She gave a program at the Murat Theater, Indianapolis, a few months ago.

Others hurt include: Norman Freeland, Newport; Willis Patterson, Edinburg; Carl Spurgeon, Shelbyville; Lucille Sullivan, Manila; John C. Smith, Shelbyville; Mrs. J. O. Tribble, 18, daughter of Mrs. Tribble; John L. Tallas, Bridgeville; Emma Champ, Greensburg; Wilhelmina Harris, Shelbyville; Mrs. Roy O'Dare, Milroy; Mrs. Marjorie Bennett, Hartford, Conn., guest of Mrs. O'Dare; Miss Kathleen Bass, Fairland; Mrs. Maria Durbin, Waldron. Oil which spread over the track

13-Cent Shave

By United Press
BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Aug. 23.—Luther Johnson, 70, appeared in court with one-half his face shaved and told the judge that the prison barber had demanded 25 cents for the shave and inasmuch as he had only 13 cents he could only get half a shave.

rails while being sprayed along the right of way to kill weeds is blamed for the crash, having made the rails so slippery brakes on the cars did not stop them. One car was Indianapolis bound, the other bound for Shelbyville. They cashed head on three-fourths of a mile from here and though badly damaged, neither left the track.

Twenty-one of the injured were brought to the Major Hospital, Shelbyville, where four remained Wednesday night too seriously injured to be moved.

CIVIC CLUBS MEET

Farmer and City Man Should Aid One Another, Says Speaker.

Rural and urban interest are interrelated so that farmer and business man should have some understanding of the other's problems, Prof. G. I. Christie, retiring dean of agriculture, Purdue University, told three hundred Indianapolis civic club members at the interclub luncheon sponsored by the Kiwanis Club at the Claypool Wednesday.

"The prosperity of the farmer and city man depends upon co-operation," Christie said.

Gives \$250 With Thanks

By Times Special
VINCENNES, Ind., Aug. 23.—A check for \$250 for the local police benefit fund has been received by Police Chief Thomas H. Martin from J. H. Graham, president of the Indian Refining Company in appreciation for service rendered after an explosion at its plant at Lawrenceville, Ill., which caused twenty-seven deaths.

FIX RULES FOR FINAL RACES IN SCOOTER DERBY

Regulations Laid Down by Recreation Department Supervisor.

A set of rules was issued today by Lewis Skinner, supervisor of the city recreation department, to govern the semi-finals and finals of The Times-Capitol Dairy Scooter race. The semi-finals will be run for five days starting Monday, and the finals will be held at 10 a. m. Labor day, Sept. 3, in Circle.

RULES

1. Scooters must be equipped with disc wheels—wire wheels are barred.
2. Wheels must not be more than nine inches in diameter.
3. Contestants must have one foot on the scooter during the entire race. Flying starts and running with the scooter will not be allowed.
4. Contestants must not cut in front of another scooter in passing unless at least one scooter length ahead.
5. Anyone starting previous to the given signal will be set one yard back of the starting line.
6. Officials reserve the right to bar any contestant from the race for misconduct.
7. Contestants must have permission of parents to enter race.
8. Contestants will be barred from racing if age of contestant is misstated.
9. If a contestant is disqualified at the end of the race for violation of one of the above rules, the remaining contestants will be advanced in standing if they finished below the offender in the race. This will not affect contestants preceding him in the race.
10. Contestants enter the race assuming all risk and with the knowledge and consent of their parents.
11. Decisions of officials are final and cannot be appealed.

\$200,000 Gift to City

By Times Special
LA PORTE, Ind., Aug. 23.—Maurice Fox announces he will build a \$200,000 community house as a gift to the city of La Porte, in memory of his late parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Fox. The donor is president of the Samuel Fox & Sons Woolen Mills here.

BEAUTIFUL YARD PRIZE AWARDED

Eagle Creek Civic League Holds Fete.

George Eli Morgan, assistant park superintendent, today commended the yard beautification contest conducted Wednesday by the Tibbs Ave. and Eagle Creek civic league.

The park official and newspaper representatives awarded first prize to Oscar Hull, 3602 W. Michigan St. Fred L. Hanley, 549 N. Luett Ave., city policeman, won first place in the best decorated porch contest. United Auto Service float won the first parade prize.

The contests were in connection with the league's annual festival on the lawn of School 67. Frank J. Kimsey, president of the league presided. Speakers included Mayor L. Ert Slack, Michael E. Foley, park commissioner, Lieut. Frank Owen, Benjamin Whalen and John C. Clark of the league committee.

Foley told the crowd of 5,000 that a twenty-six acre tract near Tibbs Ave. and Eagle Creek will be bought by the park board for a playground. It will be ready for use May, 1929, he said.

NAB 16 FOR GAMING

Alleged Domino Game Broken by Raiders.

Police interrupted an alleged domino game in a poolroom operated by Charles Greenwood, at 818 Ft. Wayne Ave. Wednesday night and arrested sixteen men on gaming charges. The proprietor was slated on a charge of keeping a gambling device and gaming. Sergeant Bartlett and Patrolman Hudson said they confiscated a small amount of money and saw money change hands at one of the tables.

Name Speed

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Aug. 23.—

Three names in three days is the record of Mrs. Edith Klenke-Robison-Spaulling. Obtaining a divorce from Elliott Robison, she had her maiden name of Klenke restored. She kept it for a day and the following day became the wife of Louis J. Spaulding.

BOAT BIDS GO BEGGING

Dealers Shy at Controversy Over City, County Control of Craft.

No bids for the \$500 boat for Sheriff Omer Hawkins, which he says he doesn't want, had been received today by county commissioners, who are to award the contract Monday. Sheriff Hawkins said he objects to the plan whereby the boat, bought with county funds for the sheriff, is to be turned over to the city police department.

A working agreement whereby the police will have custody of the craft, for use in drownings in the city and county, has been entered into by the commissioners, Cassius L. Hogle, Charles O. Sutton and George Snider, and city officials.

FIND OWN STOLEN CAR

Three Negroes Flee When Woman, Son Sight Missing Auto.

The third time that Mrs. Hazel Masten and her son, Otis, 6406 College Ave., saw their stolen car proved to be the charm. When they saw it Tuesday, parked at Twenty-Seventh and Annetta Sts., a man and two women, Negroes, leaped out and ran. Different plates were on the machine, with the Masten plates inside. The car had been stolen July 20. Twice before they had seen the machine on the street.

Union Disrupts Funeral

By United Press
NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Max Perlstein, union representative, was censured by Magistrate Bushel for forcing four nonunion drivers out of a funeral procession.

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