were engulfed, and heaps of sand

were piled 200 to 400 feet high.

Ponds were left where the explosive

craterlets had formed. About three

feet of ash fell on the settlements.

The story goes that an earthquake

shook the island with a gentle sway-

ing motion at 7 p. m. on August 31,

1886, and smaller shocks continued

till midnight, causing alarm. Then

came a detonation, a "rocket" as-

cended 3,000 feet above the lake,

and quaking ceased. Violent thun-

derstorms developed, and lightning

A blizzard of black dust and sand

weighted down the vegetation dur-

ing a night of inky darkness. On

the leeward side of the island, brok-

en fragments of rock and pumice,

along with sand and fine dust, piled

20 feet deep. The eruption contin-

ued in spasms, geyserlike, for 18

days, with recurrences of terrifying

clouds of dust that shut off the light

Only two months before, Tara-

wera volcano had erupted disas-

trously in New Zealand, indicating

volcanic sympathy between two cra-

ters hundreds of miles apart on the

Legend of Ahau's Destruction.

Destruction of property by hurri-

canes and eruptions on the north-

ern and western sides of the island

have been lamentable during the

last century. The story of the vil-

lage of Ahau in the southwest is

reminiscent of that of Sodom and

Ahau, legend says, was founded

by men and women who, refusing

to conform to the laws governing

legal marriage, rebelled against the

They founded their village pur-

posely on the side of the island most

remote from Angaha, and their

headman denounced with impas-

sioned oratory the taxes imposed

upon them by the high chief. He

called upon the gods to send a sign

from heaven to destroy all his peo-

ple rather than permit them to sub-

Whatever the truth of these sto-

ries, certain it is that on June 24.

1852, the ground rifted and lava

spouted up directly under the vil-

lage headman's house. Such de-

struction of human life by a sudden

lava flow is unusual in volcano an-

nals, for lava is usually so slow-

moving that people have time to flee

An aged woman recalls the fren-

zied flight of those inhabitants who

escaped and the gossip about the

village. She will tell you that two-

thirds of the population, possibly 60"

When a volcanologist visited the

site of this village recently, he found

the lava flows covered with a mod-

erate growth of ironwood, some-

what resembling a pine forest with

its small cones and long needles.

Not a trace remains of the village

There is a 50-foot double spatter

cone of black lava at the place

where the headman's house is said

to have stood. From this hill all

lava gives place abruptly to a lux-

uriant growth of coconuts and fer-

tile plantation lands on the slope of

Outbreaks Can Be Predicted.

A study of the eruptions and the

dates when they have occurred pro-

vides some basis for predicting,

roughly, when future outbreaks

It may be said that Niuafoo is

continuously erupting, and that

these lava flows and explosive en-

gulfments are merely punctuation

After an explosive eruption in

1814, the intervals were 26, 13, 14,

and 19 years. From the 1886 explo-

sive eruption to the present time the

intervals were 26 and 17 years. Con-

sidering the average lava interval

of 16 years, we have reason to ex-

pect another lava eruption about

1945. Adding the average explosion

interval of 72 years to 1886, it may

be estimated that the next explosive

These expectations are not ac-

curate forecasts, but merely sug-

gestive experiments in volcanologic

reasoning. It is probable that the

explosive eruption about 1958 will

break down the very high cliffs to

the southeast of the lake, and that

opposite this the lava flow, about

1945, will extend the crack of 1929

along the northwest shore of the is-

eruption will occur about 1958.

marks in a continuing process.

or 70 people, were killed.

green or native huts.

the circular ridge.

may occur.

mit to such oppression.

strict high chief at Angaha.

eruption in October, 1885.

Gomorrah.

struck in many places.

SEEN and HEARD around the NATIONAL CAPITAL By Carter Field FAMOUS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT

by Democratic National Commit- do so. teeman Joseph Wolf of Minnesota to Roosevelt leaders to offset the defections caused by the bolting of conservative Democrats, is not so significant so far as the administration policies-assuming Roosevelt is re-elected-are concerned. Roosevelt will continue his own sweet way whether his "mandate" to do so comes by a big majority or is of the "skin of his teeth" variety He will be no more disturbed in his course than was Woodrow Wilson when the expected mandate of 1918 resulted in a popular rebuke.

