

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION AT SAN FRANCISCO BEGAN FIRST SESSION TODAY AT 12 O'CLOCK

Keynote Speech of Chairman Cummings Delivered at Noon. Preliminaries Now Being Perfected.

NO ADMISSIONS WITHOUT TICKETS

Seats For 1922 Delegates and for More Than 10,000 Others.—The Committees Get Down to Work.

(By the Associated Press.) San Francisco, June 28.—Opposing forces in the Democratic national convention assembled in opening session today to perfect the preliminaries for the week's work.

The big fight over prohibition and other issues were laid aside for the moment, while the party chief and the delegates met in the auditorium to hear the keynote to which they were expected to listen.

More than 1,000 delegates and more than 12,000 alternates and spectators were jammed into the big hall for the opening of the national convention.

Issues rather than candidates, continued to be foremost, but announcements that Wm. G. McAdoo would be the Democratic nominee for president put new life into the convention, and today they began to hear the keynote to which they were expected to listen.

At 12 o'clock noon was fixed for the opening day hours before ticket holders gathered in the spacious building, which for the occasion seats more than 12,000 persons.

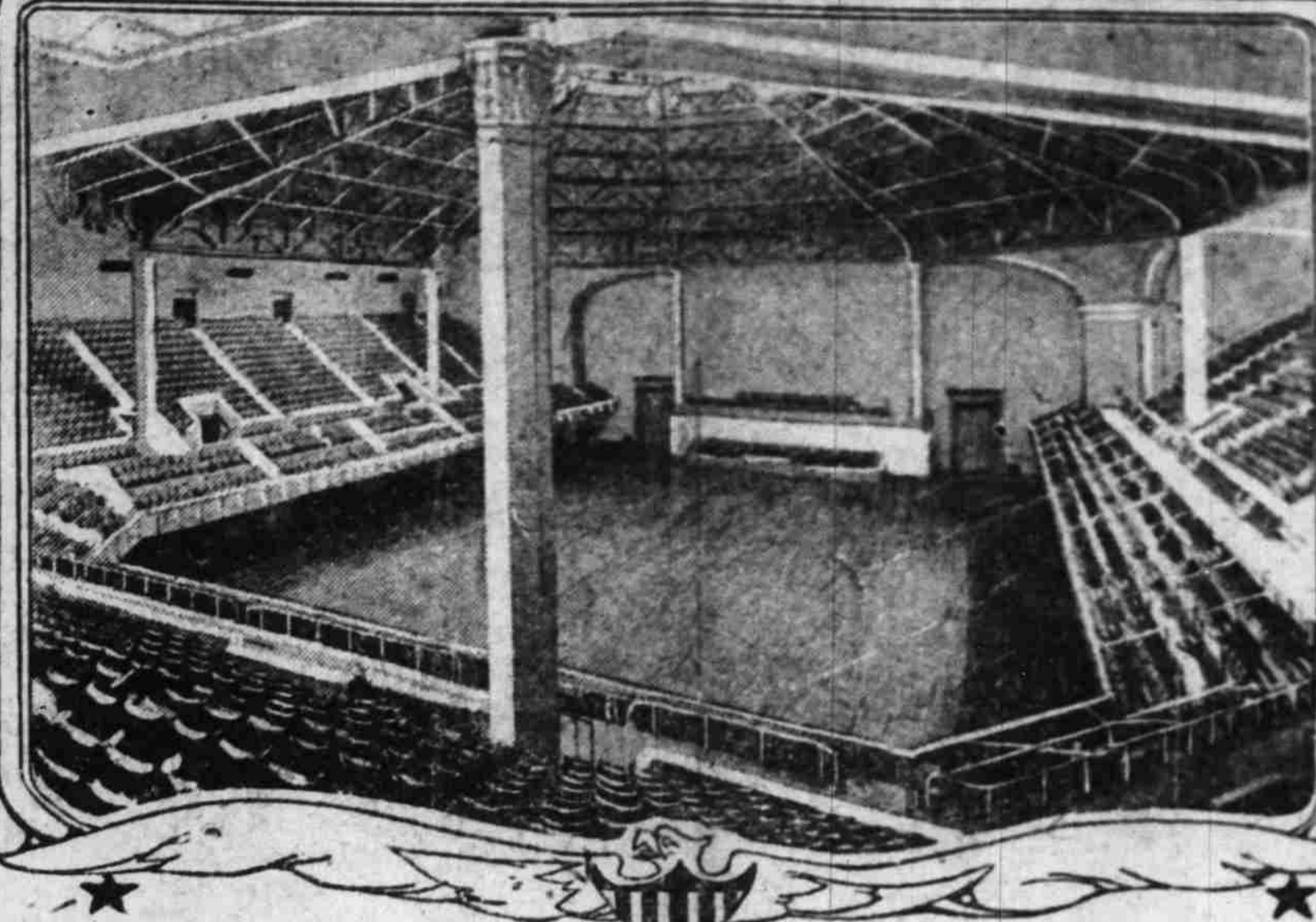
Decorations for the convention hall were simple and tasteful, with Stars and Stripes as the dominant feature. Seats of the 1,922 delegates were compactly assembled close to the platform and stretched almost across the width of the hall.

