

FIFTEEN IN RUNNING FOR NOMINATION

Unless Wilson Breaks Sphinx-Like Silence Soon, Large Field Is Expected to Line Up At Frisco Convention.

FOUR NAMES PROMINENT AS DELEGATES ARRIVE

McAdoo, Palmer, Marshall and Cox Mentioned as Most Likely Winners—Leaders Uncertain How to Turn.

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San Francisco, June 23.—Unless something is forthcoming from the White House which will change plans now in the making, it is certain that no less than 15 names will be presented to the democratic convention here next week as possible recipients for nomination honors.

Aside from the name of Woodrow Wilson, four names stand out prominently today as the vanguard of the delegates began to arrive. These are William G. McAdoo, A. Mitchell Palmer, Vice President Thomas R. Marshall and Gov. James E. Cox of Ohio.

The continued silence from the White House on the question of a third term or on any particular candidate is creating a situation akin to that existing in Chicago right up until the Saturday upon which Senator Harding was nominated.

The delegates and political mentors already here are uncertain which way to turn for guidance or a fight.

Feel He Will Talk

There is a distinct feeling among arrivals that the silence from the White House is soon to be broken—that the president will in a few days either nominate or eliminate himself or else he will throw the tremendous weight of his support behind some one of the 15 men in the striving.

National Chairman Homer Cummings is in daily communication with the White House. He has instant access to Pennsylvania avenue both by private telephone wire and by telegraph. He has talked twice a week with Secretary Joseph T. Robinson and with others of the president's immediate family.

The results of these conversations have been carefully withheld. If President Wilson has issued any orders they are being kept very close here to any of his numerous lieutenants on the ground. It is, however, inconceivable to many of the delegates and politicians here that President Wilson, the acknowledged leader of the party, will allow nearly 1,000 ministers of religion to go into a free and open convention without some word as to how the White House stands.

Here, again, it was pointed out today, the situation is similar to that existing in Chicago. Everybody is waiting for a word from the White House which lays at the end of a private line many miles away from the scene of action.

Rumors Are Many.

The uncertainty of the situation has resulted in giving San Francisco a flock of rumors which completely overshadow the Chicago crop. One of these current today was that the president has decided to pay a long standing debt and throw the weight of administrative support behind Champ Clark, as a recompense for Baltimore in 1912.

The former speaker heretofore had been considered an outsider in this race. The rumor is given some credence by the presence here of Bennett E. Clark, the Missourian's son.

Another report current in the lobbies today was that both the McAdoo and Palmer candidates would benefit by a White House declaration on the 11th hour. So far, Homer Cummings is the only man in San Francisco positively known to have conferred with the White House and on all matters affecting the president he is mum.

Fight Looms Imminent.

The proposed fight between the administration and anti-administration forces is looming stronger as convention time approaches. It is expected to crystallize with the arrival of the New York, New Jersey, Indiana, Illinois, Massachusetts and Ohio delegations and their big followings.

Hints of a compromise already are in the air here. The one most often heard is a situation which would allow the president to write the platform—with complete endorsement of the league of nations—and the "antis" to nominate the candidate unhampered by White House dictation.

Thirteenth Session of the Baptist Conference Opens

Buffalo, N. Y., June 23.—The 13th meeting of the Northern Baptist conference opened here today. D. C. Shell of Sioux City presided.

How to raise the remaining \$40,000,000 of the \$100,000,000 new world movement fund and how the fund is to be administered for the extension of educational, evangelistic, Americanization and mission work are questions that will occupy much of the convention's time until adjournment June 29.

JOHNSON NOT CAST DOWN AT RESULT OF G. O. P. CONVENTION

Says He Had People With Him, Although Unable to Win Delegates.

Sacramento, Cal., June 23.—Speaking publicly for the first time since the republican convention in Chicago, United States Senator Hiram W. Johnson today told a few hundred of his hard-core supporters that he was not cast down as the result.

Senator Johnson passed through Sacramento en route to his home in San Francisco.

Overcome by the warmth of the reception and the cries of "speech," Johnson stepped on to the platform of the Pullman and told the crowd how glad he was that California, and particularly his home city, gave him such a tremendous vote at the presidential primary election.

