

is not a candidate for the Presidency he is determined that at the next Democratic national convention the progressive and prohibition forces shall take the lead in the framing of the platform and the declaration of the general policies.

Bernard M. Baruch denied last night that he is supporting Mr. Chadbourne for the chairmanship of the national committee.

"I'm not backing anybody," he said, "and I am not participating in the fight in any way. Mr. White has been a good chairman—he is a very fair and honorable gentleman and I see no reason for supplanting him if he wants to remain chairman. I'm not a member of any committee of any description and I fail to understand how my name has been mentioned in connection with Mr. Chadbourne's."

## PLAN TO OUST WHITE CHARGED TO M'ADOO

(From the New York Times, Feb. 9.)

George White, chairman of the Democratic national committee, has no intention of calling a meeting of the committee for March 1, as requested by forty-nine members of the committee. It was rumored yesterday that the man most active in trying to bring about a reorganization of the committee was William G. McAdoo. Chairman White, who was in New York yesterday, said he saw no reason for an early meeting and thought it would be better to let things run along for four or five months, by which time, in his opinion, the situation would be more fully developed.

The chairman, however, will sound sentiment among the members of the committee and if there is an overwhelming demand for a meeting to discuss the future of the party he will abide by their decision. He does not believe, however, that the demand for a meeting on March 1 exists outside the forty-nine members, most of whom are southerners. The chairman denied that he had told National Committeeman Thomas Love of Texas last November that he was ready to resign.

"I did not make any such remark at that time, even if I thought it," said Chairman White. "As a matter of fact things have changed somewhat since then. My business is digging oil wells, and the demand for petroleum has dropped 50 per cent recently. As a result, I have plenty of time to devote to the affairs of the national committee. I see no great haste for a reorganization meeting of the committee. In my judgment it will be far better to let things alone for the present."

The chairman explained that for the last six weeks he has been acting both as chairman and treasurer of the national organization, Treasurer Wilbur W. Marsh having been indisposed. Mr. White said the financial affairs of the national committee were in excellent condition and that he expected to present a clean balance sheet to the committee when it did meet.

It is said that Mr. McAdoo wants a reorganization that will be more favorable to southern interests and that his candidate for chairman of the national committee is Robert Woolley, former Director of the United States Mint and one of Mr. McAdoo's campaign managers during the San Francisco convention. Bernard M. Baruch is said to favor Thomas L. Chadbourne for the position, while William Jennings Bryan has still another candidate.

Democrats are watching Mr. Bryan's activities with interest. It was said that the Nebraskan was busy on a reorganization plan of his own, not so much for the purpose of becoming a candidate again as to become the real boss of the party and dictate the next nomination. It was explained that Mr. Bryan's brother, Charles W. Bryan, was an active party to the plan and had already begun to circularize Democratic organizations with propaganda concerning prohibition and reform.

## BRYANS BEGIN CAMPAIGN TO 'REMAKE' PARTY

(From the New York Times, Feb. 10.)

Former Judge R. C. Roper, of Nebraska, representing William J. Bryan and Charles W. Bryan, his brother, has come to the city to confer with progressive Democrats on a plan for the reorganization of the Democratic party.

Both the Cox-White and the McAdoo-Woolley wings of the Democratic national committee should be dropped, according to the Bryans and Judge Roper. The Bryans are trying to rouse the "middle class Democrats" to the necessity of assuming control of the organization at once, to keep it out of the control of the "wet" element, represented by Cox, Murphy, Brennan, Nugent and Taggart, or the Wall street element, represented by McAdoo, Chadbourne and others.

Judge Roper said last night that on William

J. Bryan's birthday, March 19, Bryan birthday dinners will be held in all parts of the country, and that the progressive program for the real reorganization of the party will be launched.

"Much is being said and done about the reorganization of the Democratic party," said Judge Roper. "Apparently two methods are to be used. Those who believe less in popular control are seeking to reorganize from the top down. Those who believe that the masses should be consulted are planning to reorganize from the bottom up. An advisory council of sixteen leaders soon is to meet to determine what the national committee shall do. How the ratio of 16 to 1 does persist!

"The plan which Charles W. Bryan has announced is first to make the party deserve to win and to organize on that basis. To this end the Bryans gave out a constructive plan of progressive principles and policies. The organization of clubs or forums for the discussion of vital questions is urged by them. They have set out on a campaign of education, and they have a definite program.

"The Bryan plan is to organize the privates in the lines so as to develop an effective fighting army. The other plan is to organize the generals, captains and lieutenants only, in the hope that the privates will fall into line at the command of the officers. This was the plan followed in the last campaign. The result was an army made up quite largely of officers. The privates had deserted. As in war, political battles are not won by commanders alone.

"The Bryans know the Democrats as no other men know them. For twenty-five years both have been keeping tabs on potential men in every state. Charles W. Bryan has systematized this information. His card index enables him in a moment's time to take from his files the detailed political pedigree of every prominent leader of every state."

Judge Roper is of the opinion that when Senator Harding becomes President and appoints Democrats to official places he will be more likely to select Bryan men than men from the other wings of the organization. The judge thinks that Lewis Nixon, a Bryan man, will be appointed to the Shipping Board when Mr. Harding reorganizes it. The McAdoo men are opposed to Mr. Nixon, who is in Europe collecting information about foreign shipping that he is to turn over to W. J. Bryan, who in turn will turn it over to the President.

