

TAR HEELS STAND SOLID ON PLAN TO NOMINATE M'ADOO

Delegates En Route To Frisco Believe Nomination Will Be Tendered To Him

PARTY ENTERS ON LAST LEG OF LONG JOURNEY

North Carolina Convention Special Leaves Ogden, Utah; Delegates Think Democratic Chances For Success Were Never Better; Party Meets Bryan's Special at Utah City

By JOHN A. LIVINGSTONE. (En Route to San Francisco.)

On Board North Carolina Convention special, Ogden, Utah, June 24.—The Tar Heel delegation entered upon the last thousand mile leg of its journey to Frisco at Ogden today, still firm in its determination to secure the nomination of McAdoo.

Attorney General Palmer and the Pennsylvania delegation, traveling four hours ahead of the Tar Heel special today on the Southern Pacific, did not help to remove the feeling of disappointment that Mr. McAdoo has taken the position he has.

Democratic Prospects Good. Prospects for a Democratic victory were never brighter, the Tar Heels believe, than this fall, if the party will put up the right man.

Leaving Denver late Wednesday night, the Tar Heels spent the night traveling across the Rockies over the Union Pacific at an altitude of from 6,000 to 8,000 feet.

North Carolina delegation will cast as a unit on the first ballot for Senator Simmons and will continue to vote for him if it should appear he has any prospects of being nominated.

As to Third Term Talk. The attitude of the President towards a third-term still remains an unknown factor, but it is believed that it has had an important bearing upon Mr. McAdoo's refusal to allow his name to be presented to the convention.

The North Carolina delegation will meet in Frisco some time Saturday to select its members of the platform, credentials and other committees.

The party has enjoyed its trip through the Rockies. The young women have devised a McAdoo yell which they give at the stops. The delegation spent an hour in Denver and a short time today in Ogden, leaving the latter place at noon for the last leg of the journey to San Francisco.

The delegation met William Jennings Bryan at Ogden and gave him a great reception. He is following our special on another train to Frisco. Mr. Bryan met many personal friends in the party.

BODY OF LIEUT. MANNING NOW ON WAY FROM BREST

(By Special Leased Wire.) Washington, June 24.—The graves registration service of the War Department today informed Senator Simmons that the body of Lieutenant Frederick Manning, son of Attorney General James S. Manning, was on board a ship that sailed from Brest on June 21. It is expected to arrive at Hoboken around July 15 or 16.

ALLEN A. RYAN EXPELLED FROM STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, June 24.—Expelled today from the New York Stock Exchange, Allan A. Ryan, principal figure in the alleged Stutz Motor corner last March, tonight announced he would carry his case to the courts and "stand or fall on the case as the public had it." The statement was interpreted as confirming reports in Wall Street that Mr. Ryan, who has denounced the exchange investigation as a "star chamber proceeding," would bring \$10,000,000 suits against the exchange and some of its officers.

CHANCES OF STATE PASSING SUFFRAGE FIRST NOT SO GOOD

Tennessee Governor Informed Way Is Clear For Calling Special Session

MAY ACT BEFORE N. C. ASSEMBLY IS CONVENE

Senator Simmons Informed Poll of Members of Tennessee Legislature Shows Sentiment Favorable For Ratification; Action First Would Be Pleasing To N. C. Leaders

News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg. By R. E. POWELL. (By Special Leased Wire.)

Washington, June 24.—The prospect that the suffrage issue is to be passed upon for the nation by North Carolina glimmered today as the Assistant Attorney General of the United States informed the Governor of Tennessee that he might call a special session of the Tennessee legislature to pass upon the Anthony amendment without conflict with the Tennessee state constitution.

Senator Fursifold M. Simmons expects to see Tennessee take action before the legislature of North Carolina is convened, he said this morning. He has been informed that a poll of the members of the Tennessee assembly shows it to be favorable to ratification of the Anthony amendment.

