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LOUISIANA.

The Louisiana political scandal was livened up today by a plea made by Dr. James Monroe Smith, former president of Louisiana State University. Prexy is ^{still} in jail, charged with swiping ^{that} a hundred thousand dollars ~~of the~~ University funds. Today he filed a petition asking that he be released on bail. And he declared that when he fled from Louisiana to Canada he was promised immunity from criminal prosecution.

He said that the pledge had been made that if he would run away, no criminal proceedings would be taken against him --- nothing more than a civil action. He doesn't say who ^{it was who} made the promise, ^{who} ~~and~~ advised him to skip.

A reform drive is under way in Louisiana; ^{and its} somewhat melodramatic. Prominent citizens, banded together, are demanding the removal of all sorts of politicians appointed to office by the political machine left by Huey Long. A mass meeting has demanded the resignation of the board of directors in the state university. And the aroused crusaders declare that if they can't get reform action the regular way, they'll resort to secret society tactics ~~as~~ such as rid Louisiana of carpet-bagger rule in the reconstruction period after the Civil War.

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DICKINSON....The great Dickinson crusade against the sinful ways of the big city, brought a reaction in the Michigan legislature today. The eighty year old Michigan governor who was so violently shocked during a visit to the east and the worlds fair, reached a crusading climax in ^{his} a radio speech last night. He blasted the bright lights and the course of drink, in the good old style "Nellie the Beautiful Cloak Model." Today a Detroit representative in the Michigan legislature submitted petitions to have the Governor removed on the charge of --- conduct unbecoming of a governor. If a governor were to get drunk and cut high jinks with a blonde, that would be unbecoming conduct. And apparently if he gets shocked by liquor and blondes --- it's also unbecoming. I suppose the wise thing is not to love the lush too much or to hate it too much.

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However, today's Michigan legislative drive against the crusading governor didn't get very far. The attorney general tossed it out. He pointed out that the only grounds for removal from office are --- misfeasance, nonfeasance, or malfeasance. Miss, non, or mal -- three kinds of feasance. The attorney general ruled that the charge of conduct unbecoming of a governor doesn't constitute any kind of feasance

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miss, non or mal. In other words, the eighty year old ^{Gov.} Dickinson can go right ahead denouncing demon rum, the bright lights, the primrose path, and why girls leave home. The girls ^{or max} may not pay much attention to him, but he'll still be governor.

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Here's one that I heard about on my way west across Ohio, today: -
At a factory in Cleveland, an employer called a meeting of his hundred

and twenty five employees. He gathered them around him in the factory yard, and I suppose they were worrying --- maybe there was a layoff coming. The employer called to the men: "Get in here closer to me, I won't bite you."

No, he wasn't biting at all --- it was something very different. He's Claude H. Foster, an inventor, who fourteen years ago retired with a fortune made from automobile accessories. He once paid the largest income tax in Ohio. Recently, at the age of sixty-eight, Claude Foster has gone back into business, buying into a pressure casting company and becoming chairman of the board. And here's what he told the employees today. He informed them of a new company plan for the division of profits, profits to be split into three shares, forty per cent, forty percent and twenty per cent. One forty per cent to go to the stockholders, the twenty per cent to be put into a sinking fund. What about the other forty per cent ?

"You fellows are to get that," Claude Foster told the hundred and twenty five employees.

And so he announced a profit - sharing plan, with the workers

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getting forty per cent of the company earnings. And more than that --
two of the workers are to become directors in the company.

"I'm just making money for the other fellow," explained the
sixty-eight year old inventor.

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WPA....In today's W.P.A. demonstration strike, there's the usual conflict of statements. The Workers alliance claims that in New York sixty-six thousand relief workers obeyed the order for a one-day strike, while WPA officials said that only about four thousand stayed away from their jobs. The big show was at Columbus Circle, where the workers alliance expected a huge mass meeting to protest against the new congressional bill that cuts down WPA relief. It wasn't such a vast throng, however. The Workers Alliance people themselves put the attendance figure at no more than five thousand. The police ~~xxxx~~ sized up the crowd at about three thousand.

