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NEW YORK SECEDES ON LIQUOR. Apparently the "wets" in New York have over
reached themselves. Governor Smith now has be
fore him a bill passed by the legilature which would repeal the state prohibition enforcement act
No wonder he is hesitating over whether to give it This measure would leave prohibition enforcefederal officers, a totally inadequate force. State,
county and municipal co-operation in the drive on county and
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 Viewed from a constitutional standpoint, thereis an aspect of secession in a state thus ignoring the United States. No wonder President Harding
is moved to write to a citizen of New York, "Repeal of state prohibition laws is likely to result in
more or less conflict between state and federal
authoritise." Senato Sterling authorities." Senator Sterling of South Dakota,
who has had charge of much of the prohibition leg.
islation in congress, declares that New York will not be permitted to to nullify the national law. "Without regard to the cost, the law will be enforced," he
declares. If the federal government can bottle up the situation, the purposes of the repealing aet thus
will fail. Representative Graham of Ilinois, candidate for the repepublicican Graadereship in in the next
house, has issued a formal statement that the action
of the of the New York legislature would do more "to bring
into contempt the Constitution of the United States
than in any The proposal has its political complications also, for Governor Smith is much to the fore as a a candi-
date for the democratic nomination for president Devoted "wet" though he is, he hesitates to deal
such a direct affront to large groups of "dry" democrats in the middlewest. The possibility looms of a
bitter struggle over prohibition in the democratic Prohibition has never checked the flowing bowl in New York. There is strong sentiment in that
state against the Volstead act. Though conserva-
tive New York may hesitate to tive New York may hesitate to fly in the face of the
United States constitution and may question whether the state legislature has gone about the problem in
the proper manner, yet there is no doubt that Governor Smith will lose voting strength at home if he
used his veto power. And if he signs such o used his veto power. And if he signs such a bold
measure, he stands to lose much national support
in his ambition for the White House. Yes, some one in his
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HOT SPRINGS UP AND COMING.

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$$ Hot Springs, and when that is accompanied by

disastrous conflagration, the double dose of unre strained elements gives the people something to
think about. While the property loss will reach more than two millions of dollars, it is fortunate
and almost beyond understanding that no lives were dventures of the citizens, and of the quick-witted courage that prevented loss of life. Thrilling res-
cues were common, as the torrents poured down
the main street of the town, along which all its life surges during the day. Men, women and chil-
dren were caught in the angry watera that tore
down the ravine, and dozens were dragged to safety by others who were on firm footing. A night of
terror and darkness was succeeded by a day of anxious search, but only damage to property was
discovered, and all is well or will be when the wreck Hot Springs is the typical American community
this regard. Just as Pueblo, Dayton, Omaha and ther larger towns have sustained the thock of flood or tornado, so Hot Springs comes up smiling and
cheerful, facing the future courageously, for it heerful, facing the future courageously, for its
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The New York sugar speculators are. all indig.
ant. Here they had sugar prices up to $\$ 10.05$ a hun.
ted pounds last month. The Cuban crop was being hneld from market and preparations, financie.
nd otherwise, were made to shove the price to a rec-
out height. Buth omething happened. The quotaand down, it stands now around 89.75 .
That's what makes the dealers on the Coffee and Sugar exchange weep. Between the suits brought by
the goverment and the boyoctt declared by the
housewives, the outlook for higher prices is extremely oubtrul. And so we read that protests are being
nade against what the speculators call "attocks on words of the story teller, "The people don't say
anything-they just laff.,
If the sugar speculators find themselves now in the hole, it is the same hole that they dug for con-
sumers. When any set of mien start out by announcing that prices are to be raised week by week on
nothing more than a discredited story of an impend
ing shortage, they should be prosecuted. Presiden Harding has taken the right stand in ordering judi-
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