

DRY LAW CRISIS FORCED BY SMITH'S STAND FOR CHANGE

ISSUE TO GET FIRST TEST IN FALL ELECTION

Looms as the Most Critical Question Since Days of Slavery.

NOW IS UP TO HOOVER

Republicans Are Expected to Accept Democrats' Challenge.

BY RAYMOND CLAPPER
United Press Staff Correspondent
HOUSTON, June 30.—Dry forces which brought about Federal prohibition now are facing their real crisis.

After a test of more than eight years, the Volstead act drafted by the late Wayne B. Wheeler, head of the Anti-Saloon League, is about to be placed in judgment.

That is what the candidacy of Governor Alfred E. Smith means in view of his declaration to the Democratic national convention that he feels it his duty as the leader of the party to point the way to a different solution of the liquor problem.

Issue Is Fundamental
The issue is sharply drawn and may perhaps become the most critical political question since slavery, for it goes down to the most fundamental beliefs of the average man.

The conflict is between those who believe it is every man's right to decide whether he shall drink intoxicating liquor or not and those who believe liquor is bad and the Federal Government should undertake to deny it to all.

It is between those who believe in permitting the individual to discipline himself and those who believe the Government should do it because some are too weak to be trusted on their own responsibility. The Democrats have adopted a platform pledging strict law enforcement and avoiding all reference to the modification issue. The Republicans have done the same thing. Both of these planks are platitudes because every officeholder takes a pledge to enforce the laws.

A President or any other official who refused to enforce the laws would be subject to impeachment.

Forces Hoover's Hand
The issue is whether the law should stand or be changed. Smith has declared it should be changed. Hoover, the Republican candidate, has not declared himself but the aggressive fight which Smith apparently intends to make on the modification issue probably will force Hoover to take a definite stand. Most politicians believe the Republican party will take the dry side.

Regardless of the stand Hoover takes, Smith has forced the issue, either way Hoover goes on modification or if he never defines his position, the drys will be facing their first real test since prohibition. Until now no presidential candidate has come out frankly for modification.

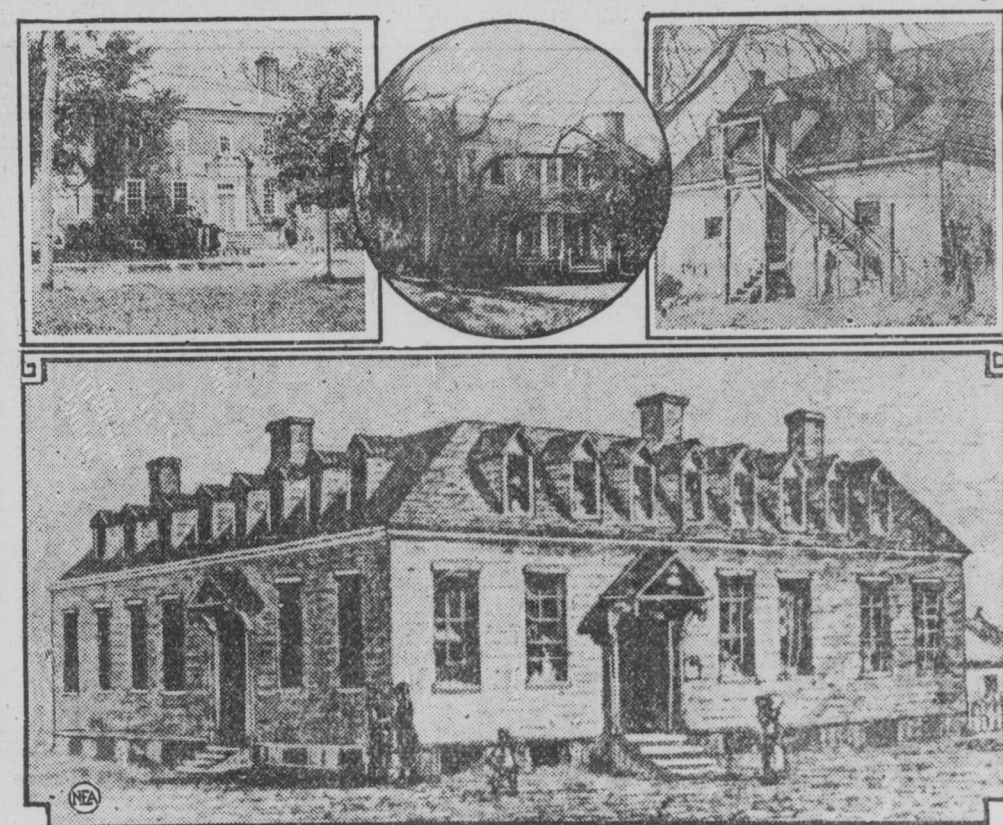
Smith has put the question up to the country and there will be no escaping it in the election. The backbone of the fight necessarily will fall to the Anti-Saloon League, the organization which wrote the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead act into the law of the land. The league goes into it deprived of the expert services of the late Wayne B. Wheeler, who bore the burden of the original battle. Many affiliated dry organizations and church societies will pool their forces.

