

# PRESIDENT'S WISHES KEPT FROM PUBLIC

## Leaders Consult Constantly With White House.

# SON-IN-LAW HANDICAPPED

## Relationship Found Embarrassment Instead of Help to Ambition of Prospective Candidate.

BY MARK SULLIVAN.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30.—(Special.)—Here at the convention we gather from the eastern dispatches that there is an almost country-wide assumption that President Wilson wants to bring about the nomination of McAdoo. It is typical of the latitude of surmise indulged in concerning Mr. Wilson's relation to this convention that these dispatches and these headlines attributing to him the intention to nominate McAdoo appear in the same papers with the same date the same day and on the same page with the dispatches which say that Mr. Wilson wants the nomination for himself.

## Discussion Resists on Inference.

What the president may intend or what wish concerning the nomination of McAdoo, or whether the nomination of McAdoo, is wholly within the mind of one man—a subject as to which the facts are contained entirely within the boundaries of one human skull. All discussion about it is necessarily in the field of surmise and inference, and some of the rumors are most markedly and conspicuously within that field.

What Mr. Wilson may be thinking about this coming nomination is naturally no more within the knowledge of your correspondent at a distance of 3000 miles than within the knowledge of anyone else who ventures surmise about it. But omitting all surmise, there are several definite facts which bear upon the situation, and out of which it is possible to make inferences which, in the judgment of your correspondent, are dependable.

## Never One Word Said.

In addition, there is at all times close communication between the White House and the party management here. All of these and some other minor ones, have had record conferences with Mr. Wilson on the subject of the convention. To no one of them, so far as your correspondent can learn, did Mr. Wilson say one word as to whether, so far as he should be; to no one of them, so far as has been revealed here, did he mention the name of Mr. McAdoo or of any other candidate for the presidency.

## If There is on the entire roster of the democratic party throughout the length and breadth of the United States one human being to whom Mr. Wilson has indicated a wish that Mr. McAdoo should be his successor, your correspondent can find no evidence of it either from the men themselves who have talked with Mr. Wilson nor elsewhere from politicians and newspaper men making it their business to be minutely informed about such matters.

## Plan Charged to Craftiness.

To this, of course, those who proclaim that the president is bent on "perpetuating the dynasty" will reply that what he really has in mind is craftiness on his part. In reply to this, your correspondent can only venture the generalization that in his experience those go wrong most often who seek the indirect motive.

## Not only that, there is definite evidence, concrete in character even though small in quantity, to the effect that the reaction of Mr. Wilson to Mr. McAdoo's candidacy is one of embarrassment and disinclination.

Those of us who think we have most access to the material for understanding the situation are persuaded that one reason for Mr. McAdoo's withdrawal was the feeling that he was embarrassing his father-in-law in the White House.

The reasons which dictated that withdrawal need of necessity be equal. Mr. McAdoo's withdrawal went as far as he felt he could decently go in discussing his personal affairs when he said that one of the reasons was his lack of means and his wish to acquire a competence for himself. That withdrawal was in all respects an extremely personal thing, and even those of us who think we know more of the reasons than he gave hesitate to penetrate further into such intimacies than Mr. McAdoo himself has.

## Some Reasons Left Untold.

It must be sufficient, without trespassing further into a field which considerations of decent taste make repugnant, to say that the reasons for his withdrawal are all tied up with the human triangle of himself, his wife and his father-in-law in the White House. That these reasons included a fairly definite conviction on his part that his candidacy was displeasing to the White House is the belief of those who have closest access to the facts.

Within the minds of the triangle concerned, Mr. McAdoo, his wife and his father-in-law, just what emotions were influential cannot be fully known to outsiders and would not be agreeable to discuss publicly if they were known. That Mrs. McAdoo, recalling that the White House is the place where her mother died and her father broke down, might find it less attractive as the end of an ambition than others are able to conceive is fairly certain. That she or her husband may have been influenced further by a sense that Mr. Wilson was embarrassed by his son-in-law's candidacy is almost equally probable.

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"I am, therefore, first of all and most of all, opposed to the Wilson party. The success of the Wilson party would be an unmeasurable calamity. The success of the republican party would be less of a calamity."

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