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## Nobody Knows What This Convention Is Going To Do

The McAdoo-Smith Struggle for Supremacy Continues Unabated With Little Indication of What Direction the Tide Will Turn When the Deadlock Is Broken

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Madison Square Garden, New York, June 28.—Nobody—literally nobody—knows the outcome of the Presidential contest at the Democratic National Convention, not even the managers themselves, though they all whistle cheerfully to keep up their courage.

The fight between McAdoo and Smith has developed such bitterness that it begins to appear doubtful whether either can be nominated.

The Smith delegates are intensively opposed to McAdoo because so many of his delegates are accused of Klan sympathy. Many of the Smith delegates are Catholic and resent any tolerance of the Klan as anti-Catholic.

The McAdoo delegates are for the most part dry and proclaim their unalterable determination never to vote for a "wet," by which term they classify Smith.

No candidate in recent political history has ever been nominated without a strong second choice strength in the camp of his opponents. McAdoo has no reserve of sufficient numbers in the Smith ranks and while the New York governor has many adherents in the McAdoo delegations which were instructed for the former Secretary of the Treasury but at heart never were for him, the Smith following is not big enough to make up the two-thirds. Smith will gain several delegates from the states which have favorite sons just as soon as it appears that the latter cannot win.

Ohio, for instance, will vote for James M. Cox for a number of ballots and if he doesn't gain strength about 30 of the 48 Ohio ballots will go for Smith. The Iowa delegation is held by McAdoo by a hair. The unit rule prevails there. The McAdoo men have about 12 of the 26 votes assured but there are others who were instructed for McAdoo and who will help the delegation go to McAdoo for the first few ballots, reserving to themselves the right to determine when they shall desert the former Secretary of the Treasury. This means they lean to Smith or a dark horse and away from McAdoo and unless the latter develops great strength in the first ten ballots and continues to gain or rather doesn't lose, the Iowa vote will start on its adventure with some other candidate.

There are a few votes in North Dakota which may be cast for Smith. The strategy of the Smith managers will be to pile up these gains slowly and give the effect of a stampede in the hope that wild enthusiasm will carry doubtful delegations on to the Smith band wagon.

The evidence thus far does not indicate that Smith has yet made certain of two-thirds or anywhere near it. His high water mark may reach 450 but any strength beyond that is uncertain. If he could get to 600 he would have a splendid chance to win. But the thing that will defeat Smith, if indeed it doesn't at the same time defeat McAdoo, is the unusual "favorite son" vote in this convention. The "dark horses" control many delegations and they will not swing to the two leaders in a deadlock but will aid and abet the deadlock in the hope of a swing in their direction.

Seated on the speaker's platform today was A. Mitchell Palmer who reminded this correspondent of something that happened at Baltimore in 1912 and which may happen here. In that convention, Mr. Palmer was floor manager for Woodrow Wilson and therefore he speaks with authority on the inner strategy of that historic meeting.

"While Clark and Wilson were opposed to each other," he said, "they were not so violently opposed as to prevent Clark delegates from going to Wilson. In fact, we had many second choice delegates in the Clark states. These men ultimately came to us."

What Mr. Palmer says was true at San Francisco in 1920. Cox had less than 150 votes at the start of that convention, but his managers had obtained many second choice pledges. As a consequence, when it became apparent that neither Palmer nor McAdoo could win, the McAdoo delegates did not desert but the Palmer men turned to Cox. Thus in 1912 and 1920 went to the candidate with the greatest second choice strength.

"If history repeats itself the same process will develop here. The McAdoo men will never go to Smith. The Smith men will never go to McAdoo. The second choice of the Smith group is Underwood, but the McAdoo men are not likely to swing to the Alabamian. Nevertheless this correspondent believes Underwood has an outside chance.

The second choice of many delegates has been Senator Ralston of Indiana but the publication of a story here today that the Klan has all along preferred Ralston to McAdoo has alienated votes that might have gone to Ralston. It may not be true

### BROTHERHOODS DENY WILL SUPPORT McADOO

Cleveland, June 28.—Executives of the transportation brotherhoods today issued a formal denial of reports from New York that the railroad brotherhoods were to support William Gibbs McAdoo.

