

DARK HORSES IN DEMO HANDICAP CHAMPING BITS

Ralston of Indiana Touted Highest When McAdoo-Smith Break Comes

BY EARL L. SHAUB, Universal Service Correspondent. New York, June 30.—While the forces of William G. McAdoo and Gov. Al Smith battled each other to a standstill for the nomination for president in the democratic national convention Monday, a group of dark horses waited for the chance to run. Of all that group when the convention adjourned, Senator Samuel Ralston of Indiana, looked the most promising. His manager, Tom Taggart, stated on adjournment that "things are working out just like I want them to."

Taggart has at least a dozen delegations promised to swing to the Ralston standard when he says the word. He will not call for these votes until he believes both the Smith and McAdoo forces are convinced that their cause is hopeless.

Decide Course Today. The Mississippi delegation will meet in the morning to decide which candidate they will support. All day they have cast their votes for Senator Pat Harrison, waiting for a break in the Smith-McAdoo deadlock.

The North Carolina delegation caucused Monday night to discuss the advisability of leading a break from McAdoo, but decided the time had not come. They will resume the discussion as soon as five members of that delegation ask for a second caucus.

There is sentiment for John W. Davis in both these delegations. On the conclusion of the balloting, Davis led the field, with the exception of McAdoo and Smith. He had a larger scattering of votes than any of the other candidates except the two leaders.

While McAdoo and Smith lieutenants say they will not yield, other politicians say it is ridiculous to figure that either of them have a chance. They predict that when their forces begin to crumble that both will slip rapidly.

Two Drop Out. The next battle will probably be between Ralston, Davis and Carter Glass. The latter is counting on considerable McAdoo strength to give him momentum.

Governor Jonathan Davis, of Kansas, and George Sizer of New Jersey, were eliminated from the contest when their delegations switched, Kansas to McAdoo and New Jersey to Smith.

Pat Harrison will probably be eliminated on the first ballot Tuesday when Mississippians decide to cast their votes with some other candidate.

Governor Ferris of Michigan also dropped out of the race when the Michigan delegation scattered its votes among other candidates.

SIX PERSONS ARE KILLED IN REAR END TRAIN COLLISION

Buda, Ill., June 30.—Six persons were killed Monday when fast Burlington passenger train No. 8 crashed into the rear end of the Denver-Chicago passenger train which had stopped for coal. The dead: F. W. McNair, Houghton, Mich., president of the Michigan College of Mines. Mrs. H. C. Clapp, McCook, Neb. Miss Clapp, her niece. W. J. Brechtel, Aurora, Ill., fireman on No. 8. J. A. Triplett, porter of No. 2, Chicago. An unidentified woman.

Obregon Preparing to Make Election Peaceful

Mexico City, June 30.—President Obregon Monday began drastic preparations to insure an orderly constitutional election throughout the republic next Sunday.

The military forces have been ordered to their barracks and will only be permitted to leave under the escort of their officers to vote, and will be without arms. The sale of liquor has been suspended. The civil authorities have been ordered to maintain peace on election day and the troops will keep hands off unless an armed outbreak should occur.

ADMISS SLAYING BROTHER

Lincoln, Neb., June 30. (A. P.)—George Louis Balster, who was previously questioned regarding the killing of his brother Ed, on a farm near Utica last March 2, today confessed to State Sheriff Tom Carroll that he was the slayer. Three hours of questioning preceded the confession, Mr. Carroll said.

MT. AETNA BELCHING

Maples, June 30. (I. N. S.)—Mt. Aetna was in violent eruption today. A huge stream of lava flowed from the crater accompanied by bursts of steam and smoke.

MAN CONFESSES TO MURDER OF BROTHER SAY OFFICIALS

Seward, Neb., June 30. (Special)—George L. Balster, who state and county officers say confessed Monday to the murder of his brother, Edward Balster, March 1, last, near the town of Utica, this county, was given a hearing Monday before County Judge Carl Beck.

He entered a plea of innocence, was bound over to the November term of district court, and was remanded to the sheriff of Seward county. According to officers Balster, 26 years old, made a complete confession of the killing, giving all the details.

At the time of the crime he was suspected but proof was lacking. State and county officials have been working on the case ever since.

