

BALKING ONLY BOOSTS M'ADOO

Candidacy Counted Dead Alive and Growing.

DEMOCRATS ARE WORRIED

Palmer and Other Factions Know Not What to Make of Queer Situation.

BRYAN DEFIANT AS EVER

Conflict Between Commoner and New Yorkers Promises to Be Lively One.

BY EDGAR B. PIPER.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—(Editorial Correspondence.)—The great McAdoo mystery continues to pervade the atmosphere for the advance guards of the democratic convention.

Mr. McAdoo is not a candidate, but the presidency is a public duty, not a private perquisite.

He demands that his name be presented, but a nominating speech is a mere formality, anyway.

He has canceled his engagement for headquarters, but maintenance of an expensive establishment might injure rather than enhance one's chances.

He has authorized no one on the ground to speak for him, but there is more than one self-appointed custodian of the McAdoo boom to stir around and keep alive the interest in the McAdoo availability.

Brake Increases Speed.

All the activities of McAdoo to suppress or head off the movement, whether genuine or not for him, have served to stimulate it, so that it is here, a headless, formless thing, yet a stern reality.

It worries the Palmer contingent and the Cox faction. They do not know what to make of it; nobody does. They do not know what will come out of it; nobody does. It may be that the very persistence of the McAdoo vogue among delegates not committed to others will serve to crystallize the opposition to him so that there will be a combination against him.

The McAdoo strategy is to keep him in the background, but yet in sight, so that the demand for him, when it comes, will have the appearance of spontaneity, but just now there is not much of suddenness or surprise about it.

Scheme Well Engineered.

It is an engineered sentiment carefully and assiduously kept alive by individuals who may or may not be working in concert, but who surely have a common object. It would not be fair to say that they are all part of the great McAdoo scheme in the sense that it is McAdoo's own enterprise to have them here. It may be assumed that he has not sanctioned their presence or their methods, but he cannot be unaware of them.

They are circulating widely the McAdoo letter, wherein he forbade the use of his name in the Georgia primaries, but added ingeniously the thoughtful suggestion that no man has a right to refuse a call to the presidency.

Big Chance is Sighted.

Certainly not. Then it is clear that McAdoo will not decline, and the convention's duty seems to be the McAdoo volunteers plain enough. The state of Oregon will vote for him from the start, and it is said that he will have a hundred or more on the first ballot. They will stand pat until the break comes away from Palmer and Cox. And then will come the big McAdoo opportunity.

It is significant that nobody expects Palmer to be nominated. But unquestionably there is real substance to the Cox candidacy. He represents a genuine aspiration coming from many delegates. They are here with wet ideas and they are urging that the convention must attach itself aggressively to an idea of some kind, or group of ideas, or it cannot win.

The great states of the eastern seaboard or in the middle west are

STRENGTH OF WETS RIDICULED BY BRYAN

ALCOHOL CAUSES OPTIMISM, DECLARES COMMONER.

Accuracy in Mathematics Hard When Looking Through Beer Foam, Is Assertion.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—"I expect to see a dry plank in the democratic platform," said William J. Bryan on his arrival here tonight. "I have not thought that a wet plank can be put into it."

He refused to comment on the report that there was widespread sentiment in favor of ignoring prohibition entirely. He added that he cared to make no statement on the league of nations covenant nor as to the candidacy of the individual.

"Platform first," he added. "If the wet forces in this convention had a single vote to spare," he said, "they would force in a wet plank even though it would dissolve the democratic party."

On being told that wet forces were claiming from 600 to 700 votes in the convention, Mr. Bryan said: "It is hard to calculate with mathematical accuracy when looking at a proposition through the foam of a glass of beer. The stimulating effect of alcohol always makes a drinker an optimist."

Mr. Bryan discussed briefly the defeat of Senator Johnson at Chicago and said:

"I think representatives of big business have moved from Chicago to San Francisco, but I don't think they will have as much influence over our convention as over the republican convention."

Mr. Bryan expressed hope that the Tennessee and Georgia legislatures would ratify suffrage amendments.

"Such an announcement," he said, "would give us a great demonstration in the convention."

NEW CABINET IS FORMED

Members Announced by New German Chancellor.

BERLIN, June 25.—The German chancellor, Konstantin Fehrenbach, has completed the formation of a cabinet, it was announced today. The official list was given out as follows:

Chancellor, Konstantin Fehrenbach, Minister of Justice, Vice-Chancellor Karl Heinze.

Minister of foreign affairs, Dr. Walter Simon.

Finance, Dr. Witt.

Interior, Herr Koch.

Defense, Herr Gessler.

Transport, General Groener.

Food—Andres Hermes.

