

# RASKOB STIRS DISCORD WITH POLL OF PARTY

## Southern Drys Resent Prohibition Query

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(Associated Press.)—Discord within the democratic party on prohibition broke out afresh today over the letter from Chairman Raskob polling members of the national committee on their views toward his plan to modify the eighteenth amendment.

A number of southern party leaders immediately renewed their demands for subordinating prohibition to economic issues in the 1932 campaign and went forward with their plans to block adoption of the Raskob platform.

They said they regarded the chairman's letter, made public yesterday, as an attempt to commit the national organization before its meeting next winter.

"Economic problems must have first place in any democratic program," said Senator Hull of Tennessee, a former chairman of the national committee, and a leader of the group opposing Raskob's economic and prohibition views.

"Paramount Issue" Hull characterized Raskob's letter as "a strenuous attempt to make prohibition not only a partisan issue, but a paramount partisan issue, which automatically would, for an indefinite number of years, exclude serious or deliberate consideration of all other issues and problems, by party agencies, no matter how vital and pressing."

"Chairman Raskob's references to other questions impresses me as being minor and parenthetical," Hull added. Representative Ayres of Kansas, another member of the same party group and a prohibitionist, said he had little doubt the national committee would favor Raskob's prohibition views.

"The Kansas recently called for re-pudiation, if necessary, of party leaders advocating prohibition as a dominant issue in 1932.

He added, however, he knew some of the committee did not represent the views of their states because they were elected in 1928 when former Governor Smith of New York was the candidate, and were not selected to settle party policies such as those advanced by Raskob.

Sees Repeal Proposal Declaring he had no comment to make on the wisdom of Raskob's suggested course, Senator Walsh of Montana, said the chairman's prohibition plan was in effect "plainly a proposal to repeal the eighteenth amendment."

Walsh said, "not the repeal of the eighteenth amendment but an amendment of it under which each state would enjoy the right to determine whether it should be dry or wet. That is exactly the result which would follow if the amendment were repealed."

Senator Walsh, of Massachusetts, an anti-prohibitionist, who has opposed discussion of policies by the national committee, said he did not see any harm in Raskob's poll of the committee.

Some of the party's leading anti-prohibitionists, however, privately expressed the view the national chairman was making a mistake in stressing the prohibition issue.

Byrd to Oppose Attempt BERRYVILLE, Va., April 6.—(A.P.)—Harry P. Byrd, democratic national committee chairman from Virginia, indicated tonight that he would oppose any effort of the national democratic committee to deal with party policies.

"I have not received from Chairman Raskob of the national committee the letter mentioned in the newspapers requesting my individual recommendations for the 1932 platform," Byrd said, "but my position announced at Washington is unchanged.

"The democracy of Virginia, judging by advice coming to me from the Washington committee meeting, is very strongly in favor of the national democratic convention only (and not the national committee) dealing with party policies."

Considers Plan Ideal NEW ORLEANS, April 6.—(A.P.)—Commenting upon the request of Chairman Raskob for 1932 platform suggestions from democratic national committee members, Mrs. Stella Hamlin, national committeewoman for Louisiana said today she considered the Raskob "home rule plan" an "ideal" solution of the prohibition problem.

Favors Referendum FORT SMITH, Ark., April 6.—(A.P.)—Vincent M. Miles, Fort Smith, national democratic committee man for Arkansas, declared today in favor of a national referendum on prohibition. Miles made this answer when asked (Continued on Page 2)

# Will Rogers

MEXICO CITY, April 6. Viva la Mexico City. This is a great old city and no excuse for anyone not coming. It don't take long. It El Paso this morning. Made the 1200 miles in nine hours on regular passenger line. Fare is \$75. American pilots and fast Lockheed ships. Country is peaceful, working and happy. That last revolution kinder discouraged their guests. This fellow Clark that took Morrow's place is doing a fine job here. Seemed good to hear a prohibition argument or a speech on "business is slightly on the upgrade."

