

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION OPENED TODAY FOR THREE DAYS TO BE SPENT MOSTLY IN IDLENESS; SUFFRAGISTS ON THE JOB

Twenty Thousand Persons Present When Chairman's Gavel Fell at Noon—McCombs Starts Ball a-Rolling—Josephus Daniels Thinking Seriously of Starting a Fight for Adoption of Suffrage Amendment Plank—Southerners Backing Taggart in Opposition to a Bid for the Moose Vote—Gompers and Walsh Asking for Government Ownership Endorsement—Women Line Streets From Headquarters Hotel to Coliseum

(By the United Press)

St. Louis, June 14.—More than 20,000 persons assembled in the Coliseum at noon to waste time, speak and listen for three days before they do a thing toward choosing candidates. The Democratic National Convention was opened when National Chairman McCombs started on the oratorical way toward the renomination of Wilson and Marshall.

Suffragists Mutely Peed for Recognition.

Twenty-five thousand totally silent suffragists lined the streets from the Jefferson Hotel to the Coliseum, appealing for votes.

Secretary Daniels is seriously considering leading the fight for a suffrage plank endorsing a constitutional amendment for woman suffrage.

The Democratic platform is to contain a bid for the Progressive vote. Secretaries Baker and Daniels and Senator Kern are supporting a movement by Representative Taggart, opponent to the plan, with many of the Southern politicians. Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the Committee on Industrial Relations of the American Federation of Labor, and Labor President Gompers will ask the Resolutions Committee to endorse a government ownership of railroads, telegraphs and telephones plank.

DEMOCRATS MAY SEIZE UPON THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GET RID OF THE FAMOUS 'TWO-THIRDS' RULE

By PERRY ARNOLD,

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St. Louis, Mo., June 14.—For the first time in decades, Democracy's hosts met in quadriennial session today with complete agreement on the choice of national standard bearer.

There wasn't a delegate who didn't agree to the renomination of President Woodrow Wilson.

The bitterness of the factional strife at Baltimore four years ago was gone. Advance indications were for a regular "love feast" with the possibilities for any difference of opinion present in the building of a platform.

It was a cheerful, optimistic, cheering and confident throng that responded to the bang of National Chairman William F. McCombs' gavel. No specter of an internecine fight intruded.

In Champ Clark's State. First of all, the delegates were meeting in Missouri, one of whose favorite sons four years ago was a defeated candidate in the battle of the ballots.

That same favorite son—Speaker Champ Clark—as if to emphasize the healing of the wounds dealt him by the Baltimore gathering, was one of the loudest in his praises of the men

who took from him the honor of leading the Democratic hosts.

"I believe the convention can adjourn by Friday, if it so desires," Chairman McCombs said just before convening the assembly.

The delegates, themselves, however, indicated early in the meeting their desire to hear "glorification" speeches, and this excess of enthusiasm was expected to prolong the convention Saturday morning.

Nothing Cheap About St. Louis. St. Louis began playing the host to the visiting thousands in royal fashion. Non-partisan committees galore, whose interest and energy was bent solely toward making visitors comfortable and happy, were constantly in attendance.

The convention is St. Louis' first chance since the Louisiana Purchase Exposition of 1904 to entertain distinguished guests, and St. Louisians were determined to make the occasion a memorable one.

The convention hall itself had been repainted throughout, mostly with white paint, so that every possible bit of light was reflected into the gigantic interior.

Special ventilating apparatus cooled the sultry air. Delegates and all

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COL. ROOSEVELT WAS ILL THIS MORNING

Former President Appeared to Be Suffering From Intense Pain While Motoring Today—Trouble of No Consequence, Said—Will Be Able to Keep His Appointments

New York, June 14.—Col. Roosevelt suffered a severe pain in his side, frequently pressing a hand over his heart, while motoring to the home of his son-in-law, Dr. Richard Derby, today.

Not Seriously Sick.

New York, June 14.—"My father's illness was of no consequence. He will keep his appointments," said Mrs. Richard Derby, daughter of Col. Roosevelt. "He has been troubled with a cough, and he may have strained a muscle that caused him to put his hand to his side."

X-Ray Examination.

New York, June 14.—An X-ray photograph will be taken of a ligament. Col. Roosevelt strained while coughing, his secretary announced today.

LEADING HYDE COUNTY CITIZENS JUST CAN'T KEEP FROM SCRAPPING

Swan Quarter, June 14.—Another fight growing out of the factionalism here resulting from an evangelist's campaign against poker playing in the community is occupying the attention of the majority of the population today. W. T. Berry, a prominent citizen, is in a hospital at Washington with a severe knife wound inflicted by Tom Long, a lawyer. The more recent encounter was between Leslie Jones, mayor of Swan Quarter, and E. O. Spencer, a deputy sheriff. Spencer is said to have called the mayor a liar. Jones struck Spencer. Friends separated the men when they mixed up.

BROCK SAYS NOT UP TO HIM TO ASK FOR PRIMARY; LED WEBB

In a story from Raleigh Monday, sent by The Free Press' correspondent there, it was stated that Webb had received 1,906 votes and Brock 1,903 in the State Senatorial race in this district. The figures were supposed to have been official and given out by the State Board of Elections. Candidate Brock today claimed that the vote for him was 1,913, and that since that put him a little in the lead of Webb, it was up to the latter, and not Mr. Brock, as was stated, to ask for a second primary.

