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## Political Battle Now Rages Between McAdoo And Smith

While Some Votes May be Counted on to Turn to McAdoo Today, Others Will Shift to the Ranks of Smith and as Yet There Is No Indication of What Will Happen

By DAVID LAWRENCE  
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Madison Square Garden, New York, June 1.—William Gibbs McAdoo led in the race for the Democratic Presidential nomination today with every indication that the Smith forces would attempt to break his strength by throwing their votes either to Senator Underwood of Alabama or John W. Davis of West Virginia.

The chances of a victory for Davis appear the brighter at the moment, as he has a strong following in both the McAdoo and Smith camps.

But many things will happen before the break up of either the McAdoo or Smith groups. The strategy being played today by the rival generals is intensely interesting as it combines all the tricks of previous conventions plus a certain amount of psychology that attends every break. No politician can predict with accuracy what will be the result of any particular move. The plan today was for the McAdoo general to watch the Smith leaders to see how much of the reserve strength of the New York governor is put into the line. The Smith people have from 40 to 60 more votes, while McAdoo has about 82 more which he hopes to get before night-fall and then, having a majority, the California candidate would stand before the convention just as did Clark at Baltimore in 1912, hoping the delegates will in effect disregard the two-thirds rule by giving him the remaining votes.

Some of the things which may be expected before night appear to be as follows:

First, about 12 McAdoo delegates who have been voting for the former Secretary of the Treasury are really Smith men at heart and have been kept voting the way they have in order to provide a demonstration later on when they leave him and go to Smith.

Second, although Mississippi has complimented Senators Harrison, Robinson and Glass, her 20 votes are to go to McAdoo on later ballots. The Smith managers were trying early today to swing the votes to Davis and to hold them there so as to prevent McAdoo from getting a majority.

Third, Tom Taggart is friendly enough to McAdoo to give him Indiana's 30 votes as a compliment when McAdoo approaches the majority mark.

Fourth, Virginia, hoping for a reciprocal compliment from the McAdoo forces later, may switch her 24 votes to McAdoo during the day. All the strength in Ohio constitutes the McAdoo reserve. So long as Ohio sticks to Cox, neither McAdoo nor Smith can benefit, as the residuary votes in Ohio would not assist the Smith strategy but would tend to help McAdoo.

In Illinois, the 10 votes for Cox can be counted on ultimately to go to Smith.

Louisiana plans to stay with John W. Davis for several ballots. It was the first state to join West Virginia. Here and there are scattered votes for Davis but his biggest opportunity lies in the fact that he is second choice of scores of delegates and is looked upon as a logical compromise.

The Smith managers are more or less under obligation to Underwood and may give him some of their votes in the hope of giving him a chance before the convention but the Southern McAdoo states are not inclined to help Underwood because of his connection with the recent Klan controversy, so Underwood is not a probability. The outcome appears to be dependent on whether the anti-McAdoo forces can now break the former Secretary of the Treasury with Underwood or Davis or both.

The McAdoo people are showing friendliness to Glass of Virginia as their second choice but they are not yet in a mood to concede that their leader is going to be out of it.

**HAWKINS-BECRAFT**  
Miss Mary Louise Becraft and Mr. Robert Harrison Hawkins, both of Norfolk were married Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock by Rev. E. F. Sawyer, at his home, 208 Pearl street.

**JESSE D. WILSON DEAD**  
Jesse D. Wilson died at his home at Weaverville Monday night after an illness of several months. The funeral will be conducted Wednesday at Salem Baptist Church. Mr. Wilson is survived by his wife and three children, Mrs. Beatrice Bright, Mrs. Mary Stanley and Charley Wilson all of this county.

**MRS. SPRINGS FOR THE VICE PRESIDENCY**  
—New York, July 1.—The South Carolina delegation last night decided to place Mrs. Leroy Springs of Lancaster, South Carolina, in nomination for the Vice Presidency and she will be the first woman presented on a national ticket.

## VARIED VIEWS ON KLAN AND LEAGUE

Editorial Opinion as Divergent as Views of the Delegates at the Democratic National Convention.

