

# NORRIS AND LA FOLLETTE TO STIR G. O. P. CONVENTION

## PLATFORM TO RAP PARTY FOR OIL SCANDALS

New Water Power Laws to Be Advocated and Third Term Hit.

## MAY SWING NOMINATION

Republican Leaders Think Nebraska's Bloc Will Be Important.

BY PAUL R. MALLON  
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WASHINGTON, April 5.—The La Follette independent platform, with new embellishments on oil scandals, water power and third terms will be put before the Republican national convention at Kansas City.

The platform will be backed by the strength of probably thirty-four or more delegates instructed for Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska as a Republican presidential candidate.

This development has been made certain by results of the Wisconsin primary Tuesday, according to spokesmen for the La Follette group here. Reports from Wisconsin intimate Norris will have perhaps 15 out of the 26 delegates of that State.

Next Tuesday Norris is to go before the Republican voters of his own State and is expected to receive the complete delegation of 19.

Republican leaders regard the prospective Norris bloc of at least 34 delegates as of major importance in another connection, because at any time moment it might be thrown to another farm candidate and against an anti-McNary-Haugen bloc candidate to bring about a nomination.

The Norris-La Follette group is opposed to the nomination of Secretary of Commerce Hoover because its leaders believe he is opposed to farm relief measures.

The La Follette platform, to be presented as a minority report from the convention resolutions committee, is expected to criticize silence in the administration in connection with the Teapot Dome developments; advocate Government development of water power resources; deny third presidential terms; and advocate restrictions on election expenditures.

## Progressives Weaker

BY WILLARD R. SMITH  
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MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 5.—Progressive control of Wisconsin in 1928 is weakened definitely, tabulation of Tuesday's primary election showed here today.

Progressives seemed assured of two out of four delegates-at-large to the Republican national convention, but election of a third Progressive delegate seemed doubtful.

Tabulations early today in the Republican preferential vote gave Senator George W. Norris, the only candidate entered on the ballot, an ever increasing lead over Hoover, Lowden and Dawes. The Nebraska Senator maintained a 9 to 1 majority.

In the Democratic preferential vote, Senator James A. Reed of Missouri, long candidate, gained steadily over Governor Al Smith and Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana, whose names had been written in.

Two thousand of the 2,746 precincts in the State gave Reed 36,630 votes and Smith 9,541.

In the contest for delegates-at-large, Senators Robert M. La Follette and John E. Blaine, Progressives, were leading by margins which assured their election.

The La Follette-Blaine faction, pledged to Senator Norris, gained thirteen out of the twenty-two district delegates, a majority far less than that of four years ago, when regular Republicans elected only one of the twenty-six delegates to the national convention.

Although the Democratic preferential vote gave Senator Reed a large majority, the one-sided victory of the Democratic slate of delegates, pledged to Governor Smith, assured the latter of the State's twenty-six votes at the national convention.

## URGES STAND ON KLAN

Myers Deplores Any Policy of Silence by Democratic Candidates.

By Times Special

CANNELTON, Ind., April 5.—Democrats would have won in the 1928 senatorial race if they had used "the club Tom Adams placed in the party's hand," declared Walter Myers, candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator, in an address here Wednesday night.

Myers deplored a "policy of silence" on the part of Democratic candidates, saying "the domination of the Klan is an issue."



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## Friend of the First Lady



One of Mrs. Calvin Coolidge's closest friends is Mrs. R. B. Hills of Northampton, Mass., shown here with the first lady in one of the photographs of her to be published. Mrs. Hills is now in Northampton with Mrs. Coolidge, who is at the bedside of her sick mother.

## ASK CARE IN VOTING

Coffin and Adams Plead for Discrimination.

Pleas for careful consideration of candidates were before Indiana voters today, coming at one time from the bitterest of political enemies. George V. Coffin, Republican County and city chairman, and Thomas H. Adams, Vincennes publisher, and candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor.

Coffin, in a statement, called for greater interest in the filing of candidacies for nominations for the Legislature, pointing out that Saturday is the last day for filing.

"Many subjects of great importance will come before the next Legislature," Coffin said, "among them, the city manager law. If Indianapolis is to have city management, the law should be just as strong and as comprehensive as possible. Adams said that if nominated and elected he would "pitilessly expose" any efforts of "systems" at "black-mail legislation."

## ENDS LENTEN SERVICES

"Sin can be overcome," declared Bishop Joseph M. Francis in his final noonday Lenten sermon Thursday at Christ Church. "This is the supreme message of the Gospel. The call that comes to us today is the same that came to men at the first. God is holy. He calls us to become like Him. It is a great challenge."

