

WETS AND DRYSLERS DOSE PET PLANKS

Stormy Voyage Is Faced in Democratic Convention.

BURLESON FOR MOISTURE

Postmaster-General Declares for
"Individual Liberty"; Ex-
ponent of Aridity Is Bryan.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 27.—Both wets and dryslers today launched their planks on the democratic seas of alcoholic differences with a stormy passage promised to the final harbor of the convention.

For the drys, William Jennings Bryan made public his proposed plank, a sweeping declaration for enforcement of the Volstead law without increase in beverages alcoholic content.

From the wet camp came alternative planks drafted by Postmaster-General Burleson; one declares for "individual liberty" time modification of the Volstead law to remove the "drastic and unreasonable features" and the alternative for enforcement of the Volstead law without increase in beverages alcoholic content.

Third Faction Enters.
The planks are to be presented to the resolution committee upon its organization and regardless of the outcome there it was generally expected that the liquor fight would reach the convention itself.

With both wet and dry factions working hard all day there also was a strenuous movement to prevent any mention of the liquor question in the platform, a movement backed by many powerful leaders.

The Bryan prohibition plank follows:
"We heartily congratulate the democratic party on its splendid leadership in the submission and ratification of the prohibition amendment to the federal constitution and we pledge the party to the effective enforcement of the Volstead law, honestly and in good faith, without any increase in the alcoholic content of permitted beverages and without any weakening of any other of its provisions."

"I guess there is no doubt about what that means," said Mr. Bryan. "We will give every delegate a chance to go on record for or against it. I expect to have it adopted by the resolutions committee."

Burleson Gives Out Planks.
Mr. Burleson, after reading the Bryan plank, gave out his proposals declaring, however, that he had drafted them by himself and spoke only for himself and was not to be regarded as the leader of the forces favoring modification of present laws.

The proposed plank, which Mr. Burleson said he believed would meet the sentiment of the "great majority of the American people," reads:

"The open saloon has been generally condemned by the American people to menace to society and the well being of the people and its restoration should not be tolerated. The validity of the 18th amendment to the constitution having been sustained by the supreme court, any law enacted under its authority must be strictly enforced. However, the democratic party pledges its utmost endeavors to prevent this new grant of federal power from being exercised in such manner as to become oppressive or deprive the people of that individual liberty which it was the purpose of the union of states to guarantee and preserve through all time."

"The Volstead act, vetoed by a democratic president and passed over his veto by a republican congress, is an extreme exercise of the powers granted by the 18th amendment and it should be so amended in strict conformity with the spirit and purpose of the constitution so as to eliminate therefrom its drastic and unreasonable features. We favor an amendment to the federal constitution requiring all amendments hereafter proposed thereto to be ratified or rejected by a referendum of the qualified voters of the several states of the union."

Administration Forces Split.
"Mr. Bryan's bone-dry plank," said Mr. Burleson, "when they voted by a democratic president. My plank neither dodges nor straddles and I believe expresses the sentiment of the great majority of the people of the United States."

His alternative plank, for a ban on actually intoxicating beverages only, Mr. Burleson said, "could be supported by those who urge a silent platform on the issue."

That he was not speaking, either for the "modificationists" or the president, was emphasized by Mr. Burleson. The administration forces of the convention appeared divided on the whole question, Mr. Burleson being supported by Secretary Colby while Secretary Daniels and Senator Glass of Virginia, regarded as equally close to the administration, are in the dry line-up.

Additional fuel to the flames over prohibition was added by Mr. Bryan in an address today under auspices of the San Francisco Y. M. C. A., in which he reiterated his views on what he regards as the paramount issue.

A vigorous attack on Mr. Bryan was issued by James R. Nugent, New Jersey wet leader and the state's representative on the resolutions committee. Mr. Bryan was characterized by Mr. Nugent as a "paid agent of the Anti-Saloon league." The Nebraska Mr. Nugent declared, was not a true democrat, but should "head the prohibition party."

Bryan Hits at Harding.
Three democrats, Mr. Bryan declared in his address without specifications, "are impudent enough to believe the American people will put into the White House a president pledged to modify the prohibition laws. He also criticized the republican candidate and platform, declaring the latter was silent on the prohibition while the candidate had said in the senate that he was not a prohibitionist, did not believe the question a political one and favored compensation for liquor interests destroyed."

Mr. Bryan also discussed the league of nations, profiting and industrial relations.

"Shame on any democrat or republican to think of a party action on this world-peace question," said Mr. Bryan, regarding the league of nations. "Let's stand squarely on our little things, reservations, and get into the league of nations and speak peace to the world," he added, also urging world disarmament.

