

# BRYAN PLATFORM WILL MEET PROFITEER SQUARELY

## VITAL ISSUE EVADED BY REPUBLICANS

Commoner's Policy Would  
Make Country Too Hot for  
'Greedy Commercialists.'

### BRANDS IT REAL EVIL

By WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.  
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SAN FRANCISCO, June 28.—The profiteering plank will occupy a prominent place in our platform for two reasons:

First, because of the importance of the subject itself; second, because action by this convention has been made more imperative by republican evasion.

Profiteering is a real evil and demands immediate attention.

Exploitation is going on all over the country and grand juries are trying to reach the more notorious of the commercial pirates.

One clothing merchant in Omaha was found selling for \$97.50 a suit bought for \$13.10; a merchant in Lincoln was discovered collecting an average profit of 86 per cent on shoes.

A New York state clothing corporation was fined \$35,000 for collecting about 100 per cent on clothing; the head of the Woolen company was arrested for profiteering in cloth; the Gimbel brothers have been arrested for overcharging.

The tax records at Washington are disclosing amazing instances of profiteering.

**HIGH PROFITS  
TESTIFIED TO.**

One hundred per cent, 500 per cent, 1,000 per cent, 2,000 per cent, and some even 5,000 per cent—these are profits reported under oath.

Legislation has been strangled by lobbyists employed by the profiteers.

The representative of a wholesale grocery association in New York reported to his employer that at Albany he had killed thirty out of thirty-one bills proposed for regulation of or providing relief for communities.

One of these bills was intended to authorize cities and towns to establish markets.

Think of a grocery association closing the door to relief.

In Nebraska the lobbyists of the middlemen strangled a bill intended for the restraint of profiteers.

These important restraints of predatory corporations and greedy commercialists have been hanging about Washington, and snapping at the heels of the trade commission.

**RESENTED PUBLIC  
SAFE GUARDING.**

Congress, instead of protecting the public, seemed inclined to resent the activities of those who tried to safeguard the masses.

The republican convention not only failed to make any vigorous pronouncement against the profiteer, but on the contrary, attempted to divert attention to real cause to subsidiary influences.

It is a very curious thing that the profiteers were present as delegates, or were represented by proxies.

The inability of the republican party to deal with this question effectively is testified by a story.

A man went into a clothing store and, when the merchant wasn't looking, put on a coat and ran out.

As he went out the door the merchant caught sight of him and gave chase, calling to the thief to stop.

This falling, the policeman drew a revolver and threatened to shoot.

The merchant became excited, and grabbing the policeman, said, "Policeman, if you do shoot, shoot him in the pants—the coat belongs to me."

**CAN'T FIND ANY  
PLACE TO SHOOT.**

The republican party can't find any place to shoot.

The profiteers, who were not present at Chicago, are here, but they are not so anxious, and our party will therefore find it easier to deal with the problem.

I do not anticipate much difficulty in securing an explicit condemnation of profiteering and a pledge of specific remedies that will prove effective.

I have not been able to confer with the other members of the committee, but shall lay before them as a basis for action a plank something like the following:

**PROVIDES CRIMINAL  
PENALTY.**

"To this end it will demand legislation subjecting to the penalties of the criminal law all corporation officers and employees who give or carry out instructions that result in extortion; it will make it unlawful for any one engaged in interstate commerce to make the sale of one article dependent upon the purchase of another article, and it will require such corporations to disclose to customers the difference between cost and selling, or limit the profit that can be legally charged as the rate of interest is now limited.

"It will also endeavor to create in the several states trade commissions with powers as ample as the federal trade commission and to enact laws authorizing each local community to create, if needed, similar commissions for the investigation of local charges of profiteering.

While the above would seem to provide sufficient remedies, suggestions will be welcomed from those who have given the matter attention.

