

Crack of Gavel to Find the Democratic Convention Delegates Arrayed on Many Issues

NEARLY AGREED ON THIRD TERM

League Fight Makes Wilson Only Logical Leader, Is Feeling.

ADMIT DEFEAT LIKELY

Confidence Proclaimed After Chicago Convention Now All Gone.

(By a Staff Correspondent.)

San Francisco, June 27.—There seems a curious change in the attitude of such of the Democratic leaders as were in Chicago at the time of the Republican convention and who are now here. Immediately following the Chicago nomination there was a tendency on their part to magnify the obvious discontent with the action of that convention among the more radical Republicans and to find in it some reason to hope for Democratic success.

But events since have not tended to justify this optimism. The Republican disaffection has not grown, and indeed, seems to have been materially allayed. The much-discussed independent party does not seem to be making headway outside the Hearst papers, although its promoters announce they are awaiting the action of the San Francisco convention before making clear their plans. It seems apparent, however, that the late Chicago convention to La Follette for a Presidential candidate, and politicians refuse to take him seriously as a considerable vote getter.

Disensions in Own Camp.

Behind from the waning of the third party project, the Democratic managers find their chief reason for fearing disaster arising from disensions in their own camp. And while the league of nations and liquor issue afforded enough points of sharp antagonism, the growing belief that President Wilson seeks to make himself once again the candidate has put the ground level on a less serious source of political worry.

I talked today with an exceedingly distinguished member of the national committee who recalled to me the fact that nearly four months ago, in Washington, he had told me he believed the President would seek a re-nomination. And he said that of those who are bitter over the fact, rather he regards it with resignation, as a political disaster, made inevitable by the logic of the situation.

May Be Only Logical Candidate.

"The situation is simply this," he said. "The Republicans have adopted a platform which, so far as the league is concerned, leaves us no way of making a direct appeal except through the agency of the President's action in all matters relating to the treaty. If we are forced to do this, what candidate can we offer so capable of defending that plan as the President himself? I might go further and inquire what candidate could we offer who would be willing to defend such a plan as the President himself? It is no secret that the men who would be strongest with the electorate are not in entire harmony with the President's foreign policy. I do not think, however, that Senator Hitchcock, who would be willing to make a campaign in favor of the ratification of the treaty with one amendment, and who has no one look on Hitchcock as a man who would be strong before the people.

In Desperate Position.

"It is going to be hard enough to defend the treaty before the people, and it is going to be doubly hard if its champion was himself only a half-hearted believer in it. So we might as well give the job to the President himself. Of course I do not think the issue will weaken him, and the very general public opinion that his health will make his election either wise or safe will be further evidence of weakness. But we are in a desperate position and may as well adopt a policy of desperation."

More Than Receptive.

Except among the personal representatives of the various candidates there seems to be no doubt whatsoever that the President is something more than a merely receptive candidate. But you will not hear any discussion of this in the quarters of the Palmer boomers, where Maj. O. P. Newman and Frank Lord, well known Washington figures, are actively pressing the claims of the Attorney General. "I do not think Mr. McAdoo's withdrawal is in any way indicative of pressure brought upon him by the President," said Maj. Newman. "It has long been known that Mr. McAdoo was exceedingly doubtful as to the wisdom of his making the race. Personally I think he would have been an exceedingly strong candidate, and had I not been convinced, months ago, that he would not make the contest, I should not have taken up the candidacy of Mr. Palmer."

Doubt Seems General.

Perhaps none of the Presidential boomers will admit worry, but the fact remains that there is no doubt as to the President's position as to a complete check to their work here. There is no progress being made by any of the booms. There was an effort for a day or two to make it appear that Carter Glass would be the residuary legatee of the McAdoo strength, but there is no longer any talk of that kind. There has been a philosophical, if despairing, soul who has argued that, since the nominee stands but a slight chance of election at best, this might be a good time to break down the superstition against nominating a Southern man. But this it is answered that such a nomination this year, with the fatal

Democrats Must Satisfy Demands of American Farmers; G. O. P. "Bosses" Reject "Radical" Plans

Five Main Planks Make Up Rural Platform, Including Broadening of Farm Loan Banks.

San Francisco, June 27.—George P. Hampton, managing director of the Farmers National Council, is in San Francisco to tell the Democrats what 750,000 American farmers want.

Their program, practically rejected at Chicago, is constructive, but radical enough to have won the enmity of the 25,000 men whom Hampton says "control one-third of the wealth of the United States."

Their plans consist of five main planks, and any party that wants the support of the great farmers' organizations banded under the council's head must nail them on its platform.

Platform Demands.

