

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 1092 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 declared a brief truce today when it assembled in opening session to perfect the preliminaries for the week's work.

The big fight over prohibition and lesser fights over the league of nations and the 1918 question were laid aside but not forgotten, while the party chief and the delegates met in the auditorium to hear National Chairman Cummings sound the keynote to which they hoped to hear the country respond.

More than 1,000 delegates and more than 13,000 alternates and spectators were jammed into the big hall for the spectacle of the national convention getting underway.

Nothing but set events were on the program but a contest was in the air, and a tussle over the chairmanship of the resolutions committee only paused to be resumed again at tomorrow's session.

Issues rather than candidates, continued to be foremost, but announcement that Wm. G. McAdoo would not reject the nomination put new life into his boomers, and today they began where they left off last night perfecting an active organization to push for his candidacy openly on the floor of the convention.

San Francisco, June 28.—Assembling at noon today for the first session delegates to the Democratic National convention heard the keynote speech by Chairman Cummings and perfected preliminaries, clearing the way for the real work of finding a Presidential candidate.

Twelve o'clock noon was fixed for the opening, but hours before ticket holders gathered in the spacious building, which for the occasion seats more than 12,000 persons. Those without tickets were barred by sentries at the entrance.

Decorations for the convention hall were simple and tasteful, with Stars and Stripes as the dominant feature. Seats of the 1,092 delegates were compactly assembled close to the platform, and stretched almost across the width of the hall. Here and there stood State and territorial standards made of California Redwood, showing the locations of delegations. Directly behind were the seats of the alternates and all about them in a most perfect circle were places for more than 10,000 other persons.

With the exception of the patriotic touch given at the start by the presenting of the colors by a detachment of marines, the opening ceremonies were not unlike those of previous conventions. The outstanding feature was the keynote speech.

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

In the meantime managers of the Presidential boomers were keeping in touch with delegates and working for position in the early balloting. One of Bryan's Plans. 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.

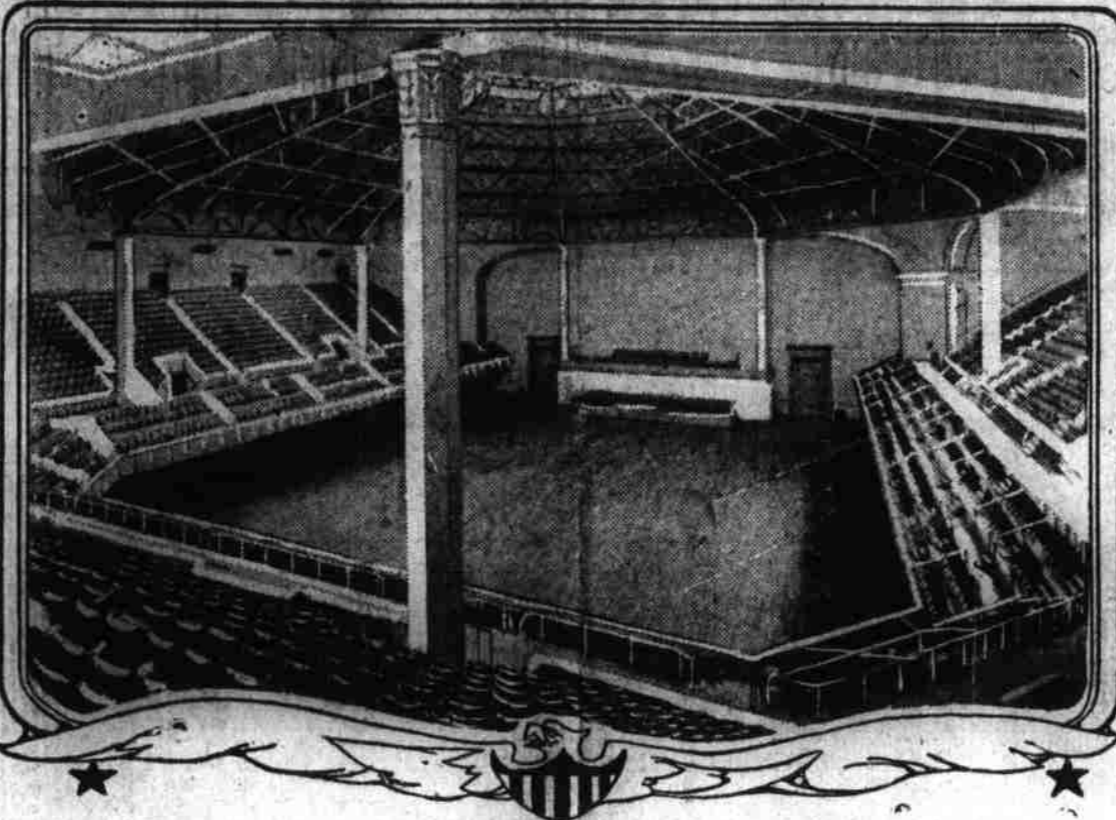
The League of Nations was championed as the "Monroe Doctrine of the world" by Homer Cummings, temporary chairman of the Democratic national convention, in his keynote address today.

