Marked Unfriendliness Is Shown Toward Johnson; Crowd Swelters in Torrid Heat

NOMINATING TALKS TAKE UP GREATER PART OF SESSION

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justice and "brought back to men their faith in government."

Allen was overheated and perspiring. "Wood," declared Allen, "represents the calm faith which the fathers intended we should have in the protective power of government."

The Kansas delegates, wearing sunflowers, listened intently, leaning forward in their places.

As he told of how Wood was relieved from command of his division on the eve of his sailing for France, a gust of cheers and a patter of handclapping swept across the hall. Several nasal-voiced horns sounded in the midst of it. It appeared that they were scattered throughout the crowd.

As Allen concluded, demanding the nomination of Wood, a mighty yell went up. Showers of many colored Wood feathers fluttered down from the gallery in a veritable storm. Wood pennants appeared throughout the crowd. The whole scene was flooded with the glare of arc lamps while the movies were taken. Repeated blasts from horns sounded in the galleries. Hundreds of delegates were on their chairs. The rain of feathers continued for several minutes. Evidently baskets of them had been concealed in the girders.

The delegations in the center of the hall, including Michigan, Iowa, New York, Massachusetts, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio and most of New Jersey, remained seated. During the excitement, Frank Hitchcock, one of the Wood managers, appeared on the platform. He carried a blue feather. He was nervous and constantly licked his lips as he paced back and forth.

TWO STATES WHOOP IT UP

During the Wood demonstration many delegates from Arizona, New Mexico, Tennessee and New England were on their feet. The Kansas delegation and the Nebraskans were doing much of the cheering. Wood boosters kept the ovation going, chanting "Wood, Wood, Wood," when it showed signs of losing any of its strength. The band began playing. Only an occasional note could be heard. Shrill whistles cut through the roar of cheers.

At 10:43 a. m. the demonstration had continued six minutes with no sign of abating.

Wood delegations gathered up great bundles of colored plumage which had come fluttering down. The choruses of horn blasts were taken up in all the galleries by sections and suddenly a great blaring of horns came from the spectators' sections in the rear of the platform.

Then the cheers swelled up again, louder than ever, and nothing could be heard but a great, pulsating confusion of human voices with shrill overtones.

A clattering of tin pans broke out in the rear of the platform.

LOWDEN MEN SLIP IN

While the demonstration was at its height Lowden workers slipped through the crowd distributing pennants bearing Lowden's picture.

There were cheer leaders in some of the delegations.

A Wood procession started around the hall chanting "Wood, Wood, Wood."

At this juncture Lodge hammered for order. He didn't get it.

Lodge gave up his effort to restore order.

The Wood procession got tangled in the aisles, tributary streams of delegates pouring in at the corners.

South Dakota's standard was carried into the procession. The Kansas standard came next.

At 10:47 the demonstration had continued 15 minutes and was still going strong.

In the middle of the delegates' section many stood on chairs, watching but not participating.

The chant "Wood, Wood, Wood" was started in the galleries and spread to the floor.

At 10:49 Lodge again pounded for order. His reply was a renewal of the Wood chant.

The horn blasts broke out anew.

Lodge repeatedly banged with his gavel, but was unable to get any attention. His gavel blows could not be heard very far from the platform.

Many state standards were decorated with Wood feathers. They included Arizona, Maryland, Rhode Island, Florida, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Texas, Idaho and Maine. The Philippine's standard was crowned with a Wood banner.

IT BEGINS TO FADE

At 10:52 the Wood demonstration was still going on, though there seemed to be some diminution. All but about 50 delegates had resumed their seats.

The New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Arkansas, Massachusetts, Iowa, Illinois and other delegations which were not much excited about the proceedings, remained stolidly seated, many of the delegates with bored expressions, glancing at their watches.

"We want Wood," was the next chant started, but it failed to make much impression.

Despite valiant efforts to keep it going, the demonstration was fading out. There still was a steady undercurrent of sound, kept up by a comparative few.

Chairman Lodge sat at his desk with a resigned look waiting patiently.

The Wood adherents had kept up their clamor for 25 minutes at 10:57. The sound, however, had dribbled away and was manifestly being kept up by main strength.

CROWD LOOKS BORED

The delegates who were not taking part in the "show" manifested increasing symptoms of ennui. Some produced newspapers and read them in a bored manner. Others gossiped quietly together.

