

DEADLOCK IS IN HANDS OF PARTY CHIEFS

Compromise Candidate Is Declared Only Way to Give Weary Democratic Convention a Nominee

McADOO MANAGERS IN DEFIANCE OF SCHEME

Robinson, Glass, Ralston and Davis Held to Be Likely Candidates

NEW YORK, July 5.—Peace negotiations for selection of a compromise candidate for the presidency were undertaken under serious difficulties tonight by a group of democratic chieftains upon whose shoulders the party's national convention had placed the task of freeing it from its record-breaking deadlock.

Giving their assent and cooperation were many of the supporters of McAdoo and Smith apparently convinced at last that neither can be nominated. Weighing heavily against the forces working for a compromise, however, stood an open defiance from the McAdoo campaign managers who declared their only compromise candidate was McAdoo.

The mandate of the convention voted with a sigh of relief from the warring elements, empowered the conferees to undertake negotiations "for the purpose of reaching an understanding so as to hasten conclusion of this convention."

As the weary delegates left the convention hall after 77 fruitless ballots they appeared to have no doubt that their leaders would undertake to find a candidate on which there could be a general agreement, but three hours later David Ladd Rockwell, the McAdoo field marshal, announced that he would enter the conference with no such object in view.

As he interpreted it, Mr. Rockwell said, the purpose of the meeting was to seek an amendment of convention procedure, so the anomalous situation which has held the convention powerless through the entire week can be brought to an end and a nominee selected.

Under such circumstances, he added, the high man in the voting could not be expected to step aside for anyone.

Thomas Taggart of Indiana author of the motion calling the conference, when told of Mr. Rockwell's interpretation said:

"Judge Rockwell or anybody else who places such an interpretation on the language of the motion knows better. Its terms are plain. It says the conference is 'for the purpose of reaching an understanding, so as to hasten the conclusion of this convention,' that means anything that will clear the way for a nomination."

Mr. Taggart was asked if it meant even an agreement on a recommendation for a candidate. He replied that it did.

The campaign managers for the other candidates, including Governor Smith, did not go into details in their interpretation of the convention's action, but they left no doubt that they all went into the conference willing to take whatever selection might be found generally accepted. Among the McAdoo delegates there were many who openly voiced the same conviction and the general impression was one of optimism, that the long fight was almost over.

Behind the doors of their council room the conferees conjured tonight with an ever narrowing list of names—Robinson of Arkansas; Glass of Virginia; Ralston of Indiana; Davis of West Virginia and others—let escape only stray scraps of information to indicate in what direction the wind was blowing.

The peace parley had its real beginning earlier in the day when the forces opposed to McAdoo joined.

GROWERS RECEIVE EXCELLENT PRICE FOR CHERRY CROP

Scobel & Day, fruit distributors of New York, according to an announcement yesterday by Paul McKercher, their representative for this district, have negotiated deals in Lambert cherries that are netting the local growers 18 cents a pound.

This firm bought 10 cars of the Lamberts, one carload of which was shipped July 3, selling f. o. b. Salem at \$2.70 for a package of 15 pounds. The other nine cars will be sold on about the same basis.

Mr. McKercher was in Salem two weeks ago and made the contracts with O. E. Brooks and a pool of growers. The company has operated in Hood River for several years, but has never before entered the Salem field. Last year the company distributed in 262 cities.

Scobel & Day will again come to this district in the fall to buy prunes. The firm will take prunes from the same men with whom the cherry deals have been made, put them up in 16-pound cases and ship them green. It is said they will net the growers between 4 and 5 cents a pound, equivalent to 15 cents for the dried product. This prize is nearly double what the growers have been receiving for some years.

Scobel & Day have been handling the pears of the Paul Wallace orchards for 20 years and will handle them again this year.

MRS. W. P. LORD PASSES AWAY

Wife of Former Governor and Supreme Court Justice Dies Last Night

Mrs. W. P. Lord, widow of the late Governor W. P. Lord, who also served a term as justice of the Oregon supreme court, passed away at the Salem hospital at twenty minutes of twelve last night. Mrs. Lord was 79 years of age, and had resided in Salem for many years. She had been in ill health for some time, and underwent a major operation two weeks ago.

