Convention Sidelights

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New York June 23—Scenting the battle from afar, Democrats have been rushing into New York far haad of their scheduled time of arbeits. Both had humble had word has come that the arroundings are the last word in lux-

head of their scheduled time of arrival. Word has come that the arrival of various special trains has been advanced in some cases as much as a day. Everybody apparently wants to get in on the fray as early arrivals have been and all this would indicate there would be no harry to get away from New York if the convention is long drawn out.

The early arrivals have embarance and a much of the big hotels, particularly the Waldorf where the Nation Committee has its head quarters. Most of the convention reservations were made from Sunday, but thousands of delegates and visitors had arrived by Thursday.

There were other conventions in the city last week—New York is seldom without them—and one of the biggest was at the Waldorf—the Retail Credit Men's Association. How to get the credit men out and the politicians into the same room space has been a problem difficult to solve. Folities always has made strange hed-fellows, but maybe the credit men have objected. By Sunday the tangle will be ended and then everything will be set for the long grind.

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ces are that Connecticut will yield to New York when her name is sailed. Connecticut had figured on presenting the name of her favorite son, Homer S. Cummings, but Mr. Cummings has been elected as chairman of the corrections. man of the convention committee on resolutions and has asked his broth-ers of the nutmeg state not to offer him. His wishes will be respected and as Connecticut's second choice is Al Smith the yielding will be a sim-

Thanks to residing in Alabama, Senator Oscar W. Underwood, will have the honor of leading all of the other candidates to the convention pplls. The Underwood supporters are very much in earnest and believe there will be a great deal of enthu-iasm in the convention for their fav-

iasm in the convention for their fav-orite son.

Ohio has not asked any of her sister states to yield for an early pre-sentation of the claims of former Governor James M. Cox and proba-bly will wait patiently until her name is reached on the list of states, The Cox movement is being kept wholly a Buckeye affair up to this time, although substantial headquar-ters have been opened for him in the time, although substantial headquarters have been opened for him in the Waldorf hotel. This headquarters really is Ohio delegation headquarters. The Ohio special train will arrive Sunday morning and with it will come the famous Cox campaign song which resounded through San Francisco from the opening of the 1920 convention until that early morning hour when the son of Ohio finally won the day. This is the way the song goes:

O-Hf O-O-Hi O
The hills send back the cry.

"We're here to do or die";
O-Hi-O O-Hi-O.
We'll nominate Cox.
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In San Francisco the Cox boomers had a brass band with them. They will not bring one to New York. The Cox boom is not a brass band affair this time. His supporters say they are for him to the end and believe he will win.

The selection of Homer Cummings as chairman of the resolutions committee means that the friends of the League of Nations will have a strong ally at the head of the committee which is to draft the platform. Many of the delegates who will attend the convention this year remember the masterly oration delivered by Mr. Cummings at San Francisco. His tribute then to the work of Woodrow Wilson in the war and at the peace conference was a striking piece of rhetorical sincerity.

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Mr. Cummings feels at this time that the party is under greater obligations than ever to its dead president and the platform references in that respect will be awaited with the keenest interest.

There is no chance that this convention will be permitted to evade the League of Nations issue. And thus far there is no indication among the arriving delegates of a desire to evade it. They say that Mr. Coolidge's recent speeches all show an "International trend" and they believe the Republicans will stress the international aspect of the country's international aspect of the country's

international aspect of the country's affairs.
Coincident with the arrival of the first Southern delegates, Georgia watermelons have raide their appearance in restaurant windows and fruiterers' shops. Some Georgia peaches also have arrived.
There is something quite inspiring about the sumtuousness of some of the Democratic aspirants, for the

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beginnings but their present sur-roundings are the last word in lux-

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Mr. Taggart knows of only one candidate in the race, Senator Samuel Ralston, a Hoosier Grover Cleveland. He likes Al Smith; he likes a lot of people but he vows and declares he is not in the bossing business and never was there.

