

HIGHWAY COMMISSION BILL WINS BALLOT

DEMOCRATS REJECT "SLIGHTLY MOIST" PLANK

INABILITY TO AGREE ON PLATFORM DRAFT CAUSES CONVENTION ADJOURNMENT

Night Session Brings Little Action and Delegates Take to Beds With Promises of Platform On Reconvening - Anti-McAdoo Combine Agree On Cox, Temporarily

SAN FRANCISCO, July 2.—(Bulletin)—The platform committee of the Democratic national convention completed its labors at 12:15 this morning with the decisive defeat of both wet and dry planks. The committee draft of the platform which will be submitted to the convention tomorrow contains no mention of the prohibition enforcement issues.

After the enforcement voted 30 to 12 against all planks offered which attempted to write a declaration in regard to the enforcement of the Volstead act, William J. Bryan, field marshal of the dry adherents, announced that he would carry his fight for a bone-dry declaration to the convention floor.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 1.—Shortly after 11 o'clock the platform committee voted 39 to 11 to reject a light wines and beer plank. W. J. Bryan had not talked on his bone dry plank up to that time.

The action narrowed the fight down to two points, whether the platform would contain a provision for rigid enforcement or remain silent entirely on the prohibition question.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 1.—After a futile night session given over principally to waiting for the wet and dry fight to come off, the Democratic national convention finally found the platform committee unable to report and without prospects of morning. The adjournment took place at 10:35 o'clock until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

While the convention marked time, down in the big hall, tucked away in one corner of the big building, the platform committee continued its effort to harmonize its report. After practically closing up the question of the enforcement of the Volstead act, the committee decided to give William J. Bryan another opportunity to present a prohibition plank.

Permanent Chairman Robinson had a conference with Senator Glass of the resolutions committee, which finally announced that there was little prospect of the committee being ready to make its report before tomorrow morning.

Crowd Yells For Bryan Amid yell of disappointment from a record-breaking crowd which called for "Bryan, Bryan, Bryan," and "We want to hear Bryan," the convention adjourned tomorrow morning. The prospects were said to be that the resolutions committee would work all night.

At 7:40 o'clock the platform committee which was to have made its report to the convention at eight, recessed for an hour just as it was starting on the prohibition plank. The adjournment was reported to the convention at the hour expected.

In anticipation of the prohibition fight, the convention hall was packed at the appointed hour. The delegates were ready and the last tiers of the galleries up under the eaves of the roof were as full as they could be.

Friends of William Jennings Bryan, recalling threats of bodily harm made upon him at Baltimore in 1915, had arranged to be prepared to defend their champion in case he should be imperiled in the heat of the battle of the wets and dries. They had favorable points about the speaker's stand and on the floor waiting for the possible developments they hoped would not come.

5000 Fail Admission Although the big auditorium was packed to the doors and roofs, fully 5000 persons with tickets of admission were on the outside and unable to get in. At 8:45 o'clock an announcement, but the band prevented it by breaking into "The Sidewalks of New York."

As usual, the proceedings started with prayer and the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner."

On motion of Delegate Linebaugh, the convention went into a temporary recess to name their national committee men and national committee women.

Anti-McAdoo Center on Cox While the combination attempting to force against the nomination of William G. McAdoo was at work and reports which came to the convention hall said it had decided to center on Cox for the present. The McAdoo people

Combination To Defeat McAdoo Fails Momentum



Wm. J. McAdoo

SAN FRANCISCO, July 1.—The attempt at a combination against the nomination of William G. McAdoo was still being carried on when the convention went into its night session, but it still was without any definite results. Lack of headway was ascribed to the absence of central control and to the feeling among many of those imported to join that it was really directed against President Wilson rather than wholly movement against McAdoo.

Another real difficulty was that many of the supporters of candidates having enthusiastic Jellies, chiefly Palmer and Cox, argued that they should not be asked to desert their candidates until it had been developed whether they can gain strength. In those camps were scattering delegates who preferred McAdoo to any dark horse.

The promoters of the attempted combination against McAdoo were proceeding desultory and one after another they continued to bring forward such names as former Speaker Clark, Vice President Marshall, Homer Cummings, Bainbridge Colby and even William J. Bryan.

