

\$50,000,000 STORM DAMAGE; KLAN VOTE SCORES DELEGATES

May Throw Favorites Out of Fight

Elimination of Both McAdoo and Smith Seen as a Result of Fight on Convention Floor Early Sunday.

Balloting Starts Today

New York, June 29.—Elimination of both Smith and McAdoo as a result of the negative vote on the anti-klan issue. This is the judgment of delegates to the democratic national convention who are not aligned with either of these booms and who have carefully analyzed the vote on the klan plank. It is evident that the klan vote has the entire convention frightened.

It is their opinion that the affirmative vote of 541 to 20 to denounce the klan by name represents the utmost strength that Smith can muster and that the negative vote, only one vote more than was cast for the affirmative on the klan issue is the limit of the McAdoo strength.

The Smith supporters agree to this view so far as it affects McAdoo and the McAdoo supporters agree so far as it affects Smith.

Indications are that the early balloting between Smith and McAdoo will be as bitter as was the fight over the klan issue. Police may have to be called to keep order.

New York, June 29.—Emerging wearily from a titanic struggle over its platform, which finally was adopted as reported, the democratic national convention prepared today to plunge into another over-candidate.

Balloting for a nominee for the presidency will begin tomorrow morning. A deadlock is in prospect and tonight the supporters of a dozen candidates renewed their predictions of victory.

The platform was perfected at 2 this morning, when amid scenes of confusion and confusion paralleled in party history, a plank condemning the Ku Klux Klan by name was pronounced rejected by the narrow margin of a single vote. Another serious contest had been decided previously by adoption of a plank reaffirming in general terms only the party's faith in the league of nations.

The convention's action on the all-absorbing question of the klan apparently had no effect on the relative standing of the candidates, except as it provides a further argument for use by those who are predicting that neither McAdoo nor Smith can be nominated. The out and out anti-klan plank, according to Permanent Chairman Walsh's announcement, received 541 votes, with the active supporters of Governor Smith and many others friendly to him voting for it, while 542 votes were announced as cast against it, largely from the states that are giving their claim to Mr. McAdoo.

Both Claim Advantage. The Smith people declared the total recorded for the proposal showed conclusively the inability of McAdoo to muster the two-thirds necessary for nomination, and the McAdoo men said the votes cast on that side meant the elimination of Smith. The managers for the other candidates agreed with both of them.

As a result, the only discernible trend of opinion among the leaders as they weighed the outcome of yesterday's vote was that the McAdoo side was in a better position to win.

Col. Paul Henderson, Washington, D. C., Second Assistant Postmaster General. Colonel Henderson spends \$500,000 every day of the week, including Sunday. But he's not as extravagant as this makes him seem, for as an assistant to the postmaster general it is his duty to keep the mails moving, and that's approximately what it costs each day.

Born in Lyndon, Kas., 40 years ago, Colonel Henderson received his education at Chicago university, went into the automobile business and later the contracting business. He also went into the war as a transportation officer with the A. E. F., and on the close of the war returned to the business of contracting. Then, in 1922, the late President Harding appointed him second assistant postmaster general. He came to Omaha to inspect the air mail field at Fort Crook, which, starting Tuesday, will be the center of the continuous air mail transportation system.

Smith Takes Usual Swim. Mr. Roosevelt said the delegates "are confidently coming to the conclusion that duty to the party dictates the nomination of Smith for victory" in November.

Governor Smith followed out his usual Sunday program, attending (Turn to Page Two, Column Six.)

Fisherman Falls Into Missouri and Is Drowned

Newton Cohase, 5119 North Fourteenth street, was drowned in the Missouri river at 10:40 Sunday morning when a log on which he was standing rolled over, hurling him into the water.

Cohase was fishing at the foot of Reed street with his wife. Apparently believing that he would have better success if he could get his line farther out into the river he stepped on a log. It gave way and Reed was swept down in the swiftly rushing current.

Allen Houk, 7501 North Thirtieth street, and L. D. Phillips, 5715 North Sixteenth street, made an effort to save him but were too much handicapped by the depth of water and the current. The log rolled from 16 to 20 feet below the surface where Cohase disappeared.

