

FIGHT OVER PLATFORM DELAYS CHOICE OF CANDIDATES; DRY ISSUE BONE OF CONTENTION

The Democratic Convention Faced a Long Wrangle Over Prohibition and Probably Over League of Nations and the Irish Question—Bryan Leads the "Dry" Supporters.

McADOO BOOMERS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE DELAY

Cox Managers Admit They Are at Standstill—Palmer May Lose Some Delegates to McAdoo Soon After First Ballot—McAdoo Men Claiming Victory on Fifth Ballot.

San Francisco, July 2.—A day behind schedule and with the hardest and most important of its work still ahead, the Democratic national convention resumed this morning at 10 o'clock to hear the report of the platform committee and face the inevitable floor fight over the prohibition, as well as probable fights over the league of nations and the Irish question.

Midnight efforts to compose the differences over the wet and dry issue in the platform committee failed after prolonged hours of argument, acrimony and oratory. When all the 11th hour attempts at harmony were given up, it was announced finally that all proposals to include any kind of prohibition plank whatever had been beaten by decisive votes and that the question would be brought to the open floor of the convention.

Last night's disappointed crowd which had packed the great civic auditorium from floor to rafters keen on the spectacle of William J. Bryan setting off the fireworks, trailed to the arena and to be cheated out of the show by postponements or delays.

Under the program agreed upon, Mr. Bryan will present his side of the question in a speech limited to 30 minutes and Bainbridge Colby, secretary of state, will present the committee managers side in another 30 minutes. That arrangement, however, does not by any means confine the discussion to one hour. Any number of persons desiring to speak, who may be recognized by permanent Chairman Robinson, also may be heard during the day.

Exactly what took place in the meetings of the resolutions committee last night has not been fully disclosed but it is known that when at the close of the afternoon session a prohibition plank was voted out of the platform, Mr. Bryan in a long and fiery speech, told the committee that while he realized that the administration forces had the votes to put over their program they would do so at the peril of his opposition.

McAdoo Boomers Active. The McAdoo boomers took advantage of the interruption in the program to continue strengthening their line-up. Although they had opposed a suspension of the rules and a proposition to proceed to balloting ahead of the report of the platform committee early yesterday, they were ready to accept that program last night, but those who had agreed to the extra session would not go on with it because the McAdoo forces had been using the intermission to strengthen their position.

among the Palmer delegates the McAdoo people were counting on additions to their candidate as a second choice. The McAdoo boomers were so confident of their position as to predict a nomination for him on the fifth ballot, if not before.

SUN PREVENTED OUTBREAK.

By Keeping the Spanish People in Good Spirits While Waiting for Bread.—Madrid, July 2.—The sun prevented what threatened to be a serious outbreak in Madrid during the recent bakers' strike. The first two days of the bread scarcity were dull and threatening and the hungry poor were so affected by the lowering skies and the lack of food that they paraded the streets in groups uttering shouts and menacing storekeepers who kept their establishments open.

On the third day the sun shone and although still hungry and ebullient to wait indefinite hours for the loaves to be doled out, the people did so patiently and even cheerfully.

All kinds of laws and police regulations were broken by the men, women and children forming by the almost endless bread lines, but the authorities took a lenient view of what occurred. When an old man brought a camp bedstead, set it up on the sidewalk and stretched himself on it, a policeman arrested him and led him to the station house with his head.

THE COOLIDGE APPEAL.

