

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 peremptorily 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 delegates equally aligned itself with the opposition to Franklin D. Roosevelt, when, at a caucus Sunday night, the delegation, upon request of Taggart, voted to support J. Edgar Hoover 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 ask 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 W. Tere Haute boss, who originally had been appointed to the rules committee, was shifted to the committee on permanent organization, with instructions to "talk 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 restricting 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 made 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.

The Indiana delegation has become a local point of sentiment for the nomination of Newton D. Baker, secretary of the state during the Wilson administration, who is the most prominently mentioned of all the other candidates, although Baker has made no announcement.

But Baker managers have been conferring with Taggart, McNutt and R. Earl Peters, state chairman, and Werneke for the last two days.

Will Vote Against Long

Just before the convention opened at noon, McHale announced that he would call a caucus for Tuesday forenoon to discuss the question of the vote on the two-thirds rule and the seating of Huey Long's dual delegation from Louisiana.

McHale said that, in his opinion, Judge Clarence McNabb of Ft. Wayne, Indiana's member on the credentials committee, would vote against seating Long's delegation, which is pledged to Roosevelt, and that the Hoosier delegation would vote to sustain that action.

Nothing was said about this at the Sunday night caucus, and McNabb has not been instructed formally, but since that time it was decided that, in line with Indiana's policy of supporting the Democratic national committee administration, the line of action should be followed.

Baker to Get Votes

Strategy outlined by the leaders of the delegation is as follows: If the Roosevelt managers fail to abrogate the two-thirds rule and fail to defeat Shouse, which are the two test questions, the Indiana delegation will cast no more than ten votes for the New York Governor, eight for Baker, probably eight for Alfred E. Smith, and four for Governor Ritchie of Maryland. As the balloting continues, the Baker vote will be increased.

However, if the Roosevelt faction wins on those two major issues after they are taken to the floor, then Indiana will, of course, climb on the band wagon.

Managers of the New York Governor today were claiming twenty-five out of the thirty Indiana votes, but they have forgotten that the delegation adopted a resolution last Tuesday removing all instructions.

With Baker sentiment gaining, as

American 'Royalty' Sits at Democrat Council Fires

By MAXINE DAVIS

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 Chickashaw tribe.

No gathering of the tribe is complete without the party's dowager's 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 Mooling 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.



Mrs. "Alfalfa Bill" Murray

Mrs. Murray, tall, almost gaunt, with Indian ancestry of profile and Indian dignity of carriage, is not the dowdy country woman one might expect. She

has not the chic of the city boulevard. But her dark blue knitted suit would never have been selected by a woman with a mother-hubard 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 egam 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."

NOT only has Mrs. "Alfalfa Bill" never attended a convention before, but she has never taken any part in politics. "When I was a girl," her pleasant southern voice continued, "I lived on Indian Territory, where the residents had no vote. Then I married and my family

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, 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.

CHAMP CLARK'S daughter may see the abandonment of the rule which kept her father from the White House.

Genevieve Clark Thomson of New Orleans is here to attend the convention.

The famous two-thirds rule kept her father, the late Champ Clark, Speaker of the house, from nomination. He had a majority of votes at the Baltimore convention in 1912, but failed to win two-thirds of the delegates. Mrs. Thomson always has hated the rule, but would not discuss its application to the present situation.



Mrs. Woodrow Wilson

'24 Votes for—'

By United Press

CHICAGO, June 27.—W. W. (Wild Bill) Brandon of Alabama, who in the 1924 convention made a slogan out of his repeated "twenty-four votes for Oscar W. Underwood" will lead off the roll call Tuesday with "twenty-four votes for Franklin D. Roosevelt."

Brandon is chairman of his state delegation and will announce the vote. All members of the delegation said the delegation would vote as a unit and that its vote would go to the New York Governor.

DIGNITARIES ARE BOOED BY REDS

Derision Is Shouted From

Curbs by Communists.

CHICAGO, June 27.—Dignitaries who rated police escorts as they drove to the Democratic national convention at the stadium today were booed soundly by a crowd wearing Communist insignia.

