

## OBREGON PARTY FAVORS CALLES FOR PRESIDENCY

Trend Indicates Present  
Chief Will Be Made Pro-  
visional Head.

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MEXICO CITY, July 23.—The strong party that General Alvaro Obregon headed before he was assassinated—the same party that controls the national Congress—will support either President Plutarco Calles or Governor Aaron Saenz of Nuevo Leon State for provisional President, it became known today.

Col. Ricardo Topete, leader of the Obregon group and one of the former President's closest friends, said: "Calles probably will be appointed November 30 and will serve, provisionally, two additional years."

### Congress to Meet

Obregon's assassination last week by Jose De Leon Toral had caused confusion in Mexican political circles. General Obregon was re-elected to the presidency July 1. He was unopposed. Calles was the logical choice, many believed, to succeed to the presidency, but under Mexican law a President may serve only four years. However, he may be appointed provisional President and still be within the letter of the law.

"An extraordinary session of the Congress is meeting July 29 to discuss the presidential situation, but no action will be taken until the regular session September 1."

Topete said the Obregon party was receiving 75 per cent of the support of the people.

Topete denied that the Obregon party had asked President Calles to force Luis Morones, minister of labor; Celestino Gasca, head of the Government Department of Fabrics, and Eduardo Moeda, director of the printing department, to resign.

### Labor Party Assailed

"Their resignations were voluntary," Topete said.

The three resigned officers are prominent in the labor party, and Morones was said to be the most active of the party workers.

Morones also had been one of Obregon's bitter political enemies.

Saturday the labor deputies, Soto y Gama and Aurelio Manrique, addressed a mass meeting and accused the labor party with being the "psychological authors" to the assassination of the one-armed Mexican car hero. This did not elaborate on the charges.

This led Morones and his two aids to present their resignations. In the letter they said they believed continuation of their holding government posts would be an obstacle to clearing up Obregon's assassination, but insisted strongly the labor party had no connection with the attack on the general.

### Assassin Denies Aids

Meanwhile Gama and Manrique will be questioned today by Attorney General Juan Correa Nieto, in charge of prosecution in the Federal district, in connection with the charges they made against the labor party.

Toral, the young confessed assassin, continues in jail as police and authorities attempt to wind up the questioning. They sought to learn from Toral who, if any, his accomplices were. He has said repeatedly that he was aided by no one and that he had killed Obregon because of religious motives.

The full complete report on the case is expected this week after which Toral and the ten persons arrested with him will be given civil trials.

### MIDSHIPMEN ON OUTING

Camp Gridley Officers, Men, Encamped at Lake Manitou.

One hundred one officers and men of Camp Gridley, United States naval camp for boys in Riversides Park, were encamped today on Lake Manitou, Rochester, for a week's training.

Boat races, boat drills, parades, swimming and whippet races will occupy the time of the midshipmen this week. The camp is in charge of Capt. E. F. Burton, with Capt. O. F. Heslar and Lieut. F. F. Knachel assisting.

Rochester citizens are providing daily entertainment for the lads.

### Deserted Man Kills Self

By Times Special  
DETROIT, Ind., July 23.—Missing since Thursday, the body of James Nicholson, 23, was found Sunday hanging in a barn at the home of his parent-in-law. He had committed suicide because of failure to become reconciled to his wife, who left him two weeks ago with their 2-year-old son.