By C. G. MARSHALL

New York, July 1.—Crystallization of editorial opinion of the New York newspapers on the debates on the League of Nations and the Ku Klux Klan planks in the Democratic National Convention Saturday and the ensuing vote, finds the editorial writers apparently as far apart in their views as the delegates themselves.

The referendum proposition on the League, adopted by the convention, is denounced by the Times as a "bryannese" whimsy which never can be put into practical effect, while the World which has been as ardent a champion of the League as the Times makes no comment as to whether the plan is workable and says the convention did not stand by the League because "the dominant candidates, at the moment did not find a pronouncement for the League politically convenient." On the other hand, the Republican Herald Tribune denounces the League plank as "an amazing product of cowardice and insincerity" which would open the door to political innovations of the most perilous sort.

The World, which first exposed the Klan and has led the fight for naming the hooded organization in the Democratic platform, takes comfort in the defeat of its project in the fact that Klan has no defenders in the convention and that "its purposes were denounced and ridiculed as much by those who voted against naming it as by the other side."

The Tribune comments that "the men who prevented the Democratic party from openly introducing the religious issue into the convention have done the country an important service." But it adds that the introduction of the religious issue "in a party sense was portentous of disorganization." The Times says that the Klan issue is "something that has got to be fought out; it is something that cannot be camouflaged or compromised; the fight in the convention is only the beginning of a fight that will have to be carried on in state after state and congressional district after congressional district."

The World says it is too early to say now just how the Klan and the League will figure in the campaign and challenges the Republican Party to exploit these issues. "For the issues within the Democratic Party are also issues within the Republican Party," says the World, "and they will be exploited for factional ends by either party at their peril."

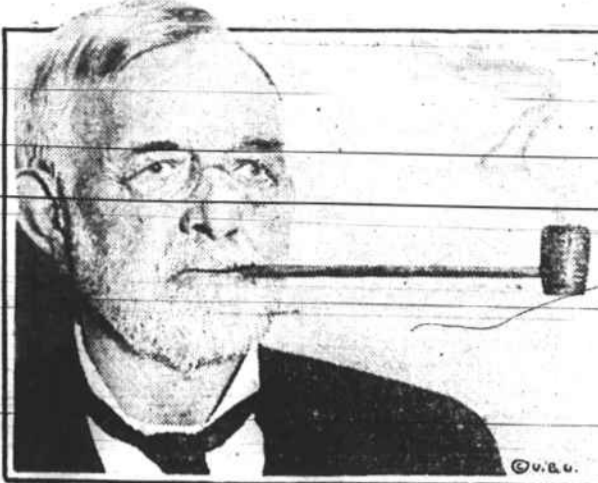
**CONFERENCE IN SESSION**  
The Elizabeth City District Methodist Conference is in session at Stumpy Point this week from Tuesday until Thursday.

**TRAIN KILLS THREE**  
Asheville, July 1.—The bodies of three negroes were found alongside the Southern Railway track near Shelby yesterday, evidently having been killed by the train early Monday.

**COTTON MARKET**  
New York, July 1.—Spot cotton, closed quiet, Middling 30.90, an advance of 70 points. Futures, closing bid, July 29.90, Oct. 25.15, Dec. 24.48, Jan. 24.26, March 24.45, Aug. 27.10.

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Phipps and daughter, Eleanor, have returned from Baltimore and Oxford, Pennsylvania, after visiting friends. They were accompanied home by Misses Julia and Margaret Prince of Baltimore.

## KEEPS AWAY FROM TOBACCO



Col. Nicholas Bell, St. Louis, and his historic "convention pipe"—of good old corn cob variety. Col. Bell has been a delegate to seven conventions and a secretary to five. His long-stemmed pipe always bring from him the good old gag that "the doc or ordered me to keep away from tobacco." He is 82—the oldest visiting delegate to the Democratic Convention.

## MERIDIAN MARKERS WILL BE EXAMINED

Chapel Hill, July 1.—Ensign John A. McCormick, U. S. N., who since April 1 has been at work in the state checking over, replacing or re-establishing the magnetic meridian markers at all county seats, has thus far occupied about 39 to 69 stations to be visited. He is now in Winston-Salem and will later visit Raleigh, Smithfield, Louisburg and other points in Eastern North Carolina.