"Don't imagine I'm cast down by the result of the convention," said Senator Johnson. "I'm happier than ever before. I started the campaign on a shoestring and when I got through I had the people of the United States with me, even though I could not win a majority of the delegates."

"I went into the fight in one fashion and came out in the same fashion. I made no compromises but fought to the last ditch."

"It doesn't make any difference if a few politicians sitting in the Blackstone hotel in Chicago said Johnson stepped on to the platform for the time is coming when the people will come into their own."

"The future will find me as good natured and as full of fight as ever, and determined that in time to come the people shall rule, instead of a few men and international bankers sitting in New York."

"Politics is behind me for the time being. I won't discuss or deal with them until I have had a little enjoyment in dear old California."

Grover Johnson, the senator's aged father, who is now a great lumbar when he stepped from the train.

Gould Divorce Case Up in First Chamber of Courts of France

Paris, June 23.—The divorce case of Frank Jay Gould against Edith Kelly Gould came up in the first chamber of the French courts today.

Former Premier Viviana representing Mr. Gould asked for an absolute divorce on various grounds.

Attorney Zurlin, in behalf of Mrs. Gould, argued that the French tribunals were incompetent to try the case which he turned over exclusively to the province of the American courts. Prosecutor of the Republic Wattinne will sum up on June 29.

Frank Jay Gould obtained a divorce from Edith Kelly Gould in Paris in 1919. Mrs. Gould shortly afterwards, instituted proceedings claiming that the French courts had no jurisdiction because she was a resident of the United States. The court overruled Mrs. Gould's plea and sustained the decree granted Mr. Gould. The latter is now attempting to have the decree made absolute.

Rapid City Man Held For Plotting to Steal Lumberman's Daughter

Sioux Falls, S. D., June 23.—(Special Telegram.) Postoffice Inspector B. G. R. Lutz, advised today from Rapid City, that a notice that he caused the arrest of Edward L. Hanson, aged 23, of that city, on a blackmail charge. He was held for trial in the federal court in default of \$100 bond.

Pennington, the federal inspector, has a written confession said to have been made by Hanson, who was a helper at the Warren Lamb Lumber Co. plant in Rapid City.

The purported confession says that on June 5, 1915, mailed letters to C. C. Warren, president of the company, each time demanding \$1,200.

In the first letter Hanson threatened to burn Warren's home and the lumber mills. The second letter threatened that unless \$2,000 demanded was left in the hollow of a certain tree on the outskirts of Rapid City, by a certain time, Warren's 6-year-old daughter would be kidnapped and his home burned. This alarmed Warren and he notified the federal officers.

Lawyer and Banker Held For Murder of Mine Official

TAMMANY HALL CHIEF IS INDICTED

Charles Murphy Charged With Attempt to Defraud U. S. by False Tax Returns and Effort to Intimidate Manufacturer.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY ALSO NAMED

Action Grows Out of Alleged Threats to Prosecute and Expose Life of Louis Hertog, Wealthy New York Resident.

New York, June 23.—Indictment of Charles E. Murphy, leader of Tammany hall, and five other charges of conspiracy to defraud the United States by falsifying income tax returns and attempted intimidation of Louis N. Hertog, a wealthy manufacturer, through criminal prosecution, was announced here today.

The indictments, which were returned secretly by the extraordinary grand jury yesterday, came as a great surprise. Murphy is now on his way to the democratic national convention at San Francisco.

Others indicted with Murphy were Assistant District Attorney James E. Smith, one of the central figures in the "vice war" between the district attorney's office and the police department; John A. McCarthy, former business partner of John Murphy, brother of the Tammany hall leader; Arthur J. Baldwin, a lawyer; Ernest B. Walden, vice president of the Corn Products company and the Corn Products company itself. Bail for each defendant was fixed at \$1,000.

Charged Against Murphy

Murphy is charged with trying to intimidate Hertog into settling a \$100,000 damage suit brought against the Tammany leader after the latter is alleged to have withdrawn promised financial support of a glucose product firm in which Hertog was interested. The indictment alleges that Murphy threatened to accuse Hertog of arson, to expose to his wife alleged secret relations with another woman, send him to jail for offenses he did not commit and ruin his business.

