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PRIMARY SYSTEM IN NORTH CAROLINA IS PROVING A FAILURE

General Discontent with The Law as it Exists is Constantly Reaching Those Who Administer The Law—Legislature Will be Asked to Modify The Law.

(By MAX D. ABERNETHY) RALEIGH, June 26.—Final filing of expense accounts by candidates for various county, state, legislative and congressional offices show that the primary which will come to a close next Saturday will have been a very expensive one—not that there is a suggestion that money has been spent in other ways than are entirely proper, or that too large an amount of money has been expended by any individual candidate, but as a matter of fact the primary of 1920 has proved very expensive, and has called forth more criticisms than has any of the others yet held.

System Has Failed The expectation that the primary point out that as a system of nominating candidates for offices it has failed in the selection of the presidential candidates. Only two candidates for the presidency filed in North Carolina, both of these on the republican ticket, and neither of these candidates for the vote of the North Carolina delegation which went to Chicago. In the democratic ranks the only nominee for the presidency before the people was Senator F. M. Simmons, and he was put up because the democratic state convention endorsed him. The people did not have the opportunity to vote on the democratic nominee at all, and the republicans who expressed themselves overwhelmingly in favor of Senator Hiram Johnson failed to register their sentiments at the national convention.

It has been generally the opinion that the men who are in office, and who have been in office for a number of years, were wedded to the state-wide primary, but as a matter of fact there will be found considerable opposition to the primary among a number of the state officials, and others who have been in office longer than two terms.

On the other hand the contention that the primary would be the means of letting the old office holders out and new ones in, has not worked out in actual practice, for during the history of the primary not a single one of the state officials of long term in office has offered for re-nomination. It has been turned down. The conventions of old seemed to have expressed the will of the state-wide primary—and it was a much less expensive means of nominating a nominee.

Discontent is General Rumors of discontent with the primary law as it now exists are constantly reaching those who have to administer the law, and it is not probable that these unsatisfactory features will be presented to an early session of the legislature, with the request that some amendments be made to the primary law, so that it will be more satisfactory to all concerned. With the present poor pay of state officials, together with the expense connected with obtaining the office if there is any opposition at all, it is becoming increasingly difficult to get good business men, or professional men of the highest type to become a candidate for any state office.

INSANE MAN ATTEMPTS TO KILL WHOLE FAMILY

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, June 26.—Nolan B. Robinson, twenty-five-year-old, fugitive from an insane asylum at Elgin, Ill., was arrested today and held on charges of attempting to murder his wife, their five-month-old baby and his parents-in-law last night at Wheaton, near this city. All four victims were stabbed with a four-pointed star-shaped knife, and the man was seen calmly discussing the attempted murders and declaring he was crazed by love for his child.

WILL NOT SUBMIT BILL TO THE HUNS

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, June 26.—The Knights of Columbus announced here today their European commissioner, Edward L. Hurn, has refused to enter no claims against the German government for expenses with the American army of occupation. The Knights and other welfare organizations had been invited to submit a bill for their expenses with the army in Germany.

Players Jump Contract SPARTANBURG, S. C., June 26.—Pitchers Herschler and Ledwick, former star left-hander of the Spartanburg club, jumped the team today, giving as their reason their inability to endure the South Atlantic players.

"LADY HOWARD" CLOAKS HER ARRIVAL IN MYSTERY



LADY HOWARD? (By Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, June 26.—Completion of the temporary roll of the democratic national convention was in sight today when the national committee resumed consideration of credentials with the Georgia contest before it and Senator Reed's effort to gain a seat on the floor with the Missouri delegation also to be passed on. Other business occupied the first session of the committee yesterday, thus keeping them from disposing of these troublesome questions.

Reed Case Uncertain Committee members expressed confidence that the Georgia case would be put through probably without a vote against seating the delegation lined up for Attorney General Palmer for president. They were not quite so sure of the result on Senator Reed. Previously it looked certain that he would be denied the seat, having been refused election as delegate-at-large by the state convention. There were intimations overnight, however, of the disposition of some committee members not to oppose the senator's plan for getting on the convention floor.

The influx of delegations which began yesterday continued, and added hourly to the physical and conversational congestion in the hotel lobbies. Out of the din arose what some observers expressed in recognition as a spirit of nomination sentiment toward Governor Cox of Ohio. Cox Boomers Active It sent the army of news writers on the ground scurrying about in search of its source. The best they could make of the auditorium is the press section with seats for 516 working news writers. Back of the speakers' platform in sound proof rooms are telephone booths and fully equipped accommodations for press associations and newspaper men.

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Cox Now Looms Up at San Francisco; But McAdoo Sentiment is Insistent; Wilson Not Dictating, Says Cummings

Deny That Wilson Will Dictate to Convention; No Voluntary Communication, Says Cummings

(By Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, June 26.—Chairman Cummings and other national committee officials discounted today 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 that of course 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, also denied that the president would seek to control the deliberations here. The senator came to make a fight favorable to the administration, but if he brought any word of white house preference between candidates it did not show up in today's conferences.