Of the peace treaty's defeat in the Senate, he said: "No blacker crime against civilization has ever soiled the pages of our history."

He characterized the Republican platform as "reactionary and provincial." "Filled with premeditated slanders and vague promises, it will be searched in vain for one constructive suggestion for the reformation of the conditions which it criticizes and deprecates," he continued.

"The oppressed people of the earth will look to it in vain. It contains no message of hope for Ireland; no word of mercy for Armenia; and it contains a sword for Mexico. It is the work of men concerned more with material things than with human rights. It contains no thought, no purpose which can give impulse or thrill to those who love liberty and hope to make the world a safer and happier place for the average man."

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. F. Cannon, the cases against Miss Burns and J. R. 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.

The authorities are working upon an entirely new theory in an effort to get the stolen stones. It is believed that they have been mailed away from here, and the officers are now trying to trace them through the mails.

With the dismissal of the cases the whole story has been brought to light. While Mr. Cannon was entertaining a party of visitors Wednesday night, in which they all had access to his house, he believes that someone took three diamond rings, one a cluster with nine diamonds, one a dinner ring, oblong with small diamonds set in platinum, and one solitaires diamond ring with a stone of one carat. In addition the thief took a cut gem mounting set, one bar pin set with white stones, and a solid gold knife. The minimum value of the property stolen was placed at \$2,000.

The suspicions of Mr. Cannon were aroused immediately, and he singled out the Salisbury man and Miss Burns as being guilty. In the search warrant which he swore out he said Miss Burns "was seen recently before the loss of the property with some of the property in her possession; that she sold one Ansley that she had certain of said property in her possession and had been closely associated with the supposed thief who is now in jail, and that said defendant is threatening to leave this jurisdiction in Canada."

When arrested Thursday Bost denied any knowledge of the robbery, and a search of his rooms revealed nothing. The same was true when the nurses' quarters at Kenilworth were searched yesterday by Sheriff E. M. Mitchell.

The dismissal of the charges against Bost and the nurse leaves the situation as it was when the theft was discovered. It is one of the most perplexing cases in the annals of the local police in recent years, as no motive is given for the robbery. Mr. Cannon having been able to suggest no reason why anyone should take them. In the meantime they are trying to unearth some clue which will lead to the stones recovery but what success they will have depends mostly on chance.

Antis Send Message to Gov. Roberts. (By the Associated Press.) 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. The message states that Tennessee should not put suffrage on the Southern states that have rejected it, and asserts that sentiment in North Carolina is opposed to ratification.

Sheriff of Davidson County Dead. (By the Associated Press.) Lexington, June 28.—James A. Tussey, sheriff of Davidson county, died early this morning at a High Point hospital where he was taken for an operation. Mr. Tussey, who was 41 years old, had been sheriff for eighteen months.

Extra Session of Tennessee Legislature August 9th. (By the Associated Press.) Nashville, June 28.—An extra session of the state legislature will be called August 9th, when ratification of woman suffrage will be considered. It was announced today at the capital.

NEGRO MAN KILLED IN FIGHT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Alleged That Man Committed Killing in Self Defense.—Both Had Been Drinking.

Charlie Jones, a negro man employed by the Gibson Construction Company, which is building the road from Concord to the Stanly 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.

According to witnesses, who were questioned by the coroner, the two men went from the camp yesterday afternoon and returned later with some liquor, which they claim they found in the woods. Both men had been drinking, and started a fight just before they reached camp. This trouble was halted, but the men started again after they reached camp, and Jones is said to have walked toward Wilkinson with a plank, when the latter picked up a small rock, and hit Jones on the right side of the head.

