

OUTSIDE CROWDS HIT BY 'WILSON APATHY'

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IRISH DISCOURAGED TOO!

White House Is Dictating Convention Is Idea Prevalent in San Francisco.

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SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.—One would think to look at the streets in the vicinity of the Civic Auditorium, where the Democratic National Convention held its second session to-day, that national political conventions were very day occurrences in this city.

Even the rather meagre crowds that lined the streets leading to the convention hall yesterday had greatly dwindled. There was no mad rush to get into the convention hall, and many of the seats inside were not taken. There was a mild stir when the Ohio delegation, preceded by a band in bright red uniforms and bearing huge banners proclaiming Gov. Cox of Ohio as the best possible man for President of the United States, marched down Market street and swung into Grove street to the Auditorium. But there was no cheering or handclapping and no chasing after the band.

The regular noon crowds on the busy streets hesitated for a moment, seemed mildly interested and then went on about their business. Even the women who have been marching around the hall with suffrage banners and placards asking that the trade embargo against Russia be lifted had given it up as hopeless to-day and had gone back to their homes and hotels.

But, most strange of all, there was a similar air of apathy around the headquarters of the Friends of Irish Freedom. They could not attract any crowds. Their speakers became discouraged.

This morning a little while before the convention opened a pretty young lady mounted a table in the lobby of the St. Francis Hotel and attempted to speak in behalf of a dry plank in the platform and praise of William J. Bryan. She could not make anybody listen to her except a little bunch of New Jersey delegates, who set up a cry of "Edwards for President and a wet plank—Edwards, Edwards, Edwards."

The pretty young lady also became discouraged. Who would not?

The impression seems to be growing among the outside crowds around the convention that this is a cut and dried affair anyhow, and that President Wilson and his office-holders will run things exactly as they please, curiosity seekers are losing interest. They are merely waiting apathetically to learn what the White House dictum will be on the platform and the nominees. This feeling may be the result of mistaken notion, but it cannot be denied.

John L. Schuylerman of Portland, Ore., who says he is the campaign manager of the Woodrow Wilson League, an organization pledged to the election of Wilson for a third term, attempted to create a little excitement to-day by distributing literature outside of the Auditorium and in the lobbies of the St. Francis and Palace Hotel.

The third stage of the development of an idea is one of profound spiritual significance, declares Mr. Schuylerman in one of his pamphlets. "And so will Woodrow Wilson's third term be a period of fruition—fraternal, fraternal, fraternal, after that the full term in the ear."

Mr. Schuylerman was the only person who seemed to be interested in what he was preaching.

COMMITTEE LINEUP ON TWO BIG ISSUES

How Platform Drafters Feel on League and Dry Plank.

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SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.—The following is the personnel of the subcommittee of the resolutions committee which is deciding behind closed doors to-night what shall be the Democratic national platform:

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William R. Patterson (La.), for League of Nations and moderately liberal prohibition plank.
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Senator K. D. McKellar (Tenn.), for League of Nations and avoidance of wet and dry issues.
M. M. Crane (Texas), for League of Nations and avoidance of wet and dry issues.
Bainbridge Colby (District of Columbia), for League of Nations and liberal prohibition plank.
William J. Bryan (Nebr.), who stands for a bone dry plank and reservations to the league covenant, and Vice-President Thomas H. Marshall of Indiana, who takes a somewhat similar position were not appointed on the sub-committee by Chairman Glass.

OHIO REPUBLICANS HOLD CELEBRATION

State Convention Rejoices Over Harding's Nomination.

COLUMBUS, June 29.—Ohio Republicans met in State Convention here to-day, perfected a temporary organization, heard a keynote speech by A. R. Johnson of Ironton, temporary chairman, and "harmony speeches" by W. H. Boyd of Cleveland and Harry M. Daugherty, Senator Harding's pre-convention campaign manager.

"Tonight's session was given over to a justification of the nomination of Senator Harding. Senator E. Watson of Indiana delivered the principal address. The convention will adopt a platform to-morrow morning and select two Presidential Electors at Large and ratify the twenty-two Electors selected at district caucuses.