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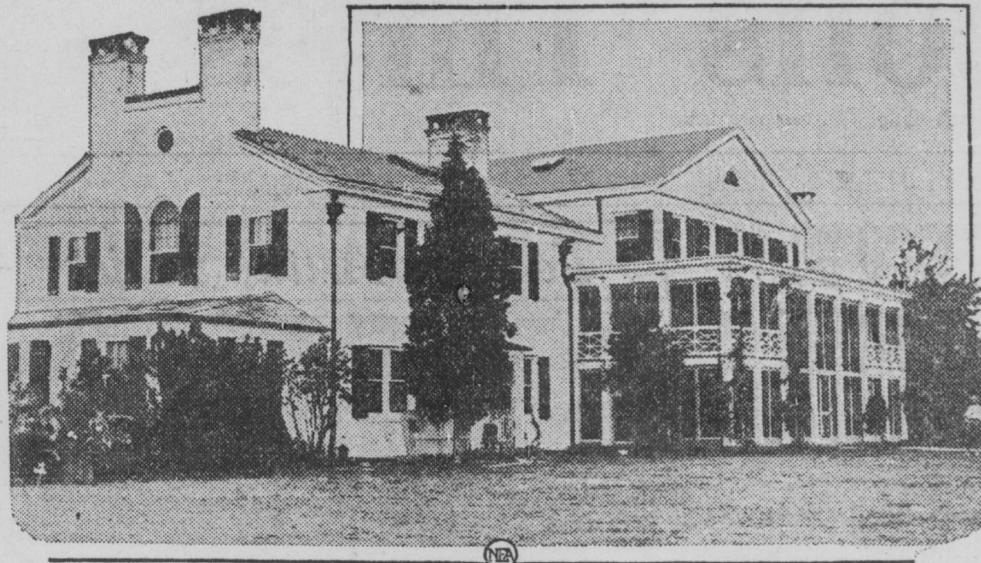
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## Home of Raskob, Al Smith's 'Manager'



From this country mansion in Maryland have come recent pronouncements of Al Smith's campaign manager, John J. Raskob, chairman of the finance committee of General Motors Corporation. The mansion, bearing the name Mostly Hall, is at Centreville, and is Raskob's summer home.

## STATE DIVORCE RATE ON RISE

### One to Every Five Indiana Marriages in 1927.

By Times Special  
WASHINGTON, July 23.—Divorce is still gaining on marriages in Indiana, the Department of Commerce reported today, and for 1927 there was one divorce to every five marriages.

Total marriages for 1927 were 41,112, as against 40,409 for 1926, an increase of 703 or 1.7 per cent.

But there were 8,064 divorces granted, compared with 7,685 in 1926, an increase of 379 or 4.9 per cent.

In 1916 there was one divorce to six marriages, the total of the latter being 33,521 against 5,636 divorces.

There were ninety-five marriages announced in 1927, as compared with eighty-two in 1926.

Lake County, probably because it is so near Chicago, led all counties in marriages, with 6,310. This was a decrease from the 1926 figure of 6,422, however.

Marion County had 3,819 marriages in 1927, against 3,775 in 1926, but also led all counties in divorce, with 1,567 during 1927 against 1,346 for 1926. Annulments were eighteen against twenty-five in 1926.

Vanderburgh County had 1,037 marriages in 1927 against 1,044 in 1926, and 384 divorces in 1927 against 1,188 and 522 divorces in 1926.

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## Good Bad Boy

Lad, 9, Presents Puzzle to Evansville Official.

By Times Special

EVANSVILLE, Ind., July 23.—Leonard Coombs, 9, is listed on the records of Probation Officer Adolph Stollman as "a mystery boy and human puzzle."

Stollman cites this from the boy's record:

Attempt at suicide by drowning; rifled cash registers in three stores; stole a toy wagon in which to haul loot consisting of twelve bottles of pop; tried to slash a sister with a butcher knife because she reprimanded him.

The boy is too young to be sent to the State reform school, Stollman points out. He is too bright to be sent to the feeble-minded colony. At times, the officer says, the boy is meek and industrious; at others, displays all the marks of a habitual criminal.

## EMILY ROBERTS DIES

Funeral Services Are Set for Tuesday.

Funeral services for Mrs. Emily E. Roberts, 84, a resident of Indianapolis for thirty-five years, will be held at 10:30 Tuesday morning at the residence. She died at her home, 2459 N. New Jersey St.

The Rev. Orien W. Fifer, district Methodist superintendent, will officiate. Burial will be in the Crown Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Roberts was the widow of the Rev. Robert Roberts, pioneer Methodist minister in Indiana, and pastor of the Fletcher Place M. E. Church, who died in 1905.

Mrs. Roberts came to Indiana from Pennsylvania in 1833. The sister of Mrs. Roberts' great-great-grandfather was Mary Ball, the mother of George Washington. One of her maternal ancestors was George Walton of Georgia, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Surviving are three daughters: Mrs. C. M. Griffin, Dayton Beach, Fla.; Mrs. B. H. Scranton, Rising Sun, Ind., and Miss Alta M. Roberts, Indianapolis.

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Commuters Shaken in Collision

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