

Auditorium Rings With Platform Oratory in Closing Battle of National Democracy

LIQUOR ISSUE AGAIN EVADED

Democrats, Like Republicans, Omit All Reference in Party Platform.

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San Francisco, July 2.—Prohibition as a leading issue in the forthcoming Presidential campaign was killed tonight by the Democratic national convention. The Democratic party, to which the wetting a light wine and beer prohibition, had looked hopefully for many months, turned a deaf ear to their plea and omitted all reference to the liquor question from the party platform.
The efforts of both wets and dry have their way in the platform battle. William Jennings Bryan offered a crushing defeat in his plea for a dry plank declaring modification of the Volstead act. The wet forces of New Jersey, New York and other States, having as their spokesman Bourke Cockran, likewise ran and to the administration forces.
A mustered 155 1/2 votes against the 229 1/2 of the opposition. The wets made a somewhat better showing. They polled 356 votes against the 726 1/2 of opposition. An effort by Richmond Pearson Hobson, of Alabama, once the leader of the prohibition forces in Congress, to have the Democrats declare for enforcement of the constitutional amendment and the Volstead law failed by a vice vote.

AUTHOR TO READ PATRIOTIC POEMS

Evalyn Gurley-Kane, noted dramatist, has been secured by the Church of Life and Joy, 1814 N Street, to give patriotic readings at the Independence Day service Sunday. The entire service will be dedicated to the memory of soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice in the great war. The program will start at 8:15 p. m.
"Our Men Who Paid the Price" will be given by Evalyn Gurley-Kane. This is her own tribute to the American Expeditionary Forces and to Armistice Day. She will also give "In Flanders Fields" and "The Declaration of Independence." There will be music and an excellent program by well known artists.

CROWDED TROLLEY CAR HIT BY ENGINE IN STORM

Hagerstown, Md., July 2.—Two persons were injured when a south-bound Norfolk and Western passenger train collided with a crowded Hagerstown and Frederick railway trolley car in the outskirts of Hagerstown this afternoon during a heavy storm. The trolley car was badly damaged. The injured are: Motorman A. B. Green and Frank Hovis, brakeman.
The trolley car, which was bound from Williamsport to Hagerstown, was coming down a hill. The power was shut off, and the tracks being wet, the motorman was unable to stop the car. It drifted on the track and was struck by the engine of the passenger train. The engine plowed through the front platform of the electric car.

