

# 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 stand.

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 capital itself.

## HOPE FOR THIRD PARTY GIVEN UP

**Norris Says Move Would Be 'Impossible.'**

By United Press

**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, 16, 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.**

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. Wieshart, Miss Cecilia Galvin, School 3 principal; O. H. Gries, teachers retirement fund secretary; C. O. Williams, Indiana State Teachers' retirement fund secretary; C. O. Williams, Indiana State Teachers' Association secretary, and others.

Chaplain Samuel J. Miller has charge of the general service for Protestants at the Service Club. The Rev. A. Gussenegger of St. Francis de Sales Church will say mass in the post auditorium and Adolph Biccard, 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. Mgr. Francis H. Gavish, chancellor of the Indianapolis diocese of the Roman Catholic Church, will make the address. Some service will be under direction of Will Stege, Indianapolis. Miss Dorothy Stege will sing a solo and Earl H. Jones, faculty member of the Metropolitan School of Music, will preside at the piano.

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## 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, \$1,351.

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.

Koehne St., Washington St. to Market St., Abel Brothers, cement walls, \$694.

Forty-Sixth St., Boulevard Place to Sunset Ave., Indiana Asphalt-Paving Company, asphalt, \$21,700.

Works Board Members John C. McCloskey and Charles L. Riddle ordered City Engineer A. H. Moore to prepare plans for the permanent improvement of Thirty-Fifth St., between Meridian St. and Boulevard Pl. and Harding St. from Thirtieth to Thirty-Second St.

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., Floyd Ave. to Temple Ave., grading and roadway; Windsor St., Twelfth to Commerce Ave., grading and paving; Finley Ave., Keystone to 950 feet east, grading and walks; Pleasant Run Pk., 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 Sts., grading and paving; Warman Ave., Walnut to Tenth Sts., 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 Dr., 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. Bash 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 Peril 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.

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BACKS VALPARAISO U.

Central District Body of Lutheran Church Votes Support.

By Times Special

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