Coup On the Republicans. The general observation around Washington is that the Democrats have pulled a neat coup on the Republicans who at heart don't want the women to vote in the November elections.

Should action in Tennessee come before it does in North Carolina, the Democratic party of the nation and that of it in North Carolina will both be pleased. Leading Tar Heel Democrats in Washington, who have been interesting themselves in the matter, have concluded that ratification by the general assembly of North Carolina would not come without a bitter fight.

President Writes Simmons. The President, in a letter to Senator Simmons a few days ago, urged the Senior Senator to look into the situation in North Carolina and use his influence toward ratification.

Big Vote at Stake. All they want is the thirty-sixth State so that the Secretary of State can proclaim the amendment ratified. But the party that delivers that thirty-sixth State—well, it is just like any other.

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INDICT ALLEGED OIL PROMOTERS FOR FRAUD

Agents Say Nation-wide Round-Up of "Wild-Cat" Promoters Has Started

New York, June 24.—With the breaking of seals today on indictments charging 14 concerns and 50 individuals with fraud, government agents let it become known they had begun a nationwide round-up of alleged "wild-cat" oil company promoters, who are said to have swindled the public out of millions within the last few months.

The defendants—oil companies, brokerage concerns and their officers and salesmen—are charged with having used the mail to defraud. They are alleged to have made gross misrepresentations and in cases to have paid impressive dividends out of receipts on stock sales.

While Federal officers were seeking Louis C. Van Riper at Atlantic City and Boston for alleged connection with the sale of Ranger Oil stock, the promoter and his counsel appeared at the Federal court to answer the indictment.

At 12 p. m. the Grand Lodge was formed in procession under direction of Grand Marshal J. E. Cameron and marched to the grove, where the exercises of the day began, the large audience gathering close to the grandstands, upon which were seated Masons and the children of the orphanage.

LONDONDERRY, IRELAND, WHERE MANY PERSONS HAVE BEEN KILLED IN RIOTS BETWEEN BANDS OF EXTREMISTS



The situation at Londonderry as a result of clashes between forces of Unionists and Nationalists, in which the casualties have been heavy, is still regarded as grave. Sporadic fighting has been going on for more than a week, in which men, women and children have been combatants. The military apparently has been powerless, and at present the trouble has not ended by any means.

10,000 AT OXFORD FOR ST. JOHN'S DAY

Annual Masonic Exercises Attended By Uncommonly Large Crowd

Oxford, June 24.—The anniversary of St. John the Baptist was celebrated at the Oxford Orphanage today. A very large crowd was in attendance, 10,000 being a moderate estimate.

Starting off low and threatening the clouds lifted during the afternoon, the sun appearing shortly thereafter in genial warmth, and the day developed into an ideal one.

Addresses Among Briefest. Barring the unavoidable absence of several grand officers slated to take prominent parts in the ceremony, the program was carried out according to schedule and on time practically to the minute.

Deputy Grand Master J. Bailey Owen, of Henderson, presided, Grand Master J. C. Braswell being in Portland, Oregon, at the Imperial Shrine meeting.

Officers Installed. Grand Secretary Willson read the list of Grand Lodge officers appointed by Grand Master Braswell and these were duly installed.

Rev. John S. Wood, Spencer, Grand Chaplain; R. F. Edwards, Crumpler, Grand Lecturer; Leon Cash, Winston-Salem, Junior Grand Deacon; John E. Cameron, Kinston, Grand Marshal; John H. Anderson, Fayetteville, Grand Sword Bearer; R. C. Dunn, Enfield, Grand Pursuivant; J. F. Rhem, New Bern, Grand Steward; W. D. Terry, Raleigh, Grand Tiler.

Announcement was made of the appointment of Past Grand Master John W. Cotten, Tarboro, on the Board of General Purposes, to succeed himself and of the re-appointment of S. N. Boyce, Gastonia, on the Board of Custodians.

