

Conference Must Break Three Cornered Deadlock

Seems Only Chance to Bring About Nomination Democratic Candidate and Such a Conference Is Being Delayed by High Hopes of the Three Blocking Group

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Madison Square Garden, New York, July 2.—The three-cornered deadlock in the Democratic National Convention has gone so far that only a conference of leaders can break it up and bring about the nomination of a compromise candidate.

The latest plan is for a conference of the chairmen of all delegates to be addressed by former Governor Judson Harmon of Ohio, William Jennings Bryan, and prominent Democratic members of Congress in order to determine a course of action.

Such a conference is talked of for tonight, but the hopes of each of the three groups now blocking a nomination are still so high that it would not be surprising if the conference idea were blocked, too, at least until tomorrow.

New York state is understood to be taking the initiative in bringing about the conference, as the empire state leaders think that in a straight out discussion across the table they can demonstrate how excellent would be Smith's chances of election should he be nominated.

There is on the other hand unalterable opposition to Governor Smith from the dry wing of the party which comprises the West and the South. William Jennings Bryan, who has been effectually squelching the Davis boom by threatening to take the floor against him, is on the war path with respect to Smith.

Bryan objects to the New York governor as a wet. Some of the men prominent in the Smith camp who see no immediate outcome of the deadlock say they are powerless to break it so long as Smith continues to gain. They say the McAdoo people ought to be ready for a conference but that until the Smith vote drops off too, a pow-wow of party leaders would hardly be brought about.

But if the Smith men think McAdoo is out of it, the McAdoo generals do not. "We have withstood attack all along the line," said Breckenridge Long of Missouri, floor manager of the McAdoo forces, "and we have demonstrated that our line cannot be broken down. We have lost here and there and probably will lose a few more, but we have a strong line and the opposition will learn that it can attack."

Managers are always more optimistic than delegates who usually weary of prolonged balloting. There is impatience and restiveness in the ranks of the delegates. The pressure to break the unit rule in several states is growing. The McAdoo managers have some hope of getting Missouri back later today and also think Mississippi will swing to them. Either one of these expectations if realized would give new life to the McAdoo boom.

But the consensus of opinion continues to grow that neither McAdoo nor Smith, even if they gain a hundred votes more, can get a majority, much less a two-thirds vote. The task is now to convince the leaders of the McAdoo and Smith camps of that fact. The favorite son delegations who constitute nearly a third of the votes are not pouring in enough votes to help either Smith or McAdoo. The much talked of reserve power for either Smith or McAdoo is proving a myth.

There are more Smith votes to be polled but not to exceed 100 more. The early ballots today showed that there was virtually little change over night. The various meetings of delegations failed to indicate any big defections from any side. Under the circumstances the outlook was for another 15 ballots, making a total of about 45. Indications were that the record of both Baltimore and San Francisco would be exceeded and that a nomination might not be made until after 50 ballots. In the words of an irreconcilable delegate instructed to vote for McAdoo until his name is withdrawn, "The first 50 ballots are always the weariest."

The compromise candidates who seem at the moment to have a chance for the nomination, when the deadlock is broken, appear to be John W. Davis of West Virginia, Senator Ralston of Indiana, James M. Cox of Ohio, Senator Glass of Virginia, Senator Underwood of Alabama and Newton D. Baker of Ohio.

FLED KU KLUX



Threatening letters signed "Ku Klux Klan" have driven Mrs. John Brooke and her family from their home in Peasgrove, N. J. One letter said that the Klan, at a meeting, objected to Miss Brooke's meeting at night Richard Kent, 19, son of a prominent merchant. It was demanded that the young couple be kept apart or "action will be taken." Above is shown Allecia and below Mrs. Brooke, who sold her home and left to avoid further complications.

ANNOUNCE SHAKEUP IN FOREIGN SERVICE

Washington, July 2.—An unprecedented shakeup in the foreign service was announced today by the State Department under the authority of the recently enacted Rogers bill for reorganization of the work. Retirement for age and resignations moved 60 names from the permanent rolls and in addition reclassification from top to bottom was announced.

COMMUNISTS MAY NOT HAVE PART IN MEET

(By The Associated Press.)
Cleveland, July 2.—The Communists will not have a part in the conference for Progressive political action which meets here July 4 if the sentiment of the National Communist meeting here today is carried out.