Not Very Fancy But It Leaves Strong Impression. Calvin Coolidge, as commencement day speaker at the University of Vermont, was an interesting study. He was as far removed from the Hiram Johnson type as one could imagine. He was not a politician, he was not a statesman, he was not a leader, he was not a man of letters, he was not a man of action, he was not a man of words, he was not a man of deeds, he was not a man of power, he was not a man of glory, he was not a man of fame, he was not a man of honor, he was not a man of respect, he was not a man of admiration, he was not a man of awe, he was not a man of fear, he was not a man of love, he was not a man of hate, he was not a man of kindness, he was not a man of cruelty, he was not a man of justice, he was not a man of injustice, he was not a man of truth, he was not a man of falsehood, he was not a man of good, he was not a man of evil, he was not a man of light, he was not a man of darkness, he was not a man of life, he was not a man of death, he was not a man of heaven, he was not a man of hell, he was not a man of angels, he was not a man of devils, he was not a man of saints, he was not a man of sinners, he was not a man of the righteous, he was not a man of the unrighteous, he was not a man of the elect, he was not a man of the reprobate, he was not a man of the saved, he was not a man of the damned, he was not a man of the redeemed, he was not a man of the unredeemed, he was not a man of the glorified, he was not a man of the unglorified, he was not a man of the blessed, he was not a man of the unblessed, he was not a man of the happy, he was not a man of the unhappy, he was not a man of the content, he was not a man of the discontent, he was not a man of the peace, he was not a man of the war, he was not a man of the love, he was not a man of the hate, he was not a man of the life, he was not a man of the death, he was not a man of the resurrection, he was not a man of the judgment, he was not a man of the reward, he was not a man of the punishment, he was not a man of the glory, he was not a man of the shame, he was not a man of the honor, he was not a man of the dishonor, he was not a man of the praise, he was not a man of the blame, he was not a man of the fame, he was not a man of the infamy, he was not a man of the life, he was not a man of the death, he was not a man of the resurrection, he was not a man of the judgment, he was not a man of the reward, he was not a man of the punishment, he was not a man of the glory, he was not a man of the shame, he was not a man of the honor, he was not a man of the dishonor, he was not a man of the praise, he was not a man of the blame, he was not a man of the fame, he was not a man of the infamy.

BRYAN VERY PUGNACIOUS

Defeated for a "Bone Dry" Plank in Committee, He Will Renew Fight

HE HAS SEVERAL MORE AMENDMENTS

Irish Sympathizers Plan for Recognition of Irish Republic

San Francisco, July 2.—Framed after days and nights of struggle with clashing interests and opinions, the resolutions committee draft of the platform was laid before the Democratic national convention to-day for adoption.

Further conflict in the forum of the convention itself was regarded as certain. Irish sympathizers among the delegates had served notice of their purpose to seek to have that plank reworded to include a flat declaration of diplomatic recognition of the Irish republic.

Decisively defeated in his efforts to force a bone-dry declaration into the committee structure, W. J. Bryan announced his purpose of renewing the battle on the floor. He had also several amendments to committee planks to present to the convention he added, but did not disclose their purport.

FRAUD CHARGED TO FIVE POULTNEY MEN

Banker Alleged to Have Taken Stock from Widow and Son—Injunctions Issued. Poultney, July 2.—Five injunctions were served yesterday on Henry A. Spallholz, president of the First National bank of this town; Henry M. Matot, president of the William Griffith Slate Co., Inc.; J. E. Holmes, secretary of the company; R. M. Goodspeed, a director in the company, and L. R. Runke, cashier of the First National bank, all of this town, and Henry A. Spallholz, Jr., president of the First National bank of Salem, N. Y. They were signed by Superior Court Judge F. M. Butler of Rutland and strictly enforcing the men from selling or transferring the books, certificates and shares of stock of the William Griffith Slate Co., Inc., valued by experts at \$100,000.

NEAR HALF MILLION IN LICENSE FEES

Received by State Automobile Department in First Six Months of the Year.

H. A. Black, secretary of state, has made the following announcement, showing the receipts in the automobile department for the first six months of this year compared with the same period last year.

Table with columns: Year, Cars registered, Operators' licenses, Chauffeurs' licenses, Motorcycles reg., Re-registrations, Dealers, Certificates of hire, Zone licenses, Receipts issued, Fees.

TO RELEASE AMERICANS.

United States Sends Destroyer to Messina. Washington, D. C., July 2.—In a concerted effort to bring about the release of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nilsson of Illinois, who are held by Turkish nationalists, an American destroyer has been dispatched to Messina, and the French admiral Bristol at Constantinople, reported to-day to the state department.

