

### Spirit of Go-Ahead Reality Is Impression Smith Gives

Casual Half Hour Luncheon Chat Leaves Interviewer With Vivid Picture of a Personality Alive, Dynamic and Unafraid As a Leader.



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(By Arthur Hall, in the New York Herald Tribune.)

There is something intensely real about "Al" Smith. By "real" I mean not merely that which has solidity and weight, or even that which is genuine and without pretense, but something alive, dynamic, go-ahead-activity in a spiritual sense.

The impression kept recurring as we sat there in one of the governor's rooms at the Biltmore, the center of a humbled dining-room table between us, the governor in his shirt sleeves, the familiar dry tangle in his teeth, thumping the table with the flat of his hand as he talked, and as he said good-bye a moment later in the hallway, "Hoping to be a real leader" with that curious cringing and lifting motion of his, as if he were literally leaving the world.

Everybody has reality of one sort or another in an extensive sense. The late President Harding, let us say, presented a facade which was suave and winning, and on occasion, at such a moment as the opening of the Naval Education conference, for instance, could satisfy the eye and impress ethical foreigners with its dignity and even nobility. But once touched or pierced, it too often turned out to be but a facade and little more.

There's something behind

"Al" Smith's facade, the grim, coded, steady and half-covered cigar, "up from the Boswary," "sidewalks of New York," and all the rest of a picture with which the public must by this time be sufficiently familiar—has little to do with the sort of "reality" one has in mind here. Plenty of boys have been born under the shadow of Brooklyn Bridge, have made money, achieved honors, top hats and open clubs, and in the special sense thought of here, come out just as "broad," just as definitely "stuffed shirts," as if they had been born in Gramercy Park, the "water side of Hudson," or where you will. There are as many of them in Tammany Hall, doubtless, as in any other club.

His outside is lively and picturesque, certainly, in a rather familiar Manhattan-Gokeney way, but underneath this outside, and feel, the instant you talk with him intimately and, perhaps, in something close-sounding but and deeper, quietly sensitive something that holds and struggles in there, that answers and leaps. Touch or pierce that roughneck facade, eyes go flaring, and that other something starts. Hence, comes leaving back.

After half a century of rough-and-tumble fighting in the bottom, of continuous saturation in Tammany politics, the man remains strikingly young, and lively. By lively, one doesn't mean that more or less perpetual adolescence which stares from club-windows or is strewn over the fairways of innumerable country-clubs, but a quick, responsive, instinctive, stress and a kind of inner vitality and bounce.

He seems never to have crossed that line which so many cross so soon, beyond which they "settle down" in a literal and even physical sense, become stationary and approach the monumental. Any accents readily the story that allow a home and certainly trying and silent conference, having gone through all the rigors, heard and made all the arguments, asked his point and finished the day's business, the governor, smilingly answered a final, unnecessary question, by breaking into a song with "Yes, We Have No Bananas."

Has Touch of Aggressiveness

There is about him a touch of that aggressiveness that goes with vitality, and often seems co-existent with it, the one the measure of the other, both being gifts of the gods, coming out of the air, as it were, quite apart from the individual's everyday planning and struggle.

Something of all this, the mere dynamism of putting his words "down" for instance, something goes back to the days when the youthful Smith was one of the

### In Strangling Case



"I loved her but I wanted revenge on her mother," was the only explanation given by Erna Janoschek, 17, Oakland, Cal., high school girl, in a confession given out by police of the slaying of year-old Diana Liliencrantz, left in her care. According to police, Erna, above, strangled the baby while alone in the house with the infant and an older child left in her charge. The baby was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Eric Guy Liliencrantz, of Oakland. Erna's mother, Mrs. Marie Janoschek, below, has been stunned by the tragedy. She declares that the killing of the child must have been accidental.

### Administrative Favors Would Be Extended to Them, It Is Said

Administrative favors would be extended to them, it is said, in the way Tammany reverses political decisions—Oregonian.

Personal budgets and accounting offer a practical application of the principles of thrift and good citizenship.

The amount of money given to children to spend should be decided definitely, advises Children's Magazine for Parents, after careful study of the special needs of each child. The first amount should be small and the obligation connected with it the closely defined. Not only pleasure and profit, but saving and some responsibility ought to be included in the plan. The whole matter should be discussed with the child.

As the child grows older the amount should be increased to meet his increased responsibility. Gradually he will assume sufficient judgment to choose his clothing, and meet all of his personal expenses.

Two tablespoons a day of orange or tomato juice, according to the hour, or cod liver oil, is also beneficial, may mean the difference between a baby who goes the whole winter with colds and one who does not, between a baby with rickets and one with straight sturdy limbs; between a baby with high resistance to disease and one that falls a victim to every passing germ; between a baby handicapped with constipation and all its ills and discomforts, and one with a well-regulated habit of disposing of the body wastes.

Permanent officials and blame injure self-esteem and may arouse in the child a sense of futility or inferiority.

To punish a child who drops a dish will probably cause the child to be more careful in handling the next one. It may, however, make the child unwilling to try to fix things again, and so compensate that he is a failure in the respect.

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### Permanent Headquarters

Permanent headquarters and leaders exist in each of the 28 assembly districts, and subdivisions handle the details like a great army. They are in business all the year around, and every day in the year, aiming to maintain their hold in all the political offices and all the expenditures of public money, they possibly can. The fact that they have been able to place many judges on the bench, as well as control most of the executive offices, has at times been the subject of secret scandal.

Members and followers have been charged time and again with catering to vice, even discussing it and trafficking in it, with dishonesty and with the ruinous of public funds; with placing and keeping incumbents in office, and the entire list of political mistakes, weaknesses and crimes, yet after every exposure and temporary reform the same old Tammany comes back to power and dominates the politics of the world's largest city.

This is the Tammany of which Smith is proud to be a member and which he extolls for its patriotism. It has elected Smith to several offices and elected as governor or Smith's Tammany friends conducted the skillful campaign for his nomination for president, carrying the democratic leaders in many states into their net. Smith has lived his entire political life in it and owes everything to it and believes in its system if he should be elected president the system which dominates New York City would be extended to the national government. Many high offices would be filled by Tammany men.

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