MEET THURSDAY ABOUT ORGANIZING BOYS BAND

A meeting will be held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms Thursday night at 8 o'clock for organizing a boys' band and in the meantime those who are interested are asked to communicate with Rotarians Bill C. Sawyer, Frank Kramer, and George Seyffert.

support of me during the grueling battle now in progress. My only regret is that I cannot be on the floor myself to fight by your side. I wish you would let each individual member of the delegation know that despite my absence, I am following each ballot in detail and with the greatest admiration of the way the McAdoo delegations are holding fast.

"The fight is progressing along the lines expected. Intensive drives are being made to disintegrate our forces. While we have temporarily lost some votes, no other candidate has shown any commanding strength. The tactics of the opposition, of course, have been to try to tire out the McAdoo delegates and then have the bosses agree among themselves on a candidate. I do not believe that the McAdoo delegates will ever be parties to any such arrangement.

POTATO CROP PASSES RECORD 1922 YIELD

The record of 1922, the banner potato year of this section, from a standpoint of yield, was broken Tuesday when the total potato shipments from Elizabeth City for the 1924 season reached 1,277 cars, a larger number than was shipped during the entire season of 1922.

The heavy rains of this week and a barrel shortage have retarded the potato movement from Elizabeth City, and, provided the price holds up and the potatoes in the ground are not rotted by the excessive rainfall, potatoes should continue rolling from Elizabeth City for another week or two.

It is estimated today that more than \$700,000 of potato money has gone into the hands of potato growers in the Elizabeth City section this season.

FORECAST COTTON CROP TWELVE MILLION BALES

Washington, July 2.—A cotton crop of 12,144,000 bales this year is forecast by the Department of Agriculture today. The condition of the crop on June 25 was 71.2 per cent of normal.

RABBIT FOOT DOCTOR SENT BACK TO ASYLUM

Before Trial Justice Spence in recorder's court Wednesday morning on a charge of practicing medicine without license Sanie Sharp, colored, was required to return to the husband of one of his patients the sum of \$10 and a pistol collected for "professional services" and was himself sent back to the Virginia hospital for the insane from which a certificate in his pocket showed him to be on leave of absence.

"Sanie," when arrested, had a sack full of herbs, rabbits' feet and other charms in addition to the certificate from the Virginia institution. In all probability "Sanie" is short for insane. If it isn't any physician in town will doubtless tell you it ought to be, for "Sanie" had collected his fee on the claim of having "cured" a woman suffering with cancer.

GASTON MEANS GETS TWO YEAR SENTENCE

New York, July 2.—Gaston Means, former Department of Justice agent, and Elmer Jarnecke, his secretary yesterday convicted of conspiracy to violate the national prohibition law, were today sentenced to the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta for two years and fine \$10,000 and \$5,000 respectively.

HAS ANCIENT COIN

Jordan Warren, colored, who collects and sells old furniture and also does intensive truck farming, has in his possession a Spanish coin of the date 1810. The coin is an interesting and rare specimen, he believes, that will please some coin collector. He can turn the coin into the bank and get \$4 for it but he rather expects to get more from an appreciative customer.

COTTON MARKET

New York, July 2.—Spot cotton, closed quiet, Middling 29.90, a decline of 100 points. Futures, closing bid, July 28.84, Oct. 24.18, Dec. 23.52, Jan. 23.33, March 23.52, May 23.62.

New York, July 2.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: July 29.95, Oct. 25.25, Dec. 24.48, Jan. 24.26, March 24.45, Aug. 27.10.

"THIS FREEDOM?"



Long ago, when "women's place was in the kitchen," they used to say when discussing women in politics: "They'll soon be wearing the trousers." Well, here they are, Miss Ethel Clawson, an attorney at the Democratic convention in "knickerbockers." Why not be comfortable with a searing convention hall to sit in all day, she demanded.

MISS ANNA DELON DEAD

Miss Anna L. Delon died at her home, 229 North Road street, Wednesday morning at 6 o'clock, after an illness of several months.

Prior to her illness she was for a number of years with the law firm of Meekins & McMullan and was known as one of the most efficient business women of the city.

She is survived by four sisters, Mrs. W. L. Davis, Mrs. A. L. Aydlett, Misses Elizabeth and Rosalind Delon, all of this city; one brother, J. B. Delon of Baltimore; two nieces, Mrs. W. W. Gregory of Rocky Mount and Miss Catherine Bruce Davis of Newport News.

The burial service will be conducted at the grave in Hollywood Cemetery at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon by Rev. Daniel Lane.

JAPANESE REGRET INCIDENT OF FLAG

(By The Associated Press.)
Tokio, July 2.—The police informed the American embassy today that two men arrested yesterday were accomplices of the man who cut down the flag in the American embassy compound and they knew the name of the chief culprit and expected to arrest him at any minute.

