

EVERYTHING IS HARMONIOUS AS MEETING OPENS

Wilson and Marshall and Victory in November Is the Program

DELEGATES CANNOT RECALL BETTER WORK

Do Not Remember a Session When Everything Was as Untroubled

Coliseum, St. Louis, June 14.—With the keynote of "Americanism and peace, preparedness and prosperity," the democratic national convention began its first session shortly after noon today, with not a single element in sight to disturb the harmonious re-nomination of President Wilson and Vice President Marshall.

When National Chairman McCombs called the convention to order twelve thousand delegates, alternates and spectators packed the big coliseum to the roof. Members of the national committee, members of President Wilson's cabinet and party leaders from all over the country had places on the platform. Plaster medallions of Washington, Jackson, Jefferson and Cleveland looked down upon the delegates from the decorations which consisted uniformly of nothing but the American flag. The only picture of President Wilson in the hall hung in front of the speaker's desk inscribed "America first."

Vice presidential booms blitted by President Wilson's direct word that he desired the renomination of Vice President Marshall were brought to the convention hall but only as favorite sons' compliments.

St. Louis, June 14.—Wilson and Marshall and victory in November was the program of the delegates crowded into the big coliseum here today for the opening session of the democratic national convention. There probably was not one democrat who went into the building who could recall when a national convention of that party entered into its work with more harmony than that which prevailed among the more than 1,000 delegates today. The candidates for president and vice president have been decided upon and, according to the leaders, there will be no friction over the party's declaration of principles. Only the phraseology of a few planks in the platform remains to be agreed upon.

Expect Big Crowds. Despite the expected cut and dried proceedings which the party managers hope to enliven by calling upon old campaigners to deliver ringing speeches to the delegates at odd moments during the sessions, the sergeant at arms of the convention was prepared with a small army of assistants to handle large crowds at all of the meetings. Every seat in the oval shaped hall has been allotted and arrangements were made to take care of hundreds in spaces back of the seats and in the aisles. The interior of the coliseum was handsomely decorated, the American colors, of course predominating.

The city itself was dressed for the occasion, the fact that this was Flag day, the anniversary of the birth of the American flag, helped in the display of colors.

All For Wilson. Quite in contrast to the republican convention at Chicago when more than a score of different kinds of buttons were worn announcing favorite candidates for president, there was but one button seen on the delegates today and that carried a likeness of President Wilson. Delegates shouted for Wilson, wore neckties with the name Wilson embroidered on them or carried pictures of the president.

Those who did not have on Wilson buttons wore some emblem indicating their favorite for vice president—Thomas R. Marshall of Indiana, Roger C. Sullivan of Illinois, Gov. Major of Missouri or Gov. Morehead of Nebraska. But only one of these appeared to be in the running, the present vice president. President Wilson has indicated his preference for his running mate of four years ago and there is not the slightest doubt that his wish will be gratified. The other candidates may receive complimentary votes, but if the leaders who are managing the convention can bring it about, Vice President Marshall will be renominated by acclamation.

Provide for All. There will be about 12,500 seats in the Coliseum. There will be 512 seats on the platform, 472 seats in the section reserved for newspapers and press associations, 238 for weekly papers, and 2,158 for delegates and alternates. The remainder will be in boxes and balconies.

SUPERSTITION IS PLAYING PART IN DEMOCRAT PLANS

CONVENTION TO BE STRUNG OUT TO AVERT NOMINATION ON FRIDAY.

[BY R. D. MACMANUS.]

St. Louis, June 14.—Superstition is playing a big part in the national democratic convention which opened here this morning. In the first place, the democrats decided they must not open their meeting on the thirteenth of the month so today was chosen instead of the second Tuesday in June as is the usual plan. Secondly, superstition has put a kink in the plan to end the convention on the third day. It would be an ill omen, think the faithful, to nominate President Wilson for a second term on a Friday. So the latest plan—and National Committeeman W. W. Marsh of Iowa vouches for it—is to string out the program of the closing day until after midnight so that the president will be nominated on Saturday morning instead of Friday night.