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Principal Plants of Wood's Company Are to Close Indefinitely. July 10. Andover, Mass., July 2.—The principal mills of the American Woolen company, now operating only three days a week, will be shut down completely for an indefinite period on July 10, President William M. Wood announced yesterday. Cancellation of orders filled or ready to be filled and curtailment of orders for next season's goods, he said, made the stoppage necessary.

NORTHFIELD

Mrs. Charles Baldwin of Keene, N. H., and Miss Etta Stebbins of Washington, D. C., are spending some time with their mother, Mrs. O. F. Stebbins, at her home on North street.

THEFTFORD

E. C. Bond and wife attended commencement at Burlington, where their son, Maurice, was one of the graduates.

THEFTFORD

Principal F. L. Sawyer has returned to his home in Cambridge, Mass. He has been engaged to run the academy another year.

LEGISLATURE NOT YET CALLED

Gov. Clement's Office in Montpelier Has Received No Word OF HIS INTENTION TO CONVENE SESSION

Clement Was in Conference With Senator Harding Last Night

At the State House in Montpelier there had come no definite information to-day of Gov. Clement's intention to call a special session of the Vermont legislature to act on the woman suffrage amendment, as was intimated in a Washington dispatch he would do.

The Vermont governor, while not stating definitely his course in the suffrage matter, was quoted in a statement from Senator Harding's office as saying that he "frankly confessed there was a preponderance of Republican advice in favor of a special session called to consider ratification."

Government Forecast for 1920 is 11,540,000 Bales. Washington, D. C., July 2.—A cotton crop of 11,540,000 bales was forecast to-day by the department of agriculture, basing its estimate on the condition of the crop July 25, which was 70.7 per cent of a normal and on the area under cultivation on that date, which was announced as 35,394,090 acres.

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MONTPELIER

Governor P. W. Clement is sending out a notice to the effect that all consumers of coal in Vermont should at the earliest date notify H. J. M. Jones, the state fuel administrator of Vermont, of the amount of coal that they need, in order that none of the families in Vermont will be short of fuel this winter. He is also sending a letter to the industries and public utilities referring to the shortage in bituminous coal and asking them to "fill out and return at once a questionnaire relating to the coal consumption of each plant."

TALK OF THE TOWN

Regular meeting of local 488, M. P. U., will be held in the band room Sunday, July 4, at 3:30 p. m. A. E. Milne, sec.

MACAULEY—MACKENZIE.

The marriage of Miss Katie Mary MacKenzie of Graniteville and John MacAuley of the same place was solemnized at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Mackenzie.

CONNECTION CITY FELL SIX PER CENT IN POPULATION.

Washington, D. C., July 2.—The census figures announced to-day indicated that Connecticut City fell six per cent in population.

DANCED "BREAKDOWN" ON 65TH ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. Pliny Duprey, Aged 87, Who, with Her Husband, Aged 82, Observed Happy Event, Was Quite Nimble.

Mr. and Mrs. Pliny Duprey celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary at the home of their son, William, on east hill, Wednesday, June 30. Mr. Duprey is 82 years of age and his wife is 87.

MEYETTE—GAMBLE.

Barre Young Lady the Bride of Wells River Man. A very quiet, but pretty, wedding took place at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gamble of 47 Ayers street, when their daughter, Miss Ethel May Gamble, was united in marriage to Noah Clement Meyette of Wells River by Rev. F. L. Goodspeed, pastor of the Congregational church, the single ring service being used. The bride and groom were attended by a brother and sister of the latter, James Meyette and Miss Blanche Meyette, both of Wells River. The bride wore a traveling suit of brown, with hat to match, while her bridesmaid wore a suit of blue, with a hat of the same shade. The party entertained the room as Mrs. Nellie Siora played the bridal chorus from "Lohengrin."