Mrs. Lord is survived by two children, W. P. Lord, Jr., prominent attorney of Portland, and Miss Elizabeth Lord of Salem. Prior to her last illness Mrs. Lord had been prominent in local social and civic affairs.

A letter written early yesterday by Ella McMunn and addressed for publication to The Statesman contained the following tribute to Mrs. Lord:

Now that Mrs. W. P. Lord is ill, I feel prompted to pay her a deserved tribute, which I am sure will find echo in the hearts of hundreds of Salemites. All understand with what an open hand she has dispensed hospitality at her home, even to opening her flower gardens to the public on the very day she was stricken with illness. But all may not know the value of her work in trying to secure a linen factory for Salem. Herself a Montegne (one of the first families of Virginia), the wife of a former governor of the state and an ambassador to a foreign country; traveled, cultured, brilliant, and yet splendidly democratic, Mrs. Lord deserves for her work a statue on the capitol grounds.

PRAIRIE FIRE IS THREATENING TOWN

Residents of Hunter, Wash., are Ready to Flee Before Coming Flames

HUNTERS, Wash., July 5.—At midnight tonight, while the danger was not believed passed, the force of 400 or 500 men battling to save this little Stevens county town from a prairie fire were holding their own, hoping a change of wind would end the danger. The front of the fire is seven miles long.

Cedonia, a little village northeast of here, is doomed, it is believed, reports indicating that the flames, if they continue in their course, will sweep through it by morning.

HUNTERS, Wash., July 5.—With the flames of a prairie fire but half a mile distant and the wind driving them toward the town, residents of Hunters tonight have their possessions packed so.

YANK ATHLETES ALL SET TO GO

Quest for International Olympic Honors to Commense in Paris Today

PARIS, July 5.—(By Associated Press.)—America's sturdy athletic force, one of the finest arrays she has ever sent in quest of international honors, was ready tonight for the opening tomorrow of the Olympic track and field battle with 45 nations, headed by the powerful Finnish team, seeking to break the hold America has had upon athletic supremacy since the revival of the Olympic games.

The battle for chief honors in the eighth Olympic games between the United States and Finland promises to be thrilling and many expect that the eight days of competition will develop performances eclipsing in keenness and excellence those of Stockholm 12 years ago, which so far have been regarded as the high water mark of international competition.

The eve of the championship, which includes 26 events, finds the camps of the two outstanding contenders confident but a majority of observers is convinced that the all around team strength of the Americans will carry them through to victory once more. Finland's chief chance for glory, it is generally believed, rests in the possibility of her gathering more of the coveted gold medals than the Yankees.

Finland's principal hopes of gaining the greatest athletic honors it has ever known are built principally on the sturdy shoulders of the great runner, Paavo Nurmi, holder of seven world's records, who is prepared to run in five races and who is expected to clean up in the distance events.

Finland had such stars as Willie Ritola, Hannes Kohlemainen, Villar Kyronen and Stenroos, for the distances from 1500 meters to the marathon.

Dance Produces Money For Silverton Library

SILVERTON, Ore., July 5.—(Special to The Statesman).—Nearly \$80 has been added to the fund with which to purchase books for the public library of Silverton. The money was realized from a dance recently given for the benefit of the library. The dance, attended by a good-sized crowd, was held in the armory and music was furnished by the Silverton concert band.

Writers of Demand Found

CHICAGO, July 5.—Impressions on note paper found today in the home of George Peek, 49 years old, and his son, Clarence, 24, farm hands, Winnebago county, prove conclusively that they wrote the letter to Svanotj and Mrs. Medill McCormick, requesting that \$50,000 be placed under a culvert, adding, "if you do you will live happily," according to Thomas McGuire, head of a detective agency. Father and son are under arrest in Rockford.

Fliers Reach Karachi KARACHI, British India, July 5.—The American around the world fliers have reached Karachi from Umballa.

OPERATION IS PERFORMED ON COOLIDGE JR.

