

## DEMOCRATS TO SLAP SILENCER ON REFERENDUM

Party Chiefs Regard Move as Dangerous Politics, Gossip Indicates.

BY BEN STERN

If trends of thought among Democratic leaders gathered at French Lick over the week-end for their harmony sessions are indicated by their gossip, the Democratic state convention not only will refuse to approve a plank asking for a wet and dry referendum, but may not be given an opportunity at all to act upon such a resolution.

The three committees which will act as a barrier to all plank proposals are expected to be able to withstand the assaults of friends of the referendum, and when the finished resolutions will be presented to the delegates for approval, the referendum question will be noticeable because of its absence.

No matter how the majority of Democrats feel personally about the wet and dry issue, they regard insertion of any pronouncement for a vote on the questions as dangerous politically.

Formal announcement of his candidacy for the nomination for secretary of state was made by Arthur J. Hamrick, Clayton, three times nominee for the post. At same time, Dr. T. A. Sigler, Greencastle, also from the Fifth district, has indicated he may become a candidate. Sigler is Putnam county chairman.

### Shouse Flays President

Address of J. J. Shouse, chairman of Democratic national committee, and Frederick Van Nuy, Indianapolis, former United States district attorney, were heard by more than 450 party leaders and workers.

Shouse undertook the task of puncturing stories concerning "Hoover, the miracle worker and paragon of efficiency."

"Standing behind the President has become more and more difficult for the statesmen of the President's party," he said. "In fact, it has transformed these standpatters into grandstand jumpers."

Shouse concentrated his attack upon the President's policies with regard to the tariff and the stock market collapse.

He attributed the present "bewilderment and distress of the country to the amazing series of legislative spectacles which has attended the writing of the tariff bill. "The bill pleases no one. It does not help the farmer, as promised. It threatens business everywhere and living costs will be higher for all," he asserted.

### Brands Tax Board Moves

"Wholesale tax evasions in Lake county with the cognizance of the state administration are responsible for the heavy tax burden upon Indiana," Van Nuy charged. He stood the party leaders in their seats as he asserted:

"Governor Leslie's state tax board does not use its power to increase assessments in Lake county because the Calumet region is the balance of power which gives G. O. P. state tickets their winning votes.

"Leslie will not act. His hands are tied. It was the vote of Lake county and the corrupt Tenth district Republican machine that elected him Governor. Lake county's tax valuation should be twice that of Marion county whereas in 1928 the total assessed valuation was little more than half of that in Marion county."

### Wales Presides at Levee

LONDON, June 2.—The second levee of the season was held at St. James's palace today, but it lost much of its significance, because of the absence of King George, who is ill. The prince of Wales presided.

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## Youth Is Capital Rider



A capital bit of riding—near the capital—was being done by young Medill McCormick Jr., son of Congressman Ruth Hanna McCormick, when this action picture was taken. Here you see him taking his mount over the jump at a fast clip during the National Capital Horse show, outside Washington.

### REUNION TO BE HELD

Annual Parke County Affair to Be at Garfield June 29.

Plans for the annual Parke county reunion to be held June 29 in Garfield park are being made by officers of the Parke County Reunion Association. A dinner will be held at the park at noon. Officers of the association are: F. S. Wood, president; W. P. Evans, vice-president; Martha Jones, treasurer, and Mayme Jacobs, secretary.

### West African Chief Quits

LISBON, June 2.—Resignation of Colonel Bento Roma as governor-general of Portuguese West Africa was revealed here today.

## POLLS BY DRYS SHOW COLLEGES HARDLY MOIST

255 Prexies of 45 States Declare Drinking by Students Lessening.

By United Press

EVANSTON, Ill., June 2.—Presidents of 255 colleges in forty-five states believe there is less student drinking, that there is a larger number of nondrinking students than ever and a growing trend of student opinion against liquor, according to a questionnaire sent out by the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

The 255 answers in regard to present conditions as tabulated and made public today by national headquarters of the W. C. T. U., follow:

Less drinking than before prohibition. 148  
No drinking. 44  
Drinking either unknown or almost unknown. 47  
Same amount as before prohibition. 3  
Drinking conditions worse than before prohibition. 3

"The views of the presidents," the W. C. T. U. said, "coincide with the statements of the two famous football coaches, Alonzo Stagg, University of Chicago, and Fielding Yost, Michigan, who told the judiciary committee of the house that student drinking was vastly less since prohibition and are in disagreement with the idea expressed by Coach W. W. Roper, who said drinking conditions are so bad that he hesitated to send his children to college."

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## Called Plotter



Charged with conspiracy to accept bribes, Roy Lyle, above, federal prohibition commissioner of the Pacific northwest district, including Washington and Alaska, faces trial at Seattle. Four of Lyle's subordinates also were indicted by a federal grand jury.

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## FAILURE OF DRY LAW IS LAID TO STATE OFFICERS

Doran Charges Disregard of Federal Statutes in Wet Sections.

BY CECIL OWEN

WASHINGTON, June 2.—On the eve of the federal government's supreme effort to enforce prohibition through a new alignment of investigating and prosecuting agencies under Attorney-General Mitchell, the administration has launched a new appeal for better co-operation from the states.

In an analysis of prohibition enforcement made public by Prohibition Commissioner Doran, failure to obtain effective liquor law enforcement was blamed squarely on some state officials who were said to have disregarded their sworn duty because of wet sentiment in their communities.

"If state officials were as active in enforcing the national prohibition act as it is clear they have the duty and obligation to be," Doran said, "it becomes at once apparent that prohibition could be enforced successfully."

The Doran charge against certain state officers was the most direct accusation to be leveled against the states by a high federal official, although chairman George W. Wick-ersham of President Hoover's law

enforcement commission has urged more co-operation from the states.

Inadequate prohibition enforcement in New York state was laid by Doran on the refusal of local authorities to initiate prosecutions in the larger cities.

States not having dry acts of their own still are required by the current clause of the eighteenth amendment to assume equal responsibility with federal officials for enforcing prohibition, Doran said.

### Fishing Boat Wreck Probed

By United Press

SANTA MONICA, Cal., June 2.—Three separate investigations of the wreck of the fishing boat Ameco, with its known toll of three dead, were in progress today as the search continued for the bodies of eighteen persons believed still under the water. Three bodies were recovered.

## CONDITION IS GRAVE

Injured Race Driver Shows Slight Improvement.

Condition of Cyrus Marshall, 28, of 1131 Ashland avenue, injured in the 500-mile race Friday, continued grave today at city hospital.

Marshall's car crashed into the upper wall of the northeast turn, causing the death of his brother, Paul of Detroit, Mich., shortly after the smash.

Hospital attaches said that Cyrus Marshall has shown slight improvement at times, but his condition has not passed the critical stage since the smash.

Funeral services were to be held at 2 today for Paul Marshall at the home of a friend, Ernest Drake, 3345 North Gladstone avenue. Burial was to be in Crown Hill cemetery.

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