

### Delegates Don't Mean Much, France Discovers at Conclave

Ex-Senator France as sketched by George Clark for NEA Service and The Observer at the Chicago G. O. P. convention.

By Rodney Dutcher (NEA Service Writer) (Copyright, 1932, NEA Service, Inc.) CHICAGO, June 27—Careful search through Chicago disclosed only one candidate for the Republican presidential nomination.

His name was Joseph Irwin France. He is an ex-senator from the state of Maryland.

Herbert Hoover didn't come. Dr. France intimated a belief that Mr. Hoover was afraid to come. After all, hadn't her, France, entered one presidential primary after another—ninety states in all—and won the high vote in seven of them?

Dr. France wouldn't admit that he wasn't going to be nominated. He had tables to show—and a big sign over the entrance to his large handsome headquarters at the Congress Hotel announced—that in states where primary laws provide for direct vote on candidates he had polled 1,222,766 votes as against Hoover's 99,579. Consequently, Dr. France claimed 231 delegates instructed by the voters and insisted that the voters had only given Hoover 19.

It all seemed pretty impressive and there was no question that it was Dr. France and not Mr. Hoover who had gone out and cleaned up such votes as were cast in the state presidential primaries.

#### THE PRIMARIES

The only trouble was that Dr. France thought, or pretended to think, that the people and not the politicians were the ones who nominated presidential candidates.

The real function of Dr. France was to serve as a horrible example to prove that the presidential primaries have fallen into a state of decay, which in 1932 has given the coup de grace to the sweet theory that nominees are popular choices rather than those of political bosses.

Poor old Joe France stands as a loud advocate of popular government as traditionally identified with those primaries. Furthermore, one must admit that he acted the part of a candidate up to the last minute. He admitted that he himself might not be the nominee, but did insist that Hoover had been licked and that France had been the real obstructing force.

It seemed too bad about Joe, who is tall, handsome and altogether amiable. He is large, lumbering in gait, tanned and given to white suits, white and tan sports shoes and a bow tie. He laughed heartily at he dwelt on the political fate he and "others" were going to mete out to Mr. Hoover.

Interviewed, he recalled how he had gallantly toured the country in the interests of his candidacy—how he had been stuck in North Dakota snowstorms between speaking dates.

#### JUMP TO HOOVER

One suggested that less than a couple of dozen delegates from the states where he had won the preferential primaries actually intended to vote for him. They insisted they were Hoover delegates. But Dr. France replied they had a moral obligation that they were men of honor and

that they would suppress everyone by doing just that.

"Take Oregon and North Dakota, which have almost identical laws," he said. "They demand that a candidate for presidential nomination specifically file his name. He may submit his platform. The law requires that the delegates elected support the preferential choice. And, although it is true that there is no penalty provided for failure to obey the wish of the people, I am sure that the delegates from Illinois, Pennsylvania, Nebraska and West Virginia are all honorable men and women."

"Long practice of disagreeing the preferential primary has made an immoral act something to be winked at. That's why we expect to offer a rule pledging our party to considering the preferential primary results as binding on delegates."

Dr. France admitted that Mr. Hoover hadn't entered the primaries against him except in Maryland. His explanation was that the administration forces dared not risk a popular defeat. The explanation of the administration forces was that all Republicans were behind Hoover anyway, that no one took Dr. France seriously, so why bother? They did enter Hoover in Maryland, after the Republican state machine had assured them that they could give Dr. France a sound licking in his own state which would effectually dispose of him. Hoover beat France, 27,000 to 17,000.

If he were to be victimized by a general disregard of primary votes, France said, his case could only be compared with that of Roosevelt in 1912, when primary delegates of T. R.'s voted for Taft. Not since 1912, he said, had there been any such serious breach of faith.

#### PENNSYLVANIA SMILES

Only the Oregon delegates were willing to admit any obligation to the only presidential candidate in Chicago. There France won over Hoover, 64,000 to 18,000. One of the 13 delegates said he would break pledge and vote for Hoover.

But Russell Hawkins, head of the delegation, said he and the other 11 were unwilling to repudiate the "popular choice." They would vote for France, unless Hoover had a convention majority by the time Oregon's turn came, in which case each delegate would use his best judgment.

