

ALL WILSON AT CONVENTION IN ST. LOUIS

Not Only Will He Be Renominated as Democratic Candidate for President, but He Will Dictate the Choice for Vice-President, Which Will Be for Marshall

McCOMBS BERATES THE REPUBLICANS

In Calling Democratic Convention to Order, He Said the Poor Old Elephant and the Poor Old Moose Are Dead, and "Long Live the American Eagle" — Great Harmony at Outset

St. Louis, June 14.—Wilson and Marshall, and victory in November, was the program of the delegates who crowded into the Coliseum to-day for the opening session of the Democratic national convention.

The convention promises to be the most harmonious in the history of the party. The managers of the party hope to enliven the proceedings by calling campaigners to the delivery of ringing speeches at odd moments and the sergeant-at-arms and his assistants are prepared to handle big crowds.

At 11:30 there were not more than a dozen delegates on the floor and less than 100 spectators in the seats. The galleries were filling slowly, and only a few officials were on the platform.

At 11:45 the official band began the opening concert, accompanying a quartet which sang new songs about America and which brought the first applause of the day.

The convention was called to order shortly after 12:30 o'clock and then everyone joined in singing the "Star Spangled Banner." Prayer was offered by Rev. W. Lee.

In calling the convention to order, Chairman William F. McCombs of the Democratic national committee spoke as follows: "We are in an atmosphere of victory. We have no feeling of guess, but a spirit of certainty. We meet to celebrate the marvelous achievements of the Democratic party since it came into power and to place a milestone upon the path of its future success."

"Over 2,000 years ago, an old slave related the fable of the frog who wanted to grow to the size of an elephant. Such was the ambition of his soul that his body swelled to a marvelous proportion. Indeed, Esop went so far as to predict that the frog, upon reaching the size of the elephant, would burst. I commend to your notice the wisdom of Esop. It took over 2,000 years for his prophecy to come true. Only last week the frog-phantom—or the elephant-frog—exploded. The Republican party for years succeeded in deceiving the country. Now it is successfully deceiving itself. In its platform it offers pulchritudinous promises—but with vicious intent. It promises the country in the main, what the Democratic party has already done or is in the process of doing, saving always the bogus dog, "protection." It has cloaked its iniquity with a judicial robe but the cloven hoof of special interest still protrudes.

"The board of directors has sat in Chicago and again resolved that they are the country. They have adopted the doctrine of foreordination and predestination, but have made it applicable only to themselves. The rest of the people are their wards—for profit.

"Ambition is a noble attribute but when it is adulterated with greed, a cataclysm is inevitable. We have recently witnessed the painful spectacle of two great American parties in Chicago putting self in place of ideals, self glorification in place of national honor. Republicanism and Progressivism, so called, in place of our only "ism"—Americanism.

"We have witnessed the drab spectacle of two groups of men trading principles like competitors in a fish market, in the hope that some compromise would win public support. They have not come to us together—they have fallen out over the

EACH MARCHER CARRIED FLAG

Pres. Wilson Walked at the Head of Preparedness Parade in Washington

NEARLY 75,000 WERE IN DEMONSTRATION

Washington, D. C., June 14.—President Wilson, several cabinet members, congressmen, government officials and nearly 75,000 residents of the national capital participated in the preparedness parade which marked flag day to-day.

CANADIANS WIN NEW LAURELS BEFORE YPRES

In "Gallant and Successful Assault" They Recaptured More Than 1,500 Yards of Positions and the Germans Suffered Heavily.

London, June 14.—The Canadian troops in the region of Ypres have made a notable gain over the Germans, retaking from them southeast of Zillebeke, in a "gallant and successful assault" more than 1,500 yards of former British positions which the Germans captured recently.

The Canadians' victory is thus described in the official report: "At 1:30 in the morning the Canadian troops made a gallant and successful assault southeast of Zillebeke. Their objective was our old position in the neighborhood, all of which was captured on the front attacked, extending from the southern portion of Sanctuary wood to a point about 1,600 yards north of hill 60, a total front of over 1,500 yards."

"In the course of the assault heavy losses were inflicted on the enemy, and three officers and 123 men were taken prisoner. "Our troops were subjected to severe shelling for several hours after gaining the position but were well supported by our artillery and retain the ground gained, which is being consolidated. Heavy bombardments by the enemy have continued during the day, to which our artillery replied effectively."

"Attempts of the hostile infantry to counter attack were repelled by our fire."

FRENCH CONTINUE SMALL ADVANCE NEAR SOISSONS

Paris, June 14.—A violent artillery engagement took place last night in the vicinity of Vaux on the Verdun front. There was no infantry action before Verdun, official statements said. The French carried a small German post near Venizel, east of Soissons. A raid by French troops at Songern in the Voges resulted in the capture of a number of Germans.

ARE SURROUNDING CZERNOWITZ CITY

Russians Capture Town to the Northwest — They Have Also Started an Offensive Against Von Hidenburg 75 Miles North of Pinsk.

Petrograd, via London, June 14.—Russians have occupied Siatyn, a village 20 miles northwest of Czernowitz, the capital of Bukovina, the war office announced to-day. In addition to previous captures, the Russians have taken 20 machines gun.

Further north the Russians have followed up their victories along the river Styre and are steadily advancing to the northwest. Berlin, via London, 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 75 miles north of Pinsk. The Russians made seven successive attacks with massed infantry. The war office announcement to-day says that all were repulsed with heavy losses.

VERMONTERS AT ST. LOUIS

Committee Assignments Made—Kennedy, National Committeeman. St. Louis, June 14.—The Vermont delegation to the Democratic national convention has elected the following list of committees: Committee on credentials, Jeremiah C. Durick of Fair Haven; committee on permanent organization, Harry C. Shurtleff of Montpelier; committee on rules, Orlo E. Luce of Stowe; committee on platform, Park H. Pollard of Proctorsville; committee to notify president, F. H. Duffy of Rutland; committee to notify vice-president, H. A. Pond of Brattleboro; honorary vice-president of convention, Elsie Bigelow of Lyndonville; national committeeman, James E. Kennedy of Williston.

AUSTRIANS REPULSED

Italians Everywhere Successful, According to Rome Official Statement. Rome, via London, June 14.—Austrian attacks along the Po line in southern Tyrol made after intensive artillery preparations Monday night, were everywhere repulsed by the Italians, the war office announced to-day.

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Grand Lodge Convocation Was Held in Burlington To-day, the Knight Templar Session Yesterday.

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In the special event for ladies, Mrs. Rosemary Harmon of Montpelier won first honors with high average. In the five-men team competition, the Montpelier Gun club five won with a score of 455 out of 500 targets, Burlington was second with 398 and Randolph third with 395. There were 38 members of the association and professionals in attendance.

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