All Depends on Smith
Technically nothing can be done toward modification unless a Congress favorable to modification is elected. Congress has been three-quarters dry for several years. A President only can recommend laws. He also can veto them, but with a two-thirds majority in Congress such bills can be passed over his head.

As Congress stands today a wet President vetoing enforcement legislation easily could be overridden. However, most real causes are bound up in personalities and Smith is such a dramatic figure now and he so definitely is identified as the champion of the modificationists, that his victory or defeat will have a tremendous psychological effect—and psychological effects have real consequences in politics.

A victory for Smith would encourage modification sentiment and his defeat would make the cause of the wets seem hopeless.

John D.'s Millions to Turn Back History



Here are some of the famous old buildings of Williamsburg, Va., which soon are to figure in the greatest historical restoration ever attempted in America. The entire town, rich in colorful memories, is to be rebuilt just as it was 150 years ago. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., will finance the project at a cost of more than \$4,000,000. Upper left is the already restored George Wythe home, where Washington and Lafayette planned the victorious Yorktown campaign. Center is Bassett Hall, built by a nephew of George Washington. The old prison, where Blackbeard and his men were executed in 1718, is pictured at the right. Below is a drawing of the old Raleigh Tavern, destroyed by fire in 1859, which will be restored. Here it is said, more colonial history was made than in the capitol itself.

HOPE FOR THIRD PARTY GIVEN UP

Norris Says Move Would Be 'Impossible.'

By United Press
WASHINGTON, June 30.—Possibility of a third party ticket in the forthcoming presidential election faded today following a pronouncement by Senator Norris of Nebraska, regarded as the logical leader for such a movement, that it would be "practically impossible."

Since he has denounced unequivocally the action of both Republican and Democratic conventions, Norris is left virtually a man without a party. He is nominally a Republican, but has always pursued an independent political course.

"Anxious to fight and no one to fight for," is the way Norris describes his present predicament. "I don't even know how I shall cast my own vote."

As leader of the middle western farm bloc in the Senate and a dry Protestant, Norris has been considered the most likely candidate of a third party appealing to disgruntled western Republicans and Southern Democrats.

"Any third party could be no more than a protest movement under our present election system," Norris explained.

MILLER WILL ATTEND EDUCATORS' PARLEY
City School Superintendent Leaves for Minneapolis.

Charles F. Miller, Indianapolis school superintendent, left Friday for Minneapolis to attend the National Educational Association convention next week.

Miller is State director for Indiana and will attend conferences of the directors Sunday.

Among other Indianapolis educators, who will leave Saturday for the convention are: Fred Gladden, new transfer clerk for the city schools; State Superintendent Roy P. Wischart; Miss Cecelia Galvin, School 3 principal; O. H. Griest, teachers retirement fund secretary; C. O. Williams, Indiana State Teachers retirement fund secretary; C. O. Williams, Indiana State Teachers' Association secretary, and others.

Clarence C. Underwood, Crawfordville superintendent, who will become Indianapolis director of elementary education Aug. 1, also will attend.

Gladden, former assistant to the State superintendent, will assume his new duties, Monday.

DELAY CAMP DEDICATION
Exercises at Child Nutrition Camp Postponed Week.

Because of inability to complete a new gravel road to the first unit of the Marion County Tuberculosis Association child nutrition camp near Bridgeport, dedication exercises at the camp scheduled for Sunday have been postponed a week.

The camp will open July 2 when twenty-five underprivileged girls from various parts of the county will begin a month's stay under supervision of a special staff of nutrition workers organized by the tuberculosis association. During July the girls will be nursed back to normal physical condition, and during August twenty-five boys will be at the camp.

Farmer Kills Self
*MONTPELIER, Ind., June 30.—Frederick H. Wohlfarth, 68, farmer near here, committed suicide by shooting, due to despondency over illness.

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United Gary Court Annuls 'Form' Marriage of Young Couple.

By Times Special

GARY, Ind., June 30.—A marriage which its youthful principals described as a "form" union has been annulled in Gary Superior Court, by Judge Charles Greenwald.

The couple, Ruth Rosenfeld, 18, and Harold Rosenfeld, 18, were students in Hyde Park High School, Chicago, when they were wed at Crown Point, Indiana. Gretta Green by a justice of the peace. The husband and wife had agreed that if at the end of two years the union was satisfactory, they would be married by a rabbi.

Assertions that the young bride was misled were offered at the hearing, in that she believed she could not be legally married by a justice of the peace.