His body has not been recovered.

Democrats May Choose Davis as Compromise Man

Governor Bryan Slated for Second Place on Ticket in Case of McAdoo-Smith Deadlock.

New York, June 29.—On the eve of balloting in the democratic national convention, leading candidates for the presidential nomination were busy tonight consolidating their positions and issuing pronouncements of their confidence in the outcome.

Meanwhile, those seeking the nomination, but admittedly without any thing like the numerical strength on the first ballots that will be mustered by either William G. McAdoo or Alfred E. Smith, were continuing their quiet campaigns and laying plans against the time when, they predicted, there would be a break away from both the former treasury secretary and the New York governor.

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Democrats Controlled by Traders

Reputation of Wilson and Refusal to Name Klan Specifically Looked on as Colossal Blunders.

Principles Surrendered

New York, June 29.—By its votes on the league of nations issue and on the issue of the Ku Klux Klan the democratic national convention has shown itself to be in the hands of political traders. This is the argument being made here today by those who look upon the repudiation of Woodrow Wilson and upon the refusal to name the klan specifically as monumental blunders and as the surrender of principle for fancied party advantage.

The convention cheered the name of Wilson and Newton D. Baker, secretary of war under the great war president, collapsed at the conclusion of a remarkable speech, in which he urged the delegates to stand behind those Wilson doctrines which, he argued, were the sacred heritage of the democratic party.

That the lesser breeds who now control the party are content merely with cheering, however, and are anxious to scuttle out from under the league of nations issue, was shown by the answer of Senator Key Pittman of Nevada, to Baker's speech.

Pittman scornful. It was almost with a sneer that Senator Pittman spoke. He referred to former Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock, who was the democratic leader of the senate during the league fight.

"Gibber Hitchcock sacrificed himself and his political fortunes on the altar of Woodrow Wilson," he declared, "and that is more than the gentleman from Ohio (Baker) has done."

Pittman referred sarcastically to Baker's emotionalism during his speech, "show he draped his little body across the speaker's rostrum." Hisses from all parts of the hall greeted this ungalant reference, but the "lesser breeds" were in the majority in the convention.

Their scuttling plank on the league was adopted. The deal with Hearst was carried. Pittman insisted that the scheme for a referendum was devised by "friends of Woodrow Wilson" and that the referendum was the way to get into the league. What Hearst thinks of the referendum, of the league, and of the "friends of Woodrow Wilson" is revealed in the comments of his chief editorial writer, Arthur Brisbane.

Brisbane sneers at the league as Pittman sneered at it. In a comment written at the convention hall, Brisbane says: "The cheering for the league of nations is academic, not practical. The league will be left to a referendum of the whole people, which means that it will rest for awhile and then wander to the waste basket."

"In noble words, the democratic party 'passes the buck' as regards that dear old league. It now joins the hansom cab among interesting relics."

Baker in his speech ripped to pieces the league plank proposed by the "friends of Wilson," designed by those who had "sacrificed their political fortunes" on the Wilson altar.

"Ain't Nature Wonderful" By UNCLE PETE.

O'Neill, Neb., June 29.—Doc Wilkinson expects to re-establish himself in the good grace of the horsemen of Beaver Flats at the races at O'Neill the Fourth of July through the compliments of Jack McKenna's running horse, Sapollo, which the doctor himself has entered in the races, paying the entry fee and all in an effort toward redemption.

Sapollo is the horse which although possessed of remarkable speed, also had a sheep's heart which caused him to quit at the last minute and come in behind the money to the great grief and financial embarrassment of the owner, Mr. McKenna.

Last fall, just before the county fair, the doctor endeavoring to overcome this defect in the animal's make-up for Mr. McKenna transplanted some glands into Sapollo from one of Glen Shively's string of famous race horses, but by mistake got the glands from Rock of Ages, Shively's champion bucking bronco outlaw.

