

# ST. LOUIS POW WOW IS CUT AND DRIED NOW

Correspondents Say There's Really No Need of Holding One

at All.  
ALL PLANS LAID MONTHS IN ADVANCE

President Wilson Absolute Dictator of Every Move Leaders Take.

St. Louis, Mo., June 12.—Suppose you were to start out and travel 1,000 miles or, maybe, 2,000, in hot, moist, fly-paper weather. Suppose you were to leave your business and happy home and risk your life on an overcrowded railroad and your purse to the Pullman company. Suppose you were to fight your way at last into a broiling, bursting, brimstone furnace sort of a town, where to get food you had to struggle with alien waiter gentlemen so lately introduced from Skandhiovia, Moldavia and adjacent parts that they didn't know a cocktail from a buckwheat.

Suppose you toiled and panted and sweated and scrambled through all the tortures of all the lost and wailing souls, merely to get a chance to do a certain job, and then found out it had all been done before your arrival.

You would cuss considerably, wouldn't you? And feel cheap and mean?

Not if you were a delegate to this convention, you wouldn't. Apparently, if you were a delegate to this convention, you would undergo all these superfluous tortures and rejoice therein. You would be glad to have other gentlemen standing on your toes, make merry for the elbows that penetrate your ribs, give thanks for noise, dirt, misery and hardships and cheer yourself hoarse at the pleasant thought that you had gone through all this for nothing.

Behold the convention delegate! This is life.

Old James S. Lee of Sheridan township, Ia., who has been to every democratic national convention since the one that nominated Horatio Seymour, just after the Black Hawk war, told me today that I would never understand this convention business until I got it into my head that it is a kind of bug.

"Take it from me," says Lee, "if I couldn't get this democratic yell off my chest and walk myself half dead looking for food, and get my ribs half stove in around a hotel lobby about once every four years, it's my opinion I'd blow up."

This must be the right dose to explain the thing, because there isn't any other. There is no more reason for holding this national convention than there is for holding a national convention of cassowaries in the land of Timbuctoo. Every stricken thing this convention will do has already been done for it.

The real convention of the democratic party of this year was held long ago. It took place in President Wilson's private room in the White House, where a smooth shaven gentleman of pleasing appearance assembled himself, dispensed with the opening prayer, and proceeded to the selection of temporary and permanent chairmen. This done, he unanimously nominated and elected the secretary, sergeant-at-arms, doorkeeper, time-keeper, doughkeeper, weighing boss, room foreman and parliamentarian. After this came the roll call for nominations for president and vice president. The nominating speeches were greeted with tremendous applause. The nomination of Woodrow Wilson having been made unanimous, amid boundless enthusiasm, the pleasant-faced gentleman said, "I wonder if I have forgotten anything. I think not," and unanimously adjourned sine die and went to bed.

The 1,000 delegates that are now gathering here will collect what fun is to be had from railroading in hot weather, swatting flies, hurling into themselves masses of indigestible luncheon counter food, and between times voting as they are told, to confirm the action of the real convention. And that is all.

Senator Bill Stone arrives one day and brings the president's selection for chaplain, temporary and permanent chairmen, and secretary of the pie board.

Senator Ollie James beams in the next day, bearing the president's draft of the platform.

Senator Lewis follows and adds the

## DEMOCRATIC TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN AND SERGEANT-AT-ARMS



Wm. F. McCombs (left) and Chas. White are respectively temporary chairman and sergeant-at-arms of the Democratic National Convention. White is well known as a prize-fight referee, but that has no significance on this occasion.

### DEMOCRATIC LEADER CLAMORS FOR STRONGER MAN TO REPLACE MARSHALL AS VICE-PRES.

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Senator Overman shows up with the president's timetable, showing when the convention is to meet and when it is to adjourn.

Senator Bankhead is expected next with the president's instructions as to the proper length of a delegate's hair and what he should eat for breakfast. It is understood that on this subject Dr. Wilson takes strong grounds against pork chops and insists upon porridge.

The cost of holding the real democratic convention was \$51, being about six hours of the time of a gentleman that gets \$205 a day for being president. The cost of holding the show convention is \$4,500,000, and is a punk spiel at that.

