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DEMOCRATS MEET IN CONVENTION

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spreading murmur of excitement as word came that Mr. Bryan had started from his hotel for the convention.

A short time later Connecticut entered the hall with a big blue banner inscribed: "Our choice for president, Simeon J. Baldwin."

No applause greeted the Baldwin banner. The Connecticut delegation endeavored to start a Baldwin demonstration, but without success.

Then the band played "Dixie" and a great cheer swept the hall. "The Star Spangled Banner" brought the gathering to its feet.

Bryan Comes Unannounced.

The California delegation brought in a large Champ Clark banner. Scattered cheers greeted its appearance.

Mr. Bryan surprised the convention by slipping in without anybody seeing him. He had left his hotel by the servants' elevator, avoiding the crowd awaiting him there, and made his way quietly to the hall. He entered by the stage door and bobbed up in the rear of the stage by a back stairway. The crowd of delegates on the floor below could not see him. Mr. Bryan shook hands cordially with Cardinal Gibbons.

"I am very glad indeed to meet you," he said, "and am sorry not to have known you before."

The Nebraska man slipped back into a seat well secluded from the gaze of the crowd. The delegates at this time were in great confusion finding their seats and apparently were not concerning themselves with Mr. Bryan.

At 12:30 National Chairman Mack arrived and climbed the stairs leading to the platform.

A few delegates who went to speak to Mr. Bryan found him somewhat nervous and irritable. He confirmed his intention of nominating Senator John W. Kern of Indiana, as a candidate for temporary chairman in opposition to Judge Parker, the choice of the national committee.

Both sides at this time were claiming victory in the coming fight.

At 12:10 Cardinal Gibbons took his place at the front of the platform and Norman E. Mack took his place at the chairman's desk. Charles R. Crisp, parliamentarian from the house of representatives, took a seat near Mr. Mack to act as parliamentary adviser to the chairman.

Representative Robert L. Henry of Texas, chairman of the house committee on rules, climbed to the stage and conversed a moment with Bryan. Henry, who led the Bryan supporters in the house, was expected to lend his influence to the Nebraska in the convention. Up to that time Charles E. Murphy, Alton B. Parker, Senator O'Gorman and several of the other conservative leaders were still absent.

No Policemen There.

There was one sharp contrast in the convention arrangements here and those at Chicago. At the republican convention the hall fairly swarmed with blue-coated policemen, a cordon of them being thrown always across the front of the stage. In the hall here today to find a "cop" was like searching for the proverbial needle in a haystack.

Chairman Mack dropped his gavel at 12:15 with the announcement: "The convention will be in order. The sergeant-at-arms will clear the aisles."

Confusion followed as the officials endeavored to get the delegates and spectators into their seats. A moment after Chairman Mack began pounding for order Judge Parker, accompanied by Judge Morgan J. O'Brien of New York, appeared, making his way up the wrong aisle in search of the New York delegation.

Call for Parker.

A cry of "Parker, Parker, Parker," came from the galleries, but the former candidate for president was not generally recognized.

Tom Taggart arrived and took a place on the stage and delegates late in getting by the doorkeeper caused much confusion on the floor and delayed the beginning of proceedings.

Mr. Bryan received word that Indiana, Senator Kern's home state, had decided, by a big majority, to support

national committee. This news was taken by many delegates to mean defeat to the Nebraska in his first great fight of the convention. Mr. Bryan appeared not to be disturbed.

As the sergeants-at-arms endeavored in vain to subdue the confusion, an excited, disheveled man forced his way to the front of the hall and yelled: "Tell Chairman Mack there are 150 delegates in line outside the door who can't in."

Again the convention was delayed to allow the delegates time to get into the hall.

At 12:30 another effort was made to secure order. There was a semblance of quiet and Chairman Mack directed the reading of the call for the convention. It was read by Thomas F. Smith, secretary of Tammany Hall.

Following the call, Chairman Mack introduced Cardinal Gibbons for the invocation. The great audience arose and stood during the prayer. He said:

Cardinal Gibbons' Prayer.