What is really important is that trends in the Northwest, is distinctly disturbed over the Lemke-Father Coughlin-Townsend third party so told leaders of the New Deal that the net result might be to throw Minnesota to Gov. Alf M. Landon.

Most unprejudiced political observers have been figuring for some weeks now that South Dakota, Lowa and Nebraska, as well as Kansas, were leaning Republican. All of which would do Landon no good unless he holds all the big raised. eastern states. But they had been virtually unanimous in conceding North Dakota and Minnesota, and of course Montana, to Roosevelt.

In short, most observers had come to the conclusion that Landon could be elected if-he could carry New York and Illinois. That goes for Indiana also, and Ohio. But opinion has been that if the tide for Roosevelt should turn in Illinois. Indiana would be for the Kansas Coolidge by the same token, while Ohio seems set to go Republican regardless of what its neighbors may do.

Experts Are Wrong

Putting Minnesota in the balance does not change the essential elements of the situation. But it does contribute to the sporting aspects of the election battle. It keeps it from being as one-sided as the fight experts thought the Joe Louis-Schmeling battle was going to be.

And the political experts have not been as wrong for 20 yearssince Wilson beat Hughes 'n 1916 the big fistic battle.

And they are not going to be wrong as that this year, for one very simple reason. Ever since that election when the big eastern newspapers were chagrined at claiming Hughes' election on the early returns, the big eastern editors have realized that the western states had electoral votes also. So they have sent their own political reporters on tours of inquiry, so they would know what to expect on election night.

As of the present moment, New York is vital to the Republicans -is not vital so far as the Democrats are concerned, but would end all doubt. The same goes for Massachusetts, New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

Recent developments have changed the situation in a number of states, notably Maryland West Virginia, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, North and South Dakota and Minnesota. The Mormon church action on relief has given Utah a Republican instead of a Democratic tinge, and has moved Idaho from the sure Roosevelt to the doubtful column.

The whole point is that, while a Roosevelt landslide is rtill possible, evidence now points to a close election, with Roosevelt still the favorite, but in decided danger.

Slightly Sour Note

One slightly sour note in the Democratic platform situation is not being talked about-openly. It concerns one of President Roosevelt's fundamental policies, and is wrapped up in the tax bill just passed by congress. The fact that 18 Democratic senators voted against the final bill, that two more were paired against it, and that a twenty-first, Sen. Marcus A. Coolidge of Massachusetts, was absent and unpaired but is nevertheless against the bill, is rather interesting in view of the fact that the platform endorses everything Roosevelt stands for.

All of which is important because of the reasons actuating these 21 Democratic senators. The final draft of the tax bill means a great deal more than just a tax measure. It works toward the Roosevelt policy. It is a natural sequence to his acceptance speech at the convertion four years ago. On that occasion he made his views about "piled up surpluses" of corporations rather clear. This tax bill, following up the one of last year, but going a great deal further, is in line with

that policy. Roosevelt wants to go still further. He will go still further along this line, if it is humanly possible, assuming he is re-elected. So the fact that 21 senators of his own party are against that policy is of more than a little interest. Very little will be heard of it from Democrats from now on. Republican orators will call attention

Washington-"Edging a little fur- | to it, in such quarters as the, ther to the left," the advice given | think it will help their cause to

Expect Close House

The most interesting angle politically lies in the future. Unless there should be some tidal wave not really expected even by James A. Farley down in his heart, the next house of representatives will be fairly close. It may be Democratic and it may be Republican, but the best guess at the moment is that the majority will not be more than 50 if it is Democratic, or 20 if it is Republican.

With a close house, such a difference of opinion within a party as was manifested in the senate vote Wolf, a very astute observer of on the tax bill will become of overwhelming importance on every vital allied issue. It would seem to mean that while the critics of the ticket. He is frankly afraid, and present tax plan would not be able to force its repeal, they would be able to prevent any further moves toward the Roosevelt objective.

On the other hand, there is not the slightest sign that Roosevelt will lose his grip on the senate. On the contrary, the vote on the ax high-war mark of his opponns. On few issues could such a number of Democraic dissenters be

Reverse Policy

Complete reversal of the normal 'sock the taxpayer' policy of the internal revenue bureau, the policy established under Robert H. Jackson of never compromising, forcing little taxpayers to pay lawyer fees and endure court trials even when all the precedents favor the taxpayers' side, is seen in the quashing of indictments against lieutenants of the late Huey P. (Kingfish) Long in Louisiana.