Under the plan of action as now outlined Wednesday will be occupied in effecting a temporary organization and in listening to flights of oratory. Thursday permanent organization will be effected and there will be some more oratory. Friday the platform will be discussed at length and the administration lauded until after midnight. Then will come the nomination of the president and his running mate.

Fight on Marshall. By the way, the vice president has somewhat of a fight on his hands despite the fact that things appear nicely smoothed for him. Roger Sullivan of Illinois has been banking to get on the ticket and Gov. Majors of Missouri, likewise out for the nomination. The latter was a candidate at the primaries in several states—Iowa among them—and he has several delegations instructed to vote for his nomination. The Iowa delegation will vote for the Missouri governor on the first ballot at least and possibly may continue to vote for him as long as his name is before the convention. There is a division of opinion as to what course to follow. Some of the delegates believe that they are obligated by the primary to vote but once for Majors. J. F. Webber, one of the alternate delegates at large from the state, holds that the delegation is bound to vote for Majors as long as the latter is a candidate. Marshall's name did not appear on the ballot at the Iowa primary.

Knife for Wilson. No one believes for a minute that the convention will fail to nominate President Wilson on the first ballot, and yet the streets and hotel lobbies are full of rumors about certain delegations being ready to knife the president if opportunity presents. The Texas delegates, though under instruction to vote for Wilson are said to be hostile to him and willing to lead a movement away from him if the opportunity presents itself.

But in the opinion of the majority, about the only chance the convention has for experiencing excitement lies

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SUFFRAGE PLANK SEEMS NEAR NOW

VICTORY WITH THE DEMOCRATS IS SO APPARENT THAT PLANS ARE SHATTERED.

St. Louis, June 14.—Victory for the suffragists in the democratic national convention today appeared so close that "Gen." Updegraff's well laid plans to keep silent her 8,000 "marchers" in the walkless, talkless "golden lane" demonstration appeared to be shattered. The participants had promised their "general" faithfully that during the two hours of the display they would not utter a sound, and then, in the closing hours of preparation, a tentative draft of a suffrage plank tendered them by democratic leaders put them in a shouting mood.

The plank contains everything which the suffragists have been fighting for. It would put the party on record as favoring passage of a constitutional amendment to enfranchise women. The plank as drafted refers to the large number of voting women in the twelve enfranchised states, one of the principal arguments the women have been using regarding their strength.

Members of the National American Woman Suffrage association were expected to put their unqualified approval on the plank today and representatives of the woman's party already have endorsed it. The latter organization insists that adoption of the plank should be followed by immediate action in congress but that, it was pointed out, is something over which platform makers have no control. If the plank is adopted, however, leaders of the woman's party will turn attention to congress and try to force the Susan B. Anthony amendment through both houses before adjournment of the present session.

RUSSIANS ARE AFTER CAPITAL

Eastern Front Reports Are Showing Progress Made Toward Czernowitz

VIOLENT ARTILLERY ACTION NEAR VAUX

No Infantry Action Though Is Noted Along Lines Around Verdun

Petrograd, June 14.—In their advance upon Czernowitz, the capital of Bukovina, the Russians have occupied the village of Sniatyn, twenty miles northwest of the city, the war office announced today. In addition to their previous captures, the Russians have taken twenty officers, 6,000 men, six guns and ten machine guns.

London, June 14.—Reports from the eastern front indicate that the Russians are making substantial progress in their efforts to capture Czernowitz, the capital of Bukovina. A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says the Russians have interrupted the Austrians' communications by cutting the railway running north from Czernowitz. Heavy fighting is in progress in the eastern, southeastern and northern outskirts of the city.

A wireless dispatch from Rome quotes the Russian ambassador to Italy to the effect that Russian cavalry has reached a point twenty miles beyond Czernowitz.

ARTILLERY IS BUSY. Paris, June 14.—A violent artillery engagement took place last night in the vicinity of Vaux on the Verdun front. There were no infantry actions before Verdun, the official statement of today says. The French carried a small German post near Venizel, east of Soissons.

