

ROOSEVELT BID FOR DIXIE'S AID GRIPS INTEREST

Political Leaders Declare N. Y. Governor Realizes He Needs Support.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Franklin D. Roosevelt's apparent move for a political understanding with Al Smith today aroused speculation over the prospect that an alliance between Smith-Raskob cohorts and "favorite son" groups may yet prevent the New York Governor from winning the Democratic presidential nomination.

Roosevelt's managers, in the opinion of national observers here, must have been making some definite calculations, and come to the realization that, for all the sentiment on his behalf, they are not piling up enough actual delegate promises. That has been the opinion here for some time, where certain national Democratic directors are known to favor either Governor Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland or Newton D. Baker of Ohio, and the Roosevelt-Smith luncheon is regarded as a development of first importance.

Would Need 44 More

Facing the combined opposition of "favorite sons" and Smith, it is estimated that Roosevelt would have only 664 delegates, or forty-four less than he needs.

Should John F. Curry, Tammany leader, take it into his head to go to the convention with an uninvited delegation, thereby leaving his hands untied, this would reduce Roosevelt's convention strength to 574 delegates.

All this, too, assumes that unorganized sentiment for Roosevelt in the west and south eventually will crystallize in the form of ballots on the convention floor.

Unless Roosevelt is able to conciliate the 1928 standard bearer, who is suspected of entertaining presidential ambitions, and is able to have Tammany with him, it is believed generally he faces a more difficult fight than has been expected. In the home-stretch he may have to turn to the New York organization.

226 for "Favorite Sons"

The anti-Roosevelt strength, in ordinary political reckoning, consists first of the so-called Smith states, with a total of 172 delegates as follows: Massachusetts, 36 delegates; Connecticut, 14; Rhode Island, 6; New Jersey, 28; Illinois, 58, and Michigan, 30.

Delegates from "favorite son" states amount to 226, as follows: Maryland (Ritchie), 16; Virginia (ex-Governor Harry F. Byrd), 24; Arkansas (Senator Joseph T. Robinson), 18; Ohio (Baker or Governor George White), 48; Missouri (ex-Senator James A. Reed), 36; Oklahoma (Governor William Murray), 20; Texas (Representative John N. Garner), 40, and Tennessee (Senator Cordell Hull), 24.

CITY ETCHER HONORED

Mrs. Mess' Picture Is Chosen for New York Exhibition.

"A Water Fantasy," an etching by Mrs. Evelyn C. Mess, Indianapolis artist, has been chosen for the sixteenth annual exhibition of the Society of American Etchers, in New York, Nov. 26 to Dec. 26, according to word received today in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Mess, president of the Indianapolis Etching Club, is active in art circles in the city and a number of her etchings now are on display in the Broad Ripple library. She studied in Europe for several years.

WOMAN SLAYS INTRUDER

Fires From Window as Man Tries to Break in Door.

By United Press GARY, Ind., Nov. 21.—Edward Boler, 29, died here Friday of a bullet wound inflicted by Mrs. George Popoff while Boler allegedly was attempting to break into the Popoff home.

Neighbors said that Boler and Popoff had quarreled. When Popoff went for police aid, Boler attempted to break in the door, witnesses said. Mrs. Popoff fired at Boler from a window.

Police said Boler was intoxicated.

Checks Up \$10,000, 000



W. B. Butler

The courthouse "man of figures" today began totaling a long column of digits making the thirty-first and last time he will balance the semi-fiscal tax receipts.

W. B. Butler, first deputy county auditor and guardian of the county's funds, has served as sentinel over more than 480 million dollars, during his sixteen years in office, yet never has handled a cent of the money.

Butler, who is 54, and knows as much as any one person concerning how Marion county collects its taxes, will leave office Jan. 1, to be succeeded by a Democrat.

It is with his pencil that he guards the county treasury. Treasury and auditor office books always must balance. He will check on more than \$10,000,000 in this fall installment of taxes.

P-T. A. GROUPS URGING SAFETY

Warren Council Will Have Home Products Show.

Safety measures for protection of children attending rural schools in Marion county and home economic activities are being stressed at meetings of Parent-Teacher Associations in rural township schools. Activities of the organizations follow:

Warren Township
Pleasant Run Association will meet at the school Tuesday at 7:45. The Warren township choral society will sing and E. O. Sauer will furnish part of the program.

