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## NORMAN DAVIS WON EMINENCE BY HARD FIGHT

'Informal Ambassador' to  
Europe Began Career on  
Tennessee Farm.

### MADE FORTUNE IN CUBA

Trusted Adviser of Wilson  
Expected to Receive  
Cabinet Berth.

BY MARSHALL MCNEIL  
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WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Norman H. Davis, then a lad in knee pants, was riding horseback from his home in Bedford county, Tennessee, to a "third Sunday in May meeting." Those were meetings of worshippers who humbly washed the feet of others. People gathered from about; it was a big day.

Norman tore a stocking on a saddle buckle, and the prospect of getting to that big Sunday meeting was pretty black for a moment.

But Norman had an idea: He took his chewing gum out of his mouth, patched the stocking by sticking it together with gum on his bare leg, and rode on gaily.

Norman H. Davis of Tennessee, Cuba, New York and Europe, now is a leading candidate for secretary of state in the Roosevelt cabinet, and his elder brother Ewin tells that story to illustrate some of the traits he believes caused Brother Norman to attain his present eminence.

For some years now, Davis has been a sort of American ambassador to Europe without portfolio, and his knowledge of European men and affairs is highly regarded.

The Davises have been Tennesseans for generations. The father, a farmer and a business man, died when the six children were young, and a large share of the burden of supporting the family was shifted to the shoulders of young Ewin, then in Vanderbilt university. Norman was there, too.

### Began Life as Lawyer

Norman decided he would go to Leland Stanford university in California to complete his course. Before he went he was married to Miss Mamie Paschall of Atlanta, and together they went west, where from 1899 to 1900 he worked his way through college as a business manager of the school paper.

Brother Ewin began his life as a lawyer, borrowing enough money to buy law books; and brother Paul, now president of the American National bank at Nashville, Tenn., known as the second largest in the south, started his business career as a \$35-a-month clerk. All three of these brothers now are in "Who's Who."

When Norman returned to Tennessee, Ewin tells, he found little to interest him, and so he accepted the invitation of a relative to go to Cuba to start in business.

### Fortune Started in Cuba

There he helped organize the Trust Company of Cuba, and later a construction company which got some large building contracts. Ewin says that it was here his brother's fortune started. During his many years in Cuba, Norman retained his American citizenship.

In 1917 he was called upon by President Wilson to advise in connection with foreign loans; and this led to important financial and diplomatic jobs; he was an assistant secretary of the treasury and undersecretary of state.

He later became connected with an important New York bank, which, according to Ewin, did only a local business.

### \$25,000 to Al's Campaign

In 1927 he was made a member of the American delegation to the Geneva economic conference; in 1932 he was appointed by President Hoover as a member of our delegation to the disarmament conference. The honors given this Tennesseean by the Republican President apparently have caused some to wonder whether Davis had Republican leanings. But Brother Ewin scoffs at this, pointing out that Norman gave \$25,000 to Al Smith's campaign.

"Norman and ex-Governor Smith have been intimate friends for years," Representative Davis said.

Norman Davis also is an old friend of President-Elect Roosevelt, and they were in consultation several times before and after the Democratic national convention.

### Has Eight Children

Davis, indeed, is reported by some to have had no small part in getting Al Smith to take part in the Roosevelt campaign; but Brother Ewin won't discuss this.

Norman has eight children, and Brother Ewin tells how when asked after his children, in the presence of his wife, there's a twinkle in Norman's eyes, and he answers they have "eleven, or some larger number."

"And this is always followed by a correction by his wife," Ewin says.