The Oklahoma delegation staged a little circus of its own. A pretty girl in a pink dress appeared among them and mounted a chair, waving a Lowden lithograph and shouting.

Illinois and Iowa delegates applauded her, almost drowning out for the moment the dwindling Wood cheers.

The Wood demonstration reached the half hour mark at 11:02 a. m. Most of the enthusiasm had gone, however, and the galleries were furnishing most of the noise.

Disinterested delegates stood talking in the aisles while clusters of Wood men tried to revive the noise.

As Chairman Lodge came forward with his gavel he was greeted with the Wood chant, shrill cries, whistles and more horn blowing.

OVATION LASTS 39 MINUTES

At 11:07 the demonstration had reached the 35 minute point.

Lodge smiled whimsically, waited awhile and then hammered with fresh vigor. Once more the chairman had to retreat.

There were cries for silence on the floor.

At 11:11 a. m., after it had continued 39 minutes, the Wood demonstration ended.

Chairman Lodge then asked for seconds to the Wood nomination. He announced each such speech would be limited to five minutes.

Delegate Knox of New Hampshire began a seconding speech.

Knox said that, speaking in behalf of the people of New Hampshire, he desired to second Wood's nomination because he was "the greatest living son of that state." He seconded Wood as "a citizen of the whole United States." He had no provincial qualities, Knox said. He said Wood had the courage and the vision to meet the present critical situation.

ROOSEVELT'S SISTER SECONDS

Another seconding speech was made by Mrs. Corinne Roosevelt Robinson, New York, sister of Theodore Roosevelt. It was the first time a woman had made a seconding speech in a national convention. She was received with great enthusiasm.

Mrs. Robinson said thousands of American mothers felt that the foresight and vision of General Wood sent their sons overseas "fit fighting machines instead of cannon fodder."

She said she supported Wood, not because he was a friend of the late Colonel Roosevelt, but because he is of the Roosevelt type.

Wood and Roosevelt have great characteristics in common, she declared. Wood has courage, combined with common sense, Mrs. Robinson said.

REMINDER OF TEDDY

Her voice rang clearly through the hall. She was dressed all in black, with a small black feathered hat. She had the true Rooseveltian gestures, reminiscent of her brother, the late T. R. She bared her teeth as did the colonel, and snapped out her words much as he did in his most vigorous speeches. She concluded with a vigorous stamp of her foot, saying America must have a man who spoke from America out, rather than from outside of America in.

If Roosevelt or Wood had been in the White House there would have been no ringing words of protest as a tune for the Germans to march through Belgium, she declared, but there would have been real action.

"We want not a man who waits a psychological moment, but a man who makes a psychological moment," snapped Mrs. Robinson.

As she ended she cried: "Leonard Wood is the kind of a man who says 'Come,' and I want Leonard Wood."

TABLE POUNDED VIGOROUSLY

There was a pause of emphasis between each word and so vigorously did she pound the table that it rocked.

A huge, life-size photograph of Wood standing with Roosevelt was lowered from the gallery.

Lodge ordered the roll of states resumed.

Arkansas yielded to Illinois and Congressman Rodenberg began his speech nominating Lowden.

Immediately the Askansas delegation displayed photographs of Lowden.

There was so much confusion Lodge had to beat for order before Rodenberg could begin.

Rodenberg, a tall, heavy set man, spoke in a calm, dispassionate fashion, his fingertips pressed together.

Describing the conditions of unrest, which he said existed in the country, however, he began using a few gestures, but they were restrained and he appeared reserved, in contrast with the vigorous, emphatic manner of Governor Allen and Mrs. Robinson.

Rodenberg stood on his tiptoes as he voiced praise of Lowden, raising his clenched fists on high to pray that "God will speed the day when a better and a braver pilot will be placed at the nation's helm."

Careful attention was given to Rodenburg's address and there was at first little response.

When he concluded, the delegates' section was suddenly filled with large posters bearing Lowden's picture.

At 11:41 a. m. the Lowden adherents crowded into the aisles for their demonstration.

PICTURE STARTS CHEERING

The Iowa delegation appeared with the biggest lithograph of the Illinois governor. It was a huge affair hoisted between two poles. Many women were in line. Their shrill cheers mingled with the deeper shouts of the men. The delegates that were not marching stood up in their seats, watching. Kentucky's standard was ripped loose from the floor and joined the march.