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All the talk about the visits that George Brennan, of Illinois, and the late Charles W. Murphy of Tammany Hall, used to make to him at French Lick Springs, was pure "bunk" according to Mr. Taggart. This triumvirate did not meet together to settle the affairs of the party. They did not meet to turn thumbs down on certain candidates. The last visit Mr. Murphy made to French Lick was said to have been for the purpose of vetoing Mr. McAdoo as a candidate. That was all wrong, says Mr. Tagart. All the triumvirate did was to play golf, take the haths and lounge around in the evening enjoying life and indulging in social pastimes.

The "Big Four" of today is popularly supposed to consist of Messrs Taggart, Brennan, Guffey of Pittsburgh, and Al Smith, of New York, as the successor of the late Tammany chieftain in Democratic leadership of his home state. There is no doubt there exists a strong "community of interests" between these four gentlemen, but Mr. Taggart is consistent in saying that from the first he has been for Senator Ralston, regardless of what the other sides of the big four may think, and he believes that among the dark horse element, Mr. Ralston has a leading position.

The latest official bulletin from headquarters of the "dry" force sent here from Washington to "mop up" during the convention period, announces that contrary to general opinion in the great American hinterland, New York really, is not now and never has been since prohibition became a law a really wet city.

"It's just damp in spots," explains the regional director.

Never the less and notwithstanding, fate has been kind to the boot-leggers these last few nights pre-

Political Boss



lege graduate, has become political boss of Cumberland county, N. J., and thus became New Jersey's delegate at large to the Democratic Convention. Thelma Parkinson, 25, Smith Col

ceeding the convention, Heavy fogs have fallen with the evening philosophy of politics. shadows and in the sheltered seclusion of the gray mists the swift motor craft of the whiskey merchants have been playing ducks and drakes with their natural enemy, the revenues. Several battles have taken and the fog blanket, but for safety variety and won't explode drakes with their natural enemy, the safely reached their destination with the forbidden cargoes.

Thus far the bootleggers have kept their agreement not to raise rates on the Democrats. They said they would abide by the decisions of the hotel men and the restauranters to charge only normal fees. If the

convention should prove to be a long drawn out affair, however, there may be a chance, for it is axiomatic that all rules fail in "dry" weather.

The police have arrested two swin-ers charged with trying to sell bits glass as diamonds. It is denied of glass as diamonds. It is denied that any of the visiting Democrats were the victims of the game

Here's an evidence of what the ew Yorkers themselves think of concention.

the convention.

The New York City delegates are describes their outlying homes and taking quarters at a hotel right in the middle of what may be called the convention loop. They do not want to miss anything by going home onights.

The Al Smith forces secred an erly scoop on their rivals of the McAdoc camp. Smith headquarters produced the first band. And there produced the first band. And there is just one guess as to the name of the first tune. You are right. It was "The Side-walks of New York." 'Rode O'Grady" and all the other familiar airs of the olden days followed in their proper places.

All this arranging of an extra special session of the convention at 9 o'clock day light saving time. Tuesday evening for the delivery of Senator Pat Harrison's "keynote" speech must mean that the Senator has certainly written himself a piece. "The boys" who have seen the niece 'The boys" who have seen the piece asy it will make everyone sit up and take notice. Senator Pat does not helieve in loving his Republican brethren or dwelling in unity with them. Sock 'em in the jaw is his

They have even gotten out pack ages of paper matches urging everybody to vote for Al Smith for presi-

dent.
"Give us another Lincoln" say the

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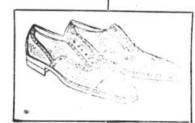
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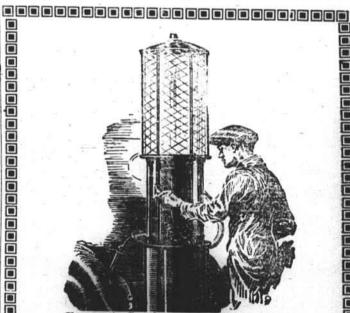
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