## Has Faith in the Prestige of McAdoo

SAN FRANCISCO, June 28.—"McAdoo will be nominated because an overwhelming majority of the country believe he is the only man who could lead the democratic party to victory," Judge Eugene Bonnell of the Philadelphia municipal court and leader of the anti-Palmer forces in Pennsylvania, declared today.

Bonnell holds the proxy of Robert F. Allen of Williamsport, a delegate at large from Pennsylvania.

"Palmer is out of it," Bonnell said. A canvass of the situation here shows that many delegates regard Palmer's candidacy as a joke because they know he could not be elected if he were nominated because of his labor records alone."

## Lebanon Man Given Term in State Prison

LEBANON, Ind., June 28.—Judge W. H. Parr of the Boone circuit court sentenced Dean Pennington to from two to fourteen years in the state prison for shooting and seriously wounding his wife two weeks ago.

Pennington entered a plea of guilty. His wife is still in a serious condition.

## REED AND GEORGIA TO APPEAL CASES

Missourian Denied His Seat—  
Palmer Forces Win.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 28.—Administration leaders won a sweeping victory in the democratic national committee when that body recognized the Palmer group of delegates in the Georgia contest and refused to give Senator James A. Reed of Missouri, bitter opponent of the league of nations, a seat in the convention.

The vote to keep Reed out of the convention was 34 to 12 and came after a long public hearing and an hour and a half of discussion behind closed doors.

The vote to seat the Georgia Palmer delegates was unanimous, forty-nine votes being recorded in their favor, with four dissenters absent.

The action of the national committee in the Georgia contest carries with it the re-election of Clark Howell as a member of the national committee, his delegates having selected him at the time they were named in Georgia.

**HOW REED  
WAS OUSTED.**

The vote by states on the reelection of Senator Reed's claim to a seat in the convention was as follows:

**FOR REED.**

California, Nebraska,  
Delaware, Nevada,  
Illinois, New Jersey,  
Iowa, New York,  
Kentucky, North Dakota,  
Ohio—12.

**AGAINST REED.**

Alabama, North Carolina,  
Arizona, Oregon,  
Colorado, Pennsylvania,  
Connecticut, Rhode Island,  
Florida, South Dakota,  
Georgia, Tennessee,  
Idaho, Texas,  
Kansas, Utah,  
Maine, Vermont,  
Maryland, Virginia,  
Massachusetts, Washington,  
Mississippi, Wyoming,  
Missouri, Alaska,  
Montana, Hawaii,  
New Hampshire, Philippines,  
New Mexico, Porto Rico—34.

Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, West Virginia, Wisconsin and District of Columbia were not recorded as voting.

**FOR AND  
AGAINST REED.**

Before the vote was taken Committee-men Moore, Ohio; Saulsbury, Delaware; Mullen, Nebraska; Dockweiler, California, spoke in favor of seating Reed.

Senator Glass, Virginia, made the principal speech against Reed and was supported by Committee-men Quinn, Rhode Island; Jones, New Mexico, and Tilton, Washington.

The majority of the speakers on each side confined themselves to records in the Reed case and the league of nations did not enter much into the discussion, according to some of the committee-men.

Senator Glass showed much feeling in his speech against Senator Reed and because of his close connection with the league of nations was regarded by some committee-men as reflecting the views of the whitehouse.

There was no discussion of the Georgia contest prior to the voting of the vote.

**MISSOURI SENATOR  
TO APPEAL.**

Friends of Senator Reed announced that they would take his case to the credentials committee. In the meantime his seat will be held by James T. Bradshaw, his alternate.

The Georgia contest will also go to the credentials committee. It was alleged by Reed's friends that he was the only delegate to the national committee who was not a member of the league of nations.

Watson delegates had their fight in Georgia if the Hoke Smith-Townsend group of delegates and who was to be the next national committee-man.

Anderson Judge Calls  
Man Flip Smart Alec

ANDERSON, Ind., June 28.—"I think you are a flip smart aleck," said Judge Roy Phillips, a taxi-cab driver, when he was asked to provide for his 4-year-old child.