The strongest pro-administration paper within a hundred miles of Washington, if indeed there is any stronger anywhere in the country, the Washington News, carried a biting editorial under the heading. "It Smells Bad."

Editors of the News suspected what might underly the afrair, which had Attorney General Homer S. Cummings squirming in a apparently overlooked a fairly ima special train to run over to Dal- the human inhabitants escaped. las to meet President Roosevelt on his recent trip to the Texas Tercentennial, there to demonstrate their undying loyalty.

The News editorial concluded: U. S. Attorney Viosca gave the explanation that there was a 'changed atmosphere' in New Orleans. Better continue to i.old your nose until Attorney General Cummings gives a more deodorizing explanation.'

Mr. Cummings' defense was that he had complete confidence in the integrity of U. S. Attorney Viosca! most interesting political yarn, ri- floor. valing that about how the gangster chieftain Capone, suspected of every crime on the calendar, was finally put behind the bars on income-tax evasion charges.

Recent History

The point is that back some months before Huey Long was assassinated, there was very grave fear on the part of the New Deal leaders that he might lead a third party movement which might throw the electoral votes of Louisiana, and perhaps some other states (with the aid of Father Coughlin and the Townsend plan advocates) away from Roosevelt.

It was at this time that the internal revenue sleuths began looking into the income tax returns of Huey himself as well as some of his lieutenants.

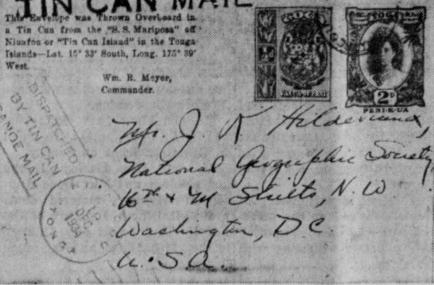
At this stage Dan Moody, former governor of Texas, was called into the picture. He had made his reputation and been elected governor of Texas on the strength of his prosecution of graft in road contracts in the Lone Star state. He was called to Washington, conferred with high officials of the Department of Justice, and convinced by them that there was a sure-fire case. Amos Woodcock of Maryland, former prohibition director, was also called in and persuaded the government could convict.

The whole idea, of course, was to eliminate Huey Long and all his lieutenants by the simple expedient of putting them behind the some of the dearest objectives of bars. The processes were set in motion, and eventually one of the lieutenants was actually convict-

> But then Long died, and his lieutenants, after some little delay, made their peace with Washington. Those not worried about the prospect of income tax prosecutions were interested in other questions. Party regularity, perhaps, and the good patronage jobs at the disposal of James A. Farley, Harold L. Ickes, and Harry L. Hopkins.

Whatever the reason, they all became good New Dealers, and the Father Coughlin and Townsend enthusiasts found no encouragement | The site of this eruption was near | land, in the direction of the village in Louisiana for their party ideas. & Bell Syndicate.-WNU Service.





Stamp Collectors Prize "Tin Can Island" Mail.

Prepared by National Geographic Society. | where large blocks of cliff rock Washington, D. C.—WNU Service. LTHOUGH the south Sea is-

land of Niuafoo is the top of Lan active volcano that erupted in 1929 and destroyed a village, it remains the happy home of some 1,100 of those superb Polynesians, the Tongans.

Dwelling for untold generations on this remote crater in the sea, they have learned to act quickly and shrewdly in volcanic emergencies, and in recent years there has been little loss of life.

How they behave was dramatically illustrated at 4 a. m. on July 25, 1929. A hundred or more villagers, the entire population of Futu, on the northwest coast, were awakened by a rumbling and saw fire breaking out in the hillside less than two miles to the southeast.

No time was lost. The alarm was spread in the village, and the babes in arms, the sick and the aged were hurriedly carried off along a good road that led to the northern village of Angaha. All realized that safety lay in reaching there or the high ground of the island's circular ridge.

From three vents on a fracture that opened northward, the molten rock descended upon Futu. By eight o'clock in the morning most of the abandoned buildings were consumed by fire and buried under floods of heavy basaltic lava. Pouring into the ocean, the hot flows killed fish, sent up clouds of steam, and heaped enormous quantities of black sand along the water front.

