

Party Leaders Stir Big Convention With Notable Addresses

Democratic Body In Session at St. Louis Shows Much Enthusiasm—Harmony Is Keynote—Will Adopt Platform Friday

St. Louis, June 15.—The address of Senator Ollie James, permanent chairman of the national Democratic convention, featured today's session. The nomination of Wilson and Marshall will be made late tonight. The resolutions are expected to be unanimous and a roll-call of the states will be necessary. The convention meets at 8 o'clock tonight for the naming of speakers, and as soon as the speech-making is over the candidates will be named.

After Mr. James concluded there was an insistent demand for a speech by William J. Bryan. Addresses by several other prominent members of the party were also given.

Mr. Bryan got his usual reception when he took his seat in the press box before the convention opened. A soloist in the bandstand sang "Wake America," the preparedness song, as Mr. Bryan was taking his seat.

The plan to adopt the platform after nomination, as was done in Baltimore four years ago, was counted on to fulfill the promise to the city of St. Louis for a four days convention.

It was exactly 11:46 when Temporary Chairman Glynn called the convention to order, the delegates bubbling over with enthusiasm from the speech yesterday.

St. Louis, June 15.—Still fired with enthusiasm stirred up yesterday by keynote speech of Mr. Glynn, of New York, delegates to the Democratic national convention crowded the room today to hear more of the doctrine expounded.

While the sub-committee of the resolutions committee was busy preparing the platform the program called for the permanent organization of the convention, another keynote speech by the permanent chairman and the reading of addresses by leaders of the party.

Delegates were prepared to stir things with more enthusiasm than yesterday. Nearly every delegate was armed with an American flag and carried noise-producing implements.

The committee on rules and order business recommended no serious changes in the rules of order of formation conventions. The rules of the House of Representatives are adopted and no change in the rule provides that a candidate must have two-thirds of the total number of votes in the convention to win a nomination.

ARTILLERY DUEL IS IN PROGRESS

Intense Activity on Both Banks of Meuse—Russians Continue to Advance.

Intense artillery activity is reported on both banks of the river Meuse on the Verdun front. The Germans are directing a heavy fire on Fort Souville, northeast of the fortress, whose guns so far have lent powerful aid in balking the efforts to push the French back to their inner lines of defense.

West of the river Chantancourt, south of Cuimères, where the Germans have already driven a wedge into the French lines, is a special point of attack. No infantry action has occurred on either bank.

In their offensive on the eastern front the Russians are making steady headway, although some distance from Lemberg, their immediate objective. Last reports placed them just across the border, 50 miles north of the city.

Kovel, the railway junction where the link between the German and Austrian forces is formed, has been more closely approached by the Russian army. In Bukowena Czernowitz apparently is cut off from all directions.

MORE REGULAR TROOPS ARE HURRIED TO MEXICAN BORDER.

Washington, June 15.—Coincident with continuing reports from consuls all over northern Mexico telling of the rapid spread of anti-American feeling, the war department yesterday ordered 1,500 additional regular troops to the border. Last night administration officials made no attempt to disguise their uneasiness and it was officially admitted that there is growing alarm over what the agitation may produce and the possibility of an attack on General Pershing's expedition.

No case of attack on the persons of American residents in Mexico has been reported, although there have been one or two attacks on vacant consulates and other American property.

Part of the increasing apprehension here is due to the renewed raids in the Laredo region. Several reports dealing with the situation have been received. Officials declined to reveal details; but seemed inclined to believe a serious purpose was behind the bandit raid on the Coleman ranch. Three raiders were killed and three captured, one report said, adding that they attempted to burn a railroad bridge near Laredo but failed.

The new force sent to join General Funston's border patrol, Secretary Baker said, was to fill in gaps in the guard such as at Laredo. It will composed of 10 companies of coast artillery and a battalion of engineers. The artillerymen will be withdrawn from fortifications between Portland, Maine, and Sandy Hook, and the engineers go from barracks in this city. The secretary said there was no present intention of calling out additional national guard regiments for border duty.

TWO SOLDIERS KILLED BY MEXICAN BANDITS

Laredo, Texas, June 15.—One hundred Mexican bandits crossing the Rio Grande river 40 miles from here early today attacked the American border patrol near San Ignacio, killing two and wounding five, according to reports sent to Fort McIntosh here over the field telephone.