Clearly and admittedly there was no name about which they could rally. The Cox and Palmer leaders laughed at the idea of "swapping off" at so early a stage and asserted it had not been demonstrated that Mr. McAdoo commanded a place in the running to cause them to fear him.

While the real leaders were dealing with the platform question, those who for one reason or another opposed McAdoo, Palmer and Cox, kept up their informal conferences. Many contended that a few ballots would easily show the impossibility of combining Palmer or Cox and the bitter administration opponents warned delay in effecting a program might bring them to the floor at a time too late to defeat McAdoo.

Such a suspension of the rules required a two-thirds vote of the delegates and it was quickly apparent from the shouts of disapproval coming from all corners of the hall that the prevailing wish was to dispose of the platform before proceeding to balloting.

Mr. Marsh therefore withdrew his motion and the convention recessed until 8 o'clock, while the platform committee continued to labor.

The movement to perfect a combination against McAdoo still was going on when the convention went into the night session, but consideration of the candidates was still obscured in some measure by the platform fight and the question of whether William J. Bryan was going to win or lose on his prohibition plank.

ARREST BANKER WHEN THREATENED BY MOB

CHICAGO, July 1.—Police took Samuel Alport, proprietor of the Northwestern International State bank, into custody today following threats by a crowd of neighbors. They alleged that about \$6,000 was entrusted to Alport, who returned from Europe today. The money was for friends and relatives in Russia and Poland. The money was not received by the consignees, they said.

I have traced a number of letters sent to Russia and found that they reached the Russian ports but all trace of them has been lost after that. Alport said "The unsettled condition in the country is the cause. There is no guarantee that a missive will be delivered from an organized government. Mr. Shevlin said, showed that this 'ring' had made plans for a large profit through the sale of liquor in this city and at Saratoga during July and August.

Canadian Premier Quits Public Life

OTTAWA, July 1.—Sir Robert Borden, premier of Canada, definitely announced his retirement from public life at a general caucus of unionists here tonight and his decision was reportedly accepted by the caucus. No definite appointment of a successor has been made.

KEEP HANDS OFF U. S. SHIPPING IS BENSON WARNING

Foreign Interests Warned Against Interfering with Merchant Marine; Expansion Contemplated as Provided by Jones Shipping Act

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WASHINGTON, July 1.—Warning foreign interests not to attempt to interfere with the development of the American merchant marine, Chairman Benson of the shipping board declared today that the board was determined to build up an American merchant marine as contemplated by the Jones shipping act, despite the propaganda by such interests to defeat the law.

Admiral Benson's warning was founded in a talk to representatives of Pacific coast chambers of commerce and shipping bodies and American trade representatives which had been disturbed by threats to divert trade from points on the Pacific coast because of the section of the merchant marine act permitting a preferential rate over American ships with the United States on merchandise moving in export and import in American "essels."

Protection Promised Such a threat, the chairman said, "is futile and idle."

"If such a threat is sincere and the attempt is made to so divert the business," Admiral Benson continued, "the shipping board will allocate American ships to move the business. The shipping board and the interstate commerce commission will follow this action by other steps which would further protect the interests of the United States against such foreign efforts to defeat the purpose of the merchant marine act."

Nothing could more surely bring about the enforcement of this section of the law than adoption by foreign carriers of their threat to divert business from American ports.

As this section is to be used only where there is an ample American tonnage to handle the export and import trade, Benson said, the board is not interested in the final disposition of the franchise reform. The board is interested in the national campaign and the ratification must be closed soon if they are to participate in the general election. I would be gratified, of course, to have Republican Vermont close the gap, but Governor Clement understands I was not treating on his authority in giving him such an opinion in the course of our conference."

May Invoke Preferential Rates Admiral Benson said that in the trans-Pacific trade at this time there seemed to have been specific and successful efforts to prevent American vessels from securing return cargoes at certain points while ships of other nations have come with full loads.

YOUNG TURKS REJOICE AT REPORTED VICTORY OVER INVADING FORCE

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 1.—(By the Associated Press)—There is great exultation among the Turks in Constantinople because of the alleged victory of the nationalists over the Greeks in the vicinity of Pergamum, where Mustafa Kemal Pasha's forces are reported to have outflanked the Greeks and to be moving northward toward Panderma (on the Sea of Marmora), taking several thousand prisoners.

