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## Railway Labor For McAdoo With Smith Second Choice

Strikes Off Names of Other Candidates but if Either of These Two are Nominated There Is Chance That LaFollette Will Not be Put Forth by Third Party

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Madison Square Garden, New York, June 27.—Definite overtures have been made by railroad labor to leaders of the Democratic party assembled here to nominate the type of candidate who will make it unnecessary for a third party to be formed at Cleveland.

Six railway unions and a score of other locals have prepared a statement shortly to be issued which lists practically all but two of the men before the convention as objectionable in the sense that their nomination could not prevent the entrance into the contest of Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin.

The first choice of the railroad group is William Gibbs McAdoo, and it is promised that if he is named, Senator LaFollette will not run. The spokesmen for labor say they can state this with authority.

The second choice appears to be Governor Al Smith of New York, though the petition will not say so in as many words. While McAdoo is preferred, the candidacy of Al Smith is said to be acceptable. His name does not appear in the list which will be opposed.

For several weeks it has been apparent that the conference for progressive political action which has its convention scheduled for July 4th at Cleveland comprised a Democratic and Republican section. The railroad brotherhoods led by Warren Stone are friendly to McAdoo and if he should be named by the Democrats a serious effort has always been expected to have the next Cleveland convention endorse him. Not caring to wait, however, the railroad labor leaders are beginning to show their hand before the contest here actually starts though the statement will not be issued in all probability until a climax comes in the balloting.

The railroad brotherhoods are understood to take the view that with President Coolidge being expressly opposed and with a Democratic candidate expressly favorable to their viewpoint, all forces should concentrate on the support of a Democrat and avoid wasting any votes on a third party ticket.

But there are Democrats here who take the opposite view. They want a third party in the field, believing that such a contingency might split the Republican party this year as in 1912 and thus insure Democratic success. The friends of the conservative candidates in the field here have said all along that with LaFollette running a Democratic candidate would be the beneficiary, provided he was not a radical. They have argued that a radical Democrat would win only the radical Democratic votes while the radical Republican votes would still go to LaFollette and that even if the Wisconsin Senator did not run, the combined radical vote of the Republican and Democratic parties would not be sufficient to assure victory for a Democrat.

However that may be, the railway unions have taken a hand in the struggle. The campaign between the candidates continues without much change. The so-called test vote on adjournment Thursday has been upset by the statements of some delegates which voted with McAdoo and some who did not that they will be found in another column when the balloting starts and that their votes last night simply indicated their personal convenience on the question of a night session.

Louisiana with 20 votes, voted with the McAdoo forces, for instance, but will probably be for Governor Smith. Virginia with 24 votes wanted a chance to have Carter Glass nominated before a body of rested delegates, but is friendly to McAdoo. The Philippine delegates with 6 votes were in conference with McAdoo when alternates cast the ballot with the anti-McAdoo generals on the floor of the convention. Nebraska is favorable to McAdoo but voted with the anti-McAdoo group to avoid a night session.

All in all, the first ballot shows only that the McAdoo claim of around 500 votes is not exaggerated and that he may have more.

The fight now is against time, with the anti-McAdoo strategists trying to prolong the convention so that Al Smith sentiment may have more chance to permeate the minds of the delegates, as unquestionably when they mingle with the populace here they find almost unanimous enthusiasm for him.

The platform fight is dragging out and it looks as if the committees will not be ready before nightfall and that the debate will take most of Saturday. There may be a ballot or two before adjournment Saturday but the McAdoo forces will try to delay it until Monday, so that Sunday will not intervene to enable their adversaries to penetrate the McAdoo line.

The friends of John W. Davis are

### THIRTY MINERS ARE ASPHYXIATED

Vienna, June 27.—Thirty miners were asphyxiated today by an explosion in the colliery at Hartsglognitz. Rescue work was found impossible because of defective gas masks and some of the rescue party lost their lives.

### YOUNG WILEY LONG CHARGED WITH ASSAULT

A warrant charging assault with deadly weapon was issued Friday morning by Acting Prosecuting Attorney J. H. LeRoy, Jr., for Wiley Long, aged about 21, son of R. H. Long, who lives near Epworth Church about two miles from town in Nixonton township, and the case will probably come on for trial at Saturday's sion of the recorder's court.

The warrant was sworn out by Julius C. Jennings, Sr., mail carrier for Weeksville, R. F. D., who charges that Wiley Long is the man who pulled his son, Julius C., Jr., out of a Ford truck Thursday morning as the boy, about 16 years of age, was driving from Elizabeth City to his home near Weeksville.