On the husband's behalf, counsel declared service in the case had been obtained by trickery. Mrs. Rosenfeld having induced her husband to cross the State line into Indiana under pretext of taking him on an auto ride.

SOLDIERS GET REST
C. M. T. C. Cadets at Liberty for Week-End.

Having stood inspection this morning the summer month soldiers at the C. M. T. C. at Ft. Benjamin Harrison were free this afternoon and tonight.

Sunday the second church parade is to be held at 8:30 a. m. Attending services is optional with the cadets, but last Sunday more than 50 per cent took advantage of the opportunity. There are Protestant, Catholic and Jewish services.

Chaplain Samuel J. Miller has charge of the general service for Protestants at the Service Club. The Rev. A. Gussenger of St. Francis de Sales Church will say mass in the post auditorium and Adolph Bickard, executive secretary of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, will conduct the Jewish service in the recreation tent.

Sunday night a general community service is to be held in the outdoor arena at 7 p. m. The Rev. Mr. Francis H. Gavick, chancellor of the Indianapolis diocese of the Roman Catholic Church, will make the address. Song service will be under direction of Will Stegg, Indianapolis. Miss Dorothy Stegg will sing a solo and Earl H. Jones, faculty member of the Metropolitan School of Music, will preside at the piano.

OFFER DAD FIREWORKS
Police Chief Rules Adults Only May Buy 'Crackers' Now.

Dad can buy fireworks today, but his 12-year-old son must wait until Monday. This was the new ruling on the safety board's "safe and sane Fourth" ordinance, given by Police Chief Claude M. Worley today.

Neither day nor the boy may shoot fireworks until Wednesday and then for one day only.

The fireworks rules, as now laid down by the chief, are that adults may purchase them today, children over 12 years, Monday and thereafter, until the Fourth. Shooting permitted on the Fourth only and without permit, except for large displays.

Farm Term for Speeder
By Times Special
NEWCASTLE, Ind., June 30.—Thomas Muncie is under one of the heaviest sentences ever imposed in Henry County on a speeding charge. He was given a fine of \$25 and sentenced to the State penal farm for thirty days by Circuit Judge Hinshaw after witnesses testified he drove his auto sixty miles an hour.

WORK TO QUIT CABINET POST

Will Hand Resignation to Coolidge at Brule.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, June 30.—Dr. Hubert Work will leave for Wisconsin today to present his resignation as Secretary of Interior to President Coolidge.

Work will arrive at the summer White House at Brule, Wis., Monday and resign immediately. He will spend at least two days with the President, however, and probably do a little fishing with Mr. Coolidge.

Work plans to devote his entire time to managing the Hoover-Curtis presidential campaign and will return to Washington about July 9 to take up actively his new duties as chairman of the Republican national committee.

Before leaving for Brule, Work announced the appointment of James G. Good of Chicago as western campaign manager and Representative Walter A. Newton of Minnesota as director of the western speakers' bureau. Good was Hoover's pre-convention campaign manager.

NINTH SAFETY ESSAY CONTEST IS ANNOUNCED
Indiana School Children Given Chance to Win Capital Trip.

Announcement of the ninth annual school safety essay contest was made today by President Macaulay of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce.

Indiana school children will be given one first prize of a gold medal and \$15, one second of a silver medal and \$10 and eleven third prizes of bronze medals and \$5.

Winner of the national contest gets a gold watch and a trip to Washington, D. C., and the teacher winner the same trip and \$500.

These competitions were inaugurated in 1920 under presidency of the late Col. Charles Clifton. More than 2,000,000 children have written safety essays and approximately a quarter of a million teachers have prepared accident prevention lessons in competition for these awards.

Dates for the 1928 contest have not yet been announced, but will be set before school opens in the fall.

BACKS VALPARAISO U.
Central District Body of Lutheran Church Votes Support.

By Times Special
FT. WAYNE, Ind., June 30.—Support of Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, was voted by the Central district, Missouri Synod of the Lutheran church at the closing session of its annual convention here Friday.

The conference appointed the Rev. William Nordsieck, Indianapolis, to the district board of education. It was voted to support translation of the entire writings of Martin Luther and financial aid for the work approved.

CONTRACT FOR \$40,000 WORTH OF CITY WORK
Eleven Sewer, Alley and Street Projects Awarded in Last Week.

Eleven sewer, alley and street improvement contracts totaling about \$40,000 were awarded this week by the board of works.

They include:
Alley south of Findley Ave., from Shelby St. to Boyd Ave., Abel Brothers, concrete, \$3,925.
Alley south of Schiller St., from alley east of Meridian to Pennsylvania St., Abel Brothers, concrete, \$1,468.
Alley south of Washington St., from Rural to Grace Sts., Schwert Brothers, concrete, \$1,012.
Alley east of Rural St., from alley south of Washington to Moore Ave., Abel Brothers, concrete, \$1,350.
N. Meridian St., from Westfield Blvd. to Fifty-Sixth St., W. D. Vogel, local sewer, \$5,453.
Meridian St., west side, from Fifty-Sixth St. to Fifty-Fourth St., J. H. King & Co., local sewer, \$2,719.