Yours, WILL ROGERS.

## Sticks by Mayor



MRS. JAMES J. WALKER

## The Weather

Fair Tuesday and Wednesday; Warmer Wednesday; Gentle Moderate East and Southeast Winds

Hourly Temperatures Yesterday	
1 a.m.	62
2 a.m.	61
3 a.m.	60
4 a.m.	58
5 a.m.	57
6 a.m.	56
7 a.m.	55
8 a.m.	56
9 a.m.	58
10 a.m.	59
11 a.m.	61
Noon	60
Midnight	54

Highest.....63 Lowest.....54

Total for 24 hours ending 8 p. m. 0.00 Total since this month to date 2.39 Total since Jan. 1 14.53 Excess since April 1 2.01 Excess since Jan. 1 6.47

Rainfall

Temperatures Elsewhere	
Ashville	40
Atlanta	52
Birmingham	42
Boston	42
Chicago	44
Cincinnati	50
Denver	72
Detroit	46
Kansas City	64
Jacksonville	62
Los Angeles	88
Memphis	82
Miami	68
New Orleans	66
New York	50
San Francisco	74
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## Mrs. John Ringling Sees Her First Circus

NEW YORK, April 6.—(A.P.)—Well, Mrs. John Ringling has seen a circus.  
Mrs. Ringling, who married the chief owner of the Barnum & Bailey Ringling Brothers outfit a few months ago, never had seen a circus until Thursday night.  
She saw the 1931 New York opening with her husband.

# MAYOR WALKER PREPARED TO FIGHT CHARGES

## Wife Is Returning From Miami to His Side

NEW YORK, April 6.—(Associated Press.)—Mayor James J. Walker sat in a bower of lilies today, banged a bromide fist on the table and exclaimed:  
"I shall answer the charges against me only with the help of my own office and the heads of departments concerned. The answer I shall make will be mine and nobody else's."

The bower was his office in city hall, which admiring friends had turned into something resembling a greenhouse. The exclamation was an answer to a reporter who wanted to know whether the mayor would seek the aid of Tammany hall's "legal board of strategy" in defending himself against charges of incompetency and insubordination filed with Governor Roosevelt by the city affairs committee.

Grim and Grave The mayor, who returned yesterday from several weeks' rest in California, was grim and grave as he left his home in the Mayfair house for city hall. Camera men clamored for him to pose.

"All right boys, but don't keep me too long," he grinned—and then dropped the grin the next instant. "If you hold me too long they'll be criticizing me for not being on the job at city hall."

## Work Begun

The first work of the mayor's defense already has been done. Heads of 10 city departments have summarized their achievements and met specific charges in documents which were turned over to the mayor. City hall clerks expected his reply would be sent to the governor this week. Then he will be able to turn his attention to the legislative investigation of the whole city government, which is to get under way shortly, probing charges of widespread corruption.

It was said today at city hall that Mrs. Walker, who has been spending the winter at Miami, intends to return to New York in a few days to be with her husband while he is fighting the charges.

Mrs. Walker to Join Mayor MIAMI BEACH, April 6.—(A.P.)—Mrs. James J. Walker is going back to New York soon to be with her husband when he answers his critics.

The wife of New York's mayor, here for the last several weeks on a winter vacation said today she planned to leave within the next few days to join her husband.

"The mayor can win without my help but my place during the fight is by his side," Mrs. Walker said. "I shall be there where I'll be when he starts answering charges against his administration."  
"I feel certain the charges will be proved untrue. I'm is one of the most capable and most lovable men in the world and I'm seeking by him to the finish."

# Venezuelan Rebels Capture 3 Towns and Besiege Fourth

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD ISLAND, April 6.—(Universal Service.)—Venezuelan rebels tonight had captured three towns and were laying siege to a fourth, according to messages received here from revolutionary headquarters.