Successful Attempt Is Made to Draw Infection From Foot Affected With Blood Poisoning

PRESIDENT AND WIFE NEAR DURING ORDEAL

Room in Hospital Will Be Occupied Till Their Son Is Out of Danger

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 5.—An operation described as successful was performed upon Calvin Coolidge, Jr., 16-year-old son of President and Mrs. Coolidge, at Walter Reid hospital tonight in an attempt to arrest the course of an attack of septic poisoning. One of the physicians said, "We accomplished all that we expected."

The president and Mrs. Coolidge were at the hospital during the operation, Mr. Coolidge going there when the operation was decided upon and the latter accompanying her son when he was removed this afternoon from the White House.

They remained across the hall from the operating room during the ordeal but as soon as it was over Mrs. Coolidge went to the bedside and a few minutes later the president joined her and stood by the bed for a few minutes.

The physicians remained in conference for some time after the operation, those in attendance including Dr. John B. Deaver, Philadelphia surgeon, and Dr. A. Kolmer, blood specialist, also of Philadelphia; Major James F. Coupal and Lieutenant Commander Joel T. Boone, White House physicians; Dr. Charles W. Richardson of Washington, and Colonel W. L. Keller, commandant of the hospital.

The physicians came out of conference without issuing any formal statement and an hour after the operation most of them left. The president and Mrs. Coolidge, however, decided to remain at the hospital throughout the night.

They desired to remain at the hospital, it was understood, because the condition of their son was still critical. The operation was said to have revealed osteomyelitis, or an infected inflammation of the bone marrow of the lower left leg. Blood poisoning set in from a broken blister on the right foot during a tennis match last Monday.

The infection is understood to have localized in part there and notwithstanding the serious condition of the patient he was said to be resting as well as could be expected after the operation. It is believed that a blood transfusion scarcely will be necessary.

Another physician's consultation will be held at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning and pending it no further statement was expected. President and Mrs. Coolidge had a room near the sick chamber and were in constant touch with the patient during the night.

THREE NEGROES BURN ON SHIP

River Steamer Is Inferno of Death for Crew; Survivors Swim Ashore

BALTIMORE, Md., July 5.—Two negroes and a negress are known to have lost their lives and a fourth negro, a deck hand, is thought to have perished in a fire which destroyed the steamer Three Rivers, while bound from Criss Field, Maryland, for Baltimore, early today. Five youths, members of the Baltimore Morning Sun's newsboy's band, are missing and it is believed they were lost.

All the survivors, approximately 90, of which 54 were remaining members of the newsboy's band, were brought to Baltimore by the steamer Middlesex, which had gone to the assistance of the burning steamer.

Scenes of terror which began as soon as the alarm was given continued more than half an hour or until all the survivors had been picked up.

TOWN OF TRAIL SURROUNDED BY BLAZING FIRES

Village Near Crater Lake Threatened By Forest Flames on All Sides

MEDFORD, Ore., July 5.—The village of Trail, on the Crater Lake highway, 26 miles from Medford, is practically surrounded tonight by forest fires, believed to have started by fire crackers set off by Fourth of July picnickers. The blaze covered 16 acres and has leaped Rogue river, threatening valuable timber.

Four or five fires in the Applegate district, started by lightning last Tuesday, are reported under control.

WHITE RECEIVES OFFICIAL PRAISE

Army Officers Find Oregon National Guard in Excellent Condition

Another laurel was added to Oregon's already long list of military achievements when Brigadier General George A. White, head of the state military forces, was singled out for special laudatory remarks in a report submitted by a number of United States army officials covering a detailed inspection and investigation of the Oregon national guard.

The group of army officials was headed by Colonel Wiley Howell who with his assistants conducted the annual check of the national guard for the war department and went into everything from the state of instruction of officers and non-commissioned officers on down to the care of minor items of property and money accounts. Inspection of the money accounts was completed only yesterday by Major T. W. King, inspector general of the department. "Highly efficient," is the finding of the United States government after all reports had been submitted.

The special reports covering General White's work says in part: "The energy, efficiency, ability and enthusiasm of this officer seem to the inspectors largely responsible for the complete equipment, the high proportion of the enlisted strength and the excellent standards of training of the Oregon national guard. There appears to be throughout the guard a strong sentiment of support for General White and his ideals."