As a result when the jockey tickled Sapollo with the spurs in the final

First Eye Witness Story Is Related by Chief of Police

Cleveland, June 29.—The chief of police at Elyria, nine miles from Lorain, said he was in Lorain within a few minutes after the cyclone struck and he walked over several blocks of the devastated area, saw unroofed buildings, fallen trees and telephone poles, heard screams of some of the injured, and afterwards saw refugees fleeing the city.

Heavy Rain Falling. "My wife and I and a party of friends were driving toward Lorain," he said. "It must have been about 6:30 when the storm struck. We were about three or four miles east of the city, and a heavy rain was falling."

"At a gasoline station we met another automobile that had stopped there. It had just come from Lorain and from the man and woman in it we learned there had been a cyclone. They said they had seen houses toppling over, roofs flying through the air, and trees and telephone poles mowed down by a huge scythe."

"Their car was a sedan. They said the wind blew so hard that they had to sit on the floor to keep it from shattering their eardrums."

Uncanny Feeling. "We drove on toward Lorain until a tangle of fallen trees made further progress impossible. Then we got out and walked on into the town."

"The town was a wreck. I had an uncanny feeling as I looked at houses without roofs or without walls, as I picked my way through the wreckage in the streets."

"I recall looking into one house from which the front wall had been blown out. I could see into the bedroom, and noticed that the beds stood there neatly made. In the distance we could see some houses in flames, although there appeared to be no general conflagration."

River Bridge Demolished. "The river bridge was demolished, except for the foot path, which was still standing. People were running about excitedly in the streets, some of them with injured hands and legs. Many had been pinned under fallen buildings and trees."

"One wall of a grocery had been demolished, and the merchandise was scattered over the street. We saw a moving picture theater which had collapsed. The balcony had fallen across the doorway, whether anybody was in the theater or not I do not know."

Two people were found buried in the debris, he said. "We met a man hurrying toward Lorain, who besought us for news. He said his wife and family were in the wrecked area. Ambulances and automobiles were rushing toward Lorain, but he said he had no news of his family."

Shanty Blown Away. Jacob Schaeffer, 62, Baltimore, Ohio railroad watchman, was seated in his shanty when the gale hit it from the ground. He was so seriously injured that he died two hours later. No trace of the shanty has been found.

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70 in Lorain, Sandusky and Pittsburgh Morgues; Mile Long Business Block Is Wiped Out

35 Passengers on Sinking Boat Leap to Safety—Persons Tossed Off Piers Into Water.

National Guard on Scene

Sandusky, O., June 29.—A twisting tornado that whirled out of the west Saturday afternoon took six lives in Sandusky, leveled approximately 200 dwellings, destroyed 25 business places, injured more than 100 persons and caused property damage variously estimated at between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000.

The tornado struck along the waterfront, dipped and ricocheted crazily to different residential sections of the city and tore along the pier where hundreds were waiting to take the boat to the summer resort at Cedar Point, across Sandusky bay.

With wires down, enmeshed in branches of uprooted trees that blocked many streets, the city was in darkness throughout the night. The fire hazard was emphasized by the cutting off of water pressure when the huge standpipe of the city waterworks crumbled before the first gargantuan blast of the tornado. The building and machinery were partially wrecked.

One lake craft—the gasoline launch Columbus, towing an auto ferry—sank when the 35-mile blast jammed her against a drill dredge that had torn loose from the dock. The 35 passengers and crew aboard escaped death by leaping, climbing or jumping to the dredge or to the auto ferry which safely rode out the wind and heavy sea.

Saved From Water. The black funnel that tore down upon Sandusky caught hundreds of men, women and children waiting on the docks for the steamer that would carry them to Cedar Point. So great was the force of the storm that scores of persons were tossed into the water from the pier. Despite the panic that gripped those on shore, the shrill cries of women, the cries of children and the shouts of men, ropes and life preservers were quickly thrown to those struggling in the tossing waters of the bay and they were pulled to safety. Authorities today described as miraculous the rescue of these scores from death. So far as is known no lives were lost. There have been no reports of persons missing.

The deaths came from various causes, all directly linked with the storm. Minetta Ruth Magard, 21, the only woman listed among the dead, was crushed to death in the collapse of the Groch Coal company building.

