

With Keynote Speech by Senator Pat Harrison Democrats Begin Big Convention in New York City

MEETING PLACE WAS OVERFLOWING EARLY

Many Notables in Party's History Were on Hand to Take Part After Convention Work Is Started.

BRYAN CHEERED BY THE CROWD
 Formalities Will Take Up the Biggest Part of the Day.—Many Unable to Get Seats When They Entered.

Madison Square Garden, New York, June 24 (By the Associated Press).—All the swirling cross-currents which finally are going to cast up a Democratic Presidential nominee, centered today about the great convention hall. Thirteen thousand party war horses, delegates and spectators packed Madison Square Garden to see the curtain rise on the first act of the great drama.

For a few brief hours there was a lull in the corraling of delegates and the claims of the campaign managers, while all assembled to hear Senator Pat Harrison, of Mississippi, the temporary chairman, sound the party keynote, and let the convention accomplish some of the necessary routine preliminaries.

Probably a third as many people got in for the first session as had hoped to, probably half as many got in as expected, to a good many who expected choice seats, stood up, and meantime the leaders on all sides disclaimed heatedly that there had been any funny business about the distribution of tickets, or that the great hall was being packed for anybody.

A long list of notable in-party achievements passed and present had places of honor on the platform and in the galleries in the great arena and in the galleries were thousands to whom the sultry heat of midday meant nothing so long as they held their coveted places.

Police lines were early established to keep back the throngs who had no tickets, but hoped to gain admission somehow. The lucky ones with tickets were ushered through the ropes which began three blocks away.

Today's session, a comparatively brief one, was surcharged with the intense feelings which have been built up in the pre-convention campaign.

With Smith and McAdoo managers both claiming steady gains, and the second choice candidates waiting patiently for the moment when they are confident both the leaders will wear themselves out, all the forces wheeled into line to consolidate their positions and wait for the opening gun.

A half hour before the opening bang of the gavel, many of the seats on the floor and in the galleries were occupied. Senator Walsh, of Montana, the oil committee prosecutor, who will be the permanent chairman, came in early. John W. Davis appeared on the platform chatting with Joseph Daniels, and Senator Fletcher, of Florida. Chairman Hull, of the National committee, arrived shortly before noon, manifestly still weak from illness and was assisted through the crowd to his chair.

A minute later Senator Harrison arrived on the platform, and about the same time William Jennings Bryan appeared on the floor and got the first applause of the convention.

Begins Business.
 Madison Square Garden, June 24.—The Democratic convention came to order for its first session at 12:43 o'clock. After delaying the opening to allow the police to straighten a traffic jam outside, which was keeping hundreds of delegates and visitors from the hall, Chairman Hull looking refreshed and better after his attack of exhaustion and heat stroke, brought down the gavel.

In brief words he called the great assembly to order, and gave way to Cardinal Hayes, who offered the invocation. The great audience stood in silent reverence as the voice of the prelate penetrated to the furthest part of the big Garden.

At the conclusion of the prayer, the band struck up the Star Spangled Banner, and from the recesses of the bunting and flags upon the rafters, thousands of little American flags were released, and fluttered down over the heads and shoulders of the delegates. Then while the band softly played the national anthem, Anna Chesnut, of the Metropolitan Opera Company, sang it and the audience joined in the chorus.

Wilson's Name Comes Big Demonstration.
 New York, Madison Square Garden, June 24.—With a roaring demonstration for Woodrow Wilson, the Democratic National Convention interrupted its business today while delegates and visitors joined a noisy and yet respectful tribute to the late President, idol of the democracy. It lasted ten minutes.

Cheers for Cleveland, Jackson, Jefferson and Bryan had resounded through the big Garden, but when temporary chairman, Senator Harrison, mentioned the name of Wilson, the noise and enthusiasm broke loose.

