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Enthusiasm Running at Fever Heat in New York

Cheering Bands, Cheering Delegations and Interested Spectators Filling Principal Streets of New York.

CANDIDATES ARE STILL OPTIMISTIC

Being Made Now to Support Southern Delegates to Support Smith.—No One Seems to Have Certainty.

New York, June 23.—The great quadling of the Democratic Party is in its fevered stage of preparation and enthusiasm. The city is a scene of activity and excitement. The streets are filled with cheering delegations and interested spectators. The candidates are still optimistic.

Gov. Smith More Confident Than Ever. New York, June 23.—Gov. Alfred E. Smith and Franklin D. Roosevelt, his manager, joined in a statement today that "the situation looks better and better every hour" and that information coming to their headquarters from various state delegation leaders showed a "rapid growth" of sentiment for the Governor in the last day or two.

Underwood Wants Anti-Klan Plank. New York, June 23.—Senator Oscar Underwood made his first appearance at convention headquarters today to be greeted by his adherents and to make public the text of an anti-Klan Klan plank which will be presented to the platform committee in his behalf by Forney Johnson, of Birmingham, selected to place the Alabama senator in nomination. The plank reaffirms the party's declaration of 1856, directed against the "Know-nothings," and declares a similar issue now is pending in connection with the Klan.

Will Support Senator Robinson. New York, June 23.—Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, democratic leader of the Senate, was placed in the field of Presidential candidates today by the Arkansas delegation, which resolved to support him first, last and all the time. Former Governor Brough, who will nominate Senator Robinson, took charge of affairs.

THE COTTON MARKET
Opened Easy at Decline of 12 to 20 Points.—July off to 28.37.

Chicago, June 23.—The cotton market opened easy at a decline of 12 to 20 points today because of relatively easy Liverpool cables and favorable weather reports. Prices stiffened a few points on renewed covering by July shorts, and price fixing was reported for the trade, but rallies met increased offerings and it was rumored that some of the more favorable crop advices from the southwest were accompanied by selling orders. The market soon worked off in consequence, July declining from 28.55 to 28.37, and October from 25.55 to 25.42, the general list showing net losses of about 20 to 25 points in the early trading. The opening prices were: July 28.50; Oct. 25.55; Dec. 24.80; Jan. 24.55; March 24.80.

Radio Waves Move Swiftly. Cleveland, June 23.—The fact that radio waves can be made to go "there and back in nothing-flat" was demonstrated at WTAM, radio station of the Willard Storage Battery Company, broadcasting from the Cleveland Plain Dealer studio.

A late dance concert of request numbers was being put on the air when a fan called the studio by long distance telephone from St. Thomas, Ontario, placed his loud speaker to the telephone and sent back over the wire the same music that was being sent out by wireless fifteen feet away.

The speed of the round trip of the signals was so great that the music came back from Canada at the same instant that it was going into the microphone in the next room.