Official expression of regret which the foreign minister delivered to the American charge d'affaires and which the latter forwarded to Washington is regarded as closing the incident. The police, however, on the premier's orders, are continuing a vigorous examination of suspects and making further searches.

Pershing Suggested Offset To Hell And Maria Dawes

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New York, July 2.—Ever since they came to New York some of the delegates to the Democratic National Convention have contended that a "service man" should be put on the national ticket as an offset to "Hell and Maria" Dawes of the Republicans.

Today these same delegates thought they had solved the problem. Their idea is to draft no less a person than General John J. Pershing, for Vice President. They are endeavoring to bring other delegates to the same view and say they are meeting with gratifying success.

General Pershing was General Dawes' commanding officer in France and he was seriously considering four years ago for definite political honors.

To the objection that General Pershing is not a Democrat, his proponents at the convention here say that neither is he a Republican. He has never voted either ticket. Having been in the Army all of his life he has never mixed in politics—not national politics anyhow.

The Pershing boomers believe the Democrats would make a ten-strike by placing him on the tail of the ticket. They say he was appointed commander-in-chief of the American forces in the World War by a Democratic President and that his great military honors came to him under

McAdoo And Smith Forces Prepare For Final Struggle

Davis Supporters Acquiring All They Can While Favorite Sons and Dark Horses Wait for Two Leading Candidates to Exhaust Themselves and Quit

(By The Associated Press)

NO GREAT EFFECT ON OIL INDUSTRY

Suit Filed by Attorney General Stone Is Nothing More Than Locking the Stable After the Horse Is Stolen.

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New York, July 2.—No striking effect on the crude oil or gasoline situation is anticipated in that industry as a result of the suit filed by Attorney General Stone against fifty prominent oil companies to "restore competition," according to men not included in the suit.

They take the attitude that the attack on the pooling of cracking patents and agreements regarding them is locking the stable after the horse has been stolen.

New processes for producing gasoline are being developed constantly, they claim, and in some instances have been tried or settled, the process involved has become obsolete. As to restraint of production, it has proved almost impossible to control output of crude oil during the last year. Many of the big corporations attempted to hold down production

in California when the Santa Fe Springs, Huntington Beach and Long Beach pools were in the midst of flush production, but without avail.

Recently a meeting of producers in the Tonkawa field of Oklahoma was called by E. W. Marland to discuss a shutdown to restrict production and improve prices. Only one company sent a representative to the meeting. Stocks of crude oil are heavy today and storage space is crowded in spite of tremendous construction programs which have added large tanks and reservoirs in various sections of the country in the last year. A total domestic output of oil has recently risen toward the 1,980,000 barrel a day mark, and is about four per cent higher than in the first quarter of the year.

This has come about in spite of the fact that the downward movement of prices has been gaining momentum. Since storage capacity is limited and producers refuse to restrict production there has been nothing else for refiners to do but turn a very considerable quantity of crude into gasoline and other refined products. This has been followed by a reduction in gasoline prices of as much as 2 cents a gallon in some sections. These facts, oil men say, will be far more potent at least in the near future than the suit just filed.

The demand for gasoline at present is somewhere near 20 per cent greater than last year but production it is claimed is still exceeding consumption. In addition, it is known (and this was exemplified by the type of motor used in the Indianapolis races) that the trend of motor engine construction is toward the high pressure, small cylinder high speed type in which the present type of gasoline produced under the cracking process does not work particularly well. Development of motor fuels therefore seems at present away from the cracking process and toward some system which will produce a higher grade motor fuel cheaply.

In this connection the Linton process has been under investigation by several large companies. In this process pre-heated heavy crude is allowed to flow by gravity over heated steel plates in such a manner that each fraction of the oil is subjected to some temperature higher than its own boiling point but not under pressure. The gasses so released are then led into a condenser from which the motor fuel flows. This process it is asserted is not a cracking process but one of isomerization.

It is claimed by its sponsors that the distillate so produced will give more efficiency than gasoline produced by cracking which latter process involves pressure and that it can be produced at a far less cost. A number of other processes for production of motor distillate are in process of development, both by large companies and individual investigators.

The demand for fuel oil also must be considered in connection with its production of gasoline in view of the determination of the shipping board to equip a certain number of its vessels with internal combustion engines of some type.

Thomas West and Linwood Mann left Monday for Camp Bragg, where they will take military training.