The judge had sentenced Phillips to one to five years in prison, but said he would give him until next Monday to decide whether or not he would get a job while and support his wife and child.

**No Arrest Made Yet  
of Elwell Murderer**

NEW YORK, June 28.—The promised arrest of a suspect in the murder of Joseph B. Elwell has again been postponed for lack of vital evidence, but the authorities declared today that "it might be made any minute."

The newest angle on which the detectives have been working is that Elwell was killed by a man who had been in the city for some time.

In view of the fact that nothing was stolen this theory is not generally upheld.

**Anyone Suits Walsh,  
So He's an American**

SAN FRANCISCO, June 28.—"I don't care who is made the nominee of this convention so long as he is an American," declared Senator David I. Walsh of Massachusetts today.

Walsh last night won a complete victory in the caucus of the Massachusetts delegation, being selected both as chairman of the delegates and a member of the resolutions committee.

"If you let out a squawk about these parties now," Chelsea says, "you may tip some of the candidates off and they may get on to themselves and run out on the lads, although," he says, "the chances are a guy who is sucker enough to think he can be president of the United States is too much of a sucker to get on to himself very soon, but," he says, "you may hurt business for the guys who are painting signs for these candidates, and for the hotel guys who are renting them rooms for headquarters."

"Well, I say to Chelsea McBride, 'it ought to be stopped,' I am in favor of a law," I say, "to keep anonymous guys from running for president of the United States."

"I am in favor of a guy being well known," I say.

"I may know several of them," Chelsea says. "I see two guys this morning who are candidates and who look like old customers of mine."

"It seems to me," he says, "I deal with them back in the old days, when I am handling nothing but gold bricks."

**Boys Calf Club  
in Tipton County**

TIPTON, Ind., June 28.—Members of the Tipton County Farmers' association will start a calf club.

It is planned to secure calves of improved breeds and sell them to boys who desire to join the club, which is to be financed by the Tipton banks.

Farmers will back the organization to the limit, it is said.

**SENATOR OSCAR UNDERWOOD** of Alabama is in the fight for the democratic nomination eight years ago.

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## Floor Leader for League Plank

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of William J. Bryan and Senator Walsh of Massachusetts. Colby is head of the District of Columbia delegation at the convention.

## Russell Says 'Frisco (Including Girls) Is Glad to See Everybody

By CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL.  
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SAN FRANCISCO, June 28.—I will bet money that when you heard the democratic convention was going to San Francisco you said, "Well, there's one chump play and the men that made it must have been out of their minds. For what it will cost first and last to get this show across the continent they could run a whole campaign, and money is scarce this year. Democratic money, especially."

But this is where you mislead, m'one. The best play they could make was when they said they would come here.

It is already worth all it cost and got a good start on surplus and undivided profits.

If it had cost a hundred times as much the democrats would have made money out of it.

You see, this is the Sunny Jim town of America and there ought to be a law against holding national conventions anywhere else.

You can't be pessimistic or down on your luck in this town; it just can't be done.

The minute you begin to breathe the air, your spirits begin to rise; it's like everlasting champagne without any headaches in it.

None of this gloom stuff goes here; everybody is on the smile.

I will bet that when the democratic platform is made it will be 80 per cent snappier than it would have been if made anywhere else, and will go 80 per cent better with the country.

And it doesn't make much difference whom they nominate and of course you get a different dose about that like candy fresh every hour, and none of it is any good; anyway, they will go away from here with 80 per cent more pep and ginger, all because of San Francisco.

**THEY'RE REALLY  
GLAD TO SEE YOU.**

It is the queerest old town in America. Just think of it for a moment: In San Francisco people are always glad to see you.

What do you know about that? Isn't it a scream? Not glad to see you for the sake of what they can probably give out of you before they let you get your railroad ticket and duck out, but glad because they feel that way.

It's the funniest thing you ever saw in your life, but it's true.

You can ask anybody anything here and they won't either spit in your face or try to tell you the Masonic Temple.

