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Today

By Arthur Brisbane

Tariff and Wages. How Short a Platform? The Power of Song. Who Was Wrong? No Matter.

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Governor Smith is said by his friends to oppose any free trade plank in the Democratic platform.

Governor of a state with 6,000,000 inhabitants in one city, the governor knows the congestion between high tariff and high wages.

And he knows that an ounce of fact is worth many tons of theory—when the theory is inaccurate.

Mrs. Blair, Democratic vice-chairman, demands a platform "so short that people will read it."

That is impossible, if she means ALL the people. You could not write a platform in one column—no room for statesmen to turn around. Yet 80 in 100 will not finish a column.

The Democrats might write "WE promise to do our best" and then stop. That would be read and applauded. But such satisfying brevity is not in nature.

Birds, sang, mammals squeaked melodiously and men, probably, whistled to attract their ladies before there was any speech. Therefore, song, deeply planted in the brain, is more powerful than prose, and at Roanoke, Va., the political boss, frowning a stampede to Smith, told the band it must not play "The Sidewalks of New York."

Why the words, "Me and Mamie O'Rourke, we tripped the light fantastic on the sidewalks of New York," should stampede a convention is not clear. But they might. "Yankee Doodle" has words even sillier. Think how that song stirs men when lifes play it.

Germans thrash over the war question, "Who was guilty?"

The side that LOSES is guilty, always. Had the Germans won, which was impossible with their kaiser, they would not bother discussing it. Victory would make it unnecessary.

The French, stabilizing their franc at 25.52 to the dollar, realize that it does not much matter who is right or wrong, or who wins, as regards real results.

The man that owned \$100 in French money before the war, now owns \$20. Every owner of pre-war French bonds has seen 80 cents cut from each dollar. And that, after WINNING the war.

War does not pay, right or wrong, winner or loser. Another war would destroy our civilization, such as it is.

If men of power got those facts fixed in their minds war would stop. The would-be war banker would be treated like a mad dog, as he should be. Meanwhile, we should keep prepared, for you never can tell.

Lloyd George says that youth, disillusioned by the war, turns from religion and the church.

Youth has done that often, old age occasionally. But youth and age return to religion, illusion or faith, whichever you call it, in a necessity to 999 out of 1000.

Men ask themselves difficult questions and worry when there is no answer. Faith answers everything.

Voltaire's saying, "If there had been no God, it would have been necessary to invent one," describes human beings.

You may dissect the atom and the atom's electrons and nuclei.

RELIGION CAUSES CONVENTION RIOT

SOUTHERN DELEGATES IN UPROAR

Appeal by Chairman for Religious Freedom Causes Head-Cracking Battle in North Carolina, Alabama Delegations—Police Use Clubs—Confusion Reigns.

(By Byron Price, Associated Press Staff Writer)

SAM HOUSTON HALL, HOUSTON, Texas, June 27.—(AP)—The roaring tide of enthusiasm for the nomination of Alfred E. Smith and the deep-running prohibition and anti-Catholic tide of protest against him, met today in a short, sharp encounter on the floor of the democratic national convention, ending in angry words and a half-dozen fist fights.

The Smith people, parading the hall in a religious liberty demonstration and with nearly every state standard in their entourage, "chopped" much physical tussling and some direct blows as they sought to draw into line the standards of some of the southern anti-Smith states.

The police intervened with slight delay and there were no serious injuries.

The outbreak came unexpectedly just after the convention had given a real demonstration of harmony by seating without debate on a roll call a challenged Smith delegation from Louisiana.

The permanent chairman, Senator Robinson of Arkansas, lighted the powder trail by interpolating into a prepared speech those words: "Jefferson strolled in the Virginia state of religious liberty. He rejoiced in the provision of the constitution that declares no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification for any office of trust in the United States."

The Smith parade with its flaming consequences started during the cheering that greeted the pro-nomination and did not end for 10 minutes. Afterward, without apparent after-effect, the convention went through some routine business and recessed until 7:15, when nominating speeches probably will be heard.

