

# MARK SULLIVAN: "Democratic Convention to Be one of Most Interesting Political Events of Generation"

### "McAdoo and Smith to Be Leaders at Start, Followed by Favorite Sons; Davis and Glass to Get Test Vote."

### "Ages of Ralston and Payne May Hurt Candidacies, But Many American Leaders Are Now Past 70."

By MARK SULLIVAN.  
Washington, April 19.—If the democratic national convention were to be held tomorrow it would be easy to foresee the course of the balloting for a certain distance. Many things will happen between now and the actual holding of the convention in June. There will be important primaries in large states, important moves made by candidates and their managers. Possibly, most of them will be accidents. There will be such unanticipated events as the disclosure of McAdoo before the oil committee in February.

What would happen if the democratic convention were held tomorrow may therefore be quite different from what will actually happen in June. Bearing in mind this reservation, let us say that at the opening of the convention the very early ballots would be marked by a great scattering of votes among perhaps a larger number of candidates than has figured in any convention in either party for many years.

It may be that in the early balloting as many as 20 candidates will receive some votes. Governor Davis of Kansas will receive the votes of his state; Governor Bryan of Nebraska will receive the votes of his state. And so on as regards a large number of candidates.

After a few early ballots some will begin to drop out.

### M'ADOO, SMITH FIRST.

Throughout this first phase of the balloting there will be two candidates who will receive more votes than any others. They will be McAdoo and Governor Smith of New York. McAdoo is fairly certain to be the leader in the early balloting. After a few ballots various states will cease to vote for their "favorite sons" and will begin to throw their strength to one or the other of the two leaders.

### M'ADOO, UNDERWOOD.

What would happen in this third stage of the convention would be that after several ballots without Smith making any more gains, and several ballots without McAdoo making any more gains, it would be recognized that something else must be done. The managers of one or the other would make a shift. The managers and followers of Smith, let us say, the conservative democrats of the east and north, would drop Smith and begin to put forward their second choice. The second choice of this group would probably be Underwood.

Thereupon, if it happens in this order, there would be a prolonged strain between Underwood and McAdoo. If neither won then the next development would come. Probably the progressive democrats of the west and south would make the experiment of dropping McAdoo and putting forward their second choice. Who the second choice will be is not easy to say. It might be Senator Ralston of Indiana. If they should put Ralston forward there would ensue a sufficient test of strength between

### AGE ENTERS CONTEST.

Among the men who will be put forward when the balloting reaches a certain stage is Judge John Barton Payne of Illinois. Judge Payne is 69. To a Payne "rooter" who was emphasizing the judge's ability and fitness a Washington man raised

the objection of age. Thereupon the Payne advocate dug up this remarkable record:

Judge Payne is one of a family of six living brothers and sisters. They are all in perfect health and bearing their usual responsibilities. Their ages are 84, 81, 79, 77, 71, 69.

Of this extraordinary family John Barton Payne is the baby. His friends claim that Judge Payne could manage the United States comfortably for 10 years yet.

The same man dug up the following record of the ages of men who now or recently have borne heavy responsibilities at ages greater than that of Judge Payne:

Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, United States supreme court, 82.  
Clemenceau, ex-premier of France, 82.  
Justice McKenna, United States supreme court, 81.  
Senator Warren of Wyoming, 80.  
Elihu Root, 79.  
Judge Gary, president United States Steel corporation, 77.  
Thomas A. Edison, 77.  
Samuel Gompers, American Federation of Labor, 74.  
J. G. Rhoads, head of Marshall Field company, 74.  
Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, 74.  
Senator Cummins, Iowa, 74.  
Speaker Gillett, house of representatives, 73.  
Andrew Mellon, secretary of the treasury, 72.

To this was added a large number of business men whose names are not familiar to the public, but who, like Judge Gary of the United States Steel corporation, are comfortably carrying along great businesses at ages of over 70.

### Exploits of French Bad Man Provide Plenty Thrills

"The Long Arm of Fantomas," a French "brain duster," is by Pierre Souvestre and Marcel Allain (The Macaulay company, New York). It deals with the exploits of a French mastermind, known to the police as Fantomas. He certainly is a bad lot, with a little regard for the safety and happiness of those who work with him as for those who direct his crimes against. He assumes all sorts of disguises, baffles the police, flouts the government, bedevils the newspaper reporter who tries to run him down, and finally escapes, just when he has been neatly and effectively caught. And the French criminal who gets away is sure to provide another set of thrills some other day. So further stories of Fantomas may be looked for. One who likes to have crime served raw and open gets it here.

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