

BRYAN PLUNGES INTO FIGHT ON HOPES OF WETS

Commoner Says Dry Plank or Utter Silence Will Be Fate of Moist Delegates' Agitation.

Chicago, Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. San Francisco, June 26.—Breathing defiance of all and sundry "wets" and ready to do battle to the last ditch for the adoption of a "dry" platform and the nomination of a "dry" candidate, William J. Bryan reached San Francisco last night.

Establishing himself at the St. Francis hotel, Col. Bryan conducted his first reconnaissance of the enemy camp of Demon Rum, whose bastions he discerned in the neighborhood of the Palace hotel, headquarters of National Chairman Cummings, who is to be temporary and perhaps permanent chairman of the convention. Col. Bryan persists in suspecting Mr. Cummings of giving the enemy aid and comfort, a circumstance that greatly grieves Mr. Cummings—at times.

Distrusts Glass.

Mr. Bryan professed satisfaction with the results of his preliminary examination of the scene of battle, but thought it a wise precaution to post none but blown in the bottle "drys" on guard. He evinced a lack of confidence in Senator Carter Glass for chairman of the resolutions committee, who, according to the Bryan intelligence department, had been detected during the day fingering a plank not quite so dry as was feared for that position. Senator Glass for chairman of the resolutions committee, who, according to the Bryan intelligence department, had been detected during the day fingering a plank not quite so dry as was feared for that position.

Prediction Fulfilled.

"I said some time ago," remarked Mr. Bryan, "that the 'wets' would realize before the convention met that they had no chance of obtaining a 'wet' plank. Apparently my prediction has been fulfilled. Now they will be satisfied with platform silence on the liquor issue. It looks like a surrender in the face of fearful odds against them."

But 25 Days' Supply Of Meat In Storage, According to Packers

Chicago, June 26.—There's barely enough meat in cold storage warehouses to supply the nation's normal consumption 25 days, according to a statement by the Institute of American Meat Packers.

"At no time within the last year has the supply of stored meats and lards been sufficiently large," the statement says. "At no time has there been enough to supply the country a month. It is therefore necessary to put away an excess stock at livestock marketing time so the trade can be supplied during the months when there is a scarcity."

Hope of Cheaper Goods Vain, Says Bank Report

Chicago, June 26.—"Spiraling" defied by the Seventh Federal Reserve bank as "the devious, stealthy padding of prices to the ultimate consumer," has met a considerable check, the board's monthly report, made public tonight, said, as a result of the policy of a progressive advance in the official discount rate and repression of inflationary borrowing.

Other developments of the month in the report included:

"A slight curtailment in the lavish expenditure on the part of the wage earner."

Quotation of 1921 merchandise at 25 to 30 per cent above the present market, "indicating that the extravagant hopes of cheaper goods this fall are vain."

English Labor Declines To Join Internationale

Scarborough, England, June 26.—The labor party conference here declined today by a card vote of 2,940,000 to 225,000 to affiliate with the Moscow internationale. The conference also refused to secede from the Geneva internationale, by a vote of 1,010,000 to 516,000.

The conference by overwhelming majority rejected prohibition resolutions, but favored local options.

The card vote against prohibition for Great Britain was 2,600,000. The vote in favor of the measure was 470,000.

Missing Carranza Minister Reported Safe On U. S. Soil

Mexico City, June 26.—Louis Cabrera, who was minister of finance in the cabinet of former President Carranza, is reported to have reached United States soil and to be at present at Texas City, near Galveston.

Movements of Louis Cabrera since the death of Venustiano Carranza have been shrouded with considerable mystery. Cabrera is said to have large sums of money on deposit in New York banking houses and in Europe.

McAdoo Fails to Silence Boom at Frisco; Majority of Delegates Favor Him

Despite Declaration He Will Not Accept Nomination, Leaders, Including Carter Glass, Openly Working for Wilson's Son-in-Law—Marshall May Be The Harding of Frisco.

By MARLEN E. PEW, International News Service Staff Correspondent.

San Francisco, June 26.—On the eve of the national democratic convention painstaking survey of the arrived delegates, numbering more than half of the men and women who will sit in the auditorium, reveals the unmistakable fact that William Gibbs McAdoo has failed signally to eliminate himself from this race and that, on the basis of "drafting" without respect to his personal desires, he is the preferred ultimate choice of the majority of delegates here.

None Has Majority.

If balloting were to start today, with favorite sons compliments paid off, there would be slim chance of anything like an approach to a choice on the basis of a majority vote, much less a two-thirds preponderance which is necessary for selection in a democratic convention, according to the result of a canvass of delegates.