Posts and telegraphs—Johann Giesberts.

Economics, Herr Scholz.

Treasury, Herr Von Raumer.

The portfolios of labor and construction have not yet been filled.

FUR THEFTS QUESTIONED

Loss of Heavily Insured Coats in New York Epidemic.

NEW YORK, June 25.—An epidemic of thefts of heavily insured fur coats just at the time when their owners had no further immediate need for them has resulted in an investigation which will bring many of the owners to trial on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses, R. R. Brown, vice-president of the American Surety company, announced today.

According to Mr. Brown, scores of New York's "wild spenders" have stored or pawned their coats and then submitted fictitious theft claims.

AID TO BAKER RESIGNS

Benedict Crowell Plans to Enter Private Business.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—Benedict Crowell, assistant secretary of war, has resigned, effective July 1. He plans to enter private business. The resignation has been accepted by President Wilson.

Mr. Crowell, whose home is in Cleveland, entered the army as major of ordnance. Later as assistant secretary of war, he was given practically complete charge of the munitions programme.

CUSTER'S FIGHT RECALLED

Last Stand Against Reds in Little Big Horn Commemorated.

DENVER, June 25.—General Custer made his famous "last stand" against Indians of the Little Big Horn 44 years ago today.

Commemoration of the Custer battle, the most famous of Indian battles, is general throughout northern Colorado, Wyoming and Montana.

16 BOURBONS NOW SEEK NOMINATION

Chamberlain of Oregon Is Latest Entrant.

COX-PALMER JAM PREDICTED

Democrats Expected to Keep McAdoo in Race.

GINGER OF WETS LOST

Writing of Moist Plank Is Found to Be Fraught With Many Unforeseen Difficulties.

BY MARK SULLIVAN.

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SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—(Special.)—Sixteen candidates are to be put in nomination, with formal nominating speeches, at the convention next week. Sixteen is the score at this writing, with others coming in every day. The latest entrant is Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, and at least one addition may be expected yet.

Of course, not all these are serious candidates. In several cases the ceremony is merely a friendly compliment to a popular man, which costs no more than 20 minutes of the convention's time.

A man who is a candidate for a local state office is thought to be helped with his own voters by the fact that he cut a figure in the race for the presidency. In at least a few cases it means the ambition of someone to make a speech, and is a case in which an amiable politician assents to the request of a speechmaking friend to let his name be put in nomination.

Sixteen Aspirants Classified.

Without saying for the moment anything very definite about the relative chances of these 16 in the balloting, they can be roughly classified, as regards both their ability and their availability.

Of the 16, one stands in a class apart. The present ambassador to England, John W. Davis of West Virginia, is ahead of all the others, not necessarily as a probability, but by virtue of his qualities.

I have talked with no democratic leader who does not say that Mr. Davis, by the quality of his mind and the distinction of his personality, is more surely in the class of statesmen than any other of the candidates. Mr. Davis is not merely an outstanding man in a period of our history, when in the present year the whole problem both of the democrats and of the republicans was to pick one from

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POPULATION OF U. S. PUT AT 105,000,000

RETARDED GROWTH IS LAID TO IMMIGRATION DROP.

Failure to Keep Pace With Previous Decades Attributed Also to Influenza.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—The population of continental United States is estimated at 105,000,000 by J. A. Hill, chief statistician for the census bureau. His calculation is based on the combined populations of 1406 cities and towns for which statistics have been announced.

The increase over 1910 is placed at about 13,000,000, showing the growth of the country has not kept pace with previous decades. Almost complete cessation of immigration during the war is the chief reason assigned for the falling off in growth. Other suggestions were the two influenza epidemics, return of aliens to their native lands and deaths of soldiers abroad and at home during the war.

The aggregate population of the cities and towns on which the estimate was made is 41,029,354. This is an average gain of 26 per cent, compared with 35 per cent in the previous decade.

Census announcements today were: Fall River, Mass., 120,485; increase 1109, or 1.2 per cent.

Grand Rapids, Mich., 137,644; increase 35,063, or 25.3 per cent.

Reading, Pa., 107,784; increase 11,713, or 12.2 per cent.

Vincennes, Ind., 17,210; increase 2315, or 15.5 per cent.

Leominster, Mass., 19,174; increase 2185, or 12.3 per cent.

Attleboro, Mass., 19,731; increase 2516, or 12.7 per cent.

Methuen, Mass., 15,189; increase 3741, or 22.7 per cent.

Cambridge, R. I., 10,977; decrease 80, or 2 per cent.

Donora, Pa., 14,131; increase 537, or 3.8 per cent.