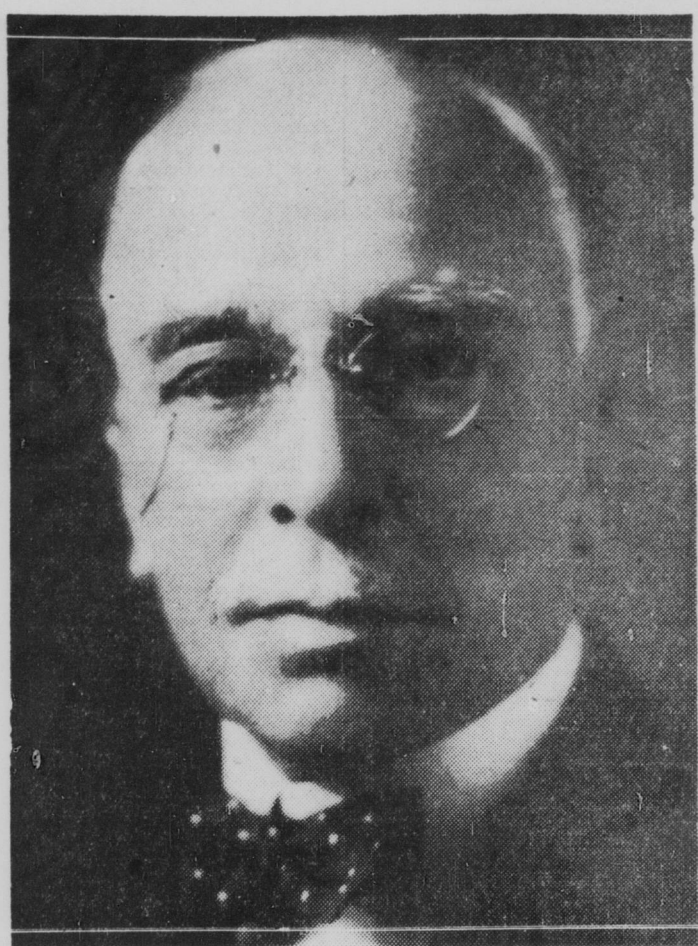
### ADMIT THEFT OF AUTOS

Four High School Youths Held by Police on Charge.

Admitting theft here recently of fourteen automobiles, according to police, four high school youths are being held today on vehicle taking charges. Three of the youths are under 16.

Le Roy Stewart, 16, of 145 Wisconsin street, one of the youths, was charged with burglary, larceny and vehicle taking after he admitted, police say, burglary of a west side grocery.

## Increased Buying Power Essential to Revive U. S., Filene Tells City Group



Edward A. Filene

### Employers Soon Will Be Vying to Pay Highest Wages, He Says.

Solution of America's business and social problems lies in creating purchasing power to absorb increased production, declared Edward A. Filene, Boston merchant and philanthropist, in an address at a noon meeting of groups from local lunch-club clubs at the Columbia club.

"It is one of the interesting inevitabilities of the near future that employers, business men, and financiers shall be striving to pay the highest possible wages," Filene declared in his address on "The Business Need of Financing the Masses."

"High pressure salesmanship without a corresponding high pressure 'buyersmanship' simply is throwing money to the winds. We must finance consumption to keep pace with production."

### Cites Credit Unions

The credit union, the name given co-operative loan organizations established by employee groups, represents a much-needed activity to finance the working man in times of temporary stress and keep his buying power intact, Filene said.

Filene sponsors credit groups throughout the nation. Filene was one of the first business men in America to become interested in credit unions.

"No intelligent business man needs to be reminded that if Americans generally were buying the things they want to buy, business generally would be highly profitable," Filene said. "To buy, however, requires either money or credit."

"But we are not providing the masses today with this buying power. The reason is not hard to discover. Our American financial institutions never were designed to meet an emergency such as this."

### Need Small Loans

"Provision should have been made forty years ago for the need of small loans to the average family, at a rate of interest which would not ruin the family and make it impossible to repay the loan."

"It may have seemed at times that our bankers acted more like buccaners than financiers," Filene charged, in a scathing attack on past methods, in which he touched on the World War, high tariff, and farm relief programs.

"We built up great industrial plants and then we built up high tariff walls which kept these plants from functioning," he charged. "America loaned billions of dollars to other countries, and by excluding products of other countries, made it next to impossible for the other countries to repay their loans."

