

VARE'S VICTORY FORCES DRY LAW FIGHT INTO OPEN

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Candidates No Longer
Can Pussfoot.

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WASHINGTON, May 20.—No more pussfooting on the prohibition issue.

A real jolt for President Coolidge should he decide to seek a third term.

A far-reaching investigation by the United States Senate into campaign expenditures, particularly in primary contests, and:

A suggested Nation-wide referendum on modification of the Volstead law.

These are some of the outstanding developments and results of the Pennsylvania primary election Tuesday when George Wharton Pepper was unseated as senior Senator and William S. Vare was nominated as his successor by a startlingly large plurality.

Vare's victory over his two prohibition opponents, Senator Pepper and Governor Clifford Pinchot, gave Washington its biggest jolt in years, and from the White House to the Capitol offices Senators are seeking an explanation.

Urges Referendum
Vare, himself, likewise, Senator David Reed of Pennsylvania, one of the Pepper strategy board, attributed the result to the dissatisfaction over the prohibition law. Reed said the States should authorize a referendum such as has been authorized by Governor Al Smith in New York. He will use his influence for such a test in his own State.

The emphatic manner in which Pennsylvania refused to rally to the appeal of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, Secretary of Labor Davis and other administration leaders to show their "confidence" in President Coolidge can be interpreted only as anti-Coolidge.

On the heels of the defeat of Senator McKinley in Illinois, who ran as a supporter of the President, and the election in Indiana of Senators Watson and Robinson, who have not wholly accepted Coolidge leadership, Vare's nomination gives the White House serious cause for reflection.

How for Coolidge

Although he ran as a supporter of the President, Administration leaders used the President's name freely in their speeches against Vare, Coolidge unquestionably authorized

them to do so. Vare naturally will nurse a grudge. He probably will control the Pennsylvania delegation of 76 votes to the next Republican convention, and in the meantime he and his running mate, Governor-designate E. E. Beldelman, will control the vast patronage from the Statehouse, all of which likely will be used against Coolidge.

A sensational investigation of tremendous expenditures in Pennsylvania in behalf of Pepper and an inquiry into forthcoming expenditures elsewhere throughout the Nation is a direct result, precipitated by dispatches from Pennsylvania by this correspondent. These dispatches were read into the Congressional Record by Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi, and Senator Reed of Missouri used them as levers to force the Senate to agree to his resolution directing an inquiry.

Beer and wine as a dominant issue in the next national conventions can no longer be dodged, observers today all are agreed, nor can candidates now pussfoot on the subject. The Pennsylvania race is considered as a forerunner of a real showdown fight on whether the Volstead act shall remain as is or whether it shall be modified.

Fight in Open

The fight is now in the open. The wets encouraged by Vare's addition to the Senate, where he will join Senators Bruce of Maryland, Edwards of New Jersey and Reed of Missouri, are planning to invade other States. Former Senator David Walsh of Massachusetts, may pick up the beer issue in his campaign against Senator Butler, the Coolidge spokesman, and a "wet" candidate probably former Senator Pomerene, may run in Ohio. In New York, Republicans are encouraged to shoot the works, as it were, on Senator Wadsworth as a wet. Always a modificationist, Wadsworth has been doing some fancy side stepping because of the fear of the anti-Saloon League.

The result showed that the Mellon influence in Pennsylvania is not nearly so far-reaching as indicated. It will be months before the Pennsylvania expenditures are properly appraised, but the early impressions are that President Coolidge, Secretary Mellon and the Anti-Saloon League emerge from the fracas more or less crippled.

TEAR GAS SAVES TAXES

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The auto, laden with booze, was found in the rear of 1309 Lewis St. A white man and Negro ran when they saw police. The certificate of title in the car was made out to Charles L. Collins, 129 N. Sherman Dr., who said he loaned the auto to Edward Leland, 228 W. Twelfth St., last Sunday. The auto had not been returned. Police say Leland and his wife were arrested early Tuesday north of the city by deputy sheriffs, who stated they found a large alcohol cargo in the auto.

The same officers said they saw Louis Ruhl, 615 N. Illinois St., toss a bottle of mule under an auto at

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STABBED IN ABDOMEN

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Paul Patton, 42, of 842 Fletcher Ave., helper at the Big Four Shelby St. roundhouse, is in city hospital today suffering from a serious stab wound in the abdomen.

Mark Ruffner, 18, of 246 S. Walcott St., is at city prison charged with assault and battery with intent to kill.

The stabbing, police were told by both men, was the result of a bit of play.

Patton said Ruffner called him into a supply room. Patton said he was swinging his pocket knife in fun and walked up to Ruffner, without seeing the knife he held at his hip. Ruffner was found at his home.

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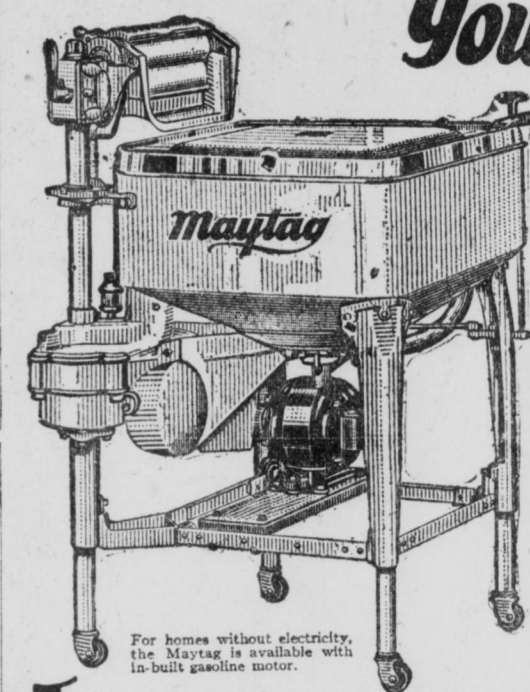
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