A raid of French troops in the Vosges resulted in the capture of a number of Germans.

The text of the statement follows: "Between the river Oise and the river Aisne a strong patrol of the enemy has been driven back with infantry fire at a point southeast of Moulins-Sous-Touvent. East of Soissons we have occupied a small German post near Venizel."

"There has been intermittent artillery fighting in the sectors on the left bank of the river Meuse and on the right bank of the river the enemy last night bombarded violently our positions north of the Thiaumont works; in the woods of Vaux and Chaprille and to the south of Ft. Vaux. There has been no infantry attacks here."

"In the Vosges a surprise attack by French troops on skis upon a German detachment to the south of Songern (north of Thann) resulted in our bringing back some German prisoners."

GERMANS REPULSE.

Berlin, June 14.—The Russian offensive which has been directed against the southern portion of the eastern front broke out yesterday against Field Marshal von Hindenburg's forces at a point about seventy-five miles north of Pinsk. The Russians made several successive attacks with masses of infantry. The war office announcement of today says they were repulsed with heavy losses.

ITALIANS REPULSE ATTACKS.

Rome, June 14.—Austrian attacks along the line of the Posina in the southern Tyrol, made after intensive artillery preparation on Monday night, were everywhere repulsed by the Italians, the war office announced today.

SPAIN WATCHING CLOSELY

Bill Is Introduced to Keep Foreign Capital Out of Shipping Industry.

Madrid, June 14.—Rafael Gasset, former minister of public works, introduced a bill in the chamber of deputies today to prevent foreign capital from obtaining control of Spanish shipping. The bill provides that the stock of shipping companies shall be nominal and that only 25 per cent can be held by foreigners. In order to prevent transfers of stock to foreigners while the bill is under discussion, King Alfonso signed a decree making its provisions applicable immediately.

WOMEN INJURED AS FLOAT COLLAPSES

Rock Island, Ill., June 14.—Four women are in a hospital with injuries sustained when a float on which they were riding in the state Eagles' parade last night collapsed. The parade was the feature of the first day of the tenth annual convention of the Illinois grand aeris of the order. Five thousand visitors are in the city. Joliet, Bloomington, Quincy and Chicago are bidders for the 1917 convention. Officers will be elected tomorrow.

MAKE OVERTURES BY PLATFORM IS PLAN SUGGESTED

SECRETARY BAKER SAYS DEMOCRATS HOPE TO WIN OVER PROGRESSIVES THAT WAY.

St. Louis, June 14.—Secretary of War Baker, who arrived here last night from Washington with the planks of the democratic national platform drafted personally by President Wilson, will submit them to the resolutions committee when it is appointed.

Expressions of approval were heard today regarding the suggested plan to win over members of the progressive party by making overtures to them in the democratic platform. Secretary Baker, in discussing this phase of the political situation, said the party leaders hope to get progressive support by drawing a platform so that it will meet with their approval.

Denunciation of Use of Militia. Denunciation of the use of the militia and armed guards against organized workers is contained in a proposed industrial plank submitted by Frank P. Walsh, former chairman of the federal industrial relations committee, to Senator Stone, who will be chairman of the resolutions committee. The proposed plank also declares the right of labor unions to organize.

The plank also would place the party on record as recognizing the causes of industrial unrest as being those named by a majority of the industrial committee in its report, the principal one of which is alleged unjust distribution of wealth and income. Mr. Walsh was unable to personally appear before the committee.

A delegation of the Navy league, which is here to advocate a larger navy, will suggest to the resolutions committee a plank along the lines of the following:

Will Restore Sea Power. "The democratic party recognizes its constitutional duty to protect each coast from invasion, and, realizing that the peace, security and honor of the country depends upon an adequate navy, we pledge ourselves to an immediate restoration of the United States to the place of at least second in sea power among the nations of the world."

"The party advocates a navy so strong and powerful that, co-ordinating with our coast defense, it will be able to prevent the invasion of our shores and the destruction of our coast cities."

Are Watching Bryan.

