

EX-SENATOR SMITH  
PEONAGE SYSTEM  
Declares Negro Convicts  
Work on Farms to  
Pay Off Fines.

The wholesale trade upon the subject of peonage in Georgia is unwarranted and unjustifiable, said Ex-Senator Smith, former Senator from Georgia, in an explanation of the peonage system at a meeting of the Georgia State Society last night at 1814 N street northwest.

The so-called peonage cases, so far as I can learn, were limited to negroes who had been convicted in the courts and sentenced to pay a fine or serve terms in the county chain gang, said Mr. Smith.

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DRY CHIEFS SPLIT  
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Former Anti-Saloon League  
Head Opposes Rushing New  
Restrictions Through.

Prohibition forces which have fought side by side for years, split open yesterday before the House Rules Committee over the question of tightening up enforcement of the Volstead amendment. To a demand by Wayne B. Wheeler, counsel for the Anti-Saloon League, for a special rule to rush through the Volstead supplementary prohibition bill as an emergency measure, E. C. Doolittle, chairman of the committee of the legislative committee of the Anti-Saloon League, countered with a statement that he saw no necessity for such haste, except insofar as the bill related to prohibiting doctors from prescribing beer as medicine.

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A campaign for the retention of  
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between E and F streets northwest  
was started yesterday by mer-  
chants and others in that vicinity  
to block the order to abolish the  
July 1 when a branch will be  
opened in the Postoffice Depart-  
ment Building. Those wanting the  
station in its present location say  
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Veteran Rescues  
Tot Before Sister  
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Watchman John R. Estridge, of  
the United States Soldiers' Home, on  
duty at the lake, daringly rescued  
Rita Spies, 4-year-old daughter of  
L. A. Spies, 110 Varnum street,  
from drowning yesterday.

Rita and her two sisters, Margaret and Helen, were playing near the lake, when Rita tumbled in. Margaret, who is only 7, was on the verge of jumping in to rescue her sister when aided by Watchman Estridge, who stopped the little girl and himself jumped in and pulled out the child.

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Quezon, Senate President,  
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(Special Cable to The Washington Herald and Chicago Tribune.)  
MANILA, June 18.—Manuel Quezon, president of the Philippine senate, is preaching these days that he would rather have a government "run like hell than run by foreigners" (meaning Americans) and that the "Filipinos want complete liberty for good or for evil."

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