BALLOT BY STATES

FIRST.
ALABAMA—Owen, 1; Smith, 2; Cox, 3; Davis, 3; Palmer, 2; McAdoo, 2.
ARIZONA—Cummings, 1; Cox, 1; McAdoo, 4.
ARKANSAS—Owen, 4; Cummings, 2; Cox, 7; McAdoo, 3; Palmer, 2.
CALIFORNIA—Cox, 4; Cummings, 2; Davis, 2; Edwards, 1; Glass, 1; Gerard, 1; McAdoo, 10; Colby, 1; Palmer, 3; Smith, 1.
COLORADO—Cummings, 1; McAdoo, 2; Palmer, 2.
CONNECTICUT—Cummings, 14.
DELAWARE—Marshall, 2; McAdoo, 4.
FLORIDA—Edwards, 1; Marshall, 1; Daniels, 1; McAdoo, 1; Palmer, 8.
GEORGIA—Palmer, 28.
IDAHO—McAdoo, 5.
ILLINOIS—Palmer, 25; Smith, 5; Cox, 9; McAdoo, 2.
INDIANA—Marshall, 31.
IOWA—Meredith, 26.
KANSAS—McAdoo, 20.
KENTUCKY—Cox, 23; McAdoo, 3; Palmer, 1; Marshall, 1.
LOUISIANA—Cox, 1; Glass, 1.
MAINE—Palmer, 5; Davis, 2; Owen, 1; Edwards, 1.
MARYLAND—Passed ballot for state.
MASSACHUSETTS—Chandler, 3; Wood, 1; Hearst, 1; Owen, 2; McAdoo, 4; Cox, 4; Smith, 7; Palmer, 17.
MICHIGAN—McAdoo, 15; Palmer, 12; Edwards, 1; Marshall, 1.
MINNESOTA—Cox, 2; Edwards, 4; Palmer, 7; McAdoo, 10; one not voting.
MISSISSIPPI—John S. Williams, 20.
MISSOURI—Cox, 2 1/2; Edwards, 5; Gerard, 1; McAdoo, 15 1/2; Owen, 1; Palmer, 10.
MONTANA—Gerard, 7; McAdoo, 7.
NEBRASKA—Hitchcock, 16.
NEVADA—Cox, 6.
NEW HAMPSHIRE—McAdoo, 4; Chandler, 3; Wood, 3; Palmer, 1.
NEW JERSEY—Edwards, 28.
NEW MEXICO—McAdoo, 2; Owen, 2; Cummings, 1; Palmer, 1.
NEW YORK—Smith, 90.
NORTH CAROLINA—Simmons, 24.
NORTH DAKOTA—Cox, 1; Edwards, 1; Palmer, 2; McAdoo, 6.
OHIO—Cox, 48.
OKLAHOMA—Owen, 20.
OREGON—McAdoo, 16.
VERMONT—Cox, 1; Palmer, 73; Marshall, 1; McAdoo, 2.
RHODE ISLAND—Davis, 1; Smith, 2; McAdoo, 2; Palmer, 5.
SOUTH CAROLINA—McAdoo, 18.
SOUTH DAKOTA—Cox, 10.
TENNESSEE—McAdoo, 2; Owen, 1; Cummings, 1; Davis, 2; Cox, 8; Palmer, 9.
TEXAS—McAdoo, 40.
VERMONT—McAdoo, 4; Cox, 2; Smith, 1; Palmer, 1.
VIRGINIA—Glass, 24.
WASHINGTON—Owen, 1; Davis, 1; Cummings, 1; Gerard, 1; McAdoo, 10.
WEST VIRGINIA—Davis, 16.
WISCONSIN—Cummings, 1; Davis, 1; Gerard, 1; Meredith, 1; Smith, 1; Hitchcock, 1; Palmer, 3; Cox, 5; McAdoo, 11.
WYOMING—McAdoo, 6.
ALASKA—Palmer, 3; McAdoo, 2; Cox, 1.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—Palmer, 1.
HAWAII—McAdoo, 2; Palmer, 4.
PHILIPPINES—Harrison, 6.
PORTO RICO—Palmer, 2; Davis, 1; Cummings, 1; Glass, 1; McAdoo, 3.
CANAL ZONE—Palmer, 1; McAdoo, 4.
MARVELAND—McAdoo, 5 1-2; Cox, 6 1-2; Davis, 3; Edwards, 1; Underwood, 1-2; Glass, 1-2.
Total—Official on leading three: Palmer, 246; McAdoo, 262; Cox, 131.
Mexican Federals Win.
Mexico City, July 2.—Government troops have defeated forces under command of Carlos Ozuena at Tamaulipas. It was announced by the minister of war today. The rebels suffered many casualties and numerous prisoners were taken by the government troops.

McADOO GAINS IN STRENGTH

Has 420 Votes According To Illinois Leader in Final Round-Up.

By FREDERIC WILLIAM WILE.
San Francisco, July 2.—The Democratic sky on the eve of balloting continued to be heavily overcast with the McAdoo cloud. Three days and nights of frantic, uninterrupted effort to dissipate it have been fruitless. If there has been any noticeable change in the situation at all, it probably is a slightly less confident tone in the McAdoo camp. But nothing would be further from the truth than to deduce from that circumstance that McAdoo's friends are disconsolate. They continue to affirm that victory is all but within their grasp.
The factor that seems to be disquieting the McAdoo managers is that certain delegates thoroughly loyal to the candidacy are beginning to experience choice views or to look about for a suitable direction in which to cast second choice votes.
That manifestly denotes that optimism concerning McAdoo's chances is not quite 100 per cent in the estimation of some of his first line supporters.
Claims and counter claims by the McAdoo phalanx and the anti-McAdoo coalition remain the order of the day.
George Brennan, the Illinois leader, alleges that a careful count discloses a maximum of 420 McAdoo votes in the convention. That is 308 less than the two-thirds necessary to nominate. But there are two weaknesses to that claim.
Second-Choice Sentiment.
First, it leaves out of account the notorious prevalence of McAdoo second-choice sentiment. Everywhere in the convention hall McAdoo's people assert there is not a single State delegation where there is not such a leaning. They describe it as a yeast that will visibly swell the McAdoo vote from ballot to ballot. In the second place, the allied opposition concedes that, even though there be more than a solid one-third, leagued to frustrate a McAdoo nomination, no candidate has emerged who is any more certain of gathering the requisite strength than McAdoo. That is the situation which fills the McAdoo party with hope, if not lively satisfaction.
They profess to be content to allow it to persist indefinitely. "The longer a deadlock, the better McAdoo's chances," is their philosophical view.
One thing the McAdoo general

Bryan Takes "Flop" Back of Stage With Messenger Boys

Exposition Auditorium, San Francisco, July 2.—While Senator Carter Glass read the Democratic platform to the assembled delegates of the convention today, William Jennings Bryan, weary after the long fight last night before the platform committee, had stretched himself out full length on a table in one of the newspaper rooms at the rear of the stage.