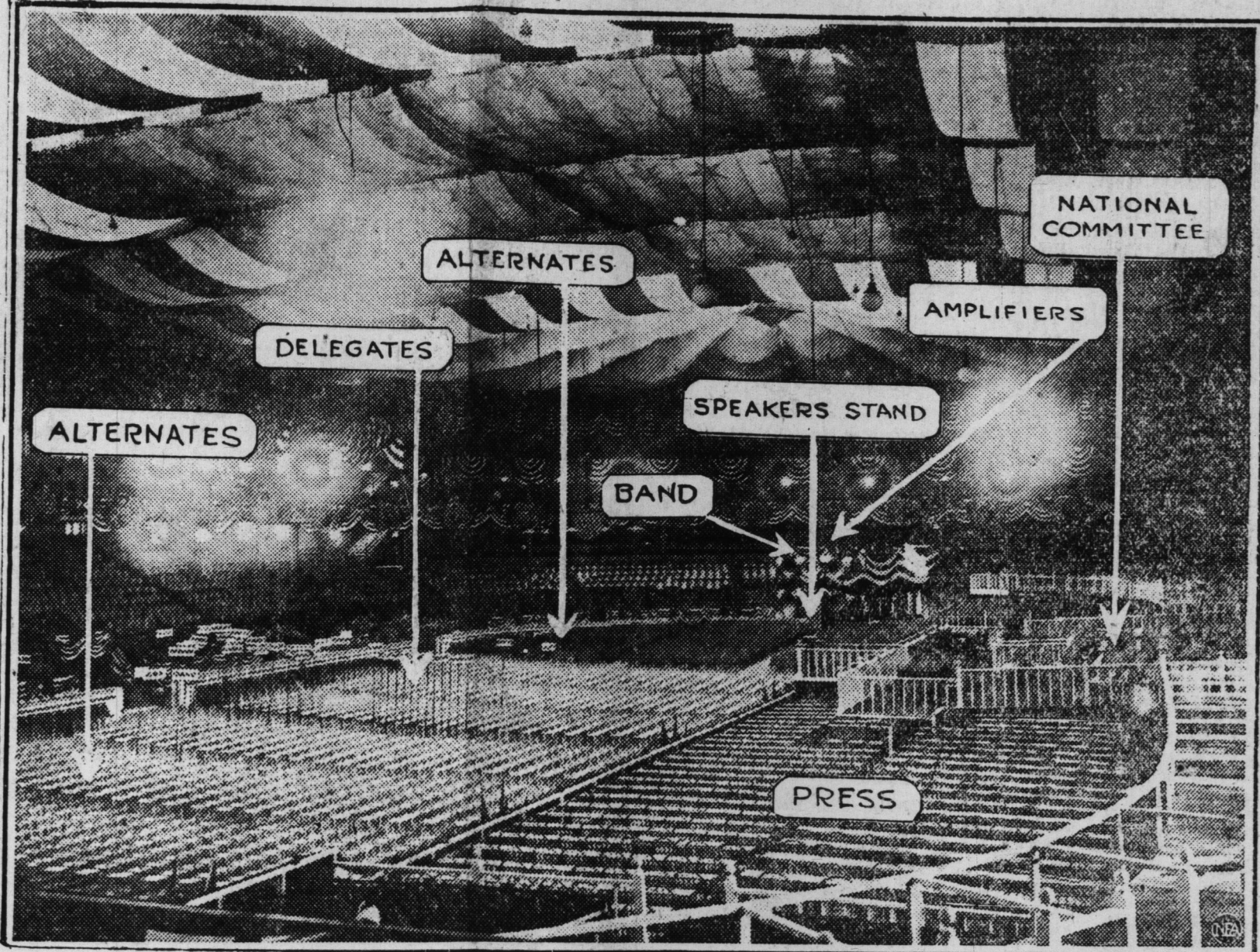
To complete the circuit of sound, telephone wires carried the signals from the studio to the transmitting set, seven miles away, straight across Lake Erie. From St. Thomas they were put on the wire again, going about 400 miles around the lake to get back to the studio. And the return was instantaneous with the start.

Frank H. Farris Is Named Rules Committee Chairman. New York, June 21.—Frank H. Farris, of Rollo, Mo., of the Delegates-at-large to the Democratic convention, has been selected as chairman of the rules committee. This committee has assumed unusual importance during the present convention because of the possibility that it may have to deal with the abrogation of the two-thirds rule.

The Senator Could Be on the Platform. New York, June 21.—The national committee and the convention management would be pleased to have Senator Simmons occupy a seat on the platform. It is unlikely that the senator will accept. It is suspected that one consideration he does not care to have it said that he is seeking in some way to influence members of the delegation.

Those who have least to say usually say it oftenest.

SCENE OF DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION



Madison Square Garden, New York, on the eve of the Democratic Convention opening, showing how sections have been allotted for speakers, convention officials, etc. In the pit under the speaker's stand will sit the various leaders who will dictate maneuvers of the delegates.

ST. JOHN'S DAY TO BE OBSERVED TOMORROW

Expect Occasion to Be One of Greatest of Kind Ever Held at Oxford. Oxford, June 23.—The anniversary of St. John's Day which will be celebrated at the Oxford Orphanage Tuesday, June 24, will be the greatest and most significant one in its history of half a century of anniversaries. In order to arrange for the day's events, the opening hour for the exercises has been changed from the time-honored noon hour to 11 a. m.