State standards came up quickly from their places and soon the floor was jammed with a mass of milling, marching

Like Father, Like Daughter



It was Champ Clark's daughter who brought the "convention hat" to the Democratic National Convention. The former Genevieve Clark—now Mrs. James Thompson, of New Orleans—arrived wearing the Democratic emblem on her hat, as shown in the picture, and the fad soon caught on.

GOVERNOR TALKS PRETTY STRAIGHT TO DELEGATES

Tells Them They Must Support McAdoo As They Were Instructed To Do.
 New York, June 23.—North Carolina delegates, instructed for McAdoo, at their caucus today raised the question of how long they were to vote for him, inasmuch as some of their number do not favor his candidacy.

Joseph Daniels, former secretary of the navy, took the platform and urged the delegates not to take any action which "would embarrass" Mr. McAdoo in his candidacy.

Some delegates announcing they were not for McAdoo and knew others who are not, demanded to know how long they were bound.

Governor Morrison leaped to his feet to declare that the question was ill advised, that every delegate was bound "by duty to the voters of the sovereign state of North Carolina and by their individual conscience to enter the convention with no one but McAdoo in mind."

A motion was put, however, under which the delegation would make plain how long it intended voting for McAdoo. Mr. Daniels, at that point took the platform.

"I realize," he said, "that while we are instructed to vote for Mr. McAdoo until he is nominated, this delegation is not unanimously for him. We are bound by the unit rule. I do not favor the unit rule and long have advocated its abrogation. But we came to this convention as a unit with definite instructions from the people back home, and I believe it would be a grave error to give any sign that we were considering those instructions."

The motion was withdrawn. The delegation has 24 votes.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEEMAN POSTPONED TO AVOID SCRAP

Friends of Simmons and Long, as Candidates to Succeed McLean, Precipitate Trouble.
 New York, June 23.—The North Carolina delegation avoided a real scrap today by postponing the election of a man to succeed Angus Wilton McLean as national committeeman. Senator Simmons and W. L. Long, of Roanoke Rapids, were mentioned for the place, and it is believed had a showdown, the latter would have won.

Friends of Senator Simmons denied that he was a candidate for the place, saying much like it. Governor Morrison secured the delay till a later meeting. He did this by assuring the delegates that some adjustment might be made in a few days. The Long supporters were confident and insistent.

A contest over the Tar Heel for the platform and resolution committee was threatened, but at the last moment Secretary Daniels' name was withdrawn and Governor Morrison was elected. Miss Mary O. Graham put the name of Mr. Daniels in nomination, and W. S. F. Burgwyn seconded it. It was said by those conversant with the facts that Mr. Daniels was manifestly beaten in the contest, and his friends decided not to put him up.

Miss Graham was re-elected vice committeeman for the national committee.

The North Carolina delegation elected these delegates to offices:

Chairman of the meeting of the delegation, O. Max Gardner; Mrs. J. C. Fearing, vice chairman; Miss Hattie M. Berry, secretary; J. Lloyd Horton, vice president of the convention; F. H. Stedman, for the member of the rule committee; James E. Caraway, for the committee on permanent organization; Miss Mary Henderson, committee on credentials; Governor Morrison, for the committee on platform and resolutions; Wiley Rodman, to notify the candidate for President, and H. L. Godwin, to notify the candidate for vice president.

Barring the Daniels and the national committee chairmanship affairs, the meeting was harmonious, and all of the delegates were delighted to receive the news that they were to have their tickets.

Views on Reparations.

(By the Associated Press.)
 Washington, June 24.—The United States is not only willing but anxious to assist Europe in pushing the settlement of her reparations problem, but does not intend to participate in any political difficulties overseas, a spokesman for President Coolidge said today in commenting on the proposer inter-allied conference in London next month to consider means of putting the Dawes reparations plan into effect.

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The United States Department of Agriculture has produced a motion picture of the hidden foes in seed potatoes.

The Keynote Speech



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Harrison Flays The G. O. P. In Ringing Keynote Speech

Declares United Democracy Will Be Able to Defeat Republicans and Restore Government to People.