Magnetic meridian markers, established in every county, it was said, have fallen into bad condition or have been rendered useless by obstructions. They are being checked over by the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey in cooperation with the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey.

Magnetic stations, it was explained, are of great value as establishing magnetic variation and enabling surveyors to compare their instruments. A North Carolina statute requires annual comparison of surveyors' instruments to determine their variation from such a range, but it has been widely disregarded, it was pointed out, largely from ignorance of the existence of the law and in some cases from the essentials relating to magnetic variation.

Since Ensign McCormick started his tour, the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey has been making an effort to have all surveyors informed of the time when he will arrive at their county seats, so that he might discuss with them the principles of magnetic control.

## JAPANESE CUTS DOWN THE AMERICAN FLAG

Tokio, July 1.—An undisciplined Japanese early today cut down the American flag from in front of the embassy.

## JAPANESE ASK AID OF THE GODS

Nation-wide Demonstration Staged Today Against American Exclusion Act as It Becomes Effective.

Tokio, July 1.—A nation-wide demonstration against the American exclusion act which goes into effect today opened with mass prayer meetings at all national Shinto shrines throughout the country.

The crowds petitioned the ancient deities to aid the people in this troublous time when the Japanese race is being "insulted" by exclusion from America.

Numerous details of cutting down the American flag in the United States embassy compound today have been brought to light by police inquiry although the identity of the Japanese who slashed the halyards and thus unceremoniously removed the ensign has not been uncovered.

Several hours after the affair when witnesses reported the affair to Charge d'Affaires Cafery he hurriedly called on Foreign Minister Shidehara.

## SECOND PRIMARY TO BE HELD SATURDAY

Second primary has been called for Saturday, July 5, at all North Carolina polls to decide the nomination for Commissioner of Labor and Printing between M. L. Shipman, incumbent, and Frank Grist, who received the next highest number of votes to Shipman in the first primary.

## KILLED IN COLLISION

Chicago, July 1.—Six were killed and 17 injured early today when two trains collided in a rear-end collision here.

## Business Goes Like Stage Coach Of Long Ago Days

Started Out With Keen Jump First of January and Will Probably End Year Same Way, but Just Now Is in the Midst of Journey and at Slow Steady Jog

By J. C. ROYLE  
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New York, July 1.—Business started out on January 1, 1924, in the United States like an old-time six horse stage coach pulling out of a boom miding camp in the morning. It was always the custom of the old drivers to start their horses on the keen jump and bring them in at their destination the same way. When they reached the edge of town at the start, they slowed down. That is what business has done.

After three months at a gallop, business commenced to strike the tough grades and today it has settled down to a steady jog. It has not stopped and the speed is still fully up to normal. Many experts including financiers of international reputation predict that the pace will increase from this time on and that the business vehicle will swing up at the close of 1924 at as great a pace as at the start.

In spite of the fact that this is a Presidential year and that the campaign usually can be counted on to upset business somewhat, the weather has been the most potent factor in the business, industrial and trade situation in the first half of 1924. It can hardly be said that there was any spring in some sections. Crops in nearly all geographical divisions are two weeks or more late and some have been damaged by cold and storms.

Demand for seasonal goods has held off. Consumers did not jingle their money on the counter. Retail buyers refrained from placing commitments for future delivery. Jobbers did likewise. Manufacturers

followed a similar system with regard to raw materials. Producers of raw materials moaned, cut down production in some instances and sold what they could (no mean amount, by the way) to foreign manufacturers. The latter thereupon rushed cheaply produced goods into American markets.

**Buyers' Trend Misjudged**  
Another important factor in the situation as it exists today has been misjudgment by many business men of the psychological trend of the buyers of the nation. Nowhere was this more apparent than in the automobile industry, which has such an influence on other lines. The industry started out at a tremendous pace under schedules, calling for production of around 5,000,000 cars for the year. The theory was that sales had been cramped in previous springs because dealers had difficulty in making deliveries. This year they had plenty of cars but few customers.

