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## William Gibbs McAdoo Is Holding The Reins Tight

McAdoo Delegates are Sticking and It's Too Early to Talk of Dark Horses—Governor Al Smith Is Out After These Who are Holding for "Favorite Sons"

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Madison Square Garden, New York, June 25.—William Gibbs McAdoo is holding his lines.

Governor Al Smith of New York is forming a more cohesive organization hourly and working in combination with several "favorite sons" delegations.

John W. Davis, leader of the dark horses and second choice of most of the delegates of the convention, has been almost irreparably hurt by disclosure that he is an attorney for the Standard Oil Company.

Senator Ralston of Indiana, although criticized as being too old to make the strenuous race ahead, is considered the last objectionable of the candidates offered, and Tom Taggart is maneuvering him gradually into position for a compromise.

Until the McAdoo delegates have been definitely driven away from the former secretary of the treasury the convention will remain deadlocked indefinitely and talk of dark horses is premature.

And the McAdoo delegates are sticking.

This is the situation on the second day of the Democratic National Convention, so far as candidacies are concerned, but there are other troubles and controversies almost as significant and vexing for the delegates. It is incredible, for instance, that there should be a row in a Democratic convention over the League of Nations issue, especially after the remarkable demonstration which greeted the mention of Woodrow Wilson's name in the opening session, but it is true nevertheless. The resolutions committee is still holding open hearings before going into executive session but the friends of the league are growing more and more apprehensive every minute that the committee may decide to straddle the question and adopt something vague and indefinite instead of a straight declaration for American participation in the League of Nations.

There is every likelihood that, unless the platform plank is unequivocal on this subject, the fight will be carried to the floor of the convention.

The origin of the timidity here, however, is interesting. There are many states where the Democrats who left the party in 1920 on the league issue have not returned. In their anxiety to win even staunch adherents of the league are saying there is no use deliberately antagonizing large groups of voters. In opposition to this line of reasoning is the oft repeated argument of the pro-leaguers that sentiment has swung considerably since 1920 and that even the Republican Convention at Cleveland was not as hostile to cooperation with Europe as was the case in 1920.

The McAdoo managers who, it would be thought, would lead the fight for the League of Nations are conspicuously silent; preferring to have the issue made by others. Men, who like Newton D. Baker and Carter Glass will not let it slumber are sure to insist on a plank favorable to the league. Mr. McAdoo's position is that the league should be entered by the United States only after a national referendum. William Jennings Bryan favors the same thing.

On the Ku Klux Klan plank agreement seems to be in sight and there is much less controversy about the prohibition question than there was four years ago. The platform will be brought in by the resolutions committee on Thursday; but a debate on the floor appears inevitable with a final decision subject to balloting on specific planks by the convention itself. Most of the opposition to McAdoo here has developed from the Ku Klux Klan issue and his supporters are anxious to have the platform adopted so that he can publicly say he stands on the plank therein. This may dispose of much of that antagonism he has encountered, though, when that is out of the way, a rebirth of the oil issue would not be surprising.

The arguments of the McAdoo people on this phase of their campaign here are interesting. The keynote speech of Senator Pat Harrison pointed with pride to the record of the Democratic Administration in having a no scandal record in eight years of power. So also do the friends of McAdoo contend that in five years and a half serving as Secretary of the Treasury and later as Director General of railroads, handling \$27,000,000,000, not a single act can be pointed out as dishonest or improper in his official record.

This is the principal answer made now by the McAdoo men and would be their line of defense if he is nominated. But it has a weakness—and many of the delegates are being urged to nominate some one who

## McADOO NAMED BY SENATOR PHELAN

Year Demands Return Triumphant Democracy and There Is Room for But One Reactionary Party.

New York, June 25.—William G. McAdoo was placed in nomination for the Presidency at the Democratic National Convention today by former Senator James D. Phelan, of California, with the declaration that he is the "natural leader of progressive thought and achievement."

"This year demands the return of triumphant democracy," said Mr. Phelan, "the progressives of the Nation look to the Democratic party for their leader. Shall we give him to them? There is room in America for but one reactionary party and the Republicans have pre-empted that field. The party's chance of success depends upon its choice for candidate for the Presidency of this man."

Tracing Mr. McAdoo's career both in the Government service and in private life, Mr. Phelan declared that the "vast problems of the continent are his familiar themes; the prosperity of farm and forest and mine, factors of natural growth and strength and transportation and irrigation, these are not strange subjects born of restricted environment and narrow outlook."

"In the broadness of his vision, his sympathetic understanding, his aggressive personality, his burning patriotism, he is an ideal American," continued the speaker. "And so the country will accept him."

"The vast machinery of the Government rumbles discordantly along the road; the parts do not fit; the crew recreant and rebellious and the chosen chief engineer has been succeeded by the accident of an accident."

