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## STUNNED DRIES AWAIT HOOVER LIQUOR VIEWS

Postmaster-General Bears  
Message to Chicago  
for Convention.

## DESERTIONS BOMBHELL

McAdoo and 'Y' Leader Join  
Rockefeller in Stand  
for Resubmission.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, June 9.—Representative Emanuel Celler (Dem., N. Y.), today told the house that he was "informed" that former President Calvin Coolidge would come out against prohibition, in a forthcoming issue of the Cosmopolitan magazine.

By RAYMOND CLAPPER  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
CHICAGO, June 9.—President Hoover's views on prohibition were brought today to the Republican national convention vanguard, as leaders found themselves swept along by a growing tide of nationwide developments in the prohibition situation.

Postmaster General Walter F. Brown was the bearer. For the moment, he kept his own counsel, but he prepared soon to consult other leaders on this topic, grown vitally important the last week through pronouncements of men high in the national life, like John D. Rockefeller Jr., William G. McAdoo, former secretary of treasury, and John R. Mott, Y. M. C. A. leader.

There was every sign that the fight had gone out of the dry group.

The spirit of the first arrivals was to let the White House have its way in shaping the liquor plank.

The drys' most influential figure here, Simeon D. Fess, Republican national chairman, said today he probably would make no statement on the resubmission question, as his duties as national chairman would require his full attention.

## 'Y' Leader Latest

Three men, known throughout the nation for their dry views in the period since prohibition, have joined the growing army of those favoring either repeal or resubmission.

Polling closely upon the startling announcement of John D. Rockefeller Jr., teetotaler, ardent temperance worker and large contributor to Anti-Saloon League funds, two more men prominent in the nation's life, went on record today in favoring giving voters an opportunity to pass on retention, re-jection or modification by referendum.

The two latest are William Gibbs McAdoo, son-in-law of the late President Woodrow Wilson and one time secretary of treasury, and John R. Mott, famous Y. M. C. A. leader. They are for a referendum by the voters.

Neither has gone "wet," but both are for a showdown. McAdoo would have politics and prohibition separated and the voters given a clear cut chance to express their will after thirteen years under the dry law. Mott, famed throughout the world for his work with youth, expressed in London a view that prohibition had worked some good, but with it such abuses as to warrant resubmitting the question to the electorate.

In the light of these major pronouncements, the prohibition question took on an importance unparalleled since it became part of the law of the land.

## Edge Is Suggested

WASHINGTON, June 9.—Walter E. Edge of New Jersey, ambassador to France, emerged today as a prominent possibility for selection as chairman of the Republican national convention. Republican leaders, it was said, are pressing his appointment and the ambassador's name was understood to have been suggested to President Hoover for approval.

It was averred that his political influence, combined with his influence in the party, made Edge an outstanding figure among Republicans to handle the campaign as head of the national committee.

Other possibilities being mentioned in political circles include former Senator William N. Butler of Massachusetts, who managed the campaign of Calvin Coolidge; Secretary of War Hurley; Postmaster-General Brown, and former Governor Goodrich of Indiana.

## Roosevelt for Action

By United Press  
ALBANY, N. Y., June 9.—Governor Franklin Roosevelt believes that the most important need in the prohibition controversy is one of action. He stands for a new constitutional amendment to eliminate the eighteenth amendment and return the control of alcohol back to the states.

When pressed for a statement of his attitude on prohibition, he referred inquirers to his letter in 1930 to Senator Robert F. Wagner in which he advocated superseding the eighteenth amendment with a new amendment for state control. He said his views on prohibition had not changed since.

"There must be action on prohibition," Governor Roosevelt said. "We have delayed and debated it too long."

## Backs Shouse



## COX SUPPORT IS GIVEN FOES OF ROOSEVELT

Former Candidate Asserts  
Shouse Rejection Would  
Be Humiliation.

## GOVERNOR IS BLAMED

Move to Seat Walsh Seen  
as Direct Fault of  
Candidate.

By United Press  
DAYTON, O., June 9.—James M. Cox, of Ohio, former Democratic presidential nominee, today threw his influence behind the anti-Roosevelt forces in the fight over permanent chairmanship of the Democratic convention.

In a statement issued here today the publisher declared that defeat of Jouett Shouse of Kansas, whose candidacy for the chairmanship is opposed vigorously by the Roosevelt forces, would be "nothing short of studied humiliation."

Cox issued the statement after Shouse, chairman of the Democratic national executive committee, declared Governor Roosevelt had endorsed him for the permanent chairmanship, in reply to the announcement that Roosevelt followers favored Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana.

"Selection of Mr. Shouse would be nothing short of studied humiliation of a man who has given his time and talents in furtherance of the most essential reorganization of any political party in half a century," Cox's statement said.

Roosevelt Blamed  
BY RAY TUCKER  
Times Staff Writer  
WASHINGTON, June 9.—Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt stands revealed as personally responsible for the row caused by his refusal to carry out an earlier agreement that Jouett Shouse, executive director of the Democratic national committee, serve as permanent chairman at the Chicago convention.

It had been reported that Roosevelt's Senate friends urged the last-minute substitution of Senator Thomas J. Walsh (Dem., Mont.) for Shouse, but it is now learned that Roosevelt himself dictated the change, because he felt Shouse was unfriendly.

The Senate banking and currency committee granted a special rule to a Senate bill authorizing the reconstruction finance corporation to make advances to finance crop production.

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The incident has assumed great political proportions as a result of other developments held by politicians to picture Roosevelt as indecisive, indiscreet, and bent on a rule-or-ruin policy.

Comment in political circles indicates that the New York Governor has alienated several valuable political allies, who now may swing their delegations to another candidate, after first complying with formal instructions or pledges to support Roosevelt.

It will be necessary to proceed with a "benevolent economic dictatorship" breaking up private interests to realize the plan I have outlined.

For realization of our work, we have the backing of the productive classes and especially the potential riches and reserves of human energy which have been impotent because of inherent faults of the capitalistic system.

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BY 'WOODEN' CHECKS

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