The United States government having several million dollars invested in Oregon national guard equipment, and having spent more than half a million dollars on the Oregon citizen soldier during the present biennial period, is said to have made its inquiry and inspection rigid. Nearly two months were spent by inspectors in completing the inspection, which included a visit to every guard station in Oregon, including the new

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L'FOLLETTE IS SUPPORTED BY PROGRESSIVES

Conference for Political Action Adjourns Endorsing Wisconsin Senator's Every Wish

THIRD PARTY TO BE FORMED IN JANUARY

Delegates Content With Endorsing Platform and Planning Campaign

CLEVELAND, July 5.—(By the AP.)—After endorsing Robert M. La Follette as a presidential candidate and providing for the organization of a political party next January the conference for Progressive Political Action wound up its convention early tonight.

The conference empowered its national committee to select a vice presidential candidate at conference with the "La Follette for President Committee." La Follette was endorsed as a candidate on his own platform. The convention then adopted for itself a platform embodying the ideas contained in the Wisconsin document and in the statement principles issued at the St. Louis session of the conference last February.

The final day of the gathering worked out strictly according to plans of the leaders and without appreciable opposition. But just before adjournment some of the delegates, dazed by the rapidity of events, had to be assured by the chair that La Follette actually had been "nominated," and that definite provision had been made for the new party.

The confusion arose from the fact that the report of the committee on organization recommended this action, and that no separate motion of endorsement was offered. The report itself was adopted without a dissenting vote, but the significance of this action did not dawn on either delegates or galleries, and there was a total absence of demonstration.

Repeatedly, today as yesterday, the name "La Follette" was the signal for an outburst of cheering and applause. Yet the culmination of the convention's work, coming in the form of a committee recommendation, did not draw even a pattering of handclapping.

All elements in the convention were intent on showing they were back of La Follette's candidacy. After losing a fight before the organization committee for immediate formation of a new party, the Socialists, led by Morris Hillquit of New York, were the first to second the endorsement report.

HARVEST WAGE SCALE IS SET IN WASHINGTON

Scale Slightly Lower Than Last Year Is Adopted Through Wheat Belt

WALLA WALLA, Wash., July 5.—A harvest wage scale, ranging slightly lower than that paid last year, was adopted at a meeting of Walla Walla county farmers here today. It is said to be higher than that adopted in some of the other counties in the wheat belt.

The scale follows: Combine driver, 27 head, \$6.00, 33 head \$7.00; separator man combine \$10.00; stationary \$8.00; header tender \$4.00; sack sewer \$5; sack jig combine \$4.00; steam engineer \$7.00; header box driver \$2.50; tank driver \$3.00; roustabout \$4.00; header puncher \$6.00; loader \$5.00; hoe down \$4.00; water buck \$4.00; cook combine crew \$2.50; header \$3.00, and two headers \$6.00.

FIRE MENACE IS DANGEROUS

Many Blazes Yesterday—Muellhaupt Barn, Moore Home Damaged

Salem's fire department found itself in a predicament similar to that of the famous Light Brigade Saturday afternoon, with fires being substituted for the guns that volleyed and thundered, when within the period of a few minutes two serious fires and a half score of minor blazes demanded immediate attention in the same neighborhood.

Answering a call to a barn on the Otto J. H. Muellhaupt property at 1066 Chemeketa a little after 5 o'clock, interest was transferred almost immediately to the Willis E. Moore residence, 235 North Fifteenth, with several blazes between the two places, three blocks apart.

Fanned by a heavy breeze the embers were carried from the barn to the Moore house, the sparks apparently following the alley. The barn was practically destroyed and the upper portion of the Willis residence badly damaged by the flames. Scores of volunteer fire fighters came to the assistance of the department, dragged hose around and helped to put out small roof and grass fires. The home of Judge John H. Scott, 1029 Court, was menaced for a short time. A house and garage at 210 North Twelfth, owned by W. J. Haberman and

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TREE STIRS SCRIBE

OAK IS PEN THEME WANTS NO RADIO

By ELLA McMUNN

How splendidly everybody rallied to Colonel Hofer's support about that oak tree threatened with death. It will be spared, of course, but it is a great pity that it is necessary for anyone to be forced to rise upon his hind legs and roar in protest against such destruction. There is a national organization, incorporated, known as the "Tree Lovers' Association," which needs a branch in Salem.

