

MCADOO FREES DELEGATES

Unwilling To Contribute To Hopeless
Deadline In Convention. Leaves
Candidates To His Friends.

Madison Square Garden, New York, July 9.—William G. McAdoo early this morning released his delegates as the Democratic convention went into its 100th futile ballot at the beginning of its third week.

Earlier in the session, Governor Smith had informed the convention through Franklin D. Roosevelt that as soon as Mr. McAdoo signified his withdrawal from the contest he would do so also.

Mr. McAdoo signified his action in a letter to Chairman Walsh of the convention, which reads as follows:

"Dear Senator Walsh:
"I am profoundly grateful to the splendid men and women who have with such extraordinary loyalty supported me in this unprecedented struggle for a great cause.

"The convention has been in session two weeks and appears to be unable to make a nomination under the two-thirds rule. This is an unfortunate situation imperiling party success.

"I feel that if I should withdraw my name from the convention I should betray the trust confided in me by the people in many states which have sent delegates here to support me.

"And yet I am unwilling to contribute to the continuation of a hopeless deadlock. Therefore, I have determined to leave my friends and supporters free to take such action as in their judgement may best serve the interests of the party.

"I have made this fight for the principles and ideal of progressive Democracy and righteousness and for the defeat of the reactionary and wet elements in the party which threaten to dominate it. For these principles and ideals I shall continue to fight. I hope that this convention will never yield to reaction and privilege and that the Democratic party will always hold aloft the torch which was carried to such noble heights by Woodrow Wilson.

"Cordially yours,
"W. G. MCADOO."

Immediately after the reading of the McAdoo letter an attempt was made to adjourn, which was defeated on a roll call.

When the McAdoo letter was read to the convention he stood almost exactly even with Governor Smith after two weeks of balloting. McAdoo had 353 1-2 votes and Smith had 353.

Mr. McAdoo's friends and associates in the convention disclaimed that in releasing his delegates he was making any attempt to say where they should go, but some of the prominent McAdoo men were busy attempting to transfer the McAdoo strength to E. T. Meredith of Iowa, former secretary of agriculture in President Wilson's cabinet. There was a report that Mr. McAdoo had declared himself to his lieutenant in favor of Mr. Meredith but that his campaign manager, David L. Rockwell, wanted the McAdoo strength to fall to Thomas J. Walsh of Montana, permanent chairman of the convention.

But while the balloting had been going on, the tide of convention fortune had been sweeping the votes upward for John W. Davis of West Virginia as they went down for Ralston of Indiana, and when the McAdoo release of delegates was announced Mr. Davis' strength stood at 210 votes, its high water mark.

The question to be determined was whether the McAdoo strength now set free could be delivered anywhere and if it could, whether it could be made effective against the growing column of votes for Davis.

The collapse of the McAdoo fight came near the end of another dramatic day and night which were the climax to the record-breaking convention of American political history.

After an overnight raid on the McAdoo forces which carried them to a new low level the convention met yesterday morning (Tuesday) and accomplished little in its first session. In the interval before tonight's session Governor Smith and Mr. McAdoo met for a personal conference and discussed the deadlock, but came to no conclusion. The one result of their meeting was that Governor Smith sent his floor leader, Franklin D. Roosevelt to the night session of the convention to make a statement declaring that when Mr. McAdoo signified his withdrawal from the contest

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LAD BATTLES IN VAIN FOR LIFE

Youngest Son of President Coolidge Dies of Blood Poisoning. Medical Skill Without Avail.

Washington, July 7.—Calvin Coolidge, Jr., son of the president, died tonight at Walter Reed hospital of blood poisoning.

The end came after the boy had battled with the utmost bravery and fortitude for five days against a disease which had racked his body with pain and sapped the reserve strength of his frail constitution.

President and Mrs. Coolidge, who had maintained constant vigil at the hospital, were at his bedside, hopeful and cheering and comforting their son to the last.

A sinking spell, the fourth he had suffered in 24 hours, brought death notwithstanding the use of oxygen and other restoratives. The courage that had stood crisis after crisis and had beaten death off repeatedly, was unable to meet the final attack. The collapse began at 6:30 o'clock and he gradually sank into eternity. He died at 10:30 o'clock.

The infection developed from a broken blister on the right foot incurred during a tennis match with his brother, John, on the White House courts last Monday. At first paying no attention to it, the youth developed an alarming condition by Wednesday night and physicians were summoned.