In one part of the procession a girl waving a Lowden picture in each hand was carried along on the shoulders of two men. It was the same girl who appeared in the Oklahoma section during the Wood demonstration.

The cheers were not very loud and were mingled with much whistling.

Along the aisles stood the leaders, encouraging the participants.

"Louder!" they ordered, and "Keep it up, boys!"

The state sign posts from the Iowa and Oklahoma delegations appeared in the procession, followed by Connecticut.

Arkansas was next. Virginia's standard could not be torn loose, but the top of it was carried in the line of march.

A second huge canvas sign was borne along on three poles by the Iowa delegation. In glaring letters it presented Lowden as the business candidate for president.

TEN-MINUTE MARK PASSED

The Lowden demonstration passed the 10-minute mark at 11:51. Practically every delegate in the hall was mixed up in some way in the demonstration, either as a spectator standing on a chair, or shouldering along in the procession.

As they marched the Lowden men were busy recruiting. "First ballot, first ballot," they yelled in the ears of other delegates.

The Lowden demonstration had been in progress 19 minutes at noon. The noise had diminished slightly, but there was no indication that the Lowden people were through. The galleries were on their feet in greater numbers than during the Wood ovation. An old man was carried along on the shoulders of delegates in the procession. He had his eyes closed, his mouth wide open and was leaning far back yelling at the top of his lungs, meanwhile flourishing a Lowden picture in each hand.

Congressman Slemp, Virginia, and National Committeeman Warren, Michigan, at the height of the Lowden demonstration, declared the governor would be nominated before the day was over.

"Nothing to it but Lowden," said Slemp, known to be an "organization" man.

"Lowden has far more delegates than Wood and should win soon after the third ballot, declared Warren, parliamentarian of the convention, who will cast his vote for Senator Johnson.

CRANE MAKES PREDICTION

Murray Crane, member of the old guard, also predicted there would be few ballots.

During the Lowden demonstration it was learned that it is the present intention of convention officials to keep the convention in session continuously until a nominee is chosen.

Former Senator A. J. Beveridge of Indiana took the gavel while Chairman Lodge was at lunch.

Louis L. Emmerson, Lowden's campaign manager, was on the floor, evidently taking a hand in the management of the spectacle.

A long-drawn yell of "L-O-W-D-E-N," started in the Connecticut delegation, was taken up by others eager for something to keep up the excitement. Some enthusiast planted a Lowden banner on the chairman's rostrum.

At 12:21 p. m. the Lowden demonstration reached the 40-minute mark, thereby exceeding the 39-minute record of Wood's supporters.

Senator Beveridge was an even more strenuous gavel wielder than Lodge had been, and the Lowdenites, having eclipsed the Wood time limit, gradually subsided.

Charles E. Pickett of Iowa seconded the nomination of Lowden.

POINDEXTER FOR WOOD

From a reliable source at Poindexter headquarters, it was learned that the senator plans to swing his support to Wood first, and, if the general fails of nomination, then to Harding.

Pickett warmed to his task and, as he exceeded his limit, acting Chairman Beveridge toyed nervously with the gavel and then sent Secretary Gleason to remind the speaker of the five minute rule.

Lowden's supporters also played for the suffragette support by sending in Mrs. Fletcher Dobbyns of Illinois to make the second of the seconding speeches for their man.

Mrs. Dobbyns was nattily attired in a plain black gown and a straw hat, the latter making a vivid spot of color.

SHE MAKES SHORTEST SPEECH

In the shortest speech of the convention, Mrs. Dobbyns scored a tremendous hit by paying a tersely worded tribute to her candidate, seconding his nomination and withdrawing after using up less than two minutes of her allotted time.

"In the name of the women of America," she said, "I have the honor of seconding the nomination of Governor Lowden."

Governor Morrow of Kentucky, mentioned as a vice presidential possibility, was the next speaker to second Lowden.

"Kentucky is the neighbor of Illinois. It is said in the Holy book that blessed is the man who is loved by his neighbor. Without division of one mind and with one heart, Kentucky will vote for Lowden until he is nominated by this convention," said Mrs. Dobbyns.