The revolutionary forces, headed by Gen. Arevalo Cedeno, were reported to have defeated troops besieged in San Fernando and sharp fighting was in progress in the city's suburbs. The dispatches announced "heavy casualties" among the defenders.

A manifesto issued by General Cedeno declared the revolt directed against the dictatorship of President Juan Vicente Gomez. It said:  
"We are struggling for the re-establishment of the republic lost 30 years ago and for release from the claws of a dictatorship which makes us slaves. This is a fight to the end. We expect the help of all loyal Venezuelans."  
"We desire to exploit our natural resources without monopoly, to create schools and universities and to abolish the hideous specter of Maracaibo (the home of Gomez)."

# King George Remains Indoors With Chill

WINDSOR, England, April 6.—(A.P.)—While rain dripped monotonously outside the gray walls of Windsor castle, King George remained by his bedside tonight and pursued a slight cold which beset him last Friday night.

Remembering his majesty's grave illness in 1928, the British people were alarmed to learn that he was even slightly indisposed but they were considerably reassured by the fact that no official bulletins had been issued and by unofficial reports that his affliction was taking its normal course.

In short, they were brought to the realization that the king had a trifling cold and was recovering from it—a condition from which about 95 percent of his subjects suffered this winter or will suffer after one of the dampest Easter holidays recorded in England.

## Escapes Death



CAPT. MALCOLM CAMPBELL

# CAMPBELL HAS CLOSE SHAVE IN AUTO ACCIDENT

## Front Wheel Rod Breaks At 100 Miles an Hour

BROOKLANDS, England, April 6.—(Associated Press.)—Sir Malcolm Campbell, world's automobile speed champion, had what he described as the narrowest "shave" of his life today during a race at the opening meeting of the famous Brooklands race track. He escaped death only because of his own superb skill as a driver.

The racer was speeding along at well over 100 miles an hour on the first lap of the opening race of the day, a 12-mile handicap affair, when the tie rod, holding the front wheels in position, snapped. The wheels looked and the car zigzagged madly from side to side on a track slippery from rain.

"Ghastly Experience" With death threatening Campbell and the spectators who lined the rail on either side, the pilot managed somehow to get the car under control. He said afterwards that he didn't know how he had done it. He said it was a "ghastly experience" the broken rod, lashing out as Campbell fought to regain control of the car, ripped the spokes out of one of the wheels.

"I was braking, preparatory to making a turn," he said, "and suddenly I heard a terrific crash and the front wheels locked, somehow I managed to pull her in. I suppose my luck holds good."  
Campbell, who is 46, set the world's speed record at 245.73 miles an hour for a straight way mile last winter in the sands of Daytona Beach. He broke a record set at Daytona by another Englishman, the late Sir Henry O. D. Segrave, at 231 miles an hour.

Campbell, who has had many narrow escapes from death piloting racing cars, is a fatalist and does not count the close ones.  
"I've seen 'it' in front of me so many times," he said during his recent trip to the United States to break the Segrave record, "that I'm a fatalist. You never go before your time. If my time is up I'm ready to go. There's no use grouching."

# Winter Resident at Palm Beach Kills Self With Bullet

PALM BEACH, April 6.—(A.P.)—Dr. W. L. Kingsley, 65, retired physician and a leading industrialist in Rome, N. Y., was found dead in his fashionable winter home here today with a bullet wound in his head.

Authorities said he had committed suicide, and indicated no inquest would be held.  
The body was found in the bathroom of his home, La Villuica, where he had spent the winter for the last 30 years. An automatic pistol lay in the bath tub and an empty cartridge on the floor.

Dr. Hobart E. Warren, family physician, said Dr. Kingsley had been in failing health.  
Dr. Kingsley, who was a member of nine clubs in Rome, New York city, London, Paris and Palm Beach, took an active part in social functions here during the winter and traveled abroad in the summer. He annually gave large Christmas parties for the children of Palm Beach and West Palm Beach.