Hertog, the indictment sets forth, procured a \$7,000,000 order for his product from the British government during the war. He found difficulty in acquiring the necessary amount of glucose to complete the order. He then enlisted the aid of Murphy, through whose influence, the indictment recites, the needed ingredients were obtained from the Corn Products company.

Disagree Over Business. Hertog and Murphy later disagreed over business matters and Murphy sued Hertog to recover \$125,000 invested in the manufacturer's company. Then Hertog sued Murphy, the Corn Products company and Baldwin to recover \$800,000 profit he said he had lost through withdrawal of Murphy's pledged support, asserting he no longer could get glucose from the Corn Products company.

Hertog was summoned to Assistant District Attorney Smith's office when Murphy and Hertog, it is alleged, became jointly interested in the business in April, 1918, profits of the business subject to war tax were estimated at \$1,000,000 a year.

The indictment charges that on April 5, 1918, in order to Murphy should obtain a larger income and a quick return on his investment, James E. Smith and others unlawfully and corruptly combined to defraud the government of moneys due by filing with the collector of international revenue, misleading and false entries as to the records of the business.

The name of James J. Hines, democratic leader in the eleventh assembly district, New York, was among the witnesses listed in the back of the indictment.

June 28 was set as the date for pleading.

Condition of Former German Empress Much Improved

Doorn, Holland, June 23.—The condition of the former German empress was so improved this morning that her eldest son, Prince Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm, will probably return to Weimar this afternoon. He was held here a day or two ago on account of what was considered the very serious illness of his mother.

The former empress suffered a severe attack on Monday, which greatly alarmed the attending physician. She rallied, however, but is yet far from strong and is now in a condition of inactive invalidism.

Montrose, Colo., Gains But 10 Per Cent During Last Decade

Washington, June 23.—Montrose, Colo., 3,581; increase, 327, or 10 per cent.

St. Louis, N. Y., 7,356; increase, 1,089, or 14.8 per cent.

CIGARETTES ARE CONDEMNED BY WOMEN'S CLUBS

Federation Disapproves of Growing Fad Among Fair Sex.

Des Moines, Ia., June 23.—Use of cigarettes by women was condemned by the General Federation of Women's Clubs at the afternoon session of the biennial convention. Resolutions reciting that the cigaret habit apparently is increasing among women and that the use of tobacco is harmful to them were adopted.

Resolutions urging an educational campaign against the use of cigarettes by men and asking state authorities to prohibit the sale thereof to minors also were adopted.

Three invitations were extended to the federation for the 1922 biennial. The Women's club of Shanghai, China, asked the next biennial. Hot Springs, Ark., extended an invitation, as did Chicago. The executive board will decide the meeting place later. Salt Lake City, Utah, asked the 1921 convention.

Resolutions passed asked that congress bring the higher positions in the federal government and bureau heads under their civil service; that state authorities be petitioned to pass uniform marriage laws; that newspapers be asked to omit detailed reports of sensational trials; and that the postal zoning system for magazines be abandoned.

The work of the Near East Relief commission was approved. Efforts to get through a resolution asking congress to establish a federal censorship of motion picture films failed, because the majority thought it was more of a state question.

One Fireman Hurt In Lincoln Fire; Loss Placed at \$250,000

Lincoln, June 23.—(Special.)—It is estimated that the loss occasioned by the fire which destroyed the entire plant of the Western Glass and Paint company at midnight, which was still burning this morning will amount to \$250,000, according to George Risdon, vice president of the company.

It was the most spectacular fire which Lincoln has experienced in 10 years and the most difficult to handle because of the frequent explosions whenever the fire would strike the oil within the building.

The only injuries received by the fire fighters was a broken arm sustained by Ed H. Wessel, who fell from one of the fire trucks on the way to the fire in trying to save a yellow fireman from falling from the truck.

By hard work the buildings occupied by the Octor Inn, the Standard and the Hotel Lincoln and the Daily Star Publishing company were saved, but the glass company's building is a total loss, only a portion of the north wall standing.