Three sinking spells Sunday night brought him to the point of death. A slight rally Monday gave slight hope, but soon thereafter he began again to lose ground and he never rallied.

The poison, once started, had spread so rapidly that medical skill was without avail. A number of specialists were called to act with physicians on the case and a desperate fight for life was made by the boy, who struggled in great pain and with high fever.

Every resource of medical science was brought into play in the vain effort to save young Calvin's life. An operation was performed on the left leg last Saturday night to drain off the poison and blood transfusions and oxygen were resorted to in the later days of his illness.

The natural strength of a boy of 18, however, which was counted on as the most powerful resisting force to the creeping poison, was unable to meet the issue, and after having fought a brave but always losing fight, he succumbed.

One of the final complications and the one which the physicians were unable to meet was the formation of gas on the stomach. The organ was washed out repeatedly in an effort to put in condition to retain nourishment, but the effort was unsuccessful.

Young Calvin was removed to the hospital Saturday and an operation on the same night revealed inflammation of the bone marrow of the leg where infection first localized in part. A slight rally followed, but Sunday night his condition grew so serious that blood transfusion and oxygen administrations were resorted to.

Even as he had fought when there was hope for life, young Calvin battled when the time of death approached. Minute after minute and hour after hour he lived to the surprise to all.

The spark of life, flickering only faintly, still persisted, ready to be extinguished at any minute but the will to live was very strong and death was held off when those at the bedside had long since abandoned hope.

E. T. Clark, the president's personal secretary, emerging from the sick room at 10 o'clock, told those waiting outside that the patient was sinking but that his stamina was resisting at every backward step.

Neither President Coolidge nor Mrs. Coolidge came out and the physicians remained to minister to the suffering boy's last minutes.

The White House, where a staff had been kept busy while the presidential residence was temporarily removed to Walter Reed hospital, ceased to function for the time, and Secretary Sloop and others rushed to the hospital. In other parts of the city where the illness of the lad had gripped public interest to the exclusion of almost everything else, there were anxious inquiries as to his condition and expressions of sympathy for the parents.

At the hospital groups gathered awaiting word outside the grounds, but inside the sentries moved their

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White House Wrapped In Hush of Sorrow

Simplicity To Mark Funeral of Son of President and Mrs. Coolidge.

Washington, July 8.—The hush of sorrow enveloped the White House today as the president and Mrs. Coolidge gave over all else to preparations for the funeral of their younger son, Calvin, Jr., who died last night.

How they bore their grief none but the closest knew, for they cut the channels of official and personal communication to be with their dead. Guarded gates at the White House inclosure, a white crepe spray at the door and the flag on the mansion at half staff were the only outward indications of the mourning within.

Although preferring the simplest arrangements, a concession was made because of the status of the president as the leader of the nation and the casket lay in the great East Room of the White House surrounded by a military guard of honor. Six sailors from the presidential yacht Mayflower, on which the 16 year old boy had often cruised, and six marines alternately stood vigil.

Floral tributes in great numbers were banked about, while from personal friends, government officials, members of the diplomatic corps, citizens from all sections of the nation, and rulers and high officials of foreign countries messages came in a rising flood expressive of their common sorrow.

The funeral will be marked as much as possible by the simplicity which the parents desire. A simple service will be held at the White House at 4 o'clock tomorrow, after which the body will be taken to Northampton, Mass., for a second service and then to Plymouth, Vt., for burial.

The White House services will be attended by intimate friends, cabinet members, chiefs of diplomatic missions and such justices of the supreme court, members of congress and high officials of the army, navy, and marine corps as may be in the city. The Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, pastor of the First Congregational church, which the Coolidge family has attended here, will offer prayer and read from the Scriptures, and a quartet will sing hymns.

Leaving here tomorrow night, the funeral party will arrive at Northampton Thursday, where services will be held at 10 o'clock in the Edwards Congregational church, of which Calvin was a member. At that time the Rev. Kenneth B. Wells, pastor of the church, will officiate. The party will then proceed to Plymouth, Vt., where interment will be in the family lot, where lie the president's mother and sister. The return to Washington will then be made immediately.

Friends of the family said that both the president and Mrs. Coolidge, although worn by long sleepless nights at the sick bed and bowed by their grief, were bearing up as well as could be expected. Mrs. Stearns remained much with Mrs. Coolidge during the day, while Mr. Stearns and Secretary Clark were with the president.

