

LONG DEADLOCK AT BALTIMORE

Many Ballots Taken in an Effort to Name a Presidential Candidate.

Baltimore.—The national democratic convention which assembled here a week ago Tuesday witnessed many exciting incidents, and developed a deadlock that was unequalled by any national convention since the republican gathering at Chicago in 1880, when General Grant was a candidate for a third term, and 596 delegates clung to his banner to the thirty-sixth and final ballot when Garfield was nominated.

A remarkable feature of the convention was the dominance of Bryan. Defeated for temporary chairman by Judge Alton B. Parker, who was put forward by the conservative element, he refused to subside, and maintained a belligerent attitude throughout the convention, and several times hurled a thunderbolt which set the delegates and spectators on edge. The spectacle was unique in American politics. In no national convention in recent years has one man by sheer force of his personality been able to upset the plans of the leaders, overturn long established precedent and force an intensely hostile opposition to adopt his views without a strenuous fight.

The first victory was in reversing the program of the conservative steering committee, which intended to continue the temporary organization and make Judge Parker the permanent chairman. Instead, the progressives forced the selection of Ollie James of Kentucky, to be permanent chairman.

Bryan Declines Chairmanship.
Bryan repudiated the Murphy-Taggart-Sullivan attempt to mollify him, and refused election as chairman of the resolutions committee.

When the convention convened Wednesday morning it was announced that the credentials committee would not be able to report until 8 p. m. Before adjourning to that hour the convention listened to a number of speeches.

Immediately after the convention was called to order in the evening the chairman of the committee on rules was recognized to present the committee's report. The report as read placed the nominations for president and vice president on the program of



OLLIE M. JAMES.

Elected Permanent Chairman of the Democratic National Convention.

the convention immediately after the report of the committee on credentials and before the adoption of the platform.

This was another Bryan victory, for he had forced through the committee a resolution demanding that the platform be not adopted until after the candidates were named. The report, much to the surprise of the convention generally, was adopted by a viva voce vote, without opposition.

Overthrew Unit Rule.

The chairman of the credentials committee then presented the majority supplemental report of the rules committee, making the unit rule a rule of the convention. As reported the rule would make a unit instruction by state convention binding on vote of a majority of the delegates favoring any particular candidate.

Representative Henry, of Texas, presented a minority report which would except from the operations of this rule such delegations as are elected under state primary rules by congressional districts.

The result of the roll call as announced showed that the Wilson-Bryan forces had won the test. The count gave ayes 566 1/2, noes 489.

Thursday, the third day of the convention, opened at 12:45 p. m., amid scenes of great animation, with the floor and galleries of the vast hall filled to their utmost capacity. Eager expectancy was manifested on all hands at the approach of the struggle for the nomination. Mrs. Taft, wife of the president, occupied one of the front boxes. The delegates filed into the hall prepared for a long and exciting session.

Beat South Dakota Wilson Delegates.
The first real test of strength between the Wilson and Clark forces came in a vote on the South Dakota contest. The Wilson forces won, the convention, by a vote of 639 1/2 to 437 1/2, seating the 19 South Dakota Wilson delegates, thus upsetting the action of the majority of the credentials committee and sustaining its minority report.

The report of the committee on permanent organization was then presented. It nominated Ollie James, of Kentucky, as permanent chairman; E. E. Britton, of North Carolina, as secretary, and Urey Woodson, as associated secretary.

James Criticizes President.

Mr. James made a speech, which, bristling with comments on President Taft, was listened to by Mrs. Taft with close interest and an occasional smile.



WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.

Who Attended the Baltimore Convention as Delegate From Nebraska.

Senator La Follette, the republican progressive, appeared in the convention hall as Mr. James sat down and was escorted to the platform. He had hardly reached there when a motion to take a recess until 8 p. m. was put and carried.

Morgan and Ryan Attacked by Bryan.