With the preliminaries over the four big convention committees will promptly get down to work. The greatest interest, as usual, centers in the resolution committee, where party issues will be fought out with the prospect that some of them will reach the floor for a decision.

One of Bryan's Planks. San Francisco, June 28.—A State commission similar to the Federal Trade Commission to prevent profiteering, is a feature of the plank on profiteering proposed by William Jennings Bryan.

The League of Nations was championed as the Monroe Doctrine of the world by Homer Cummings, temporary chairman of the Democratic national convention, in his keynote address today.

Interior of Exposition Auditorium, San Francisco



A view of the interior of the Exposition Auditorium, San Francisco, looking toward the speakers' platform.

THEFT OF DIAMONDS FROM D. FRANK CANNON.

Accused Salisbury Man and Kenilworth Nurse Freed at Asheville. Special to Charlotte Observer. Asheville, June 27.—After a thorough search had been made of the rooms occupied by Miss A. B. Burns in the nurses' quarters at Kenilworth hospital and the detectives working on the case had failed to uncover anything leading to the hiding place of the diamonds which were stolen Wednesday night from D. Frank Cannon, the cases against Miss Burns and J. E. Bost, of Salisbury, who was arrested Thursday and has been locked up in the county jail since that time, were dismissed when the two came up for trial before Magistrate R. L. Lyda.

NEGRO MAN KILLED IN FIGHT SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Alleged That Man Committed Killing in Self Defense.—Both Had Been Drinking. Chicago, June 28.—A negro man employed by the Gibson Construction Company, which is building the road from Concord to the Stany county line, died at the camp of the company on the George Miller place, this morning, following injuries he received in a fight with Charlie Wilkinson yesterday afternoon.

GASTON B. MEANS AND MRS. MELVIN RENEW FIGHT.

For the King Millions.—New Case Based on Story of Stenographer, Who Says She Copied Alleged Second Will For Mrs. King. Chicago, June 28.—Gaston B. Means and Mrs. Mary G. Melvin today renewed their fight in the courts for the millions of the late James C. King, millionaire lumberman. Mrs. Melvin is a sister of the late Mrs. King who died of a bullet wound at Concord, N. C. Means her attorney, was tried for murder and acquitted.

CHARGES OF PROFITEERING AND MONOPOLISTIC CONTROL.

Made Against Coal Operators by the Former Secretary of the War Labor Board. Scranton, Pa., June 28.—Charges of profiteering and monopolistic control in anthracite coal industry were made before the anthracite coal commission today by W. Jett Lauck, former secretary of the war labor board, and now consulting economist of the United Mine Workers of America.

WOMAN SAYS SHE WAS ROBBED OF DIAMONDS.

Told Police That Men Robbed Her of Two Valuable Rings Between Concord and Salisbury. A woman reported to the police here yesterday that she had been robbed Saturday night of two diamond rings, each ring valued at about \$1,000.

WOMAN TO SPEAK HERE ON TUESDAY NIGHT.