Four Buildings Are Destroyed by Fire After an Explosion

Baltimore, June 23.—Fire starting in a building at 37 Hopkins place caused a general alarm to be sent in early today, spread to four adjacent buildings, gave fire fighters a hard battle for several hours and caused a loss which may reach \$1,000,000.

The building where the fire started was occupied by a number of wholesale clothing firms.

The fire followed a mysterious explosion. A number of firemen were overcome and received minor injuries. It was the second district within a space of ten hours, the first blaze starting in the seven-story Darby building at Baltimore and Howard streets, causing a loss to property and merchandise estimated at \$500,000.

Harvest Army to Get Record Wage This Year

Kansas City, Mo., June 23.—The 1920 best field laborer will not only be the highest paid, but also the best fed, housed and "mothered" in history. Civic and church organizations throughout Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska are planning to "father and mother" the soldiers of the harvest army.

Kansas wheat growers have set the pace in fixing a minimum wage scale. The lowest figure to be paid will be 70 cents an hour. It is expected that a similar scale will be adopted in the three other states.

Large tents will be erected, where entertainment will be provided, stationery supplied and buttons sewn on by the "mothers."

Two Are Arrested for Kentucky Bank Robbery

Cincinnati, O., June 23.—John Drennan, alias "Turk" Brennan alias John Horn, Dayton, Toledo and East Liverpool, Ohio, and George Brown, Louisville, Ky., were arraigned before United States Commissioner Adler here today on a charge of having stolen government property from the Tobacco Growers Deposit bank, Crittenden, Ky., last Friday morning. They entered pleas of not guilty and were held in \$3,000 bond each for preliminary examination July 1.

Texans to Cast 40 Votes, They Say, for McAdoo

Dallas, Tex., June 23.—Declaring their intention to cast Texas' 40 votes in the first ballot for William G. McAdoo for the presidential nomination, the Texas delegates to the democratic national convention left here last night for San Francisco. The party, which includes six women delegates, is traveling by special train.

MEREDITH OR OWEN WILL SUIT BRYAN

Either Oklahoma Senator or Secretary of Agriculture Would Be Winning Candidate, Commoner Declares.

M'ADOO AND WILSON ARE ELIMINATED, HE THINKS

Palmer Weak Because of Profiteer Attack Failure, While Cox Is Mentioned as Compromise Nominee.

By The Associated Press.

Lincoln, Neb., June 23.—Discussing possible democratic candidates for the presidency, W. J. Bryan, in an article in his newspaper, the Commoner, published here, declares that former Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo is handicapped as a candidate "by his close relationship with the president," while President Wilson, himself, he says, "need not be considered."

Asserting that Mr. McAdoo is also handicapped by "his silence on the peace treaty," Mr. Bryan declares Mr. McAdoo is unable to call to his candidacy to whom the president's candidacy appealed with special force and that he would "furnish an easy mark for all the president's enemies." The article says, however, that Mr. McAdoo has considerable strength among wage earners.

Wilson and Hoover Out.

Referring to President Wilson, Mr. Bryan says that "while vague hints and suggestions have been thrown out occasionally, no one claiming to speak for the president or near enough to him to be assumed to express his wishes has announced his candidacy for the presidency."

Herbert Hoover is eliminated from the list of candidates whom Mr. Bryan considers "available," while Senator Owen of Oklahoma and Secretary of Agriculture Meredith are described as being among the few available men thus far mentioned. To be available this year, Mr. Bryan asserts, a candidate must be known to be for woman suffrage, for prohibition and "against Wall street."

As to Attorney General Palmer, Mr. Bryan says he entered the campaign in a position "to deal sternly with the profiteer and an expert public stood ready to applaud, but the profiteer seems to have things all his own way and the attorney general is now suffering from the reaction." He adds that the attorney general is "unfortunate, too, in having to espouse the ratification of the treaty without reservations."

Cox Is Compromise.

Former Speaker Clark of the house of representatives is mentioned as having his own state behind him, while opposition to Governor Edwards of New Jersey and Governor Cox of Ohio is reiterated.