JAMES J. HILL HAD INTENDED ENDORSE NAT'L PROHIBITION

(By the United Press) St. Louis, June 14.—Prof. Fisher of Yale said here today that James J. Hill would have made public a statement endorsing national prohibition, had he lived. Fisher is to urge a prohibition plank to the Democratic Convention's committee.

BUILDING & LOAN MEN MEET AT GREENVILLE

(Special to The Free Press) Greenville, June 14.—Attendance upon the annual State Building and Loan convention here is rather small. The Bankers' convention at Asheville and the Pythians' State meeting at Waynesville are competing.

The first session was held in the Pitt County Courthouse Tuesday afternoon. Last night the delegates were entertained with a movie show and fed at a Dutch luncheon. Today a barbecue was served at Goff's Landing.

New Bern claims to have had "a brilliant parade" preceding the opening of Chautauqua there.



DR. LINCOLN WIRT Noted Lecturer on the Chautauqua Bill Tonight; Arctic Explorer.

CHAUTAUQUA OPENS THIS AFTERNOON TO FURNISH KINSTON 'SOMETHING EXTRA' A WHOLE WEEK; 'SEVEN JOYOUS DAYS' OF IT

Promises to Be Successful Festival—Intellectual Treats In Store—Dr. Lincoln Wirt, Superintendent Downing and the Brookline Choir Boys on Bills for First Day—Victor's Band, Rosani and Lecture On Eugenics On Thursday—Enthusiasm Over Annual Summertime Event—Much to Be Learned; 'Pay Attention to the Speakers,' Advice to Those Who Are Prone to Observe Trifles—Not a 'Preachers' Carnival'; Naw!

A Chautauqua parade ushered in Chautauqua. It was a nifty, nice little parade. It wasn't a "brilliant" parade. A brass band was shaken together in a few minutes' time. The band had the welfare of the community at heart; the bass drummer had a heavy load upon him, realized it, and acted accordingly.

Pretty little children were numerous. They were certainly worth seeing. Pretty young ladies also were present in some number. They, too, were worth seeing.

Dr. W. C. Knox was chief marshal. There were other marshals.

All who participated in the parade were admitted free to the first performance. The audience was very fair indeed.

The hours of the performances have been changed to 3:30 and 8 o'clock.

Chautauqua opened this afternoon. There will be "seven joyous days" of it, the officials state. It will be the most successful chautauqua Kinston has had, probably, for enthusiasm is manifest on every hand, and it is promised that the opening performances will be so excellent as to immediately interest and enthrall those who are now lukewarm. The tent is on West Gordon street between Queen and Heritage.

Announcement was made Tuesday night that season ticket sales would be continued through today. The local guarantors were more than pleased. The guarantee fund was

within \$250 of being raised, but had not the extension been granted the men who signed the guarantee would have had to stand the loss of the difference, \$1,400 in all being needed. Ticket sellers are hustling today to dispose of the remaining tickets. They expect to have the last one out of the way by tonight. No season cardholder can be had after tonight.

Chautauqua is a serious business. It isn't exactly a "preachers' carnival," as a little McLewann street boy today described it. Nor is it any kind of a "carnival" unless it be a carnival of rejuvenation of mind, body and spirit. Bright men will give the audiences the benefit of their intellect. "What should the audience do when someone comes in late? When a stray dog walks across the platform? When anything unusual happens? Just keep your eyes on the speaker. Never let him know that you are aware of anything but him. That is common courtesy—that is only fair to the speaker."

Stray dogs and belated auditors can't very well be regulated. The belated auditors and stray dogs should be as considerate as possible.

L. Alvadore Downing, Ph. D., is Superintendent of the Chautauqua.

Miss Marie Weeks is the Junior Leader. The local officers are: President, J. W. Goodson; First Vice-President, Mrs. C. F. Harvey; Second Vice-President, Mrs. N. J. Rouse; Treasurer, D. F. Wooten; Secretary and Correspondent, F. I. Sutton.

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NEITHER SIDE DOES MUCH IN THE V'DUN CAMPAIGN, REPORT

French War Office Claims There Was No Action During the Night—Berlin Today States Germans Have Taken Trenches

(By the United Press)

Paris, June 14.—There were no infantry attacks on either bank of the Meuse last night, the French war office today officially announced. French infantry captured a small German post east of Soissons. French airmen were successful in a raid near Venizel, in Vosges. Frenchmen in a sortie at Soegren captured a number of Germans.

Germans Claim Gains.

Berlin, June 14.—The Germans have captured positions west and south of Thiamont Farm, east of the Meuse on the Verdun front, it is officially announced. They captured 793 men and 15 machine guns.

SEVERAL KILLED, TWO MILLIONS DAMAGE, IN BALTIMORE DOCK FIRE

Baltimore, Md., June 13.—Pennsylvania Railroad elevator No. 3 on the harbor front at Canton, a suburb, was burned today, with a loss of life estimated at from four to ten men and injuries to more than forty others. The victims were mostly elevator employees and cargo trimmers. Three of the injured were in a critical condition tonight.