### NO DEADLY WEAPON IN LONG ASSAULT CASE

No deadly weapon was used in the assault by Wiley Long on Julius Jennings, Jr., which occurred on the Weeksville road near Epworth Church Thursday morning, according to the evidence in the case when it was heard in the recorder's court Saturday. Long, however, admits that he administered a severe beating to young Jennings as the latter was on his way home from a trip to Elizabeth City, giving as his excuse that Jennings tried to run over him when driving into town. The court, however, could not find evidence to convict Jennings of anything, but fined Long \$10 and costs.

Junius Gallop and Willis Stallings, colored, were fined \$5 and costs for larceny of 10 gallons of gasoline from the firm of C. W. Lacy, construction engineers in charge of dredging and road work in Newland drainage district number 1.

Other defendants were Braxton Barber, George Sawyer, Charlie Jennings, and J. E. Palmer, all guilty of minor infractions of the traffic laws or ordinances, all of whom were let off with the costs.

One defendant, charged with operating his automobile with "no rear light" protested that he had a light; but admitted, when questioned by the court, that the light was not working when he was arrested.

### STREET CAR TYPE REO PROVING VERY POPULAR

Detroit, June 28.—(Special)—The Reo Motor Car Company is behind in deliveries with its new street car type of motor bus which has proved popular. About 50 chassis now are in the yards awaiting bodies. Two complete fleets of 25 buses each have been ordered in the last week. Eventually the Reo Company plans to make a complete department of its bus business.

but those things hurt in a convention struggle.

The two most likely compromise candidates because of their second choice strength are Newton D. Baker of Ohio and John W. Davis of West Virginia. Mr. Baker's speeches have made him an outstanding figure here. He satisfies the McAdoo men because he is a dry and because he is an ardent Wilson man. He comes from Ohio, which is a pivotal state in an election. He denounced the Klan here and thereby won friends in the New York and Illinois delegations. Tom Taggart of Indiana is friendly to him. His handicap is that the Ohio delegation is not backing him. Ohio must vote for Cox until his chances dwindle and then the delegation will split several ways. Newton Baker's opportunity would come only after Davis and others have been tried out and failed.

The Davis boom is growing more rapidly than any other here. The nominating speeches for him were excellent. He is not an active candidate himself and he has no organization. Friends from his home town, Clarkburg, West Virginia, have placed him in nomination. They have played a cautious and skillful game piling up second choice pledges. They have no managers but expect to get some when certain states swing toward them. They expect to inherit votes from both the Smith and McAdoo camps.

Just now John W. Davis has more second choice strength than any other man in the convention. And that's why—assuming that neither McAdoo nor Smith can be nominated—he can be looked upon to emerge as the beneficiary of both.

But at this writing nobody knows that anything will happen for the McAdoo lines are holding and so are the Smith lines. The delay on platform means the real balloting will come Monday. The McAdoo men didn't want a Sunday to intervene after too many ballots had been taken as that's what hurt Clark at Baltimore. He lost over Sunday when the deals were made. Baltimore's lessons are being heeded here today.

## "Bock," Himself, Wants Beer



Remember the Bock beer sign—the one with the ram's head? Well old Bock himself has butted in on the Democratic Convention as a mascot of the beer and light wine brigade. Bock is here shown trying to get "each one" from Dick O'Brien, his owner.

### WOMAN IS KILLED IN LEARNING DRIVE PLANE

Akron, O., June 28.—A woman driving a plane taking a lesson, and her instructor, were killed here yesterday when the plane dropped 1,000 feet.

### COTTON MARKET

New York, June 28.—Spot cotton closed today with a 20 point decline. Middling 30.05. Futures, closing bids: July 29.03, October 24.95, December 24.26, January 24.50, March 24.20.

## There's Nothing Canned About Democratic Affair

Convention Has Been Wide Open With the Bars Down and Some of Most Remarkable Sights Ever Encountered at National Political Gathering Have Been Witnessed

By ROBERT T. SMALL  
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New York, June 28.—Those who criticized the canned qualities of the Republican Convention at Cleveland certainly can have no complaint about this Democratic affair in Madison Square Garden. This convention is wide open. Or has been. There was some attempt at a tightening of the lines Friday, but during the successive and almost continuous Al Smith demonstrations of Thursday, the bars apparently were down and some of the most remarkable sights ever encountered in a national political gathering were witnessed.