He was not sleeping, however. His eyes were open and he was resting, conserving his strength for the fight that was ahead on the floor of the convention.
Three messenger boys peered over the partition and discovered the commoner in repose. He saw them and a broad smile covered his face.
"Come on over, boys," he said laughingly.
"Glad to meet you fellows," he greeted them as they scrambled over and shook hands with him.

DIVORCE DECREES GRANTED BY COURT

Three interlocutory decrees of absolute divorce were signed yesterday by Justice Bailey in the District Supreme Court.
Hayden A. Pryor, who named his brother Russell E. Fryor as co-respondent in his suit against Mrs. Dora L. Pryor and proved the case, was granted an interlocutory decree. Mrs. Pryor gets the child pending the final decree, and an allowance of \$15 a month for the child's support.
Mrs. Ada E. Monkman also obtained an interlocutory decree against Henry H. Monkman. The wife also is allowed the custody of their child and an allowance of \$36 a month.
Mrs. Christal E. Dunbar was granted an interlocutory decree against Ulrich S. J. Dunbar, Jr., and an allowance of \$25 a month for the support of their child.

Veteran Navy Worker To Be Buried Today

William H. Fitzgerald, an employe of the Navy Department for more than thirty-eight years, who died Tuesday at Providence Hospital, will be buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery this morning after funeral services at the residence of his sister, Mrs. S. D. Bronson, 1724 Park road northwest, at 9:30 o'clock. Requiem mass at the Sacred Heart Church will precede the interment.
Mr. Fitzgerald was born and reared in the District. He was 58 years old and is survived by his widow. He lived at Riverdale, Md.

"MISS WILSON" IS VIOLA KRAUS

Divorced Wife of Von Schlegell Identified as Mystery Girl.

New York, July 2.—Miss Viola Kraus, who was with Joseph Elwell on the eve of the murder, was examined for three hours by Assistant district attorney yesterday. District Attorney Edward Swann revealed today.
Swann said Miss Kraus did not refuse to answer any questions; that she declared she had never made a threat against Elwell and that she had never had a controversy over him with any other woman.
Miss Kraus said she had known Elwell eight years. Swann announced.
Miss Kraus was questioned at the home of Walter Lewisohn, her brother-in-law, with whom she lives. The Lewisohns are among the leaders in a certain social set in New York and are reputed to be worth millions.
The district attorney's statement said he had been shown a cablegram in which Miss Anne Kane, former housekeeper for Elwell, accused a woman known to her as "Miss Wilson" with making threats against the life of Elwell.
"This taken in connection with the former statement of 'Miss Wilson' that she had telephoned Elwell at 2:30 a. m. the day of the murder, rendered it necessary for the District Attorney to confront 'Miss Wilson' with the statement of the former housekeeper and examine her in regard to it. Swann's statement said.
The district attorney thereupon got into immediate communication with Miss Viola Kraus.
The statement said Miss Kraus denied she had been deserted by Elwell. She did not fear desertion, as she was then married, and Elwell had never proposed marriage, or suggested, or discussed the subject.
Miss Kraus was formerly Mrs. Victor Von Schlegell. She obtained a divorce from Von Schlegell, which became effective the day before Elwell was murdered.

REDS PROGRESS WITH ENGLISH

Krassin's Abrupt Departure Did Not End the Negotiations.

By SYDNEY B. CAVE.
(Washington Herald-Cross Atlantic Service. Special Cable Dispatch.)
London, July 2.—Although Krassin, Bolshevik ambassador, left London hurriedly for Russia, it can state positively that his departure does not mean a failure of the negotiations for the resumption of trade relations between England and the Soviets. Krassin is returning to Russia to procure the necessary powers to ratify certain conditions of the treaty in the event of final agreement, and that there is every prospect of a speedy settlement on the commercial issue.
The premier has accepted the suggestion of Krassin that all questions relating to compensation for private property confiscated by the Soviet government be referred to a joint commission. Krassin had suggested that the blockade be raised at once, pointing out that it was impossible to conclude contracts pending with British manufacturers until free access is allowed to Russian ports. Lloyd George was unable to give a final answer on this, as he held it was a matter for the Allied Supreme Council to determine.
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