

# John W. Davis Able But Not A Leading Candidate

West Virginian Second To None In Ability But In Democratic Convention Deadlock Lies His Only Chance Of Being Chosen Party Standard Bearer

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This is the fifth of a series of nine articles by David Lawrence on presidential possibilities and impossibilities giving an appraisal of the political assets and liabilities of the men most talked about today for the Republican and Democratic nomination. Mr. Lawrence has just finished a tour of the Western part of the United States with President Harding and is now enroute to Europe to make a detailed survey of reconstruction problems there. At the conclusion of this series, Mr. Lawrence's daily cables from Europe will begin exclusively in The Advance.

John W. Davis of West Virginia is one of the most brilliant men ever suggested for the Presidency of the United States.

In intellectual attainment, oratorical ability, legal achievement, and international background, he has few equals in America today. At present he is the head of the American Bar Association, one of the highest honors that can come to an American lawyer.

Of Mr. Davis it frequently was said that, when he was Solicitor General of the Department of Justice, no man argued before the Supreme Court with more brilliancy than he did. The late Chief Justice White once paid Mr. Davis a compliment in saying that he never had seen a better lawyer. All those who witnessed the last convention of the Democratic party in San Francisco remember that the name of John W. Davis carried with it one of those it-might-have-been situations that occur every now and then in politics. One little concession on the part of the Palmer contingent and a little yielding on the part of McAdoo element and John W. Davis would have been the nominee of the convention. There was a moment when the whole convention might have gone to him if it had not been for the deadlock between the Palmer and McAdoo forces.

Mr. Davis is inclined to be a wet in a prohibition argument. The state from which he comes—West Virginia—makes him politically suitable as it is always classed as a doubtful state. As for the Wilson strength in the Democratic party, it is friendly to Mr. Davis. He was appointed by President Wilson to be Solicitor General of the Department of Justice, and a little later to be American Ambassador to Great Britain. He has many friends in the legislative world. His record as chairman of the judiciary committee of the House of Representatives was an impressive one. He was a leading member of Congress, a remarkable speaker and personally very popular.

Mr. Davis' chances as a Democratic nominee are at the moment said to have been affected by his residence in New York City. Since leaving the Government service, he has been active in the legal profession and among his clients is J. P. Morgan and Company. The politicians say that a man who has been a lawyer for big bankers will never get the vote of the Western communities where the anti-Wall Street sentiment has by no means died down in recent years. The prejudice of the rural section against big business is based more or less on the belief that the bankers and city folks get the largest share in prices at which farm products are sold; namely, in freight rates and distribution.

Strictly speaking the fact that Mr. Davis has been a lawyer for any concern for several years ought not to be a handicap, and probably it would not be a serious one if the politicians were disposed to ignore it themselves in nominating Mr. Davis. But the opponents of Mr. Davis' nomination will naturally make the most of it, and will emphasize the political danger of such a candidate. For it is always the fight inside the party which exaggerates the defects of a candidate. Mr. Davis himself is not seeking the nomination and has discouraged every kind of activity which his friends have sought to initiate in his behalf. It is said in fact that he really believed he was giving up his political future when he went to New York to practice law.

There stands John W. Davis, well known throughout the country, an able man—one of the ablest in the Democratic party in this generation—and yet his availability is a matter of doubt. Such a non-partisan institution as the Associated Press did not hesitate to select John W. Davis as its general counsel. But leaving aside Mr. Davis' legal connections, the question is what political organization would stand sponsor for him?



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He has not lived in West Virginia for several years and certainly he is not on friendly terms with Tammany which has its own favorite son—Al Smith or Senator Copeland. In answer to this it can be said of course that the strength of John W. Davis before the last convention was not due to any political organization, but to his reputation. He made a good record at the American Embassy in London and since his return has upheld the doctrines of the Democratic party with respect to co-operation with Europe. He probably would be very satisfactory to Woodrow Wilson. Mr. Davis' chances of nomination lie particularly in 1924, as they did in 1920, in the possibility of a deadlock. He is the type of candidate to whom the party, beset by extremes, might turn as a compromise.

# State Committee Is To Meet Tonight

Democrats to Receive Norwood Resignation and Probably Name Dawson

Raleigh, July 11.—The State Democratic Executive Committee will meet here tonight for the purpose of receiving the resignation of J. D. Norwood, Salisbury, as State Chairman and probably naming a successor. John G. Dawson, Kinston, Speaker of the State House of Representatives and prominent party leader is being prominently mentioned as the probable successor of Mr. Norwood, although names of others will be considered.

Mr. Dawson's appointment has been endorsed by a number of Democratic leaders, including Senator Simmons and former Lieutenant Governor O. Max Gardner, and his

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selection is regarded as a certainty by political observers.

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Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this ordinance shall upon conviction be fined Twenty Dollars (\$20.00).

This ordinance shall go into effect ten (10) days after ratification.

Ratified this the 9th day of July, 1923.

J. H. KNOWDEN, Clerk.

### AN ORDINANCE REGULATING RAILROAD CROSSINGS IN ELIZABETH CITY.

Whereas, by an act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, at its session in 1922, passed and ratified on March 6th, 1922, an act, regulating motor vehicles crossing railroads, at public road crossings, and whereas in said act was the following provision: "This act shall not interfere with the regulations prescribed by cities and towns." Now, therefore, be it ordained, that no railroad shall be required to put up any notice on any branch or spur line, crossing any streets of Elizabeth City, but said railroad shall put up notices on the right side of its track, at each street crossing on its main line, not less than fifty nor more than seventy-five feet from each of said crossings, reading "N. C. Law—Stop" and said notice shall be printed in red letters, not less than six inches high, upon white boards forty by fifty inches, upon posts not less than ten feet from the ground.

Be it further ordained, that each driver of a motor vehicle crossing any main line of any railroad crossing any street of Elizabeth City, shall bring his or her vehicle to a complete stop, not further than fifty feet of any of said crossings.

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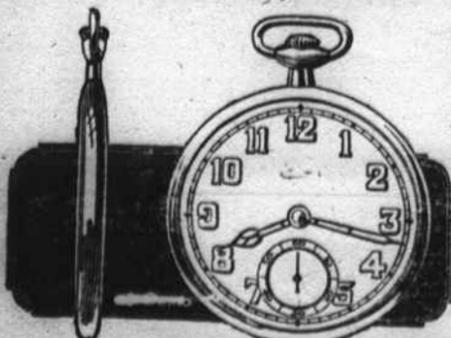
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