The fear of the McAdoo supporters that the awarding of the convention to New York City would result in an effort to stampee or overawe the delegates proved to have been well founded.

The persons who had a right to be in the convention hall were all but trampled under foot. The invasion from the outside was limited only to the capacity of the garden to house a tightly pressed moving human mass. Delegates were compelled to stand upon their chairs in order to be seen. There was small chance for them to be heard.

Senator Walsh, of Montana, vigorous prosecutor that he is, proved to be a long suffering permanent chairman. For the greater part of the time he viewed the tumult in what seemed to be helpless amazement. It was evident to all that the police and the doorkeepers of the convention had violated all their pledges and instructions and had opened the hall to the Smith demonstrators, including three big brass bands and half a hundred banner carriers. So it was small wonder that Mr. Walsh in a mild voice said it was evident "many persons" who had no right to be there had been admitted to the hall, had clogged the aisles not only past all possibility of orderly business but in violation of all fire rules to an extent that placed in jeopardy every man and woman in the building.

Patience exhausted at last, toward the close of a six and a half hour session, Chairman Walsh said if the disorder did not cease he would "entertain" a motion to move the con-

### ARKANSAS RATIFIES CHILD LABOR LAW

Little Rock, June 28.—Arkansas became the first state to ratify the proposed child labor amendment to the Federal constitution today when the Senate approved the measure. The House voted to ratify the amendment yesterday.

### SUGAR MAGNATE DEAD

San Francisco, June 28.—Adolph Spreckles, nationally known sugar magnate and manufacturer, died at his home here today.

## Black Clouds Of Ku Klux Hover Over The Convention

With Hopeless Division on Final Plank of Platform, Party Is on Verge of Split. When Chairman Cummings in Speech Asks for More Time to Settle Question

(By The Associated Press)

### FIVE DRAINAGE DISTRICTS NOW

Beginning Made in Newland Extending All Over Township and Into Mt. Hermon If Projects Go Through.

Proceedings to establish not less than three drainage districts in Pasquotank County, initiated as essential to road maintenance are now tied up pending hearings before Clerk of Superior Court E. L. Sawyer.

Two of these proceedings were initiated by the Pasquotank County Highway Commission, while the other was initiated by the State Highway Commission.

Hearing on the petition to establish Pasquotank Drainage No. 5 embracing lands in Newland township of Pasquotank County and Belvidere township of Perquimans, was set for Friday of this week, but on Friday the date of the hearing was set forward to Saturday, August 9, in order to give time for the issuance alias summons for parties to the action who have not been properly brought into court.

Pasquotank Drainage District No. 5 is one of the two districts which the County Highway Commission seeks to establish, the ground being that the establishment of this district is necessary to the proper maintenance of the County road from Jackson's Corner, southwestwardly to the edge of the Dismal Swamp and thence to the Perquimans line; continuation of which leads to Neebor and thence to Project 177 of State Highway No. 321 leading from Winfall in Perquimans to Ryland in Chowan. The road also intersects State Highway 34 on Project 133 in Pasquotank this side of the Dismal Swamp, and is the road known as Hinton's Turnpike along that segment of it which skirts the swamp.

Embraced in this district are the lands in Newland and Belvidere townships bounded on the east by the Dismal Swamp and Parkville Drainage District, on the south by the water shed of White's Mill Pond, on the west by the Perquimans River and the Dismal Swamp, and on the north by Tadmore or Pasquotank Drainage District No. 1.

The hour set for this hearing is 10:30 a. m.

The next hearing date for which has been fixed is that involving the establishment of Pasquotank Drainage District No. 4. This district is in Newland township and its establishment is sought by the Pasquotank Highway Commission on the ground that the drainage scheme proposed is essential to the proper maintenance of the Tadmore road extending from the head of Tadmore to Newland Methodist Church. The establishment of this district would involve the deepening and widening of the big canal in Tadmore generally known as Shepard Ditch.

District No. 4 as proposed is bounded on the north by the Pasquotank River and Dismal Swamp, on the west by the Dismal Swamp, on the south by Pasquotank Drainage District No. 1, and includes all the lands constituting the water shed of the Shepard Ditch and the Pasquotank River from its source to a point known as Fish Hole.

