

WALSH SAYS PEOPLE MUST DECIDE WHAT POLICY THEY WANT

It Is Up to Voters to Determine Whether They Want to Keep in Office Crowd That Has Done Little.

DEMOCRATS FREE FROM CORRUPTION

Senator Says, as Records Will Show.—Investigations by Senate Defended by Man Who Led Oil Inquiry.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, June 25.—The American people will be on trial before the world in the coming Presidential campaign, Senator Thomas J. Walsh, of Montana, declared today in an address upon assuming the permanent chairmanship of the Democratic national convention.

The issue, he asserted, will be whether the American people will continue in power the party now in control of the government notwithstanding the scandals which have been disclosed in Senate investigations.

"I can not admit the accusations," Senator Walsh said. "What the American people are indifferent to the corroding influence of corruption in office, high or low. But we shall see. They are on trial."

"If, notwithstanding what has transpired, the party now in power in the nation is continued in control by the choice of the people of the United States, apparent or real, what judgment must be passed upon them by the world? They enjoy the distinction of having created and maintained a government whose officers are as free from suspicion of venality as those of any nation on earth, and they will not, I venture to predict, forfeit it."

Charging spokesmen of the Republican party with attempts at palliation of the offenses of the "unfaithful public servants," Senator Walsh declared that it is in this easy tolerance of turpitude in public office that the real peril of free government lies rather than in its capriciousness.

"The President of the United States himself," he continued, "has not attempted to endeavor to shield the delinquents from the public idiom to which their derelictions have subjected them by joining in the hue and cry against the investigations that have been conducted under the authority of the Senate and against that body for authorizing them. His message on the subject has for its plain purpose the suppression of an inquiry into the official conduct of a member of his cabinet."

Senator Walsh said President Coolidge had historic warrant for his attitude, recalling that when the British House of Commons sought to investigate the Duke of Buckingham, Charles would not.

"Charles lost his head," the senator added, and "Calvin Coolidge may profit politically by his example."

Declaring the Republican party to be impotent in the face of "an impending national calamity," Senator Walsh said that because of antagonism within its ranks it had ceased to be an organization through which the business of the country can be carried on.

"It has no remedy, it offers no relief from the paralysis that afflicts agriculture, threatening every form of industry," the chairman said. "Moreover, it finds itself plagued with representatives in both houses of congress holding views so radically antagonistic to those of the dominant faction in the party as to preclude the possibility of uniting on any program of legislation."

"Efforts of the dominant faction to shake off the insurgent members is as ludicrous as it will prove futile," the speaker continued, adding that they could not be shaken off because they have the endorsement of their people.

Senator Walsh said he knew how eager the managers of the campaign for the re-election of President Coolidge were "to switch the issues from honest government, the repeal of the new tariff abominations, relief for agriculture and related reforms, to the league of nations."

He added that it was not so necessary that America immediately join the league as that it abandon foolish antagonism to any world movement, merely because it was in some way associated with the league.

"The honor of our country," he declared, "the prosperity of our people, demand that we return to the ideals of Woodrow Wilson, that we resume the place he won for us—the moral leadership of the world."

With Our Advertisers.

The chief interest of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company is the interest of its patrons, says new ad. today.

The Birthday Sale at the Parks-Bell Co. continues. Many bargains are still available.

The Lenora Refrigerator has many conveniences, says new ad. of the Bell & Harris Furniture Co. This company has received new Victor records.