"Governor Cox's friends," the article declares, "will urge him as a compromise between the wets of the Edwards type and the bone dries."

Vice President Marshall is accused of making "a feeble bid for the wet vote."

"Judge Gerard's candidacy has South Dakota's support and he has many personal friends among other delegates," Mr. Bryan says.

Will Fight Profiteers. Prediction was also made that the democratic national convention at San Francisco will witness fights over the peace treaty, the profiteer and the liquor issue, in the article.

The chances are in favor of ratification of the treaty with reservations "and against the profiteer and the saloon," Mr. Bryan declares.

"The overwhelming opposition to the policy of ratification without reservations as shown by the vote at the primaries," he asserts, "will probably defeat any effort to make the treaty an issue in the campaign."

The article also says the democratic platform is certain to declare against universal compulsory military training, that the convention will have to deal with the subject of "private monopoly," that the democratic party will insist upon the "right to equal treatment," and that woman suffrage will be endorsed.

Call on Transport Workers Not to Aid the Foes of Soviets

Washington, June 23.—A proclamation issued by the "central executive committee of the communist party of America," copies of which were received today by the Department of Justice, calls on all transport workers in America to refuse to load and transport any materials for Poland, Japan or any other country "fighting soviet Russia."

Moroccans Stage Hooch Spanish Demonstration

Mejilla, Morocco, June 23.—Demonstrations favorable to Spain were held here today, there being present the native chiefs who have recently submitted to Spanish authority. The demonstration is regarded as of the highest political importance for the future of the Spanish zone in Morocco.

Villistas Again Busy.

Catholic Dignitaries of Australia Visit Omaha

Archbishop Mannix and Bishop Foley and other Catholic leaders are here for a public reception at Creighton auditorium this evening.



Catholic dignitaries from Australia visiting in Omaha Wednesday and today. Left to right: Rt. Rev. Daniel J. Mannix, archbishop of Melbourne; Rev. James Ahern, South Side, former schoolmate of the archbishop; and Rt. Rev. Daniel Foley, bishop of Ballarat, Australia.

Omaha Catholics were hosts yesterday to Rt. Rev. Daniel J. Mannix, archbishop of the see of Melbourne, Australia, and his party, which includes Bishop Daniel Foley and Fathers Vaughan and Flannery, all of Australia.

The party dismounted from a Burlington train from the west at 6:40 a. m. yesterday.

A banquet will be given at Hotel Fontenelle tonight. Invitations have been extended to Protestant ministers, city officials and prominent business men.

From Omaha Archbishop Mannix and his party will go to St. Louis Friday.

Extension of Air Mail Service Before Winter Predicted

Completion of the transcontinental air mail service, involving a western extension from Omaha to San Francisco, before snow flies, was predicted by Maj. L. B. Lent, general superintendent of the air mail service, at a luncheon in his honor at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

Maj. Lent promised the business men attending all members of the aerial transportation committee of the chamber, that service on the Omaha-Chicago division, would be resumed within a week. The necessary planes and pilots will be in service by that time, he predicted.

Others attending the luncheon were C. F. Egge, superintendent of the Minneapolis-St. Louis route, and John L. Larsen, owner of the all-metal monoplane that arrived Tuesday. Considerable interest in this craft was manifested by those present.

Mr. Larsen declared that ships of his type involving deep wing section and all-metal construction, will supplant present types.

Plan to Resume Auto Racing Up Pike's Peak

Colorado Springs, Colo., June 23.—Automobile races for stock cars up the motor highway of Pike's Peak, suspended during the war, will be resumed this year if plans under consideration by local business men mature.

The Pike's Peak races have been one of the most spectacular events in sporting annals of the west, and a large entry list is expected from manufacturers all over the country.

It is expected the races will be conducted early in September, the events being divided into classes of different piston displacement.

Formation of New German Cabinet Report in London

London, June 23.—Formation of a new German cabinet is reported in a Berlin dispatch printed in a late issue of the Times this morning, the message saying new men have been found for a couple of posts in the ministry.