A fight by William Jennings Bryan "to rid the democratic party of the Ryan-Belmont-Morgan interests" delayed the beginning of nominating speeches at the night session from 8 o'clock until nearly 11.

A resolution introduced by him, which was passed by a two-thirds majority, declared the convention opposed to the nomination of any candidate under obligation to J. P. Morgan, Thomas F. Ryan, August Belmont, or any "privilege-seeking class."

The convention was thrown into a furore by the proposition, which was originally introduced called for the withdrawal of Ryan and Belmont, delegates from Virginia and New York, respectively.

This part of the resolution was resented as invading the rights of sovereign states, and when its full import became known boos and catcalls, jeers and hisses were mingled with hand-clapping, cheers and stamping of feet in the galleries and on the floor.

Nominations are Made.

Oscar A. Underwood, of Alabama; Champ Clark, of Missouri; Woodrow Wilson of New York, and Simeon Baldwin, of Connecticut, were placed in nomination. Both the Underwood and Clark nominations called out prolonged demonstrations among their enthusiastic followers.

The result of the first ballot was: Sulzer of New York 2, Clark 440 1/2, Wilson 324, Underwood 117 1/2, Harmon 148, Marshall 31, Baldwin 22, Bryan 1, Absent 2. Necessary for choice, 728.

Twelve ballots were taken. Champ Clark made a sensational gain on the tenth when New York's solid block of 90 votes went to him on this ballot. Mr. Clark's total reached a high-water mark of 556—a clear majority but 170 votes short of the necessary two-thirds to nominate.

Giving up all attempt to break the existing deadlock, the leaders decided at 3:05 o'clock Saturday morning to take adjournment until 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

Bryan Switches to Wilson.

The afternoon session was marked by another dramatic outburst from Mr. Bryan. Claiming the privilege of explaining why he and more than a dozen other delegates from Nebraska were going to switch their votes from Clark to Wilson, he declared that so long as Champ Clark continued to accept the support of Charles F. Murphy and Tammany Hall, he would not vote for him.

After 26 ballots had been taken with Governor Wilson gaining on each ballot and Speaker Clark constantly losing ground the convention at 11:05 o'clock adjourned until Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

There were no overnight changes in the situation when the convention assembled Monday morning. Wilson took the lead on the 30th ballot, getting 460 votes to 455 for Clark. The deadlock was unbroken after hours of continuous balloting.

TORNADO WRECKS CANADIAN CITY

Town of Regina is Reduced to Mass of Debris; Property Loss \$10,000,000.

Winnipeg, Man.—Dead and injured to a number estimated between 40 and 50 persons and a property loss of \$10,000,000 is the toll taken by a wind storm that converted into a mass of debris the greater part of Regina, Sask., and then swept on through the province, leaving destruction in its pathway.

Thirty-six bodies have been so far recovered from the ruins.

The sweep of the storm, the worst in the history of the Canadian northwest, was over a city which only a short time before had completed the work of decking itself in gala attire for the celebration of Dominion day. Bunting and flags covered buildings everywhere and networks of electric lights were strung and ready for illumination.

Through these gaily decorated streets the tornado swept and within a half hour Regina had been turned into a city of mourning. In the wreck of the storm building after building lay in ruins, shrouded in its gay-colored bunting. The storm cut a swath several blocks wide right into the center of the town, leveling the buildings in its wake.

The whole north side of the city virtually was wiped out by the storm. Six hundred families are homeless.

The tornado came from the south and first struck the new Parliament building, just completed at a cost of \$2,000,000. The building is of steel and, while it still stands, it is badly shaken. It then swept northward, mowing a swath six blocks wide through the most fashionable residence district, transforming it into a mass of wreckage.

Along Victoria street, from Sixteenth to Eleventh streets, 300 houses were destroyed and many persons were killed. Automobiles filled with passengers, were hurled high in the air and deposited blocks away.

Appeal Made to Aid Alaska Indians.