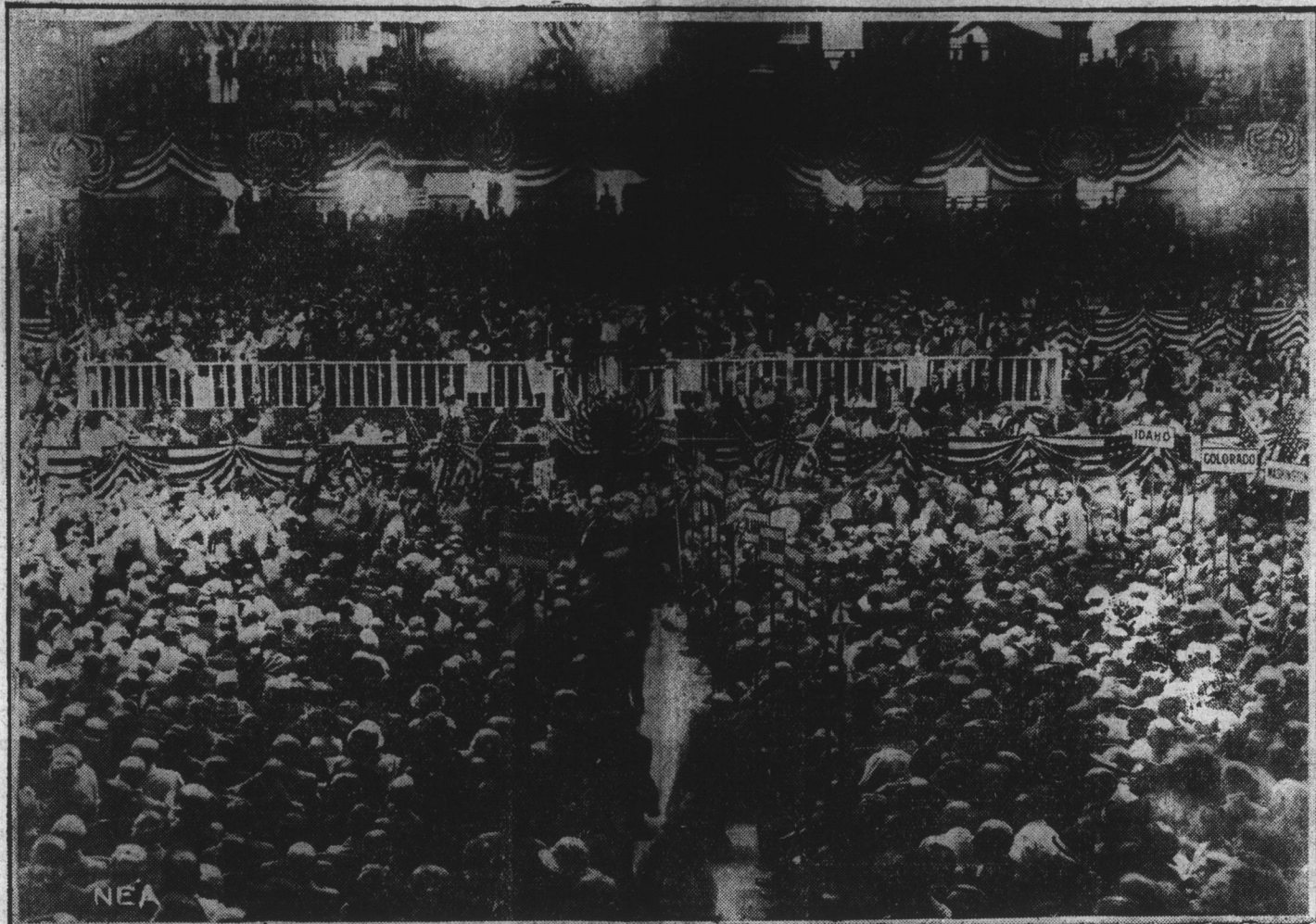
The sale of Manhattan shirts is still going on at Hoover's. One-third of the original price has been taken off.

Sugar at special prices now at Piggy Wiggly. New ad. gives particulars.

Now's the time to sow peas. White Rice peas are sold by C. H. Barrier & Company.

The county school superintendent of Lamar county, Miss., announces that he will refuse to sign contracts for any teachers with bobbed hair.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION IN THE FIRST SESSION TUESDAY



Close-up view of the Convention Hall just after the delegates had been called to order by Cordell Hull, temporary chairman. On the platform can be seen Hull, Norman E. Mack, Alfred E. Smith, Cardinal Hayes, Anna Case, noted soprano who sang the "Star-Spangled Banner," and others who were prominent in the opening session. All delegates and those on the speakers' platform are turned to the left to face the lights for the official picture of the convention. In all of its colorful history, old Madison Square Garden never before held so many notable persons at the same time.

