

Rudderless The Democrats Are Just Trusting To Fate

Still Groping in Dark With Only Chance That Compromise Candidate Backed by All Except McAdoo's Diminished Forces May be Affected

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Madison Square Garden, New York, July 8.—Rudderless and without concerted action, the Democratic National Convention is drifting today in the hope that some process of mental telepathy will make 732 hearts beat as one and make a nomination.

But the chances of a stamped selection have grown remote. Four score ballots have taken the emotion as well as the element of surprise out of the 1,098 delegates and the old fashioned idea of starting a "drive" without prearranged agreement is proving futile.

The early balloting today showed clearly that the delegates are groping in the dark and will not get any votes until all the leaders sit down in a conference and after canvassing the situation reach an actual compromise agreement.

There is, of course, a good deal of talk about second choices. Some of the Smith men are feeling out McAdoo delegates on the subject of John W. Davis of West Virginia. There seemed to be also a tendency to throw votes to Senator Ralston of Indiana whose drive started late yesterday and continued sluggishly today. It probably will not succeed as Ralston does not as yet captivate the imagination of the delegates. After Ralston has had his fling, the plan is to try out Senator Robinson of Arkansas and possibly Senator Underwood of Alabama. Most of the strength of Senator Carter Glass is in the McAdoo camp where just at present the disposition is not to start compromise drives but to stand pat.

The balloting, however, is having a significant effect. The morale of the McAdoo forces is diminishing. At the same time it is becoming apparent to the Smith managers that they cannot go much higher than their present totals. They have some reserve strength and believe that when the McAdoo delegates are distributed over a wide field of favorite sons, the only cohesive block left in the convention will be that of Governor Smith and that persistence alone will win out in the end.

Today's balloting will probably force the selection of a compromise. Hitherto the McAdoo men have not been ready to confer on the subject though the Smith leaders have been so inclined. If McAdoo should be unable to regain his earlier strength—it is doubtful now whether he will go much over 400 again—the end of the convention may then be expected.

All that has really been deadlocking the meeting has been a conviction that through some method—either the abrogation of the two-thirds rule or a last minute conversion of the favorite sons—the McAdoo forces would be victorious. There is evidence that the Smith people began to realize the hopelessness of their case several days ago.

The determination of McAdoo at present is to stick, refusing to enter a compromise conference or to release his delegates. It would then require a coalition of all the favorite sons delegates and the Smith people to bring about a nomination. Since the McAdoo strength slumped to a point well below one-third, the nominating power may now be said to be vested in the hands of the remaining candidates. Efforts to get them together are proceeding. Members of the Senate and House are active in the negotiations and something tangible may be worked out before tonight.

At the moment John W. Davis' chances seem brighter than ever. William Jennings Bryan alone has vetoed the selection, but his strength was in the McAdoo camp and if McAdoo drops to a low total, the tendency will be to desert Bryan. There is also no love lost in the Smith camp for Bryan and if Bryan alone stood between the Smith forces and a nomination he would be overruled. It is doubtful whether Ralston can ultimately win the Smith vote, for while he has repeatedly denied that he is in any way connected with the Ku Klux Klan, his opponents here have managed to tag him with that label.

DANIELS WINNER FOR DARE REGISTER DEEDS

Manteo, July 8.—In the second primary Saturday for the office of register of deeds of Dare County A. V. Evans of Manteo received 306 votes and M. R. Daniels of Wanchese 378.

W. T. LOVE, JR., HURT

W. T. Love, Jr., of 30 Pearl street is suffering with a badly torn muscle in his back as the result of an accident Thursday while catching or lifting a sheep. Mr. and Mrs. Love and family are at the home of Mr. Love's father, W. T. Love, Sr., at 23 Shringham street.

HIGHWAY BODY WANTS \$45,000

One-Third of This Amount to Retire Old Debt and About One-Third Remainder for Knobbs Creek Bridge

A resolution presented to the County Commissioners Monday by the Board of County Highway Commissioners requesting an appropriation of \$30,000 for road activities including the construction of a bridge over Knobbs Creek on Pennsylvania Avenue was sent back to the highway body with a request for an itemized statement of what the money is to be spent for.

The resolution also requested that money be provided for the payment of a note for \$15,000 which is outstanding, making a total of \$45,000 for road purposes as compared with an average of a little more than \$20,000 for the last three years. Exact figures are: For 1921 \$27,468, for 1922 \$20,900, and for 1923 \$19,294. These figures include an annual reduction of \$5,000 on the County's outstanding indebtedness for roads incurred under the chain gang regime. Last year's road tax was 18 cents on the \$100 valuation of property and it is estimated that to raise the required amount the levy for road tax would have to be raised to 25 cents on the \$100 property valuation.

In regard to the bridge over Knobbs Creek the County Commissioners went on record as favoring the abandonment of the project, in view of the belief that this bridge has ceased to serve the public since the abandonment of Lamb's Ferry.

The collectors for dog taxes appointed are as follows: for Elizabeth City, B. F. Emmett; for Salem township, J. M. Jennings; for Mt. Hermon township, J. C. Russell; and for Providence township, B. F. Pritchard.