The men of the camp thought Jones was only slightly injured, and told Wilkinson to go to the company's office camp in Stanly county to avoid further trouble. The man's injuries grew more serious, however, and he died at the camp early today. An effort has been made to get in touch with the Stanly authorities, so that Wilkinson can be arrested. It is believed that he does not know Jones is dead.

The construction company took charge of the body, and it will probably be shipped to the man's home. It is the opinion of the men who saw the fight, according to the coroner, that Wilkinson, who is smaller than Jones, hit the man in self defense, as Jones was approaching Wilkinson with a plank.

THE COTTON MARKET.

Opened Steady at an Advance of from 6 to 15 Points. (By the Associated Press.) New York, June 28.—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of from 6 to 15 points owing to higher Liverpool cables, but there were few July notices in circulation which early weather reports from the South were favorable, and a private crop report from the southwest placed the end-June condition at 71.1 per cent. These led to a renewal of scattering pressure, and there was some July liquidation with that delivery selling off from 36.35 to 36.10 and October declined to 32.95 shortly after the call, or about 8 to 10 points below Saturday's closing.

Cotton futures opened steady July 36.20; Oct. 33.25; Dec. 31.97; Jan. 31.30; Mar. 30.85.

WOMAN TO SPEAK HERE ON TUESDAY NIGHT

Miss Lavina Ingle Will Speak on Ratification of Suffrage Amendment.—Public Invited.

Miss Lavina Ingle, of Washington, State Field Secretary and National Organizer, will speak in the court house here tomorrow night at eight o'clock on The Ratification of the Suffrage Amendment, the League of Women Voters and Citizenship Training for Women. Miss Ingle will lay special stress on the last named subject.

Miss Ingle was in Concord Saturday and while here conferred with several ladies of the city who decided to hold the meeting. The public is invited to be present, and it is believed that an interesting meeting will be held.

No Obligation to Give Assistance to Greeks.

(By the Associated Press.) London, June 28.—No obligations have been entered into by Great Britain to give assistance to the Greeks against Turkish nationalists. Premier Lloyd George, declared in the house today.

The premier declared the national army was recognized as a combatant army, subject to the laws of war.

Wood found that money laid out for him, laid him out.

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 C. 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.

Their case is based on the alleged will leaving the King estate to his wife. The will was declared suspicious by the Cook County probate court, and another testament leaving the bulk of the estate to a home for aged men was admitted.

The new case is based on the story of Florence Isabel Lee, a New York stenographer, that she copied the alleged will for King a few weeks before his death here, November 1, 1905. Miss Lee was expected here today to testify.

CHARGES OF PROFITTEERING AND MONOPOLISTIC CONTROL.

Made Against Coal Operators by the Former Secretary of the War Labor Board.

Seranton, 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.

Mr. Lauck appeared in the hearings on demands of anthracite workers for wage increases that will bring their earnings to a level with those of the bituminous workers with a minimum wage of \$6 per day.

"Survey of the anthracite industry," said Mr. Lauck, shows increase in net profits of the principal operators for the period of 1916-18 over 1912-14 of nearly 90 per cent as compared with an increase in production in this period of less than 12 per cent. In the case of seven representative mining companies there was a net increase of 69.7 per cent. Expressed in terms of dollars the total net income of these companies advanced from \$29,354,989 for the period 1912-14 to \$55,528,849 for the period 1916-18, an increase of \$26,173,860, or 89.2 per cent."

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.

According to her story she was being carried to Salisbury in automobile by some men, and during the trip the men hit her, and took her two rings. She came back here after the robbery, and reported the matter to the Chief of Police, as she stated the men who robbed her lived here. The police do not know the name of the men whom she accuses of the theft.

The woman stated that she lived in Greensboro, and she left late yesterday for that city, stating that she would return later to take up the case. She was unknown here, but the police so far have put little belief in her story, for when she appeared before the officers she was under the influence of liquor or "dope," the police stated.

Speaking at Lexington, Va., where he laid a wreath on the tomb of Gen. Lee, Gen. Pershing referred to the Confederate commander as "one of the world's greatest generals," "a Christian gentleman whose character and life in war and in peace Americans should emulate." Visiting the tomb of Gen. Jackson, Gen. Pershing declared that the world looks on Gen. Jackson and his accomplishments "with admiration and awe," and that his "military tactics are yet studied throughout the world."

2,000 WAR PRISONERS DROWNED IN THE NEVA.