More Wild Scenes Enacted as Democrats Begin Second Day Work of Their Convention

SENATOR WALSH IS GIVEN RECEPTION

Crowd Started Another Demonstration When It Was Announced He Was to Be Permanent Chairman.

PLATFORM NOT READY SO FAR

Committee Trying to Settle All Differences in Conference Instead of Bringing Bitter Fight on Floor.

(By the Associated Press.) Madison Square Garden, N. Y., June 25.—The pent-up fires of Democratic enthusiasm, fed by the rivalries that are moving beneath the surface, found a tumultuous outlet again today in the big convention hall.

This time it was Senator Walsh, of Montana, the oil committee prosecutor, who set the convention aflame when he appeared on the platform to preside as permanent chairman.

From the moment his selection for the place was announced, the Garden rung with cheers of approbation, and when he took over the gavel the delegates snatched up their state standards and began a howling parade in tribute to Mr. Walsh's public services in uncovering the Teapot Dome scandal.

It was more than ten minutes before the hall was quieted again, and the Montana Senator then proceeded with his address as permanent chairman to the accompaniment of a constant cannonade of applause.

The speech was part of a session devoted to the formalities of perfecting a permanent organization, while the convention was waiting for its platform committee to settle its difficulties over party declarations.

Senator Walsh, in making his address as permanent chairman, aroused a demonstration when, during his arraignment of the administration in connection with the Teapot Dome scandal, he challenged the naming of a single Democratic official involved.

While he was speaking, somebody sent to the speaker's platform an elaborately prepared little black satchel. It contained such inscriptions as "Graft Inn," "Thousand Oillands," and "Doheny Falls."

When Senator Walsh got to the conclusion of his speech, the audience broke into peevishness when he said in conclusion, "The honor of our country, the

Smith Remains Confident While McDoo Hears Disturbing Rumors

(By the Associated Press.) New York, June 25.—Scouts from the Smith headquarters assigned to missionary work among the state delegations, reported today to their candidate, Governor Alfred E. Smith, of New York, and to his campaign manager, Franklin D. Roosevelt, that they were "winning votes." On the basis of these reports and on the strength of conferences, the Governor and Mr. Roosevelt personally conducted with Democratic leaders, it was announced at the headquarters that confidence in the struggle had expanded, and "there was no question but that Mr. Smith was rapidly approaching the Presidential nomination."

Governor Smith devoted the day to work at his headquarters and in keeping engagements with political leaders.

Charles E. Morris, chief of staff of the

James M. Cox boom, today branded as false published statements that the former Ohio Governor would throw his strength to Governor Smith should it be found impossible to nominate the Ohioan.

Disturbing Reports For McDoo.

New York, June 25.—McDoo headquarters hummed today with activity, but there was no indication of any change in the situation. Mr. McDoo and his managers continued to express optimism with respect to the strength he will poll when balloting begins, but it was admitted that disturbing reports had been brought in by some workers of increased activity on the part of political foes to alienate the support of delegates.

In the face of these reports, however, the McDoo campaign managers were emphatic in the declaration they were holding their own.

DEATH THIS MORNING OF JOHN S. HILL

Well Known Citizen Dies After Long Illness.—Funeral Arrangements Have Not Been Made.

John S. Hill, former deputy sheriff of Cabarrus county and for years a well known citizen of this city, died this morning at his home on East Depot street. He had been ill for several weeks and his death was not unexpected.

No funeral arrangements have been made awaiting word from relatives from other cities.

Mr. Hill was 65 years of age and was born and reared in this county. After his marriage while a young man he moved to Concord, and was associated with several business firms of the city. He was county jailer during the time he served as deputy sheriff of the county.

The deceased was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and was active in the affairs of his Church so long as he was physically able to take part in them.

Surviving are his wife, three children and three sisters. The children are Miss Mary Hill and Conrad Hill, of Concord, and Mrs. Luther K. Lee, of Gastonia.