Many democratic families with the activities of William J. Bryan in other democratic conventions are not so sure that the former standard bearer of the party will not become active in the present committee. Mr. Bryan said he would not go on the floor with a proxy, but might speak to the delegates if invited. It was thought he might appear before the resolutions committee in advocacy of some of his ideas. Mr. Bryan said he did not expect to present his views on prohibition to the committee, but was here only to observe and write his impressions of the convention.

Admission tickets to the Coliseum were selling in St. Louis for \$5 apiece. Fifty dollars was offered for a series of tickets.

SIXTY-NINTH YEAR AT IOWA IS CLOSED

SUCCESSFUL TERM COMES TO AN END WITH CONFERRING OF DEGREES ON 431.

Iowa City, June 14.—The sixty-nine year of the state university of Iowa came to a glorious climax today in the commencement ceremonies at which degrees were conferred on 431 men and women who have finished courses in the several departments and colleges.

It had been an altogether successful year indeed, the most brilliant in many years that the university has seen. Extraordinary growth in attendance and notable achievements in scholarship had distinguished it. And as the crowning event, came the graduation of the largest class in history. Last year's record of 375 was far outdone.

With 181 graduates the college of liberal arts led all others. The law college had thirty-three, the college of medicine twenty-nine, the college of dentistry twenty-five, the college of pharmacy twenty, the college of engineering thirty-one, the graduate college twenty-seven, the school of music six, the homeopathic school for nurses five, and the regular school for nurses sixteen. Eight advanced degrees in engineering were granted.

The great majority of the graduates are Iowans, and there is hardly an Iowa county that has not several representatives in the list. Eighteen other states and four foreign lands are the homes of the half hundred or more who live outside the state.

The ceremonies began at 9 o'clock when the cap and gown procession

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GARDENERS ARE NOW SHIPPING

Truck Men East and South of Town Sending Out Big Lot of Strawberries

MANY CARLOADS BEING SHIPPED

Thousands of Crates Find Market in Big Centers; Supplies Employment

Truck growers of Ottumwa and vicinity are shipping immense quantities of strawberries from this section to many of the larger cities of the middle west and northwest. This brings money into the community and helps to develop local industry.

Local fruit houses are handling the output on a commission basis and several cars have been sent to Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha. Eighteen cars of the Ottumwa raised strawberries have thus far been handled by Lagomarcino-Grube and Emery fruit houses and a dozen of the farmers and truck gardeners east and south of the city are supplying the fruit.

The season is said by some of the gardeners to be off in most places although a few of them are getting good crops. It is estimated that little better than half the average crop will be raised this summer but the quality is good and the growers are finding ready demand through the commission men. By cooperating with the growers an afforded a market and shipping facilities and for the next ten days or while the berries last, they will be seen daily hauling wagon loads of berries crated ready for loading into the refrigerator cars.

Thousands of Crates. Although it is generally known that a number of the truck gardeners raise a quantity of strawberries near Ottumwa, it is not so generally known to what extent this cultivation is carried on. Among the principal growers are the three Leinhausen places, Louis and Andrew Leinhausen near Sugar creek, and Joseph Leinhausen up over the grade nearer Agency; The Hermans, Bert and his two sons, Andrew and Fred near Sugar creek, also Louis Schaub, George Bissell, Charles Barton, John Morris, H. Lewis, Bert Wiley, C. McCoy and Louis Montagne, most of them east of the city near Sugar Creek, but some across the river southeast of town. In all there are probably 100 acres of strawberries in cultivation near Ottumwa and although but half a crop is being raised this year, the average output will be about 200 crates to the acre. This runs the total crop into the thousands of crates and shows the necessity for finding a market for the berries that are raised in excess of the local demands. The places mentioned above have berry patches ranging from a fourth of an acre to fourteen acres in size, and do not include all that have berries to supply the local market.

Many Find Employment. Louis Leinhausen whose place is on Sugar creek at the foot of the hill alongside of which the right of way road to Agency ascends, has had as high as 234 crates picked in one day and was one of the first to market his crop. Hundreds of children and grown-ups as well as employed in the berry fields and many of the youngsters are spending part of their vacation since school closed in picking berries.