LAD GETS \$180,000 LOOT

Los Angeles 19-Year-Old Youth Admits 12 Burglaries.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 25.—A young man who said he was "Jim" Stevens, 19 years old, confessed today, the police said, having obtained jewelry valued at \$150,000 and furs valued at \$30,000 in a dozen burglaries in Los Angeles in the last month.

The police said Stevens escaped about a year ago from the Georgia penitentiary after conviction of burglary in Atlanta.

ST. PAUL BANK LOOTED

Robbers Wound Cashier and Got From \$10,000 to \$20,000.

ST. PAUL, June 25.—Between \$5000 and \$10,000 worth of liberty bonds and \$158 in cash was obtained by five robbers who late today held up the Great Northern State bank here, bank officials said tonight.

Victor Hedman, cashier, was slightly wounded when he stepped out of the vault while the robbery was in progress and one of the bandits fired at him.

ONLY 336 DELEGATES OF 1092 INSTRUCTED

MANY WOMEN HAVE SEATS IN DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

Eleven States' Delegations Are Divided Among 10 Prospects. Georgia Places Contested.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—A memorandum distributed among the members of the national committee at their meeting today shows 736 of the 1092 delegates to the convention are uninstructed.

According to the card, the instructed delegates are: Iowa, 26 for Meredith; Kentucky, 26 for Cox; Nebraska, 16 for Hitchcock; New Jersey, 28 for Edwards; North Carolina, 24 for Simmons; Ohio, 48 for Cox; Oklahoma, 20 for Owen; Oregon, 10 for McAdoo; Pennsylvania, 76 for Palmer; South Dakota, 10 for Gerard; Virginia, 24 for Glass. The 25 votes from Georgia are contested.

An examination of the temporary roll shows there will be 308 women delegates and alternates in the democratic national convention. They will be divided as follows:

At large, 41; alternates at large, 39; district delegates, 63; district alternates, 165.

SING SING HEEDS PLEA

Attendants to Buy Rocking Chair for Condemned Woman.

NEW YORK, N. Y., June 25.—(Special.)—Sing Sing prison attendants, it was learned today, are going to get a rocking chair for Mrs. Hattie Dixon of the Bronx, condemned to die in the electric chair.

Mrs. Dixon has complained that the monotony of solitary confinement is taking her nerves. She said she could find some relaxation in rocking if she could only get a chair.

She will be the only Sing Sing prisoner permitted to have any other seat than a stool.

LAST VISITORS WELCOMED

Shriners Say Will Not Forget Trip to Portland.

OREGON CITY, Or., June 25.—A party of about 12 Shriners, several being accompanied by their wives, visited Oregon City this afternoon. They were escorted through the paper mills, as well as the woolen mill, and later visited the old home of Dr. John McLoughlin, father of Oregon. They were making their first trip to the historical city by the falls, and registered at the old home before taking their departure.

The visitors say they will long remember the reception given them by the Portland people.

BAKER HEADS NEW BOARD

Wilson Names Meredith and Payne as Secretary's Associates.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—Secretary Baker was named by President Wilson today to be chairman of the board provided for in the water power bill to carry out the provisions of that measure.

Secretaries Meredith and Payne were named at the same time to be members of the board.

WILSON'S FRIENDS IN FULL CONTROL

Democratic Machine Run by Administration.

SOME GRUMBLING IS HEARD

Jarring Notes Feature Convention Preliminaries.

BRYAN HAS SHOCK COMING

Cards Evidently Against Nebraskan, Both as Regards League and Prohibition.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—So far as surface indications were concerned at least the friends of President Wilson and his administration appeared in complete control of the political machinery of the democratic party today as the actual preliminaries of the national convention began. Their domination was notwithstanding its complement of grumblings and complaints among scattering insurgent elements, but there was every evidence that on a showdown the anti-administration forces not only were far in the minority, but were lacking in organization and leadership.

The ascendancy of the Wilson supporters showed itself in striking fashion in the programme for the national committee, meeting to decide between contesting delegates.

Rebels Will Be Barred.

Many committee members expressed the opinion when a recess was taken until tomorrow, without the Georgia contest or the Missouri case having been reached, that the ruling to be made in those cases would be shaped so as to keep out of the convention Senator Reed of Missouri and former Senator Hardwick of Georgia, two of the bitterest critics of the Wilson policy.

Another development pointing in the same direction was the apparent collapse of a fight against Senator Glass of Virginia in his candidacy for chairman of the resolutions committee, a post for which he is commonly reported to have been selected by the president himself.

Cards Against Mr. Bryan.

In addition there was accumulating evidence that William Jennings Bryan would find the cards against him in his attempt to put into the platform a league of nations plank in disagreement with the president's views and a prohibition enforcement plank framed without the acquiescence of the administration.