## McADOO MEN'S FIGHT TO OUST WHITE COLLAPSES

(By Carter Field, in New York Tribune.)

Washington, Feb. 11.—The attempt by friends of William Gibbs McAdoo to seize control and oust George White from the chairmanship seems to have collapsed. Mr. McAdoo, who is returning from Mexico, it was said today, would follow the lead of Bernard M. Baruch in repudiating the attempt, leaving Thomas B. Love, the national committeeman from Texas, and Robert W. Woolley, publicity director in the two Wilson campaigns, holding the bag.

The private view of most Democratic leaders here is that McAdoo and Baruch would have been glad to take over the organization if the thing could have been done without a strenuous fight, but the whole campaign has been so muddled up with denials and repudiations, with charges that those signing the petition were deceived as to the real purpose of Woolley and Love, and with other unpleasant accompaniments, that it will be impossible to get a real test of strength between that McAdoo group and the Cox group at this time.

Mr. White conferred with various Democratic leaders here today, receiving many assurances of support. He began framing a letter which he will send to every national committeeman and national committee woman stating his own views of the situation and giving the arguments against a meeting of the national committee at this time, or at least until the new executive committee has had an opportunity to work out what plans it can devise for carrying on party activities.

Woolley is being severely criticized by Democratic leaders of various leanings here. Some staunch friends of Mr. McAdoo say the whole thing has been a "flitver" and will prove embarrassing to Mr. McAdoo so long as any memory of it remains. Others denounce the whole thing as a bit of unnecessary meddling. Every one except the Republicans seems distressed over the plain intimation that only McAdoo supporters are true progressives, made in the words "forces of progress" used by Woolley. The Republicans seem to be getting a grim humor out of it.

Some friends of Mr. Woolley pointed out today that he probably could make a case against

Mr. White because he, as a member of the House, opposed President Wilson's pet scheme for a government railroad in Alaska, despite the President's personal appeal to him to vote for that measure.

"Yes, and I would vote against it again today," declared Mr. White, with his jaw sticking out. "I think time has demonstrated that the government railroad in Alaska was a blunder and a waste of government money."

## BARUCH ASSURES WHITE OF SUPPORT

Following is a Special Washington Dispatch to The New York Herald under date of Feb. 11:

"What appeared to be a collapse of the effort to oust George White as chairman of the Democratic National Committee, fostered by a group credited with booming William G. McAdoo for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1924, developed today when Bernard M. Baruch of New York, always regarded as a strong McAdoo man, served notice that he is not in sympathy with the movement. Mr. Baruch met Mr. White upon his arrival in Washington today, assuring him he was in no way connected with the fight now in progress in the Democratic ranks.

"Mr. Baruch has written to Mr. White a letter, he said, in which he urged the Democratic chairman not to resign. The text of the letter was not made public.

"Mr. White told Mr. Baruch he had no intention of resigning; that when the executive committee of the committee meets on February 17 he will lay before it the proposal to call a meeting of the full committee, as proposed by Thomas B. Love, committeeman from Texas; Robert W. Woolley, until recently a member of the I. C. C., and others. He will be guided, he said, by the decision of the executive committee.

"Mr. Woolley, who is conducting the agitation single handed during the absence from Washington of Mr. Love, announced today that Mrs. James J. Billington, a member of the committee from New Jersey, had added her name to the list of those who seek a meeting of the full committee.

"Mr. White announced that two more members had withdrawn their names, Judge Hudspeeth of New Jersey and W. H. Thompson of Nebraska. That makes four names so far withdrawn from the list, bringing it down to 55 out of 108, but still a majority. If the list goes still lower, it will not, Mr. Woolley said tonight, prevent an appeal to the executive committee to call a meeting of the full committee. They insist in all events there will be a sufficient number of names of those who want a reorganization meeting.

"The withdrawal of the name Mr. Thompson is of more than passing significance. Mr. Thompson is a follower of W. J. Bryan—his selection, in fact, for committeeman from Nebraska. It was taken to mean that Mr. Bryan at least is not in sympathy with the scheme to gain control of the committee for Mr. McAdoo."

## DENIES BRYANS SEEK TO SAVE DEMOCRACY

(From the New York Evening Post.)

Judge R. C. Roper of David City, Neb., today denied that he had assumed the role of young Lochinvar galloping out of the middle west on a sixteen-to-one-shot horse with the intention of launching a local movement that would enable the Bryan brothers—William Jennings and Charles W.—to play a leading part in the reorganization of the Democratic party.

He came here to consummate some estate transaction in Patterson, N. J., and Jamaica, L. I., with a letter of introduction from Charles W. Bryan. While here he was asked whether Chautauqua or politics was uppermost in William's mind at the present time, and he issued a statement praising the "organizing ability" of Charles and the "religious fervor" of William.

Incidentally he mentioned that the old custom of holding Bryan birthday dinners for launching a movement in behalf of the Bryans, who, he says, want to reorganize the party from the ground up, beginning with the privates and ending with the generals, and ending that would be satisfactory to Charles and William.

But, he adds, there's nothing to this story that he will try to Bryanize New York. When his business is done he's going back to David City.

## REORGANIZING THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Mr. Bryan said Saturday that in a rebirth of the Democratic party he attaches little significance to the conferences of its leaders. "The Democratic party is like a pyramid," he said,