"We pray Thee, O God of might, wisdom and justice, through Whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted and judgment decreed, assist with Thy holy spirit of counsel and fortitude the president of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to Thy people over whom he presides, by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion, by a faithful execution of the laws of justice and mercy and by restraining vice and immorality."

"Let the light of Thy divine wisdom direct the deliberations of this convention and shine forth in all its proceedings and enactments, so that the way may tend to the preservation of peace and good will and the promotion of concord and harmony."

"May authority be exercised without despotism, and liberty prevail without license. May this convention demonstrate once more to the American people and to the world at large that the citizens of the United States have solved the problem of self-government by exercising and tolerating the broadest and most untrammelled freedom of discussion in their political assemblies, without detroning reason and without invading the sacred and inviolable domain of law and of public order."

Of the Same Family.

"May the delegates assembled to select a candidate for chief magistrate be ever mindful that they are the sons of the same Heavenly Father; that they are the brothers of the same national family; that they are fellow citizens of the same glorious republic; that they are joint heirs of the same heritage of freedom, and may it be their highest ambition to transmit this precious inheritance unimpaired to their children and their children's children. May the consciousness of this community of interests or of day-daily banish from their hearts all bitterness, hatred and ill will, and inspire them with sentiments of genuine charity, benevolence and mutual respect and forbearance."

"We recommend, likewise to Thy unbounded mercy all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of Thy most holy law; that they may be preserved in union and in that peace which the world cannot give and after enjoying the blessings of this life they may be admitted to those which are eternal."

Applause Follows Prayer.

The attention of the delegates was such that the cardinal's voice easily carried to the farthest corner of the hall.

There was a remarkable demonstration as the cardinal concluded. There was scattering applause at first and then a great wave of handclapping and cheering broke over the audience.

As the demonstration subsided Senator Kern, Bryan's candidate for temporary chairman, entered the hall. In a moment one of the galleries behind the platform started a cheer for Bryan.

"Bryan, Bryan," they shouted and disorder broke loose again.

Chairman Mack directed the announcement of the temporary organization. Assistant Secretary Smith began to read:

"Temporary chairman, Alton B. Parker of New York."

He was interrupted by a cheer. The band joined in with "Oh You Beautiful Doll," the music drowning out the demonstration.

The secretary then proceeded with the announcement of the other officers.

As the list was concluded Mr. Bryan stepped forward. The crowd caught sight of him for the first time and there was a storm of cheering.

Mr. Bryan shook his head held up his hand and made other attempts to quell the outburst. This failing, the band began to play. Mr. Bryan sat down, fanning himself nervously with a big palm leaf.

The band stopped and Mr. Bryan pleaded for quiet. The cheering continued, however, for two minutes, the galleries being the last to subside.

Bryan Nominates Kern.

"Gentlemen of the convention: I rise to place in nomination for temporary chairman of this convention the name of John W. Kern of Indiana."

A cheer greeted the announcement.

Mr. Bryan again appealed for quiet.

"And in this dissenting from the judgment of our national committee," he continued, "I recognize that the burden of proof is on me to overthrow the assumption of the committee that it is representing in this instance the wishes of the party and the country."

"I call your attention to the fact that our rules provide that the committee's recommendation is not final. The very fact that the convention has the right to accept or reject that recommendation is a higher consideration than that of the wisdom of the convention."

"If that is not proof that I have the confidence of the democrats of this nation, I shall not attempt to produce proof." A cheer interrupted.

"If any of you ask for my credentials, if you inquire why I, a mere delegate from one of the smaller states, should present a name and ask you to accept it, I beg to tell you that in three campaigns I have been the champion of the democratic party's principles and have received the votes of 8,000,000 democrats."

"I remind you that confidence reposed in a human being carries with it certain responsibilities."

Mr. Bryan said he would not deserve this confidence if he were not willing to meet defeat and humiliation on its defense.

"I recognize that a man cannot carry on a political warfare in defense of the people for twenty years without making enemies, and I recognize that those enemies have been active every moment and are active now."

"The fact that I have lived in proof that I have not deserted the people. If I had forgotten them they would not have remembered me."

