

FAILURE TO SIDETRACK PROHIBITION IS PREDICTED

DRY QUESTION SHAPING UP AS RAGING ISSUE

Anti-Saloon League Chief
Declares Smith to Aid
'Liquor Criminals.'

NEW CHAIRMAN IS WET

Big Business Surprised at
Al's Choice of Raskob
to Lead Drive.

BY CARL D. GROAT
United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, July 12.—Seasoned politicians foresaw today that prohibition—despite all efforts to class it as non-political—is to be one of the raging issues in the presidential campaign.

Their view was accentuated by two important political developments in the past twenty-four hours:

F. Scott McBride, general superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, opened that body's anti-Saints campaign with statement that Smith's election "materially would aid the liquor criminals of the country."

McBride in Statement

John J. Raskob, finance wizard of the General Motors Corporation and anti-prohibitionist, was named chairman of the Democratic national committee, in which position he will direct the campaign of Governor Alfred E. Smith, acknowledged modificationist.

The McBride statement, headed "Prohibition Not a Partisan Issue," declared the "American people have settled prohibition as a political issue by writing it into the Constitution of the Nation."

Smith's election, McBride charged, would bring a "condition worse than repeal" of the prohibition amendment because, he said, it would weaken enforcement through "appointment of complaisant judges and blind tiger officials."

EMPHASIZE DRY ISSUE

Meantime, many politicians saw in appointment of Raskob, the anti-prohibitionist, further evidence that Smith intends, as he indicated recently, to emphasize the modification issue more strongly.

Raskob is a director of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, which is an outspoken foe of prohibition and the Anti-Saloon league.

AI WOOS BIG BUSINESS

BY PERCY B. SCOTT
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NEW YORK, July 12.—Democratic leaders believed today that Gov. Alfred E. Smith, their presidential nominee, had smashed the tradition that big business is afraid of the Democratic party.

The Governor's bid for the support of Wall Street drew an apathetic reaction from that avenue of high finance, but appeared to be meeting an enthusiastic reception by the few big Democratic politicians who were shocked temporarily. Wednesday when he so boldly selected John J. Raskob, chairman of the General Motors finance committee, to be director of his campaign.

Raskob holds the confidence of

\$15,000 a Bite

By United Press
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., July 12.—A monkey bite on the nose is worth \$10,000, a jury in district court decided in awarding damages of that amount to Malcolm McConnell, 15.

Malcolm, through his mother, Mrs. Mary E. McConnell of New York, brought suit against the Broadmoor Hotel Co., for \$100,000, after "Koko," pet monkey in the hotel zoo, had bitten the child on the nose.

In deciding against Spencer Penrose, owner of the Broadmoor, the jury recommended the smaller amount for the injury.

Wall Street so firmly that his opinion on a stock is enough to sway the market many points.

Last spring when he sailed for Europe he said General Motors stock was worth \$200 a share, although it was selling then for around \$160.

The interview in which Raskob made that statement started a boom on the New York Stock Exchange which carried General Motors through \$200.

He also is a leader of men and a genius of organization. For that reason Smith preferred him to a regular politician.

VIOLATE LAW TO SAVE MONEY

Technical Breach in Buying Cement Shown.

State highway commission methods of purchasing cement are branded as "technical violation of the statutes" by board of accounts examiners in a report made public today on the construction division of the highway commission. The report shows, however, that the State saves money by the technical violation.

The same report that the State highway department has failed to collect charges totaling \$6,825.60 from contractors doing work for the commission during the period between Oct. 1, 1926 to Sept. 30, 1926.

Since the investigation began the State has recovered \$3,192.74, the report says.

Chages are, in the most instances, a result of the failure of contractors to account for cement sacks at the rate of 10 cents each.

In the section entitled "Special Report," the examiners, Ross Teckemeier and William P. Cosgrave declare:

"The commission buys cement direct from the mills and pays cash within ten days of shipment, thus earning a discount of 10 cents per barrel."

"This plan is a technical violation of the statutes which requires all merchandise purchased by the State must be in the possession of the State and received for by some one in authority before a warrant can be drawn in payment."