His widow, Mrs. Lucy Stevens Kingsley, survives.

# Gasoline Price Cut 2 Cents Gallon Here

Gasoline prices here tumbled another two cents a gallon yesterday, the second drop in less than two months.

From the offices of the Standard Oil company went word yesterday afternoon to all of its stations to lower the retail price to 17 cents a gallon, effective at 5 o'clock. Although other companies held to the 19 cent price, it was generally believed by motorists that they would fall in line today.

# TEST PILOT KILLED

KANSAS CITY, April 6.—(A.P.)—Bert Thomas, a test pilot, was killed in a leap from a disabled plane when his parachute failed to open here today.

# ELFERS MAN KIDNAPED BY FLOGGER BAND

## Barber Beaten With Strap in Hernando

ST. PETERSBURG, April 6.—(Associated Press.)—Floggers, the object of a two-county investigation, struck again last Friday night, it was learned today.

Owen Jackson, a barber at Elfers, was the victim.  
Kidnaped by four men in a "big black sedan" Jackson was carried to Arippeka, in Hernando county, and flogged.

Jackson refused to give authorities full details of his abduction but said he had been given "10 days to leave town."

Handcuffed and Flogged Jackson said two men came to his home Friday night about 9:15 o'clock and knocked on the door. When he answered they handcuffed him and carried him to the car. He was tossed into the back seat where he believed two more men waited.

The car sped about 14 miles north to a wooded section near Arippeka. After administering a flogging with a "strap or belt" the men entered their car and drove away.

Jackson walked back to Elfers. Meanwhile Deputy Sheriff Poole of New Port Richey was notified that Jackson had been abducted and immediately set out to hunt for him. Poole declined to say who has notified him of Jackson's kidnaping.

Deputy Poole said Jackson has a wife in New Jersey.

Cause Is Mystery Why Jackson was kidnaped and beaten is a mystery in Elfers and New Port Richey, although several theories have been advanced, Poole said. He declined to elaborate or enumerate these theories.

The abducting and kidnaping of Jackson came while Pinellas and Hillsborough authorities were investigating the activities of a band of kidnapers responsible for flogging a Tarpon Springs man two years ago and a St. Petersburg man a month ago.

H. R. Jamison is the Tarpon Springs man and R. W. Oxford, a paint shop owner, the St. Petersburg man.

One arrest already has been made in the Jamison case and five persons, all Tampans, have been arrested in the Oxford kidnaping. Other arrests are expected but probably not until the May grand jury meets.

All those held in the Oxford case, except a woman, are out on bonds. Poole here and in Tampa have been working on the theory that the two Pinellas county and numerous other floggings have been committed by a gang which hires out for that purpose.

Jackson's wife, it was said, is a nurse in a Trenton, N. J., hospital. She is a sister of State Senator J. M. Mitchell's wife.

# Murder Syndicate Among Japanese Found in Canada

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, April 6.—(A.P.)—Three Japanese were under arrest tonight and police indicated they would investigate 20 Japanese deaths following uncovering of what officers said they believed to be a "murder syndicate."

Arrest of the trio followed discovery of the body of Masakihi Watanabe, 49, who apparently had been killed in a fight. On information furnished by one of the men, police pumped dry a water hole in the Pulse creek flats and found a canister with a hatchet inside.

The "syndicate," police said, had apparently been organized for the purpose of benefiting from insurance policies of its victims. Authorities declared one of the men had said he took money from the group to kill three persons but had fled the city before carrying out the assignment.

# Autopsy Shows Wood, Named in Floggings, Not Killed by Poison

With the report yesterday that poisoning did not cause the death of H. T. Wood, automobile shop operator, whose body was exhumed in connection with investigation of a flogging ring in Tampa and St. Petersburg, State Attorney Parkhill dropped his inquiry into the case.