Pike Township
"Worthy Home Membership" is the subject for the next meeting Dec. 8 at the New Augusta school.

Wayne Township
The Plackville association held a "safety meeting" Thursday. Miss Julia Landers of the safety department of Marion county and a representative of the fire prevention bureau spoke.

Laws covering passing of school buses were given by Miss Landers, who recommended motorists acquire a book on automobile laws at the statehouse and cooperate in helping patrols and children to greater safety.

Davis cautioned against danger of possession of gasoline or cleaning fluids in homes.

The next meeting will be held Dec. 10 at 7:30.

Golden Date Near

By Times Special NEW WINCHESTER, Ind., Nov. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. William Buchanan will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary Nov. 29.

ST. LOUISANS IN STRONG PLACE FOR COMEBACK

'Pay as You Go Plan' Spared City Extreme Distress in Depression.

By RAYMOND CLAPPER United Press Staff Correspondent (Copyright, 1931, by United Press) ST. LOUIS, Nov. 21.—Cautious and thrifty in past days of plenty, St. Louis is plodding forward now on a much better foundation than is the case in some localities.

A big trade gateway to the wheat and cotton country, business is beginning to get the first traces of encouragement from rising prices in those commodities.

Building Under Way

St. Louis is, in its conservative way, carrying on a substantial public and private construction program, involving expenditure of probably \$30,000,000.

Miles of streets are being widened. A new bridge is being built. A new terminal is under way. The St. Louis Star has started work on a new building and the St. Louis Globe-Democrat recently moved into its new building.

St. Louis is showing the country how a conservative, pay as you go community can weather one of the nation's worst depressions.

There has been just one bank failure. That was a small institution not even a member of the clearing house. When money ran out on the new courthouse job, wooden steps were built. The stone approach was left to another time.

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ROOSEVELT GETS BOOST

Middle West for Him, Minnesota Democratic Leader Declares.

By United Press NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt is an overwhelming favorite in the middle west for President in 1932, Joseph Wolf, Democratic national committeeman from Minnesota, said on his arrival here.

Particularly in Minnesota, Wolf declared, is Governor Roosevelt's name a household word, and "if the people in the eastern states feel in any way like the masses in the middle west, there will be no question as to a Democratic victory in 1932."

seeming a little drab by comparison. St. Louis wasn't up with the spirit of up and coming America, which demanded that every city keep on building furiously new apartment houses, hotels, office buildings, athletic clubs—anything—whether there were tenants in sight or not.

The population was less inclined in 1929 to turn in good securities for the bounding market favorites of the big boom. So now they have on their hands less of those deflated bond and stock certificates which are hardly worth using as wall paper. They didn't try to have two cars in every garage.

St. Louis people admit business is far below normal. Bank clearings last month were more than 40 per cent below normal. Out of 387,000 persons normally gainfully employed, conflicting estimates of unemployed range from 45,000 to 75,000.

The city spent \$450,000 for relief last year. A community drive to raise \$3,000,000 had to be extended this week because only half the sum was raised in the allotted time.

"But you can be sure St. Louis will not ask for federal aid," said M. M. Drake of the Chamber of Commerce. "St. Louis refused Red Cross aid after its two cyclones. It cared for its own. It will do the same this time."

SUICIDE VICTIM'S RITES ARE SET

Mrs. Evelyn Langdon to Be Buried Monday.

Funeral services for Mrs. Evelyn Langdon, 22, who committed suicide by asphyxiation in her apartment at 1001 North Delaware street on Thursday night, will be held at 2 Monday afternoon at Finn Brothers' funeral parlors, 1639 North Meridian street. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Langdon ended her life after she was arrested with another woman and four men, who participated in an alleged brawl and robbery in



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the apartment. Mrs. Langdon was slugged by one of the men and robbed of \$10. Two men face trial on robbery charges as result of the brawl.

Mrs. Langdon was born in Indianapolis in 1909 and always had lived here. She was a graduate of School 8, and attended Technical high school.

Survivors are her husband, Ray Langdon, now serving a term at the Indiana reformatory for robbery; Junior 4, a son, and her parents, Mrs. Charles Hersey, 307 South Gray street.

Before ending her life the woman wrote three notes, one to her mother, asking that Junior be well cared for, and another to her mother-in-law, Mrs. W. A. Langdon, 1712 Central avenue. In the third note she asked that her mother be notified of the tragedy.

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