

BILL STOPP FROM KANSAS DISPLAYS STYLES IN DRESS

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Baltimore, Md., June 27.—This year's bill displays in dress are... Unique Character Laughs at Sweltering Weather at Baltimore and Stuns With "Loud" Garb.

Get the scene first. Baltimore was uncomfortable today. Not stifling or blazing, but sticky hot, with a heat that sneaks itself over you like glue, and stays stuck to you like glue.

It was a shirt sleeve convention. The dressiest of em shed their coats. Our proud senators wore their handkerchiefs tucked in under their shirts like the leader of the grand march at the steamfitters' and boiler-makers' annual grand mass ball.

Enter Bill Stapp. If the convention audience temporarily forgot its misery and rose to greet a well trained, comely, and handsome man, those who in their pride, wore collars, found their necks encased in a soggy, accordion pleated rag before the convention had fairly opened.

Bill Stapp, national committeeman, of Helena, Kan., with a costume that shall be described in detail as elaborate as that used in depicting a society leader's gain and diamonds. In the first place, Bill wore a Prince Albert. He wore a silk hat, and mouse colored trousers that weighed about 45 pounds, and the newest thing in wing collars, and a bright red necktie and gray gloves, and patent leather shoes and—wait a minute—a vest with a white pinus vestee, his entire torso and displacement being about 150 tons.

And Bill kept all those clothes on all during the convention, and when we left, a witted and proudly heated band, he was still wearing 'em.

Back in Kansas they say Bill Stapp has been a national central committeeman for 12 years, and that every four years, at each successive convention, he adds another senator-tertia touch. Every four years he has new plumbing, paper-hanging, curtains and general decorating through.

Twelve years ago he started with a silk hat and a sack coat. Eight years ago he added the Prince Albert. Four years ago there was the further enchantment of mouse colored trousers and the gray gloves. This year the white pinus vestee completes the dazzling picture.

At sight of Bill Stapp, in all the glory of his clothes, this blithe and steaming June morning, strong men broke down and wept like children. Needless to add that Bill is a violent and chatty reactionary.

Mrs. Bryan at Convention. While the limp, bedraggled crowd was lending half hearted attention to the orators who had the unenviable task of filling in the time from noon to 8 o'clock, there was something interesting and worth while going on at the Belvidere hotel. For the first time in her husband's long career Mrs. William Jennings Bryan is attending a Democratic national convention.

These years of her husband's campaigning have made a sound politician of Mrs. Bryan. Politics have become a part of her life, and her grasp of the subject is so firm, so reliant, so steady, that William J. Bryan is conferring with his wife on every important political move that he is making. He doesn't tell her about it after it has happened. He asks her advice and counsel before he takes the step.

The Bryans have a room just off the Bryan headquarters at the Belvidere. There the commoner holds his conferences and there, with the exception of Mrs. Bryan, her wile heart and soul and mind in this Democratic conflict, with its lack of precedent, its infinite possibilities, its struggles between the old regime and new order things. The last 12 years have witnessed Mrs. Bryan's hair so that she makes a picture that is good to look at in her white linen gown.

Two Pictures to Remember. After the shouting is over and the bunting has been torn down, and the hotel has moved, and the oriental rug is back into the lobby, it is these pictures that will be remembered—the little intimate glimpses that are so illuminating. Bryan in conference with his earnest friend, intelligent wife, in one. Roosevelt sitting alone in his hotel room in Chicago, calmly reading Herodotus the day after the Taft nomination, is another.

As for the convention proper, or improper, it is only safe to say that the patient is holding its own. Sergeant at Arms Martin has lost his voice and does his best to suppress the irrepressible crowd by the use of calming gestures and a stern expression. The crowd, in spite of a particularly irascible period, a warm and bored gentleman in the center of the hall turned a

thoughtful frown toward the speaker's platform and remarked in a large, hoarse, unattractive, not to say will be needed voice: "Oh, you Woodpecker!" A remark innocent enough in itself, and probably the vocal expression of a strain of thought that had been running about in the speaker's mind. But it crossed up the speaker's speech and caused a brief reign of that nerve-racking condition known as pandemonium.

CONSERVATIVES SEE MENACE OF TITANS—BRYAN-ROOSEVELT

(Continued From Page One.) also has the distinction of having the political opposition of Tom Taggart and would be objectionable to Bryan and Murphy. Foss would be preferable to Bryan in the eyes of Bryan and Murphy. Bryan would oppose Foss, as he is opposing Clark, but he would not be Bryan's first choice. Bryan's first choice is some one who can defeat Roosevelt.