Since Wood's body bore no marks of violence and the poison theory had collapsed, Parkhill said, there was no reason for him to pursue an investigation. The report of Dr. D. G. Meighen, assistant county physician, that a chemical analysis had failed to show any trace of poison was filed with the state attorney.

After Wood's death on March 14 he was named as leader of floggers who kidnaped and beat R. W. Oxford, St. Petersburg automobile shop man, the night of Feb. 23. Rumors spread that Wood had died of a blow or poison.

His body was exhumed in Orange Hill cemetery March 27, and an examination by Dr. Meighen failed to disclose any marks of violence. The death certificate, filed shortly before the autopsy was made, showed that Wood died from a cerebral hemorrhage, superinduced by influenza.

# LEWIS NAMED SPEAKER OF HOUSE AT CAUCUS, DEFEATS TOMASELLO

## Leaders In Legislature



Representative Clay Lewis, Jr., of Gulf county, left, nominated for speaker of the house, and Senator Pat Whitaker, Tampa, named president of the senate.

# BANDIT ROBS FALL DENIED SARASOTA BANK APPEAL FROM \$10,000 OF JAIL SENTENCE

SARASOTA, April 6.—(Special.)—A lone bandit, wearing a mask which completely concealed his features, slipped into the Palmer National bank here tonight and scooped up \$10,000 under the eyes of two helpless tellers as he held them at the point of a pistol.

Passing up all silver for currency, the robber tucked his loot into his pockets and waving his weapon threateningly at the bank employes backed out of the side door through which he entered and disappeared.

It all happened so quickly the two tellers, who were working late on their records, found it difficult to describe the robbery to police. They were able to provide only a meager description of the gunman, his face being hidden by a handkerchief.

Teller Relates Story Charles Wadsworth, one of the tellers, said he was intent at his work about 10 o'clock when he suddenly heard a footstep behind him and a command to "shut out" the money. He turned to face the speaker and looked squarely into the barrel of a pistol.

Waving back the tellers, the bandit gathered up the currency in their cages and then, holding them off with the revolver, darted into the vault to grab up several packages of money here.

Then, with a final warning not to follow him, he backed through the side door, the entrance to the bank from the lobby of the building. Apparently he got into a waiting automobile. The tellers waited a few seconds and then notified police, they said.

Sarasota police immediately notified officers of Hillsborough and other counties to be on the lookout for the robber and highways leading from the city were guarded.

Homer Whitman, cashier of the bank, was notified at once of the robbery. He said the loss was covered by insurance.

Has 15 Days/ The court of appeals has 15 days to invoke the mandate which might send Fall to the penitentiary. Should a writ of certiorari be sought from the supreme court—for which three months is allowed—steps might be taken to keep the former interior secretary out of prison pending the highest court's decision.

Fall was convicted of accepting a \$100,000 bribe from Edward L. Doehney, wealthy oil man, to influence his signing of a lease on the naval oil reserves at Elk Hills, Calif. The court today overrode virtually every objection advanced by Fall's attorneys for his conviction in the District of Columbia supreme court.

The decision against Blackmer likewise was a sweeping affirmation of his conviction by the lower court. Associate Justice C. H. Robb, who wrote the opinion, contended Blackmer must have known his testimony would be wanted when he left the country in 1924. The former Denver oil man later was served twice with (Continued on Page 2)

# No Procrastination

Do you know of anything so dead as yesterday's newspaper? A book or a magazine may lie around for weeks before you read it, but not a newspaper. A newspaper is dead tomorrow, because it is read TODAY. An act deferred is often an act neglected.

Newsprint readers READ... ACT... BUY... TODAY.

Tampa Tribune

# Whitaker To Head Senate in Session Opening Today

By HOWARD W. HARTLEY Tribune Staff Correspondent TALLAHASSEE, April 6.—By a vote of 52 to 41 Representative Clay Lewis, Jr., of Gulf, tonight was nominated speaker of the house over Representative Peter Tomaseklo, Jr., of Okaloosa while the senate caucus, by unanimous action, named Senator Pat Whitaker of Tampa, as president of the senate.