Why, you can even ask a hotel clerk things; yes, sir, you can; I've done it more than once.

The second time I took along witnesses because I knew I wouldn't be believed.

Why these people are so queer they have some kind of weird idea that you and they and all of us are human beings and related and you've come to visit your uncles and aunts and that means good; and they're mighty glad and want you to be.

Mr. Human Being meets Mr. Human Being.

What (in the soft line, of course) will you have to drink? Excuse us for this Volstead business. You see he ain't a Californian and we ain't responsible for him.

That sort of thing, you begin it when you get to the ferry slip in Oakland.

There were about 200 of us and we had been fried on both sides crossing the desert and the mud sand, gravel and cinders sifted down our backs and felt mean and gritty and ready to fight until we began to breathe this air and got this sunshine and run up against some San Franciscans on the boat and then we just felt ashamed we had ever been cross in our lives and began to see that it was good to be alive.

There was a nice young fellow with a rose in his buttonhole and a smile on his face came dancing up and he says, "Hello, folks," and "have you got your quarters," and "welcome to San Francisco," and we all said, "Oh, hell," and "this is just another con," and as a matter of fact, he was not even a hired stevedore nor rent by any committee, but just a San Franciscan running true to form.

**SAN FRANCISCANS  
HAVE REAL FAITH.**

Yep, this is some place.

Why, just think of this—these people still believe in things.

I know everybody will laugh, but it's the gospel truth.

They believe in faith and good nature and kindness and America and all—good fellows—together and all that. Isn't it funny?

It's like getting up on another planet. They don't take any stock in this pressure business.

Just imagine the change from Chicago. Why these people are so weird they have some kind of weird idea that you and they and all of us are human beings and related and you've come to visit your uncles and aunts and that means good; and they're mighty glad and want you to be.

## WOMEN POSSESS KEY TO DEADLOCK

104 Votes Looked on as Important in Convention.

By DAVID M. CHURCH.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 28.—Democratic women today hold a dominant position in the national convention, according to the women leaders.

The women have 104 votes in the convention and by their combined strength may hold the control in any deadlock which arises.

"Women really come into their own in politics today," Mrs. George Bass, chairman of the woman's bureau of the democratic national convention.

"For the first time women are about to play a really important part in the selection of a candidate for the democratic nomination."

"I am sure that when the convention is ended that the part which the women have played will have proved the women are for all time a power in American politics."

"More important than the selection of the candidate is the drafting of a platform, and I am confident that women are going to have an influence in framing it which will have much to do with the success of the democratic party in 1920."

"Democratic women have already agreed upon several planks for the platform, which they will urge before the resolutions committee, which show just how progressive we are."

"We have agreed upon a liberal plank for labor, which we feel the convention must accept."

"We have also agreed upon a liberal plank in regard to child welfare and women in industry."

The democratic women are preparing to wage a stiff fight in the resolutions committee for the adoption of a liberal labor plank and the 104 votes of the women will be held as a club over the convention if the plank, providing for acceptance of the principle of collective bargaining and other labor features is not incorporated in the democratic platform.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, will be asked to confer with women leaders today and to endorse their stand for labor.

## IT'S McADOO, SAYS BURLESON; BRYAN TO FIGHT TO END

SAN FRANCISCO, June 28.—"It's McAdoo on the third, fourth or fifth ballot," said Postmaster-General Burleson today.

"I predicted yesterday that McAdoo would be nominated, and the situation looks just the same to me today, where the delegates are all set to go. McAdoo is as good as nominated."

SAN FRANCISCO, June 28.—William Jennings Bryan will fight to the end against the nomination of William Gibbs McAdoo, according to Lee Herdman of Omaha, Neb., close friend of Mr. Bryan.

Herdman, today, following a conference with Bryan, stated he was in a position "to positively declare that Mr. Bryan will oppose the nomination of McAdoo to the end."