This cabinet is regarded as an emergency one, the dispatch quotes the Tagblatt as saying. The Times correspondent asserts the new government's prospect of remaining in office depends upon the willingness of the majority socialists to observe "benevolent neutrality."

The Weather

Forecast. Fair and warmer Thursday. Hourly Temperatures.

WILSON ASKS WAGE BOARD TO SPEED UP

President Sends Message to Chicago Asking Committee to Expedite Decision on Railway Salary Question.

BROTHERHOOD CHIEF ISSUES SHARP WARNING

Says Situation Will Become Worse Unless Settlement Is Reached by End of Week—Men Tired of Waiting.

Washington, June 23.—The railroad labor board at Chicago has been urgently requested by President Wilson to expedite its wage decision.

The president's message resulted from the general unrest among railroad workers over the wage question and the walkout of yardmen and other employees at Philadelphia, Baltimore and other cities. Its text was not made public but unofficially it was described as being of a forceful character.

Soon after the White House announcement of the president's action, the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen issued a warning that unless there was a settlement of the new year-old wage controversy by the end of this week the situation probably would be much worse than at present.

Blames Labor Board.

The railroad labor board, Mr. Doak said, "is wholly responsible for the present bad situation." He added that the chiefs of the railroad brotherhoods desire the public to know "that the much heralded and advocated method of adjusting questions of this character, according to the present indications, is a rank and hopeless failure."

At the same time Secretary Wilson of the Department of Labor, declared in a formal statement that while the labor board had had a big task to perform it could "render no better public service in the existing situation than by coming to a speedier determination of the questions at issue before it."

Mr. Doak's statement said the railroad labor organization had to expedite every reasonable to keep transportation moving and that they were now considering means to assist in every manner in preventing workmen from leaving the services of the roads, but that they knew full well that the men must give substantial pay increases before their efforts could be successful.

Denies Action Delayed. Secretary Wilson in making public his statement denied the railroad strike had been discussed at the meeting of the cabinet with President Wilson yesterday, or that action on the strike was delayed after he had declared that the situation was so improved that steps by the government were unnecessary.

After the formal statement Secretary Payne, who now is head of the railroad administration, stated in the presence of Secretary Wilson that he had made a report to the president on the strike situation but that no action was taken after Secretary Wilson had stated that the situation was improving.

Board Doing All Possible To Expedite Decision

Chicago, June 23.—Everything possible is being done to expedite the decision on wage demands of railroad employes, the railway labor board said today. The board late today had not received President Wilson's message requesting an immediate decision, but after reading press of the matter from Washington G. W. Hanger, public representative on the board and chairman of its publicity committee, announced that no statement would be made, as it might be construed as an apology for delay and that the board had no apologies to make.

Public hearings were completed only two weeks ago, Mr. Hanger pointed out, and the board was now devoting all its time to consideration of the schedules which must be issued.

The decision will be forthcoming, he said, in a reasonable length of time. Members of the board previously had indicated that the decision might be ready within 10 days or two weeks, certainly in less than a month.

Decision in Sight.

"We are working ceaselessly toward a decision and it is now in sight," said Judge Barton, chairman of the board. "We are giving our best efforts to make it as early as possible. We have a gigantic task, as it involves the fixing of hundreds of scales and tables. The job is difficult and confusing."

The latest railroad strike, which has largely been confined to the east, has spread to several middle-western towns. At Savannah, Ill., 50 switchmen on two roads quit work, while 65 men were reported out in the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy yards at Hannibal, Mo. Eleven of 59 men who walked out at Burlington, Ia., Sunday, returned today, it was said.

A mass meeting of "railway vacationists" for Friday night was called by John Grunau and Harold E. Reid—two new members of the board. The "vacationists" have announced that no wage decision will be acceptable that does not restore seniority rights.

Officers of the recognized railroad brotherhoods also were planning to meet here Friday night.

Jenkins Wires That M'Adoo's Name Will Go Before Demos

Kansas City, Mo., June 23.—In a telegram sent from Pueblo, Col., from the train bearing Missouri delegates to the democratic national convention, Burriss A. Jenkins, Kansas City city clerk and publisher, announced that he has definitely decided to place the name of W. G. McAdoo before the convention.