WHEELER NAMES JOHNSON

Charles S. Wheeler of California put in nomination the name of Hiram Johnson. The preliminary mention of Johnson's name brought forth only a modest, short-lived cheer.

The Iowa and Illinois delegates led the cheer.

Senator Johnson, shortly after his nomination speech started, left his headquarters for the Coliseum, but it was stated that he did not expect to appear in the delegate section of the floor. Other candidates thus far nominated remained in their rooms and read with intense interest the United Press report of the convention developments. The hotel lobbies, so crowded during all the week, were nearly deserted during the session.

At the outset Wheeler's speech was quietly received. Several of his pauses passed in silence.

A quotation from Lincoln, "Government of the people, for the people and by the people," got the first applause for Wheeler, but the crowd was slowly warming up. When he asked if the people wanted four years more of the Wilson family in the White House, there were cries of, "No!" He demanded whether the people would "force the head of the dynasty to abdicate and then take on the crown prince."

ANIMUS IS SHOWN

When Wheeler predicted the nomination of Johnson would assure victory, there was but scattered applause. But when he said that Johnson had won great victories without big financial backing, there was a chorus of laughs, boos and hisses. Wheeler refused to stop in his speech to wait for quiet and several spectators called to him from the gallery. It was the first evidence of open animus displayed toward any candidate's name by the delegates on the floor.

The crowd renewed its calls and laughter and Wheeler was again forced to cease speaking. Beveridge was compelled to intercede. He urged the delegates to be quiet, saying he hoped he wouldn't have to use the gavel again. There was more laughter at this.

"The present speaker takes these interruptions with good humor," Wheeler smiled when order was restored, and his display of good sportsmanship won him a hearty round of applause.

"Newspaper publicity is valuable, but there are other means through which the people learn of the men God ordained to be their leaders," said Wheeler. The crowd half cheered, and in the midst of a half lull there was a cry of "Hearst" from the gallery—a reference to Hearst's newspaper support of the Californian.

The convention roared with laughter at the gibe.

The Wheeler speech was an obvious disappointment to the California delegation and to the Johnson supporters in the galleries. The speaked adopted a somewhat singsong tone. His voice weakened and he was frequently forced to moisten his throat and lips with water. The result was a wave of restlessness which swept the hall, and a gradually mounting murmur and buzz of conversation, which further reduced the effectiveness of the speaker's efforts.

Endeavoring to show that Johnson's candidacy was representative of wide interests, Wheeler said there were three bankers in the California delegation, the combined deposits of whose banks were $240,000,000. Renewed laughter swept the hall, finally growing to general confusion. The delegates evidently were getting back at the speaker for his references to the financial backing of other contenders for the nomination.

HE TURNS ON CROWD

There were cheers when Wheeler announced he was nearing the close, and, deviating from the text of his address, he leaned over the rails and, shaking his finger down at the crowd, shouted:

"Yes, hear! Uncork your prejudiced ears and hear, for the first time in your lives, what this man stands for!"

There was a scattered cheer from the gallery, but from the place where sat the men with the nominating votes nothing but silence.

"The time has come to drive the bosses from this temple of Republicanism," said Wheeler. Hoots and jeers from the delegates were the floor's response.

Wheeler concluded at 1:16 and the California delegation leaped to its feet with great American flags to start the demonstration. They began a procession around the room, shouting, "Hiram" through megaphones.

The Michigan delegation also was up, waving flags.

The Johnsonites produced dozens of large American flags and signs bearing Johnson slogans and pictures.

DEMONSTRATION IS FAILURE

From the center gallery an enormous picture of Johnson was unfurled. It was obvious, however, before the demonstration had been on five minutes, that the enthusiasm of the loyal California delegation could not atone for the deadly effect.

The volume of cheering did not compare with the noise that greeted the names of Lowden and Wood, and the great majority of the delegates stood in the aisles and conversed or mounted their chairs to see what was going on.

The California delegation persevered in an effort to recruit delegates from other states to their parade, with little success.

The Californians chanted "Hiram, Hiram: We Want Hiram," and urged other vocalists to join in the refrain, but with ill success.