The case was carried to the United States supreme court, which affirmed the sentence of Judge Landis. The sentence was stayed several times and finally, about six weeks ago, President Wilson gave Jelke an unconditional pardon.

Says Dead Turfman Was Member of Big N. Y. "Whisky Ring"

NEW YORK, July 1.—James H. Shevlin, supervising prohibition enforcement officer here tonight he had obtained information that Joseph B. Elwell, turfman and whist expert, shot to death in his home here June 11, had been engaged in the purchase of large quantities of liquor for speculative purposes shortly before his death.

Elwell, according to Mr. Shevlin, was a member of a "whisky ring," which included several prominent business men and sporting associates of the slain turfman. His information, Mr. Shevlin said, showed that this "ring" had made plans for a large profit through the sale of liquor in this city and at Saratoga during July and August.

PARACHUTE JUMPER FALLS 4,400 FEET TO INSTANT DEATH

CASPER, Wyo., July 1.—Frank Hanson, a parachute jumper, jumped 4,400 feet to his death from an airplane here today when a defective snap on his harness released him from his parachute.

Decker Attack On Daniels To Bring Action

WASHINGTON, July 1.—Action probably will be taken by the navy department within 24 hours in the matter of Rear Admiral Benton C. Decker's recent attack on Secretary Daniels and Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, it was said today by Acting Secretary of the Navy Coontz.

Admiral Coontz declined to indicate what action he expected to take, but said the matter had been referred to Secretary Daniels, who is attending the Democratic national convention at San Francisco.

VT. LAWMAKERS MAY MEET FOR SUFFRAGE NOTE

WASHINGTON, July 1.—Governor Clement of Vermont, after a conference here tonight with Senator Harding, the Republican presidential nominee, indicated that he would immediately call the Vermont legislature in special session to act on the federal suffrage amendment.

The Vermont governor, while not stating definitely his course in the suffrage matter, was quoted in a statement from Senator Harding's office as saying that he "frankly confessed there was a preponderance of Republican advice in favor of a special session called to consider ratification."

Statements were issued by both Senator Harding and Governor Clement regarding the conference which took place at the former's home. There was no statement by either as to whether the governor came to Washington on the invitation of the Republican candidate or on his own volition.

Harding favors franchise reform Senator Harding had the following to say regarding the conference: "It gave me an opportunity to say to Governor Clement that I was deeply interested in the final disposition of the franchise reform. The women's suffrage movement is a movement throughout the nation are deeply interested in the national campaign and the ratification must be closed soon if they are to participate in the general election. I would be gratified, of course, to have Republican Vermont close the gap, but Governor Clement understands I was not treating on his authority in giving him such an opinion in the course of our conference."

Governor Clement in his statement said: "I have been calling on Senator Harding, and we discussed the state of the union generally, you can be sure, and discussed suffrage ratification by Vermont. Our state Republican convention asked me to call the extra session."

Florida Lawmakers Favor Special Meet Suffragists Claim

WASHINGTON, July 1.—The National Woman's party, in a statement tonight, declared that sentiment favoring a special session of the Florida legislature to act on the federal suffrage amendment was indicated in replies of legislators to a test poll being taken by the woman's party.

The Florida state constitution, like that of Tennessee, contains a provision prohibiting a legislature from acting on a federal constitutional amendment unless elected after the amendment had been submitted to the state.

Solicitor General Friserson, in a recent opinion, held that the Tennessee provision had been invalidated by the decision of the supreme court in the Ohio referendum case.

"IRISH PARLIAMENT" HOLDS SECRET MEET

DUBLIN, July 1.—It became known today that the "Irish parliament" was in secret session here Tuesday and Wednesday and that decrees were passed authorizing the establishment of courts of justice and equity and courts of criminal jurisdiction.

Another decree provides for the protection of persons occupying land against vexatious claims. It was claimed that the million dollar international loan had been oversubscribed by \$250,000 when the loan closed.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING—KILLED OMAHA, Neb., July 1.—Lightning killed John Benson, 19, as he was standing in a barn near Crescent, Iowa, and injured a number of workmen in Omaha today during a heavy wind and electrical storm in this vicinity. Fremont, Nebraska, reported heavy damage to crops.