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Prayer by Grand Chaplain John S. Wood was followed by the hymn "Love Divine." The address of welcome by Rev. E. C. Craven, pastor of the Oxford Methodist Church, begun in a

M'ADOO CENTER OF CONVENTION GOSSIP

Despite Announcement He Will Not Be Candidate, Name Recurs Frequently

SUPPORTERS OF FORMER SECRETARY ARE HOPEFUL

McAdoo Advocates Say Business of Convention Is To Nominate Man Who Can Be Elected, and Republican Platform and Nominee Dictate Him As The Man

San Francisco, Cal., June 24.—Despite W. G. McAdoo's announcement that he would not be a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, his name recurs very frequently in gossip in national convention circles.

On the surface McAdoo supporters have accepted the dictum and publicly transferred their allegiance to other candidates. There is something about their alacrity, however, that makes other Democrats here wonder whether they will "stay out" in their new affiliations.

Supporters Still Hopeful. Privately, some of these former McAdoo supporters admit they have not lost hope that he will be the nominee. They state their case bluntly.

The business of the convention is to nominate a man who can be elected, they say. They regard the Republican ticket and platform as "encouraging" from a Democratic point of view and believe that the brass tacks of politics will debate McAdoo's nomination as the man who could be elected.

For See a Deadlock. Meanwhile, representatives of other

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TO ANNOUNCE RAIL WAGE AWARD SOON

President Assured New Wage Schedules Will Be Forthcoming at Early Date

Washington, June 24.—Assurances that the Railroad Labor Board would expedite its award in the railroad wage controversy were received today by President Wilson.

The board's message to the President was in reply to an inquiry by the executive as to possibility of hastening the award or of announcing a tentative or partial settlement.

While hopeful that the text of the board's reply would be made public eventually, representatives here of the railroad unions said that the mere assurances that an early award could be expected would exercise a beneficial effect at least in preventing the spread of incipient strikes.

The President's Message. The President, in his message to the board in Chicago, said:

"Reports placed before me show transportation situation hourly growing more difficult, and I am wondering whether it would not be possible for your board to announce a decision with reference to the pending wage matter. At least would it not be possible for your board, if it has reached no final conclusions relative to these vital matters, tentatively to agree upon a settlement or even a partial settlement."

The Interstate Commerce Commission, it became known today, is watching the strikes in Eastern railroad centers, notably Philadelphia and Baltimore, and is particularly concerned with the effect of the walkouts on its efforts to relieve freight congestion and to move coal to New England and other Eastern points, where a coal shortage exists.

The walkout today of yardmen at the Potomac yards, across the Potomac River from Washington, resulted in the placing of temporary embargoes on all freight passing through the yards, which handle most of the freight between the South and the Eastern portion of the country.

It was announced tonight, however, that the full night crew reported for work. Yard officials estimated that there were 3,000 cars of freight in the yards, 60 per cent of which is billed for cities other than Washington.

FOUR MILLION DOLLARS DAMAGE BY HAIL STORM

Kinston, June 24.—Reports of damage from yesterday's hail storm poured in today from many Lenoir county farms. Investigators here said indications were that the damage in Wayne and Pitt counties and a small section of Greene would probably equal that in Lenoir, and would make a total for the four counties of not less than four million dollars.

It was the most dangerous storm this part of the State has ever seen. Crops nearing maturity on thousands of acres in the most progressive sections of the four counties were cleared of every stalk. On a single plantation more than 700 acres of well-developed tobacco, cotton and corn were obliterated. Many of the losers were the tenants.

Three of the townships in Lenoir were devastated by the hail, which fell from fifteen minutes in some places to thirty minutes in others, and drove every living creature to shelter to save his life, so large were the stones. The wind was terrific and the rain a deluge.

It will be many hours before all the farms can be canvassed for individual losses, but scores have been listed today as having lost their crops on from 500 to 750 acres. A rift in the storm caused a few plantations to be sideswiped, while those adjoining them were converted into a wilderness. No reports have been received telling of any loss of life.