### BREMERHAVEN'S "YANK TOWN" CLEARED OF BEACHCOMBERS

Bremerhaven, Germany, June 27.—Bremerhaven's "Yank Town" has been dissolved. With three or four exceptions, all of the 500 to 600 beach-combers from America, who assembled here during the inflation period of the paper mark, when a glass of beer cost a fraction of a cent and meals could be purchased along the water front for five cents or thereabouts, have been sent home by United States Consul Albert H. Gerberich, out of funds provided by the American government.

Most of the men were sailors, cooks and stewards off the various vessels putting in here from American ports.

### FLORIDA WATERMELONS ARE NOW MOVING AGAIN

Atlanta, June 27.—(Special)—Florida watermelons tied up for a time by a quarantine raised by Georgia on the grounds that straw in which the melons were packed contained cattle ticks, are now moving as a result of the posting of a bond by the Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Air Line railroads to indemnify Georgia if the state is reinfested by ticks.

very hopeful now as the deadlock between the leaders grows more and more evident. In opposition to the fact that Mr. Davis was counsel for the Standard Oil Company comes the statement from his supporters that he has recently won for organized labor its biggest victory in the Supreme Court, a sign that he is merely a lawyer and not a partisan for either capital or labor.

The city is still talking of the demonstration for Al Smith and the remarkable nominating speech made by Franklin Roosevelt. The delegates are becoming convinced that Al Smith can carry New York if nominated. He did not have many states in the parade of banners but his champions are continuing to argue that a man who can carry New York can carry Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Connecticut.

It is significant that in the McAdoo demonstrations the West and South joined while the East made up the bulk of the Smith strength in parades. McAdoo and Smith still lead the field and there is little evidence that either is losing ground, though the dark horses are still hopeful that the New York governor and former Secretary of the Treasury may kill each other off, as did Wood and Lowden at Chicago four years ago, which led to the nomination of Harding who had less than 50 ballots at the start. Anything may happen but the job of eliminating the two leaders has not yet been accomplished.

### PLEASE USE LIME FREELY

Owing to excessive rains, heat, and flies, all citizens are urged to clean up your premises and sprinkle lime each day. This request comes from your city health officer, Dr. Z. Fearing.

JOHN B. BRAY,  
City Manager.

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### SANDWICH MEN HECKLE DELEGATES



Facetious comments on various platform issues were waved in the eyes of delegates to the Democratic Convention when a veritable gauntlet of sign bearers, in all sorts of garb, had to be run by persons attending. Convention fans bore a pacifistic slogan, "Law, Not War," signed by the "Bunk Peace Prizors." Another picket was made up to resemble Wm. Anders on, former anti-saloon league chief in New York, now in prison.

### IN THE SWIM



Whatever the outcome of the Democratic nomination, you'll have to admit that Governor Al Smith of New York is in the swim. These unusual formal shots were made at Sea Gate, L. I.

### ARMY BASE GIVEN TO SHIPPING BOARD

Washington, June 27.—President Coolidge today issued an executive order transferring the Norfolk Army Base from the War Department to the Shipping Board.

### BANDITS KILL GUARD AND GET BIG PAYROLL

New York, June 27.—Joseph Carlin guard, was shot and fatally wounded today by two bandits who held up his armored car at the entrance to the yards of the New York Central Railroad and escaped with \$9,500 payroll. Another guard returned the fire but the bandits escaped in an automobile.

### FATALLY BEATS WIFE THEN HANGS HIMSELF

Spartanburg, S. C., June 27.—After fatally beating his wife with a shotgun, Louis Thompson, 70 years old, prosperous farmer of near Switzer, cut his own throat today with a pocket knife and then hanged himself.

### PICTURES TONIGHT

An interesting program of free motion pictures will be exhibited at the First Methodist Church Friday night at 8 o'clock. "All the Way with Wall Paper," "The Development of Handwriting," and "The Royal Gorge," are features of the program. The public is cordially invited.

### DANIELS TO ADDRESS SOUTHERN PUBLISHERS

Asheville, June 27.—Josephus Daniels, of Raleigh, former secretary of the Navy under the administration of Woodrow Wilson, has accepted an invitation to deliver the patriotic address to the Southern Newspaper Publishers' Association on July 4 at this city. It has been announced by Arthur G. Newmyer, president of the association. Major Clark Howell, Jr., of the Atlanta Constitution, will introduce Mr. Daniels.

According to Mr. Newmyer the annual convention of the Southern Newspaper Publishers this year will be one of the best attended in a number of years, 160 or 217 members having already accepted invitations to be present.

The original call for the meeting of the association had been made for July 1 to 3 but due to the attendance of many of the members at the National Convention in New York City, the date was changed to July 3 to 5 in order to allow those at the Democratic convention to be present.

Mr. Daniels is one of the publishers who is representing his state at the National Democratic Convention as a delegate at large.

