

M'ADDO BACKERS, WHO HOPE FOR LEADER, GROWING STRONG

By Robert J. Bender (Special News Staff Correspondent) San Francisco, Cal., June 28.—Unless the McAdoo irrespressible get into a hopeless conflict over policy of conducting a campaign for his nomination—which is well within the range of possibility—his strength on the eve of the balloting for Democratic nominee would appear to be greater than that of any other candidate. Owing to a conflict of interests affecting the other two leading candidates—Palmer and Cox—the position of McAdoo in the race today might appear to augur favorably for his ultimate victory.

But McAdoo has no leadership here. There have been four meetings of McAdoo boosters. The same individual has presided at more than one meeting. J. J. Shouse, who has been regarded as McAdoo's spokesman, has attended but one of these and presided at none.

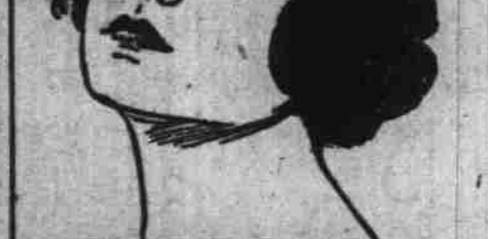
Divided in two camps Daniel C. Roper, the man McAdoo had decided upon as his campaign manager, was he nominated, decided not to come to the convention when McAdoo withdrew. As a result we find today in the McAdoo group, an enthusiastic "McAdoo till death" delegates and leaders. The strategy of one group is to prevent Burdick from being head of another group of the same sort, from placing McAdoo in nomination.

The former believe that McAdoo's nomination can best be assured if it starts sans formal nomination with a spontaneous outburst of votes from the floor. The latter wants to nominate him at the start of the first formal decision on the course of the movement will be developed in a series of conferences of the two factions between now and the time the balloting commences. An effort to organize will be made.

Meantime a poll I have completed, after two days of canvassing among leaders of the respective delegations here, would indicate that the first ballot on the nominee will mean absolutely nothing. Owing to the fact that favorites will all get complimentary votes afloat because it is the determined strategy of the three leading candidates to distribute some of their strength among other candidates on the initial ballot, there will not only not be a two thirds majority for any one claimant, but it will have no significant whittling down.

Plans are adopted the first ballot will result something like this: Palmer, 400; McAdoo, 25; Cox, 18; Governor Smith of New York, 20; Senator Owen, Oklahoma, 28; United States Ambassador Davis, 18; E. T. Meredith of Iowa, 28; Governor Edwin of New Jersey, 28; Chairman Cummings of the Democratic national committee, 14; Senator Hitchcock, 8; Senator Carter Glass, 24; Vice President Marshall 30; Congressman Clark of Missouri, 20; Senator Simmons, 24; James W. Gerard, 16, and William Jennings Bryan, 10.

Between Cox and McAdoo California, in addition to the above totals, will cast a complimentary vote for each candidate. If Michigan decides to



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Given the "freedom of the convention" by the Republicans in Chicago and by the Democrats here to date, the reporters couldn't understand it when the national committee Saturday decided to chase them out of the committee room just because it wanted to hold an executive session to decide the Georgia and Missouri contests.

The hall outside the committee room was bare of chairs; the floor was concrete and, so far as the feet and, worst of all, the walls had been freshly painted, making it impossible to lean against them.

There the reporters waited for the crumbs of news to be thrown to them from the committee news table, standing about on one foot like herons, or marionettes up and down the hall. Additional news came to them of how the Republican national committee did it. In Chicago the newspapermen had the same status as committee men in all except voting, being permitted to sit in on the most important news of the day.

Official badges at Chicago bore Lincoln's features. Thomas Jefferson adorned those of the Democratic convention.

Thomas Henry Quinn, 5, son of National Committeeman Patrick H. Quinn of Rhode Island, will be the youngest official worker at the convention.

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