Delegates when approached are found glowing with local pride and state choice enthusiasm but when the interviewer gets down to practical politics and the interviewer suddenly finds himself subject of an interview and the question is:

"What do you hear of McAdoo? He'll come through if we draft him, won't he?" He is sincere but no man can decline a presidential nomination—and similar talk.

Very intimate friends of the lanky war secretary of the treasury reporting here tell in circumstantial detail of his disposition to shrink from the presidential spotlight and denounce "mean politics," the story that his presidential statement was a subterfuge intended to kill off "crown prince" slurs and make him not only the choice but the demand of this convention.

Still Boom Goes On.

But the gathering vanguard, headed by such men as Senator Carter Glass, are not only discounting McAdoo's public statements, but are actually openly booming his candidacy and the medicine is "taking nicely," according to all surface evidences.

Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer's boomers are the most active forces here to obtain a "wet" plank. He sweeps through the corridors of the Palace hotel, shaking hands with all comers. Commenting on the voluminous amount of advertising the Palmer boom has enjoyed, old-time reporters seem to feel that it is not good for much strength after early ballots.

May Be Demo Harding.

The genial, humorous vice president, Thomas R. Marshall, who delights to talk of Thomas Jefferson and a return to old-fashioned democracy, is the center of a boom all his own and quite spontaneous in its nature. He does not attempt to conceal his pleasure. Who knows—night next week, or in the week thereafter, with all of these delegates homesick and broke and still searching for votes to swell a two-thirds majority and break a deadlock—the name of Marshall of Indiana may be the big flash over the wires? The folks back home may not have thought of him in that wise, but it is not at all out of the possible plays.

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second choice. North Carolina's compliment goes to Senator Funniford M. Simmons. "McAdoo sentiment is strong in our state," said Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi. Delaware will not vote as a unit and almost every delegate has his own will set in the auditorium, reveals the unmistakable fact that William Gibbs McAdoo has failed signally to eliminate himself from this race and that, on the basis of "drafting" without respect to his personal desires, he is the preferred ultimate choice of the majority of delegates here.

Montana for McAdoo.

Montana's eight votes go to Governor Sam Stewart on the first ballot and then McAdoo gets them "right through."

Nebraska is undecided, and the first ballot may show it split four or five ways.

West Virginia is, of course, solidly for Ambassador Davis. Kentucky is instructed for Cox. Nevada delegates say they are for him. Texas has a unit rule and is claimed for McAdoo, but to switch to Cox if McAdoo fails.

Virginia is for Senator Carter Glass, but he is for McAdoo. "Kansas is for McAdoo," said National Committeeman Samuel B. Amidon. "It is unstructured but means business in that direction. We also have Palmer and Cox in view and Champ Clark is not out of our minds or hearts. We are for the president and will vote dry."

Cummings Gets Connecticut. Connecticut will cast her ballots for Homer Cummings for president, according to Thomas J. Spellacy and her plank, he says.

Illinois will give a considerable part of its vote to McAdoo, according to Carter Harrison of that state. There will be scattering support of Cox and Palmer, a wet plank will be opposed, according to the same authority.

Burriss Jenkins of Kansas City, says a majority of Missouri men will vote for McAdoo and the delegation is also split on a wet plank, but will probably support the league of nations plank.

Porto Rico likes Carter Glass, Alaska wants McAdoo, Hawaii will give Cox and Palmer, on the first ballot.

Martens Signs Contract For Food and Machinery

New York, June 26.—A contract is reported to be signed today by Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, unrecognized Russian soviet "ambassador" here and Boyer, Sloan & Co., Canadian and English Manufacturers' agents, Montreal, for several million dollars' worth of Canadian foodstuffs and machinery. Special buying arrangements in Canada and England already have been made for handling this kind of contract. The Canadians propose to follow somewhat the same methods as adopted by Swedish merchants in their recent shipments to the soviet government shipped gold to the banks in Stockholm to establish credits sufficient to cover contracts.

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TAFT PREDICTS QUIET DEATH OF WET-DRY ISSUE

Former President Points Out That Congress Has Power To Fix Alcoholic Content Of Beverages.

Chicago, Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, June 6.—Former President Taft slipped into town Friday, remained long enough to drop a chip of cheer for the thirsty thousands, and slipped out again to make a lecture tour in Minnesota.