(By the Associated Press.) London, June 28.—Two thousand and Finnish prisoners of war were drowned when a Bolshevik steamer was sunk recently in the Neva river, according to a Holstenburgs dispatch to the Central News. A Reuter's report from Stockholm would seem to confirm this dispatch, saying the ship was sunk June 6th with 2,000 Russian prisoners on board. It does not, however, mention the loss of any life.

WATCHED THEM CLOSE DURING WAR'S DURATION

Even the Mail of the Third Assistant Secretary of State Was Opened. (By the Associated Press.)

Chicago, June 28.—Denouncing the "suppression of free speech" during the war, Prof. Stanley L. Rypine, of the University of Minnesota told the Cook County committee of 48 convention last night that even the mail of cabinet assistants was not safe from scrutiny by the military intelligence bureau. Rypine, who served in the intelligence bureau, declared he had opened mail of Breckenridge Long, the third assistant secretary of state, "because he had happened to be in correspondence with conscientious objectors."

"I opened it," he added, "because the men who ordered me to do it had bayonets at their backs and I had to obey."

MRS. DANIELS RETURNS FROM TRIP TO EUROPE

Delegate to International Woman's Suffrage Alliance Congress. (By the Associated Press.)

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. Josephus Daniels, returned here today on the steamship Fafayette.

"The achievement of the alliance in gaining political equality for women is evidenced by reports from 22 nations that they have granted equal suffrage since the last meeting in 1913," Mrs. Daniels said. "This promise well for political and economic equality which was adopted at this meeting as the work of its organization until its next meeting in Paris in 1922."

GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN STRIKE SITUATION

Many Railroad Men Who Struck Saturday Returned to Work Today. (By the Associated Press.)

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.

This is the tenth day of the strike. The strikers say they are concentrating on an effort to bring out the passenger trainmen, shopmen, telegraphers and other classes of employees. They say there are 58,000 of these workers, and they hope to induce them to join the strike tomorrow.

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 one mile west of here this morning. The injured were taken to an Evansville hospital.

The truck, which was carrying 21 persons, stopped on the track and was struck by the train which was traveling at a high rate of speed. Several children were among those killed and injured.

The speckled train which brought the injured to Evansville was held up by a freight wreck at Oakland City, and did not arrive until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

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

PROHIBITION STILL THE LIVE SUBJECT

Talks at San Francisco, However, 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 as assembled today.

The actual convention work was only preliminary and perfunctory, but the arrival of convention day served to bring further into the open the questions which have been perplexing politicians in their pre-convention discussions.

The live subject in the minds of many delegates manifestly was the pending prohibition fight, but talk of candidates was gaining more and more attention as rival managers got down to cases with the big body of un-instructed and unpledged delegates.

The latest turn of the McAdoo boom furnished a new angle to the convention preliminary, but its precise effect on the relative situation of the candidates was not yet clear. Announcement that the former Secretary of the Treasury, despite his declaration that he did not want the nomination, would be willing to accept it, was variously accepted by the different elements in the fight.

By some it was thought that Mr. McAdoo now would be an active contender from the start, and in consequence the convention, like that of the Republicans at Chicago, would have a big three running close together at the opening of the roll call. The possibility of such a development brought renewed claims of gains from the supporters of Palmer and Cox, and set the dark horses champing impatiently as they recalled what happened to the big three at Chicago.

The Palmer and Cox managers sought to discount the McAdoo announcement, which was made late last night by national committeeman Love, of Texas, without saying whether it had direct authorization from Mr. McAdoo. It was apparent, however, that many of the McAdoo men, who have been working for votes, accepted the statement of Mr. Love at its face value.

In the pre-convention scramble for delegates many of those who had been McAdoo supporters promised to vote for other men, but McAdoo supporters declared they could be brought back to the fold.

There was frequent mention of Secretary Meredith, of the Agriculture Department as a possible running mate for Mr. McAdoo. Mr. Meredith's presidential campaign headquarters were closed Saturday when he announced that he was in no sense a candidate.

Two Prominent Men Killed by Explosion. (By the Associated Press.) Pottstown, Pa., June 28.—William C. Walsh, 33, President and general manager of the Vulc Weld Tire 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.

The many friends of Mr. J. F. Dayvaut will be glad to know that he has returned from the Labor Senatorium, Staunton, where he has been under treatment for several weeks. Mr. Dayvaut was brought to his home here by Messrs. A. J. Dayvaut and Walter Ritchie, and he stood the trip home well.

Produce! Produce! or the income tax collector.—Columbia Record

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