A crowd of 500 communists and their sympathizers gathered three blocks from the stadium and spent the forenoon listening to Negro and white speakers denounce capitalism. Shrieking sirens of approaching police escorts and their guests in shining cars were the signal for the Communists to desert their speaker and line the curbs while they shouted derisively at the visitors.

Mounted police, patrolmen, squad cars, motorcycle police and plain clothesmen were massed between the stadium and the assembly of Communists. The officers had orders to prevent their marching within one block of the stadium where the convention was in progress.

ROOSEVELT LISTENING IN ON CONVENTION

Sits Near Radio, Three Telephones as Democrats Open Parley.

ALBANY, N. Y., June 27.—Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt sat near a recently installed radio and three telephones in the executive mansion today to get the latest news of the Democratic convention as it got under way.

His secretaries kept in touch with Chicago headquarters and received reports of "stop Roosevelt" movements by telephone.

The Governor was silent on action on New York state's delegation in upholding the two-thirds rule. He also declined to amplify a statement issued at his Chicago headquarters to the effect he never had bound any adherent to support J. Edgar Hoover for permanent chairman.

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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 rule 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 cast aside.

The Seabury statement declared: "Any candidate for the presidency who changes the rules which have prevailed at the time the delegates were elected in order 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 election of the wisest 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-ruin policy in the personal 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-presidency.

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.

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JURY PONDERS ENTIRE DAY ON HORSE CASE

First Hearing of Kind in 30 Years in Hancock County.

GREENFIELD, Ind., June 27.—The horse again occupied the throne of fame in Hancock county today. For the first time in thirty years a jury of taxpayers weighed the evidence in a "hoss" case involving three farmers living near here. For twenty-four hours the jury deliberated, returning a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs.

Cause for the lawsuit was this: Last year John Saxon and Charles Prescher bought a horse for \$135 from Frank Folk. The horse, the buyers said, was vicious. They returned it within thirty days, but Folk refused to return their money.

Folk filed a bill for the horse's board for a year. Now he must pay the feed bill, along with the \$135 and he still has the horse.

VOTE MEDAL TO FLIERS

Senate O. K.'s Distinguished Cross for Four Airmen.

WASHINGTON, June 27.—Award of a distinguished flying cross to Russell M. Boardman and John L. Polando for their flight from New York to Constantinople last year was approved by the senate today. The bill had already passed the house.

The senate added an amendment authorizing the state decoration for Wiley Post and Harold Gatty for their flight around the world.

100 WILL VISIT CAMP

Nutrition camp for sick children, an activity of the Marion County Tuberculosis Association near Bridgeport, will be visited Tuesday by more than one hundred guests.

Mrs. Henry Hornbrook, secretary of association directors, announced today.

Twenty-eight boys are at the camp now, to remain five weeks, and will greet the visitors.

ROOSEVELT WOULD AVOID-RULE FIGHT

Seeks to Get Enough Votes to Avert War Over Two-Thirds Tradition.

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vention, it is likely the old rule will be permitted to stand for this year at least.

The desperateness of the gamble was seen when five large states lined up against abrogation.

Indiana, Illinois and Kansas selected members of the rules committee who will fight the Roosevelt plan.

New York voted 65 to 27 against any change, Ohio the same way by 51½ to ½.

Even some Alabama members pledged to Roosevelt will oppose it. Virginia's delegates declared unanimously against it.

Roosevelt Loses Strength

In the strife swirling about this issue, Roosevelt lost strength as a candidate, and in his battle against Shouse.

The hostility toward steam-roller tactics grew contagious, and extended to the credentials contest.

Several delegations favorable to Roosevelt will oppose the action of the Roosevelt-controlled credentials committee in seating Senator Huey P. Long's delegation over a rival Louisiana group.

It is just this reaction which the Roosevelt people fear and hope to stem by a compromise on the two-thirds rule fight.

Though Roosevelt picked up a few votes, it is estimated that these clashes and rivalries caused him a loss of thirteen New York votes, fifteen in Indiana and sixteen in Pennsylvania.