"Where should the people in all providence turn? Continue the inexperienced and inept, or take a trained and tried chief who can at once step into the cab and give command. We want a man who knows where he is going, and who is going where the people want him to go—capable, progressive, confident of his power and alert and eager to serve."

While Mr. McAdoo was Secretary of the Treasury, the convention was told, he "cleansed it of the foul growth of favoritism and repelled the insidious attacks of the powerful, made it the repository of the people's hopes and the instrumentality of sound finance, the safeguard of honest business and industrial prosperity."

"We honor President Wilson who left a great heritage of character and achievement to the democracy," continued Mr. Phelan, "but we shall not forget the toiler by his side, the inspirers of ideas and the doer of things, the great Secretary of Treasury in the most exacting and soul testing administration since Lincoln's."

Asserting that Mr. McAdoo understands the farmer's problems "far better than any aspirant for the Presidency—either Democrat or Republican," Mr. Phelan added:

"From every side today come urgent demands for adequate solution of agricultural problems. Want man is better equipped to solve them than this man, who was raised on a farm, who during his long administration of the treasury department of the farm loan bureau and of the railroad came into daily contact with farming problems of every description and who had then and has now the vision to see the remedy and the courage to effect it."

## TWO KILLED WHEN BUILDING COLLAPSES

(By The Associated Press)  
Chicago, June 25.—A man and woman were killed and an arm torn off a girl here today by the collapse of a portion of a building in the downtown wholesale tailoring district.

## FLIERS MAKE PROGRESS

Calcutta, June 25.—The American round the world fliers who hopped off from Rangoon this morning arrived at Chittagong this afternoon.

## NEGRO TIDE TURNS

St. Louis, June 25.—(Special)—Hundreds of negro farm hands who came here to work in the factories earlier in the year are departing for the Arkansas cotton fields.

will not have to be on the defense from the start. And that's where the dark horses hold their heads high with hope.

"HOWDY-DO," SAYS McADOO



William G. McAdoo, who was placed in nomination Wednesday by Senator Phelan of California.

## SECOND SECOND



For the second time it has fallen upon Izzetta Jewell Brown, one time famed upon the stage as leading lady for Otis Skinner, to second the nomination of John W. Davis. Upon her first appearance at the San Francisco Democratic Convention her speech created a sensation. Mrs. Brown entered politics after the death of her husband, who had been a Congressman from West Virginia.

## AYDLETT MADE PRESIDENT OF ORPHANAGE TRUSTEES

Thomasville, June 25.—(Special)—E. F. Aydlett of Elizabeth City was elected president of the board of trustees of Thomasville Baptist Orphanage at the annual meeting here today.

## Proceedings Against Fifty Oil Companies

Washington, June 25.—Fifty or more of the principal oil companies of the United States were attacked in anti-trust proceedings instituted today by the Government in Federal Court at Chicago. Attorney General Stone asked an injunction to restrain the companies from further violation of the Sherman Act which he charged against them.

## DRAINAGE HEARING DEFERRED

The drainage hearing set for Monday of this week before Clerk of Superior Court E. L. Sawyer was deferred when permission was granted to the petitioners on that date to issue alias summons for parties to the suit who, it was held, were not properly in court.

Date for the continued hearing has not yet been set.

Parties to the controversy are the State Highway Commission and the Foreman Stock Farm et al and the area affected is 50,000 acres of land in Mt. Hermon township which the State Highway Commission contends must be drained to adequately maintain the State road from Elizabeth City to Woodville.

## CLOTHING WORKERS STRIKE

New York, June 25.—Forty thousand clothing workers went on a strike for better working conditions here yesterday.

## HOPING TO SECURE REAL PLAYGROUND

Kiwanians Have Applied to Harmon Foundation and Have Met Requirements

The Kiwanis Club of Elizabeth City held a meeting with the School Board Tuesday evening in connection with the movement to secure a playground for Elizabeth City through the Harmon Foundation.

The Kiwanians now have their plans in such shape that they can but believe they have a chance to secure the aid which the Harmon Foundation will allot on the first of July.

On that date 50 play places will be chosen from the over 600 applications received by the Foundation at headquarters in New York.

Cities making application must have a population of at least 3,000 and must show a growth of 30 per cent or more since 1900. A desirable and permanent site must be found and the local interest shown in regard to equipment and supervision will be considered.

The Foundation is concerned with assisting small, rapidly growing towns in securing centrally located grounds to be used permanently for recreation purposes. Too often play places are established on unimproved privately owned lots which are later turned into factory sites or used for other local development, the Foundation maintains, and for this reason its work is definitely limited to the acquisition of land for play uses, leaving questions of equipment and supervision to local organizations.

With the Harmon Foundation assuring a permanent playground, the Kiwanians looking out for the equipment and the School Board for capable supervision, Elizabeth City would be among the truly fortunate.