Roosevelt also is going into the consciousness of Bryan and the Wilson crowd today. Since Bryan is in the ascendant they see the probability of Bryan joining the Roosevelt forces and they know what that would mean. Tuesday for some strange reason that did not seem to be in their minds as they drove over Bryan, but yesterday the Democratic convention was forced more definitely upon Roosevelt than upon any other figure. The new party is the lever upon which Bryan is moving this convention. It is barely possible that the light dawning upon Bryan and Murphy is from other worlds than theirs. It may be that the rise of Bryan comes from the word that has come thrilling down the line from the big men of Wall street who see that if a reactionary nomination is made here it will divide the reactionaries into Taft and Clark camps, while the progressives will be only in one party. But from whatever course the light comes, it is here. Bryan is arising to power and his enemies are in confusion. Unless they can rally Bryan has them whipped.

Bryan Wins Signal Victory. Last night Bryan and the progressives won a signal victory in the vote of 55 to 20 in favor of the old Democratic unit rule conform to the modern primary laws. This ballot, which followed the outbreak of Wilson enthusiasm in the convention and the end of a day of growing Bryan strength, would seem to indicate that the convention has been frightened from the reactionary position it took in Parker's election. Obviously the convention has decided to take at least the semblance of a progressive stand. It now has a progressive permanent chairman, and by this vote the convention has put Bryan into the leadership of his party in this convention. On every hand the vote is considered to be a blow at Clark. The Bryan victory indicates that Wall street saw the new party in Bryan's eyes and is trying to make terms with him.

Bryan all day, by political generalship, kept the progressives of the convention in unbroken lines. By demanding a securing of the rule which makes the nomination for president and vice president precede the platform, Bryan was able to create a situation that makes a reactionary candidate and a reactionary platform come only as the determined and unyielding course of the convention; for if there is a reactionary candidate Bryan will not participate in the platform deliberation and will let the tail go with the hide. This action of Bryan's will be an advertisement to the country and to the convention that the party is reactionary and the whole fight then will be in the open. So much for his first maneuver.

Too Strong to Permit Split. As matters stood at midnight last night, Bryan and the progressives are too strong to permit any split among their foes. If Murphy is going to name Clark it must be on the first ballot or not at all. Clark cannot win on a dead lock. All day yesterday the various delegations from the middle west got telegrams demanding that they line up with Wilson or with Bryan's choice. These telegrams are from local statesmen who desire to win the local fights for the local offices. These telegrams have weakened Clark's strength. Kansas, for instance, with 20 votes instructed for Clark, has decided to leave Clark on second ballot because the Kansas men have a local progressive fight to make and cannot make it with

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Second Attack Upon Combination. His second attack upon the Ryan-Murphy-Clark combination was the move to amend the time honored reactionary unit rule in order to bring it

NATIONAL COMMITTEE

- Alabama—William D. Jacks. Arizona—R. M. Ling. Arkansas—To be elected. California—John B. Stanford. Colorado—T. J. McCue. Connecticut—H. B. Cummings. Delaware—William B. Baughman. Florida—J. T. Crawford. Georgia—Clayton Howell. Idaho—P. H. Elder. Illinois—Charles Rosenbush. Indiana—Thomas Taggart. Iowa—Judge Martin J. Wade. Kansas—W. F. Day. Kentucky—John T. Mays. Louisiana—F. D. Lynch. Massachusetts—J. W. Coughlin. Mississippi—Robert Powell. Missouri—E. L. Goitra. Montana—J. B. Kramer. Nebraska—Dr. J. L. Hall. Nevada—J. W. Hall. New Hampshire—Eugene G. Reed. New Jersey—Robert E. Hudspeth. New Mexico—O. Jones. New York—Norman E. Mack. North Carolina—Josephus Daniels. North Dakota—John Bruenger. Ohio—Judge Edward Moore. Oklahoma—Robert Galbraith. Oregon—Will H. King. Pennsylvania—A. M. Palmer. Rhode Island—George W. Greene. South Carolina—H. R. Tillman. South Dakota—John T. McGraw. Tennessee—R. E. Mountcastle. Texas—Cato Bell. Utah—William P. Wallace. Vermont—Thomas H. Brown. Virginia—J. Taylor Elyson. Washington—John Patterson. West Virginia—John T. McGraw. Wisconsin—Joseph E. Davis. Wyoming—John E. Osborne. Alaska—A. J. Daly. District of Columbia—Edward A. Newman. Hawaii—John H. Wilson. Philippine Islands—H. E. Manley. Porto Rico—Henry W. Dooley.

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