PLATFORM HOLDING ITS PLACE AS BIG CONVENTION TOPIC

Elements of Uncertainty In Democratic Line-up Appear As Leaders Arrive

M'ADOO BOOM APPEARS TO BE FAR FROM DEAD

Boosters For Presidential Aspirants Open Headquarters and Become Increasingly Active; Bone-Dry Plank To Furnish Biggest Fight; No Orders From The White House

San Francisco, June 24.—More and more elements of uncertainty appeared in the line-up of the Democratic National convention as the leaders of first magnitude arrived in increasing numbers and put their heads together over questions of policy and men.

For the time being the platform held its place as the big topic of cogitation and negotiation, with the problem of bone dry prohibition the chief material for controversy.

Talk of candidates, in a moribund stage for a week, was revived appreciably as the convention crowds gathered. Boosters for Palmer, Cox and a half dozen other aspirants became increasingly active among uninitiated delegates and a whole bevy of favorite sons and "dark horses" blossomed out with headquarters of their own.

McAdoo Boom Still Alive. Menacing the phantom McAdoo boom stalked serenely through hotel corridors and conference rooms, leaving behind a trail of uncertainty and speculation. Though publicly executed at the hands of Mr. McAdoo himself, the movement did not down. Indeed, its perambulations were suggestive of the pink of vigor and it turned up uninvited as the ghost at the council table of more than one candidate's manager.

On several questions of convention organization, too, the party chiefs were in a quandary. There were some rumblings of a fight against Senator Glass, the administration choice for chairman of the platform committee, and the problem of choosing a permanent convention chairman got into a mess, which threatened to upset seriously the plans of some administration supporters.

Walsh To Be Storm Center. Senator Walsh, of Montana, who voted in the Senate last March for ratification of the peace treaty with the Republican reservations, promised to become the storm center of the organization fight. In some quarters he was urged as a candidate against Senator Glass for head of the platform committee, though others thought he should have the permanent chairmanship instead.

The administration people have suggested Secretary Colby, of the State Department, or Chairman Cummings, of the National Committee, as permanent chairman, but it was said today that no decision had been reached and that Senator Walsh might be accepted as satisfactory. The general trend tonight seemed to be to put him forward for the convention chairmanship rather than for the head of the platform committee.

No Dictating By Wilson. Chairman Cummings and other national committee officials discounted talk of an open anti-administration fight and protested vigorously against lobby gossip that President Wilson was attempting to dictate either in regard to the candidate or the platform.

"I am aware," said Mr. Cummings, "of no intention by the President to communicate to the convention in any way, shape or form. I anticipate no voluntary suggestion from him."

He added, of course, that there could be no restraint on the President's friends in any communication they might care to establish with the White House, though he said the whole attitude of the chief executive had been to let the convention work out its own destiny.

Senator Glass, who arrived last night from Washington as the commonly reputed spokesman of the White House,

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COMMISSION GIVES COAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS

Increase In Profit Per Ton During March; Also Increase In Production

Washington, June 24.—Coal production statistics compiled by the Federal Trade Commission from reports submitted by 1,281 operators for the month of March indicate an increase in the profit per ton of 13 cents, or 45 per cent.

The margin of profit per ton in March, the commission declared today, was 42 cents against 29 in February. Average cost per ton was reduced 4 per cent in the intervening month and the output per working day increased 5 per cent. The average number of days worked by each miner during March was given as 19, against 17 in February.

Production in March by the operators reporting to the commission, aggregated 16,097,642 tons, as compared with 13,774,066 tons in the preceding month, and a monthly average of 14,197,000 tons in 1919.