Order Improvement Plans
New Jersey St. from Fifty-Eighth St. to a point 453 feet south, J. H. King Company, local sewer, \$1,849.
Alley east of Illinois St., Ray to Wilkins, Abel Brothers, concrete, \$1,006.
Alley north of Michigan, Eastern Ave. to Rural St., Schwert Brothers, concrete, \$951.
Keohne St., Washington St. to Market St., Abel Brothers, cement walks, \$694.
Forty-Sixth St., Boulevard Place to Sunset Ave., Indiana Asphalt Paving Company, asphalt, \$21,709.
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Resolutions Confirmed
Albert J. Zins, 28 E. Iowa St., a Democrat, was appointed an inspector in the engineering department.

The following improvement resolutions were confirmed:
Keystone Ave., Blvd. Ave. to Temple Ave., grading and paving; Windsor St., Twelfth to Commerce Ave., grading and paving; Finley Ave., Keystone to 950 feet east, grading and walks; Pleasant Run Pky., Linwood Ave. and Jenne Lane., from Pleasant Run to alley south of Washington St., local sewer; Christian St., from English Ave. to Clayton Ave., local sewer; Traub Ave., Washington to Ohio, grading and paving; Warman Ave., Walnut to Tenth St., grading and paving; Warman Ave., Walnut to Tenth St., curbing; E. Twelfth St. Arsenal Ave. to point 267 feet east, sewer; English Ave., Randolph to Keystone Ave., grading and paving; Thirtieth St. Boulevard Pl. to Northwestern Ave., resurfacing; E. Washington St., Wallace to Audubon Rd., widening to fifty feet and resurfacing.

Orders Rescinded
Kenwood Ave., Fifty-Second St. to Westfield Rd., grading and curbing; State St. (west side), Cottage to Minnesota St., walks and grade lawns; Dorman St., New York to Vermont, permanent improvement.

Resolutions rescinded are: Temple Ave., New York St. to Michigan, paving; Robson St., Kealing to Sherman Rd., permanent improvement; Twenty-Sixth St., Burton Ave. to alley east, vacation.

Resolutions adopted: Temple Ave., New York to Michigan Sts., paving; Haverford Ave., Fifty-Ninth to Sixty-First St., paving; Cottage Ave., Shelby St. to Olive St., paving; Bright St., Wabash St. to New York St., walks; Eastern Ave., Twenty-Fifth to Twenty-Seventh St., grading; West St., Washington to Kentucky Ave., resurfacing with asphalt.

GRANT FIRM RECEIVER
Enquirer Printing Company Fears Insolvency.

Russell G. Sumner, president of the Central Public Warehouse Company, is receiver for the Enquirer Printing and Publishing Company, 311 E. Ohio St., having been appointed by Probate Judge Mahlon E. Bach on petition of the Enquirer president, Clarence C. Crippin.

Crippin alleged the firm is in danger of insolvency and the receiver was asked to preserve the assets, for an equal distribution among creditors.

Famine Perils Turkish District
CONSTANTINOPLE, June 30.—Famine has commenced to ravage the Konia district after a serious drought. Peasants are abandoning their lands. The minister of the interior has left for Konia to take charge of relief work.

Air Roads Lead to Rome



All set for their trans-Atlantic hop, perhaps to Rome, the fliers of the sesquiplane Roma are pictured here. Left to right are Captain Peter Bonelli, navigator; Captain Cesare Sabelli, pilot; Lieutenant Roger Q. Williams, co-pilot. Above and below are air and ground views of their peculiarly-winged craft.

SEEKS BOND BUYERS

City Offers \$561,000 Issue; Raises Interest.

An offer to purchase three city bond issues totaling \$561,000 is understood to have been made to City Controller Sterling R. Holt by a local bond house.

Assistant City Attorney Smiley N. Chambers is preparing a \$405,000 bond issue ordinance to pay back utility bills, to be introduced in city council Monday night. Interest was boosted from 4 to 4 1/2 per cent to induce banks to bid on the issue.

Attorneys have advised that the city's bonds are valid regardless of the signature of Mayor L. Ert Slack, whose title to office remains clouded pending a Supreme Court decision.

Chambers also prepared a resolution ordering City Controller Sterling R. Holt to sell \$40,000 of the \$56,000 bond issue passed some time ago by city council for Shelby St. paving.

The local bond house is said to have agreed to bid on the \$56,000 park bond issue for resurfacing Meridian St. between Sixteenth St. and Fall Creek.



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