Dealers discovered that buyers were hot for cars when they could not get them, but when there was no difficulty in providing them, the prospects backed off. Dealers commenced to demand that factories relieve them of some of the burden of unsold stocks. Factories cut down and today the volume of automobile production is nearly 25 per cent off the February peak.

It is estimated by some parts manufacturers that there are a million new automobiles now in manufacture.

## Second Day Of Balloting Fails Develop Candidate

McAdoo and Smith Continue to Lead and as Number of Ballots Mounts There Is Little Change in Result and No Indication of What May Happen

(By The Associated Press)

## VARIED PROGRAM FOR THE FOURTH

Racing at Fair Grounds, Swimming and Canoe Races at Beach, and Double-Header Baseball on Diamond.

A varied program of horse racing, swimming and canoe racing, and a double header baseball game for the Fourth of July in Elizabeth City is promised home town people and visitors.

The racing begins at 2:30 o'clock at the Fair Grounds.

A Fourth of July celebration with swimming and canoe races and fireworks has been arranged at Dawson's Bathing Beach.

The races will start at 2 o'clock with a 40-yard race for boys under 16 years. At 2:30 there will be a free-for-all girls' race of 20 yards. At 3 o'clock boys under 12 years will be entered in a 20-yard dash.

During an interval between the races and diving events ducks will be turned loose in the water and will become the property of those who succeed in catching them.

At 4 o'clock a canoe race is scheduled. Following this, there will be a diving competition for small boys and then a fancy diving event which will be free for all. At 5 o'clock the feature race of the afternoon will be the free-for-all event of 100 yards.

At night there will be fireworks at the bathing beach.

A double header will be played here on July the Fourth with the first game between South Mills and the Elizabeth City Cubs on the Main street diamond at 3 o'clock and the second between South Mills and South Norfolk at 5.

The Elizabeth City Cubs are figuring on a strong organization this summer with this the only team at the present time organized in Elizabeth City. South Mills has always gone strong on baseball and put up a strong team.

## FIFTEEN DAYS GRACE MOTOR CAR OWNERS

Relief for the automobile owners who have been standing in line for hours in order to register their cars at the Elizabeth City Branch office arrived Monday in the form of a telegram from the Secretary of State which extends the time limit on new licenses to July 15.

The telegram follows, Branch Office, Automobile Department, Elizabeth City, N. C.

Due to rush and our inability to deliver license plates in time, the limit for registration is extended from June 30 to July 15. Call upon all officers to co-operate in order to render this service to people. Strict enforcement after 15th. Please post.

W. N. EVERETT,  
Secretary of State.

There has been for several days a throng of scores of automobile owners all day long at the Battery & Electric Company where the Elizabeth City office is located. Two clerks are at work on the registration certificates but the work has progressed slowly and many have stood in line for hours. A reporter for this paper asked some of those in line how long they had been in line and learned that it takes about three hours to move from the foot of the column to the window. One middle-aged farmer said he had been in line Friday and Saturday, but had left after standing for some time. He was back in his place on Monday still trying to get his license plate.

This is the first year that license plates have been obtainable in Elizabeth City and other centrally located towns and while it was thought that better service could be given through the branch offices, considerable congestion has resulted from the system.

## CHECKING UP LIST OF STORM VICTIMS

Lorraine, O., July 1.—Despite the belief of city and military officials that all Lorraine's storm victims are not accounted for the number of dead remained today at 72.

The Red Cross in checking the dead and injured found 17 persons unaccounted for since the city was struck by the tornado Saturday. The work of clearing off the wreckage of the state theater under which officials believe are a number of bodies has been halted because of the danger of the adjoining four story brick wall falling.

## ARMY PLANES OFF

Calcutta, July 1.—The Army planes in the round the world flight left here early today for Allahabad, British India.

New York, July 1.—On the twentieth ballot this afternoon McAdoo lost 42 votes, Smith lost 4, while Davis of West Virginia gained 37 1/2. The vote was McAdoo 432, Smith 307 1/2, Davis 122, Underwood 45 1/2, Robinson 21, Ritchie 17 1/2, Cox 60, Bryan 11, Davis of Kansas 10, Glass 25, Ralston 30, Sausbury 6, Walsh 8, Hitchcock 1, Baker 1 and Dever 1/2.

