

## SHOUSE PLANS CONTINUED PUSH BY DEMOCRATS

Inter-Party Split on Dry Issue Gives Kentuckian 'Biggest Job.'

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance  
WASHINGTON, April 3.—Robinson to the right of him, Smith to the left of him, Raskob before him, Roosevelt behind and all around Democrats galore.

In the middle, dignified and friendly, is J. P. Shouse, the Kentuckian, who hopes to perform a Democratic miracle.

It has been two years now since he became the party's national director in charge of its permanent offices here. And judged by almost every political standard he has been successful so far.

But the biggest job is ahead, and it is double-barreled. First, there is the prohibition controversy within his own party that must be settled somehow, and then the 1932 campaign. Whatever the outcome of the former, Shouse still will be largely responsible.

Having had newspaper experience, Shouse has used newspaper tactics to accomplish his ends, and, with the assistance of Charles Michelson, once reporter for the New York World, there has been piled up in the country's periodicals the greatest collection of Democratic publicity ever gathered.

Through his well-organized publicity bureau he has made Democratic congressmen and senators articulate, and has used his and Michelson's abilities to meet each issue as it arose.

Importance of this is evident when it is recalled that in the past Democrats worked themselves into fighting trim only once every four years. Shouse has carried the fight to the Republicans and more than once put them on the defensive. He hopes to keep his party on the offensive.

In Kentucky, his home state, he started as a reporter and finally became managing editor and then business manager of a newspaper. He was elected as a Democrat to the state senate of Kansas, where he moved when a young man. As a Democrat he represented a Kan-

## Pilot in Tragic Air Dive Had Adventurous Career

Ill-Fated Aviator Once Played on Superstitions to Save Life.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance  
WASHINGTON, April 2.—Robert G. Fry, pilot of the plane that carried himself, Knute Rockne and six others to their deaths in Kansas, had led a life filled with harrowing escapes from death.

In China four years ago, he "died" and was brought back to life twice in the same day—once by his parachute, once by the superstition of the Chinese natives.

He was then Sergeant Fry, of the marine corps. Flying near Tientsin his rudder jammed, his plane fell in a spin, and he jumped with his parachute.

Landing in a little Chinese village, angry natives surrounded him, and were on the verge of tearing him apart. Fry had to think fast. Suddenly he told them:

"You can not harm me. I am a god, who came down out of the sky to see you a visit."

Whereupon, the story goes, the Chinese bowed down and worshipped him, took him on their shoulders, and carried him back to his camp. Upon the arrival, his Chinese servants insisted that he go at once to see the priest. They believed that the "engine devil" and the "airplane devil" had plotted against him and thrown him out of the plane, but that the "parachute devil" had refused to join the rebellion, and had caught him. They were afraid the "parachute devil" might not be so kind the next time.

Fry had been flying since the war, and for Western Air Express since 1928. He was married recently.

His district in congress, and later became an assistant secretary of the United States treasury under Carter Glass.

Shouse, personally? He has a handsome face, whose thinness is beginning to disappear around his cheeks. His dark hair is graying. A crease lies between his eyes. His hands and fingers are slender, well manicured. He likes to take pieces of money out of his pockets as he talks and arrange them in careful and orderly manner in one palm.

Assistant treasury secretary, he used to be boss of the bureau of internal revenue. His counterpart in the Republican party now is Robert Lucas, who used to be commissioner in that office. Both are native Kentuckians. Both are trying to elect a president.



Robert Fry

## 28-MILE RACE BY ILL SENATOR ENDS BLUE LAW

Leaves Hospital to Cast Deciding Vote for Maryland Repeal.

By United Press  
ANNAPOLIS, Md., April 3.—A Maryland state senator left his hospital bed and rode in an ambulance twenty-eight miles to cast the vote that will permit Baltimore to abolish its antique blue laws.

Escorted by a squad of motorcycle police, Senator Thurman C. Atkinson late Thursday dashed up to the old statehouse and was carried into the senate chamber on a stretcher.

There he collapsed in the excitement, but was revived in time to cast the deciding vote.

All during the latter-day Sheridan's ride, liberals in the senate filibustered against a vote, one member succeeding another in speeches until Atkinson, who was convalescing from a major operation, was borne in.

Florida, Kentucky, Nebraska and Wisconsin have no bonded indebtedness.

## RUINS SHOW ANCIENT CALENDAR 'PERFECT'

Moon's Orbit Was Time System for Extinct Casa Grande Race.

By United Press  
CASA GRANDE, Ariz., April 3.—Calendar improvement may be a hobby of modernists, but records at the Casa Grande ruins, near here, disclose that a perfect system of time measurement was in use thousands of years ago.

Once a year, at exactly the moment the earth completed its orbit around the sun, the rays of the sun beamed through the Hohokam, marking definitely the beginning or end of a year.

The Hohokam was the calendar used by the prehistoric peoples who occupied the ruins. It is thought smaller divisions of time were marked by new moons.

## FIND NEW WAY TO GIVE SERUM

Scientist Tells Cleveland Convention of Method.

By Science Service  
CLEVELAND, April 3.—A new chemical process that is expected to eliminate all danger from protective or curative serum administrations was reported by Professor J. Bronfenbrenner of Washington university, St. Louis, at the meeting here today of the American Association of Immunologists.

The use of these sera has become increasingly popular for treating diseases and for giving protection

from diseases. Toxin-antitoxin for diphtheria and anti-tetanus injections are familiar examples. Occasionally, however, such serum injections are followed by grave complications and even death. This has made some physicians hesitate to use the sera, delegates were told.

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