Mr. Taft, although opining there would be neither wet nor dry plank in the democratic platform, expressed the belief that "a reasonable and common sense enforcement legislation would in the near future make the wet and dry fight a quiet, orderly and unobtrusive corpse."

Intimating that personally, he did not have a high regard for the 18th amendment—"but since it's the law I believe in obeying it to the letter"—Mr. Taft pointed out that congress had the power to fix the alcoholic content of beverages affected by the amendment as well as to regulate the use of intoxicants and punish violations of the law.

"It is just as easy for congress to say 2 per cent or 4 per cent or any other reasonable per cent as to say 1-2 of 1 per cent. Congress should and undoubtedly will be guided by reason, common sense and the wishes of a majority of the people. A drastic, unreasonable law defeats its own purpose. No doubt there are those who would like to make the manufacture or sale of whisky a capital crime. Such a law would not be worth the time it took to write it. The people would rebel against it. And that is true of any law bearing on the subject. It must be sane, sensible and in harmony with the wishes of the people."

Canada Lends \$25,000,000 To New National Railway

Ottawa, Ont., June 26.—A loan of \$25,000,000 to the Grand Trunk railway system, recently taken over by Canada as a government railway, is provided for in the supplementary estimates of \$68,000,000, presented today in the House of Commons. This loan is to be made for betterments of the road, to pay deficits or interest on funded indebtedness incurred by the system or its subsidiaries, before March 8, 1920, when the railroad was taken over by the government.

Labor Leader Sentenced To 25 Years for Murder

Chicago, June 26.—Thomas Jakubowski, business agent of the Hod Carriers' union, last night was sentenced to 25 years in the Joliet penitentiary for the murder, February 9, of Bernard J. O'Reilly, union street car conductor. O'Reilly was slain in an altercation over a union card.

POLICE SUSPECT MAN FOR MURDER OF WHIST EXPERT

Mysterious 'Miss Wilson' Tells Of Promise of Elwell to Marry Her.

New York, June 26.—The hunt for the murderer of Joseph B. Elwell, whist expert who was shot to death in his home here two weeks ago, centered tonight around one man whose movements are under close police scrutiny.

It was reported at the district attorney's office that an arrest was "not very far off."

According to the authorities the suspected slayer was a friend of the dead sportsman. He had been questioned previously about his movements and concerning his relations with Elwell. At that time it was said his explanations were satisfactory.

"We are certain that Elwell was joined by some one—whether man or woman I cannot say—in his home early on the morning he was found murdered. If a woman, it was one of two persons. Mrs. Marie Larsen, Elwell's housekeeper, knows them both, and she can help us if she will."

This was the summary of the situation surrounding the investigation as given by one official working on the case tonight.

"Miss Wilson" Talks.

New information gleaned by the authorities from "Miss Wilson," the beautiful young society woman, who was said to have been one of Elwell's most intimate women friends, was said to be to the effect that she expected Elwell to marry her.

"It was our hope, Joe's and mine, to be married eventually," Miss Wilson is said to have confided to the investigators from the district attorney's office. "Joe (Elwell) told me a fortnight ago that he would marry me if he could persuade his wife to divorce him."

Offered Her \$2,000.

Mrs. Helen Derby Elwell, questioned again, said that Elwell on three different occasions had offered her \$2,000 to divorce him. She

Three Marine Corps Aviators Killed as Plane Falls 400 Feet

Savannah, Ga., June 26.—Three marine corps aviators, Capt. Gustave Karow of Savannah, and Lieutenants Frederick Molthen of Butte, Mont., and S. E. St. George of Quantico, Va., were killed today in the fall of an airplane at the Paris Island marine corps station.

The cause of the accident had not been determined tonight. The plane was about 400 feet in the air when it was observed to be in trouble.

An attempt was made to land and when within 100 feet of the ground the machine burst into flames and crashed to the earth.

Germany Wants Allowance For Labor of Prisoners

Paris, June 26.—Germany has filed with the reparations commission a claim that 215,000,000 marks should be deducted from the seven billion gold marks due France as her share of the indemnity fixed by the Versailles treaty, says the Petit Parisien. This sum, it is asserted, is the value of improvements made on French roads by German prisoners of war.

Characterized the amount as "miserable." "Imagine it," she said, "the \$2,000 was to be Elwell's price for freedom—the sum on which my son and I might start life anew."

This question—whether Elwell has made a promise of marriage to some one, looms large now in the official investigation of the murder mystery. The authorities, in their examination today, while on several occasions showing an inclination to divert interest from that phase of the probe, nevertheless showed plainly in what direction their attention was focused.

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