For several years the orphanage has been undergoing a steady, carefully planned program for promoting greater efficiency and care in the maintenance, training and education of the 380 children at the institution, and the celebration of St. John's day will mark a culminating point of progress.

The completion of the William J. Hicks Memorial Hospital, the additions being made to buildings, the installing of a new electrical department, and great developments in the school of printing and changes of improvement in other departments and on the campus, is capped by the erection of one of the most modern school buildings to be found or contemplated in any orphanage in the United States. The Grand Lodge, which on the 24th day lay the corner stone of this building which it authorizes to be built at a cost of \$85,000. The building, to be completed by school opening in the fall, will have 16 class rooms, besides all the appointments of an up-to-date primary, grammar and high school building, office, teachers' rest rooms, book room, cloak and hat room, etc. Ample provision is made for ventilation and lighting. The building will occupy a site north of the stand used on the 24th and other great occasions.

Dr. W. R. Burrell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Monroe, will deliver the oration, and Prof. E. W. Timberlake, Jr., Wake Forest, will respond to the address of welcome delivered by Grand Pursuivant B. S. Royster, Jr.

The past twelve months have seen a deepening of interest in the orphanage on the part of alumni, and Superintendent R. L. Brown has already received enough letters and other assurances that this year will be the biggest alumni gathering ever having place at the institution. Alumni of the orphanage are scattered widely and are filling responsible stations in life. Words of love and remembrance have been received from Europe, South America, Atlanta, and western states of the Union and from numerous places in North Carolina.

In person and spirit more of them will be heard from on the anniversary than ever before. These successful men and women are the acid test.

The physical directors of the boys and girls will give special demonstrations of school work and training. The addition of physical training departments has resulted in great improvement in bodily development and health, and the mental benefits have been very marked. Ample provision has been made to supply barbecue and refreshments for the occasion.

Poland Would Refund Debt. Washington, D. C., June 23.—Ladislaw Wroblewski, minister of Poland, laid before the American debt commission today a proposal for refunding the \$150,000,000 Polish debt to the United States.

Gen. Smuts Resigns as Premier. Capetown, S. Africa, June 23 (By the Associated Press).—Jan Christian Smuts, premier of the Union of South Africa, whose party was defeated in the recent elections, resigned the premiership today.

Lieut. Maughan Again Tries Flight Across the Continent

Left Mitchell Field Half a Minute Before 3 O'clock on Third-Dawn to Dusk Attempt to Cross Continent.

REACHED DAYTON ABOUT ON TIME

Delayed There, However, by Engine Trouble.—Almost Reached Goal on Second Flight Made Last July.

Mitchell Field, N. Y., June 23.—A lone aviator, Lieut. Russell L. Maughan, this morning began a race with the sun in the hope of spanning one-tenth of the earth's circumference before his path is darkened.

Two unsuccessful attempts in the past year had not dampened his ardor, and following a light breakfast he took the air in his 375 horsepower single-seater plane at one-half minute before three o'clock eastern Standard Time.

Crzy Field, San Francisco, lies 2,670 miles west as the crow flies. The aviator will go somewhat farther in his jump between four inland flights, where fresh supplies and a few minutes' rest await him during the flight which is scheduled to consume 16 hours and 40 minutes, just four hours less than the maximum amount of daylight afforded him.

On July 9th of last year he set out with the same hopes on his first trial, Midway across the country a small motor ailment forced him down. Ten days later a second attempt was begun. This promised success through every hard stage of the journey until Rock Springs, Wyoming, 600 miles from his goal was reached when an oil leak of no consequence in repairing, but vital in the air, forced him down. He was to stop today at Dayton, Ohio, St. Joseph, Mo., Cheyenne, Wyo., and Salt Lake, Utah.

Passed Over Ohio. Dayton, Ohio, June 23.—Lieut. Russell L. Maughan landed at Cook Field, from Mitchell Field, N. Y., at 7:05 Eastern Standard Time, and took off at 8:15 in his third attempt to span the continent from dawn to dusk. He made the first 575 miles in 4 hours and 7 minutes, slightly better than his schedule. The flight was delayed one hour and 11 minutes here for repairs to a gasoline line.

Quincy, Ill., June 23.—Lieut. Maughan passed over this city at 9:30 a. m., Central Standard Time.