The report of the County health officer presented at the meeting indicates that there are five cases of measles and 4 cases of typhus which have been properly quarantined. The jail and County Home were reported to be in sanitary condition. Some minor matters including the release of taxes in individual cases were presented to the board. The board will meet again on next Monday to consider the equalization of taxes.

The jurors for the July-August term of court are as follows: M. C. Jackson, K. R. Winslow, L. B. Bateman, W. P. Davis, S. J. Cartwright, C. W. White, J. D. Fitchet, G. W. Fisher, J. A. Luton, M. G. Sanders, Caleb Raper, C. W. Ward, F. L. Saunders, W. G. Davis, L. S. Nixon, E. E. Holloman, Grandy Britte, A. G. James, John W. Trueblood, Francis Nixon, C. W. Davis, A. C. Baum, C. L. Whitehurst, J. G. Plimell, C. V. Ballard, C. N. Morgan, L. W. Bateman, J. E. Gregory, W. A. Brock, G. M. Williams, Frank Brown, L. W. Madrin, W. H. Markham, W. J. Luton, A. S. Alexander, J. L. Baker, T. T. Turner, C. A. Tasker, W. H. Sherlock, R. C. Hewett.

DAVENPORT SUCCEEDS OFFICER TARKINGTON

Police Officer J. E. Tarkington, suspended from the city police force by Chief Gregory recently but who took his case to the City Council, notwithstanding the fact that Chief Gregory's action had the backing of City Manager Bray, lost out in his petition for reinstatement when the appointment of A. H. Davenport to succeed Police Officer Tarkington was confirmed by the Council in regular session Monday night.

There were no charges against Mr. Tarkington except that he was temperamentally unsuited for the duties of a police officer. Councilman Gordon voted to give Tarkington another chance but the motion received no second.

COTTON MARKET

New York, July 8.—Spot cotton, closed quiet, Middling 29.60. Futures, closing bid, July 28.60, Oct. 24.20, Dec. 23.52, Jan. 23.38, March 23.64.

New York, July 8.—At two p. m., today cotton futures stood at the following levels: July 28.96, Oct. 24.33, Dec. 23.72, Jan. 23.60, March 23.82.

New York, July 8.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: July 28.90, Oct. 24.23, Dec. 23.72, Jan. 23.60, March 23.82.

QUICK, WATSON, THE ETIQUET BOOK



What's wrong with this picture, as they ask in the etiquet ads. The table manners are pretty bad, but a good time is being had by all at the birthday dinner being given to Bozo, who lives in the Bronx Park (N. Y.) Zoo.

SEALED BID AUCTION IS SOMETHING NEW

Four Elizabeth City Merchants Offer Bargain to Stimulate the Summer Trade

Something really new is the Sealed Bid Auction of a piano, a Ford roadster, a gas range and a diamond ring being conducted this week by four Elizabeth merchants as a novel method of advertising.

Each of the articles offered in the auction was selected from stock merchandise in particular demand at this season and it is expected that bidding will be heavy on all. The regular selling price of each article is advertised in an announcement of the auction in this issue of The Daily Advance.

Those who are interested in the purchase of any one of the articles should visit the store where it is on display, inspect it, estimate what it is worth, to him, write his bid on the coupon which is printed in the announcement, and deposit his bid with the merchant.

Bidding will be continued all this week until Saturday. Anyone is privileged to make a bid and all will be considered. There are no conditions to the auction except in the event that no serious bids are made on any one of the articles that the bids, if entirely frivolous and not representing the wholesale cost of the goods, may be rejected. Otherwise the high bidder will receive the merchandise at his own price which may be considerably below the market value.

The articles offered are: A handsome diamond ring in a white gold setting valued at \$65, now on display at Louis Selig's, "Your Jeweler since 1882."

A rebuilt Ford roadster, 1922 model, with new top, and in first rate condition all round, valued at \$215 on display at the Martin street warehouse of the Auto & Gas Engine Works.

A new Chambers gas range which may be used as an ordinary gas range or as a fireless cooker, on display at M. G. Morrisette's, the Main Street

COURT CONTINUES CASE HOPING FOR ADJUSTMENT

Mrs. Alice Archbell had her husband, Ben Archbell, in court Tuesday morning to answer a charge of abandonment and non support, but the action was continued by the court when evidence disclosed that the husband had not ceased to provide for his family but had only walked out when his wife's nagging became, it appeared to him, unbearable.

The court continued prayer for judgment in the hope that the disagreement, which arose over some trivial household matter, might be patched up.

Leon Overton for assault on Dan Agerson, was let off with the costs. Both are colored.

John T. Bell and Queenie May Pallen, both colored, were fined \$10 and costs on a charge of prostitution.

Charles T. Riddick, colored, failing to list taxes, was taxed taxes and costs.

GRIST IS LEADING TWO VOTES TO ONE

Raleigh, July 8.—With 667 precincts reported in the second primary, the race for the Commissioner of Labor and Printing, Frank D. Grist was leading M. L. Shipman nearly two to one, the Grist vote being 41,240, while Shipman had 21,224. These returns represented 51 counties of which 22 were complete.

