

National Democratic Convention Convenes Today With Factional Lines Definitely Drawn

Prominent Democrats in Attendance Upon the National Convention Now in Session at Baltimore

BRYAN REAL ISSUE AT BALTIMORE; STAKES ARE LARGE

Fight of Roosevelt at Chicago Has Practical Parallel in Contest Waged by Democracy's Great Leader.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Baltimore, June 23.—There was only one issue in the Democratic national convention that assembled here today. That was Colonel William Jennings Bryan.

Whether the three-time candidate for president was to win a distinct victory over the forces of the opposition headed by Tom Taggart of Indiana, Roger Sullivan of Illinois, Charles F. Murphy of New York and others of the ultra-conservative, or whether he was to lose his fight because of his insistence that a conservative had no real position in a Democratic convention, was still a problem to be solved before the votes of the delegates had been recorded.

Bryan staked all on his battle for control today. He deliberately made the issue with Parker. The conservative leaders who opposed him had tried their best to compromise.

In many respects the fight Bryan was making was a parallel to that which Colonel Roosevelt waged unsuccessfully in Chicago last week. Bryan, however, enjoyed the distinct advantage that he was a delegate at large from his home state, and as such was entitled to a seat on the floor of the convention.

According to Tom Taggart the Indiana committeeman who was most active in rounding up delegates for the anti-Bryan forces, the anti-Bryan men had more than 400 delegates pledged to the cause in overthrowing Bryan. Neither side would give figures for publication, but careful inquiry developed the fact that in many instances identical delegations were claimed by both sides.

The Murphy-Taggart-Sullivan combination alleged that if Bryan won the fight he was certain to be nominated for the presidency. Some of them went so far as to assert that the ticket already had been selected should the Nebraska control. He was to head the ticket, and Governor Wilson was to be named as the second man. Wilson, the anti-Bryan men pointed out, went fully into the Nebraska's camp when he declared that he favored the naming of a progressive for temporary chairman.

That Champ Clark was to be the gain if the combination against Bryan were able to elect Parker was admitted. Many of the Clark leaders are behind the movement to overthrow Bryan's domination, as they term it, and they asserted that if Bryan went down Clark would get all of New York's 36 votes on the first ballot and would be absolutely certain of being nominated on the second.

The crowd started for the convention hall early. The arrangements, so far as the meeting place was concerned, were superb. The Fifth regiment armory, in which the delegates and more than 15,000 visitors assembled, had been completely transformed for the occasion. The floor space had been so divided that the grouping of both delegates and spectators was such that all could see and hear.

The convention was called to order at noon by Norman E. Mack of Buffalo, chairman of the national committee. The first business was the prayer of his eminence, James Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore, after which the call was read by Secretary Urey Woodson of Kentucky. The temporary roll as made up by the committee then was called.

No Fight Over Roll.

There was no fight over the temporary roll. In making it up last night the committee followed precedent. In each of the 75 contested seats the regular delegation was seated subject to the action of the committee on credentials. The most important of the contests disposed of that brought on behalf of Roger Sullivan and 23 delegates from Illinois. The Hearst-Carter-Harrison combination claimed these seats, but the Sullivanites were seated. Both factions were pledged to Champ Clark, but the Harrisonites declared the election of the Sullivanites was illegal.

Plain Daylight Robbery.

Before the convention assembled Bryan characterized the program of the opposition as the "most brazen attempt taken on the part of the insignificant few to thwart the will of the rank and file of the party."

It was "plain daylight robbery," he said. The roll call on the temporary chairmanship was by states. In most instances the unit rule was enforced. This cost Bryan votes in a number of instances, especially in Ohio, where very nearly a majority of the delegation favor the Nebraska.

There was expected to be an attempt by some of the hostile delegations to break the unit rule, and it was believed that the convention would uphold such action in every instance where the unit rule was not made binding on the delegation by the state convention which elected them.



1—Senator Daniel W. Kern of Indiana, picked by Bryan for temporary chairman. 2—Judge Alton B. Parker of New York, chosen by national committee for temporary chairman. 3—Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey. 4—Tom Taggart of Indiana and Urey Woodson of Kentucky. 5—Senator Ollie James of Kentucky. 6—Roger Sullivan of Illinois.

SOMEBODY KICKS HIS HORN DAWG; OUT POURS BASKETFUL OF SAWDUST

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Baltimore, Md., June 23.—Leading a horn dawg that looked big as life and twice as natural, Ed L. Shaw, one of the leaders of the Arizona delegation, stalked into the Clark headquarters in the Emerson hotel. An over energetic Missourian, hurrying to pin a ribbon on somebody's hat, accidentally "kicked the dawg around" and out poured a basketful of sawdust.

"We didn't want too much harmony," said David H. Smith of Hodgeville, Ky., the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln. "A little fighting at the start will do us all good. Do you think for a minute I would have come all the way up here from Kentucky if I had thought there was to be no scrap? Not much."

