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FRISCO CHOSEN BY THE DEMOCRATS

Convention Will Be Held June 28. Resolutions Are Passed Endorsing the Treaty and League of Nations—Republicans Are Scored—Senator Underwood Not a Candidate.

Washington, Jan. 8.—San Francisco was selected today by the Democratic National committee, in session here as the place for the party's 1920 national convention.

Monday, June 28, was fixed as the convention date.

After twenty-seven votes had been cast, Kansas City and the other cities withdrew and the vote for San Francisco was unanimous.

Following the vote I. B. Dockweiler, who presented San Francisco claims, said the action of the committee was a tribute to the women of the west. He gave credit for the committee's decision by the speech made by Miss Mary E. Foy, of Pasadena, member of the women's Democratic national committee.

Dockweiler said San Francisco plans to make the convention memorable. In addition to the \$125,000 given the national committee for expenses, Dockweiler said \$50,000 will be raised as an entertainment fund. He was asked what the outlook is for wet Democrats and he said, "it is very, very good."

Changed Rules Fail

An effort to change the two-thirds rule of nominating candidates for Democratic conventions was defeated. A. F. Mullen, of Omaha, Neb., introduced a motion recommending that the convention change the rule but by a viva voce vote it was laid on the table.

Resolutions indorsing the treaty of Versailles and denouncing as unpatriotic the attitude of senators who would defeat it directly or by nullifying reservations were unanimously adopted today by the Democratic national committee in session.

The "arrogant" Republican leadership of the senate was denounced at having earned the "contempt of the world" by throttling the treaty for seven months, and the senate was called upon to "quit playing politics with the question of ratification."

Senator Underwood, of Alabama, in a statement today, announced he would not be a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination.

"My friends have complimented me," the senator said, "by suggesting that I be a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, but I am in no sense a candidate. I have announced a candidacy for the senatorship for Alabama and I hope and expect to represent that state in the senate for another six years."

Reviewing the legislative record of the two Wilson administrations and the manner in which the war was won, the resolutions also expressed gratification that the president was regaining health after a breakdown "due largely to his efforts for world peace."

A Mayoress.

Abbeville keeps growing. The latest addition to the town being a lady mayoress, in the little daughter born to Mayor and Mrs. J. Moore Mars, at Laurens, Thursday, January 8, 1920. The little lady is receiving a warm welcome from many friends.

COTTON MARKET.

January 9.	
Spot Cotton	40.50
January	38.30
March	36.78
May	35.15
July	33.45
October	30.93

BRYAN COME-BACK HAS WISEACRES AT CAPITAL GUESSING

Washington, Jan. 8.—Emerging from the foliage and palm trees of his winter home in Miami, William Jennings Bryan suddenly is again the most talked about man in the Democratic party, and every candidate for president is figuratively trembling in his shoes over the mysterious moves of the Nebraskan.

The average Democrat here believes—or fears—that Mr. Bryan is a candidate. The situation may as well be faced as it is, they say, and there has been more Bryan talk in the cloak rooms at the capital within the past few days than since 1912. This talk is by no means all favorable, but it is unquestionably true that the big interrogation today in Democratic quarters is:

"What about Bryan?"

There will be a dozen speakers at the Jackson dinner here Thursday night—most of the speakers being national figures—but the headline attractions of that dinner will rank as follows:

The letter from President Wilson and the speech of William J. Bryan.

The Bryan come-back is one of the mystifying things of Democratic politics. Mr. Bryan dropped off the front page with his resignation as secretary of state. Everybody assumed he was dividing his time between Asheville and Miami, or making prohibition lectures, and let it go at that.

Today merely because he bobbed up in Washington two weeks ago and held a conference with Democratic senators, ostensibly to discuss the peace treaty, and because he is a Jackson dinner speaker and was quoted at length in a Baltimore paper on national issues, William Jennings Bryan is right back on the front page and getting more publicity than the president.

"The fellows seem to think he is a candidate," was the remark of a Democratic senator who had recently left the cloakroom. He spoke resignedly. "But he can't be nominated," he added, a bit more hopefully.

DANIELS GIVES

CREDIT TO BRYAN

Washington, Jan. 8.—William Jennings Bryan was given credit by Secretary Daniels, speaking at the Jackson day banquet here tonight, for laying the foundations of the league of nations covenant through the arbitration treaties negotiated by him as secretary of state.