CANDIDATES CANCEL JOINT DEBATE HERE; MUTUAL AGREEMENT

Accidental Meeting In Jonesboro Forestalls Their Managers

AGREEMENT FORMALIZED IN GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Governor Gives Out Statement, Including His Letter To Both Managers, Appealing To Democrats To Accept Agreement "Without Prejudice"; Not Surprising

Forestalling their managers by a few hours, Democratic gubernatorial candidates O. Max Gardner and Cameron Morrison, meeting by accident in the little town of Jonesboro, in Lee county yesterday afternoon, agreed between themselves to cancel the joint debate scheduled for Raleigh next Monday night.

Their agreement was ratified last night at 8:30 when their campaign directors met in conference with Governor T. W. Bickett and formally agreed, in the interest of party harmony, to halt the procedure "without prejudice to either candidate."

Almost unbroken pressure was brought to bear upon the candidates themselves, upon their managers, and upon the Governor to intervene in behalf of party harmony to call off the discussion. The headquarters of both candidates here were cluttered with telegrams protesting against the debate, coming from men of high degree and low, with here and there a request for reserved seats if the thing should actually be allowed to happen.

Governor The Engineer. Managers J. Crawford Biggs and Heriot Clarkson met in the Governor's office at 10:00 o'clock yesterday morning to arrange a truce, in response to the chief executive's letter of the evening before appealing them to call a halt in the program. The Governor was not in the city, and the managers retired, after making arrangements to return at 8:00 o'clock in the evening for further conferences. When they arrived there was nothing to say, more than to repeat what their principals had already said.

The Governor gave out a statement following a brief conference, including the letter which he had addressed jointly to the two managers on Wednesday, the joint telegram from Messrs. Gardner and Morrison to their managers informing them of their agreement, and commending them both for "placing the welfare of the Democratic party high and above their own personal feelings." Neither Mr. Clarkson nor Judge Biggs had any statement to make.

Some Disappointment. Those who were anticipating verbal combat at close range gave up hope of an evening of diversionism when they read yesterday morning that Governor Bickett had added the weight of his influence to the growing volume of protest against the debate. It was almost a foregone conclusion that the next step would be the announcement of a cancellation, although few expected the two candidates to get together themselves down in the sandhills and arrange a truce without the assisting offices of their managers, who signed the foregoing agreement here Tuesday night.

Somewhat of the dramatic attaches to the story that comes from Sanford of the chance meeting of the two men who occupy so much of the public attention just now. It is related that Mr. Gardner drove into Jonesboro while Mr. Morrison was engaged in a speech in the only available building in the town. He drove on through to a nearby village and made a speech himself and returned. They met in the middle of the principal street of the town.

There was hearty hand shaking, and most apparent good will between them. The citizenry of the town turned out en masse to witness the momentous doings, and cheered lustily, when it was announced that neither had any desire to carry on with the arrangement.

There was more handshaking, mutual assurances that the one would heartily support the other, after the second primary declares the nominee, and they again went their ways apart. Their personal press agents also declared a truce and collaborated in their account of the happening.

The Conference Here. Neither Mr. Clarkson nor Judge Biggs carried with them any air of anxiety when they entered the Governor's office last night, but rather indicated relief that it was all over. Mr. Clarkson came first and hastened away alone afterwards. Judge Biggs arrived later and stayed longer, seemingly well pleased with the turnings and trendings of events. Governor Bickett followed them from his office and dictated the following statement:

"On yesterday I addressed to Hon. J. Crawford Biggs, manager for Hon. O. Max Gardner and Hon. Heriot Clarkson, manager for Hon. Cameron Morrison, the following letter:

"My dear Sir:—I am greatly distressed to see that it is proposed to have a joint debate between the two candidates for the Democratic nomination for Governor. I have looked at this question from every angle and fail to see how a single atom of good can come to the Democratic party from such a meeting. On the other hand it is as plain as day that a maximum amount of harm must result.

"Both of these gentlemen have heretofore been recognized as able and honorable workers in the ranks of the Democratic party, and all good men must deplore any attempt to besmirch either of them because he now aspires

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