Stedman Challenges Coolidge. Gov. Calvin Coolidge, Republican nominee for the Vice-Presidency, was challenged yesterday by Seymour Stedman, Socialist candidate for the same office, to a joint debate of what Mr. Stedman referred to as the "issues of the campaign." The Socialist sent the challenge by letter and allowed the Governor to pick his own time and place. From the wording of the letter the chief subject for debate appeared to be socialism versus the Republican party. "The debate," said Mr. Stedman, "would aid the public to grasp more nearly our differences in purpose."

PEACE REIGNS AT SECOND SESSION

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tion. It is one of those queer little, almost unexplainable, emotional outbreaks of a great crowd. To the air of "John Brown's Body" the Georgians sing agreeably of their own home State. In writing, or for that matter in reading about a national convention it is always to be kept in mind that when grown men get together in the big political circles they are as impressionable as children. We are not speaking now of the Murphy. They are as impressionable as the dark pile of Mount Diablo, over behind Oakland.

The delay in starting the second day's session is uncommonly long. The tall, deaconlike looking man Cummings is on the stage. The vice-chairman and the chief press agent, Bourke Cockran, are ready to go. The all-important gentlemen of the National Committee, who sit upon the platform just back of the chairman and within handy reach of his ear, are assembled for the quiet work. They are the Murray Cranes, Reed Smoots and Charles B. Warrens of the Democratic convention. They will tell you with a straight face (Brennan of Illinois has just done that) that this is a free and unbossed assemblage of unselfish Democrats.

It is now ten minutes to 2, dinner time in the hall, and yet the convention is not down to business. They are tossing up Palmer balloons after all.

Hallyhoos for Heroes.

Cummings' gavel sails at nine minutes to 2, but he has trouble shooting the delegates into their seats and commanding quiet. The boosters fill the aisles and crowd into the delegations themselves as they hallyhoos for their heroes.

The Cox people are all wearing feathers this afternoon, but one seems to recall that Leonard Wood also had feathers.

Talking about these toy emblems, the McMillens are distributing stickers handy for slapping on any sort of surface and all bearing the single word, "McLide." Gerard of New York thinks there is life in roosters and is handing out real little fighting cocks standing in a small circle.

The prayer of the day is spoken by Bishop L. W. Leonard of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He closes his eyes, turns his head upward and doesn't read the invocation, as did all the clergymen at the Republican Convention. And now 11,000 men and women rise for the "Star Spangled Banner."

The Journalist professor in the press stand says he gathers the impression that the Bishop takes God to be a Democrat and for the League of Nations.

Ed Hoffman of "Tom Sawyer" Ind., secretary of the National Committee, comes on the speaker's runway to help Chairman Cummings still the renewed clamor in the crowd.

A reading clerk contributes to the vaudeville with the news there is a delegation of eight on exhibition out in the Southern Pacific yards and that it is worth a million dollars.

Now comes the real business of the day. The report of the credentials committee is read. The crowd learned that the Palmer delegation in Georgia has won, that Senator Reed is not only thrown out of the Missouri delegation, but that his seat is declared vacant, so Missouri has only twenty votes. This is announced by Hugo K. Asher of California, who reports for the committee on credentials.

Now, if ever, the fighting is to begin.

Protests Reed's Ousting.

Joseph B. Shannon of Kansas City rises to protest, as the sitting member from the Fifth Missouri district, Reed's district, against Reed's rejection by both the National Committee and the committee on credentials. Shannon's hope is that the convention itself will reverse this action, but it is improbable. Cummings calls him to the platform. Shannon bows into his speech very earnestly. He leans with both hands on the rope and "talks turkey." The instant he mentioned Reed's name there is a gush of hisses on the floor and in the gallery, then a good deal of cheering. They would like to choke off Shannon if they dared. Cummings is standing near him like a prize fighter over a prostrate foe, but Shannon is not prostrate. He is belligerent.

What they are afraid of is a denunciation of Wilson. But at this stage of the play they keep the steam roller in the garage. There is some cat calling and booing. Cummins is fair. He says Shannon is entitled to a hearing. Shannon says that legally they might have a right to oust Reed, but not morally. He reminds Democracy that the Fifth Missouri district gave Wilson 15,000 majority. He thought it would be shabby treatment to rob it of a delegate. Asher of California immediately follows Shannon with this stinger: "Missouri rejected Reed and we are glad to follow what they did."