"Here are the American farmers' demands which go," says Hampton, along with the farmers' vote: 1. Government ownership of railroads and merchant marine. 2. Control of the packers through such legislation as the Kenyon-Anderson Bill laying special stress on the Kent section which provides a scientific development of a new marketing system. 3. Adequate and cheap credits through the broadening of the farm loan banks. 4. Liquidation of the war debt by taxation of privilege instead of industry. 5. The continuance of the Federal Trade Commission, which has been of the greatest help to the people in their fight against the high cost of living, the packers' domination of food and other matters.

"The farmers of the United States are far from satisfied with the Republican platform," said Hampton. "In fact we are inclined to be very critical of its attitude toward producers."

Hampton concludes that private ownership of transportation facilities is a blot on the country's record. Its present inefficiency is a blow to agriculture as well as manufacturing, while the farmers face

short cut to a fat stake. And there's a bunch of Greeks in the game, too. "These human flies don't belong to our trade. They're just dare devils. Lots of nerve—but."

Burns has seen Hutcherson work, but does not know him personally. A few years ago, while he was busy on a job painting the flagpole of the Bankers' Trust in lower Manhattan, he had a visit from Rodman Law. Law wanted to jump off the roof of the same building with a parachute. Burns, who was enjoying what most people would have called a wild outdoor sport, forgot his own troubles and began to argue with Law about the chances he was taking.

Reward Worth While Then.

"And it was 'high finance' in the old days," he said. "Good money, easy work, and short hours. There's too many in the business now, though, and the prices are not so good. Sailors who have quit the sea are washing their hands of it, and less money, just because it's a quick reward."

MARRIED MANY HE'D PREFERRED BURIED

"I have married many people whom I would have much rather buried and I believe it would have been much better for them and for the world if I had buried them," declared the Rev. F. H. A. Hawkins, vicar of All Saints' Highgate, in an address on the divorce law, as a London dispatch.

BIGAMY RAMPANT IN SOUTH AFRICA

Bigamy is rampant in Johannesburg, South Africa, the Sunday Times of that city says it is informed by detectives. Many men have left wives in England and contracted a bigamous marriage there, the paper declares.

First Ride in Automobile Lands Him in Hospital

J. Koda, of Seattle, Wash., Japanese, decided to teach himself how to run his new flivver. A busted water main, cracked curb, and denied telephone post indicate the route of his first trip. The auto is in for repairs.

Erstwhile Confidence Gone.

Perhaps never before were the proverbial uncertainties of politics more strikingly illustrated than today. During the Chicago convention, the almost universal comment of Democratic observers, and they never expected to rule and that it that the struggle there, the animosities it appeared to be engendering were putting the Democratic party on the map once more. But you hear nothing of this sort out here. The Republican ticket is scored as a surrender to ultra-conservatism, and there is the usual run of scolding commentary on the methods by which it was put in nomination. But there is no longer any idea that it will be other than an exceedingly hard ticket to beat, while as for the antagonisms in the enemy's camp, the Democrats are beginning to discover the seeds of division in their own ranks. Their minds busy. They recognize the fact that the Bryan-Edwards fight on the prohibition plank alone will be enough to rend the party as it had not been torn since 1896, and there are not a few who think that perhaps one advantage of the renomination of the President would be that it would at least distract attention from this spectacular, and ruinous contest.

WILLIS J. ABROT.

AFTER SON-IN-LAW CHIEF STRENGTH BELONGS TO COX

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able to urge nothing but political expediency in his behalf. They have said that he can carry Ohio against Harding. They have used all their ammunition in his behalf. On national issues he has no record that particularly commands admiration or arouses antagonism.

Until recently he has been looked upon as rather a pronounced wet but just now his adherents are doing all they can to change that opinion. However, it would be too optimistic to assert that the greater part of this convention is going to be influenced by principle rather than expediency and Gov. Cox has, therefore, a good chance.

There is Senator Owen, nominating Gov. Smith of New York with him as Vice President. Both men are notable vote getters, but both are essentially professional politicians and the ticket would hardly appeal to the progressive element in the party. Indeed, that element bids fair to be as harshly dealt with in this convention as it was two weeks ago at Chicago.

Progressive Planks Scarce.

So far as progressive planks in the platform are concerned, you scarcely hear them discussed. The most progressive candidate for the nomination, Senator Owen, haunts the lobbies without attracting much attention, and his candidacy by common consent has assumed the aspect of a receptive ambition for second place.

Mr. Bryan has a plank on the league of nations that should arouse the enthusiasm of progressive minds, which he is withholding from publication until it is presented to the committee on resolutions.

But if the action of the national committee on the contracts yesterday is at all indicative of the temper of the convention itself, it will be the straight administration plank of this subject that will be adopted.

Favor Excess Profits Tax.

"The people do not realize," said Hampton, speaking of the war debt, "that American corporations made \$20,000,000,000 net profits above taxes since we entered the war, and that our total national debt is over \$20,000,000,000 in mortgages on farms at average rates of 8 per cent testify to this burden carried by the producers."