"I take for my text this morning the text the committee has been kind enough to put on the walls for me. He took under the big banner on the wall, which, under a picture of Andrew Jackson, read:

"He never sold the truth to serve the hour."

"That is the language of the hero of Monticello. I would not be worthy of the support I have received if I were willing to 'sell the truth for the hour.'"

The delegates smiled at the reference to "Monticello," for the quotation was not from Jefferson, but from Jackson.

"Let me free myself from any criticism that anyone may have made or may attempt to make hereafter. Is there any other delegate in this convention of over 1,000 who tried earlier than I to secure harmony in this convention?"

After Sixteen Years.

"At the end of sixteen years of battle," continued Mr. Bryan, "I find the things I have fought for triumphant not only in my own party, but in the republican party as well."

This sally was met with applause.

Mr. Bryan said he clearly was entitled to the privilege of speaking and rejoicing with his party. He said he had been more anxious for harmony than for the opportunity to deliver the convention address: "In the discussion before the subcommittee the friends of Mr. Clark and Mr. Wilson were unable to agree on a candidate."

"But," said Bryan, "the two factions later agreed to support James."

This, he said, was his plan—to have the two presidential candidates, controlling nearly two-thirds of the delegates, agree on a man for temporary chairman.

"But this the national committee refused to do," he shouted, and he was given a cheer.

Plan for Harmony.

"I submit to you that the plan that I presented and favored was a plan for securing harmony, the plan the committee favored was not designed to secure harmony."

"This is no ordinary occasion; this is an epoch-making convention. It has been a long fight, requiring courage and sacrifice. I know men in humble walks of life risking their positions with big railroad corporations, to assist us in this fight for progressive principles."

"I have known men engaged in business and carrying loans at banks who have been threatened with bankruptcy; yet they have defied the bosses and walked up beside the masses to oppose the forces of predatory wealth."

"I have seen lawyers take their future in their hands, to oppose the vile influences of the time."

"I have seen this struggle go on. I've seen men who never made a speech before go out and spend weeks of their time in public speaking in behalf of the cause. Now the song of victory should be sung by one who has borne the burden of the fight."

Another cheer interrupted.

"John W. Kern has been faithful every day of that sixteen years. It has cost him time, money and sweat of body and mind. He has been true to all he had. Four years ago it was John W. Kern who stood by me and helped me take the last stronghold. He helped me uphold the policy of publicity of campaign contributions which has now swept the country."

Stepped in the Fight.

"It was John W. Kern who stood with me on that Denver platform which demanded the election of senators by direct vote of the people. Now he is in the senate, where he can show the American people how big an American senator should be. He helped in the fight for that amendment authorizing an income tax and he has lived to see the president who was opposed to it take the plank out of our platform and make two houses of congress and thirty-four states pass a law that is leading a fight in the United States senate to purge that body of Lorimer. What better man could we have to open a convention?"

"Parker, Parker," interrupted a number of delegates, and the call swept the assembly.

"I repeat what better man could we find?"

"Parker, Parker," broke out the delegates.

Mr. Bryan stopped for a moment.

"What better man could we find to represent the militant spirit of democracy?"

Chairman Mack pounded loudly for order and got it.

"When I now contrast," continued Bryan when quiet was secured, "the candidate represented by the committee, I can do it without impeaching his character or his good intent. But not every man of good character and good intent is worthy to sound the keynote of a progressive convention."

"There are 7,000,000 republicans in this country, or were at the last election, and I have never doubted most of them were men of high character and good intent, but we would not invite any of them to be temporary chairman of our convention."

Cheers and cries of "Oh" mingled throughout the hall.

"We have a great many democrats who vote the ticket, but are not in sympathy with the purposes of the party."

Making Some History.

Mr. Bryan said he spoke for Parker in 1906, but was not in sympathy with his nomination. "The men who stood behind his nomination. Again there came an interruption and cries of "Parker."

"And I assume that no friend of Judge Parker will contend that he was satisfied in 1906 with all the candidates or all the plans and purposes of our platform. This is no time for a campaign of pleasant words and sweet phrases."