The Mexicans expected to find an insignificant detachment of Americans while instead they were met by two troops of the 14th cavalry, 140 strong. The Americans were only partly surprised. The Mexicans succeeded in making their way to the rear of the camp. The first shot was fired at a sentry.

CHAIRMAN JAMES ON THE RECORD OF DEMOCRACY

Kentucky Senator Tells of Excellent Achievements of the Administration.

St. Louis, June 15.—The achievements of the Wilson administration in enacting beneficial legislation and in keeping the country at peace without sacrifice of the national honor were pronounced epoch-making in American history by Senator Ollie M. James, of Kentucky, in his address today as permanent chairman of the Democratic National Convention.

"During three years of its national control," said Senator James, "Democracy has enacted into law more progressive remedial legislation that the nation has ever had written upon its statute books since its birth. In former national contests in the last two decades our party came as a prophet. Today we come with deeds; not words; with performances, not promises. The Democratic party has kept its word with the American people. We have made good."

The chairman reviewed at length the legislative record of the administration and eulogized the President for his direction of foreign affairs. The Democrats, he said, had enacted a tariff law under which monopolies were curbed and unexampled prosperity attained; a banking law taking the money control out of the hands of an oligarchy and making panics no longer possible; and many reform measures of lesser importance.

Wilson's Mexican Policy.

He declared that President Wilson's Mexican policy and his course in protecting American rights against the encroachments of European belligerents had shown all the world that the President "neither bullies the weak nor fears the strong."

In a concluding appeal for the triumph of patriotism above politics, Senator James said the renomination of such a president in partisan convention ought not to be necessary, and that to discredit him might play the hand that could write the peace treaty of the world.

Against Lobbying.

At the outset the Senator referred briefly to President Wilson's campaign against lobbying and pointed out that under this administration the constitution had been amended for the first time since the Civil War when "we freed the Senate from the control of the great interests by making it elective by the people at the polls."

Underwood-Simmons Tariff Bill.

"Not a schedule in it fosters a monopoly," he said. "Our Republican friends told us it would close factories, fill the streets with idle men, produce a panic, create soup houses and distress would reign everywhere; but we rejoice today to point to an unexampled prosperity in the nation with labor more generally employed, at higher rates, shorter hours, and better conditions than eva before. Our Republican friends tell us that after the war

FIRST REPORT OF THE MEXICAN ATTACK.

Laredo, Texas, June 15.—Two American soldiers have been killed and seven wounded in a fight with bandits forty miles down the river San Ignacio, according to reports here today.

REPORT RECEIVED BY GEN. FUNSTON.

San Antonio, Texas, June 15.—Reports received by Gen. Funston state that two American soldiers were killed this morning in a fight with bandits forty miles from Laredo. Six Mexicans were killed in the fight, which began at 2 o'clock. It is believed several Mexicans were wounded but carried away by companions.

The American wounded numbered seven.

ARBITRATION HAS BEEN SUGGESTED

Railroad Managers Notify Trainmen They Cannot Meet Their Demands.

New York, June 15.—The railroad managers late today notified the heads of the four Railroad Brotherhoods of employees that they could not meet the demands for an eight-hour day and for time and a half for overtime. They proposed arbitration as a solution of the difficulty or submission of the dispute to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

This was the final answer given by the railroads to their employees and probably means that a strike vote of the employees will be taken. A. B. Garretson, head of the Conductors' organization, announced that arbitration was not acceptable and that the proposition to submit the matter to the Interstate Commerce Commission was impracticable because that body had no power to settle the dispute.

STATE BRITISH NAVY HAS SUFFERED HEAVILY IN WAR

Berlin, June 14.—The losses of the British navy during the war are placed by German newspapers at more than 600,000 tons.

Up to the time of the recent great battle in the North Sea, says the Overseas agency, the British lost eleven battleships, 15 armored cruisers and 11 other cruisers. To this must be added 30 torpedo boats, 20 gunboats, 20 submarines and other vessels with an aggregate tonnage of 460,000. These losses were increased as a result of the Skagerrak battle to more than 130 units with a total tonnage exceeding 600,000 tons.

GERMANS CONTINUE VIOLENT BOMBARDMENT

Paris, June 15.—Germans are continuing the violent bombardment of the French positions on Souville, the key to the inner defenses of Verdun.