SAM HOUSTON HALL, HOUSTON, June 27.—(AP) A fist fight broke out in the North Carolina delegation today over possession of the state standard which a demonstration was started in the democratic convention over reference to the religious issue by Senator Robinson of Arkansas, permanent chairman.

Half a dozen police broke thru to quell the row once but it broke out again a moment later and the standard was broken to pieces in the struggle.

The police used their blackjacks but there seemed to be no bloodshed.

Five policemen finally were swinging blackjacks and clubs in attempts to stop the fight and the state parade was almost broken up as the battle raged in the front aisle just before the speaker's stand.

W. C. Newland, chairman of the North Carolina delegation, held on to the banner during the melee.

A fist fight then started in the Alabama delegation sitting just behind North Carolina and the state's banner went down in the rush.

A gang of Alabama delegates swarmed about the standard and across the aisles, Tennessee delegates rushed toward their standard as the rush started their way.

Tennessee's banner was wrested from its moorings, however, and amid a roar it was swept down the front aisle in a rush of Smith supporters.

Meanwhile North Carolina's banner was torn from its mast.

W. O. Saunders was named as the man who first attempted to pick up the North Carolina standard.

A squad of police stood guard after quelling the fighting in the vicinity of the North Carolina and Alabama standards.

D. A. Bargar, of Tennessee, doubted the standard of his state in the parade which was started by a plea of chairman Robinson for religious freedom.

As the convention settled a spirit of good will showed itself in the rowing North Carolina delegation when both parties to the fight there helped to place the banner again on its mast. Alabama delegates were sniffling proudly over their success in holding their banner against the invasion.

Late in Starting Nearly an hour before the time set for convening the morning session another touch of the revival spirit was given the assembling

TAMMANY CHIEF AT CONVENTION



George W. Olvany, leader of Tammany Hall, New York, is one of the most important figures at the Democratic national convention at Houston. As head of the Tammany delegation he wields considerable power.

TIM MURPHY IS ROBINSON NOW VICTIM OF SHOT LEADING FIELD FROM GANG CAR FOR VICE-PREST.

Ex-Train Bandit and Chicago Gang Leader Shot Down in Front Yard by Automobile Gunmen—Nick Manos Also Slain.

(By W. B. Hingsdale, Associated Press Staff Writer)

HOUSTON, Texas, June 27.—(AP) New names and enthusiasm were injected into the vice-presidential free-for-all as the democratic convention today turned toward disposition of final routine details before settling down to choose a presidential candidate.

Spirit was given to the admirers of Senator Robinson of Arkansas with the declaration of Senator Edwards of New Jersey that he believed the minority leader in the senate would be accessible to Governor Smith if the New York executive should head the ticket. The Edwards statement was made after a conference with several anti-Smith leaders.

Along with this came expressions from delegates from Oklahoma, South Carolina and New Mexico that Robinson would fit well into the ticket and probably would draw the support of those delegations. Delaware also considered him acceptable and there was a prediction that North Dakota delegates might not find him objectionable.

Cordell Hall of Tennessee and former Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska were other favorites among others rallying to the support of Evans Wollen of Indiana, Maine, Georgia and Rhode Island, and favored Hall, with several of the farm belt states espousing the cause of Hitchcock.

Indiana delegates declared they were for a ticket "all Wollen and a yard wide" and would fight for his nomination as presidential candidate. They added that they also preferred him for the vice-presidential nomination.

There came whisperings for Newton D. Baker, former secretary of war under President Wilson, and sentiment in favor of Alvey Pomerehne and Governor Donahoe of Ohio was sounded out. Pomerehne carries the support of the Ohio delegation.

The campaign of Senator Barkley of Kentucky was receiving additional impetus with his admirers predicting that he would carry Kentucky, Tennessee and Oklahoma and would prove a vote-getting machine the farmers of the middle west.

Another Kentuckian entered the lists while the Barkley rally was being swamped up. General Henry T. Allen, who led a division including many Oklahomans in the World war, appeared on the scene to wage a vigorous fight for the nomination.

CHICAGO, June 27.—(AP) Nick Manos, 25, described by the police as an associate of gangsters, was shot and killed on a south side street today by a companion after a quarrel. Manos was followed by a night watchman until he was warned to turn back.

