

M'NUTT SPIKES BOOM FOR VICE-PRESIDENT; DECLares MOVE IS STARTED BY FOES

Bloomington Man Asserts His Sole Aim Is Governor Victory in Indiana; Delegation for Shouse.

HOOSIERS FAVOR TWO-THIRDS RULE

Indiana Group Leans Toward Baker; Roosevelt to Get Few Votes in Early Balloting.

BY BEN STERN

CHICAGO, June 27.—The red light was turned permanently today by Paul V. McNutt, Indiana Democratic Governor nominee, upon any attempt to mention him as a vice-presidential or presidential possibility.

In definite terms, McNutt announced his opposition to efforts of those he termed "political enemies" to use his name as a possible contender for the presidency, if there is a deadlock, or for the vice-presidency.

"I am a candidate for Governor of Indiana, and that is absolutely all the honor I am seeking," he told friends who came to him with the report.

"I regard the faintest mention of me for other positions as the work of political enemies, who attempt by this method to hinder that campaign."

That McNutt figures importantly in the convention is plainly discernible. He and Thomas D. Taggart, national committeeman from Indiana, are being sought constantly by managers of the Roosevelt campaign. So far, the pair have managed to avoid any commitment.

In fact, Indiana practically aligned itself with the opposition to Franklin D. Roosevelt, when, at a caucus Sunday night, the delegation, upon request of Taggart, voted to support Jouett Shouse for permanent chairman of the convention against the Roosevelt selection, Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana.

Frank McHale of Logansport, chairman of the delegation and McNutt manager announced that Taggart, after a conference with the Shouse group, had decided to seek the Hoosier delegation to support Shouse and requested that the delegation be instructed to this effect "for the good of Indiana and for harmony."

To the surprise of all, Robert E. Proctor of Elkhart, Roosevelt manager in Indiana, made a motion to this effect, which was adopted without dissenting vote.

Indiana in Strategic Seat

McHale pointed out that Indiana is in a strategic position and "good politics calls for this move."

In accordance with this pro-Shouse resolution, Richard Werneke, Terre Haute boss, who originally had been appointed to the rules committee, was shifted to the committee on permanent organization, with instructions to "stick to Shouse." This also was understood to have been done at the request of Taggart.

In his stead, Mayor George Wagner of Jasper was appointed to the all-important rules committee, which will consider the question of abrogation of the rule requiring vote of two-thirds of the delegates to nominate.

The Roosevelt group is fighting for the death of this century-old practice, to put over its candidate.

Will Fight Abrogation

Wagner, it was intimated broadly, will oppose the abrogation of the two-thirds rule. This question was not discussed at the caucus, although McHale said it may be acted upon when the delegation meets at the convention at noon today.

McHale also voiced a plea for the delegates against pledging their votes to any candidate and asked that they wait until a further caucus before any action is taken.

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American 'Royalty' Sits at Democrat Council Fires

BY MAXINE DAVIS
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CHICAGO, June 27.—Two royal members of America's vanishing aristocracy came today to sit around the council fires of the Democratic convention. They are Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, descendant of Chief Powhatan, and Mrs. "Alfalfa Bill" Murray, a princess of the Chickasaw tribe.

No gathering of the tribe is complete without the party's dowager empress. But this is Mrs. Murray's debut into national politics.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, tall, serene, smilingly silent on candidates and controversies, arrived at the Blackstone accompanied by Mrs. Cary Grayson, wife of the late President's physician and friend; her brother, John Bolling; Bernard M. Baruch, and her niece, Mrs. May Moeling of Chicago.

She greeted friends with her grave smile as she descended from her motor car, wearing a navy blue polka dot dress, with a clever white pocket, and one of the broad brimmed hats she usually wears.

Mrs. Wilson never misses the meetings of the Democrats. Never by word or look has she tried to influence one of them, or even to hint at the opinions she quietly and definitely possesses. The envious of the past, the newcomers in the ranks, are all her friends.

SEABURY FLAYS FIGHT ON RULES

Thinks Two-Thirds Discard Bar to Election.

By United Press

CHICAGO, June 27.—Any candidate who discards the two-thirds rules of the Democratic national convention can not be elected, in the belief of Samuel Seabury, prosecutor of charges against Mayor James J. Walker of New York.