The executive visited his offices for a short time this morning and was visited by officials, who extended sympathy, but he soon withdrew to the mansion, where behind closed doors the family remained in closest seclusion. John, the 17 year old son and inseparable companion of his brother, Calvin, was with his father and mother, and friends said it was with difficulty that he bore up.

Five Youths Perish When Vessel Burns

Bodies of Newsboys Found In Hull of Chesapeake Bay Steamer Following Fire.

Baltimore, July 6.—The bodies of five boys, members of the Baltimore Evening Sun's newsboys' band, and that of a negro, were found on the hulk of the bay steamer Three Rivers today when the remains of the vessel, which was burned to the water line in Chesapeake bay early Saturday morning, were towed into Baltimore.

This brings the total number of victims of the fire up to ten and accounts for all those known to be missing.

The boys were: Nelson A. Miles, 17; Lester Seligman, 15; Ashby Piller, 15; Vernon Jefferson 15, and Walter Milliken, 16.

The body of a white man, believed to be James Truitt, of Baltimore, was found floating in the bay off Cove Point late yesterday, and shortly before the body of a negro around which was strapped a life preserver of the Three Rivers, was washed ashore on Hopper's Island.

The bodies of two other negroes had been found shortly after the disaster.

The steamer was en route to Baltimore from Crisfield, Md., when the fire was discovered on the saloon deck, about midnight. It gained headway rapidly, and the passengers and crew were forced to take to life boats and life preservers. Several passing steamers came to the aid of the burning vessel and picked up more than fifty of the survivors.

Kiwanians Plan Special Meeting

The local Kiwanis Club is arranging for a special meeting next Tuesday evening, July 15th, at seven o'clock at the Clinton Hotel. District Governor Harry T. Adams, of Raleigh, N. C., who is now on a whirlwind visit to the clubs of his district, will be present as the guest of honor and will address the Kiwanians. A program of interest is being arranged and a full attendance of the club is expected.

Annual Meeting Club Tonight

The annual meeting of the Boisterré country club will be held this evening at eight o'clock in the new clubhouse with a large attendance expected from the two towns of Laurens and Clinton. At this evening's meeting new officers will be elected for the ensuing year and other matters of business that may come up will be transacted.

H. D. Henry, of this city, has headed the club as president for the past year and has handled its affairs to the entire satisfaction of the membership.

Baptists Plan S. S. Meeting

Convention To Be Held At Poplar Springs On July 18th.

The president and secretary of the Sunday School convention of the Laurens Baptist Association are preparing a program for the next annual meeting which convenes with Poplar Springs church on Friday, July 18. Every Baptist Sunday School in the association is requested to send as many as three delegates including the superintendent.

CITY'S INTERESTS ARE CONSIDERED

Monthly Meeting of Commercial Club Acts Upon Several Matters of Importance in City's Development.

The monthly meeting of the Commercial Club was held Tuesday evening in the club rooms with a number of visitors present in addition to the members. The dinner was served by the local Eastern Star chapter and the invocation offered by Dr. D. J. Woods. In the absence of the president, Prof. J. H. Witherspoon, W. A. Moorhead, the vice-president, presided, and the usual program of business was carried out.

Under the head of reports of committees, the good roads committee reported that the work of the Calhoun highway was progressing satisfactorily and that it is anticipated that the building program will be completed by the first of the year, and the concrete bridges by March or April.

The matter was called to the club's attention of recommending a county system of road building under non-political management, which would make for efficiency in highway development. A committee was appointed to make a study of the subject and present it for consideration at the next meeting, asking the Laurens commercial organization to adopt a similar policy.

The matter of moving the present C. N. & L. and Seaboard freight depots was reported upon and petitions to be signed by the city's business houses praying for this relief, were circulated and freely signed. The petition asks the railroad authorities either to sell or lease their unimproved property on Broad and Main streets, or else to remove the present buildings and erect an adequate freight depot further up the tracks.

A committee was appointed to look into the matter of placing attractive advertising signs on the highways leading into the city.

Mr. J. F. Jacobs called to the club's attention the South Carolina exhibit in the Madison Square Garden in New York, advertising the advantages and opportunities of the South, stating that such an exhibit would induce capital and immigration into this section. A motion was adopted calling for the appointment of a committee to take the matter in charge and work out plans if possible by which Clinton will be represented in the exposition and the advantages of this section intelligently presented.

A communication was received from the Greenville Chamber of Commerce relative to the paving of the Piedmont highway by way of Greenville-Laurens-Clinton-Charleston, and a committee named to look after the city's interests on this project.