Fringing the shore were patches of cultivated land that remained unrecent press conference, but they injured among the lava streams. In one of these the returning villagers portant detail. This is that the for- found a few of their horses, pigs mer Long lieutenants, now enthusi- and chickens still alive. Thanks to -as the sporting experts were on astic for the New Deal, arranged the prompt exodus, every one of

How It Became "Tin Can Island

Niuafoo reminds one of a hat with a hole in the crown. At the bottom of the hole is an islet-dotted lake of "When he quashed the indictments, fresh water, with its bed some 200 feet below sea level, its surface only 70 feet above. The wide "brim" has been formed by lava flows.

So nearly perfect is the ring which Niuafoo forms about its lakeenclosing crater that at first sight it appears to be a coral atoll. The island's highest point is about 800 feet above the waves, but the volcanic cone it crowns thrusts itself All of which is the sequel to a up some 6,000 feet from the ocean

> This detached bit of the Tongan archipelago is a straggler from the line made by those islands north of from it. New Zealand. It lies near the center of the ocean triangle formed by Samoa, Tonga and Fiji.

Lacking harbors, the island is utterly isolated. Precarious was the regular carrying of mail to and from the island until recent years. The monthly mail steamer, unable to anchor, stopped about a mile off the northern landing at Angaha. Natives, fortified with log floats, swam out to it, regardless of sharks, holding above the water brown paper-wrapped packages of outgoing letters tied to the tops of sticks.

The sailors on the steamer lowered a bucket and collected these parcels. In exchange they dropped into the water the more bulky mail from the outside world, soldered in large biscuit tins. The athletic villagers towed these tins ashore and thus completed delivery of the mail.

An unfortunate encounter between a swimmer and a shark finally caused a suspension of the swimming mail service, and native canoes now collect tin cans. It is easy to understand why Niuafoo, called "Good Hope Island" on some charts has become known also as "Tin Can Island."

On the west side of Niuafoo is a desert of new lava flows, but on the east is a tropical glory of coconuts. ironwoods, mangoes and pandanus, yams, taros, papayas, sweet potatoes pineapples, bananas, melons, and manioc.

Although the island lies some 151/2 degrees south of the equator, the trade winds give it a delightful climate, much like that of Hawaii.

Explosive Eruption of 1886

Explosive volcanic eruptions around the lake have occurred about 72 years apart, and lava outbreaks in the western deserts have come at intervals of approximately 16 years.

The last steam-blast eruption. which occurred in 1886, was a major event in the history of Niuafoo. There was no loss of life, for the trade wind forced the huge cauliflower clouds of sand and dust westward, away from the settlements. the northeast corner of the big lake, of Esia, near Angaha. the neckline is extremely flattering and youthful. Equally lovely belt. Send 15 cents in coins for



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Household 🟶

Air the bread and cake boxes frequently during the summer months. Mould is likely to form on breads and cakes kept in boxes during the warm weather.

Mayonnaise may be kept for several weeks in refrigerator if a tablespoonful of boiling water is added to it before bottling.

Mix salads with a fork instead of a spoon or ladle. . . .

Do not remove husks from green corn until just before putting on to boil. Corn spoils quickly, so it should be used as soon as possible after purchasing.

A little garlic rubbed over the broiler on which steak is broiled gives steak a delicious flavor.

Chamois wet in cold water and wrung dry will polish mahogany furniture that has become cloudy.

When cake or bread is too brown or is burned, grate gently with a fine grater (nutmeg grater preferred) until the cake or bread is

Always strain hot fat used for deep frying through a piece of ed crepe or linen. Whichever cheese cloth each time it is used and set in a cool place. Treated houette that is universally flatter- in this way fat may be used @ Bell Syndicate.-WNU Service.



See the Bright Side

The world may be pretty sordid, but one does not have to contemplate that phase of it too much. It has others that are brighter.

The best angle from which to approach any problem is the try angle.

One needs to learn how to enjoy two or three hours of quiet reflection. You can't be entertained every waking moment.

A Friend Cheers

When your friend remains with you to cheer you at a time you are unhappy that's the acid test. All you need in order to revel in Nature is a tent, a cot, a pan of bacon and eggs, and immeasurable love of the woods.

Calling a man "man" and calling him "guy" marks the difference between the intelligentsia and other people.



Costly Compliment There is nothing so expensive as an undeserved compliment.





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