Cardinal Gibbons Asks Divine Aid Catholic Prelate Opens Convention

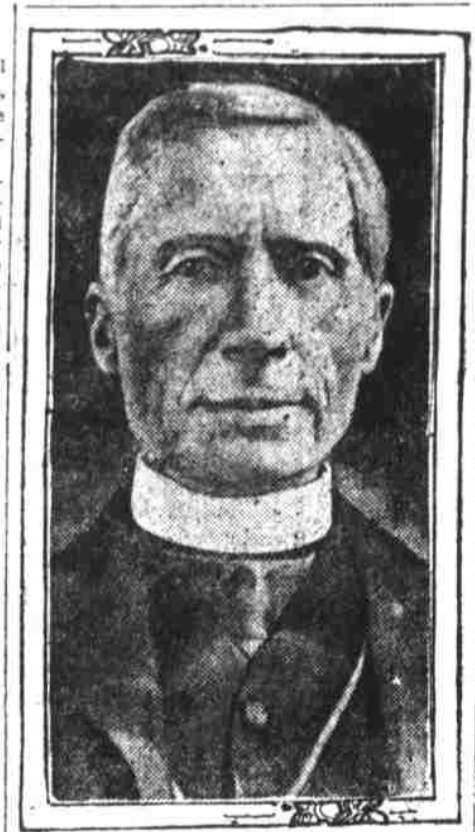
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Baltimore, Md., June 23.—Cardinal Gibbons, the venerable Catholic prelate, opened the first day's session of the convention, invoking the divine blessing in the following prayer:

"We pray thee, O God of might, wisdom and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws enacted and judgment decreed, assist with thy holy spirit and counsel and fortitude the president of United States, and his administration may be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to the people over whom he presides, by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion, by faithful execution of the laws of justice and mercy and by restraining vice and immorality.

"Let the light of thy divine wisdom direct the deliberations of this convention, and shine forth in all its proceedings and enactments, so that they may tend to the preservation of concord and harmony.

"May authority be exercised without despotism and liberty prevail without license. May this convention demonstrate once more to the American people and to the world at large that the citizens of the United States have solved the problem of self-government by exercising and tolerating the broadest and most untrammelled freedom of discussion in their political assemblies without detroning reason and without invading the sacred and inviolable rights of law and public order.

"We recommend likewise to thy unbounded mercy all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of thy most holy law; that they may be preserved in union and in peace, which the world cannot give, and, after enjoying the blessings of this life, they may be admitted to those which are eternal."



Cardinal Gibbons, archbishop of Baltimore.

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NEW YORK MAKES CONVENTION PLANS

Progressive Delegation Refuses to Discuss Caucus Results.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Baltimore, June 23.—"I'll have nothing to say about the presidential nomination until it comes time to vote," was the only statement vouchsafed by Charles F. Murphy after New York's delegates caucused to name officers and

committees. It took just 10 minutes for the New Yorkers to do their work. Delegates declared when they came out of the meeting that no presidential candidate was discussed. "Big Tim" Sullivan, asked for a statement, as to whom the New Yorkers would support, replied: "The New York delegates are all progressive—that's all I have to say."

Third Party Gets Down to Work.

(Salem Bureau of the Journal.)
Salem, Or., June 23.—That the national Roosevelt committee is losing no time in starting the ball to rolling for its candidate, following the Republican national convention, is indicated by a message received by Secretary of State Olcott from Joseph M. Dixon, Roosevelt's campaign manager, asking for a copy of Oregon's election and primary laws to be sent to the committee's headquarters in New York.

Salt and vinegar form an excellent cleaning mixture for copper ware.

DEMOCRATS WILL FRAME PLATFORM STRONG IN TONE

Declaration Will Be in Direct Contrast to That of Convention That Nominated Taft; Bryan's Hand to Guide

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Baltimore, June 23.—That the Democratic national platform to be adopted here, will be in direct contrast to that of the convention which re-nominated President Taft, was the consensus of opinion among the leaders today. That Bryan will be one of the dominant figures in shaping the document was admitted. Whether he wins or loses his fight on the temporary organization, he will be Nebraska's representative on the resolutions committee and if the progressives are in control, he will be chairman of the committee.

It has been definitely settled that there will be no specific consideration of the initiative, referendum and recall, although it is possible that they may be suggested as proper measures for consideration by the states themselves. Direct election of United States senators and a preferential primary, as well as the direct nomination of most officials will be favored in strong terms.

Regulation of Corporations.

The platform will also declare for the regulation of all corporations and for the criminal prosecution of all persons in official positions in corporations that violate the anti-monopoly laws. A tariff for revenue only will be favored, but if there is an organized attempt to put the party on record as favoring the free introduction of all raw materials there will be a strong fight in opposition from the southern states. Regulation of the money trust and a pledge that the party will, if placed in power, enact currency legislation which will put it beyond the power of the banks to create panics will also be a strong plank.

Income Tax Will Be Favored.

An income tax will be specifically favored and many of the leaders of the party should go on record as favoring a government inheritance tax.

Full publicity of all the affairs of government will be favored, as well as the fullest and most complete publicity before election of the receipts and expenditures for campaign purposes. The Republican party will be accused for its failure to reduce the tariff, the Payne-Aldrich bill being specifically denounced as an assault on the wage earners of the country. President Taft will be condemned by name for his veto of the various low tariff measures.

It is the plan of all of the leaders to make the platform adopted here the shortest in the recent history of the party, and to eliminate from it the verbose verbiage usually associated with the declaration of principles.

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LITHOS OF GAYNOR SHOW HIM WEARING WILSON BUTTONS

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Baltimore, Md., June 23.—Scores of lithographs depicting Mayor W. J. Gaynor, attached to the marble walls of a principal hotel, show among other details a buttonhole in the lapel of his coat. Friends of New York's chief executive were greatly annoyed by the action of followers of New Jersey's governor who pinned large "Vote for Woodrow Wilson" buttons in the lapels.