## Beer Figures

By Times Special

VALPARAISO, Ind., April 5.—This city's residents consume 75,000 bottles of home brew monthly, on the basis of malt extract sales reported by twenty-four local business men who purvey the extract. The arithmetic of the situation is like this: 1,500 cans of extract sold each month. Each can makes five gallons of brew. Each gallon will fill ten bottles—1,500x5x10 equals 75,000.

## TEASED AND ARRESTED

Man, 63, Is Accused of Striking 5-Year-Old Girl.

Being teased by a group of small children provoked Henry Mullen, 63, of 722 Ketchum St., and he struck one of them, Virginia Thomas, 5, of 727 Arnold Ave. In the face with a board, according to police reports Wednesday night. Mullen was arrested on an assault and battery charge.

## BAR NIGHT SPECTATORS

Because of the danger of fire at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway after dark, spectators at the \$25,000 twenty-four-hour match race between a Stutz Blackhawk and a Hispano-Suiza, April 16, will not be permitted to watch the race at night. T. E. Myers, Speedway manager, announced today. The race will start at 1 p. m. April 16.

## LOST, IN PARIS, 1 OIL WITNESS; LARGE REWARD

U. S. Seeks James O'Neil by Want Ads in French Newspapers.

By Ralph Heinzen  
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PARIS, April 5.—Uncle Sam has begun to advertise in the want ads columns of European newspapers for James E. O'Neil, fugitive, who is wanted as a witness in the Teapot Dome oil case.

His picture and description are printed with the advertisement, together with a promise of smart pay for useful information. The promise is signed by Alcee Pomerene, who represents the United States Government.

There is no need to advertise for Henry Blackmer. He is one of the outstanding figures of the permanent American colony of Paris, living in luxury not far from the home of the president of France. Except for a short time after their arrival in Paris, O'Neil and Blackmer have not been seen together.

O'Neil Disappears  
O'Neil, with a passport still in order, is able to travel where he wishes, and recently accompanied his family to Italy. Learning that former Senator Pomerene was coming to Paris to attempt to induce the two dodging witnesses to come home and tell what they know, O'Neil disappeared from sight and has not been seen since. That was nearly a year ago.

Blackmer's passport was revoked. The only place he can go outside of France is home, and that is just where he does not want to go.

The French government will do nothing about sending Blackmer back to America and so far, the United States government has not asked it. As long as he obeys the laws and keeps the police informed of his movements, he will not be bothered.

Blackmer lives in a palatial hotel just off the Champs Elysees, patronized only by the wealthy. He has a beautiful suite on the ground floor with a private garden and bubbling fountains. He moves about town discreetly, frequently visiting the most fashionable restaurants and bars. He is a lover of the opera.

## Keeps In Touch with U. S.

His mode of living is discreet, for it is evident he does not want to be bothered. At his hotel the employees long ago were trained not to tell of Blackmer. He never is at home to visitors. This luxurious comfort and efficient protection against intruders must cost at least \$100 a day.

Although voluntarily exiled for four years, Blackmer has not lost touch with events at home. His daily allotment of mail and cablegrams is heavy.

## Sumner in Race



Charles Sumner, city detective, today announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff. Sumner was a police captain during the Shank administration, serving as personal investigator for Herman F. Rikhoft, the chief. He ran for the sheriff nomination two years ago, but was defeated. He resides at the Elks Club.

## 30 CANDIDATES NOW FOR REPRESENTATIVE

John Benedict and William Helm Enter G. O. P. Race.

The list of Republican candidates for nomination for State Representative climbed to thirty today with addition of the name of John L. Benedict and William J. Helm. Eleven will be nominated.

Benedict, attorney, was a member of the House in 1919 and 1921. He was author of the bill which changed Marion County officials from a fee to a salary basis. In announcing his candidacy, Benedict said he favored the city manager form of government and will seek to strengthen the city manager statute.

The candidate is a graduate of De Pauw University and the University of Michigan law school. He is a member of Central Avenue M. E. Church.

Helm is district manager for the Puritan Paint Company.

He said if nominated and elected he would be guided by the "counsel of competent advisors."

## Steel Works Manager Dies

By Times Special  
HAMMOND, Ind., April 5.—Robert W. Freeland, 37, works manager of the Hubbard Steel Foundry at East Chicago, died today of pneumonia.

## D. A. R. LEADER DEFENDS USE OF BLACKLIST

President Declares Barring of Objectionable Speakers State Affair.

By Scripps-Howard Alliance

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Action of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Massachusetts in blacklisting as speakers certain persons whose views are considered objectionable by the organization is expected to have echoes here when the Continental Congress gathers two weeks hence.