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Storm Summary

By Associated Press.

Lorain, O., June 29.—The casualties and damage done by the tornado as it twisted its way across northern Ohio last night are: At Lorain—59 dead, probably several hundred injured and property damage amounting to between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000 inflicted.

At Sandusky—Six dead, probably 100 injured and property damage between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000.

At Cleveland—Seven dead, with small property damage.

At Port Clinton—Slight damage, due to heavy rainfall. No casualties.

At Mantua—Three reported dead.

At Akron—One dead; property damage estimated at from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

At Youngstown—One dead.

At Pittsburgh—Five dead.

At Bay Village—Apartment house said to have collapsed burying two.

At Alliance—One hundred isolated in flooded homes, rescued by police.

At Elyria—Virtually no damage.

At Cedar Point—Six cottages blown down; no casualties.

At Vermillion—Small damage from heavy downpour of rain and high winds, but no casualties.

Military on patrol duty at Lorain and Sandusky, although martial law has not actually been declared.

State health board takes action to prevent disease by supervising water supply at Lorain and Sandusky.

Wild reports of looting Saturday night at Lorain prove untrue.

Many miraculous escapes reported by eye witnesses at both Lorain and Sandusky.

Tornado jumps almost 35 miles from Sandusky to Lorain, with virtually no damage in between.

Governor Donahey personally visits stricken area. Iowa and Illinois—Twelve dead.

Total storm dead—Ninety-three.

Pittsburgh Hard Hit by High Wind; Red Cross Rushes to Aid Injured

Pittsburgh, June 29.—Five deaths resulting from Saturday night's storm had been reported in the Pittsburgh district tonight. Two children, Helen and Clarence Durick, the latter a 16-month-old baby, were killed when their home was blown over at North Bradock. George W. Somers met death when his automobile was blown from a bridge near Dixmont. Mrs. Adelaide Todd and her son, Howard Todd, were electrocuted as they stepped on a live wire blown down by the storm at Beaver, 25 miles from Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. John Durick, parents of the two children killed, were injured, but not fatally. The roadbed of the Cleveland and Pittsburgh railway running through the Beaver valley was undermined in sections by the storm and several bridges washed away.

Washington, June 29.—The resources and services of the American Red Cross were offered to the storm stricken areas of Ohio today by Col. L. P. Bicknell, acting chairman.

The organization, Colonel Bicknell said in a telegram to Governor Donahey, is ready to "provide necessary relief in sections of your state stricken by disaster and in accordance with precedent in Ohio valley floods is prepared to receive and disburse any funds raised for the emergency."

"Supplemental relief work already begun by Cleveland and other nearby Red Cross chapters," he added, "We are sending J. Arthur Jeffers, manager, Washington division, Red Cross; Henry M. Baker, national Red Cross director of disaster relief, and Robert E. Bondy, national Red Cross director of war service to scene of disaster."

MAN CHASES SON, THEN KILLS SELF. Charles Swanson, 48, 3922 W street, committed suicide at 7 Saturday night in his home by firing a shot from a revolver into his head.

His son, Edward, 14, hearing his threats to end his life, followed Swanson into a bedroom and tried to wrest the revolver from him. Swanson chased him out of the house and then returned and fired the fatal shot.

Theodore Schul, a neighbor, also heard the shot and found the body lying on the floor.

Swanson is survived by his wife and eight children, ranging in age from 22 to 8. He was an employe of the Bradford-Kennedy Lumber company.

3 FARMERS BUY RAILROAD LINE. Beatrice, Neb., June 29.—George Henzel, Gus Erickson and J. C. Hubke, farmers living near Virginia, Neb., became part owners of a railroad Saturday when for \$3,100 they purchased at sheriff's sale the property of the defunct Kansas City & Northwestern in Gage county for back taxes, amounting to approximately \$10,000. The property consists of the station at Virginia, the right-of-way and three miles of track in the county. They say they bought the property to protect the spur track running to the farmers' elevator at Virginia and are not prepared to say what they will do with it.