G. O. P. POLICY IS BITTERLY ATTACKED

Foreign Policy Has Been Terrible and Nothing Has Been Done For People at Home Senator Declares.

(By the Associated Press.)
 New York, June 24.—America needs a Paul Revere, "not a sphinx," in the White House, to call it back to duty and high resolve, Senator Pat Harrison, of Mississippi, declared today in sounding the keynote at the Democratic National Convention.

In an address condemning the Republican administration—its policies, both domestic and foreign—the temporary chairman called on Democrats everywhere, "with victory within their grasp," to unite against a common enemy.

"Oh for one to be a sphinx," he said, "whose heart might be melted and courage aroused to sympathize and fight. Would that we once more might see in that exalted position one with the courage of Jackson, the militant honesty of a Cleveland, the matchless statesmanship and the fine fighting qualities of a Woodrow Wilson."

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Referring to Senate inquiries, Senator

Grave Charge Against Swindell.

Norfolk, Va., June 23.—While North Carolina officers and Norfolk policemen were searching for him at Virginia Beach, Joe Swindell was arrested at Elizabeth City, N. C., early this morning on a warrant charging criminal attack on a 13-year-old girl in that city Thursday night and held pending a preliminary hearing. Swindell, a resident of Elizabeth City, denied the charge. He was arrested just after he returned from Norfolk.

NEW CHAPTER WRITTEN IN AVIATION MONDAY

Feat of Lt. Maughan in Less Than Day
 San Francisco, June 24 (By the Associated Press).—Lieut. Russell L. Maughan wrote a new and spectacular chapter in the history of man's conquest of the air yesterday when he spanned the North American continent in less than a day.

The hazardous and grueling flight was his third attempt. He left Mitchell Field, N. Y., at 2:59 1/2 a. m., Eastern Standard Time, halted briefly at five refueling stations en route, across mountains and plains, fought fatigue and illness for 21 hours, 47 minutes, 45 seconds, and arrived at San Francisco at 9:47 1/4 p. m. Pacific Time, last night.

Worn and nervous from his long and bitter struggle, he was engulfed in a cheering, wildly excited mass of humanity which extended to him an almost unparalleled ovation upon his arrival.

Mrs. Maughan Happy.
 Salt Lake City, June 24.—With the simple faith of the poet Wordsworth, "before us even as behind, God is, and all is well," Mrs. Russell L. Maughan expressed her feeling upon being told of the success of her husband in making the dawn to dusk flight from New York to San Francisco.

YOUNG GIRL IS SOUGHT BY POLICE IN CHARLOTTE

Miss Loretta Lawing, 16, Last Seen in Company of Herman Bennett, Winston.
 Charlotte, June 23.—Charlotte police today were requested to aid in a search for Miss Loretta Lawing, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. A. Lawing, 210 North Long street, who disappeared Sunday night.

When last seen she was in an automobile with Herman Bennett, young Winston-Salem man presumably en route to her home after spending Sunday afternoon with a friend.

Members of the family discount the theory that the couple eloped, saying that Miss Lawing had not met Bennett until Sunday afternoon and was not with him for any length of time then. However, they were at a total loss today to understand the disappearance of the girl. Police in other towns have been asked to keep a lookout for the young woman.

Miss Lawing, who has light auburn hair, bobbed, and hazel eyes, left home early Sunday afternoon to visit Miss Myrella Redfern on North Bevard street, according to her parents. There she met Bennett and in company with Miss Redfern spent the afternoon riding. About 7 o'clock, according to Miss Redfern, Miss Lawing started home when Bennett offered to take her. She accepted and they left presumably for Miss Lawing's home.

Bennett, it is said, is an employe of the state highway commission.

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THE COTTON MARKET

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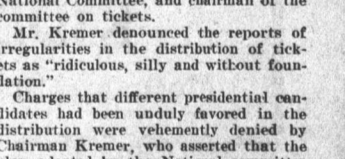
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