VALUE OF FARM PRODUCTS NOW AT HIGH POINT

Top Figure in Four Years Reported by Department Of Agriculture

Washington, June 30.—The value of farm products for the things that farmers buy now stands at the highest point in nearly four years, declares the department of agriculture, in its monthly agricultural review, issued Monday.

Such improvement as the situation shows is attributed to the continued slow decline in prices of non-agricultural commodities at the same time that agricultural products have held their own. The department's index of the purchasing power of farm products in terms of other commodities, is 77 for May, using the year 1913 as a base for 100.

The corn crop now occupies a conspicuous place on the agricultural stage, and promises to be a pivotal factor in the entire meat and dairy situation of 1925, the department says. Wheat growers are reported to be somewhat more cheerful of mind over the recent advances in wheat, due to a smaller prospective world crop.

Conditions on the Pacific coast are regarded as one decided fly in the ointment. Drought in that section has cut heavily into the grain crops and feed, while fruits in the northwest have also been damaged by frosts and drought. The citrus crops are reported as in good condition.

The effect on agriculture of the wane of the industrial boom is open to speculation, the department points out. For two years farmers have had an unprecedented domestic market, but the outlook this fall is not so good. The weight of informed opinion, however, is that in the immediate future farmers as a whole stand to gain more from cheaper labor and materials than they are likely to lose by a narrower market for lamb, butter, or semi-luxury products.

SLAYER GIVEN LIFE SENTENCE

Charles Campbell, Confessed Slayer of Mrs. Bowman, Gets Stiff Penalty

Redfield, S. D., June 30.—(Special)—Charles Campbell, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Ed Bowman, June 24, 1924, on a farm eight miles from Miller, S. D., was Monday sentenced to life imprisonment in the Sioux Falls penitentiary by Judge M. Moriarty. He pleaded guilty and as there were no extenuating circumstances of any nature, the judge immediately entered the sentence.

After three days of patiently waiting near the farm where Mr. and Mrs. Bowman worked, for Mr. Bowman to absent himself, he finally gained entrance to the farm house under the guise of a friendly caller. Mrs. Bowman's sister, Vienna, cooked him a dinner and he ate with them, according to his confession.

About two hours after the meal, Campbell mixed some poison with water and induced Mrs. Bowman to drink it, saying that it wouldn't hurt her.

Campbell had a grievance against the Bowman family because he thought that they had induced Mrs. Bowman's sister, Vienna, a girl of 16, to refuse to marry him, he said. Campbell came to Miller three years ago when he first met Vienna at her mother's boarding house and ever since that time had been very insistent upon marrying her, it was said. He is 25 years old and a common laborer. He came from Missouri with his family and settled near Sioux Falls, where his mother and the rest of the family still live, with the exception of his father. He does not know where he is at the present time.

Nebraska Catholic Church Observes Golden Jubilee

Oldyan, Neb., June 30. (Special)—The golden jubilee of the founding of the Catholic church at this place was attended by thousands of people. A dozen priests from surrounding parishes attended. Sermons were by the Very Rev. J. J. O'Sullivan, Fremont, and Rev. V. J. Tever, of Petersburg.

The "village smithy" in Saint Mary Cray, Kent, England, is being demolished to make way for a new broad street. The buildings are 60 years old.

STORM SWEEP CITY BEGINS TO UNCOVER DEAD

Two Score Bodies Taken From Wreckage of Storm Swept Town

Lorain, Ohio, June 30.—They began to unbury their dead here Monday.

There is no flippancy in the statement. Most of those who were killed in Saturday evening's tornado died within moments of piled up stone, brick, timber and steel.

Monday morning or the first time since the disaster, a corps of workers, under military direction, was employed systematically to tear up that which the wild storm had laid down.

The 50 workers concentrated upon the ruins of the State theater, where probably 100 men, women and children—mostly children, lost their lives. Already 36 bodies had been taken from the edges of this wreckage. It was realized, however, that many more would be found entombed in the heart of the debris.

Surrounded by a guard of militiamen, to restrain morbid sightseers and relatives who are waiting for the physical proof of their convictions, the men arranged themselves upon the enormous heap of brick and girders so that pieces of the material could be passed quickly from hand to hand and so removed to a nearby dumping field.

Brick by brick, but with a speed that was fascinating, the workers slowly leveled down the chaotic mass.