This cuts down James A. Farley's first-ballot estimate from 691 to 651, and impartial polls from 671 to 631.

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DEMOCRATS DRAW PLATFORM TONIGHT

Short One With Plenty of Punch, Is Goal of Committee.

MY MARSHALL M'NEIL Times Staff Writer

CHICAGO, June 27.—The Democratic platform will take definite form by tonight. It is intended to be the party's answer to the country's cry of dissatisfaction and distress. Partisans hope it will tempt voters everywhere.

Its adoption will not quench immediately the growing national thirst.

If, however, tentative planks finally are accepted, it probably will pledge the party to submission of repeal of the eighteenth amendment, with few, if any, entangling strings attached.

It will be short. Of that, if of nothing else, Democrats seem assured. It may not go beyond 1,200 words, and Senator Carter Glass (Va.) guarantees it won't be longer than 2,000.

A Mitchell Palmer of New York, said to have brought here informal platform declarations from Governor Roosevelt, during most of the drafting, and besides the prohibition plank, he has tentative drafts of economic planks which now propose:

1. Tariff: An international economic conference, aimed at reduc-

MAP FINANCING OF DEMOCRATS

Party Leaders Seek Small Campaign Offerings.

By United Press

CHICAGO, June 27.—Democrats, looking to the necessary financing of the campaign, are planning a campaign for comparatively small contributions.

A fund committee of around 600 to 700 persons is being formed, with each man assigned the task of getting a \$5,000 contribution. This may be sought from an individual, or from a group of persons.

The "angel" of the party, Chairman John J. Rasbok, is due to be succeeded as national chairman at a meeting after the convention.

With his passing, an almost unending source of funds will undoubtedly be closed.

For that will be all the truer if Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt is the convention's choice, for Rasbok is an Alfred E. Smith man, and opposes Roosevelt.

Roosevelt, however, is credited with having many well-to-do friends who will be approached for aid.

Likewise, the Roosevelt family is rated as possessing considerable funds which could be drawn upon in connection with furthering his campaign.

Both major parties have experienced difficulties during the depression in getting the sinews of war. The Republican party has started its campaign by floating a \$25,000 loan, and the Democrats are now engaged in seeking the small contributions for a "victory fund."

RAIN HELPS CORN

County Crops Needed It, Says Farm Expert.

Sunday night's rain was hailed as a boon to Marion county corn growers today by Patrick Murphy, assistant county agricultural agent.

"The corn needed it. We'll have a better crop this year than last. The rain helped the farmer's psychology. It made him feel better in every way," Murphy said.

The county's wheat crop harvest has begun.

"Combines, however, will not begin operations on county farms before the end of this week," Murphy said.

"The wheat yield will be smaller than in 1931, due to lack of early rains."

APPROVE SCHOOL FUND

\$140,000 Will Be Used for New Teachers' College Building.

Expenditure of \$140,000 from the state education improvement fund for construction of a new building at the Indiana State Teachers' college in Terre Haute, has been approved by the state budget committee.

Man Falls From Diving Board Steps; Suffers Fractured Skull.

Marion Schellenger 24, of 309 North Riley avenue, is in a critical condition at city hospital today of a fractured skull incurred when he fell from the steps of a diving board at the Ellenburger park swimming pool, Sunday afternoon, landing on his head on a cement walk. Schellenger's parents live at Bloomfield.

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None of these things, of course—including prohibition—will be settled until tonight when the full committee meets with the subcommittee.

Roosevelt managers apparently are ready to accept any prohibition plank the convention agrees to, but there are others—like Pennsylvania, Illinois, New York and probably Ohio—that are ready to fight on the floor for outright advocacy of repeal of the eighteenth amendment, and of the Volstead act. Some want congressmen definitely pledged to these ends.

But at this point there is only a fair prospect that a formidable minority report for outright advocacy of repeal and immediate legalization of 2.5 per cent beer will come from the platform committee.

Farm relief forms the other chief issue to be settled by the platform sub and full committee. New witnesses from farm organizations have arrived and will be heard by the full committee this afternoon.