"The record shows, however, that claims for shortages or rejected cement have been promptly adjusted by the cement companies and the State has suffered no loss in materially taking advantage of the discount."

Assailed by Brookhart

By United Press

ATLANTA, Ga., July 12.—Members of the Senate subcommittee which investigated charges of Republican postoffice patronage in Georgia were en route today to Washington, where further hearings will be held.

The subcommittee completed its hearings here yesterday. Postmaster General Harry New will be among the witnesses called in Washington.

Senator Smith W. Brookhart, committee chairman, scored work of the Republican State executive committee in Georgia.

"I don't see any use for such organization," he said. "I don't say that we have evidence on which to base prosecutions for violations of a Federal statute. But, from testimony, it seems to be fairly clear that this crowd has collected a lot of money, and so far as I can see all it has been used for has been to pay salaries to committee members and incidental expenses."

"I can't see any use in an organization that functions only once in every four years maintaining such activity."

Testimony during the three days of hearings here showed contributions were made regularly by postmasters in the State to the Republican organization. The expenses of the party totaled \$1,200 a month.

MAYOR GIVEN BUDGET

City sanitary commissioners today were understood to have asked the maximum tax levy of 8 cents for 1929 appropriation.

The 1928 levy is 6.7 cents. The 8-cent rate will bring in about \$500,000.

President C. C. Ross, who submitted the board's budget to Mayor L. Ert Slack, said the major asked that the budget not be made public until he had approved it. Ordinarily the budgets have been submitted to the mayor after the city controller made recommendations.

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Most parents concentrate on teaching their 9-months-old children to walk. But Mrs. Leonard Keith, 27 S. Richwine St., is teaching her daughter, Lenora Dean, 9 months, to swim as well as walk. Mother and daughter are everyday visitors at the Rhodus Park pool.

And the baby nearly can swim. She kicks and splashes her hands and feet when her mother holds her in the water and isn't a bit afraid. "It runs in the family," is the way Sam (Tiny) Keith, 330-pound guard at the pool, explains it. The baby is "Tiny" Keith's cousin.

ROAD AFFAIRS REPORT TAME

Suggests Bids Be Closed; Shows \$1,818 Debt.

Principal feature of a report of State board of accounts examiners on State highway commission affairs from Oct. 1, 1923, to Sept. 30, 1927, made public today was its tameness compared to the 1923 board of accounts report which charged misuse by the commission of used war materials received from the Government.

Today's report made by Examiners Ross Teckemeier and B. B. McDonald reported that the highway commission owes the general fund \$1,818 interest received on highway fund deposits.

It also recommended that the motor transport division received sealed instead of open bids on equipment it desires to purchase. This suggestion was adopted by the highway commission in July, it said.

A change in the system of vouchers on the State auditor was recommended. At present vouchers simply state the money is to be taken from the highway commission funds, and do not state from what particular commission appropriation the money is to come, the report said.

The Seaman Construction Company of Abbot, Ind., owes the commission \$200 for lumber provided the company in 1926 for the storage to cement along a road under construction between Roanoke and Ft. Wayne, the report said.

SENDS 300 TO PARLEY

The three-day annual national convention of the Rainbow Division Veterans' Association will open Friday in Columbus, Ohio, with about 300 representatives from Indiana attending, according to Walter Koons, Indianapolis chapter president. A third of that number will be from this city.

A dress parade is scheduled Saturday on the anniversary of the battle of Champaign, which began July 14, 1918. It will be reviewed by Maj.-Gen. Charles P. Summerall, chief of staff of the fifth corps area. He also will preside at the dedication of a tree at Newark, O., in the afternoon in memory of the division.

Mike Shea, 430 W. Forty-Seventh St., led the delegation before the board of works. Property owners protested the widening of the intersection to eliminate a jog.

Demonstrators asked that the street be widened to the Butler University site instead of just at the intersection, if it is to be used for a street car line to Butler University.

They are opposed to running the car line on that street, however.

Charles J. Riddle, board member,

the delegation to file a petition for a wider street, indicating the property owners failed to formally ask the wider street.

Riddle said it "was settled" that the car line will go west on Forty-Seventh from Boulevard Pl.

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