The surprise of the demonstration was the comparative apathy of the galleries. Johnson has had strong newspaper support in Chicago, and it was expected that, regardless of the attitude of the delegates, the galleries would accord him a spectacular greeting. It speedily became evident, however, that the weather and the humidity, or some other phenomena more closely related to politics, was having a bearish effect, and the galleries were decidedly slow in taking up the work of the demonstrators.

WOMAN GETS VOLUNTEERS

At one point in the cheering a woman, clad in a black lace gown and seated directly behind the press section, seized a large American flag that draped the balcony and, hanging far over the rail, waved it frantically in the faces of those below and shouted for Johnson. She met with considerable encouragement and in a few moments had several volunteer supporters.

NOISE LACKS SPONTANEITY

At 1:40 p. m. the demonstration was still on, but obviously, as in the case of each of the previous demonstrations, the outbursts were mechanical and almost entirely lacking of spontaneity. Delegates in various parts of the hall read newspapers, fanned themselves or visited among themselves, taking little or no part in any of the proceedings. The noise was confined almost exclusively to the galleries and to the efforts of the California delegation and a few of its supporters.

Senator Lodge, who had resumed charge of the gavel, made no attempt to head off the demonstration or to bring the convention to order during any one of the lulls, until 1:41, when, remarking to the press box, that the "delegates needed a little recess," he stepped forward and banged half heartedly with his gavel.

It was obvious, however, that the chairman figured he could stand as much punishment as either the delegates or the galleries. He made it clear that each candidate was to be allowed the full limit of time for his particular and pet demonstration.

BLIND MAN SECONDS

At 1:44 Lodge hammered the convention to order, the demonstration for Johnson having lasted 28 minutes. As quiet was resumed, Representative Thomas W. Schall of Minnesota, a blind congressman, was led forward by his 8-year-old son and started the first seconding speech for Johnson's nomination.

Just before the Johnson demonstration was concluded, Chairman Lodge told the United Press that it was his idea to go directly through with the program without interruption, but that he did not know how long the delegates would stand for the present heat and discomfort.

Representative Schall described how his little son, when 4 years old, crept to his knee and asked if he could see him.

"Can't you see me, daddy?" the boy asked, and his father replied: "Not with my eyes, but with my heart."

It is the heart of the people that is demanding Johnson, Schall declared, and a shout went up from the galleries.

Schall referred to Senator Penrose sending from Philadelphia a message that the convention should nominate the man who could win.

"That can mean no other man than Hiram Johnson," cried Schall, and there was a real cheer.

PUTS JAZZ IN CROWD

Schall had the crowd with him from the minute he started speaking. He had a penetrating voice and an energetic personality, not unlike the candidate he was there to second. His success in putting a bit of jazz into the proceedings stirred the galleries and caused frequent murmurs of approval and rounds of applause.

Johnson, he said, "is the only candidate who fits the Republican platform."

Schall, his sightless eyes open, rattled his knuckles on the table as he spoke, and his vigor and enthusiasm seemed contagious.

Schall reached his time limit and was reminded of it. Lodge announced his time was expired.

"Can't I have a moment?" pleaded Schall, turning his blind eyes toward Lodge.

"Go on, go on," yelled the galleries.

Lodge explained that it was necessary to enforce the five-minute rule.

As the crowd started to hiss his apparent intention to adhere to the letter of the rule, Lodge gracefully asked unanimous consent to the granting of an additional two minutes to the speaker. A chorus of "ayes" swept the hall and Schall went on with his speech.

As Schall spoke, an attendant stood behind him, ready to clutch his arm whenever he stepped too near the edge of the narrow platform.

DOUGHERTY GETS LOST

As Shcall concluded, Judge Richard Dougherty of Jersey City steepped forward to make the last seconding speech for Johnson.

As Schall concluded, Judge Richard Dougherty of Jersey City stepped forsey, which had also sent Wilson to the White House, but became so tangled in a long sentence explaining his guiltlessness that the crowd missed the point. There was a dead silence where a laugh was intended.

Dougherty decalred that the confidence of the Republicans in the force and integrity of Hiram Johnson was not confined to that party, but declared that the same confidence in his ability exists to a marked degree within the ranks of the Democratic party.

Lodge dropped the gavel on the speaker before he had concluded, but relented and gave him an extra moment to conclude his sentence. The speaker concluded by nervously turning to Lodge and saying, "and, sir, I second the nomination of the Honorable Hiram W. Johnson of New Jersey."