FIVE MEASURES ARE FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NOVEMBER ELECTION

With Margin of Only Two Hours, Petitions for State Highway Commission Are Completed and Filed - Big Spurt on Last Day Brings Victory Out of Apparent Defeat - Measure to Increase State Bonded Indebtedness Is Abandoned - Paradise Valley Irrigation Bill Fails as Does the Bill to Double the School Tax Levy

At 10 o'clock last night, within two hours of the expiration of the time when petitions for initiative or referred measures, to insure their appearance on the official ballot to be voted for by the people at the November election, could be filed, the following measures were found to have gained place:

State highway commission bill. Bill making important amendments to the game law. Soldiers' Sailors and Marines' civil service bill. Bill increasing the salaries of teachers and many county and state officials. County division bill.

Two More Measures Won There will also be on the ballot two measures, proposing constitutional amendments referred by the legislature. One of these alters the constitution with respect to the eligibility of members of the legislature for other elective offices by providing that members may be elected for consecutive terms of office after the term of their legislative service, though such offices were created by the legislature during the term of their service or the continuance of which were increased during such term. This amendment was suggested by the question which arose in the candidacy of Senator Colter for governor. Under the present constitution, he would not have been eligible to that office though the term of it would not have begun until after the expiration of his term as a member of the legislature.

The other amendment changes the constitution with respect to the place of candidates for the tax commissioner on the official ballot. Under the constitution now there is a pleasant fiction that the office of tax commissioner is non-partisan. The amendment would put the candidates under party designations.

What is known as the Paradise Valley Irrigation bill failed of final passage on the official ballot. Under the proposed constitutional amendment to permit the state to finance irrigation enterprises had received the required number of signatures and that the petition would be presented before midnight.

Another bill doubling the school tax levy also failed.

The petition for the bill creating a state highway commission was filed at 10 o'clock with 6,425 names, 1,029 more than were required. The circulation of this petition had been allowed to drag along, with the result that on Wednesday morning only 3,600 names were added. Nine counties are in commerce. There was a sudden spurt that day under the spur of necessity, but the greatest addition was made yesterday, when probably 2,000 names were added. Nine counties are represented in the petition. Petitions were also on the way from Gila county and from Pinal and were expected to be received before midnight. There was also a petition on the way from Arlington, Assistant Secretary of State McGill was waiting up to receive them.

U. S. ADVISORS WILL CONFER ON PROBLEM OF HUN REPARATION

BRUSSELS, July 1.—The United States will be informally represented here tomorrow at the meeting of the travelling peace conference which, after having met in the three other countries most affected by the war, will assemble here in the Palais des Academies. W. C. Boyden of Chicago and Colonel James A. Logan, the American unofficial members, will come along with the reparations commission, which will sit at the same time as the supreme council.

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Mines Continue In Operation Despite Strike of Miners

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., July 1.—Although miners were reported leaving Mingo county, West Virginia, and Pike county, Kentucky, coal fields in large numbers today, in compliance with the strike order issued by officials of District No. 17, United Mine Workers, effective last midnight, several mines in Mingo county continued in operation.

Apart from four mines in the Kentucky fields, reported operating, operators here said today that not more than 500 miners are actually involved in the work of the district covered by the strike order, and that not more than five per cent have joined the union. District officials claim, however, that 6,000 miners are affected and that they virtually are all organized.

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FIXES AUGUST 9TH AS DATE FOR EXTRA LEGISLATIVE MEET

WASHINGTON, July 1.—Governor Roberts of Tennessee, in a telegram received tonight by the National Woman's party, declared that he would call a special session of the legislature, his state to meet August 9 for the purpose of acting on the federal suffrage amendment.

The governor's telegram was the first announcement from him of the date of the special session, although it had been stated several days ago at the capital in Nashville that August 9 had been decided on.

Other Petitions May Be Filed Late The petition for increases of salaries led the list with more than 9,000 names, and others were said to be on the way. The next highest was the petition for the civil service bill with 8,324 names, and the third, the county division bill with 8,125 names.

This bill had its origin in Miami, the chief object of it being to secure a division of Gila county, an effort to effect which failed in the legislature after a bitter fight.

Another measure which will find its way on the official ballot is an amendment to the law relating to trial on information. It provides that the circuit court in the legislature, resulting in its passage. The referendum was invoked against it.

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