In view of published reports that the three-times nominee of the Democrats for the presidency again aspires to lead the party in a campaign Mr. Daniel's statement created one of the interesting moments of the dinner. The naval secretary's address had proceeded without special incident with applause for recital of Democratic achievements and ripples of amusement at the vigorous sallies at the opposition until he began to discuss the war and its results.

The declaration (of independence) and the covenant (of the league of nations) the secretary said "are the two living, light foundations of liberty and peace. It is the glory of the Democratic party that through Jefferson and Wilson we have given these safe charts for all time for safe negotiation upon all seas."

Preach at Presbyterian Church

The Rev. G. G. Parkinson, of the Theological Seminary, Erskine, will preach Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church. He will be entertained at the hotel by Major W. H. Long.

Landscape Gardener at Mill.

The Abbeville Cotton Mill has employed a landscape gardener to beautify the mill grounds. He is now at work planting flowers, shrubs and trees and conforming the land thereabouts to the principles of beauty.

DR. C. E. BURTS MAKES ADDRESS AT BANQUET AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The banquet given last night at the Baptist Church to commemorate to paying off of the last debt of \$10,000 on the present church building was a splendid success. About 65 men were present, mostly Baptists, but all the Protestant denominations of the city were represented and enjoyed the bountiful supper that the ladies of the church had prepared.

The Rev. Louis J. Bristow, pastor of the church, acted as toastmaster of the occasion and showed marvelous aptitude in introducing the speakers and in guiding the event along pleasant and interesting ways, here and there rising to heights of moving oratory.

Dr. C. E. Burt, Columbia, general secretary of the Baptist State Convention was the speaker of the occasion, but many other talks were made. Among those who spoke were: Major R. B. Cheatham, C. D. Brown, J. S. Stark, The Rev. M. R. Plaxco, Otto Bristow, Sanford Howie, J. Foster Barnwell, The Rev. C. E. Peeler and E. H. Longshore.

Dr. Burt in his address outlined his present work, and called himself a messenger to the churches. He commended the pastor the officers and the members of the Abbeville Baptist church for the splendid progress the local church had made and the success that had attended the 75 million drive here. He said that unity and co-operation among the various denominations in Abbeville marked a happy condition and added that the church was necessary to the growth and maintenance of the Christian religion.

Dr. Burt's address was both interesting and instructive and was greatly enjoyed by the audience.

At the close of the evening the Rev. Louis J. Bristow thanked the ladies of the church for the splendid supper and suggested that the men of the church give the ladies of the church a banquet, cook it themselves, if they could, and serve it. He also said that it was planned to give a number of banquets, purely social events, at the Baptist Church during the year of 1920.

Among the ladies who assisted in the preparation and serving of the supper were: Mrs. E. C. Horton, Miss Fannie Stark, Mrs. Sam McCuen, Mrs. Cliff King, Mrs. Frank Welsh, Mrs. Herman Benton, Mrs. V. D. Thomas, Mrs. C. B. Tuggle, Mrs. A. B. Galoway, Mrs. Truman Stephens, Mrs. L. J. Bristow, Mrs. W. J. Duncan, Mrs. Mary Kennedy, and Mrs. D. B. Poore.

DEMOCRATS TO PLACE PEACE TREATY IN THE 1920 PLATFORM

Washington, Jan. 7.—A resolution endorsing President Wilson's stand on the peace treaty and commending his efforts to establish a league of peace is to be laid before the Democratic national committee meeting here tomorrow with the backing of the committee.

"If I have anything to do with it," said Chairman Cummings today after consultation with various leaders, "the resolution will be so clear as to have no doubt about our position. We are behind the President."

The announcement that formal action by the committee would be sought was taken as enhancing the prospect that the treaty would become an active campaign issue. The general expectation was that the committee would adopt the resolution, helping to open the way for discussion of the subject at the Jackson day banquet Thursday night.

Former Resident.

James A. Dusenberry, Anderson, formerly of Abbeville County, raised he says, "in Long Cane Cemetery," and where he wants to be buried, was a visitor in Abbeville this week, renewing old acquaintances and incidentally, attending to business. He is quite a successful young man as Abbeville boys have a habit of being.