"We financed agriculture so that farmers could continue the processes by which they had produced mountains of wheat and cotton and other products which could not be sold for enough to pay cost of production."

"When any financial system proves powerless to serve the needs of business, and then ten or twelve millions find themselves unemployed because of a financial breakdown, there is no telling what demagogues they may follow or in what economic vagaries they may put their trust."

The credit union system, Filene said, "fortunately was one of the factors working for safety." He declared it to be the only "financial organization in America which is going forward steadily and rapidly."

More than 300 persons attended the luncheon, a joint meeting of the Indianapolis Advertising Club, Indianapolis Real Estate Board, American Business Club, Illinois Club, League, Bell Telephone Club and the Indianapolis Typographical Union.

At 6:30 tonight Filene will speak at a meeting of Indiana Credit Unions in the Antlers.

## CITY PRIMARY ABOLITION TO BE DEMANDED

Repeal Movement Seen as  
Certain of Support in  
Both Parties.

### HANDS OFF BY M'NUTT

Governor Expected to Sign  
Bill If Legislature  
Approves It.

Abolition of the direct primary in municipal elections loomed today, with announcement by Governor Paul V. McNutt of a "hands off" policy concerning it.

Leaders of the repeal movement took McNutt's statement as indirect approval of their course.

"Primary repeal is not an administration measure," McNutt declared. "But neither will it be opposed by the administration. Ours will be a 'hands off' policy concerning it."

This was interpreted to mean that if the bill is passed the Governor will sign it.

### Supported by Both Parties

Only local offices, including representatives in congress, now remain under the primary system.

Primary repeal is said to have the support of both the Democratic and Republican party organizations. Passage now would do away with the municipal primary in May. Candidates for city offices would be nominated by the party organizations for final decision of the voters at the election in the fall.

Two bills are in the process of making, it was learned. One is a blanket bill to repeal all primary laws and the other would effect repeal of the primary in cities only. This would leave the county and congressional offices still under the primary plan.

Since the party organizations are built up from the precinct committeemen, and these are selected in the primary, the repeal bill will provide that committeemen chosen by voters at the general elections.

### State Repeal in 1929

Primary repeal covering state offices was passed in 1929 by bipartisan action.

McNutt also explained today why he had not mentioned the intangibles tax in his message to the legislature.

"Passage of an intangibles tax is one of the Democratic platform measures," he explained. "In my opinion, it so was understood, and I did not stress it because I feel that it will be a doubtful source of revenue at this time."

Bill for a tax on intangibles at 25 per cent of their valuation was introduced in the house by Representative John M. Cantley (Dem., Logansport).

Such measure long has been recommended by the state tax board.

## 'Slap' Sticks

'Do It Again,' Is Plea of  
Man Smashed With  
Cops' Trick Clubs.

CHIEF MIKE MORRISSEY'S newly-patented police "billy clubs" has demonstrated its practicability.

Armed with two brand new "slap sticks" which resemble a section of a broad rubber belt, patrolmen Norval Bennett and Ray Boyd Wednesday night went to a rooming house in North New Jersey street to eject a stubborn roomer who had defaulted in his rent.

Entering the room of the man, Bennett and Boyd found him reclining on a bed, sans clothing.

The roomer resisted arguments of the officers, refusing to leave the room.

Bennett and Boyd drew their "trick" clubs, grasped the finger notches securely and administered two resounding smacks.

Both officers were chagrined to see the face of the man break into a broad smile.

"Ain't that nice," he said. "Again the 'billyes' descended, this time with a loud report.

Still wearing a smile, the roomer rose, donned his clothing and went away from there.

## First Wife of Smith Reynolds Will Battle Libby Holman for Millions; Each Demands Fortune for Her Baby



Libby Holman Reynolds

Epochal Court Conflict to  
Be Waged; Widow to See  
Infant for First Time at  
Hospital Friday.

