

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
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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 today's anti-Smith campaign with a 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 modification.

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.

Al 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 "Kolo," 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, 1928.

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

Charges 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 Teckemeyer and William P. Cosgrove 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 receipted 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 material by taking advantage of the discount."

EXTEND INQUIRY OF G. O. P. JOB SALES IN SOUTH

Investigation Delayed by Reluctance of Jurors to Appear.

By United Press
BLOXI, Miss., July 12.—Investigation by a Federal grand jury into charges of alleged Federal patronage in Mississippi was delayed today by failure of subpoenaed talesmen to appear.

Judge D. R. Holmes, in district court, warned that fines of \$100 each faced absent talesmen. Only nineteen of thirty-six subpoenaed yesterday appeared.

Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, assistant United States attorney general, and a corps of assistants are here to assist the grand jury.

Mrs. Willebrandt has been supplied with information regarding the charges of patronage in post-office appointments by the subcommittee of the Senate now investigating the alleged scandal.

The investigation in Mississippi follows charges by the "Lily White" Republican group that the Perry Howard faction paroled out Federal appointments on a contribution basis.

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 hearing 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."

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. E. Black, 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.

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, 1818. 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.

Tot Apt Swimming Pupil



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 Teckemeyer 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 Abolt, 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.

Widening of W. Forty-Seventh St. at Hinsley Ave. was recommended today by twenty-eight property owners who object to the routing of the Fairview street car line on Forty-Seventh St.

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.

Remonstrators 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, advised the delegation to file a petition for a wider street, indicating the board would grant the plea but 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.

TROLLEY CAR, TRUCK, THREE AUTOS IN CRASH

Free-for-All Smashup Puts One Driver in Hospital, Seriously Hurt.

John Allott, 65, of Gary, is in serious condition at city hospital as the result of a motor accident early today which caused his car to be crushed like an eggshell between several other cars and trucks and a street car at Massachusetts and College Aves.

Two others were injured slightly, and traffic on Massachusetts Ave. lines was tied up for forty-five minutes.

According to Motorpolice Charles Bernauer and William Englebright, who investigated, the accident was caused by Allott driving out of Edison St. into the traffic halted on Massachusetts Ave., at the College Ave. traffic light.

In an effort to avoid striking the waiting machine, Allott swerved his car onto the street car tracks, directly in front of a Brightwood car piloted by Motorman Walter Underwood, 2626 Southeastern Ave. Underwood was unable to halt the street car.

General Smashup Ensues

Force of the impact hurled the Allott touring car into a truck, the truck striking a coupe and the coupe hitting another machine with such force that it was thrown over the curb. Allott was pinned in his car between the truck and street car and was semi-conscious when dragged from the wreckage.

John Wiley and James Howell, Fortville, who were in the coupe, were cut and bruised. They were treated at a doctor's office.

Frank Brinkman, 1107 N. Temple Ave., was the driver of the truck and Joseph W. Apple, Oaklawn, of the machine which went up over the curb. All cars were badly damaged and it was some time before the wreckage was cleared away and street cars routed over Massachusetts Ave.

Police today continued to search for the driver of the car which seriously injured Mrs. Meta Delinger, 38, of 215 W. North St., at Capitol Ave. and North St., Wednesday afternoon.

Dragged Fifty Feet

According to police reports, the car was being driven south on Capitol Ave., and after striking the woman, dragged her for fifty feet and then sped on. She was taken to city hospital, with head and body injuries and possible internal injuries.

Elon W. Hutchison, 56, of 509 S. Holmes Ave., had his wrist fractured when knocked down by an automobile driven by Mrs. Lucy Connor, 2904 N. Illinois St., at Pennsylvania and Washington Sts. Wednesday afternoon. He was treated at city hospital and then taken home.

Mrs. Flora Hostetter, 44, of 4464 Guilford Ave., was struck by an automobile driven by Linden Hlati, 19, of 213 N. New Jersey St., in front of 4221 Park Ave., and slightly injured. She had alighted from an automobile and was running across the street.

Drives on Railway Track

Four persons were injured when an automobile driven by Lazere Fisk, 18, of 237 Trowbridge St., crashed through the Big Four railroad gates at State Ave. and the driver turned and drove down the tracks to escape being struck by a switch engine at 10:30 p. m. Wednesday.

The injured were thrown from the car. Fisk said he was driving at a moderate rate of speed, but did not see the light on the gates in time to stop. C. P. Cole, 51 S.