San Francisco.—Drunkenness, disease and debauchery are decimating the Indian population of Alaska, and unless steps are taken by the government to bring about an amelioration of their condition, the native tribes will become extinct, according to a statement issued by Rev. Dr. Peter T. Rowe, Bishop of Alaska. The bishop has appealed to the women of California to aid him in securing governmental action.

CHINA REJECTS LOAN PLAN

Proposal of Six Powers Declared to be Monopoly Scheme.

London.—The Peking correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says China absolutely rejects the demands of the six powers group which were that the loan must be \$500,000,000; that three European financial supervisors must be appointed, and that the group must have its financial agents in China for five months during which there should be no issue of bonds and no business of any kind involving the pledging of China's credit without the signature of the supervisors.

China's counter proposal is simply for a \$50,000,000 loan.

Strike is Threatened.

Chicago.—Representatives of the International Union of Shop Employees on all railroads running west of Chicago have addressed a joint letter to W. A. Garrett, chairman of the General Managers' association, asking for a conference to present certain demands. In the event that a conference is denied the officers have been authorized to order a general strike.

Convention Rooters Short of Funds.

Baltimore.—The long deadlock exhausted the holiday spirit of the occasion, and Sunday a general exodus of convention visitors, rooters, marching clubs and even delegates took place.

Telegraph blanks were in great demand, and many of the messages were of the same trend. They were addressed to wives and mothers and brothers and friends and concluded: "Don't forget to remit."

Troops March Against Roadhouse.

Portland, Or.—Martial law, for the first time in the history of the United States, was declared against a public inn, when Governor West closed the Milwaukee Tavern, in keeping with his recent threat to suppress the roadhouse evil. The governor, as commander-in-chief of the military forces of the state, took personal charge of the warlike demonstration.

Racers Killed at San Jose.

San Jose, Cal.—Two men, both motorcycle racers, were killed and two others seriously injured while riding faster than a mile a minute at Sunday's race meet at the San Jose Driving Park.

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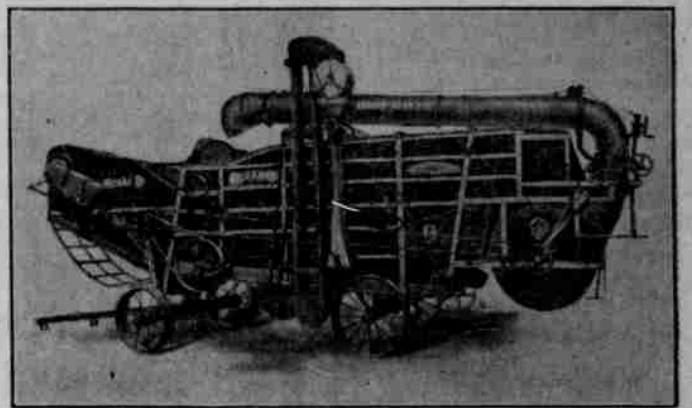
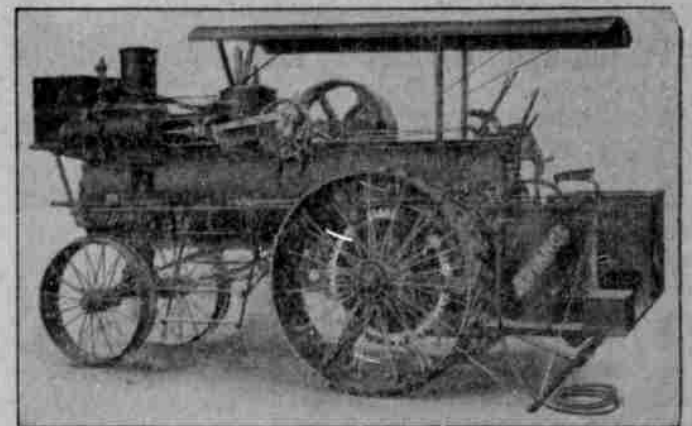
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