Half of Journey Over. St. Joseph, Mo., June 23.—In fine spirits and with his plane in good condition, after flying 1,140 miles since three o'clock this morning, Eastern time, Lt. Russell L. Maughan landed at Rosecrans Flying Field south of St. Joseph at 10:52 o'clock, Central time, this morning. He hopped off for Cheyenne, Wyo., at 11:37.

Sec. Mellon To Testify Thursday. New York, June 23.—Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, who had been subpoenaed to testify tomorrow at the trial of Gaston B. Means in Federal court here on charges of violating the prohibition law, will not take the witness stand until Thursday, it was agreed by both sides today. The press of official duties made it inconvenient for Mr. Mellon to appear before Thursday, it was explained.

FIVE KILLED DURING WIND STORM SUNDAY

One of Worst Storms in Year Swept Nebraska, South Dakota and Other States.

Chicago, June 23.—One of the worst summer storms in years swept almost the entire upper Mississippi Valley last yesterday, taking at least five lives and doing hundreds of thousands of dollars' property damage. Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota and Illinois were hit by high winds and hard rains. Three persons were killed in Chicago and two in Minnesota.

Macon Painter Shot Down

Macon, Ga., June 22.—H. L. Lanier, 51, painter, was shot down on the street this afternoon when he passed the home of H. E. Kitchens.

The shooting is alleged to have been done by Kitchens, whom witnesses say exclaimed: "I've got you where I want you."

Doctors at a hospital state that there is little chance for Lanier to live. Before he became unconscious Lanier charged that Kitchens had stolen his wife several months ago but he denied that he precipitated the clash this afternoon.

After Kitchens emptied his gun a mob began to form for the expressed purpose of lynching him. Officers arriving from police headquarters on motorcycles dispersed the mob and placed Kitchens under arrest and he is being held without bail.

Mrs. Lanier told the police that Kitchens shot in self-defense, but eye witnesses state, the police say, that Lanier was unarmed and that after Kitchens shot Lanier in the back he continued to fire into his body as Lanier lay prostrate on the ground, begging for mercy.

3 North Carolina Cars Seized

Danville, Va., June 22.—Prohibition Officer Grady Stultz, of Martinsville, a few nights ago captured singlehanded a caravan of three automobiles and 350 gallons of liquor. All of the drivers escaped abandoning their cars all of which bore North Carolina license plates. The machines were large touring cars. Stultz ambushed the caravan near Oak Level. They were running close together without a pilot car and were trapped so quickly that it was all they could do to leave the cars.

West Virginia Farmer Fights 6-Hour Battle With Posse Before He's Killed

Martinsburg, W. Va., June 22.—G. E. Speight, a farmer, wanted in connection with the killing of U. C. Crawford, a state policeman, was shot to death by a posse today during a gun battle lasting more than six hours. Speight had barricaded himself in a barn and was found fatally wounded with seven bullet wounds in his body when a part of the posse rushed the barn. He died a few minutes later.

Lieutenant M. B. Lilly, a member of the posse, was slightly wounded in the face when struck a gancing blow by a bullet. No other member of the posse was injured although officers declared hundreds of shots were fired during the battle.

SIX-FOOTER KNOCKED COLD BY A WOMAN

Lands Solid Right, Breaking Man's Jaw; Goes to Jail As a Result.

New York, June 20.—Mrs. Ada Viola, short and stock, yesterday landed a solid right on the jaw of Max Saunders, six-foot doorman of a Brooklyn hotel, and saw him removed unconscious to the Coney Island hospital as she was escorted to court by three policemen.

Hospital attendants said that Saunders, whom Mrs. Viola accused of insulting her, was suffering from a broken jaw and a possible fracture of the skull. The woman was held in \$1,000 bail charged with felonious assault.

Witness to the encounter stated Saunders said "no parking here," when Mrs. Viola and her husband drove up in front of the hotel.

INTER-ALLIED MEETING TO BE HELD IN JULY

Premier MacDonald and Premier Herriot Are Already Making Plans for the Conference.

London, June 23 (By the Associated Press).—Prime Minister MacDonald told the House of Commons this afternoon that his conference with Premier Herriot of France, was preliminary to an inter-allied conference to meet in London probably July 16th.