### DREDGING NEW INLET MAKES GOOD PROGRESS

The dredging out of New Inlet is making rapid progress, according to T. S. Meekins of Manteo, who was in the city Friday.

The channel has been dredged to a total length of 9,000 feet, according to Mr. Meekins, with 1,600 feet more still to be dredged.

Work started from the sound side of the bar and was carried through to the ocean and the dredge has gone through the bar and is now dredging a channel out in the ocean, Mr. Meekins says.

"The channel," says Mr. Meekins, "has a width of 75 feet on the sound side and a width of 125 feet on the ocean side. When the dredging has been completed, spur dikes or some other device will be used on the north to keep the channel on the ocean side from filling in. It is estimated that the entire operation will be completed by September 1."

### BAPTIST ORPHANAGE PREPARING TO EXPAND

Application for admission of about 600 more children than could be received was the record of Thomasville Orphanage last year, according to E. F. Aydtlett, who has just returned from the annual meeting of the board of trustees of that institution, and the program this year is to increase last year's capacity by several hundred.

"Four new buildings have been erected," says Mr. Aydtlett, three at Thomasville and one at the Kennedy Home. A movement is now on foot to secure, if possible, two more dormitories at Kennedy Home. These buildings will increase the capacity of the orphanage by about 40 for each building.

The only changes in the board of trustees this year was the election of Mr. Aydtlett as president to succeed F. P. Hobgood and the election of R. L. Moore, president of Mars Hill, to membership on the board to fill the vacancy created by the death of Professor Hobgood.

Mrs. Martin Jennings and son, Martin Jennings, Jr., returned home Sunday after visiting relatives in Norfolk.

## Party Pays Spontaneous Tribute To "Jimmy" Cox

Gallant Leader Who Was Standard Bearer of Democratic Hosts in Overwhelming Disaster That Befell Party at Polls in 1920 Gets His Meed of Recognition

(By The Associated Press)

### Potato Shipments Pass 1923 Total

Up to Friday morning, total potato shipments from Elizabeth City this season were 992, as compared with 954 for the whole season last year.

Better still, the prices on Northern markets as quoted Friday morning were the best that have prevailed this season, reaching in a few cases as high as \$6.50 in New York.

Haulings were heavy at Elizabeth City, with potatoes sold f. o. b. this point bringing as high as \$4.90 a barrel.

### CHARGES DELAY FOR BENEFIT OF McADOO

New York, June 27.—Edmond Moore, National Committeeman from Ohio, today charged that the McAdoo forces were attempting to delay the report of the platform committee in order if possible to try to have their candidate nominated for the Presidency before the adoption of the platform.

Moore declared that if successful of the nomination McAdoo would then be in a strong position to dictate the platform.

### SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE IN FIGHT ON WEEVILS

Atlanta, June 27.—(Special)—Farmers are making a valiant fight to make a cotton crop this year in the face of heavy obstacles. Stocks of boll weevil poison are stored in nearly every community to be reapplied after rains have washed the insecticide from the plants. Scarcity of labor has been overcome to some extent by utilizing children just released from school.

### SIMMONS NAMED TO SUCCEED McLEAN

New York, June 27.—After the withdrawal of Lunsford Long from the race, the North Carolina delegation elected Senator F. M. Simmons as National Committeeman to succeed Angus W. McLean.

### HAGEN WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

(By The Associated Press)  
Hoylake, England, June 27.—Walter Hagen, star American professional, won the British open golf championship today.

### FUNERAL R. C. ABBOTT

The funeral of R. C. Abbott was conducted Thursday afternoon at four o'clock from the home on West Church street by the pastor, Dr. S. H. Templeman, a large number of friends attending. The procession stretched all the way down South Road street from Church street to Hollywood Cemetery and the profession of beautiful floral offerings expressed the sorrow of friends and relatives. Hymns were sung by members of the First Baptist choir. The active pallbearers were: Dr. S. W. Gregory, J. G. Gregory, W. A. Pinner, W. D. Glover, S. G. Scott, C. P. Harris, E. C. Reid, C. H. Twiddy, honorary, Dr. A. L. Pendleton, J. E. Corbett, W. M. Baxter, M. R. Griffin, W. L. Cohoon, W. H. Weatherly, P. C. Cohoon, J. L. Pritchard, M. P. Jennings, C. F. Garrett, R. M. Moss, E. M. Stevens, W. L. Small, W. T. Love, Sr., J. A. Hooper, J. A. Harris.