The real convention puts it all over the show one.

Still there are gents here that kick about this. They say they aren't keen about coming here just to be a rubberstamp one minute and an automobile horn the next. They say they know things their own selves about foreign relations, keeping out of war, the beauties of the Underwood tariff and the blessings of a democratic administration, and they know them just as well as if they had been to Princeton and worn a cute little hat with a flapping top to it and learned to call a bath a bawth. And they object to the whole business.

Over these will go presently a large, powerful paving roller, carefully directed by the clean shaven gentlemen of pleasant appearance, and they will be heard of no more.

For he is it, he is the Whole Thing, he is The Goods.

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other suggestions for consideration by the convention. Several planks were written by the president himself, although the precise phraseology of the platform will be left to the resolutions committee.

Secretary Baker will keep in close touch with the White House by telegraph and telephone. President Wilson left tonight to deliver an address tomorrow before the graduates of the Academy at West Point.

### PAYS TRIBUTE TO G. O. P. NOMINEE; CRITICIZES CHOICE

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ancement beyond the judicial position they hold.

"In that view of things, it will follow that the decisions of judges of that tribunal will become more or less the subject of suspicion."

Criticizes Progressives. The senator criticized the progressive platform and called attention to the fact that it contains a declaration that the issue was "one of men," by which, he said, the progressives meant Roosevelt. Now, he said, Roosevelt "sulks in his tent at Oyster Bay, while his loyal following waits, uncertain and dispirited."

"Will he respond and lead them, singing 'Onward, Christian Soldiers,'?" continued the senator's statement, "or

will he shrink before the uplifted sword of the old guard, and thus leave his ready and stalwart adherents, victims of one of the most pitiful and tragic betrayals ever recorded in American history."

Democratic leaders looking forward to the campaign are in accord that it will be inspired with splendid oratory between Justice Hughes and President Wilson, and free from mud slinging.

They have not forgotten Mr. Hughes campaign in New York nor his speech in Youngstown, O., in 1905, when he opened the fight for Mr. Taft. They also realize his physical fitness to go into a four months' campaign.

To meet Mr. Hughes and the Republican campaigners, they expect to call on the best of the Democratic party. Whether he personally will go into the campaign will be decided by the president only, but it is probable an effort will be made to get him to speak, for no matter how much the leaders may rely on the other Democrats, they realize the direct word of the president carries the weight.

### HEAVY FIGHTING IN PROGRESS ON WESTERN FRONTS

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French positions north of Thiaumont, but were repulsed with serious losses.

South and east, and southeast of Trent, the Italians are continuing to drive back the Austrians, according to Rome. Gains have been made by the Italians in the Arsa valley and the Pasubio sector, along the Posina-Asiago line and southwest of Asiago.

### Heavy Bombardments.

Farther north, in the Sugana valley, fresh progress toward the Masco-Torrent is recorded for King Victor Emmanuel's men, who repelled two outer attacks near Suedero. In the La Garina, the Austrians are heavily bombarding the Italians on Coni Zuzna.

A Russian cavalry force of 1,000 men operating between the Caucasus and Mesopotamia have been annihilated by the Turks who also captured a large amount of war material, according to Constantinople.

### WILL HOLD HEARING AT MICHIGAN SOON

The railroad commission will hold a hearing June 19, at Michigan, to investigate the accident there recently, in which two persons were killed, when a train collided with an automobile. The hearing is to ascertain whether or not a watchman was at the crossing, as ordered by the commission.

### WHEAT WILL EXCEED 1915 BANNER CROP

The wheat crop from present indications, will be heavier than it was in 1915, a banner year. This is the belief of J. L. Dawson, Regent, who is in Bismarck on business.

Mr. Dawson says that, while seedling has been delayed by the late season, wheat and other small grains are in better condition than at the same time last year.

He is farming 800 acres. Last year his wheat averaged 20 bushels to the acre and his oats, 75.