The statement issued last night covered the ground of the conversation, the Premier said, but he added "it is highly desirable that America should be represented at the inter-allied conference of July 16th. We are not at the moment in communication, but a communication to that effect will be made to the American government at once."

50,000 Harvest Hands Needed

Washington, June 22.—Fifty thousand laborers must be imported into the Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas wheat fields to harvest this year's crop, the labor department estimated today. Special railroad rates have been obtained for harvest hands between points with Kansas and Oklahoma.

With Our Advertisers

The big Birthday Sale at the Park-Belk Co. is still in progress and many attractive bargains are being offered now. Goods in the store are being sold at or below cost.

Cotton on the local market today is quoted at 28 1/2 cents per pound.

DRY AGENTS CHARGED WITH FIRING ON INNOCENT PARTY

Two Atlanta Men in Hospital in Greenville as Result of Bullet Wounds Received in Night Fighting.

AUTO HELD UP BY THE AGENTS

Four Men Were in Party and Two Were Not Injured.—Warrants Sworn Out for Officers Doing Firing.

Greenville, S. C., June 23.—E. M. Ivey and Herndon Thomas, Atlanta business men, are in a local hospital suffering from bullet wounds said to have been inflicted at 4 o'clock this morning in an exchange of shots between Federal prohibition agents and a party of tourists from Atlanta. The shooting occurred on the highway between this city and Hendersonville.

The other members of the party, A. J. Martin and J. M. Foley, Atlanta newspaper men, were not hurt. They declare that a party of men blocked their car coming down the mountain and was man rushed into the car seizing a canteen of water on the seat. Other men supposed to be officers, opened fire, Martin and Foley stated, and two of the Atlanta party were wounded but not seriously. The fire was returned but none of the officers was hurt. The officers then brought the wounded men into this city for treatment.

Warrants have been taken out for the arrest of Reuben Gosnell, federal prohibition agent, John McCauley, state constable, and McCauley's son, Albert. Warrants were taken out shortly afterward by officers for the arrest of Mr. Ivey and Mr. Thomas.

SELLS CURRENCY FOR 50 CENTS ON DOLLAR

Mysterious Financier With Two Suit Cases Full of Bills, Is Sought in Florida.

Tampa, Fla., June 21.—Officers of two counties tonight are searching for a mysterious man, who, it is said, appeared at a blacksmith shop at Winter Haven, Polk county, with two suitcases filled with currency and sold a considerable sum to a blacksmith for 50 cents on the dollar.

The blacksmith, declared to be a reputable citizen and well-to-do financially, said the man drove up to his shop in an automobile Friday afternoon and asked him to get into the car to "see how it runs" intimating that he was having trouble with it.

A mile or more from the town, the blacksmith said, the man asked if he "desired to make some easy money," and then opened a suitcase containing packages of \$100 bills. He sold two of these to the blacksmith for \$100, stating "the money was from a hold-up and I was afraid to spend any of it myself."

According to the blacksmith, the man showed him another suitcase which was filled apparently with bills of \$1,000 denominations. He made arrangements to return to the blacksmith shop this afternoon to meet friends of the blacksmith and sell them more of the money. Officers were notified and were concealed in the shop at the appointed hour, but the mysterious financier did not appear.

Examination of the \$100 bills bought by the blacksmith revealed they were genuine and not counterfeit as was at first suspected. According to the blacksmith, the mysterious stranger had two pistols, one in his lap, and said in planning his return trip this afternoon, that only one man at a time "could approach his car."

W. J. Bryan Arrives With 'Peace' Plank

New York, June 22.—William Jennings Bryan, on his arrival here today, announced he would attempt to have a "peace" plank, as well as one relating to campaign contributors, written in the Democratic platform. He is undecided, he said, whether to make a fight for a clearer declaration for prohibition enforcement, such as he waged four years ago at the San Francisco convention.

Noted Lawyer Dead

Yonkers, N. Y., June 23.—John F. Brennan, attorney for Mrs. Anne U. Stillman, and associate counsel for the New York Central Railroad, died suddenly of heart disease at his home here today.

WHAT SMITTY'S WEATHER CAT SAYS

Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday, probably scattered thundershowers.