ABBEVILLE BONDED WAREHOUSE IS NAME OF NEW CORPORATION

The new Cotton Warehouse for Abbeville to be known as Abbeville Bonded Warehouse is assured. Twenty-five men have subscribed \$1,000 each to the project and a meeting of these men will be held in the next few days, at which time a board of directors will be chosen and officers will be elected.

The company is to be capitalized at \$40,000, thus leaving \$15,000 in stock, to be sold after the original 25 have taken their stock.

It has not been decided where the warehouse is to be located. This and other questions will be taken up at the first meeting.

Abbeville is badly in need of another warehouse and the men who initiated the project are to be congratulated for carrying it through to its present status.

The secretary of state has already granted permission to open books of subscription, publication of which notice is contained in the Press and Banner of this issue.

The subscription list if the first 25 subscribers to the stock of the Abbeville Bonded Warehouse follows:

State of South Carolina,

County of Abbeville.

We, the undersigned hereby subscribe and bind ourselves to take the amounts of stock opposite our names, hereinbelow written, in a proposed corporation for the purpose of erecting a cotton warehouse in the City of Abbeville.

The Warehouse shall be incorporated under the laws of South Carolina. The stock is to be divided into shares of the par value of \$100.00 each.

G. A. Neuffer, J. F. Clinkscales, J. S. Morse, R. E. Cox, D. H. Hill, W. J. Latimer, C. E. Williamson, Albert Henry, R. C. Philson, T. G. White, A. J. Ferguson, S. J. Link, W. M. Barnwell, J. M. Nickles, J. R. Nickles, L. C. Haskell, J. Allen Smith, Jr., Rosenberg Mercantile Co., Lewis Perrin, Mrs. J. F. Clinkscales, E. R. Thomson, C. H. Pennell, W. D. Barksdale, J. C. Hill.

M'ADOO ASSAILS RECORD OF G. O. P.

Washington, Jan. 8.—In a telegram from Wichita Falls, Texas, read tonight at the Jackson day banquet, William G. McAdoo assailed work of the Republican congress as a "sorry record of dismal failure," and declared the success of Democracy in the presidential election was inevitable if leadership was wise, vision undistorted and sympathy with the masses preserved.

"Republican leadership has demonstrated startling capacity, to deal with the great problems confronting America and the world," Mr. McAdoo's message read. "Nine months of Republican leadership disclose no constructive, humanitarian or statesmanlike act.

"Peace defeated, war prolonged and hundreds of thousands of needless deaths inflicted upon helpless children, women and men in Europe, a ghastly toll to exact for partisan political ends.

"The railroad problem bungled and no promise of a real or permanent solution through bills now in conference. The public interest is not protected, while increased rates and disappointment will result."

Death of Mr. P. A. Butler.

Mr. Mullinax, a representative of the Butler Marble Works was in the city this week from Greenville. Mr. Mullinax brings the distressing news of the death of Mr. P. A. Butler, on Dec. 6th. He and Mr. Butler were out hunting when Mr. Butler tripped in a piece of wire, fell, rupturing a blood vessel and died before aid could be summoned. Mr. Butler is well known all over Abbeville county and our people will hear with deep regret of his untimely death. The Butler works will be continued as before.

BRYAN DISAGREES WITH WILSON ON LEAGUE OF NATIONS ISSUE

Washington, Jan. 8.—A split between President Wilson and Wm. J. Bryan over whether the league of nations should be made an issue at the coming election topped off the Jackson Day deliberations of the Democratic party chiefs.

It came at the Jackson dinner, as the climax of a day in which San Francisco had been chosen as the meeting place of the Democratic national convention on June 28, and it charged the air with political electricity.

Submit Treaty to Voters

President Wilson, in his message read to the diners, assembled in two separate halls, declared that the "clear and single way out" was to submit the question to the voters as "a great and solemn referendum."

Mr. Bryan, showing all the old time vigor with which he led the fight for the President's nomination at Baltimore in 1912, declared that the Democratic party could not go before the country on the issue because it involved a delay of four-to-five months, and meant success only if the Democrats captured a two-thirds majority of the Senate.

The party, Mr. Bryan declared, must secure such compromises as may be possible.

Crystallizing an Issue.