By United Press

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 12.—Libby Holman Reynolds, former Broadway singer, may see her multimillionaire baby for the first time Friday, if her son's condition continues to improve.

Physicians at the Pennsylvania hospital said today the mother has not asked to have the child brought to her. Miss Holman occupies a suite on the seventh floor of the hospital.

Her baby, potential heir to a large part of the \$15,000,000 fortune left by Smith Reynolds, is being kept in an incubator a few rooms away.

Presuming the baby continues to respond to the treatment necessary because of his premature arrival, he will be given his first bath in olive oil Friday, weighed officially and carried to his mother.

### Police Guard Baby

Meanwhile, guarded by a uniformed policeman, the tiny, sleeping bit of humanity became the center of what may be one of the most bitterly contested fights for millions in the history of the nation's courts.

Circumstances—the will of the child's grandfather, R. J. Reynolds; trust fund established for the baby's father, in which no mention was made of possible widows, Young Reynolds' two marriages, and the uncertain legal status of a posthumous child—conspired to produce a legal tangle in which the judicial minds of the country were at variance.

It is possible that the United States supreme court may be called upon to determine how many of the Reynolds' tobacco millions will go to the baby.

The baby probably will be named Zachary Smith Reynolds, after his father, who was mysteriously killed six months ago at the Reynolds' North Carolina estate.

### Seeks Whole Estate

Through her attorney, Miss Holman has indicated that she will battle for the entire estate—estimated at from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000—for her son.

Other legal forces will be arrayed on the side of Ann Cannon Reynolds, first wife of Smith Reynolds, and her daughter, now 2 years old.

Alfred Holman, Cincinnati city attorney, father of Mrs. Reynolds, was expected to arrive in Philadelphia today. Mrs. Holman has been with her daughter since the birth of the baby.

### Will to Be Filed

By United Press

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—The Guaranty Trust Company today prepared to file the will of the late Z. Smith Reynolds for probate, while attorneys for his widow, Libby Holman Reynolds, worked on the contest suit by which they hope to break its terms and obtain \$18,000,000 for the widow and his posthumous child.

The Guaranty Trust Company was given letters of temporary administration, several months ago, by the probate court of the city of New York, pending arrival of the child, born Tuesday.

Arnold J. Brock, Mrs. Reynolds' attorney, said Reynolds' will, disposing of his \$15,000,000 share in the trust left by his father, R. J. Reynolds, was inoperative, because he was a minor and because it was made before his marriage to the former stage star.

Mrs. Reynolds will claim one-third of the \$15,000,000, plus accumulated interest, amounting to about \$3,000,000, for herself and two-thirds for her son, he said.

Two suits will be filed when the will is filed for probate. The first will seek the accumulated interest; the second will seek the trust fund.

### GETS INSURANCE POST

Retiring Supreme Court Reporter to  
Be Company's Special Agent.

Miss Genevieve Brown, Winamac, who retires as reporter of the supreme and appellate courts Saturday, will become a special Indiana agent for the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States.

Miss Brown, who will succeed in the state post by Miss Emma May of Terre Haute, will be associated with the Homer L. Rogers Agency.

## REACH TRUCE IN MINE WAR

Both Sides Wait Probe  
Begun by Governor  
of Illinois.

By United Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 12.—A temporary truce in Illinois' mine union war appeared to have been effected today as both sides waited on an investigation begun by Governor Henry Horner.

As a first step toward bringing peace to the Christian county mining region, where two men and a woman were shot to death in outbreaks last week, Horner assured a delegation of striking miners' wives that food relief stations in Taylorville, Kincaid, Tovey and Jelsville would be reopened.

The strikers' attorney obtained a court order restraining Christian county authorities from interfering with balloting in Christian county for election of state officers of the Progressive Miners of America. Previously the authorities had ordered balloting barred.

### HENRY RAWITSCH IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Funeral Services for Retired Haberdasher to Be Held Friday.