Steel Poles Twisted Like Wires by 80-Mile Gale—Trams, Motors Blown Like Chips in Wind.

Cables Like Spider Webs

Cleveland, O., June 29.—Loss of life in yesterday's tornado which wrecked a large portion of Lorain and parts of Sandusky and other Ohio cities was not as great as first reports indicated but rechecking of casualties tonight showed that probably 100 persons lost their lives in this storm and almost simultaneous disturbances at Pittsburgh and in the upper Mississippi valley.

The total property damage when reports from the rural regions are complete will probably aggregate \$50,000,000.

Lorain, O., June 29.—Approximately 59 persons are dead, 118 are injured and nearly half of the city of Lorain is in ruins as the result of the tornado that twisted itself over the northern end of Ohio late yesterday afternoon.

Mayor George Hoffman estimated the property damage at \$25,000,000 visible and \$5,000,000 invisible. About 15 per cent of the city's population of 47,000, or a trifle over 7,000 people are homeless tonight, they said.

One hundred and twenty-five city blocks or about 25 per cent of the city's residences were damaged, most of them beyond repair. Of all the business buildings that Lorain's mile long main street, Broadway, only two, the postoffice and a four-story Eagle's club building, escaped without damage.

Reports Exaggerated. "Due to the confusion and darkness after the storm last night many wild and exaggerated reports were current as to the number of dead and injured. As near as could be checked today the above figures are authentic at this time. The Red Cross and coroner's office, however, said that it will be several days before any accurate count of the dead and injured can be made. Work is still being carried on in the outlying residential districts and the total may change most any time."

The driving wind ripped and tore everything in its path as it roared down this street leveling most of the brick buildings at the second floor. Frame structures, filling stations, and other small buildings were entirely demolished and the wreckage strewn for blocks.

The 80-mile an hour wind blew street cars from their tracks; turned over and hurled automobiles to the curb; bent and twisted steel telegraph poles like wire; snapped off wooden poles at the ground and hurled them across streets and onto building roofs.

Thousands of trees are down throughout the residential district visited by the tornado, and the tangled wires form a veritable spider's web over the stricken area. Fortunately, the power plant ceased to function almost with the arrival of the storm and the fallen wires could not injure the panic-stricken men, women and children as they rushed pell-mell from their homes, or as they were blown and tossed about by the angry winds.

The storm first struck Sandusky, about 35 miles west, at exactly 4:35 yesterday afternoon. It swept Sandusky's waterfront, killed five people and injured 70, of whom 23 are seriously hurt. It put the water works and electric light plant out of commission, thus shutting off the water supply and plunging the city in darkness. The 200-foot building housing the Cedar Point pier was lifted and hurled nearly 60 feet into Sandusky bay. The Yacht club was torn and twisted into a mass of wreckage.

Convention Program of Democrats Today. Convention called to order by Permanent Chairman Walsh at 9:30 a. m., eastern daylight time. Invocation by Rev. Gustav Arnold Carstensen, Holy Rood church, Protestant Episcopal, New York.

Beginning of roll call by states for the vote on nomination for president. Adjournment.

LOCUST GROVE PASTOR QUILTS. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Shenandoah, Ia., June 28.—Rev. A. T. Mikkelsen, who has been pastor of the German Lutheran church at Locust grove for seven years, has resigned and with his wife and younger children has started to drive to Beausejour, Manitoba, Canada, where he will be pastor of a Lutheran church. His daughters, Margaret, a teacher near Hamburg, and Marianne, a graduate of this year's class of the Shenandoah High school, are leaving by train to join their parents.

The Weather. For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., June 29. Precipitation, inches and humidity: Total, 6. Total since January 1, 15.88 inches. Hourly Temperatures: 8 a. m. 55, 9 a. m. 55, 10 a. m. 55, 11 a. m. 55, 12 noon 55, 1 p. m. 55, 2 p. m. 55, 3 p. m. 55, 4 p. m. 55, 5 p. m. 55, 6 p. m. 55, 7 p. m. 55, 8 p. m. 55, 9 p. m. 55, 10 p. m. 55, 11 p. m. 55, 12 noon 55.

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