Two steamships, the Willem Van Driel, Sr., a Dutch vessel and the British steamer Welbeck Hall, which were loading grain at the elevator, also were badly damaged by fire and wreckage dropped upon them from the elevator.

The flames damaged an ore pier next to the elevator and several strings of grain cars in the elevator were burned.

While the fire is thought to have been caused by an explosion of grain dust a theory was advanced that it may have been caused by a bomb. This theory will be investigated, it was said.

The blast blew out the 90-ft. tower, or upper elevator, and in a instant the whole building was ablaze. Conservative estimates placed the total loss at more than \$2,000,000.

GERMANY SAYS THE ENGLISH HAVE LOST 130 NAVAL VESSELS

Berlin, June 14.—England has lost 130 naval vessels during the war, totalling more than 600,000 tons, it is semi-officially announced. Before the great North Sea fight the British had lost 11 battleships, 15 armored cruisers, 11 other cruisers, 30 torpedo boats, 20 gunboats and 20 submarines.

EDWARD LONG, RETIRED MANUFACTURER, IS DEAD

(Special to The Free Press) Washington, June 14.—Edward Long, 77, oldest native-born citizen of Washington, died Tuesday afternoon at his West Second street residence. He is well known in East Carolina and related to prominent families in the section and other States. Mr. Long retired years ago from a buggy manufacturing business in which he made a fortune.

INITIAL BALL AT THE ATLANTIC SATURDAY

The opening ball at the Atlantic hotel, Morehead City, will be held Saturday night. Hundreds of persons from all over the Eastern part of the State are expected to attend.

WILSON WORE STRAW HAT AND WHITE AND BLUE DUDS PARAD'G

Conspicuous Figure In Flag Day Procession at Washington Was President

OTHER OFFICIALS IN LINE

Chief Executive and Others Walked—Woman's Party Flaunted Dare In the Face of the Democrats' Chieftain—75,000 March

By J. P. Yoder

Washington, June 14.—For the first time in history, a President marched afoot on historic Pennsylvania avenue today. President Wilson was a participant in the Washington's plea for preparedness as well as a tribute to the flag.

The marine band preceded Mr. Wilson, who walked jauntily. He wore a blue serge coat, white duck trousers and shoes, socks to match his trousers, and a straw hat, and carried a silk flag. The President's rapid stride carried him over a mile and a half in a little more than 15 minutes. When he passed the Congressional union delegation the latter unfurled a monster banner, bearing the inscription: "Be prepared, if you care about electoral votes consider us, the Woman's Party." The President looked, all smiles and passed on. Everyone of over 75,000 marchers carried a flag, some wore 2 banners. After Mr. Wilson women and girl marchers featured the parade. Postmaster General Burleson, Commerce Secretary Redfield, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt, Attorney General Gregory, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Vrooman, Assistant Secretary of War Ingraham, Solicitor of the Department of Agriculture Denmore and other high administration officials led afoot the delegations from their respective departments.

EVERYBODY KNEW THERE WOULD BE NO COURT—ALL BUT JUDGE BONDI

Clerk of Superior Court Jesse Heath today gave out the news that Superior Court "was" formally convened here Monday. It was in session a record-breaking short time. Judge W. M. Bond of Edenton went through the formality of opening the court and immediately called a recess to extend until next Monday. A handful of court officers and lawyers were present. It was like this:

The Bar Association several weeks ago decided that in view of the small number of triable causes on the civil calendar—the June term is civil only—only one week of the term should be used. Everybody interested was notified except the Judge! Clerk Heath explains that it has been the custom to have the secretary of the Bar Association correspond with the presiding judge in such instances; he did not dream that it was up to him to write Judge Bond that he could, if His Honor would permit the annulment of one-half of the term, save the fare from Edenton to Kinston and return. Some persons were shocked when the Judge arrived. Judge Bond took the whole matter as a joke and declined positively to accept his expenses from Clerk Heath.

The first cause of the term will be taken up Monday morning.

PREVIOUS DEMOCRATIC CONVENTIONS' WORK

DATE	PLACE	NOMINEE	BALLOTS
1832	Baltimore	Jackson	Acclamation
1844	Baltimore	Polk	9
1848	Baltimore	Cass	4
1852	Baltimore	Pierce	9
1856	Cincinnati	Buchanan	17
1860	Charleston and Baltimore	Douglas	9
(No choice at Charleston; convention moved to Baltimore.)			
(Bolting convention nominated Breckinridge.)			
1864	Chicago	McClellan	1
1868	New York	Seymour	22
1872	Baltimore	Greasey	1
1876	Baltimore	Tilden	2
1880	Cincinnati	Hancock	2
1884	Chicago	Cleveland	2
1888	St. Louis	Cleveland	Acclamation
1892	Chicago	Cleveland	1
1896	Chicago	Bryan	5
1900	Kansas City	Bryan	Acclamation
1904	St. Louis	Parker	1
1908	Denver	Bryan	1
1912	Baltimore	Wilson	46