With regard to prohibition, however, the situation remained in a state of considerable uncertainty with the trend apparently toward exclusion of the subject from the platform entirely. Those who want a liberalization plank continued an active campaign and some members of the New York delegation declared they would carry the fight to the floor of the convention itself, but a feeling gained headway that in the end both Mr. Bryan's bone-dry declaration and that of the anti-bone drys would be voted down.

Wilson Stand Unrevealed.

Just where President Wilson stands on that subject has not been made clear but increasing significance was attached in the day's conferences to the absence of any reference to prohibition in the Virginia democratic platform, unqualifiedly endorsed by the white house.

Neither has the administration tipped its hand in regard to presidential candidates, and tonight the relative standing of aspirants remained apparently unchanged. Attorney-General Palmer arrived during the day to take personal charge of his campaign and by tomorrow the running candidates and their managers among the uninstructed delegates is expected to be at its height.

Those who originally had suggested a fight against Senator Glass for the platform committee chairmanship, apparently had turned their efforts tonight toward selection of Senator Walsh, who quit President Wilson's lead in the senate in March to vote for the treaty with reservations, heretofore was urged as the logical opponent of Senator Glass.

Walsh May Be Chairman.

It was said tonight that the administration chiefs had reached no decision as to the permanent chairmanship and that in the end they might accept Senator Walsh without a contest. There also was talk of selecting Senator Robinson of Arkansas for the place.

The trend for no plank at all on prohibition apparently had its greatest support today from some of those previously counted on to stand for a liberalization plank. Some of the best informed were predicting tonight that the fight to be made for such a declaration now would resolve itself into a nominal effort designed to put the convention on record. It was expected, however, that Mr. Bryan would be more insistent in his work for a bone-dry plank and would take his fight to the convention floor if the platform committee snubbed him under.

Mr. Bryan reached San Francisco late today and led off with a prediction that the platform would contain an affirmative dry plank. He de-

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OREGON WOMAN HURT WHEN STAND CRASHES

21 BAPTIST DELEGATES AT BUFFALO INJURED.

Accident Occurs While Party of More Than 500 Is Posing for Group Photograph.

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 25.—Twenty-one delegates attending the Northern Baptist convention were injured today in the collapse of a wooden structure upon which more than 500 persons were standing to have a group photograph taken. The lower tier of the stand was only a foot above the ground but the back tier fell five feet when the underpinning gave way.

None of the injuries is considered serious.

The accident occurred while the 4500 delegates were leaving the auditorium after a morning session. The injured included Mrs. Maud Northrup, McClinnville, Or., wrenched back, and the Rev. P. J. Erickson, Seattle, Wash., body bruised.

TREATY WILL BE REVISED

Anglo-Japanese Pact to Conform With League Covenant.

HONOLULU, June 24.—It has been announced in Tokyo that British and Japanese diplomats in conference at London have decided to revise the entire Anglo-Japanese treaty in order to make it conform with the league of nations covenant and to meet the international situation the treaty has created, according to Tokyo cable advices to the Nippon Jiji, Japanese language newspaper here.

It is planned to complete the revision before Ambassador Chinda leaves London for Japan and to have it ready for signatures before the prince of Wales visits Japan in the spring of 1921, the advices added.

BREAD EXPORTS GREATER

Increase \$3,000,000 as Compared With May Last Year.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—Breadstuffs exports in May amounted to \$99,000,000 or an increase of about \$3,000,000 over the same month last year.

Exports of meat and dairy products, valued at \$51,000,000, showed a decrease of \$42,000,000 from May, 1919. It was announced today by the department of commerce.

MAN'S 35TH CHILD BORN

Native of Mexico Has Numerous Family by Both Wives.

EL CENTRO, Cal., June 25.—Frank Valle, 60 years old, a native of Mexico, became a father for the 35th time today when his second wife, whom he married in 1909 gave birth to her 17th child, an 11-pound boy. Sixteen of Valle's children are living.

ALASKA HAS EARTHQUAKE

Two Pronounced Shocks Felt but No Damage is Caused.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, June 25.—Two pronounced earthquakes were felt here beginning at 4:41 o'clock this afternoon. No damage was caused.

The shocks were felt 100 miles north of Anchorage, according to reports.

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OLD GLORY, UNION JACK FLY AS ONE

Portland and Vancouver, B. C., Mayors Fraternalize.

BONDS ARE STRENGTHENED

Comradeship Between Two Nations Demonstrated.

CITY HAILS "MOUNTIES"

"We Are Proud of Our Canadian Brothers and Sisters," Says Governor in Welcome.

Side by side at the head of the procession which departed from the auditorium late yesterday floated the Union