One of the directors is our own Fred A. Wiggins, now of Toppenish, Wash., and I have taken the liberty of sending Colonel Hofer's letter to him. I do not know how they save the trees, but I think that whenever it is known that a tree is to be slaughtered, and the person planning the work is known, it would be nice for a number of us ladies and gentlemen to call at his house and hang him. I have never known a person so treated to cut down any more trees.

A lot of dear people are sorry for us because we haven't a radio, a telephone, electric lights, a phonograph, an automobile and water through a faucet. And we let 'em be sorry, because it does folks good to get mellowed up and sympathetic; besides it makes them better satisfied with what they have at home. But really I don't hanker for anything they have in town, but a barrel of ice cream, 50 watermelons, and a pipe organ, and now in the face of the water shortage here, I feel like tying a blue ribbon on the horns of our faithful old pump.

M'ADOO CHIEFS DEFY LEADERS OF OPPOSITION

Threat to Wreck Chances of Californian With Coalition Met With Answer to "Try It"

ROBINSON AND RALSTON THOUGHT COMPROMISES

Taggart and Friends Jockey for Position; Little Is Accomplished

NEW YORK, July 5.—(By The Associated Press.)—The conference of candidate's managers, seeking to devise some means of ending the deadlock in the Democratic national convention, worked far into the night without arriving at any conclusions.

At the outset the conference ran on a rock over whether the authorized purpose of the conference was to devise a means of procedure in the convention which would permit of a nomination. The McAdoo representatives contended that it was.

Chairman Hull announced shortly after 1 a. m. when the conference finally adjourned that it would reconvene at 4 p. m. Sunday, the interval would be spent by the representatives of the various candidates in discussions with their own ranks; "in the light of what transpired here and what they already know," Mr. Hull said.

Mr. Hull said there had been no "conclusions" at tonight's meeting and that there had been no suggestion or consideration of concrete proposals to end the deadlock "except of a general nature which he cannot disclose."

The chairman said the representatives of the candidates had shown "proper loyalty to the candidates" but had also exhibited an earnest desire to cooperate in an effort to solve the problem.

The anti-McAdoo coalition contended the conference was not an attempt to eliminate candidates but that the authorized purpose was to devise any means of ending the deadlock even to agreeing on recommendations for a nominee.

Passing around that controverted point, the discussion skirted the subject of possible compromises without anybody giving ground.

The burden of the argument advanced by the McAdoo people was: "Why should the leading candidate withdraw? Let the minority candidates get out."

The substance of the reply of anti-McAdoo coalition was: "We have demonstrated you cannot get a two-thirds majority necessary to nominate. Withdraw or we will unite on a ticket which will stampede your tired and weary delegates away from their pledges." The retort by McAdoo managers was in substance:

"Try it."

The talk among the forces in the anti-McAdoo coalition centered again about Senator Robinson of Arkansas and Senator Ralston, Thomas Taggart's candidate. They described Senator Robinson as having few enemies in the convention and having many friends. They described Senator Ralston as being capable of drawing strength from the McAdoo forces if a stampede was attempted. In consideration of Senator Glass of Virginia it developed that William Jennings Bryan did not look favorably upon him and that there was some doubt of his acceptability to the McAdoo people.

The supporters of John W. Davis claimed special consideration for their man on the ground that they had evidence that he was the second choice of more than two-thirds of the delegates in the convention. "The McAdoo people and Bryan," however, indicated that they preferred to discuss others than Mr. Davis.

It became known that very recently the McAdoo people, through intermediaries, sought to compose the differences with the Smith people by sounding them out on a vice presidential candidate. The name proposed was not satisfactory to the Smith people and the effort ended there.

A statement issued by Cordell Hull, chairman of the Democratic national committee, at midnight when the session was adjourned said: "So far the discussion has been"

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THE WEATHER OREGON: Fair weather with moderate temperatures. Sunday, moderate northwest winds LOCAL WEATHER (Saturday) Maximum temperature, 75. Minimum temperature, 54. River, -1.4, stationary. Rainfall, none. Atmosphere, clear. Wind, northwest.