"Mr. Bryan takes the position that Mr. McAdoo is really a candidate without making any declaration," said Herdman.

"He feels that McAdoo should have announced his position on the great issue that is before the nation, and does not feel that the party can afford to nominate a man who has not let his attitude be known on the problems confronting the party."

**PUT TRUST IN  
MINE-RUN AMERICANS.**

"That day that Gompers and the rest of us got up in the industrial congress and walked out of the room, breaking up the congress, we fully expected that the whole American public would blame us for our action."

"To our surprise we have discovered through the intervening months that the American public supported us."

"We have learned to place our trust in the mine-run of Americans."

The republican disappointed the labor leaders at Chicago is a statement that Will does not hesitate to make.

"We have come to San Francisco," he declared, "to ask that the democrats go farther than the republicans to answer our proposals."

"The issue in the United States today is shall be the man and the dollar."

"The republican party at the Chicago convention announced itself for the dollar and for vested interest in capital."

"We have come to San Francisco," he declared, "to ask that the democrats go farther than the republicans to answer our proposals."

"We have tried to put into fifteen points the ideas which we have in mind."

"If democrats refuse to follow our suggestions then we'll know that the two leading parties are against us."

**TURN TO HISTORY  
FOR ANSWER.**

The writer asked Will what labor would do if the democrats followed the republican lead.

"History has shown," he said, "that swings toward extreme reaction, such as we are now experiencing in the United States, are always followed by periods of radicalism."

"It is difficult to predict what will follow if both the democratic and the republican parties declare themselves against the interests of organized labor; but the time may come when we shall find it necessary to seek some other party."

"To say the least, if the democrats go wrong the labor party will be partly split between the republicans and the democrats."

"And some of us may vote for that man in jail, Eugene V. Debs."

"There must be a party in the United States of some kind that will represent the ideas and needs of the people who work and will respond to their requests and necessities."

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## COLBY PICKED AS DIRECTOR OF LEAGUE FIGHT

Leaders Agree to Substitute  
Senator Robinson for  
Permanent Chair.

### BRYAN AND WALSH SET

By J. BART CAMPBELL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 28.—Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby will direct the administration forces against the league of nations offensive of William J. Bryan and Senator David I. Walsh of Massachusetts, it was announced today.

Senator Carter Glass of Virginia is chairman of the resolutions committee.

The substitution of Senator Robinson of Arkansas for Colby as permanent chairman of the convention was agreed upon by administration leaders after President Wilson had expressed a desire that the former progressive "whip" be allowed to act as the administration floor leader in the pending league battle.

It was stated.

Supporters of the president declare they are confident that Colby, whose forensic skill has carried him through many a hot political conflict, will prove the match of either Bryan or Walsh, endowed though both are with unusual oratorical and fighting qualities.

**CLASH EXPECTED  
TO BE REAL EVENT.**

The threatened verbal clash between Colby, as the president's spokesman, and Bryan and Walsh, who contend it would be "suicidal" for the democratic party to endorse the administration plank drafted by Senator Carter Glass of Virginia, approved by the president, promises to provide one of the most drastic and tense situations of the convention.

Colby, who before he left Washington as head of the District of Columbia delegation, had a long conference with the president, declares "not only is the sentiment of the country preponderantly in favor of the league of nations, but it is in favor of the league without reservations."

Through Colby, the president himself will address the convention on the league of nations, Bryan and Walsh say.

The Massachusetts senator will tell the convention that the "republican party highest hope of victory is that we will endorse the league policy of the president."

**BRYAN TO FOLLOW  
WALSH'S LEAD.**

Bryan, like Walsh, will argue that the treaty should be ratified only with those safeguarding reservations for which not only a large proportion of republicans voted, but which twenty-one democratic senators supported.

The administration leaders predict Bryan and Walsh and other opponents of the president's league plank will be overwhelmingly defeated in the resolutions committee, which is expected to organize today, and also on the convention floor.

## Content of Barrels Is Mooted Question