No infantry fighting occurred on either bank of the Meuse last night. On the Vosges front some minor German attempts to attack the French lines were made but failed completely.

DAMAGE SUIT BEING HEARD IN COUNTY COURT

In the county court this morning the case of H. A. Tatem vs. S. W. Apperson was given to the jury about noon, the hearing requiring the greater part of the sessions on Wednesday and practically all of the morning session today.

At the conclusion of the above case that of Naomi Sales vs. Frank Lewellyn and the City of Winston-Salem was taken up and before court adjourned for lunch the jury was impaneled. In the latter case the plaintiff is asking damages of the joint defendants for injuries received while the development of East Third street was in progress, the heavy fill made in grading creating a step-off between the street and the house occupied by the plaintiff. In attempting to enter the house the plaintiff alleges that insufficient means of egress and ingress to the house which was arranged by Contractor Lewellyn who was doing the work for the city, and that because of this negligence and responsibility for injuries, which was placed at \$1,000. The city disclaims responsibility in the matter and further will attempt to show that the contractor took all necessary precaution and is not liable for damages in the case.

In the county court the jury in the case of W. V. Hartman, receiver, vs. O. W. Kerner, et al, has returned a verdict against the defendants for the sum of \$1,000, with interest from the date of maturity of the note which formed the basis upon which the complaint was drawn, the date being July 2, 1914.

The jury in the case of Clinton Peebles, et al, vs. Clayton King, et al, in their verdict reported that the accident upon which the claim for damages was based by the plaintiff was caused by the negligence of the defendant; that the plaintiff from the evidence was guilty of contributory negligence, and for that reason allowed the plaintiff to recover only \$50 by their verdict.

GLYNN ON THE CHIEF ISSUES OF CAMPAIGN

DENOUNCE ATTITUDE ADDRESS RINGS CLEAR ON VITAL POINTS TAKEN UP

Greeks Not Pleased With Policy of the Allies Toward Neutrals.

Athens (via London), June 15.—The attitude of the allies toward Greece was denounced at a number of meetings held here today at which resolutions were adopted expressing loyalty to King Constantine and confidence in the policy of Premier Skoufoudis.

MARTINSVILLE MAYOR COMMITS SUICIDE

Parties in the city today from Martinsville, Va., report a tragedy that occurred there shortly before noon Wednesday morning, when H. B. Hundley, mayor of the town, committed suicide in a room over his office. The rash act was not discovered until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. Hundley's act is attributed to financial worry, it is said. Only Tuesday he was re-elected mayor of the town for another term.

The deceased is survived by a widow and two daughters, Misses Mamie and Mattie Hundley. He was a splendid gentleman and citizen and his untimely death has cast a shadow of gloom over the entire community.

BOMB EXPLODES AND WRECKS A MAIL CAR

Butte, Mont., June 15.—A bomb in a package in one of the mail pouches being transferred from a Chicago, Burlington and Quincy train to the Oregon Short Line here today exploded and wrecked the Oregon Short Line mail car. The package was addressed to the governor of Utah.

MR. BRYAN STANDS FIRMLY BEHIND PRESIDENT WILSON

St. Louis, Mo., June 15.—While the resolutions committee was in session, Samuel A. King, of Utah, rose and made the statement:

"I called on William J. Bryan and asked if he would submit any planks. He replied: 'I have no planks to offer but one, and that is the President's. Determine what he wants and his plank will be mine. I expect to go before the people in his behalf on your report.'"

MAY TWENTIETH PRAYER IS PRESENTED TO MR. WILSON.

The session of the Second Presbyterian church of Charlotte has had a copy of the prayer offered by their pastor, Rev. A. A. McGeachy, on the occasion of the Mocklenburg Celebration, framed in silver as a souvenir for President Wilson.

Dr. A. J. Crowell, on behalf of the Session, presented the prayer, which is very handsomely gotten up with the American flag and the coat of arms of North Carolina, to President Wilson, who expressed much pleasure at the unique remembrance.