However, the Harmon Foundation offer does not close until the first of July, and after that some time must elapse for deciding the matter.

The Kiwanians have endeavored to meet all the requirements of the Foundation and having labored diligently their hopes are strong that they will be able to announce their success later on.

## MUST CUT WEEDS AND CLEAN UP

Weeds and grass must be cut immediately or fines and court costs will be the result, warns City Manager Bray, who finds that he will have to resort to this method to secure the co-operation of the people of the city in cleaning up.

Mosquitoes and disease follow in wake of uncut weeds, and the City Manager is on the job of keeping the town clean and healthful.

City Health Officer Dr. Zenas Fearing requests everybody to clean up their premises and to use lime freely for their health's sake.

## AMERICAN SAILORS IN DANCE HALL FIGHT

London, June 25.—A free for all fight between American and Filipino sailors from the American warships at Torquay last night was reported today by press associations. The Filipinos are reported to have used knives, wounding two Americans. The fight started in a dance hall.

## RETURN TO MARION

Washington, June 25.—Brigadier General Charles E. Sawyer yesterday resigned as White House physician to return to Marion, Ohio, and work with the Harding Memorial Association.

## Senator Walsh Fans Fires Of Democracy Into Blaze

Oil Committee Prosecutor and Permanent Convention Chairman Given Ovation by Assembled Democrats in Tribute to Services in Teapot Dome Scandal

(By The Associated Press)

Madison Square Garden, New York, June 25.—The pent up fires of Democratic enthusiasm fed by the rivalries that are moving beneath the surface today found tumultuous outlet again in the big convention hall.

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

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

The American people will be on trial before the world in the coming presidential campaign, Senator Walsh declared.

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.

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

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, "that 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 erected 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 to free government lies rather than in its casual occurrence."

"The President of the United States himself," he continued, "has not hesitated to endeavor to shield the delinquents from the public odium to which their delinquencies 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 permit it.

"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 antagonisms 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."

"Effort of the dominant factions 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

## KLAN CAUSE OF DEMONSTRATION

Nomination Speech of Fordney Johnson Presenting Senator Underwood Throws Vast Hall Into Chaos.

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

Scarcely had the nominating speeches begun when the vast hall was thrown into chaos by a prolonged demonstration provoked by reference to the positive stand against the Klan taken by Senator Underwood.

The demand of Senator Oscar W. Underwood, of Alabama, at the democratic national convention to condemn by name the political activities of the Ku Klux Klan was voiced to the convention by Fordney Johnson of Alabama, as the keynote of his speech placing Mr. Underwood's name before the convention for the presidential nomination.

"No bare reference to the constitution or the bill of rights, actually mentioned in the Klan oath, is adequate in this connection," Mr. Johnson declared. "The bill of rights are limitations only upon the state and federal governments and not upon private conspiracy. That is why the candidate of my people has insisted upon plain words."

"The question before this party is whether secret organizations shall be given powers immune from the bill of rights and superior to those delegated to the elected representatives of the people."

"Above all does the candidate we represent condemn the massed action of secret political orders in furtherance of any objective as plainly contrary to the spirit of the constitution."

"In order to express squarely his opinion on this grave question, I have at his request, introduced a resolution reciting the established position of our party on that precise issue referring to the resolution of 1856 and concluding with this resolving clause:

"Resolved: that we reaffirm the principles set forth in the said resolution at the democratic platform of 1856 and condemn as un-American and un-Democratic political action by secret or quasi secret organizations in furtherance of any political objective whatsoever; and in particular do we condemn such action for the purpose of prescribing the political rights and privileges of citizens of the United States, as is now proposed, practiced, and publicly acknowledged by the organization known as the Ku Klux Klan, and as may now or hereafter be proposed or practiced by any organization whatsoever."

## FUNERAL OF R. C. ABBOTT ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The funeral of R. C. Abbott, who died at his home 705 West Church street Tuesday, will be conducted at the home at four o'clock Thursday afternoon by Dr. S. H. Templeman, and interment made at Hollywood Cemetery.

## TO TEST VALIDITY OF LIQUOR TREATY

(By The Associated Press)  
New York, June 25.—An order was served today on District Attorney Hayward directing him to appear before Federal Judge Knox to show cause why he should not seize all liquors aboard the Cunard liner Berendari scheduled to sail for England today. The order was issued at the request of the Neptune Association of Masters and Mates and was said to be the first step toward a case designed to test the validity of the recent liquor treaty with Great Britain.

## COTTON MARKET

New York, June 25.—Spot cotton, closed steady. Middling 30.15 an advance of 80 points. Futures, closing bid, July 29.13, Oct. 25.47, Dec. 24.73, Jan. 24.48, March 24.71.

New York, June 25.—Cotton futures, opened today at the following levels: July 25.10, Oct. 25.15, Dec. 24.48, Jan. 24.30, March 24.39.

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