MASONS VOTE ON DUES.

Davenport, June 14.—The Masonic grand lodge of Iowa will vote at its session here today on a proposition to raise the state dues from seventy-five cents to \$1. In order to secure money for its charity fund. Over \$15,000 was spent last year for charity.

SEAPLANES RAIDING VENICE

One Woman Killed And Four Civilians Injured When Austrians Make Visit.

Rome, June 14.—It was officially announced today that Austrian seaplanes raided Venice on Monday night. The statement says that one woman was killed and four civilians injured and that the property damage was slight.

An official report from Vienna yesterday said that an Austrian air squadron had successfully bombed the Venetian Arsenal and the railroads approaching the city.

S. W. V. WILL MEET.

Clinton, June 14.—Plans for the entertainment of more than 500 Iowa veterans of the Spanish-American war and their wives and daughters, when the United Spanish War veterans and ladies' auxiliary of Iowa meet here tomorrow and Friday, were completed today. Elaborate arrangements for banquets, dances and other entertainment features have been made and the business section of the city decorated. A feature of the parade Friday afternoon will be a 300 foot snake, composed of members of the Snax, a side degree. The snake will wind its way in and out of business houses along the route of the parade.

PRESIDENT LEADS FLAG DAY PARADE AT THE CAPITAL

WILSON MARCHES UP PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE AT THE HEAD OF 75,000 PEOPLE.

Washington, D. C., June 14.—Led by President Wilson carrying the stars and stripes, nearly 75,000 men, women and children of Washington marched up broad Pennsylvania avenue today in a preparedness parade arranged in celebration of Flag day to emphasize the national capital's demand for an adequate army and navy.

The president had prepared an address on "America First," to be delivered on the white house lawn after the parade. The demonstration was a non-partisan affair and volunteers from stores, factories, various government offices and patriotic organizations were in line.

The president, attired in white trousers, blue coat and straw hat, and shouldering his flag like a musket, stopped briskly to martial airs played by the U. S. marine band. He smiled broadly and frequently raised his hat in response to cheers as he marched along between two District citizens, escorted by Secretary Tumulty, the white house employes and the white house newspaper corps.

Ideal weather favored the demonstration. There was hardly a cloud in the sky and it was as cool as late spring. Enthusiastic crowds thronged along the avenue from Peace monument to the white house. In front of the white house the president left the line of march and took his place in a stand to review the parade. He was joined there by Mrs. Wilson and all the members of the cabinet now in the city.

As the line swung around the treasury building at Fifteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue the president was confronted by a huge banner bearing the legend, "Be prepared—If you care about ninety-one electoral votes, consider us—women's party." Half a dozen young women with megaphones saw to it that the banner did not go unnoticed. It was the work of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage.

CHICAGO CELEBRATES.

Chicago, June 14.—Flag day, the 139th anniversary of the American flag, was generally observed throughout the city today by the display of the emblem and by numerous exercises.

KERMIT ROOSEVELTS ARRIVE FROM SOUTH

New York, June 14.—Kermit and Mrs. Roosevelt, son and daughter-in-law of Theodore Roosevelt, arrived here today with their baby from Buenos Aires today on the U. S. army transport Kilpatrick. They were met at the pier by Col. and Mrs. Roosevelt. Kermit Roosevelt had been in South America as representative of a New York bank. His wife, daughter of Joseph E. Willard, ambassador to Spain, suffered an attack of typhoid while in the tropics.

SUPERVISION IS BELIEVED AN AID

Public Health Officer Thinks State Administered Insurance Is Fine.

Detroit, Mich., June 14.—Government health insurance administered under federal or state jurisdiction will not weaken individual effort. Instead it will make the individual stronger by making him more independent economically. This conclusion was stated by B. S. Warren of the United States public health service in a paper before the American Medical association at its annual meeting here today. Dr. Warren was detailed by the public health service over two years ago to undertake an exhaustive investigation of government administered health insurance and is the author of the recent report on this subject issued by the United States public health service.