## HERE'S THE GAVEL THAT WILL CALL THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION TO ORDER



The State of Missouri made this gavel especially for use at the Democratic Convention now in session in St. Louis. It is made of timber from an ancient fort that many times protected the infant City of St. Louis from attack by the Indians in pre-revolutionary days, and was made by special permission of the Missouri Historical Society.

## BISMARCK ESCAPED HEAVY RAIN SUNDAY EVENING

Wellington Irish of the department of agriculture returned Sunday night from a visit to his farm at Sargent. He reports a heavy rain east and up to the outskirts of the capital city. The heaviest downfall, he declares, was probably between Menoken and McKenzie. The rains have retarded seeding and about 10 per cent of the land, Mr. Irish believes, will not be in shape to seed before it is too late.

### CITY NEWS

Mrs. Frank Miller of Wogansport entered one of the local hospitals Saturday.

Leonard Anderson of Rosser is confined to his home suffering from measles.

C. G. E. Johnson of the Johnson's store, has returned from an eastern buying trip.

S. T. Park, a prominent merchant of Sterling, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Hans Hanson of the Lucas store has gone to Baldwin, where he will spend a two weeks' vacation.

R. A. Wyan of Canada, who is the guest at the home of E. A. Wald of Seventh street, has gone to St. Paul on a short business trip.

LEAVES FOR EAST. E. A. Brown of the Brown & Geiermann store left last evening on No. 2 for the Twin Cities. Later he will go to Duluth for a visit.

Jack Hentgen and family of Mandan was in the city Sunday and while here attended the ordination services

of John Halloran in the St. Mary's church Sunday.

Rev. J. R. Hughes and family of Second street will leave tomorrow for Aberdeen, where they will make their home.

IN HUFF. Bishop Wehrle of the Catholic church has gone to Huff, where he will spend some time in connection with the work of the church.

M. M. Mountz and family moved yesterday into the E. J. Lovas home in Thayer street. Through the similarity of names, it was stated that R. R. Muntz had rented the Lovas home.

GOES TO NEW LEIPZIG. John R. Thomas of Second street has gone to New Leipzig, where he will engage in business. Mr. Thomas has been connected with the local postoffice over three years. He expects to locate permanently there and will later remove his family.

To Meet Officers. An interesting meeting of the Woman's Suffrage club has been arranged for this afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. M. Parsons in Sixth street. During the business session a president and secretary will be elected.

Concludes Meetings. Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Danford of this city have just concluded a very successful evangelistic campaign in the Methodist Episcopal church in Kalamazoo, Wash. Dr. and Mrs. Danford were given considerable praise for their work by the press of the city.

To Attend House Party. Miss Catherine Morris of Sixth street has gone to Dickinson, where she will be the guest of honor at a house party given by Miss Esther Ayers. Later Miss Morris will attend the Slope District summer school which will be held in that city.

## LIGHTNING BOLT KILLS WILTON MAN

Albert C. Serfling, aged 42, was instantly killed by lightning during the electric stormy Saturday afternoon. Four horses were also killed at the same time. Mr. Serfling was working on the farm of Chris Peterson, six miles south of Wilton. The accident happened about 6 o'clock.

The bolt hit him above the left ear and passed down the left side of the body. He had been employed on the Peterson farm for the last six months. The widow and three children survive.

He formerly lived in Frazee, Minn., and the body was taken there for interment. Coroner Truax and Sheriff J. P. French was called to the scene that evening and the body was taken in charge of the former. A son of the dead man lives at Northville, S. D.

## "JUNE WEEK" EXERCISES ARE NEARING CONCLUSION

West Point, N. Y., June 12.—The brilliant graduation hall at the academy tonight brought to a close an eventful day in connection with the "June Week" exercises. Hundreds of guests prominent in national life and high army officers were in attendance. Tonight the hotels are crowded for the exercises tomorrow, at which President Wilson will be the principal speaker. A warm sun makes conditions ideal.

## STAMP ROBBERS PLEAD GUILTY AT ST. PAUL

St. Paul, June 22.—Ed Leonard and George Bissett, Chicago, this afternoon pleaded guilty to the half million dollar stamp robbery at St. Paul January 6. They were sentenced to three years each at Fort Leavenworth federal prison.