SIMS-DANIELS NAVAL CONTROVERSY RENEWED IN PUBLICATION OF LETTER IN WHICH HE DENOUNCES SECRETARY

Declares Daniels Has Been Dishonest; Has Been Autocratic and That He Has Abused His Powers While in Office.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, June 26.—The Sims-Daniels row over the navy's conduct of the war was revived today with the publication of a letter from Rear Admiral Benton C. Decker, commander of the seventh naval district, Florida, in which he charges Secretary Daniels in his testimony before the senate investigating committee "intentionally and deliberately" misrepresented certain acts of Rear Admiral Sims, Fullman and Fiske. The letter, dated June 17 and addressed to Chairman Hale, of the committee, was published in the Army and Navy Register, a service magazine. Admiral Decker said he also had sent a copy of it to Secretary Daniels. Admiral Decker formerly was naval attaché at Madrid, but was removed during the war. Secretary Daniels had stated that his removal followed representations from Ambassador Willard to the state department that he was encroaching on diplomatic functions in his activities there. The admiral declared in his letter that "from my personal knowledge of Mr. Daniels' character I am led to believe that whatever is stated in a statement to the discredit of the officers is so perverted and distorted as to give the actual facts a false meaning." "I am probable, and more than likely," Admiral Decker's letter said, "that if these officers had bowed down and had served the gods that Mr. Daniels worships, they would today have been fattening on the navy as commanders of fleets on active duty or in pleasant jobs in Washington. To me, as to other high officers of the navy, it has come that if we would bow down and obey the wishes of Mr. Daniels we would receive the reward therefore."

Mrs. Medill McCormick Will Take Stump Actively in His Behalf (By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, June 26.—Senator Harding, the republican presidential candidate, left Washington today for an unannounced destination. He plans to be away until Tuesday, and it was said at his office that his destination would not be disclosed as the senator wanted to get a much needed rest. Senator Harding requested that newspaper correspondents make no effort to follow him, as it was his wish to spend his time quietly and devote a part of it to his speech of acceptance. Only a few callers were received by the nominee before his departure. Among them were Senator and Mrs. Medill McCormick, of Illinois. Mrs. McCormick, who was chairman of the women's executive committee of the republican national committee, discussed with him the part to be taken by the women in the coming campaign and told him that she expected to take the stump actively in his behalf.

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TAKE EARLY LEAD But Deadlock is Anticipated, With McAdoo, Marshall or Davis As Nominee.

NEW YORK POPULAR Everybody Wants Smith As Vice-Presidential Candidate With Respective Favorites.

(By Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, June 26.—With the arrival of democratic leaders and delegates in considerable numbers, sentiment on candidates for the presidential nomination and the principles to be enunciated in the party platform is beginning to crystallize. Views expressed today by those who will play important parts in the proceedings of the convention indicate that the situation is about as follows: Governor Cox, of Ohio, is the strongest of the aspirants for the nomination. His selection could be reasonably assured if it were not that some considerations harmful to his cause were affecting delegates, men and women, who are dominated by the desire to name a candidate whose chance of winning will be the best. Attorney General Palmer is considered to have the greatest number of assured votes at beginning, but this is a rather general expectation that his strength will disintegrate after a few ballots. The facts that he is from Pennsylvania, a republican state, and is obviously an organized labor are factors that will injure his chances. In spite of W. G. McAdoo's announcement that he would refuse to permit his name to be presented to the convention, he maintains much of his original strength. Sentiment for McAdoo's nomination is one of the features of opinion among delegates. Among the leaders the belief prevails that the convention will become deadlock, and that this situation may eliminate Cox and Palmer and work to the advantage of McAdoo or some dark horse, with vice president Marshall foremost on the list. Most of the questions of party policy will be adjusted in the committee on Resolutions, which will prepare the program of the party. The platform question is almost certain to be fought out on the convention floor, with the likelihood that the subject will be ignored as something that has passed out of the bounds of controversy. These are the outstanding features of the situation. There are side-lights that illuminate the party mind, but Cox, McAdoo and the prohibition problem practically monopolize the interest.

Through all the discussion of the delegates runs reference to the mystery about the position of President Wilson. His failure to make known whether he desires a renomination is the subject of mild criticism, but on the whole the leading men leave the ground that the president, on account of the condition of his health, if for no other reason, is not to be considered as an aspirant. While his silence has caused uneasiness in many quarters, a suspicion that he "has something up his sleeve" with regard to the selection of a candidate, most of the delegates are proceeding on the theory that some one other than Wilson will be chosen as the standard bearer.

Working Hard for McAdoo. One theory advanced for the declination of McAdoo to permit his name to go before the convention is that the failure of the president to make known his own position concerning the nomination has put the ex-secretary in an embarrassing situation. Whatever McAdoo's motive, the fact remains that many of his friends and admirers have declined to be influenced by his announcement and are still working in his interest. Foremost of these is Senator Glass, who succeeded McAdoo as secretary of the treasury. He has declined to accept the mandate of McAdoo and is active in arranging with other McAdoo workers to make a good showing in the ex-secretary's behalf. Senator Glass expressed indignation today over the published statement that McAdoo was reported to be suffering from tuberculosis of the throat. Mr. Glass said McAdoo was in excellent health when he left New York recently. He added that while there were personal considerations, not explained in McAdoo's formal statement, it could be set down that his health was excellent and would not be impaired by the activities of a presidential campaign. Thomas B. Love, committeeman from Texas and leaders of the Lone Star delegation, joined the McAdoo forces today. He said that he would stay with him to the end. Mr. Love is said to control the Texas delegation. After the publication of McAdoo's announcement that he was out

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