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SPOKESMAN AVERS McADOO IS WILLING

Nomination Not to Be Re- jected Is Assertion.

WHOLE SITUATION UPSET

Straying Supporters Once More
Rally Around Son-in-Law
of President Wilson.

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of strength from original McAdoo boomers who have been straying away into other camps as the ex-secrctary has repeatedly declared he would not become a candidate. Delegates who had originally made him their first choice but made him second on his statements of declination, immediately returned his name to first place. Various state delegations agreed to vote for him.

Turning Move Is Started.
As the news of Mr. Love's statement spread there was immediately a turning movement which began sweeping the delegates who prefer McAdoo into a cohesive force which began at once to renew efforts to bring about his nomination.

Up to the time of the Love statement, McAdoo boomers were estimating their strength from 250 to as high as 600.

The first effect of Mr. Love's statement was to create an immediate demand for further and more authoritative information. In view of Mr. McAdoo's repeated declaration that he did not wish to become a candidate many expressed the view that something should be given to the delegates either from McAdoo himself or bearing in an unmistakable way his approval.

Issues, rather than men, furnish the battleground for the democratic national convention.

Candidates cannot be considered until prohibition, the league of nations and the Irish question have been fought out on the floor. Contests over those planks in the party platform seem inevitable, and the convention is all set for a stormy time.

The big fight is over William J. Bryan's determination to have "On this administration—no Wilsonism" placed in which a national convention ever assembled.

Miles of special telephone and telegraph wires have been strung into the section set apart for the newspaper correspondents, leading directly to the base of the speaker's platform, and when Chairman Cummings brings down his gavel about noon tomorrow, the fact will be known almost simultaneously all over the country. The convention may hold night sessions.

Irish Line-Up Not Clear.
On the league of nations issue the administration forces are lined up for a plank modeled after the Virginia platform, which declares for a covenant "without destructive reservations." Mr. Bryan and his assistants want a declaration for the league with reservations "to safeguard every interest."

The lines of the fight over the Irish question are not so clearly defined. Little change is apparent in the line-up of strength of various candidates. Cox and Palmer are expected to go in for a test of strength on the first ballots, much after the manner of the Cox and Lowden race at the republican convention. In the background, waiting to appear at what they consider the psychological moment, are the invisible and intangible but admittedly formidable forces working for McAdoo.

Palmer First Cox Target.
The Cox people profess to have enough strength to eliminate Palmer on the preliminary ballots, and then plan to put their candidate against the field, which, by nature of McAdoo's platform, includes him. The Palmer forces, pointing to the anti-saloon declarations of war on Cox and Bryan's expressed views on the same subject, predict that any accessions to either candidate will not be made from their strength.

Meanwhile both the Cox and Palmer managers are borrowing delegates from the field to make a showing on the opening ballots. In line with their policy of forcing the nomination to call their candidate, the McAdoo people are laying back in the open, but are very busy among the undercurrents corralling delegates for the moment when they expect it will be made clear to the convention that neither Cox nor Palmer can be nominated.

Late Action Held Possible.
They believe they have succeeded in prevailing upon those who want to place Mr. McAdoo in formal nomination to forego such action and let him be presented as a candidate when

Alabama casts her first ballot for him.

If the Cox and Palmer forces can have their own way they will prevent McAdoo from occupying a strategic position in the rear. They contend that the elements for him make of his cause a candidacy which the convention must consider at the outset.

This condition presents three leading candidates, as was the case in the republican convention. The Cox forces in particular are determined that McAdoo shall not be the Harding of the convention.

Although the administration forces claim complete control of the convention, this is only an illusion. Men who disclaim any anti-administration attitude. There was decided evidence today of an attempt to displace the administration of Senator Glass of Virginia as chairman of the resolutions committee. Those who oppose him were claiming as high as 24 votes for Senator Walsh of Montana, who has the backing of Bryan.

Robinson Takes Colby's Place.
Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas has become the eleventh-hour choice for permanent chairman. Chairman Cummings announced today that Bainbridge Colby, secretary of state, would step aside in favor of Senator Robinson.

"Senator Robinson has been a steadfast friend of the administration and its policies," said Chairman Cummings, "and the delegates friendly to the administration will co-operate to bring about his election."

Bryan Is Storm Center.
Out of all the preliminary skirmishing today the fact that Bryan is again the storm center. The prospect of being in a minority disconcerts him, and in fact, the men who have watched his methods for years say he rather enjoys that position, because it places him on the battle line with an opportunity to lead a crusade into the convention for a cause which he is, by years of training, preparation and experience, best qualified to represent.

When his prohibition plank became known today it was promptly dubbed the "Mo-Jave desert plank" because it was so dry.