Seabury announced his belief in a statement which thrust at the forces of Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, who seek to have the rule case aside.

The Seabury statement declared: "Any candidate for the presidency who changes the rules which prevailed at the time the delegates were elected to the time to win the nomination can not, in my judgment, be elected."

"Our governmental and party systems are founded upon the preservation of the rights of the states. The two-thirds rule is well calculated to protect these state rights."

"Furthermore, experience has shown that the requirement that a candidate must obtain a two-thirds vote insures, in the long run, the selection of the worthiest candidate."

"The rule is a tradition of the Democratic party and has been in force for a century. The maintenance of this tradition and the other reasons which support the rule are too important to be sacrificed to a rule-or-rules policy in the experimental interests of any candidate."

NOMINATING WOMAN

Mrs. Greenway to Seek Vice-Presidency.

By United Press

CONVENTION STADIUM, CHICAGO, June 27.—Mrs. Nellie T. Bush (Arizona) will nominate Mrs. John C. Greenway, Democratic committeewoman from Arizona, for Vice-President.

Mrs. Greenway, tall and attractive, is Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt's closest friend. The nomination will not be merely a courtesy, said Mrs. Bush, a member of the legislature.

The Roosevelt adherents are lining up some delegates.

A hard worker for war veterans, Mrs. Greenway is one of the most popular women in the state. She was a bridesmaid at Roosevelt's wedding and established a furniture factory like Mrs. Roosevelt's. The object of her factory was to aid disabled veterans.

The Arizona delegation of nine men and three women is unanimously backing her.

BARKLEY IS SLATED

Urged as Temporary Head of Convention.

By United Press

CHICAGO, June 27.—The Democratic national committee submitted its roster of recommended temporary officers to the Democratic national convention today with Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky as the recommended temporary chairman.

Barkley, it had been certain, would receive the appointment and he is the keynoter. Edwin A. Hays, Virginia, was recommended for sergeant at arms.

Other temporary officers recommended were: Secretary, Robert Jackson, New Hampshire; executive secretary, Ewing La Porte, Pennsylvania; parliamentarian, Clarence Cannon, Missouri; chief tally clerk, Kenneth Romney, Montana; assistant tally clerks, S. Lamar Gill, Texas, E. E. Sherrill, North Carolina; Maurice J. Freeman, New York; and Arthur J. O'Keefe, Massachusetts; chief reading clerk, P. F. Haltigan, Washington, D. C.; reading clerk, Emory L. Frazier, Kentucky; chief doorkeeper, Joseph J. Simott, Washington, D. C.; official reporters, Bona Fide Reporting Company, Inc., Chicago.

Ginger Ale Explodes, Man Hurt

When a bottle of ginger ale exploded in his hands Saturday night, Owen Traylor, 19, of 3622 Kenwood Avenue, clerk in a pharmacy at Illinois and St. Clair streets, incurred a severe cut on the right wrist.

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Mrs. "Alfalfa Bill" Murray

has hot the chic of the city boulevards. But her dark blue knitted suit would never have been selected by a woman with a mother-husband mind.

"Do I want my husband to be President?" she repeated. "Of course I do. Because I know his old heart. He wants to do the best thing for the United States. He's the people's best bet and—I want him to win whatever he goes into."

Mrs. Murray is here, like Mrs. Al Smith, "to help her husband and to meet the people."

"Will you join in the parade if he is nominated?" she was asked.

"No," she responded, twisting her old-fashioned egg ring, with its tiny diamond glistening in it. Then her intelligent blue eyes looked straight through her white gold spectacles as she added heartily. "If they have a parade, I hope it will be a big one. And that I can stand in a quiet corner and watch."

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took all my time. You know, don't you, that I have four strapping boys and daughters. And a grandson.

"Anyhow, I've always looked to my husband, and still do. He's just as much a wisecracker at home as he is in public. Except sometimes he has his thinking cap on, in the way he does when he's working."

Mrs. Murray rose to go to a tea party, with the added comment that it was amusing to her to be called an Indian princess when, she says, they don't have such things any more. She is one-eighth Indian, and very proud of her husband's being Scotch.

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