

CUMMINGS MOST PROMISING NAME OF DARK HORSES

By David Lawrence
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San Francisco, June 30.—Homer Cummings of Connecticut, stands out thus far as the dark horse of the Democratic national convention if McAdoo does not win and the delegates are in prolonged deadlock. The remarkable impression made by Cummings in his keynote speech which was full of praise for President Wilson, would commend him to the large number of delegates who are supporting Palmer and McAdoo but who are at heart for the Wilson man through and through. Convention strategy has made the nomination of a dark horse just as much possible here as it was in Chicago. The same sort of psychological influences are at work as made the Republican convention impatient with deadlocks and anxious to go home, and the tactics of each of the big three leaders—Palmer, Cox and McAdoo—are such as to make entirely possible the wearing down of the strength of each. The McAdoo sympathizers have more enthusiasm than shrewdness. They are missing any real leadership and, while this is attributed to disinterestedness of McAdoo himself, it makes for clumsiness and confusion.

McADOO FORCES DIVIDED
For instance, it was firmly insisted by Daniel C. Hooper, McAdoo's chief ad-

viser, who is in New York, that no nominating speech be made. This was entirely agreeable to all but a few of the McAdoo supporters here and was the plan until today. Then the few paraded the many that it would be better to have McAdoo's virtues extolled. It was contended that no better opportunity would present itself than to tell all the delegates at one time just why McAdoo should be nominated. And the decision now is to permit the nominating speech. McAdoo and Hooper are powerless to prevent it. But that isn't the only thing which shows division in the McAdoo ranks.

Nobody is apparently able to handle second and third choice votes so that the McAdoo strength may be cumulative. It sounds like an easy thing to do—to hold strength to reverse but the delegates are uncontrollable. They want to go for him on the first ballots. They can't wait. Also the talk of McAdoo has grown so loud that the opponents of the former secretary of the treasury have virtually been forced into a coalition against him. Efforts to form a Palmer and Cox combination with temporary assistance from favorite son groups are proceeding in alarming fashion. The presence here of several cabinet officers all working for McAdoo has not helped his cause. Down among the delegations the spontaneous desire for McAdoo is unmistakable and they are prepared to make a hard fight but the big question is how much stamina these delegates have for prolonged fight such as gave Wilson his triumph at Baltimore.

JOCKEYING FOR POSITION.
Each of the managers is trying to make the other show most strength on the first ballots. Even the Palmer forces are trying to hold back at first and bring their greatest strength to bear on successive ballots. There are also the Cox tactics and it looks now as if both had succeeded in forcing McAdoo to take the lead earlier than was expected. Once McAdoo begins to lose and is passed by Cox or Palmer the enthusiasm of the McAdoo men may be somewhat damped and then it is not inconceivable that they would turn to a dark horse. Homer Cummings showed on the sec-

ond day of the convention that he was just as high in the estimation of the delegates as when he delivered his keynote speech. His appearance on the floor was greeted with loud applause. When he recommended the sending of a telegram of congratulation to the governor of Tennessee because the latter called a special session of the legislature to the relief of women suffrage amendment there was instantaneous approval.

CUMMINGS BACKS SUFFRAGE.
But the effectiveness of Cummings was apparent a second time when the convention had tabled a resolution enlarging the Democratic national committee to include one woman from each state. Evidently some of the old line politicians did not want it done but Cummings with a brief and convincing statement told the convention that its sincerity on the woman suffrage issue would be questioned if it refused to permit woman to have a voice in the councils of the party. The motion was passed with genuine demonstration of approval and there the Democrats have given the women something which the Republicans denied them at Chicago. Every state will have a woman on the Democratic national committee, not merely in an advisory capacity as heretofore, but with equal voting power with the men members.

When the convention had adjourned for the day and the delegates got back to their hotels they found hand bills reading as follows: "How about Homer Cummings for president of the U. S.?" His keynote speech has already won for him the presidency throughout the land. Today he personifies the victory of the Democratic party at the polls. Give him the game as well as the name. Put aside party prejudices and consider in terms of party success and you will see that Homer Cummings's words of today will ring around the world, the truly great utterances of the truly great leader of the 1920 Democrats. Agreement has produced a great man. America needs Homer Cummings for president."