Mrs. H. M. Winneford, of Detroit, Mrs. J. M. Woodside, of Charlotte, and Mrs. Jesse Johnson, of this city, are the surviving sisters.

Had an Armful.

Washington, D. C., June 24.—Chief Justice Taft is the star customer of Samuel Rod, tailor, and when Rod's shop caught fire this afternoon he dashed frantically through the smoke, gathered up seven suits of clothes belonging to Mr. Taft and staggered out. Inside the elongated fish the fisherman Taft's suits make an armful, so Mr. Rod's other customers did not fare so well. But Mr. Rod is in solid with the Chief Justice.

Platform Drafting Is Proving Tedious Work

Demands For Vigorous Foreign Relations Plank Made by Man Who Served With Dawes Committee.

KLAN ISSUE IS ALSO UNDECIDED

Farm Relief and Prohibition Getting Attention.—Long Sessions Will Be Needed to Complete Platform.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, June 25.—A vigorous foreign relations plank was submitted today to Democratic platform builders by Owen D. Young, of New York, who was a member of the Dawes reparation commission. Appearing suddenly at a continuation of the public hearings, Mr. Young was subjected to a lengthy questioning by members of the committee, but favorable and unfavorable to an expression regarding the league of nations.

When Mr. Young handed copies of the proposed plank to newspaper correspondents, Chairman Homer S. Cummings interposed an objection on the ground that premature publication of the plank might embarrass the convention in its deliberations. Other committeemen took a different view, and finally it was decided on motion of Senator King, of Utah, to permit the plank to be published at this time.

Discussion of this proposal, labor planks and other questions in public sessions delayed the committee in getting down to actual work of platform drafting. This will be started later in the day with the prospects of long sessions. The Ku Klux Klan and prohibition entered into the discussion again.

Declaration on foreign relations, farm relief, prohibition and the Ku Klux Klan were the most difficult problems confronting the sub-committee when it began its labors.

Members of the drafting committee were optimistic, but not inclined before they went into session to make definite predictions as to when they would finish their task.

A large number of other subjects were discussed by spokesmen for various organizations and groups, and the committee was warned by Representative Harry E. Hawes, of Missouri, and Julius Aitchell, of Colorado, that the fight for a specific denunciation of the Ku Klux Klan would be carried to the convention floor if the name of the order should be left out of the "civil and religious liberty" plank by the platform drafters.

Committee men from Massachusetts, Ohio, Minnesota and Wisconsin also went on record as urging mention of the Klan, and when opposing views were invited by the chair, including a call for Imperial Wizard Evans no voice was raised against the proposal.

Voting on the nominee will not begin until the convention has received and adopted its platform, which today was taking shape in a sub-committee.

Alabama, as the first state on the roll call, nominated Senator Underwood and

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Easy at Decline of 14 to 20 Points and Sold 24 to 28 Points Lower.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, June 25.—The cotton market opened easy at a decline of 14 to 20 points today and sold about 24 to 28 points net lower in early trading, owing to relatively easy Liverpool cables, continued favorable weather and crop advances, and the circulation of July notices estimated at about 15,000 bales. Notices were larger than expected and July sold off to 28.05, just about maintaining its premiums over October. Opening prices were: July 28.10; October 25.20; December 24.48; January 24.30; March 24.39.

Engineering Education Conference.

Boulder, Colo., June 25.—The University of Colorado is entertaining during the remainder of this week the thirty-second meeting of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education. Representatives of nearly all of the leading technical schools and engineering societies of the country were present at the opening of the proceedings today.

Two Big Problems.

Madison Square Garden, June 25.—Amid scenes almost without parallel in party history, the Democratic convention today began its grapple with the two big issues before it—the nomination of the Presidential candidate, and determination of the party's attitude toward the Ku Klux Klan.

Searched had the nomination speeches for President began when the vast hall was thrown into chaos by a prolonged demonstration provoked by a reference to the positive stand against the Klan taken by Senator Underwood, of Alabama.

The convention displayed little interest in the first nominating speech until Mr. Johnson got along to the point where he began to make references to the Ku Klux Klan issue. Then the convention began to sit up and take notice.

