

COMMONER WILL ASK CONVENTION TO INDORSE LABOR BOARD

BRYAN CHIDES CUMMINGS FOR DRY OMISSION

Keynoter Ignored Greatest Achievement of Party, Commoner Says.

CITES TREATY PRINCIPLE

By WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN. Copyright, 1920, by W. J. Bryan. SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.—The convention opened in regular style, with incidents calculated to unloose any lurking spirit of enthusiasm.

The flag was unfurled when the "Star-Spangled Banner" was sung.

When a large sized picture of the president was unveiled, the convention had its first opportunity to give vent to its feelings.

The demonstration lasted for some twenty minutes, during which the delegates marched through the aisles carrying the standards of the states and cheering lustily.

The applause was renewed when Temporary Chairman Cummings referred to the president and the treaty.

Mr. Cummings' speech was well received and it embodied, as such a speech should, a review of democratic achievements—not a complete review, for surely the other party's efforts to prohibit the greatest achievement to which our party can lay claim.

It would seem impossible, were it not true, that any democrat large enough to be considered for a keynote speech could be terrorized into silence by the friends of the saloon, even after the liquor traffic has been barred by the constitution.

Indeed, the constitution, enforcement by criminal laws, sustained by the supreme court of the land, should be avoided on the theory that it is dead.

When did a corps ever before possess such a power to frighten?

The avoidance of the subject is due to political expediency, which indicates that the defenders of the home that their seal should do little impress politicians.

FINDS IT POSSIBLE TO EXCUSE CUMMINGS.

But Chairman Cummings hails from one of the three states that failed to ratify and a recent convention in his state declared for wine and beer.

He may have thoughtlessly mistaken this for a safe conclusion.

The delegates from the remaining forty-five states may repair the harm he has done by adopting a dry plank congratulating the party on its honorable part in this great moral victory.

Believing that conciliation arbitration is the best with American ideas, but that the public has a right to know the facts in any dispute that affects the general welfare, I shall submit for consideration of the committee a very simple plan which is identical in its provisions with the principle embodied in their treaties with three-quarters of the world and afterward made the cornerstone of a league of nations.

Even before I suggested for international disputes, I endeavored to have it applied to industrial disputes.

I contented a permanent board of three members, one chosen from the workers, one assumed to be in sympathy with the employer, and the third selected with a view to finding a person as nearly impartial as possible.

This commission should have authority to investigate an industrial dispute at the request of either side or upon its own initiative.

In each disputes two members would be added to the commission, one chosen by each side in order that each side might be sure to have a representative on the commission.

A little time would be allowed for investigation, the report of the commission being then binding on either side, but would be a guide of public opinion.

Such a commission would not make strikes impossible, but the fact that such an investigation could be made would go far toward compelling conciliation and the establishment of such a means of adjusting disputes would reduce to a minimum the influx of prejudice, just as a peaceful means of settling international disputes is calculated to lessen the partisan propaganda that, in itself, increases the probability of a conflict in convention.

LABOR ASSURED OF FAIR ACTION.

Mr. Gompers is here and will doubtless be heard by the resolutions committee.

He is not likely to have any difficulty in securing a recognition for all the rights of labor, for this is quite a different convention from that which assembled in Chicago three weeks ago.

I shall ask the committee to include in the platform a plank for a permanent industrial commission which is vital to settling industrial disputes before they reach the strike or lockout stage.

At present the third party, the public, seems to be ignored, and yet it is the public that furnishes the money for both employer and employee.

The labor plan was forcibly emphasized last fall when a strike threatened to close the coal mines just before the beginning of winter.

The mine workers numbered between 500,000 and 600,000 and the number of stockholders in the mines could not have amounted to more than 100.

The most extravagant estimate would not put the number of indirectly interested in both sides at more than 1,000,000.

Counting five persons to a family, not more than 5,000,000 men, women and children could have been directly interested in the controversy, and yet it looked for a while as if the remaining 55,000,000 of our people would have to freeze while the dispute was being adjusted.

BRITISH WATCH 'FRISCO MEETING

London Declines to Express Preference, but Likes Davis.

INDIANA, June 29.—Newspapers and British officials here manifest considerable interest in the democratic national convention at San Francisco.

The Daily News said: "We on this side of the water would be accused of political heresy if we did not show a preference among the aspirants for the democratic nomination for president."

Therefore, it is unnecessary for us to say more regarding the claims made for American Ambassador John Davis than that he has shown good judgment and the power of inspiring respect for both himself and the great nation he represents.

"This will insure a high place even in the notable list of distinguished men who during the last 125 years have filled this office."

The same newspaper declared hostility of American labor would defeat A. Mitchell Palmer.

"The democrats have little hope, but they probably can make a stiff fight if they are able to draft a platform which will conciliate labor and the Irish in the United States."



INTEREST RAPT AS CUMMINGS GIVES KEYNOTE

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TREATY ATTACK IS SEEN

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SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.—The first day of the democratic convention was marked by the eloquent and masterly keynote address of the temporary chairman, Homer S. Cummings.

Spoken in a full, clear voice, it held the unfagging attention of the great audience and frequently moved it to unanimous applause.

Its salient points were:

A review, deservedly scathing, of the obstructive attitude of the republican senatorial cabal.

A statement of the effective domestic legislation brought about by the democratic party.

An account of the great achievements of the war, admittedly the work of the whole American people under democratic leadership.

A brilliant encomium of the president and his inspired world-vision of a league of nations, together with a moving appeal to the heart of America for the keeping of the faith.

The speaker thus took unqualified stand for the party, in defense of the league as submitted by the president, admitting no validity in the criticisms so profusely directed against it.

DEMOCRATIC PLANK PREPARED

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