CHAMP CLARK MENTIONED
The posters were signed by San Francisco civic Democrats. But the Con-

necticut delegation which has endorsed Cummings for president, probably had something to do with it. The delegates are talking more about it than any other dark horse though Vice President Marshall and Champ Clark are mentioned by the anti-administration forces and some of the conservative elements in the party who are reactive under Wilson leadership. The situation may well arise when Palmer and McAdoo and Cox may be unable to get two thirds votes.

The consideration of dark horses would bring the Palmer and McAdoo forces close together to nominate a Wilson man. That would make Cummings logical. His chances are much better than those of Harding at Chicago when dark horse talk began, but prospects of nominating a dark horse is still nebulous.

UNIT RULE BROKEN
The McAdoo supporters feel highly encouraged by the breaking of the unit rule for New York state. George Lunn and Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin Roosevelt fought a successful battle in the rules committee and now it is possible for New York's 30 votes to be split up. Charlie Murphy's power is diminished. He will try to hold his delegation together for Governor A. L. Smith on the theory that a deadlock may yield the nomination to the New York governor. He will hold that over the heads of recalcitrant delegates but the number which probably will go to McAdoo in the New York delegation is about 25. There are also Cox and Palmer votes in New York state. Murphy may be able to keep 65 votes for A. L. Smith indefinitely, but once released from that pledge, there is no telling to which candidate New York will ultimately throw her votes.

As matters stand McAdoo is in the lead, but no one in his camp here can demonstrate mathematically or otherwise where the full two thirds is coming from. If McAdoo does not win the prize neither Palmer nor Cox will, but some one like Cummings will be exhibited as a compromise.

MRS. GEORGE BASS KEPT AS LEADER WITH DEMOCRATS

By David M. Church
San Francisco, June 30.—(I. N. S.)
—Mrs. George Bass remains today the leader of Democratic women, despite determined efforts during the last two days to unseat her.

Women delegates and alternates in caucus gave Mrs. Bass what amounted to a vote of confidence. After a discussion of nearly an hour as to whether or not it would be diplomatic to urge Governor Roberts of Tennessee to advance the date of the special session of the Tennessee legislature to ratify the suffrage amendment, the women voted unanimously to allow the Tennessee delegates to submit a proposal to Mrs. Bass, giving Mrs. Bass full authority to act for the women of the convention with regard to the proposal. This action was taken unanimously by the caucus.

For several days the word has been passed about that with the admission of women to the Democratic national committee, Mrs. Bass would pass out as the leader of Democratic women.

Strong predictions were made that Mrs. Bass would lose power, when the word was passed that Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker of Austin, Texas, one of the foremost leaders in affairs of women, had retired from the national committee because she was dissatisfied with the leadership of Mrs. Bass.

Mrs. Pennybacker was the first to spike this rumor. Seen together with Mrs. Bass, both women denied it emphatically.

"It is an infamous lie," said Mrs.

City Council Fixes Two Street Names

Washington, June 30.—(U. P.)—Senator Harding and Governor Coolidge have agreed to base the presidential campaign on a plea for restoration of party government as a substitute for "personal government," Harding said today.

The announcement followed a conference attended by the Republican candidates for president and vice president and Will Hays, national Republican chairman.

Harding said it had also been agreed

COOLIDGE CONFERS WITH TICKET MATE

that the vice president should play a larger part in coordinating the work of the president and the senate.

Coolidge issued a statement declaring he wished to cooperate fully in the campaign.

"Governor Coolidge breakfasted with me this morning," said Senator Harding, "and we have agreed that he will base the campaign on an appeal to restore party government as a constitutional substitute for personal government."

"In reestablishing coordination between the executive office and the senate the vice president can and ought to play a big part. I told Governor Coolidge how much I wish him to be not only a participant in the campaign but how much I wish him to be a helpful part of the Republican administration. The country needs the counsel and becoming participation in government of such men as Governor Coolidge."

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