Miss Lavinia Ingle Will Speak on Ratification of Suffrage Amendment.—Public Invited. Raleigh, June 28.—Through its president, Miss Mary Hinton, the North Carolina Branch of the Southern Rejection League has sent a telegram to Governor Roberts, of Tennessee, urging him to use his influence against ratification of the suffrage amendment in Tennessee.

WATCHED THEM CLOSE DURING WAR'S DURATION.

Even the Mail of the Third Assistant Secretary of State Was Opened. Chicago, June 28.—Denouncing the suppression of free speech during the war, Prof. Stanley I. Ripstein, of the University of Minnesota told the Cook County committee of 48 conventionists last night that even the mail of cabinet assistants was not safe from scrutiny by the military intelligence bureau.

MRS. DANIELS RETURNS FROM TRIP TO EUROPE.

Delegate to International Woman's Suffrage Alliance Congress. New York, June 28.—The American delegates to the International Woman's Suffrage Alliance Congress held in Geneva last month, headed by Mrs. Carrie Catt, president of the Woman's Association, and Mrs. Josephine Daniels, returned here today on the steamship Empress.

GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN STRIKE SITUATION.

Many Railroad Men Who Struck Saturday Returned to Work Today. Philadelphia, June 28.—General improvement was indicated today in the trainmen's strike situation, according to a statement by the Pennsylvania railroad. Many of the strikers who struck Saturday returned to work and the force is 91 per cent of the maximum.

BIG REDUCTION SALE IS STILL GOING ON.

Extra Specials During Certain Hours This Week Will Interest You. Read the big two pages of ads. of the Parks-Bell Co. in this paper today to see about many extra specials they are offering this week.

Fast Train Hits A Truck of Picknickers, Ten Killed.

Huntingburg, Ind., June 27.—Ten persons were killed and nine injured, probably fatally, when a truck carrying a load of picknickers was struck by a passenger train here Saturday morning.

Evangelist Rev. Braxton F. McLondon, of Bennettsville, closed his four weeks service at Hickory Sunday night.

It is announced that his collections amounted to about \$6,000, and that he added about 600 members to the several churches of Hickory. It is the general opinion that much good was done as the evangelist reached many who rarely attend church.

PROHIBITION STILL THE LIVE SUBJECT

Talk of Candidates, However, Gaining More and More Attention as Rival Managers Get Down to Work.

TALK OF MEREDITH FOR SECOND PLACE

Effect of Latest Turn of McAdoo Boom on the Relative Situation of the Candidates Is Not Quite Clear.

(By the Associated Press.) San Francisco, June 28.—Delegates and leaders were prepared for a fight over the platform and candidates in an expected event.

THE CALM TEMPERAMENT.

President Emeritus Charles W. Eliot, of Harvard University, one of the most respected of living Americans, is naturally asked as he approaches 90—how he accounts for his mental and physical vigor at such an advanced age.

Two Prominent Men Killed by Explosion.

(By the Associated Press.) Posttown, Pa., June 28.—William C. Walsh, 33, president and general manager of the Erie West Tires and Rubber Company, and James A. Maney, 32, general superintendent, were killed early today by the explosion of a dryer. Frank Walsh, the president's brother, lost an arm and suffered other injuries which may prove fatal.

Savannah Has \$2,667.

Washington, June 28.—Savannah, Ga., according to announcement by the census bureau tonight, has a population of 22,967, which is an increase of 17,005 or 23.1 per cent over the census of 1910.

The Many Friends of Mr. J. F. Dayvuit Will Be Glad to Know That He Has Returned from the Long Senatorial Campaign.

Mr. Dayvuit was brought to his home here by Messrs. A. J. Dayvuit and Walter Ritchie, and he stood the trip home well.

The Anderson Motor Company Has Started Work on Its Big Development at Rock Hill.

Work will be a winding roadway all through the park, along which residences will be erected. The landscape artist in charge of the job is Mr. Draper of Charlotte, who says he will make this spot one of the prettiest ones he has ever planned.

Produce! Produce! or the Income Tax Collector.—Columbia Record.

Farmers in the Harmony section of Irredell county are having some trouble getting a stand of tobacco. Some authorities say that it is a little path worm that kills it.