The disagreement between the President and his former Secretary of State, the first public view since Mr. Bryan left the Cabinet because he did not agree with the President's course in the diplomatic negotiations with Germany, was thus disclosed as a fact, although it has been rumored and reported in the underground currents of national politics. In the opinion of the political leaders it crystallized an issue.

HOOVER LOOMING STRONG AS CHOICE OF THE DEMOCRATS

Washington, Jan. 8.—People who attend the Jackson day dinner and the meeting of the Democratic national committee—or, for that matter, the Republican national committee meetings, are essentially politicians. Their conversation is about delegates and convention rules and booms and certain success and the terrible faults of the other party. Candidates have their boosters on the job quietly sounding out sentiment and extolling the virtues of the aspirants for the presidency.

But underneath it all, when you get them away from the formal stuff, the politicians who are here for the Democratic assemblage have some definite ideas of what is going to happen in the coming campaign.

Far from being as comfortable as the Republicans were in their calculation that any Republican could win this time, the Democrats seem to be saying that it will take "some candidate," not just any candidate, to win on the Democratic ticket.

There is a sense of impending responsibility for the selection of a big man to be the standard bearer of the party, but as usual at this early stage of the game, the friends of McAdoo, Palmer, Governor Cox, Sen. James W. Gerard, and last, but not least, William Jennings Bryan, have a confident feeling that their own measures up exactly to specifications.

The Benefits of War.

John C. Ferguson, James C. Hagen and John R. Martin, all of Abbeville County, are among the soldiers who have been adjudged disabled and are being educated by the government. They will draw pay from \$80 to \$150 per month. Ferguson goes to Georgia Tech, Hagen to Bowen's Business College and Martin to Clemson.

Henry Wilson, of Springfield, is here spending a few days with his home people.

STEEL WORKERS STRIKE ENDED

Was Called in September and Invalued Many Men—Telegram From National Committee to American Federation of Labor and Union Heads Say Public Opposed Them.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 8.—The strike in the steel mills and furnaces, called September 22, and which at its inception involved 367,000 men, was officially called off her tonight by the national committee after an all-day meeting.

Announcement that the national committee had decided to proceed no further was contained in a telegram sent to the headquarters of the American Federation of Labor in Washington, to the heads of all international unions interested and to the organizers and field men in all strike districts.

"The steel corporation," the telegram said, "with the active assistance of the press, the courts, the federal troops, state police and many public officials, have denied steel workers their rights of free speech, free assemblage and the right to organize, and by this arbitrary and ruthless misuse of power have brought about a condition which has compelled the national committee for organizing iron and steel campaign is now at an end. A vigorous campaign of education and reorganization will be immediately begun and will not cease until industrial justice in the steel industry has been achieved. All steel workers now are at liberty to return to work, pending preparation for the next big organization movement."

The telegram was signed by John Fitzpatrick, chairman; D. J. Davis, vice-president of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers; Edward J. Evans, International Union of Electrical Workers; William Hannon, International Union of Machinist, and William Z. Foster, secretary of the committee. The offices of the committee here will be maintained for about a month while the business of the strike is being wound up, and the commissary department will continue to look after needy former strikers and their families until the men have obtained employment.

Steel company executives said they were not surprised that the strike had been called off, as the strikers have been drifting back to work for several months. Many mills, it was added, have long ago been able to operate full time with full forces.

W. Z. Foster later announced his resignation as secretary-treasurer of the strike committee and said he would be succeeded by J. G. Brown of Everett, former president of the Timber Workers' union. Brown is to assume office February 1.

CONDEMNNS ARMY GENERAL STAFF

Washington, Jan. 8.—Lives of American troops were needlessly sacrificed on armistice morning because the American high command at Chaumont did not specifically revoke previously issued orders to attack. Brig. Gen. John H. Sherburne, of Boston, formerly commander of the artillery brigade of the Ninety-second (negro) division, today told a House subcommittee. Gen. Sherburne strongly condemned the methods of what he referred to as the "general staff game" at Chaumont, criticizing particularly a "dominating triumvirate."

"Certain divisions and brigade commanders stood in such piteous fear" of the Chaumont staff that they did not dare, in most cases, to revoke on their own authority the order to attack on November 11 even though they knew to a moral certainty that an armistice had been signed.