"Everything points to the necessity of government administered health insurance if the health and well being of American wage earners are to be properly conserved," Dr. Warren said, "preventable disease, caused by poverty and lack of cooperation and systematic effort by health conserving agencies, is now causing havoc among American industrial workers."

"Under a system of health insurance for wage workers administered by the state, the poorest of workmen and their families could secure adequate medical and surgical treatment through the use of a fund to be supplied by payments of 50 cents per week for each employe—25 cents per week by the employe, and 25 cents by the community through taxation."

OTTUMWA IS GIVING HONOR TO FLAG OF NATION

Celebration Today Bids Fair to Outstrip Anything of Kind Attempted Here

CITY ABLAZE WITH NATIONAL COLORS

Business Houses and Homes Decorated; Big Parade to Be Feature of Day

Never perhaps in the history of Ottumwa has there been so general a display of the national colors as is to be seen all about the city today. Flag day's first general celebration here is fraught with a wholesome spirit of patriotism in which old and young, large and small, and of all colors, races and creeds, have merged as a unit to honor the nation's flag. Final preparations for the parade that is to be one of the big features of the day and perhaps the most interesting because everyone is urged to take part, were completed at a meeting of the marshal and aides at the Commercial club Tuesday night.

Early this morning one might have seen almost every business house in the city decorated and many of the residences as well. Throughout the morning there were hundreds of flags and a quantity of bunting sold by the various stores to persons and firms that had delayed until today in getting their supplies of decoration materials. Commercial trucks, autos and delivery wagons were decked out in flags and everywhere Old Glory was in evidence. Scarcely a person especially of the male gender but carried a small flag in the lapel of his coat.

Like Fourth of July. The general aspect of the city today is that of the Fourth of July save for the few flags that are carried by those that usher in the nation's birthday and remains throughout the day. Peace and quiet reign today, but the display of flags and bunting outstrips any effort of a similar nature ever made here on Independence day.

All look forward to the afternoon's festivities. The thousands that are to march are arranging to be on hand at the appointed time and if the plans perfected Tuesday night by the marshal and his assistants carry out as arranged, Ottumwa's first real celebration of Flag day will probably be a far runner of an annual affair and will easily be the biggest patriotic demonstration ever held here.

Parade at Four O'Clock.

The mammoth parade in which men and women, boys and girls, people from every walk of life, business, professional, industrial, fraternal and school organizations and bodies unattached will make up the marching sections. There will be decorated floats and autos, the national guard, G. A. R. veterans, sons of veterans, Spanish American war veterans, various cadet corps, etc., as a part of the magnificent pageant. The parade forming in the vicinity of the Adams school, begins moving at 4 o'clock.

Weather is Ideal.

Never has the weather man so admirably satisfied a community as today, June in its most attractive mood is helping to make the celebration of Flag day all that the patriotic promoters could desire. Fleecy clouds dotted the blue sky during the morning and the sun was just hot enough to be June like. Everywhere the air of gaiety is prevalent and nature seems to smile down on the Stars and Stripes in favor, giving her sanction to the patriotic impulse that inspires the observance so dear to the true American. Large numbers from the country are being here during the day to witness and participate in the celebration.

WILSON DOES NOT WANT JUDGE PLANK

Washington, D. C., June 14.—Efforts to insert a plank in the democratic platform favoring a law to prohibit federal judges from leaving the bench to accept elective office, will not be countenanced by President Wilson. Administration officials let it be known that the president had sent word to St. Louis that he did not want any petty politics played.

STATE SENATOR'S WIFE KILLS SELF

Rock Island, Ill., June 14.—Mrs. Martin B. Bailey, wife of State Senator Bailey of Danville, Ill., shot and killed herself last night at the farm of her brother, Frank Payne, near here. She had been suffering a month with nervous prostration and a month ago came to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Payne. The family went last night by automobile to the Frank Payne farm. During the night Mrs. Bailey secured her brother's revolver and ended her life. She is survived by her husband and three children.