Both will be elected and installed tomorrow.

Futch Voices Tribune The senate caucus was brief, but the nominating speech for Whitaker, delivered by Senator Futch of Leesburg, was a glowing tribute to the Tampa legislator.

"This session," Senator Futch said, "equals in importance any held in Florida since the 60's. We confront problems of state, both complicated and hard to solve. In times such as these, the senate should choose as its presiding officer a man of unquestioned courage and wisdom. With conditions in Florida today no less dangerous than war or pestilence, it is necessary that we choose as our president a leader with the ability to maintain equilibrium in times of stress. Such a man is Pat Whitaker, the senator from the thirty-fourth district. The people of Florida have come to know and to respect him."

"We of the senate know that in Pat Whitaker we are selecting a man of unquestioned integrity and honesty, fair and fearless and with the courage the president of this body so sorely needs in the coming session."

There was a roar of applause from the packed galleries. Chairman Swearingin called for further nominations, heard none and the vote giving Senator Whitaker the presidency was by acclamation.

Declines to Comment Pending his formal election tomorrow, Senator Whitaker declined to comment on his nomination. He was not called upon to speak tonight. "I will address the senate," he said, "after the election. Of course, I appreciate this high honor more than words can express and I will endeavor to serve my state, county and city to the best of my ability."

In selecting Senator Whitaker as its new leader, the senate picked one of the youngest presidents in its history. Born in Georgia in 1894, Senator Whitaker learned legislative procedure as a young man while serving as secretary to Congressman Adamson of his native state. He held this position through President Wilson's administration and came to Tampa in 1917 to begin the practice of law. He is serving his sixth session in the Florida legislature.

Family at Caucus Senator Whitaker's family occupied a reserved bench on the floor of the senate. The group included his mother, Mrs. D. B. Whitaker; his wife, his sister Alice, and D. B. Whitaker, Jr., a brother, Tom Whitaker, the senator's elder brother and law partner, sat in the gallery with Mrs. Amos Norris, member of the Tampa civil service board, and Mrs. Marian Dixon, president of the American Legion auxiliary of U. S. S. Tampa post. Other Tampans at the caucus were Sheriff John H. County, Soltato Skinner, Harry Houston, Jr., M. Shackelford, Jr., former county attorney; L. M. Hatton, Jr., Robert Carter, Roger Watkins and Morris Watts.

The race for president pro-tem resulted in the unanimous nomination of Senator Turner of Cedar Key. Robert W. Davis, of Gainesville, was nominated as secretary.

Carlton Congratulates Governor Carlton was notified of Senator Whitaker's nomination and extended his congratulations. "While the issues involved in this session," the governor said, "chiefly concern taxation and consequently will provoke strong controversy, I have every reason to hope for a very harmonious and constructive session. The requirements of the state have so impressed themselves on the people as well as the public officials that we shall have at this session what was lacking in the last, namely a ripe public sentiment based on the recognition of facts we cannot ignore."

Representative H. S. McKenzie of Putnam county was nominated unanimously for speaker pro-tem of the house.

Prepare for Session TALLAHASSEE, April 6.—(A.P.)—Legislators throughout the state today in last-minute preparations for tomorrow's opening of the twenty-third regular legislative session.

Between informal caucuses and interviews with nearly 2000 job seekers, the 38 senators and 95 representatives found the day filled with conferences.

The session will be formally opened when the legislators take their seats for a 60-day session which will bring a general discussion and debate on the myriad problems which the membership has planned to deal with in a host of bills.

Routine To Be Followed Method of convention, following a custom of previous years, will call for the inauguration of the session at the simultaneous signal of the president pro-tem and the speaker pro-tem. As the two bodies meet in their respective halls on the second floor of the old capitol building, the temporary (Continued on Page 3)