Manos' pockets were stuffed with currency, more than \$2000 being found on the body along with a long knife.

MILTON—Cannery contracting for 100 cars of Umatilla county prunes.

DELEGATES START ALANDSLIDE

Ohio and Kansas Join the Smith Forces and Last Doubt of Al's Nomination Disappears—Southern States Stand Out Alone Against Sure Stampede.

(By Paul F. Haupt, Associated Press Staff Writer)

HOUSTON, Texas, June 27.—(AP) The nomination of Alfred E. Smith probably on the first ballot, became assured today when the Ohio delegation to the democratic national convention arranged to swing most of its 48 votes to the New York governor.

Coinciding with the decision of the Buckeye delegates to shift to Smith, the Oklahoma delegation decided in caucus 46 cast 28 20 votes on the first ballot for Reed of Missouri. The delegation is bound by the unit rule.

HOUSTON, June 27.—(AP) The probability that Kansas would not join the name of its "favorite son" Representative W. A. Ayres, in nomination but would throw its vote to Governor Alfred E. Smith for the democratic nomination was forecast today by Donald Muir, of Anthony, chairman of the Kansas delegation.

HOUSTON, June 27.—(AP) The Smith delegations from Louisiana, the District of Columbia and the Panama Canal Zone, were seated today by the democratic convention without even a roll call after the committee recommended dismissal of contests against them. A minority report of "podest" was filed by Colonel Carl L. Hulse of Missouri, who waived a record vote.

With the Smith opposition crumbling as Ohio swung into line, Florida met and adopted a resolution complaining against the nomination of candidates or the adoption of a platform "under the influence of Tammany hall."

"The members of the Florida delegation unanimously urge," the resolution read, "the democratic convention not to draw this over-draft upon the loyalty of the great democracy of Florida."

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The county court was informed that it was proposed to build a railroad tapping the mineral and lumbering resources of the Antelope district, which lies beyond the Rocky Ann, and where the concern Crouch represents has holdings. The terminal of the proposed road, Crouch said, would be this city.

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REAL BATTLE AT STATE EDITORS HOUSTON TO BE MEETING TO BE OVER PLATFORM LARGEST EVER

Wets and Drys Come to Grips Over the Plank on Prohibition—Women Cheer Dry Speaker—Wet Chairman Is Wroth.

(By Paul F. Haupt, Associated Press Staff Writer)

HOUSTON, Texas, June 27.—(AP) The resolutions committee of the democratic national convention was thrown into confusion late today when debate on prohibition reached such heat that a fist fight nearly was started by Senator Mill Tiddings of Maryland, who took vigorous exception to statements made by Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, regarding prohibition enforcement in his state.

Come Johnson, widely known Texan, opened up for the dry with a declaration that as compared to a plank for mere law enforcement a declaration of silence "would be the perfection of reason."

"Prohibition ought not to be an issue," he said, "but it is. Since it is, why should we hesitate between resolution and indecision? If the democratic party has not the courage to stand squarely behind the eighteenth amendment, it will have no more business as a party to consider the modification or a change of this law than we have the federal reserve act or any of the other democratic laws," he declared.

Opening debate for the group favoring modification of the Volstead act Senator Millard Tiddings of Maryland urged adoption of a plank sponsored by Governor Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland, declaring in favor of congress taking steps to "have prohibition turned back to the states so that each state within constitutional limitations and under the principles of local option and home rule may have the opportunity of settling it in accordance with the will of its own people."

He said he believed if Thomas Jefferson were here today he would join in the appeal he was making for states rights.

After the bishop had declared that Maryland had multiplied his breccaries and distilleries upon adoption by Virginia and West Virginia of prohibition laws, Tiddings rose to his feet and declared he did not intend to have "my state insulted by statements which cannot be backed up by facts."

Bishop Cannon insisted that he was reciting facts and after an exchange during which Chairman Pittman of Nevada in part sustained Tiddings' exception to the statements, as irrelevant to the question before the committee, the Maryland senator declared that Cannon had uttered an "absolute falsehood."