He brought the convention into a demonstration by the direct reference to the Klan, about half the delegates standing up and cheering, and the other half remaining silently in their seats. Most all of the delegates from Georgia, Missouri, Iowa, Texas, Oklahoma and California remained seated. In concluding his speech nominating Senator Underwood, Mr. Johnson read the anti-Klan plank he had proposed to the platform committee, and another demonstration broke out. There were some contests over whether certain state standards were to go in.

The chairman after concluding his speech, recognized Senator Glass, of Virginia, and there was a brief demonstration of cheering and handclapping. He introduced the formal resolution providing for the organization of the national committee, after the convention adjourned. The resolution was adopted.

50 OIL COMPANIES

TRUST PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings Have Been Instituted by Federal Government and Action Is Sought in Court at Chicago.

GASOLINE PRICES BRING INQUIRIES

Nearly All of the Important Companies in the Country Are Included.—Pooling Is Charged by Government.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, June 25.—Fifty or more of the principal oil companies of the United States were attacked in anti-trust proceedings instituted by the government today in the Federal Court at Chicago.

Attorney General Stone asked an injunction to restrain the companies from further violations of the Sherman Act which he charged against them.

The complaint charged a combination and conspiracy in restraint of trade and commerce among the several states and with foreign nations in gasoline, kerosene and other hydro-carbon products, or generally, all petroleum derivatives.

Nearly all of the important companies, including all of the Standard Companies, were cited. The Attorney General charged them with combining to control the production of gasoline by a pooling of patent rights in violation of the anti-trust act, naming as the primary defendants the Standard Oil Companies of Indiana and New Jersey, the Standard Development Company, the Texas Company, and the Gasoline Products Company. The action constituted one of the most sweeping anti-trust moves on the part of the government in many years. Besides the principals, the Attorney General named as parties a number of "secondary defendants," whom he charged were in the combination as a result of accepting licenses from one or more of the primary defendants.

PROPOSAL TO ABOLISH TWO THIRDS RULE DIES

Rules Committee Turns It Down Coldly.—Unit Rule Is Ignored.

New York, June 25.—Proposals for abolishing the time-honored two-thirds rule for making nominations in Democratic conventions was killed here tonight by the rules committee when it turned down coldly a proposal submitted by Texas that a majority rule be substituted.

The proposition that the custom be changed drew support from only two other states, Florida and Utah. The member from Texas did not urge his motion with any degree of vigor and announced that it was submitted only because he was delegation was under instruction to do so from the Texas state convention. His delegation, he said, would not bring the question to the floor.

The committee discussed at some length the subject of bringing in a rule to cover the subject of unit votes among delegations, but finally disposed of it by leaving it altogether out of its report.

The last order of procedure was changed to allow for nominating speeches ahead of the platform report, the rules committee foreseeing a long drawn out fight in the platform committee over a number of the planks.

\$550 JEWELRY IN REEL

HAULED OUT BY ANGLER

Platinum Ring Set With Diamond and Sapphires Is Added Prize.

Greenwich, Conn., June 24.—An eel caught by Albert J. Kane, of Greenwich, at Field Point Park, Greenwich Harbor, has netted the fishman more than \$500. Those present were: Misses Askins Ivey, found a platinum dinner ring containing 17 diamonds and six sapphires. A greenish jeweler placed the value of the ring at \$550 or more.

Senators at Top By One-Game Margin

New York, June 24.—Washington jumped from third place into the lead in the American league race today. Detroit slipped from first to third and New York moved from third to second. Only two games separate the Senators from St. Louis in fifth. The leaders are three games ahead of Cleveland in sixth and four and one half beyond Chicago in seventh.

The Senators gained a one-game advantage on the field by beating the Yankees, who nevertheless advanced a notch as Detroit dropped two to St. Louis which crept to within one point of Boston in fourth.

The Cleveland Indians, whose winning streak started the wild jamming which has scrambled the race, were kept idle by rain.

Out of 42,000 medical practitioners in England only 2,000 are women.

WHAT SMITTY'S WEATHER CAT SAYS

Local thunderstorms tonight and Thursday.

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