The date of this hearing is Friday morning, July 11, at 10 o'clock.

Readers of this newspaper remember that the hearing in regard to the establishment of Drainage District No. 2, in Mount Hermon township, set for Monday of this week, was at that time deferred, and the date of this hearing has not yet been fixed.

It is the State Highway Commission which initiated the proceedings for the establishment of this district on the ground that the drainage scheme proposed is necessary for the proper maintenance of a State road from Elizabeth City to Woodville.

### GIVE GOOD CONCERT

The concert given by the class of 12 children from the Odd Fellows Orphanage at Goldsboro Friday evening in the high school auditorium was one of the best programs of the kind ever presented here and was enjoyed by a large crowd. The largest free-will offering taken on their tour was received here. The class has 25 towns on its schedule for this trip. They came here from Edenton and left for Wanchese.

### CARTER GLASS FAVORITE AMONG BESTCITY KIWANISANS

Carter Glass was the favorite among the Bestcity Kiwanians at a straw vote taken at the bi-weekly Kiwanis dinner at the Southern Hotel Friday evening. McAdoo ran second and Al Smith third.

No nominee, however, even with all but two candidates eliminated, was able to poll a two-thirds vote.

New York, June 28.—Bainbridge Colby of New York, Secretary of State under Woodrow Wilson, was this afternoon selected to make the fight for the anti-Ku Klux Klan plank on the floor of the Democratic Colby was chosen at a conference attended by Norman Mack of New York, George Brennan of Illinois, and other Democratic leaders who favor condemnation of the Klan by name. Mack announced after the conference that New York, Illinois, and other delegations favoring naming the Klan in the party platform had decided that a flat issue must be raised before the convention.

It is probable that the fight against such a plank will be conducted on the floor by William Jennings Bryan, Gen. Charles H. Cole, delegate at large from Massachusetts, was chosen to assist Colby in the convention.

Madison Square Garden, New York, June 28.—Responding to the appeals of party leaders to give more time for the platform committee to work on the Ku Klux Klan plank, the Democratic National Convention recessed until three o'clock this afternoon, daylight saving time, seemingly hopelessly divided on the issue of whether the Ku Klux Klan is to be named specifically and surrounded by war clouds loaded with threats of a party split.

The convention managers sent Homer Cummings, chairman of the platform committee, to the bat to explain to the convention why the platform was being delayed and to plead for more time.

Tired and worn by continuous loss of sleep since Tuesday, Cummings gave as dramatic a recital as ever has been heard in a national convention, explaining the deliberations of the committee and its inability to reach an agreement.

He told amid a dramatic silence how, after an all night session, the committee members had gathered around their table in the breaking dawn of day and recited in unison the Lord's prayer, after which William Jennings Bryan had raised his voice and spoken for divine guidance.

The clouds of the Ku Klux Klan hung so heavily over the convention that the platform committee after its all night session could see no ray of light.

In its last effort to prevent an open rupture on the floor of the convention over the issue the committee authorized William Jennings Bryan to select as many members as he might deem necessary to enlist the aid of party leaders and various candidates for Presidential nomination to remove what was regarded as a serious threat of a split in the party.

Moreover, members of the committee under instructions from their delegations to support a plank specifically naming the Klan volunteered to confer with their colleagues and urge that there be a reconsideration of the question.

New York, June 28.—The convention convened this morning at 8:30 Eastern time to consider a platform, with two bitter planks to be decided, the Ku Klux Klan and the League of Nations.

The committee worked until early this morning in the effort to get together some plank of the Klan but fixed up one on the League which provided for international peace without special mention of the League. Newton D. Baker will take the fight to the floor for a clear cut declaration on the League and the outcome of the Klan fight is uncertain.

Leaders of many candidates worked at conferences most of the night trying to fix up a Klan plank. 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.  
 Charles W. Bryan of Nebraska.  
 Fred H. Brown of New Hampshire.  
 George S. Silzer of New Jersey.  
 Carter Glass of Virginia.  
 John W. Davis of West Virginia.

### WINS RIGHT INSPECT BOOKS AND RECORDS

Chicago, June 28.—The Department of Agriculture won its contest for the right to inspect the books and records of packing companies today when Federal Judge Cliffe issued a writ of mandamus directing that all such records be opened to the department inspectors.