Spokesmen for North Dakota, where France won 30,000 votes and Hoover won none because he didn't enter, said nine of their 11 delegates would be for Hoover—they didn't know about the other two. An opinion from the state's attorney general said it would be quite all right. As for Pennsylvania, where France had 352,000 votes against Hoover's unrequested 21,000 in what France thought was a bid for 75 delegates, for Illinois, where he polled 345,000 against the non-entered Mr. Hoover's 1750 with 61 delegates involved, and New Jersey and West Virginia where France also won unopposed by large votes—

Well, their delegates just laughed. They said the fact that Dr. France had taken those primaries seriously was just a big joke on Dr. France.

### Friends Honor Eleanor Davis With a Shower

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin (Observer Correspondent) COVE, June 25 (Special)—Miss Eleanor Davis, whose engagement to Arthur Antles was recently announced, was honored by a shower given for her at the home of Mrs. A. A. Antles Friday afternoon. The shower was a complete surprise. The guests were assembled before the arrival of the guest of honor.

A mock wedding was a feature of the entertainment. Miss Mary Davis acted as the bride, Mrs. Aeriee Rollins, the groom, Mrs. Mary Phillips, a best man, and Miss Cathryn Davis, maid of honor, Mrs. Bernice Miller performed the ceremony. Mrs. William Allen, matron of honor, Misses Jean Koger, Elaine Conley, Phyllis Hancock, Ruth Wiley, Viola Reese, Gladys Harris, the brides attendants, the Dosses, Dorothy Barker, Dorothy Mills, Clara Bertha, Grace Hartley, and Maxine Wele, ring bearer. Mrs. Koger was the mother of the bride and Mrs. Wiley, the father. Two small children, Arlice Gale Conklin, and Donald Coffey under an umbrella came bringing the gifts in a flower trimmed wagon. The bride was gowned in white, wearing the dress worn by her mother 25 years ago. The groom wore a dress coat, the customary grey trousers, and a top hat of an earlier date.

Georgianna Chadwick sang "I Love You Truly" and the bridal party joined in the strains of the Lohengrin wedding march played by Miss An Miller. Eleanor Towle sang "The Rosary." Other guests were Misses Comstock, Dorothy Dryden, Brian Ross, Stella Puckett, Mrs. Brock, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Wells, Gardner, H. G. Lund, Mrs. Love, Betty, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Murphy, T. H. Conklin, Miss Theima Peterson, and Lola DeHaas.

### OREGON DELEGATION DECIDES TO GIVE SUPPORT TO WALSH

(Continued from Page One) delegates that this did not meet with the favor of the ex-senator. Many of the Oregon delegates believe Governor Roosevelt, to whom they are pledged, and who has their general personal support, will not bring the majority rule question before the convention. But if the matter does become an issue the Oregonians are determined to support their candidate, not only in this, but in other questions of policy. The Oregon delegation voted to support an agricultural plank drawn by E. B. Aldrich, editor of the Pendleton East-Oregonian, demanding consideration of agriculture by the government on the same basis as that enjoyed by industry. Joseph K. Carson Jr., resolutions committeeman, was instructed to press this proposal.

### Premier Femme Of France Is Modern Lady

By Adelaide Kerr PARIS (Special)—The historic old mirrors of the French presidential palace reflect the image of a modern French woman, now that Mme. Albert Lebrun has stepped into it as first lady of the land.

The new hostess of the palace, in which the glamorous Empress Josephine once presided, keeps house by modern methods. She refuses to devote her entire day to problems of the menage, for she has kept abreast of affairs since the day she left the National School of Mines, which her father directed, to marry the future president of France.

She speaks English and is fond of both British and American literature. She maintains a wide interest in archeology which she studied at the School of Mines. She loves music and slips away to a concert whenever she has the chance.

Between times she finds a few hours for charitable undertakings and to keep up with educational affairs. Her 8-months old grandson, Pierre, and 3-year-old granddaughter, Anna Marie, are her delight. They spent hours at the Luxembourg Palace when their grandmother presided there as wife of the president of the senate. Friends predict that the youngsters will be seen frequently in the imposing salons of the Elysee Palace.

Their mother is Mme. Pierre Freyese-Linard, daughter of President and Mme. Lebrun. The Freyese-Linard home is on the "left bank." The presidential family circle is completed by Jean, son of the chief executive. He is an engineer and maintains a small apartment near his office.

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