There was plenty of enthusiasm but one thing failed to happen --- the hanging in effigy of Representatives Woodrum of Virginia and Taber of New York. They're responsible for the offending bill. The police wouldn't permit a scaffold to be built, and without a scaffold you can't have an orthodox hanging -- not even in effigy. So the proceedings were verbal and musical, speech-making and singing -- but no hanging.

LABOR BOARD....There's to be a congressional investigation of the National Labor Relations board. That was voted today by the House of Representatives. The subject has been bitterly disputed all along. And today the New Deal forces made every effort to head off the bill to investigate, the house labor committee leading the fight. ^{TR} The labor board chairman, Congressman Mary Norton, declared that the investigation would be a usurpation of power.

The bill was sponsored by congressman Howard Smith, a conservative Democrat of Virginia. He said that tremendous pressure from all over the country convinced him that there is something wrong which needs looking into. So congress will look into it.

Conservative Democrats join ^{ed} forces with Republicans. And the coalition put the bill across, a congressional investigation of the N L R B.

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SPENDING....The President's three billion and four hundred and sixty million dollar lending program is running into so much opposition in congress, that the administration leaders have given it an overhauling. For one thing, quite a bit of phraseology has been changed. The revised draft submitted by administration leader Senator Barkley, has a different name for the bill. It was called the "self-liquidating projects act." But that has been changed to the "works financing act."

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Senator Barkley explained that the new name sounds better. What do you think ? Which is the more melodious --- "self-liquidating projects act" or "works financing act ?" Neither one sounds like poetry to me.

And there are other changes in the terminology. The term "self liquidating" has been eliminated as a descriptive phrase, meaning --- projects that will pay for themselves. The new term for "self-liquidating" is "recoverable assets."

The boys are trying to make it sound good. The opposition still doesn't think it sounds so good. Republicans say that in spite of the verbal improvements, they're still against it. They demand still further changes --- verbal and otherwise. They might try trans-

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lating the bill into Greek, it might sound better --- might sound like
plato.

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There's a report in Washington that the Papal Delegate to the United States is taking to Rome a personal message from President Roosevelt to Pope Pius the twelfth. It's merely a rumor, which says that the supposed message from President to Pontiff concerns world peace --- President Roosevelt telling Pope Pius that powerful forces are working to settle international difficulties without war. *And of course the* ~~The~~ Pontiff himself is one of the powerful influences working for peace.

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BUTLER....Dark prophecy is always a popular sport. When we find somebody doing something not in accord~~##~~ with our ideas, we prophesy darkly. Now here's President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University. He speaks forth in the neutrality controversy. He's against the arms embargo, against the isolationists, in favor of the administration policy of supporting the Democracies against the dictatorships.

Plenty of people prognosticate that if there's a European war, we'll get into it, but Nicholas Murray Butler's prognostication is darker than that. Today he said that if the administration foreign policy is turned down by Congress and if the isolationists have their way, and if there's a European war -- we'll be going into it on the side of the aggressors, the dictators. If we don't sell guns to the democracies, we'll ^{be in} ~~get into~~ the scrap on the side of Hitler, Mussolini and the Mikado. ~~See the reasoning? I don't.~~ So says

Nicholas Murray Butler.

PEACE...Tonight there's a report of a new British peace plan, --- to be submitted to Hitler. It's called a positive plan. We are told that the present system of piling up armaments for defense is negative. The positive plan would be a proposal to cut down armaments. Hitler to reduce his vast accumulation of weapons of war. And what would he get in return ? A British loan, London to obtain an immense loan for Germany, which would enable the Nazi government to straighten out its economic position.

I suppose the reasoning behind this is that German economics are so straitened that Hitler will have to go to war. With a fat loan to ease things, he might not have to. Moreover, there's the familiar mention of colonies. If Germany will accept the disarmament-and-loan-agreement, Great Britain will consider handing over some colonies to the Nazi reich. Such is the positive peace plan which is reported.

From Germany we hear of a Hitler plan. This with reference to Danzig. The word in Berlin is that the Brown Shirt Fuehrer has called a conference of Danzig Nazi^s to meet him next week and at this conference he'll present the Hitler plan.

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Its described as a new scheme to solve the Danzig question peacefully.