## CITY CHAPS CAN'T KID THIS BIRD

Aurora, Ind., boasts of one chap who neglected to read up on dramatics as was proven when an amateur team of Cincinnati finished mauling the Aurora home guards.

The Cincinnatians were at the wharf awaiting the boat home and were naturally jubilant. During a song festival the Cincinnati manager, believing the Hoosiers had realized that his team was really a show troupe in disguise, remarked to a bystander:

"Next week we play 'East Lynne!'"

And the sorrowful little fan retorted: "Yes, and I'll bet they beat you!"

## DODGERS, CRIPPLED, CLING TO THE LEAD

Despite a heavy casualty list the Brooklyn Dodgers are bowling alone in first place in the National league race. Ivan Olson and Casey Stengel are nursing injured legs. Lew McCarthy has a broken finger, Otto Miller has a wrenched back, Chief Myers is suffering from a severe cold on his chest and Geo. Cutshaw has a spike wound in the foot.

When all these disabled stars return to the ranks Brooklyn ought to make life miserable for seven other clubs in the Tanager fold.

## MORAN PADDLES HIS OWN CANOE WHILE IN TRAINING FOR BOUT

Frank Moran continues to lead all comers as the original guy when training for fistic engagements. The Pittsburg heavyweight worked out as snowshoveler and skater at White Sulphur Springs, N. Y., while training up for his match with Jess Willard.

Now, just by way of rounding to for his 10-round bout with Jack Dillon at Brooklyn, June 29, Moran has shifted to canoeing and long distance swimming.

Having served time before the mats Frank is strong for all water sports.

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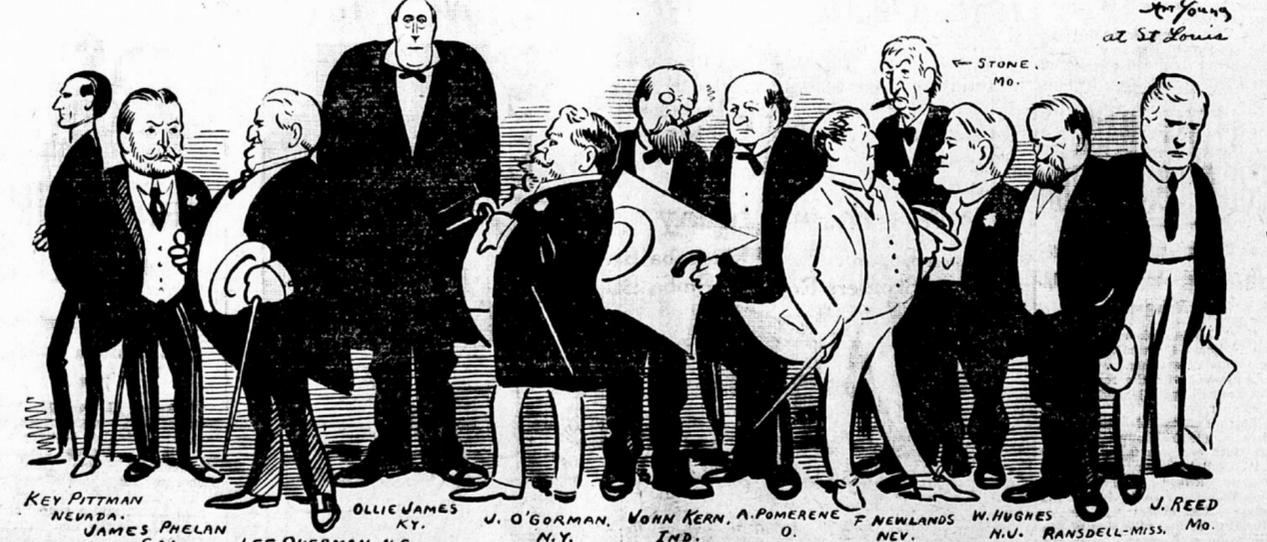
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All these members of the United States senate are prominent among the delegates to the Democratic National convention in St. Louis.

# Big Noises at the Democratic One-Ring Political Circus