Suddenly, the shifting bricks ceased their chain-like movement towards the dump. The first of a series of discoveries that everyone knew was inevitable had come.

First Body Found. The body was that of a little girl. A stretcher was waiting, as was the sheet that mercifully covered the ghastly disfigurements.

Then another body and another, until six in all had been taken out. And all of them had been children. Lorain needs outside aid—not provisions and sleep accommodations which have been rushed into town abundantly. Hundreds of surviving families need money. Unless this is obtained, the town cannot easily be built back and many residents will experience the torment of utter destitution.

Lorain is ready to accept money contributions, when the machinery for receipt and distribution have been established. And yet, in the face of this need, every citizen is ready to underestimate the numbers of the killed and wounded and the extent of the property damage, thus withholding something of the appeal which will lure the offerings.

Some of the high Red Cross officials, who are here from Washington and New York, suggest that every city or town becomes super-sensitive after being visited by a disaster.

Two of these officials—J. Arthur Jeffers, manager of the Red Cross Washington division, and Henry M. Baker, national director of the disaster relief unit—Monday left hurriedly for Columbus, there to confer with Governor Donahay. The governor, who left the city just before the arrival of the Red Cross officials, had mentioned here his intentions of issuing a proclamation, calling upon citizens of Ohio and possibly, of the

NEW YORK NEWSPAPER MAN RECEIVES ONE VOTE FOR DEMO NOMINATION

Madison Square Garden, New York, June 30.—Roland Krebs, a staff correspondent of the International News Service, received one vote for the presidency on the thirteenth ballot at the national democratic convention here Monday night.

The vote was cast by Congressman Robert Clancy of the Michigan delegation. Krebs is the youngest man in history who ever received a vote for the presidency. He is only 25 years old. Krebs is the only newspaper reporter who has received a vote in this convention. James Cox of Ohio, is also a newspaper man, but is an editor.

Manager Jeffers and Director Baker believed that confusion could be avoided if the governor and mayor agreed that all relief funds be paid directly to and dispersed by the national Red Cross organization.

FALL INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

Sinclair and Two Dohenys Also Named in Teapot Dome Case

Washington, June 30.—Former Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall, of Three Rivers, N. M., and the oil magnates, Harry F. Sinclair and Edward L. Doheny, together with Doheny's son Edward L. Jr., were indicted here Monday by a federal grand jury on charges of conspiracy and bribery in connection with the now famous Teapot Dome and California naval oil reserve leases executed by Fall when he was in the Harding cabinet.

Four indictments were handed out by the grand jury. They were: 1—Fall and Doheny charged with conspiracy to defraud the government through the leasing of the Elks Hill oil reserve in California.

2—Fall charged with accepting a bribe of \$100,000 from Doheny to influence his decision in granting the California lease.

3—Doheny and his son charged with giving a bribe of \$100,000 to Fall.

4—Fall and Sinclair charged with conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the leasing of the Teapot Dome reserve in Wyoming to the Mammoth Oil company, a Sinclair corporation.

Arrests Ordered. The United States marshal was ordered by the court to take the indicted persons into custody and to produce them before the court to give bond for their appearance at the trial.

The indictments were secured by Special Attorneys Atlee Pomerene and Owen J. Roberts, who were appointed by President Coolidge to prosecute the oil fraud cases following the sensational revelations made before the Senate committee investigating the oil scandal.

The greater part of the evidence presented to the grand jury was testimony taken before the Senate committee. The bribery charges were based upon Doheny's admission before the committee that he sent his son with \$100,000 in cash in a black satchel to give to Fall at Three Rivers.

300 EGG DEALERS OF HAWKEYE STATE FACE PROSECUTION

Des Moines, Ia., June 30.—(Special)—Prosecution of the 300 of the 8,000 licensed egg dealers of Iowa, for failure to comply with the state laws governing sale of eggs was announced by M. E. McMurray, inspection division of the state department of agriculture. The cases are results of extensive investigation by the bureau's 32 inspectors. Penalty for violation of egg law is \$10 to \$50 for first offenders.

Indictments were returned by the grand jury Monday charging 28 proprietors of drug stores, candy or cigar shops or pool halls with maintaining gambling places. Operation of automatic slot machines, baseball pools or dice games formed basis of the indictments.

