

OBSERVATIONS

Grist from the Daily Grind

By C. P. S.

WEDNESDAY'S SESSION

The second regular session of the Republican National convention saw Congressman Snell, of New York, for many years chairman of the appropriations committee of the house, seated as permanent chairman of the convention, and the other convention officers named.

Then came adoption of reports of the committees. Credentials committee, and other reports except that on platform, were adopted. Then the big fight opened, keeping the delegates in their places until 1:30 next morning.

There were nearly 25,000 people in the stadium, every seat being occupied. You, most of you, heard the proceedings over the radio. But the stifling heat of the big crowd, nor the constant milling and arguing of the delegates, generally with aroused feelings, while the opposing speeches were being made. And men and women on both sides of the question were certain they were right and were vociferous in supporting their own sides.

The galleries were filled with loud and enthusiastic supporters of repeal only, and at times the convention broke over the bounds of decorum and was difficult to control. However, Chairman Snell proved a splendid man for the job.

Some of the greatest men of the country were opposing each other in this debate. We were most impressed by the personalities of Nicholas Murray Butler, of New York, who advocated repeal only, and Ogden Mills, secretary of the treasury, who believed the people should be given greater latitude in their search for a remedy for present conditions and should not be limited to the question of repeal or retention of present conditions.

Nicholas Murray Butler made a sane and sensible presentation of the repeal side of the question. His good effect was largely characterized by a bunch of the "smart-Aleck" wets, who crowded to the platform in their ambition to get a little free publicity over the "mike."

Senator Bingham was not impressive, and failed to rouse the enthusiastic support that some of the other "wet" speakers did.

Ogden Mills, secretary of the treasury, demonstrated that he is a really powerful public figure, and his address in favor of the majority report on prohibition was one of the masterpieces of the convention so far as power and convincing qualities are concerned.

Instead of being an indication of weakness, settlement of policies in accordance with the will of the majority at such great gatherings is proof that men still are sincere in their advocacy of policies. It is certain that except for an occasional disgruntled individual, the vast majority of Republicans accept the result of the convention as reflecting the wisest and best policies for the country to adopt.

The rabid wets, of course, are not satisfied with the Republican platform. Neither will they be satisfied with the Democratic pronouncement on prohibition, because, in all probability, that party will not dare to invite certain defeat by coming out for repeal only. However, that remains to be seen, and in a few days from now we will know more about it.

It was a tiresome session, full of minor excitements and many comparatively small demonstrations by sections of the convention for this reason or that. The glare of thousands of electric lights, the addition of patenies of Kleis lights for photography, increased the normal Chicago heat to the broiling point long before the adjournment in the early morning hours was reached.

RECALLING HISTORY James R. Garfield, son of the "martyred president," James A. Garfield, as chairman of the committee on platform and resolutions, carried the brunt of the fight for the majority report of the committee on the convention floor that night.

He is a rather slender, scholarly man, of fine personality, but said to be lacking in the strength which characterized his father. Nevertheless, he spoke with courage and vigor, standing patiently under a barrage of discourtesy and insult which a public man rarely has to endure. It is possible that the very insolence of the thousands of "wets" who crowded the galleries of the convention hall, served to decide some of the delegates that such as the Chicago liquor mob cannot again be trusted in control of the country's political life.

Garfield's presence recalled to the older men and women present that tragic day when his father was shot down by the assassin Guiteau. The writer still recalls vividly the horror with which the killing of President Garfield filled the country. In the mind of a boy the crime was unthinkable and the fact that we were carrying a fishpole and line on the way home from a fishing trip on the river, and were trying to decide whether the piece of raw meat in our back pocket would keep for another trip on the morrow, is still associated with the assassination of the President.

We decided in favor of conservation of resources and kept the piece of meat in a pocket with numerous other treasures; in vain, however, for mother's acute nose located the presence of a strange odor and compelled the sacrifice of a chunk of excellent bullhead bait.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER June 23—Maximum, 113; minimum, 67.

METAL MARKETS

NEW YORK, June 23. (U.P.)—Copper, 5 1/2 cents pound. Lead, 3 cents pound. Zinc, 2.80 cents pound. Bar silver, 27.30 cents an ounce.

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BOULDER DAM PROJECT The Progress of this Vast Engineering Work is Fully and Accurately Covered and United Press Wire Service Brings News of the World to This Paper—A Leader For More Than a Quarter of a Century.

OPEN WAR ON DOPE RING NEVADA ROAD FUNDS OKAYED

ODDIE FIGHTS FOR MEASURE PROVIDING RELIEF

Wagner Two Billion Dollar Bill Now Up Before House

WASHINGTON, June 23. (U.P.)—Jobs for the unemployed and money to aid the nation's destitute moved nearer today when the senate passed the \$2,000,000,000 Wagner relief bill, including \$2,000,000 for the Oddie-Colton road construction to be immediately available, of which Nevada will receive about \$400,000.