The C. N. & L. railway presented a communication to the club citing figures to show that the company is operating at a loss and asking an expression from the principle towns on the route relative to discontinuing passenger trains No. 54 and 55, commonly known as "Baby Graham." The club went on record as vigorously protesting the curtailment of the service and the secretary was so instructed to advise the railroad authorities.

Dr. J. D. Jacobs, of Atlanta, was a guest of the evening and was called upon by the president for an optimistic talk. Dr. Jacobs expressed his pleasure in being present and back once more to the home of his boyhood among his friends and acquaintances. He said that a great deal of the trouble today is right above our eyes and is not deserving of the importance or anxiety that it is given. He said that Clinton's future in his opinion is exceedingly bright, that he notes remarkable improvements at the college, the orphanage, industrially, etc. He complimented the club upon its membership and splendid work and predicted still greater things for the future for this community. In conclusion, he stated that the people need not to become terrified and alarmed over the boll weevil, that just as Texas has overcome the problem, it can be accomplished here if all will work intelligently in a spirit of optimism and co-operation.

E. H. Hall, Jr., of Great Falls, and N. K. Vance, of Alexandria, La., were also guests and when called upon by the president, made a few happy remarks expressing their pleasure in being present.

During the evening the reception of two new members into the club was announced, Messrs. Henry T. Hearn and T. J. Stewart.

WILLIAM BANKS DIES IN CAPITOL

Well Known Newspaper Man Passes After Long Illness. Man of Wide Interests.

Columbia, July 8.—William Banks, 47, well known South Carolina newspaper man, died early today.

Mr. Banks had been connected with daily papers in Columbia, Charleston, Anderson, Greenville and other cities. Recently he was Columbia correspondent of the Charleston News and Courier and the Greenville News. He was for years a member of the

staffs of Governors Heyward and Martin F. Ansel, receiving the title of "Colonel," by which he was familiarly known. He served as a member of the state department of education and acted as supervisor of mill schools.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church, Columbia.

The news of the death of this prominent newspaper man will be received as a profound shock all over South Carolina, where he was well known. Mr. Banks had been connected with newspapers in other places, but he spent the largest part of his active life in Columbia. He contributed to agricultural and educational publications, besides regular newspaper work. He was for years a member of the staff of the Columbia State, as well as the Columbia Record. On the latter paper four or five years ago Mr. Banks was editorial writer. One of his most notable pieces of newspaper work was his contribution to the special textile-industrial edition of the Columbia Record, 1915-1917, and his original articles in that edition created wide and favorable comment for he traveled extensively in connection with the investigations for the articles which he later prepared.

As supervisor of mill school of the state department of education, Mr. Banks also traveled all over the state, and came into contact with the leading educators. He resigned a short time ago to reenter newspaper work. Of late months Mr. Banks was Columbia correspondent for the News and Courier and the Greenville News.

Mr. Banks was a son of the late A. R. Banks, school teacher and educator and a leader in his field, until his death several years ago. William Banks was born at Fort Mill, York county, July 12, 1877. He first attended school under his father, at the Fort Mill academy, and graduated from Davidson college, his father's alma mater, in the class of 1891. He broke into the newspaper work as a youth of 12 years. As a student he contributed to the Rock Hill Herald.

When war with Spain was declared Mr. Banks joined the colors. It was as special correspondent at the camp that Mr. Banks attracted attention as a writer of more than ordinary ability, and upon cessation of hostilities he came to Columbia to enter the daily newspaper field. Of late his articles of a reminiscent style were widely read.

As a member of the staffs of Governors D. C. Heyward and Martin F. Ansel, Mr. Banks received the title of "Colonel" and he was familiarly known to his hosts of friends as "Colonel Banks." Colonel Banks was an active figure in church circles and a leader in the local Billy Sunday clubs. He was a deacon in the First Presbyterian church.

Among the important public positions Colonel Banks filled was that of chairman of the public service commission, but it will be as journalist that he will be remembered. For eight years he was vice-president of the State Press association and two years its president.

Enrollment Books Will Close July 22

Columbia, July 6.—County chairmen throughout the state have been notified by H. N. Edmunds, of Columbia, secretary of the Democratic executive committee of the state, that the Democratic enrollment books throughout the state will be closed Tuesday, July 22 instead of on July 29. Conflict between the terms of the state law and the party rules, the one providing for closing on the fourth Tuesday and the other on the last Tuesday in July are responsible for the change, it is said. There are five Tuesdays in July this year. The state will govern, Mr. Edmunds states.