New York, July 2.—A break in the New York delegation on the thirty-seventh ballot this afternoon when McAdoo received two votes which previously had been cast steadily for Smith started McAdoo supporters off on a demonstration.

Totals in the thirty-seventh were: McAdoo 444, Smith 321, Davis 107, Underwood 39 1/2, Robinson 24, Ritchie 17 1/2, Cox 55, Governor Davis 3, Glass 24, Ralston 32, Walsh 1/2, Saulsbury 6, Owen 24, absent 1/2.

Madison Square Garden, New York, July 2.—As the contending forces wheeled into position to renew the struggle at today's session of the Democratic Convention there were strong indications that the McAdoo and Smith people were preparing for their utmost exertions.

Davis forces planned to acquire all they could, while favorite sons and dark horse camps seemed disposed to let Smith and McAdoo "freeze it out between them" confident that neither could get the required two thirds.

The thirty first ballot, which was the first today, found the lines of all contenders holding fast just about as they were last night and the thirty second did not change matters.

All three leaders on the thirty third showed glosses because Michigan took away her 30 votes which had been divided among them and cast them for Ferris, Mississippi flipped to McAdoo on the thirty third and Oklahoma went back into the McAdoo column.

The thirty-second gave McAdoo 415 1/2, Smith 322, Davis 128, Underwood 39 1/2, Robinson 24, Ritchie 16 1/2, Cox 57, Governor Davis 6, Glass 24, Ralston 32, Walsh 3 1/2, Saulsbury 6, Owen 24.

The thirty-third gave McAdoo 404 1/2, Smith 310 1/2, Davis 121, Underwood 39 1/2, Robinson 23, Ritchie 16 1/2, Cox 49, Governor Davis 6, Glass 24, Ralston 32, Walsh 2 1/2, Saulsbury 6, Owens 25, Ferris 30, Gaston 1/2.

The thirty-fourth gave McAdoo 445, Smith 311, Davis 107, Underwood 39 1/2, Robinson 24, Ritchie 16 1/2, Cox 54, Governor Davis 3, Glass 24, Ralston 31, Walsh 1 1/2, Saulsbury 6, Owen 25, Ferris 30.

The thirty-fifth gave McAdoo 439 1/2, Smith 323 1/2, Davis 107, Underwood 39 1/2, Robinson 24, Ritchie 16 1/2, Cox 55, Governor Davis 3, Glass 24, Ralston 33, Walsh 1/2, Saulsbury 6, Owen 25, Gerard 1, absent 1/2.

The thirty-sixth gave McAdoo 438 1/2, Smith 325, Davis 107, Underwood 39 1/2, Robinson 24, Ritchie 16 1/2, Cox 55, Governor Davis 3, Glass 24, Ralston 33 1/2, Walsh 1/2, Saulsbury 6, Owen 25, Doheny 1, Gerard 1, absent 1/2.

New York, July 2.—The Democratic Convention got in session again this morning after thirty ballots which ended shortly before midnight Tuesday night.

At that time McAdoo still was leading but had lost ground during the day. The result for the three leaders on the thirtieth ballot Tuesday night was McAdoo 415 1-2, Smith 323 1-2, and Davis of West Virginia 126 1-2.

The thirty-first ballot, the first of Wednesday's session, gave McAdoo 415 1/2, Smith 322 1/2, Davis 127 1/2, Underwood 39 1/2, Robinson 23, Ritchie 16 1/2, Cox 57, Governor Davis 6, Glass 24, Ralston 32, Walsh 1/2, Saulsbury 6, Owen 25, Doheny 1, Gerard 1, absent 1/2.

Favorite sons from several other states still were trailing the leaders with their totals unchanged from earlier ballots.

On the twenty-seventh ballot Tuesday night one North Carolina vote was given Josephus Daniels but he soon broke up the movement toward him by stating that he did not want to be considered as contending for the nomination. Mr. Daniels has consistently supported McAdoo.

William Jennings Bryan took the floor Tuesday night and urged that any breaks away from McAdoo be in favor Ralston. He still appeared to feel that McAdoo has a chance. At the McAdoo headquarters Tuesday night it was stated that there was no intention then of throwing his strength to Ralston. Mr. Bryan had urged that Ralston get the vote instead of Davis if the McAdoo forces broke.

METHODISTS SMOOTH AWAY DIFFICULTIES

(By The Associated Press.)

Chattanooga, July 2.—As the special conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened today to consider the disposition of the plan for unification with the Northern body word went about that leaders of the various factions had got together during the night and smoothed out many of the difficulties.