The twenty-second ballot, unofficial, was as follows: Underwood, Smith 307 1/2; Cox 60, Cmf, Wypps, a 45 1-2. McAdoo 432 1-2, Robinson 22, Smith 307 1-2, Cox 60, Governor Davis 5, Glass 25, Ralston 32, Sausbury 12, Walsh 8 1-2, Ritchie 17 1-2, one absent.

Hearing that the Mississippi delegation was planning to go to John W. Davis, William Jennings Bryan launched an open fight on the floor during the taking of the nineteenth ballot. However, the delegation cast its 20 votes for Davis and the two succeeding ballots.

Missouri deserted the McAdoo camp on the twentieth ballot casting its 36 for Davis.

Announcement of the Missouri vote started a demonstration but it was short lived, the chairman banging for order so that he might announce the result of the ballot. There was another Davis cheer when the result of the ballot was announced at 122.

Only scattering handclapping and some groans greeted the announcement of McAdoo and Smith's votes showing their losses. Other delegations were reported to be wavering.

North Carolina, which had supported McAdoo from the first, began canvassing to determine whether McAdoo still could command a majority.

There were only slight changes on the twenty-first ballot, McAdoo getting 435, Smith 284 1/2, Davis 148, and Underwood 45 1/2.

New York, July 1.—The convention reconvened at 9:30, Eastern time, this morning to continue balloting.

The sixteenth ballot gave McAdoo 478, Smith 305 1/2, Davis 63, Robinson 46, Underwood 41 1/2, Glass 25, a net loss of one for McAdoo and no change for Smith.

The seventeenth gave McAdoo 471 1/2, Smith 312 1/2, Underwood 42, Robinson 28, Davis 64, and Glass 44. The eighteenth developed no candidate and relatively little change in the voting. The vote was McAdoo 470 1/2, Smith 312 1/2, Underwood 39 1/2, Robinson 22, John W. Davis 66, Ritchie Davis 10, Glass 30, Sausbury 6, Ralston 30, Hull 20, Walsh 2.

The nineteenth ballot gave McAdoo 474, Smith 311 1/2, Davis 84 1/2, Underwood 29 1/2, Robinson 22, Ritchie 17 1/2, Cox 60, Bryan, 10, Governor Davis 9, Glass 30, Ralston 31, Sausbury 6, Copeland 1, Walsh 2.

**Monday's Balloting**  
First—McAdoo 431 1/2, Smith 240 1/2, others scattered.

Second—McAdoo 431, Smith 251 1/2, other little changed.

Third—McAdoo 437, Smith 255 1/2, others little changed. Sweet removed from balloting.

Fourth—Little change in relative standing. Kendrick removed from balloting.

Fifth, sixth, seventh—No change indicative of results.

Eighth—McAdoo 444.06, Smith 273 1/2.

Ninth—Little change.

Tenth—McAdoo 471.6, Smith 299.5, John W. Davis gaining, with 57.5 votes.

Eleventh—McAdoo 476.3, Smith 303.2, Davis 59.

Twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth—Little change.

Fifteenth—McAdoo 479, Smith 305.5, John W. Davis 64.5. The convention adjourned early Tuesday morning at the end of the fifteenth ballot and after a long night session that had failed to develop a candidate. McAdoo was still leading with Smith slowly gaining and John W. Davis of West Virginia had gained third place with 64.5 votes, having started on the first ballot with only 21 votes. Favorite sons were still keeping scattered votes.

## GETS EIGHT MONTHS ON TWO ASSAULT CHARGES

A long and tedious session of the recorder's court was occupied, for the most part, with minor offenders Tuesday.

There were two convictions against one defendant on a charge of assault with deadly weapon, all parties to the affair being colored. The defendant was Alex Armstrong and he drew four months for each offense.

Fred Harris, also colored, got off with \$10 and costs when convicted on three separate charges, disorderly conduct, creating a disturbance and trespass.