'ECONOMY' WILL BE KEYNOTE OF CAL'S CAMPAIGN

Slams "Pork Barrel" Legislation in First Speech Since Nomination

Washington, June 30.—President Coolidge sounded the keynote of his coming campaign with a declaration "for economy and after that for more economy," as his conception of serving all the people.

The president delivered the address at the seventh regular meeting of the "Business Organization of the Government." It was the first speech of importance by the president since his nomination by the Cleveland convention, and clearly indicated that the question of taxation and efficient government service will constitute the chief subjects to be stressed in the campaign.

In short, crisp sentences, President Coolidge set forth his views on the budget system which has been in operation for three years. He emphasized his determination that extravagance and inefficiency in the government must give way to economy and efficiency. He said that as long as he is chief executive he will protect the integrity of the budget. The president clearly indicated there is to be no return of the "pork barrel" system under his regime.

Tollers Who Pay. President Coolidge dwelt upon the dangers to the republic of excessive taxation and pointed out that it is always the people who toll who pay. He said that freedom is at an end unless the people can enjoy reasonable security in the possession of their property.

Warning against excessive taxation, the president declared that any government which exacts more taxes than are required by urgent public needs and sound public policy is "not a protector of liberty but an instrument of tyranny, which condemns the citizen to slavery." He said that such a course means the breaking down of free government.

The president demanded a reduction of \$3,000,000 in the expenditure program for next year. He said the best estimates indicate a surplus of \$25,000,000 for the next fiscal year, but he wants that surplus to be \$105,000,000 as a minimum. He declared the expenditure program for 1925 should be reduced from \$3,983,000,000 now estimated to \$3,000,000,000.

Favors Personal Liberty. The president declared strongly in favor of personal liberty, saying that one of the greatest perils to any republic is the disregard of individual rights.

Reverting to the subject of taxation, the president said he will exercise his full powers in an effort to further reduce taxes by cutting down expenditures and will block any new taxes which might lead to increased taxes. He declared that the public welfare demands lower taxes and he will dedicate his services in that direction. With that end in view, he asserted, the government payroll must be reduced in a manner which will not impair the public service.

The president put his foot down on militarism saying that while the nation needs national defense it must be limited. He frowned on "pork barrel" legislation for public buildings and rivers and harbors development, declaring that while public improvements are needed they must be gradual.

Farmers Suffer Heavy Loss in Small Toledo

Petersburg, Neb., June 30. (Special)—Farmers east of Petersburg suffered heavy loss from a tornado that struck that vicinity. Barns, sheds and other out buildings were demolished, animals and chickens killed and crops damaged by the heavy rain and hail that followed.

Halver Kittelson and John Krause were the heaviest losers. At these places horses and cattle were killed as well as many chickens.

Quaker Oats Warehouse At Jacksonville Burns

Jacksonville, Fla., June 30.—A large warehouse building, occupied by the Quaker Oats company here was completely destroyed by fire Monday when the lower part of Main street was in flames.

The Booth Fisheries and the St. Johns river boat line docks were also a total loss. The steamer Magnolia which was tied to a dock was practically destroyed.

CALIFORNIAN GAINS SLOWLY; SMITH SECOND

New York Candidate 174 Votes Behind Leader—John Davis Third

RESUME VOTE TODAY

Tammany Hall Leaders Losing Hope of Being Able to Win

Convention Hall, New York, July 1.—(Tuesday)—At five minutes after midnight the democratic national convention adjourned in a deadlock on the choice of a candidate for president.

The final ballot, the fifteenth since the beginning, gave McAdoo 478 and Smith 305 1-2. The rest of the field running behind, Smith's nearest competitor being Davis of West Virginia with 61. Cox was in fourth place with 60, followed by Underwood with 59 1-2, Glass with 35, Ralston with 31, Robinson with 29, and Harrison with 20 1-2.

The delegates who had been in continuous session since 9:30 o'clock Monday morning, with the exception of a brief recess at the dinner hour, were glad when the riotous adjournment came and they were permitted to go to their hotels.

Strongest on Last Ballot. Nine ballots were taken in the day session, and six at night. McAdoo led all the way, his vote wavering between 471 on the tenth to 479 on the fifteenth, the latter being the highest figure reached by him.