Cummings puts the question as Asher backs away, and Reed is definitely thrown out of the convention by a roar of ayes which answered the chairman. There are, however, a good number of ayes angrily shouted. This seems loudest under the banners of the Southwestern States. The convention won't last long if they're going to settle all the fights this way.

The chair recognizes Gov. Smith of New York. There is a roar of welcome for Gov. Al. He waves his hand and moves that the secretary of the convention be instructed to send a telegram to the Governor of Tennessee thanking him for calling a special session of the Legislature to put through ratification of the Federal suffrage amendment. Carried amid laughter, for the crowd thought Smith had something full of sulphur and bromine on his mind. Ex-Gov. Samuel R. Hinson of Indiana now reports for the committee on permanent organization. He reminds us of Grover Cleveland, also William Dean Howells and J. I. C. Clarke of New York.

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plause all over the floor as Gov. Ralston follows the name of Chairman Robinson with an interminable roll of undistinguished Democrats. Many of them are women nowadays.

Gov. Ralston reads a correction. The assistant secretary from New York, instead of being the Hon. Martin Glynn, should be Mrs. Martin Glynn. Laughter and applause. The permanent chairman, while the band plays and the movies grind in the blue white of the searchlights is escorted to the stage by Gov. Brown of Arkansas, Senator Harrison of Mississippi and Mayor Fitzgerald of New Haven.

Senator Robinson, who was the dark horse candidate for permanent chairman because the outsiders thought it was to be Bainbridge Colby, gets a Dixie yell. He wears the statesman's black cutaway, with a dash of color in the form of gold and red, white and blue delegate badge. In general contour he is like a younger Bryan. His voice comes from a strong chest and rings every part of the auditorium without re-echoing in the galleries. He is not being used. A nasal quality impairs what would otherwise be one of the most agreeable voices in the convention. Robinson is good both at managing and extemporizing. He frequently points a shivering finger at the zenith as he calls Heaven to witness the depravity of the G. O. P. and the heroic nobility of the Knights of the Round Table who constitute the Democratic party. And he is fond of such old phrases as plutocrats, beneficiaries and the powers of Wall Street. He begins his talk at 2:35 and it will take nearly his mildly interesting 6,000 words.

Seats Are All Filled.

Up to this time there have been speeches of empty seats in the galleries. The ushers are now letting in persons in groups to fill them.

Bainbridge Colby, who was sitting at the head of the District of Columbia delegation with his legs crossed, slips into a gopher hole under the platform and disappears. Politics is the skillful game and he is needed in the kitchen, the guess is.

While Senator Robinson is speaking a heavyweight woman delegate at large from New York loudly approves the proposed New York State platform. A group of men block her way. Murphy notes her hesitation and calls out, without cracking a smile: "Let the little girl pass."

A Mississippi delegate, who is next in the press stand, has been reading up on San Francisco. He says the convention is being held almost on the spot where the sand lot riots took place. He is right. It is in front of the old city hall, not a very long way from the spot where, that Dennis Kearney marshalled the riff raff of the city and led them against the millionaires of Nob Hill.

These reminiscences are possible in such dull contexts, as the keynote of yesterday is recited by Chairman Robinson, who is an AI keynoter himself. Suddenly the crowd cheers. That is because Robinson has just spoken in favor of the "California" platform but favorite son, Hiram Johnson.

Recalling that Senator Harding years ago had branded Roosevelt the Benedict Arnold of the Republican party, Robinson asked if California would forget that and the way Johnson had been treated. Ever since the Republican convention the Democrats have been working and hoping for a Republican split, led by Johnson, and they are still working at it.

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Woman Has Resolution.

A woman has a resolution—Mrs. Alice Foster McCullough of Indiana. She proposes that the National Committee consist of equal numbers of men and women from each State. This is Homer Cummings' new nicker plated attachment to the Democratic machine. And it is obvious that they are trying to be mighty also at the woman's side. McCullough's suggestion is referred to the committee on resolutions.

A Rhode Islander makes the point of order that the convention already had a committee on resolutions except those dealing with the conduct of business on the floor.