HEADS THE ELKS

Boston, July 8.—John Price of Columbus, Ohio, was today elected grand exalted ruler of the B. P. O. Elks at the annual grand lodge meeting here.

Furniture Store.

A slightly used Colonial design Cable piano, which sold new for \$550, and is now sold to be a bargain at \$315 as it is in perfect order, taken in exchange on a piano of another design, on display at the Duff Piano Company.

Calvin Coolidge, Jr., Dies At Walter Reed Hospital

Sixteen-Year-Old Son of President and Mrs. Coolidge Fought Bravely Until the End Which Came at 11 O'clock Monday Night

Washington, July 8.—Death once more has cast its shadow over the White House, claiming Calvin, Jr., 16-year-old son of the President.

The courageous struggle of five days that stood off the final claim of acute blood poisoning ended last night. The younger son of the President died at Walter Reed Hospital where he had lain in his desperate fight for life since he was removed there last Saturday in order that every resource of medical science might be employed.

Wasted in strength by the ravaging spread of septic poison that resulted from an almost unnoticed blister which developed on his foot while playing tennis a week ago, the youth fought a futile battle throughout yesterday. Losing ground steadily he yet amazed physicians by the tenacity with which he clung to the slender thread of life and his fortitude under the suffering of the complications that attended the spread of the disease.

He collapsed early in the night and death occurred at 10:30.

Washington, July 8.—Calvin Coolidge, Jr., son of President and Mrs. Coolidge, died at Walter Reed Hospital shortly before eleven o'clock last night from septic poisoning brought on by a blister on the foot from playing tennis.

Funeral arrangements had not

been made early today. The boy, who was 16 years old, made a game fight against the disease but was unable to stand off the poison which permeated his entire system.

Tentative plans for the funeral were understood to include a simple service at the White House at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, the body then to be taken to Northampton, Massachusetts, the Coolidge home, where another service will be held with burial Thursday at Plymouth, Vermont, where the President was born.

SENDS SYMPATHY TO PRESIDENT COOLIDGE

When the news of the death of Calvin Coolidge, Jr., reached here Tuesday morning Mayor W. Ben Goodwin telegraphed the following message of sympathy from Elizabeth City to the Chief Executive of the Nation:

President Calvin Coolidge, White House, Washington, D. C.

Our entire community hereby expresses to you and family its sincere sympathy in the affliction which has befallen you. May an All Wise Providence enable you to bear the sorrow bravely is our prayer.

W. BEN GOODWIN, Mayor, Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

Slide Toward Ralston Ends Afternoon Session

With Solid Votes of Oklahoma, Nevada, Missouri and Kansas Picked Up, Besides Smaller Groups, Indiana Senator Ranks Third With Nearly Two Hundred Votes

(By The Associated Press)

COWS ARE BANNED FROM THIS CITY

After December 31, 1924, They Must Hide Themselves Back to the Farm Unless Council Rescinds Action.

Cows will be banished from Elizabeth City on and after December 31, 1924, under an ordinance passed by the City Council in regular session Monday night. The ban was put on long ago, and, in view of the growth of the town and the difficulty of keeping premises where a cow is kept in sanitary condition, especially in wet weather, four members of the Council and the Mayor deemed it in line with progress to put the cow out of the city limits also.

Dairies once flourished in the heart of Elizabeth City, but an end was put to these during the war when the City Council enacted an ordinance limiting the number of cows that might be kept by a family to one. This was later amended so as to permit two cows to be kept and the result was, with the dairies in the city abolished and with no dairy of any size outside the city, one and two-cow dairies sprang up all over town and flourished. More recently the Oak Grove dairy has been established just outside the City limits and, with paved roads into the city, farmers are now devoting more attention to dairying. It is felt, therefore, with virtually six months notice given, that the putting of cows out of the town will in no wise jeopardize the city's milk supply.

Another reason that led the City Council to incline toward putting the family cow out of the city limits was the difficulty found in enforcing the ordinance as it stood, as the same family would contrive, in some instances, by keeping one cow in a neighbor's lot, to have really more than the number allowed; while in other instances, with more than one family occupying the same house, more than two cows were kept in the same lot.

Even at that, however, and with the city health officer urging the enactment of the ban on cows because there are now "more flies in Elizabeth City than ever before in its history" sentiment of the Council for and against the ordinance was evenly divided and it required a vote from the mayor to break the tie and pass the ordinance. Those voting for the ordinance were Councilmen Gordon, Weatherly, Ferree and Kramer, while those voting against it were Councilmen Anderson, Foreman, Cohoon and Hughes.

The ordinance will go into effect on December 31, 1924, unless the City Council rescinds its action.

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In addition to a complete copy of the Atlas the Chamber of Commerce is to receive 1,000 copies of the Elizabeth City section for free distribution.

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In succession the Indiana Senator picked up the solid votes of Oklahoma, Nevada, Missouri, and Kansas, besides smaller groups, raising his total to a point approaching that of the two leaders.

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