McAdoo's failure to develop more strength as the voting went on was a grave disappointment to his managers who had expressed the belief that his vote would reach majority or more than one half of the total during the day. He was 71 away from a majority on his highest vote.

The only appreciable addition to McAdoo's early vote came when Kansas, on the tenth ballot, switched from Governor Davis of that state and went in a body to McAdoo with their 20 votes. Except for an occasional scattering vote here and there, McAdoo made no other gains.

New Jersey Switches. Smith's vote remained steady until the eleventh ballot, when New Jersey dropped support of Governor Silzer and delivered the 28 votes of that delegation over to Smith. Announcement of the switch was followed by a great demonstration.

A remarkable feature of the voting was the tenacity with which the favorite sons held on in the fight. McAdoo's managers made vigorous efforts to drive some of the favorite sons out in order to increase the Californian's total, but they stuck to the race to the last ballot.

Among them were Governor Brown of New Hampshire, Pat Harrison of Mississippi and Saulsbury of Delaware. Governor Bryan of Nebraska urged his delegation to stand by him, asserting he believed he had a good chance to win.

At 10:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, the convention will go at it again, and none of the delegates have any predictions to make as to how long the deadlock will continue. George Brennan, Illinois leader, declared after adjournment he was certain that Smith will win in the end.

Give Up Hope. Tammany Hall leaders, however, are not so confident and have almost given up hope of being able to win any of the large delegations to their candidate. At the same time, they can block McAdoo to the finish, and asserted during the balloting that they intend to do so.

The expected flop to Underwood failed to materialize during the voting. His vote dropped from 43.9 on the tenth ballot to 39 1-2 on the last. Glass was unable to make any gains, his vote closing at 35. There are some who believe that if the McAdoo and Smith vote begins to break up, some of it will go to Underwood and some to Glass. For that reason Alabama and Virginia are keeping their respective candidates in the race.

Leagues, More Leagues, But Here's a New One

Lincoln, June 30. (Special)—Along with the activities of acting Governor Johnson and Attorney General Spillman in endeavoring to bring about lower prices for gasoline in the state by voluntary action on the part of dealers, a "15 cents a gallon league" is in the process of formation.

Dr. J. S. Despecher, Omaha, president of the league, was in Lincoln Monday to look the situation over and enlist this city in the movement. The plan, Dr. Despecher says, is to enroll every town and city in the state in the league.

GERMANY SENDS REPLY

Paris, June 30.—Premier Herriot Monday received Germany's reply to the allied note in regard to the reduction of interallied military control of Germany's armament. It was presented by Herr Von Hoesch, German ambassador.

Divorce Furnishes Gossip For Havana Society Buds

Havana, June 30.—Exclusive society circles were agog with excitement following the announcement of a divorce granted to Mrs. A. Ruiz from her husband, Antonio Ruiz, a member of one of the oldest and wealthiest families in Havana.

Mrs. Ruiz, who resumes her maiden name of Mercy Laqueu, under the terms of the divorce, will make New York City her home.

Babe Ruth's Bat for Al Smith



"Bustin Babe" Ruth, of the New York Yankees, world's champion, slugger and home run hitter, presented his famous home run bat to Governor Alfred E. Smith, of New York, with the expressed hope that with it Mr. Smith would be able to

Animal interference with telephone service include bears that mistake the humming of wires for a swarm of honey bees; squirrels that chew holes in the lead sheath cables; ants and beetles that eat metal, and spiders that throw their webs across open wires, causing short circuits when dew gathers on the web.

The gross income of the American people is upward of \$30,000,000 a day, while the daily savings are approximately one-sixth of this, or more than \$3,000,000. The total income of the country for 1923 is placed at seventy billion dollars, an increase of five billion over 1922 and ten billion over 1921. For the year's total savings, the figure given is \$12,000,000,000.

Automobiles worth upwards of \$100,000, and real property estimated at \$50,000, succumbed to the flames in a densely populated part of the Bronx, New York, during the first week in May. Incendiarism is suspected as the cause of this public garage fire.

Handwriting is now transmitted by telegraph as a regular service by the French postoffice department. Already French banks are honoring telegraphed checks, for a perfect reproduction of the sender's signature is transmitted electrically over the wires.

To a spectator on our nearest star, the sun and earth would represent a close double star, so comparatively near are the sun and the earth.