Attending the funeral from out of the city were: Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dowdy and family of New Bern, Mrs. L. L. Hayman of Keene, Virginia, J. E. Bailey of Norfolk, L. R. Abbott of Portsmouth, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Abbott of Ocean View, Miss Ada Dashiell of Portsmouth, Mrs. W. R. Dotzler of South Mills, Mrs. J. G. Etheridge of South Mills, Mrs. George Spencer of South Mills, Mrs. W. I. Halstead of South Mills, Dallas Williams of Norfolk, W. G. Jarvis of Norfolk, and T. E. Doyle of Norfolk.

Mr. Abbott was one of the community's most prominent citizens. He was vice president and director of the Carolina Banking and Trust Company, besides being one of the best known commission merchants of the city. He was an Odd Fellow and a member of the Junior Order, and had served as trustee of the graded schools and as member of the board of aldermen. For many years he was treasurer of the First Baptist church and at the time of his death was a member of the board of deacons.

Mr. Abbott's death occurred Tuesday morning at the age of 49. Besides his widow, he leaves two daughters, Misses Annabelle and Doris; one son, Carroll; and a sister, Mrs. J. A. Spencer, all of this city. Miss Annabelle Abbott was a second year student at Meredith College last year and has many friends throughout the State.

Madison Square Garden, New York, June 27.—Pausing in the midst of the bitter contention of its favorites of the hour, the Democratic National Convention united today in colorful tribute to its fighting leadership of the past.

While the band played "Should Auld Acquaintance be Forgot" Delegates from every state stood on their chairs and cheered the name of James M. Cox of Ohio, the party's standard bearer in the desperate and disastrous battle of four years ago. It was a personal tribute unorganized and unguided, conveying the gratitude of democracy for the aggressive fight of the former Ohio governor to stem the mighty republican tide of 1920.

Ohio led the demonstration, which lasted for a quarter of an hour after Cox's name had been placed in nomination for the Presidency by Newton Baker, President Wilson's wartime Secretary of War, who himself received a warm-hearted welcome and aroused repeated applause by his praise for Wilson policies and the League of Nations.

Declaring that former Governor James M. Cox, of Ohio "became a national figure at that moment in 1920 when only a few had the vision to see or the courage to follow the new faith—the new political religion of Woodrow Wilson," Newton D. Baker, secretary of war in President Wilson's cabinet, today placed Cox's name in nomination for the presidency.

"Without hesitation or wavering he fought the long 1920 campaign debating with our doubt, appealing to our higher emotions, battling back the tide of ill which, rising out of the chaos of the world, finally included us with the peoples of Europe as the children of despair," Mr. Baker told the convention.

"Since that campaign, his dedication to the cause has remained complete," Mr. Baker said. "He has devoted the intervening year to serious study in the old world and this. He has sought for those reasons, historic, traditional, permanent or temporary, which brought about our act of discouragement at the moment of our might. With pen and might with growing power of enthusiasm and of knowledge, he has as a private citizen, sought to inspire us to better and higher thinking, and juster and more enduring policies. Thus Ohio feels that her son, once only her favorite, has become the nation's favorite."

But a moment later, however, the delegates returned to their rivalries over McAdoo and Smith with more demonstrations and counter demonstrations as speakers from a dozen states were proceeding with the long string of seconding speeches. Nominating speeches also were delivered for candidates not reached on yesterday's roll call and the way was cleared to begin balloting tonight or tomorrow.

During the afternoon the Cox demonstration had its counterpart in one that followed the nomination for Governor Bryan of Nebraska, brother of the great commoner.

New York, June 27.—The platform committee adjourned at 3:30 this morning after writing all the planks except the Ku Klux Klan and the League of Nations and met at noon today to write these and submit the whole at two o'clock this afternoon.

The schedule called for several nominating speeches in the morning, consideration of the platform this afternoon, and a probable start on balloting for President tonight or early tomorrow.

The following candidates have been nominated:  
Senator Underwood of Alabama.  
Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas.  
William G. McAdoo of California.  
Governor W. E. Sweet of Colorado.  
Willard Saulsbury of Delaware.  
Former Secretary Houston of Illinois.  
Governor Al Smith of New York.  
Senator Samuel M. Ralston of Indiana.  
Governor Jonathan Davis of Kansas.  
Governor Ritchie of Maryland.  
Senator Ferris of Michigan.  
James M. Cox of Ohio.  
Other nominations are to follow.

### COTTON MARKET

New York, June 27.—Spot cotton, closed quiet, Middling 30.25 a decline of 25 points. Futures, closing bid, July 29.27, Oct. 25.15, Dec. 24.44, Jan. 24.22, March 24.28.

### WARNING CITIZENS

Cut your weeds and grass immediately and save a fine and cost imposed by the court. Please do not force me to resort to this method of getting your lots cleaned up.

JOHN B. BRAY,  
City Manager.  
June 26, 27-np