W. TOPSHAM WILL CELEBRATE.

West Topsham is to observe the glorious Fourth in splendid fashion this year, and if all signs do not fail one of the largest crowds will visit the old town. A program of holiday sports has been arranged and will include a parade, a regatta, a horse race, a 10 a. m. racing of various kinds; tug war; address by Atty. S. Hollister Jackson of Barre at 1 p. m.; wrestling bouts at 1:30 p. m., with Dave Spicely as referee; baseball game at 3 p. m. between the Barre South End team and the Taplin boys; dancing will be given at the school house on Wednesday evening, with music furnished by a good orchestra from Barre. Arrangements have been made by local parties to present moving pictures. At noon the ladies will serve a baked bean supper at a small charge, while refreshments of every kind will be on hand throughout the day. The affair is sponsored by Ethan Allen lodge, No. 26, Knights of Pythias, of West Topsham. Everybody is asked to head their cars for West Topsham, where they will find diversions aplenty to celebrate the national holiday. It will be a big day for West Topsham.

FINED FOR GAMBLING.

Beacon Shows People Plead Guilty in City Court. Deputy Sheriff H. J. Slayton and George L. Morris, armed with warrants issued by State's Attorney E. R. Davis, arrested at Interity park last evening six men connected with the Pollitt's Beacon shows 'carnival on the charge of operating gaming implements, such as wheels, rolling boards, and balls, dart boards, punch boards and other devices. George Tibbets, manager of the shows company, was fined \$50, which he paid, together with costs of \$7.15 in city court last evening. Henry Goddard of Boston, Jack Whitely of Jersey City, N. J., H. G. Edwards of New Haven, Conn., and Maurice Schenkel of New York City all pleaded guilty before Judge Scott and were fined \$10 with costs of \$6.75. John Stepe, the sixth man of the party, was released without fine or sentence. State's Attorney Davis being satisfied that the man was not connected with the affair, so no process was issued against him.

INCREASE IN SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

Due to the advance in the price of white paper and increased postage in effect July 1, The Times is compelled to increase its subscription rates to meet the same. The rates on subscription after this date will be: Single copy, by mail, \$0.2; One month, by mail, \$0.50; Three months, by mail, \$1.50; One year, by mail, \$5.00. All subscriptions cash in advance.

DANBURY DECREASED.

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WHY HE WORRIED.

"Cheer up, Dick, old man! Absence makes the heart grow fonder, you know." "Humph! The trouble is I'm by no means sure that it's having the same effect upon the girl."—Boston Transcript.

FIRE DAMAGE TO STOREHOUSE

Building Owned by W. D. Bradford on S. Main St. Partially Destroyed

FIRE STARTED BY SPARKS FROM ENGINE

Property of Mrs. T. Parker Adjoining Blaze Also, but Little Damage Done

Fire, believed to have been started by sparks from a passing engine, this morning gutted the loft of the storage house and garage belonging to W. A. Bradford at the end of the South Main street bridge. The damage is estimated at approximately \$800, covered by insurance.

The fire was started when sparks blew from a passing engine, to the dry roof and were there fanned into flames by a vigorous breeze. The fire was not noticed until it had gained considerable headway, and then a neighbor seeing the smoke roll out, telephoned the fire department.

The fire started on the eastern side of the building and spread completely over the roof by the time the apparatus arrived. A strong wind, blowing from the south, threatened to carry the blaze to the adjoining house of Mrs. Parker, before steps could be taken to prevent it, and sparks at various intervals did manage to gain a hold and spring into blaze. Strict watch kept by the fire department discovered every threatened portion, however, and only in one place did the flames gain enough headway to do appreciable damage.

The quick response of the fire department prevented the fire spreading to the lower part of the building, where there was a Garford truck stored. The only damage done in that portion of the building was by the water, and this was extremely slight. The entire upper story was destroyed, however, and only the charred boards clinging to the rafters remained. Two sleighs were stored in the loft.

The fire started about 10 o'clock a. m. and was completely under control 15 minutes after the engine arrived. The damage was estimated to be between \$800 and \$1,000, but it is believed that the insurance covers the loss. The rear room on the Parker house at 110 South Main street suffered in only one place, where the fire gained considerable headway before it was noticed.

It was only about two months ago that the roof of the Bradford garage caught fire in a similar manner, but it was extinguished then with very slight damage.

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