Funeral services for Henry Rawitsch, 716 East Fortieth street, retired president of Rawitsch & Co., haberdashers, in the Claypool, who died early today in Milwaukee, will be held Friday in the Hisey & Titus funeral home. Burial will be in the Jewish cemetery.

Mr. Rawitsch had been ill several months.

Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Meta Rawitsch; a son, Raymond, of Indianapolis, and three brothers and sisters, all of Chicago.

### Borinstein Is Reappointed

Louis J. Borinstein, Chamber of Commerce president, Wednesday was re-appointed to the city plan commission and board of zoning appeals for a four-year term by Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan. Borinstein is vice-president of the commission.

## SENATE POLL SHOWS BLAINE BILL VICTORY

Majority for Passage of  
Dry Law Revision Is  
Given in Check.

### FIGHT ON AMENDMENTS

Robinson of Arkansas Will  
Ask Ratification by  
Conventions.

BY LEO R. SACK,  
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WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Completion of the Scripps-Howard poll of the senate on the Blaine prohibition revision amendment indicated clearly today that the necessary two-thirds vote will be acquired.

Of the ninety-six senators, the poll showed:

For the amendment in its present or eventually revised form, 60; opposed, 16; non-committal, 20. If all senators are present and voting, sixty-four votes will be necessary for passage and sufficient of the twenty who refused to commit themselves today are expected to vote for the final measure to insure its passage.

Two and possibly three vigorous fights will be made against sections of the amendment and there is possibility that the judiciary committee's report will be overridden on at least one amendment, that pertaining to ratification by state conventions instead of legislatures.

### Robinson to Ask Change

Democratic Leader Joseph Robinson announced that he will offer an amendment to substitute conventions for legislatures. Many senators have informed him that they will insist on carrying out the pledge of both party platforms in this respect.

Support is accumulating for Senator Blaine's proposed amendment to strike out the section giving the federal government concurrent power with the states to regulate saloons. Senators are saying that a police regulation should not be written into the Constitution.

Mrs. Hattie Caraway of Arkansas, the only woman senator, announced she was opposed to the entire measure.

The confidence of senate Democratic leaders that the house of representatives will accept a measure not in strict accord with the Democratic platform pledge for outright repeal was shattered by Speaker Garner.

### Must Keep Pledge

"I have announced," he told Scripps-Howard newspapers, "that I will oppose any measure which does not comply with the Democratic platform. I shall help what is being said in the senate. I shall stand by my original position."

Mr. Garner's announcement is calculated to strengthen the fight of senators who are insisting on redemption of the party platform.

The attitude of senators not included among the 83 enumerated yesterday follows:

Arkansas—Robinson (Dem.): "I shall offer an amendment insisting on ratification by state conventions in accordance with the Democratic platform. I shall support the resolution otherwise." Mr. Caraway (Dem.): "I am going to vote against it."

Connecticut—Walcott (Rep.): "I was for repeal when my state was bone dry. I hope the sections pertaining to saloons will be stricken out. I shall support Senator Robinson's amendment."

Florida—Trammell (Dem.): "I think the resolution should conform with the party platform, but I shall vote for final passage."

### Would Bar Police Powers

Missouri—Howes (Dem.): "I shall do my best to eliminate objectionable features, such as police regulation and ratification by legislatures; then I shall vote for final passage. Patterson (Rep.) favors saloon regulation, objects to legislative ratification, but will vote for final draft."

New Hampshire—Keyes (Rep.), expected to support committee text. New Mexico—Bratton (Dem.), favors conventions, wants saloon regulation eliminated, will support final text. Cutting (Rep.), noncommittal, but is expected to vote affirmatively on final passage.

North Carolina—Bailey (Dem.): "I am very much inclined to support the Democratic platform, but will vote for final draft."

South Dakota—Bullow: "Am for conventions against the saloons. Will vote yes finally."