Mrs. Alfred J. Brosseau, president general of the D. A. R., came at once to the defense of the Massachusetts society, following publication in Boston of a list of names by Mrs. Helen Tufts Baile of persons she said were barred as speakers.

Mrs. Brosseau explained that the Massachusetts incident was purely a State matter, and that the D. A. R. leaders there have a right to advise their chapters about speakers. Mrs. Baile's attack on the blacklist was construed by Mrs. Brosseau as an indirect attack on the stand of the D. A. R. in support of the naval bill.

She added that it was known to her that Mrs. Baile privately and publicly had objected to the position of the D. A. R., although its attitude has been determined by the Congress.

"I draw no conclusions," she said, "but it is an interesting fact that the recent agitation has followed closely upon the enunciation of our proper and justified stand in support of adequate national defense and the Navy bill," said Mrs. Brosseau.

Persons mentioned by Mrs. Baile as being barred as speakers in her State included Dean Roscoe Pound of the Harvard law school, President Mary E. Woolley of Mount Holyoke College, Prof. Felix Frankfurter of Harvard, Federal Judge George W. Anderson of Boston, W. E. Dubois, colored novelist; Clarence Darrow, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Norman Hapgood, Dr. David Starr Jordan, William Allen White, Frank P. Walsh, the Rev. E. Talmadge Root, executive secretary of the Massachusetts Federation of Churches.

Mrs. Baile said various persons associated with the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the National Catholic Welfare Council, the National Child Labor Committee and other groups were likewise blacklisted. California, Illinois and other States have similar black lists, she asserted.

## Survive Caesarian Operation

FRANKFORT, April 5.—For the second time within a year, a Caesarian operation has been successfully performed at the Clinton County hospital here. Through the skill of local surgeons, Mr. and Mrs. William Bybee became the parents of a son pronounced physically sound. The mother is reported resting well.

## Saves \$200



Edward Tharp, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Tharp, Danville, Ind., started early to solve his economic problems by becoming a Times carrier, according to his mother.

When he was only 7, he took papers about the Danville square for another boy and received 25 cents a week for the undertaking. Out of this sum he saved 15 cents and had the dime for spending money. In November, 1926, he took over a Times route of his own. He started with seventeen customers and now has fifty-eight.

Besides keeping his spending money adequate with his advancing years, Edward has saved \$200. He will buy a bicycle with a portion of that sum. During his career the boy has won many Times circulation prizes and only three times has he been called to deliver a paper to a customer, who was skipped.

## WALKS WAY TO TITLE

Alpha Wagoner Is Three-County Champion for Second Time.

By Times Special

ATTICA, Ind., April 5.—Alpha Wagoner, for the second consecutive year, today was champion walker of Fountain, Warren and Montgomery Counties. Wagoner won the twenty-five-mile marathon walk, an annual event here. His time was 4:37.

The women's ten-mile walk was won by Miss Ina Harper, who covered the distance in 2:38.

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## WILL WOOD TO LEAD CAMPAIGN FOR MEMORIAL

Reduction to Million for Vincennes Project to Be Fought.

By Times Special

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Representative Will R. Wood of Lafayette, dean of the Indiana House delegation, will lead a fight on the House floor to restore the \$1,750,000 voted by the Senate for a memorial to George Rogers Clark at Vincennes and disapproved by the House library committee yesterday, he said today.

Wood, Representative Greenwood, and D. Frank Culbertson, member of the Indiana memorial commission, which has been fighting for the full amount, were disappointed when the committee cut the memorial fund to \$1,000,000.

The committee also provided for a Federal commission to build the memorial in cooperation with the State of Indiana, Knox County and Vincennes. Three members are to be appointed by the President, four by the speaker, and four by the Vice President.

Chairman Luce said the committee's action was in line with President Coolidge's recommendation in his last annual message that the memorial should be built by the Federal government under its own management. The Senate bill had provided that the Indiana commission should build it.

As Luce expressed it, the committee cut off the trimmings of the original plan. The items disapproved were for a memorial pageant, \$250,000; for sculpture and mural paintings, \$425,000; for an architect's fee of \$42,500; and for a river wall bordering the memorial grounds, \$150,000.

Luce said the committee felt all these were subjects for local or outside contribution. The Federal commission is expressly empowered to accept gifts from any source.

The original \$900,000 for the body of the memorial building was left untouched and \$100,000 was allowed for the Federal contribution to its decoration.

Luce added that the bill would go to the consent calendar of the House, where one objection may prevent consideration.

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