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## RASKOB WAVES PEACE BANNER AT DEMOCRATS

Chairman Averts Storm by Urging Delay in Action on Policies.

### DRYS READY FOR CLASH

Cordell Hull to Be 'Floor Leader'; Al Smith Will Speak Today.

BY RAYMOND CLAPPER

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WASHINGTON, March 5.—Chairman John J. Raskob of the Democratic national committee today told party leaders gathered here at the committee meeting that he opposed forcing action on any policies at this meeting.

Raskob made this declaration after it was announced that his speech to the committee, in which he is expected to reiterate his views, would be made at an afternoon session.

He explained it was his intention that his speech should be mailed out to members of the committee for their consideration and the proposals advanced to be considered at another meeting of the committee probably a year hence.

He said members could study this speech with the public reaction in mind, so that they could deliberate upon it at the next convention.

### Drys Ready for Battle

Whether his proposal would be acceptable to dry Democrats still was in question, but there were indications that it might be received favorably.

Representatives from dry states had organized their forces to fight any attempt to bring the prohibition issue into this meeting. They selected Senator-Elect Cordell Hull (Dem., Tenn.) as their leader in the event of a fight on the floor.

Raskob called the meeting to order at 10:35. Proceedings were delayed while photographers posed him and Jouett Shouse, executive chairman of the committee on the platform. Former Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York was not on hand when the meeting began.

Bert New of Indiana was designated acting secretary in the absence of Charles Greathouse, Indiana, secretary.

### Raskob Makes Speech

Raskob addressed the assembled Democrats from a dais at the end of a room almost a block long, and, although a comparative newcomer to politics, his manner was determined and forceful.

After preliminary routine business, Raskob read a telegram from John W. Davis, 1924 presidential candidate, who is in Florida and regretted inability to be present to-day.

Davis congratulated the party on its "energetic" leadership and urged more frequent interim meetings of the committee, such as this, "scare headlines to the contrary notwithstanding." His telegram contained the customary prediction of victory at the next election.

Some laughter and much applause greeted a resolution of Texas legislature which asserted that "political waywardness now is forgotten" and said Texas, which went for Hoover in 1928, "once more is assuming the place in the political sun to which the Lone Star state justly is so entitled."

### Cold Water on Young

Chairman Jouett Shouse, without mentioning names, struck at reports that the party management favored the candidacy of Owen D. Young of New York when he arose to speak.

"We are looking for counsel from Democrats everywhere," Shouse declared. "We are not interested, and have not been at any time, in the question of individual candidates."

"We are interested in building victory for the party, but we shall not be interested in advancing the candidacy of any one."

Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross, former Governor of Wyoming and chairman of the women's division of the committee, spoke, urging women to co-operate in organizing for the next campaign.

Alfred E. Smith, sitting unobtrusively and almost unobserved in the hallway outside the committee room, held impromptu court as the committeemen and women came out after adjournment.

### Al Smith in Spotlight

They surrounded the former Governor and sought the opportunity to shake his hand. He expects to address the committee at its afternoon session, he said. Although prepared for frank talk, the committee succeeded in excluding from the morning proceedings entirely any direct reference to prohibition or to former Governor Smith. Neither was the name of President Hoover mentioned directly.

Senator Morrison (Dem., N. C.), a member of the national committee, who on the senate floor recently referred to Raskob as Governor Smith's "monumental blunder," expressed dissatisfaction today with Raskob's announced intention to present some general recommendations to the committee.

"Of all the absurd foolishness ever perpetrated in America," said Morrison, after the committee adjourned, "it's an exhibition of effrontery and conceit without parallel."

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY TREASURER RETIRES

Charles E. Coffin Served Thirty-Six Years in Post.

Retirement of Charles E. Coffin as treasurer of the Indiana Historical Society, after thirty-six years service, was announced today.

Coffin was elected an honorary member of the society following his retirement. John G. Rauch, attorney, was named to succeed him as treasurer.

## 300 PERSONS NAMED IN DIARY OF MURDERED DANCER ARE SOUGHT

### In Legislature 50 Years Ago

By United Press

As a means of minimizing fraud at elections, the 1881 legislature passed a measure providing that towns of less than 3,000 population should consist of a single precinct. The bill was introduced by Senator H. Hostetter, Ligori, as an amendment to election laws.

Exceptions were allowed in cases where the town council deemed it advisable to have more than one precinct. Proponents argued that many towns were so small that a majority of the voters were required to act as officials at the various polls. It also was pointed out that fraud could more easily be avoided at one poll than at several.

The Senate in 1881 killed by a vote of 15 to 1, a measure permitting non-state residents to vote in Indiana, any game that might have been killed here. It was introduced by Representative T. S. Fancher, Crown Point, for the benefit of Chicago hunters.

### PRIMARY GUARD BILL TO LESLIE

Provides Watchers at Polls for Minority Groups.

A measure which will place added safeguards around the primary is expected to be presented to Governor Harry G. Leslie today for his signature.

Sponsored by three Marion county senators, John L. Niblack and Robert L. Moorhead (Republicans) and Edgar A. Perkins (Democrat) it has the support of Democrats of Marion county, the Junior Republican League and Anti-Coffin forces.

