

Outlook Nomination Glass Appears Growing Brighter

Smith Appears to Be Able Block McAdoo While McAdoo Can Certainly Block Smith or John W. Davis Who Seems to Be Second Choice of Smith Forces Now

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New York, June 23.—Although the balloting for nominations will not come till Thursday or Friday a number of things are developing as the delegates of the Democratic National Convention assemble which give an interesting line on what is going to happen.

First of all, William Gibbs McAdoo and Governor Al Smith together control more than 800 of the 1,098 delegates. The so-called "dark horses" of whom there is an abundance, depend entirely for their opportunity on a break-up of the Smith and McAdoo forces.

But pre-convention strategy does not move as fast now as it will when the balloting begins and only if every leader could appraise at its true value the promises of support he has been given would it be possible to form a definite estimate of strength.

To date there is a growing combination which has for its primary object the defeat of McAdoo because until he is eliminated there is little chance of Smith or any of the dark horses. So the entire field has been combed for a working coalition which will operate constantly against McAdoo in as many ballots as shall be necessary.

The hand of the anti-McAdoo forces having been shown, his supporters have redoubled their efforts to hold their lines and even McAdoo himself has been receiving delegates for the last 24 hours arguing with them in person about the need for a progressive candidate. McAdoo's speech denouncing certain New York newspapers for alleged unfair treatment is also a part of the pre-convention strategy, the same representing an effort to win friends on the ground that the cards are stacked against him.

In the middle of it all comes the New York World with an editorial supporting Al Smith, furnishing more ammunition for the anti-McAdoo combination; for while there are a number of delegates who are by no means convert to the idea of nominating Smith, they have first to be convinced that McAdoo should be deserted.

There is no doubt that McAdoo has lost several delegates since last Saturday but there is also every reason to believe he has picked up several he did not have before. Whether there is a net loss or net gain is difficult even for his own managers to determine, but this correspondent knows of at least two delegations held for McAdoo under the unit rule which will break away after two or three ballots.

This is to a great extent a "band wagon" convention. Many delegations are looking cautiously about refusing to commit themselves definitely in any direction but aiming to cast their support where it will stand the best chance of being rewarded by the winning candidate if he should be fortunate in the autumn elections.

Some of the anti-McAdoo leaders can show you on paper that they have more than one-third of the delegates assured to prevent McAdoo's nomination but it would appear that the coalition is not as strong as it was four years ago in San Francisco as the leadership of the anti-McAdoo forces is not yet functioning smoothly.

There are ever so many delegates who will wait to see if McAdoo can cross the majority mark before giving him any support and the effort of the McAdoo managers just now is to make as big a showing on the first five ballots as possible so as to keep the anti-McAdoo forces from becoming too strong. In order to do this, the word has been passed that if McAdoo should be eliminated he would cast his strength in this or that direction. A number of the states which have favorite sons are being kept in line by such tactics. Indeed, the McAdoo forces are establishing an entente with every state they can in the hope at least of preventing the Smith vote from ever passing McAdoo.

A recognition of psychological factors and a skillful handling of delegates can change any preconceived

BUILDS PLATFORM



Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the Democratic committee on resolutions, shown drawing up the party platform.

controversy. The forces opposed to McAdoo insist he has the support of the Klan and since he has not specifically repudiated the Klan, the opposition to McAdoo is thereby gaining strength; for unquestionably this convention is anti-Ku Klux Klan and will not truckle to get it support.

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TARHEELS AGREE STAND BY MCADOO

Max Gardner Chairman Carolina Organization, Governor Morrison and Miss Graham on Committees.

New York, June 24.—The National Democratic Convention opened at noon today in New York City with the Smith and McAdoo forces both claiming eventual victory.

The North Carolina delegation, settling the dissension in their ranks, decided to abide by the primary instructions for McAdoo.

Max Gardner was elected chairman of the North Carolina organization at the convention with Mrs. J. G. Fearing of Elizabeth City vice chairman. Governor Cameron Morrison was named a member of the convention committee on resolutions and Miss Mary Owen Graham a member of the National Committee.

ASK GOVERNOR McLEOD TO PROTECT TOURISTS

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NO MEETING TONIGHT

No meeting of the Senior Fidelis class of the First Baptist Sunday School will be held tonight, but the same Bible study will be taken up at the meeting next month.

Clubs Hold Meetings

The Banks Home Demonstration Club met Monday with Mrs. John Williams for a demonstration in canning snap beans and on Tuesday afternoon the Mt. Hermon Club met with Mrs. Elijah Whitehurst. The Riverside Club will hold its meeting Wednesday afternoon at Bartlett's beach, and on Thursday Small's School Club meets with Mrs. C. A. Jackson. Friday the Weeksville Girls Club will make plans for summer meetings.

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