The crowd got a real laugh from the twisted geography.

O'Neill of Michigan was then allowed two minutes to make the third Johnson nominating speech.

WOMAN SECONDS JOHNSON

Mrs. Katherine P. Edson of California, on behalf of Johnson's own state, seconded the senator's nomination. Clad all in white, Mrs. Edson, in a voice that shook a little with nervousness at first, told how California had adopted woman suffrage and passed progressive industrial legislation while Johnson was governor. She asked that Johnson be nominated as a man who understands the great humanitarian problems and gives the woman voters a candidate they can enthusiastically support.

The roll call was resumed, and Connecticut yielded to Massachusetts. Speaker Gillett came to the platform to place in nomination the name of Governor Calvin Coolidge of Massachusetts.

DELEGATES ARE POLITE

Gillett was well received by the delegates, and they were ready to help him along at every opportunity with polite applause. He gave the convention "a straight talking to" about Coolidge, explaining why he should get the nomination, emphasizing the fact that he came suddenly to the fore in one year through his administration as governor of Massachusetts.

"Wouldn't it be a restful change to see such a man as Coolidge in the White House?" Gillett wanted to know. The

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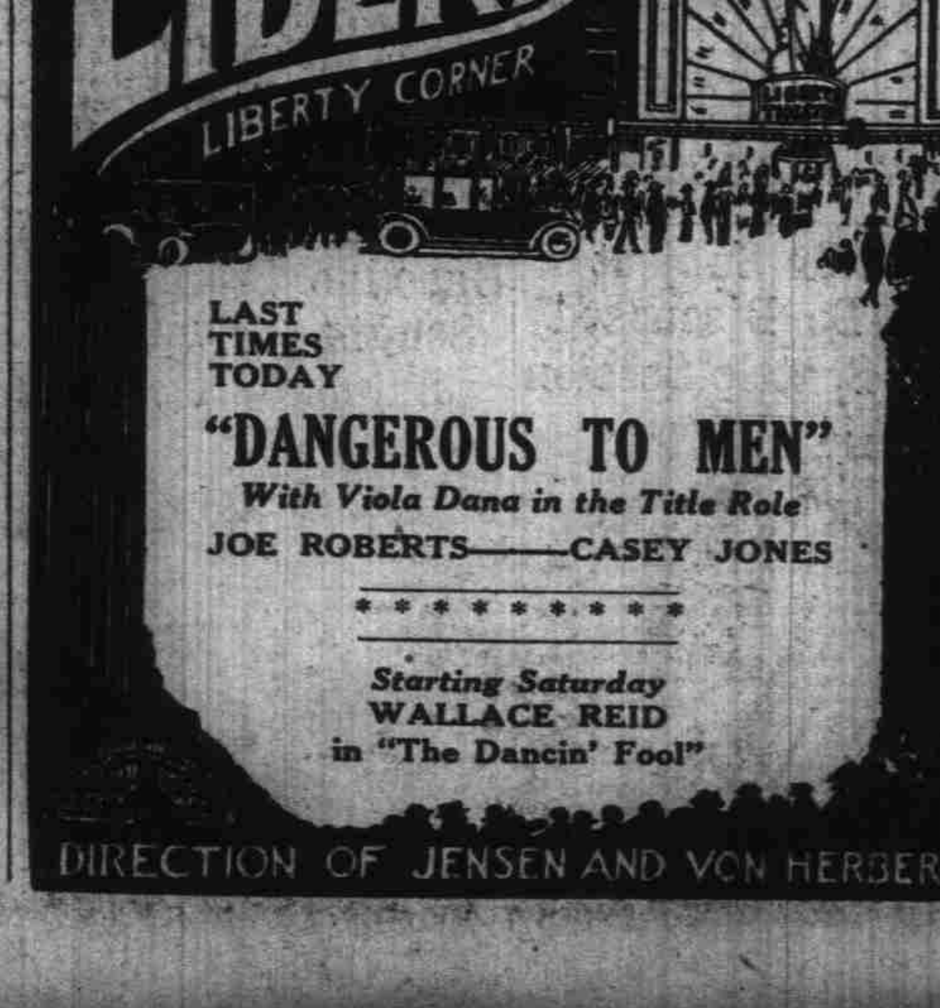

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