"We are writing history today," continued Mr. Bryan, "and this convention is to announce to the country whether it is to take up the challenge thrown down at Chicago by a convention controlled by predatory wealth or answer it by ourselves submitting to predatory wealth, and give the country no party." Applause again interrupted him.

"We need not try to need not deceive ourselves that that which is done in a national convention is done in secrecy. We act at least under the eyes of the delegates of the press, who know what we do and who told us to do it."

"And the delegates of this convention must not presume on the ignorance of the people, who did not come because they had not influence enough to be elected delegates or money enough to pay their expenses."

"And these people well know that the influences that dominated the Chicago convention and made it a farce, are here and now as actively at work than they were at Chicago."

"I appeal to you, let the commencement of this convention be such that democrats can raise up their heads amongst their fellows and say: 'The democratic party is unafraid. You can't frighten it with your Ryans or buy it with your Belmonts.'"

Hats in the Air.

Here a roar of cheers broke from the delegates and galleries. Hats were swung in the air and the cheers swept toward the stage. But the demonstration was short.

"My friends," Mr. Bryan continued, "if the candidate of the committee were an unknown man we would judge him by the forces that are back of him. We

know who the candidate is. We know he is the man chosen eight years ago when the party, beaten for eight years, thought it might be well to try to win with those who had defeated us in the two previous campaigns."

Again came the interrupting cry of "Parker, Parker."

"The country," he continued, "has not forgotten that that convention was influenced in its action by promises of large campaign funds from Wall street, and they have not forgotten the fact that after a corporation management of the campaign had alienated the rank and file of the party, Wall street threw the party down and elected a republican."

"They have not forgotten that when the vote was counted we had 1,350,000 more votes than in the two campaigns before and 1,500,000 less than in the next campaign."

"They have not forgotten that it is the same man, backed by the same influences, who is to be forced on a progressive party, to open a progressive campaign."

While Mr. Bryan was speaking Thomas F. Ryan was sitting on the convention floor.

"You ask me why I know that speech would not be satisfactory when I have not read it," said Mr. Bryan. "I tell you that it is the man, not the words, that make the speech."

Groans and Cheers.

Here a roar of groans and cheers again interrupted.

"We have been passing through a great educational age and the democratic movement has been sweeping all before it around the world," he continued.

Here Mr. Bryan referred to recent events in Russia, Persia, Turkey and China as proving the "advance" of the democratic spirit throughout the world.

"And, he said, 'while the outside world has been marching double quick toward greater freedom, our beloved nation has been keeping step, and popular government has grown and grown.'

"The man whom I represent has been the leader of the progressive cause in his state and once joint leader in the nation. I challenge you to show where anywhere in his history he has gone out to aid the party before a convention."

"Now, this is the situation: The democratic party has been the leader."

Mr. Bryan was interrupted again with the cries of "Parker."

Chairman Mack pounded for order.

"The democratic party has led the fight until it has stimulated the republican hosts to go and do likewise, and at last appear willing to trust the people with control of their own government."

"I repeat we have been traveling in the wilderness. We now come in sight of the promised land. During all the many hours of darkness progressive democracy has been the people's pillar of fire by night."

"I pray you delegates, now that dawn of day has come, do not rob the people of the right to have our party as their pillar of cloud by day."

This brought the Bryan sympathizers to their feet and Mr. Bryan let it stand as his concluding words.

Kern for Marshall.

Senator Kern followed Mr. Bryan to the front of the platform and said:

"I must state my reason for not desiring to enter the contest for temporary chairman of this convention. I believe that by forty years of service to the party I have gained the right to a hearing before this convention."

"I hail from the state of Indiana, which will soon place before this convention the name of Governor Thomas R. Marshall as a candidate for president. I desire to take no part in this convention that would militate against his interests."

"I have been for many years a friend of Judge Parker. Many years ago we met in a hotel in Europe and became warm personal friends. From that time on I have enjoyed his friendship and he has had mine. Eight years ago I enlisted under his banner for the nomination, influenced largely by my friendship."

"I believe Mr. Parker is as earnestly desirous of democratic success this year as I am," continued Kern, he said, distressed harmony, that victory might be attained. "I appeal for harmony that will bring victory."

Mr. Kern appealed to Judge Parker to

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