Senator Carter Gloss of Virginia instantly was on his feet. He declared Tiddings had violated the agreement entered into earlier in the day by the committee for considering the prohibition question. After several heated exchanges Tiddings, who had taken his seat, jumped from his chair and started toward the speaker's platform.

Senator Cole of Oregon of South Carolina, who occupied a nearby seat, grabbed the Marylander by the shoulders and pushed him backwards. By both persuasion and some physical force, Tiddings finally got Tiddings back to his seat. Meanwhile Pittman pounded vigorously with a carpenter's hammer.

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AMUNDSEN SEEN UPON ICE FLOE

Russia Reports Seal Hunter Sighted Missing Explorer and Party Adrift on Ice—Fear Ten Members Noble Crew Are Dead—Italia Caught Fire After Noble Landed.

(By Paul F. Haupt, Associated Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, June 27.—(AP)—An exchange telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen said that there was an unconfirmed rumor that Amundsen and his party were adrift on an ice floe southeast of Spitzbergen attempting to repair their plane.

The rumor was sent by Peter Frencken from Murmansk, northern Russia, in the newspaper Politiken. He said the report was that a fishing boat met a seal hunter who told of sighting Amundsen.

OSLO, Norway, June 27.—(AP)—A second version containing additional details of a report from Norway that a plane had been sighted by a Norwegian sealer on June 20 is contained in a special dispatch from Tromsø to the Lok-All Anzeiger.

This states that a telegram had been received from Archangelsk, Russia, stating that the Norwegian sealer, whose name was not mentioned, had sighted the long-missing plane on an ice floe southeast of Northeast land. Dense ice prevented the approach of the sealer but the crew of the plane could be discerned through a telescope repairing the machine.

As the vessel was without radio, it handed its message to a Russian steamer which in turn sent it by radio to Archangelsk.

OSLO, Norway, June 27.—(AP)—The Norwegian cruiser Tordenskjold, the French auxiliary vessel Quentin Roosevelt and the sealer Heimland, chartered by the French government, left Tromsø today for search islands to make a thorough sweep for Raold Amundsen, Norwegian explorer, and his five missing companions in a French plane.

KINGS BAY, Spitzbergen, June 27.—Four stout six men who drifted away with the balloon part of the Italia after its crash on the polar ice cap were dead prevailed today when it was learned that the airship had caught fire.

Of 16 men who left aboard the dirigible for the North Pole on May 25, only six were known to be alive today. One man was killed, three have been missing since they started aloft for land.

General Umberto Nobile said that soon after the dirigible crashed on May 25 the balloon part drifted to the east and a small column of smoke was seen rising from it after it had gone about six miles. The balloon then crashed. Nothing has been heard of the six men aboard.

Returning from the North Pole on May 21, the Italia ran into fog, stormy weather and adverse winds. The dirigible at times was making a speed of less than 20 miles an hour.

Suddenly, Nobile advised, on the morning of May 25, the airship was weighted down, apparently by snow and ice forming on the bag. The craft plunged rapidly to the polar ice cap off Northeast land. Nobile found it impossible to halt the rapid descent of the ship, and it crashed.

Vincenzo Ponella, motor attendant, was in the stern gondola. It was ripped off in striking the ice, crushing Ponella. During the ensuing commotion he died.

The cabin and part of the upper decking also were torn away. The nine men in the cabin were hurled to the ice. One of General Nobile's legs was fractured and his back injured. One of the legs of Natale Cecconio, motor chief, was broken below the knee. Dr. Finn Malinberg, Swedish meteorologist, received bad contusions of the arm. The others escaped injury.

One Man Killed In the meantime, the balloon part of the Italia was drifting to the east, having been freed of the weight of the gondolas and part of the loading. When it had gone about six miles a small column of smoke was seen rising from it. Nobile thought that either a gasoline or an oil tank had caught fire. The balloon

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The Noted Dead

ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS, N. J., June 27.—(AP)—Robert Bruce Mantell, noted Shakespearean actor and producer, died at his home here today after an illness of two months. He was 74 years old.

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