'Busy Boy

By Times Special
PRINCETON, Ind., July 12.—Walter Roberts, 10, has come to the end of an active career. He has been sent to the Gibson County orphan home by Circuit Judge Smith, after trying to stand a small girl on her head in the mouth of a cannon ornamenting the courthouse yard, throwing lighted matches under an auto and setting a tent on fire.

Hawthorne Lane, crossing watchman, said the car was being driven at a high rate of speed.

After crashing through the gates, Fisk turned east on the tracks, blowing out all tires, and hurling three persons from the automobile. The switch engine did not hit the automobile.

Fisk was shaken up and bruised. Those hurled from the automobile and injured were: Norman Micks, 21, of 328 S. State Ave., arm broken; Miss Edith Micks, 18, of 329 S. State Ave., knee injured; Miss McNellis, 17, of 237 Detroit St., bruised and shaken up.

All were taken to the city hospital. Sgt. W. H. Denham and a squad investigated.

Ora Ball, 1722 N. Alabama St., suffered severe cuts on the head when his automobile collided head-on with a W. Tenth street car at Bright and New York Sts. Wednesday night. The street car was in charge of Bert Todd, 337 S. Randolph St., motorman. Ball was taken to city hospital.

He was arrested by Lieut. Roy Pope on the charge of reckless driving. Delmar Hyatt, 928 W. New York St., to the police Ball drove across the sidewalk at Agnes and New York Sts., just before he collided with the street car."

TELLS BUTLER NEEDS

\$3,000,000 Endowment Is Urged by University Chief.

Growth and development of ideals of Butler University were discussed at the final session of the Kingdom Institute by Dean J. W. Putnam of the College of Liberal Arts, Butler University, Wednesday.

"Seventy-five years of steady growth has given us a firm foundation and a bright vision of the future," Dean Putnam said.

Dean Putnam told of the need of a law school, a college of education and of business administration. These, he said necessitated the raising of a \$3,000,000 endowment.

G. I. Hoover, executive secretary of the Indiana Christian Missionary Association spoke on "State Missions and Kingdom Building" previous to the main address.

Dr. James A. Woodburn, professor emeritus of history at Indiana University, also spoke.

TWO BANDITS GET \$85 IN DRUGSTORE HOLDUP

Three Others Loot Filling Station Cash Register of \$50.

Two bandits who held up Frank Roesener in his drug store at 801 S. Delaware St., Wednesday night took \$85 from the cash register and \$20 from his pockets. They escaped in an automobile.

Three bandits, who asked for gasoline, held up J. H. Belt, 940 N. Bradley Ave., attendant at the Sinclair Oil Company filling station at Kentucky Ave. and South St., and took \$50 from the cash register.

A lone Negro bandit, who has staged a number of daylight grocery robberies recently, took \$15 from the Standard grocery at Ashland Ave. and Eleventh St., after holding up Manager William Berkemeier, 952 Highland Ave.

A Negro seized the purse, containing 50 cents and some papers of Miss Alva Brant, 110 W. North St., near that address.

GERMAN NOTE IS UNANIMOUS FOR U. S. PACT

Expresses 100 Per Cent Approval for Treaty to Outlaw War.

By United Press
BERLIN, July 12.—Germany's 100 per cent approval of the United States anti-war treaty is expressed in a note forwarded to the State Department today. It will be published tomorrow.

United States Ambassador Schurman was handed the note Wednesday for dispatch to Washington. It contains the fact that President Hindenburg personally joined in the chorus of approval that greeted Secretary of State Kellogg's proposal.

Kellogg May Go Abroad

The brief single typewritten page refers explicitly to endorsement of the suggestion by Hindenburg, Premier Mueller, the cabinet, and the foreign affairs committee of the Reichstag.

It was a foreign office official who summed up the note by saying that it expressed Germany's "100 per cent" approval of the treaty.

In connection with the German note, there was a rumor here that Secretary Kellogg might go to Paris to sign the pact among world powers who would pledge themselves not to make war on each other.

Confer in Germany

In such case, it is understood, Foreign Minister Stresemann would go to Paris at the same time to sign for Germany.

It was officially disclosed that legal representatives of the British and French foreign offices, Sir Cecil Hurst and M. Fromageot, had visited Berlin recently and discussed the proposed treaty with Dr. Gatus, the German foreign office legal expert.

CHURCHES RANSACKED

Burglars Enter SS. Peter and Paul Buildings; No Loot Taken.

Burglars entered the SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Cathedral, at 1347 N. Meridian St., Wednesday night. The custodian of the church said sacrosan was removed from a rear window leading to a sacristy and several drawers ransacked. Nothing was missing.

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