Hampton charges that farmers are having trouble in getting adequate credits, and are paying a heavy toll to the money lenders. Over \$4,000,000,000 in mortgages on farms at average rates of 8 per cent testify to this burden carried by the producers.

Problem of Irish Plank.

Gov. Owen, of Illinois, recently one of the so-called envoys for Ireland to the Peace Conference, was bitter in his comment on the speeches Ambassador Davis has made in London, although the senatorial mind would see in them nothing more than the ordinary courtesy of a diplomat to the people to whom he was accredited.

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Not Such a Tough Job If Eyesight Is Good

George W. Stevens, curator of the Art Museum at Toledo, Ohio, and Attorney Mark Winchester have been appointed art censors to make the rounds of the stores here and decide when ladies without clothing are art and when they're not.

Whisky, Poison No Longer, Says Chicago Druggist

"Whisky and alcohol are no longer poisons," said George Haering, a Chicago druggist at the conference of Illinois pharmacists. "They are medicines and we should give a vote of thanks to Congress for placing them in our hands."

LEADERS IN RIVAL PARTIES SHAKE.

George Shadburne, Democratic war horse of San Francisco (left), shaking hands with Julius Kahn, Republican Representative from California. "Well, after the tragedy of Chicago, what's the Democratic chances?" chuckled Shadburne. "Oh, about 50-50, now, I guess," replied Kahn. Mrs. Albert Howell, wife of the proprietor of the Atlanta Constitution, who has never before been photographed for publication, was an interested auditor. Inset, Clark Howell, Georgia committeeman re-elected.

DEMOCRATIC "FIRST LADY" PROSPECTS



Latest pictures of wives of prominent contenders for Democratic Presidential nomination.

Elwell Slain by Gambling Friend While Inamorata Crouched Upstairs, Declares Creator of Craig Kennedy

By ARTHUR B. REEVE, (Famous novelist, author of the "Craig Kennedy" detective stories.)

New York, June 27.—Two weeks after Elwell, the waist king, was discovered dying in his reception room, we know no more about what actually happened in his beautiful reception room than we did two hours afterward. The case is just as inexplicable as ever and in that respect it is an ideal mystery, with an appeal to me that no other case in recent years has had.

I have followed every theory advanced, no matter how wildly speculative, from the suicide hypothesis to the remote suggestion that the housekeeper knows more about the tragedy than she has admitted to the authorities. Surely one ought to write a good story on the Elwell case, for no one is hampered by facts, and facts are troublesome things that knock down the prettiest theories.

And, first of all, I want to bark back to the explanation that was dismissed almost at the start.

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NEW WET TEST IN BAY STATE

Measure Vetoed by Coolidge May Be Put Up to Voters.

(By a Staff Correspondent.)

Boston, June 27.—There is every reason to believe that under the initiative and referendum the question of adopting a law to provide for the manufacture and sale in Massachusetts of cider, beer and light wines, will be submitted to the voters at the State election next November.

The measure was vetoed by Gov. Coolidge, but as it was originally an initiative and referendum petition it can go before the voters if 5,000 additional signatures are filed "not earlier than the first Wednesday in July, and not later than the first Wednesday of the following August."

The unofficial opinion is expressed at the secretary of State's office that the necessary number of signatures will be secured. If the bill were submitted and received a majority vote at the State election, then Gov. Coolidge's veto of the 2.75 per cent beer will count for nothing.

DISTRICT TO LAUNCH KEEP-TO-RIGHT WEEK

A mass meeting of Washington business men is planned for Thursday night as the opening event of the "Keep to the Right" week, which campaign opens Thursday evening, Johnny Mack, of New York, who is in charge of the campaign, is arranging a list of speakers who will show the needs of increased attention to traffic regulation.

Mack is in daily conference with W. Pearce Rayner, chairman of the public safety group of the City Club; Tam Grant, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce for many years; and J. Clinton Hiatt, secretary of the Washington Safety First Association.

ANTI-IRISH ATTACK COX AND EDWARDS

San Francisco, June 27.—Denouncing Gov. Cox and Gov. Edwards as Sinn Feiners and charging that a barricade has been built around the auditorium to protect delegates from assaults of Irish hoodlums during the Democratic convention, agents of the Loyal Coalition today began campaigning against an Irish plank in the platform. They issued a statement with the above allegations, and added that De Valera has a fund of \$100,000 to spend here. This statement was signed by Demarest Lloyd and W. H. Smith, president and vice president of the coalition.

The "American commission on Irish independence" made public a telegram from De Valera sent from Elko, Nev. in which he declared he Irish wanted a platform plank flatly recognizing the Irish republic. They claim to represent 2,000,000 Americans—not Irish—and issued a statement insisting that "America pay her debt to Ireland."

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