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THETIS....The British are holding an inquiry into their submarine horror-- the Thetis. Today's witness before the admiralty hearing was one of the most famous of scientists, Prof. J. B. S. Haldane of the University of London. Prof. Haldane is a physicist of world-wide renown. He told of an experiment he conducted to get an inkling of what occurred among the men who perished in the Thetis. It was a human experiment, a trial of a human being.

A man sealed in an air-tight steel cylinder, staying in it for fourteen and a half hours, breathing the air until it became exhausted --- duplicating the condition of the ninety nine men in the sunken submarine, duplicating that condition until almost the last hour. Who was the man who underwent that ordeal in the steel cylinder ? Who was the human subject of the ~~experiment~~ ^{experiment ?} It was Professor Haldane himself. The scientist of world renown tried to find out personally what the men in the Thetis must have felt. And here's the way he described it today. —

He said that as he lay in the steel chamber for those fourteen and a half hours, exhausting the air, he got something of a headache, but there was no sense of suffocation. He slept most of the time,

and found himself breathing somewhat heavily. The only real suffering was a bit of headache.

He tells of his mental state in these words:

"There is a certain lack of control of language. One writes things down stupidly. One cannot think a problem out. There is a very marked effect on one's mental faculties."

~~So there we have~~ a dramatic experiment revealing something about the doom of men in a sunken submarine --- an experiment ^{that} a world-famous scientist made upon himself.

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PALESTINE....The latest report would seem to indicate that the American Missionary kidnaped in Palestine has been released. His wife at Cleveland received a cable today announcing that he was -- safe. By safe it is assumed that the Arab bandits have turned him loose.

He's the Reverend Gerould Goldner, son of Dr. Jacob Goldner of Akron, Ohio --- the father likewise a missionary. Both father and son were seized in the valley of Wadi Nar. Wadi Nar in Arabic means --- The Valley of Fire. It's an apt name --- the hottest spot in Palestine. The bandits held the younger Goldner -- and released his father. Today the father told the story in these words: "We were returning to Jerusalem from the Greek convent in the Moab Hills," he said, "when an armed Bedouin approached us. Later ten others accosted us. They escorted us to an underground cave and one Bedouin, who spoke English brokenly, asked us our religion. We told him we were missionaries. They told me I could leave but my son must remain until a five thousand dollar ransom was produced."

Palestine

The Bedouin kidnapping was followed by intensive efforts to procure the release of the ^{young} Rev. Goldner. Arab leaders in Jerusalem united in an effort to persuade the Bedouin band to free him. They sent sacks of rice and three sheep to the tribesmen of the valley of fire --- for a peace-making feast, according to Bedouin custom.

All this followed by the latest --- the cable that young Goldner is safe. Presumably --- released.

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LAMP POSTS...In a town over in Italy they've solved a strange mystery---
the mystery of who cut down the lamp posts. It turns out to be a story
of love and dark revenge.

In that small Italian town there's a section of isolated street
lighted by gas lamps on top of posts, and on three nights in succession
one of the lamp posts was cut down. Last night the fourth lamp post
was felled to the ground, but this time they caught the criminal and
solved the mystery. A young fellow was in love with a girl, and she
spurned him. So he planned a dark revenge. He'd make her walk home
in the dark! ^{And} he knew she was ^{afraid} afraid of shadows. So he started in
cutting down the lamp posts along the street that led to her house.
A dark revenge indeed.

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■ MASS MARRIAGE...An old custom was attacked today, and one of the most romantic -- honeymoons. Is a honeymoon a good thing for newlyweds? No, answers Father Roy of Montreal. And the Canadian priest isn't just talking to the four winds. Today he gave his anti-honeymoon advice to more than a hundred brides and grooms, who are to be wed at the same time on Sunday --- a Montreal mass marriage. It's to be one of the greatest weddings ever staged, with couple after couple being spliced--- marriage by the wholesale.

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Father Roy admits that he is advocating what he calls "an unusual and perhaps revolutionary break of established custom." And the no-honeymoon idea does seem like something of a sentimental revolution. He explains the proposed revolution by saying--- that newly-weds can learn more about each other at home than any place else. More than in railroad trains or at Niagara Falls. Most of the prospective brides and grooms have decided to accept the advice. So the mass marriage will not be followed by a mass honeymoon.

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