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR ELECTS GRAND OFFICERS

Asheville, June 15.—Officers for the Grand chapter of North Carolina, Order of the Eastern Star, in session here, were elected as follows: Mrs. Nolan Knight, of Asheville, grand matron; Miss Maude Hoyle, of Charlotte, associate grand matron; J. Edward Allen, of Warrenton, grand patron; J. J. Phoenix, of Greensboro, associate grand patron; Mrs. Agnes Hamlin, grand conductress; Miss Clem Blackner, of Asheville, associate grand conductress; Mrs. Emma Siler, of Siler City, grand treasurer; Mrs. Mary Wetherley, of Franklinville, grand secretary.

BIG BLOCKADE PLANT IN WILKES DESTROYED

A large steam distillery plant, the largest of its kind found by the officers in a long time, was destroyed in Wilkes county Monday by Deputy Collector Alexander and Deputy Sheriff Gilbert of Statesville. There was no one on the premises when the officers arrived, but a "rum" had just been completed and the fire was still burning under the 150-gallon boiler. Five thousand gallons of beer, a lot of mash, meal, etc., was destroyed along with the plant.

'DIXIE' BRINGS ROAR

Applause Interspersed With "Rebel Yell" at Democratic Convention.

St. Louis, June 14.—The Texas delegates tossed souvenir miniature bales of cotton into the galleries just before the convention opened today.

At 11:45 the official band began the opening concert and accompaniment to a male quartette which sang a new song about America through megaphones. It brought the first applause of the day.

Just before the convention was called to order the band played "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean" and the delegates rose and joined in the chorus.

"Dixie" brought a roar interspersed with the "rebel yell."

OPENING OF THE CONVENTION WEDNESDAY AT NOON

St. Louis, June 14.—With the keynote of "Americanism and peace, preparedness and prosperity," the Democratic national convention began its first session shortly after noon today with not a single element in sight to disturb the renomination of Wilson and Marshall.

When National Chairman McCombs called the convention to order 12,000 delegates, alternates and spectators packed the big Coliseum. Members of the national committee, members of the president's cabinet and party leaders sat on the platform. Plaster medallions of Washington, Jackson, Jefferson and Cleveland looked down upon the spectators from the decorations.

The only picture of President Wilson hung in front of the speaker's desk, inscribed "America First."

Vice presidential booms, willed by President Wilson's direct word that he desired the renomination of Vice President Marshall, were brought to the convention hall but only as favorite sons compliments.

When Chairman McCombs had called the convention to order the next business was the reading of the call by Secretary Kraemer.

Former Governor Glynn, of New York, was next with the keynote speech.

All prospects of a fight in the convention had gone glimmering over night with William J. Bryan's announcement that he would not press certain planks before the resolutions committee and that he would make campaign speeches for the Democratic nominee.

"We have entered the hall as Democrats; let us leave as American citizens," said Mr. Glynn. "It is the business of this convention, speaking from every racial strain in America, to send forth a message to all the world that will leave no room for doubt."

At 11:20 o'clock there were not more than 20 delegates on the floor of the national Democratic convention, only a few officials on the platform and the galleries were filling slowly.

There was little excitement and bands from downtown furnished the only amusement.

Carpenters were betting a tattoo in finishing touches on the hall as the delegates filed in.

The delegates and alternates had seats on the main floor arranged like an oblong wedge, with the broad side toward the platform. Their seats were jammed together, arrangements being much more congested than at either Chicago convention.

The only picture of Wilson was hung on the speaker's stand. It was a small reproduction of a photograph on a shield with a background of the flag and inscribed, "America First."

The Coliseum filled rapidly just before noon, some delay in opening the doors to spectators preventing an earlier influx. Bands accompanied the delegations but were not allowed to march into the hall. There was little excitement or cheering preceding the opening of the convention.

Motion picture machines and cameras were at every vantage point. Because of the heat under a skylight many delegates removed their coats and it promised to become soon a coatless crowd.

Chairman McCombs took his place at 11:30 amid cheers and applause. A few thumps of his gavel quickly secured order and he cried: "The convention will be in order."

One verse of America was then sung by the entire crowd with flags tossing to the rhythm. It was followed by the Star Spangled Banner.

The Rev. James W. Lee, of St. Louis, offered the prayer.

DAVIDSON COUNTY FAIR TO BE HELD OCT. 13-14

The directors of the Davidson county fair association have fixed October 13 and 14 as the dates for holding Davidson's first county fair. A preliminary list is being prepared and an active campaign in behalf of the fair will be conducted throughout the county. Aeroplane flights will be held on both days.