Opposed to that view, and with their lightning cloths on, are administration men who want to see the prohibition enforcement law liberalized and in the last analysis they might compromise on a "law and order plank," merely declaring for the faithful enforcement of all constitutional laws.

Convention Is "Old-Timey."
While the convention with its great bulk of uninstructed delegates and talk of deadlock between the leaders with need of a dark horse to break it bears a marked resemblance to the republican convention, in many other respects it is markedly dissimilar. It favors of places of worship, all open today, the delegates spent most of their time trying to find out where they are going, or if, indeed, they are actually on their way.

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Bryan Working Hardest.
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BOSSSES ABUNDANT AMONG BOURBONS

Each Has Own Candidate and Own Platform.

BRYAN HARDEST WORKER

Commoner Out of Bed Three Jumps
Ahead of Lark and Takes
Verbal Swats at Wets.

BY JAMES J. MONTAGUE.

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SAN FRANCISCO, June 27.—(Special).—The difference between a bossed and an unbossed convention is that an unbossed convention has a lot of bosses instead of one.

So far this is an unbossed convention. A tour of the various posts of command already set up in the hotels discloses the following captains of hundreds, each with his own platform, his own candidate and his own idea of how to put them over.

Bainbridge Colby, secretary of state, supposedly is spokesman for an otherwise inarticulate administration. His platform is the league of nations and his candidate possibly McAdoo, and possibly Colby.

Anything to Win Wanted.
Homer Cummings of Connecticut is chairman of the national committee. His platform is anything that will win and his candidate is perhaps McAdoo and perhaps Cummings.

Charles Francis Murphy—boss of Tammany hall, New York—also is boss of the whole New York state delegation. His platform is pro-labor, pro-business and his candidate (in the open) is Alfred E. Smith, governor of New York and (under cover), James H. Cox of Ohio.

William Jennings Bryan of Nebraska, former boy-orator, is now neither boy nor orator. His platform is William Jennings Bryan. His candidate is William Jennings Bryan. And don't let anybody tell you he isn't strong for the republican cause.

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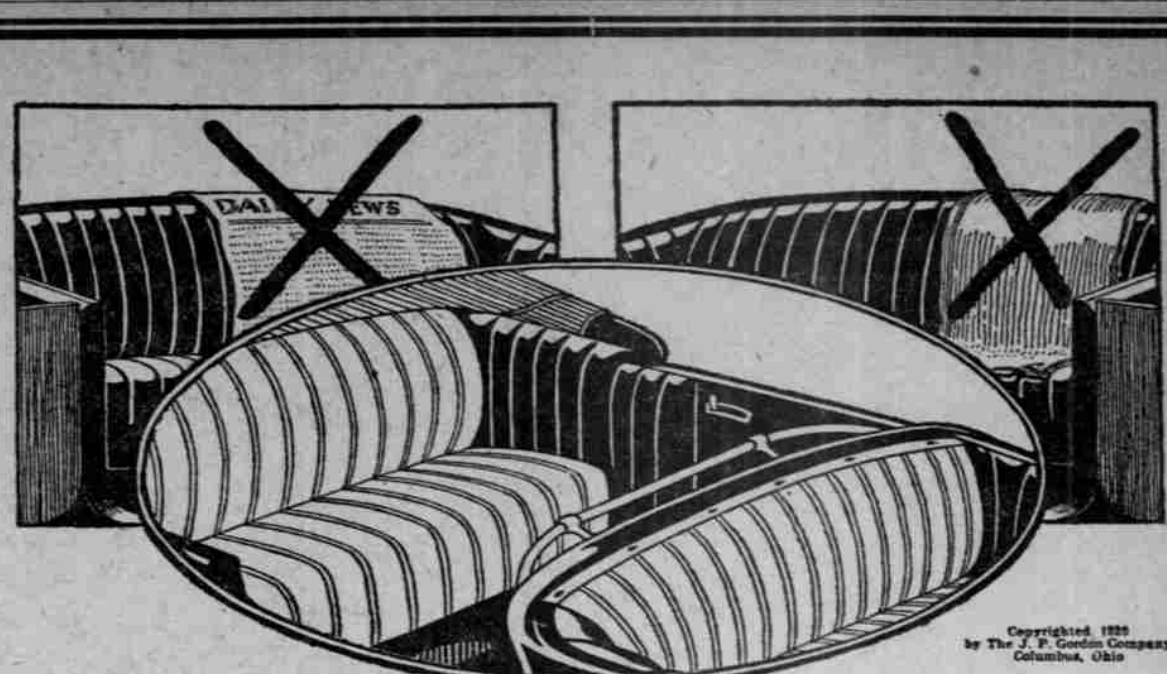
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