As passed, it provides that upon petition of 26 per cent of the candidates of any party they shall be granted watchers at primary elections.

The present law permits only the political organizations to name watchers, and insurgent groups thus are devoid of any protection.

Representatives John P. White and Jacob Weiss, both Marion county Democrats, spoke in behalf of the measure when it was handed down for passage Wednesday.

Both representatives pointed out the dire need for such a protection in primary elections and the house passed the measure by a vote of 80-1.

It was passed by senate Feb. 24, by a vote of 41-0.

### Father of Eight Dies

By Times Special  
PT. WAYNE, Ind., March 5.—A stroke of paralysis caused the death of Silas Q. Brown, 70. He leaves his widow and eight children.

### \$70,000 Worth of Booze Seized



From 6 Wednesday night until today's 8 a.m. hours, federal dry agents and city police worked to convoy 1,182 cases of Canadian whisky from produce yards at Delaware street and Virginia avenue to the federal building.

In photographs above, they are shown loading one truck with contraband booze, while in the lower picture are shown sacks stored in one end of a freight car

that federal agents confiscated at Evansville Wednesday.

It was en route from Ansley, Miss., to Chicago, destined probably for the cutting-parlor of the notorious Chicago rum rings. The car, filled as lumber, was filled with stove, wood and strips of lumber in the center section, while the ends were partitioned off to carry the liquor.

On Indianapolis' retail market, uncut, the booze would have been worth \$70,000 officers agreed. It

### HIGHWAY BODY VICTORIOUS IN SENATE VOTE

Effort to Create Commission on New Basis Fails, 34 to 12.

Director John J. Brown and members of the state highway commission are rejoicing today over defeat Wednesday afternoon of the bill proposing to create a full time commission and to abolish the present set-up.

Beaten by a vote of 34 to 12, the bill was killed forever by motion to reconsider and table.

The bill mustered but five votes for passage on the Republican side and two of these were changed to "no" before the roll call total was announced.

Little debate preceded the voting. Senator Anderson of Ketchum (Dem., Bartholomew, Decatur, Franklin and Union), co-author of the measure with Senator Charles L. Strey (Rep., Kosciusko and Wabash), was the only advocate for passage and Senator Harry K. Cuthbertson (Dem., Howard and Miami), the only speaker in opposition.

"This is not a 'road ripper' bill," Ketchum told his colleagues. "It will put the state highway commission on a real business basis."

The bill provided for a full time, bipartisan commission of four members at salaries of \$6,000 a year. Ketchum pointed out that it would save the salary of the director, now \$7,500 a year, and would cost little more than the present commissioners receive at \$10 per diem and expenses when on commission business.

How they voted:

FOR PASSAGE (12)

Republicans—Harrell, Martin, Strey, Denison, Ballard, Brewster, Chambers, Clegg, Holman, Johnson, Jones of St. Joseph, Perkins of Marion, Williams, Adams, Massey (3).

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Senators—John S. Bridges (Rep., Madison) and Alonso H. Lindley (Rep., Franklin). Both voted "no." Senator John S. Bridges (Rep., Madison) and Alonso H. Lindley (Rep., Franklin) changed their votes from "aye" to "no."

Absent or not voting were Senators Dickey, Rader, Southworth, Tamm and Walter.

Theft in Courtroom

PT. WAYNE, Ind., March 5.—Within thirty feet of the bench in the Allen circuit courtroom, where hundreds have been sentenced for stealing and other crimes, a thief picked up a purse belonging to Miss Virginia Smith, deputy clerk of the court. The purse contained about \$12.



Erie, Pa., to submit to questioning, was guarded closely when she told police that she feared for her own life.

Below, left to right, are John E. C. Bischoff, former husband of the murdered woman; Samuel Cohen, formerly her bodyguard, and John A. Radloff, her lawyer.

Vivian Gordon's Daughter Joins Her in Death When Glamour Is Stripped From Mother and Sordid Career Is Revealed.

BY PAUL COMY FRENCH

United Press Staff Correspondent

ALDUBON, N. J., March 5.—Sixteen-year-old Benita Bischoff committed suicide because she was stripped of the illusion that her mother, the slain Vivian Gordon, was a beautiful dancer who piqued through Broadway spotlights to the acclaim of multitudes.

She learned, instead, that her mother was a racketeer versed in the devious ways of the New York underworld and that her mode of life had caused enemies to strangle her to death last week.

The humiliation that came from that shocking discovery led the young girl to asphyxiate herself.

These facts and other strange incidents in Benita's life were related to the United Press today by John Bischoff, her father, in the first formal interview he has given.

He led this correspondent past the coffin containing Benita's body.

BISHOFF was willing to discuss every phase of his daughter's life, but steadfastly refused to talk about her funeral. From other sources, however, it was learned the rites probably will be held Friday morning in Collingswood, N. J.

And when Benita's body is carried to the grave, the diary in which she recorded her impressions of her mother will be in the coffin, according to Bischoff.

"I will not permit publication of this diary," he said. "It contains only girlish confidences and notes of her various engagements. I will see it die with her before I allow it to go out of my hands."

"I have been offered fabulous sums for the diary, but nothing will tempt me."

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