West Virginia—Neely (Dem.): "I supported the Blaine amendment, as written, in the committee. I shall do so on the floor." Hatfield (Rep.), noncommittal.

## 81-Cent Times Rental Ad Rents House in Four Days

\$20. CORNELIUS, 3915-6 Rooms,  
Shorthire, HU-5154.

The ten-word ad reproduced above was placed in The Times Rental column by Mrs. Ella Quick. The ad appeared in The Times only four days and a tenant was located for the property. The cost of the ad was only 81 cents.

If your property is vacant, don't stand by and let it remain empty. Get a tenant for it. A Times Rental ad will assist you greatly. The cost is ever so small, only 3 cents a word, with liberal discount for prompt payment.

Just call RI. 5551, or you can bring your ad to Times Want Ad Headquarters, 214 W. Maryland St.

## Death Shatters Dream of Decade for Veteran Dog Racer

JUST as it appeared that one of his cherished dreams might be realized, John Hohl, 50, of 2039 Singleton street, died Tuesday night, without accomplishing an end for which he had striven for several years.

Hear disease resulted in Mr. Hohl's death as he was seated at dinner in his home.

For more than ten years, Mr. Hohl had looked forward to the time when he would be permitted to operate his own Indianapolis race track, where greyhounds and whippets would dash around the course in pursuit of a mechanical rabbit, always just beyond reach.

Last summer it appeared that his dream would become reality, when the special session of the general assembly passed a bill legalizing betting, but a veto by the Governor blocked this.

Now, with the general assembly again in session, one of the measures receiving the most serious consideration pertains to legalized betting. Only a few days before his death, Mr. Hohl had discussed with his son, Ralph, the possibility of the law being passed, little dreaming that his own death would alter the plans again.



John Hohl, local dog racing enthusiast, who died Tuesday night, is shown with two of his trained racers. The photo was taken last summer at the trial track, southeast of the city.

At the end of East Minnesota street, outside the city limits, is the kennel and trial track where Mr. Hohl raised his dogs

and trained them for their careers of fruitless pursuit. Just as tenaciously as his dogs pursued their elusive pacemaker,

Mr. Hohl turned his energies toward attaining a goal which always was beyond reach. Although one disappointment followed an-

other, he continued laying his plans and remaking them when the finish line was reached without a victory.

Slowly and carefully, he bred his dogs, selecting only the best stock and making sure that his racers should have all the benefits that championship blood can give. At one time his "stable" contained nearly thirty fleet, steel-muscled racers.

There still are sixteen dogs in the kennel. Disease took the others in an epidemic which struck the kennels about a month ago.

Hohl made it a rule never to sell a dog, preferring to retain the strain he bred within his own kennels. Only once did he nearly break the rule. Former Mayor Samuel Lewis Shank was a close friend of Hohl, who yielded to his entreaties to sell one of his dogs for a pet. However, before the dog was delivered, Mr. Shank died.

Shocked by his father's death, Ralph, however, "expects to keep the dogs."

"I helped Dad work out the plans for this track and I know all he knew about training the dogs," Ralph said. "We have applied for a patent on a new type electric rabbit, which we believe

to be an improvement over those used at most tracks."

Ralph, a student at Arsenal Technical high school, daily aided his father in exercising the dogs and in staging training races, which also served for experimental purposes during development of the electric rabbit.

In the fall of 1930, Ralph accompanied his father to Springfield, Mass., where they took their dogs for races during the Eastern States Exposition there.

In addition to training his racers, Mr. Hohl was engaged in management of the Indianapolis Auto Service, Inc., at 319 East New York street.

Funeral services for Mr. Hohl will be held at 2 P. M. Friday at the Hermann funeral home. Burial will be in Memorial Park cemetery.

### CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL

Morris D. Rosenthal Seeks Nomination from Fourth District.

Morris D. Rosenthal, attorney, today announced his candidacy for city councilman, Fourth district, in the Republican primary next May. He pledges reduction in utility rates and economy in government.