ODDIE WINS FIGHT The emergency road legislation so vitally effecting Nevada, through the efforts of Senator Tasker L. Oddie, was included after a bitter fight by Oddie on the floor of the senate. It includes a total of \$120,000,000 for federal aid road legislation, as passed by the house and reported favorably by the senate committee on public offices and post roads some time ago.

The public building program was included in the bill over the strenuous attempts of Senator Moses, while the road building provisions were carried over an attempt of Senator Bingham to introduce an amendment to the bill providing for distribution of the money according to the population of the states to receive the funds. Senator Bingham was defeated by a vote of more than two to one through the opposition of Senator Oddie.

MOSES REPROVED After the bill was passed, Senator Moses made a speech giving as "too low" the figures for the number of men to be employed on road as well as other construction work, which statements Senator Oddie challenged, citing the fact that many times the number mentioned by Moses would be directly and indirectly employed by passage of the road construction appropriation.

Oddie reproved Moses from the floor of the senate for talking pessimism, and said that the passing of the Wagner bill would have a strong influence in starting industry and bringing the nation back to normal once more.

The full measure provides \$300,000,000 for loans to states for immediate and direct relief; a \$1,500,000,000 expansion of the borrowing power of the reconstruction finance corporation to finance self-liquidating construction and a \$500,000,000 bond issue to finance already authorized public works.

IN CONFERENCE It now goes to conference with the house for adjustment of differences with the two billion dollar relief bill, passed by the house and rejected by a senate committee because of President Hoover's objections to the "pork barrel" features of the measure.

VEGAS MEN FILL I. O. O. F. OFFICES Las Vegas Odd Fellows were successful in placing two of their lodge brothers in official positions in the state organization, at the annual encampment of Nevada I. O. O. F. held in Ely the first of the week.

John C. Schmitt of the local encampment was named grand senior warden, and Lorence Chappel, also of the local I. O. O. F. lodge, was named grand herald.

Four Marx Brothers Have Own Say About Sharkey-Schmeling Battle

HOLLYWOOD, June 23. (U.P.)—The four Marx brothers are pretty sure about the Sharkey-Schmeling decision. All four, it developed tonight, were counting on Der Maxie. Said Harpo: "That's the first time I ever heard of Gunboat Smith being on his feet at the end of the 15th round."

Piccard Will Attempt New Stratosphere Cruise

By LUCCA RIZZARDI United Press Correspondent

BRUSSELS, Belgium, June 23. (U.P.)—On some calm morning probably next month, when a light breeze is blowing toward the great range of the Alps, Prof. August Piccard will strap a parachute on his back and start an ascent into the stratosphere on the fringe of space.

The famous Swiss scientist today announced the selection of Zurich as the starting point of his second balloon flight into the stratosphere—ten miles or more out from the earth.

"The flight will be made in July, or a little later," Professor Piccard said. "It all depends on weather conditions and on the delivery of certain scientific instruments. When we do start, it will be very early in the morning, for the wind is most moderate at that time."

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On his ascent last May, Professor Piccard reached an altitude of almost 50,000 feet and remained aloft 17 hours, tossed half way across central Europe, because the valve rope was fouled and gas could not properly be released from the balloon.

This time, Professor Piccard has taken adequate precautions against such an accident and expects to be able to descend at will. But as an extra precaution he will take with him a parachute, from which he will be able to leap to safety in event of trouble.

He also expects to be in constant touch with the world through a sending and receiving wireless set. He will transmit his position periodically and receive information as to weather conditions below, thus facilitating any possible rescue effort if there is trouble.

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ROOSEVELT IS WEAKEST IN FIELD, SAY ANTIS

By THOMAS L. STOKES United Press Staff Correspondent

CHICAGO, June 23. (U.P.)—Franklin D. Roosevelt's backers decided tonight to battle for abolition of the two-thirds rule in the Democratic national convention.

They took this course in accepting a gage of battle thrown down by Roosevelt's enemy, Alfred E. Smith, whose lieutenant, Frank Hague, of Jersey City, issued a blistering attack on Roosevelt.

Hague's statement, unprecedentedly bitter in the circumstances, attacked Roosevelt as "the weakest candidate before the people," too weak to be elected even if chosen by the convention.

Lines thus were drawn for perhaps one of the bitterest floor battles in the long and stormy history of the Democratic party. Roosevelt is conceded a majority of delegates by the Smith forces. A majority is all that will be required to abolish the ancient rule and provide nomination by the majority.

A resolution was adopted unanimously by key representatives from all the states pledged to Roosevelt to do all within our power to bring about the abolition of the two-thirds rule.

The announcement was made by James A. Farley, Roosevelt's campaign manager, at the conclusion of a three-hour meeting. The Roosevelt men trooped into this meeting late today only to learn of the declaration of war in the Hague statement.

FAVORITE SON PARADE Various "favorite son" candidates, upon whom Smith is counting for his attempt to defeat his former friend, all have aligned themselves against any change in the two-thirds rule, though they remained silent tonight on the Hague statement.

Immediately after the Roosevelt leaders had decided to take this step, which had been contemplated for several days, Frank Scofield, manager of the campaign of Melvin A. Traylor, Chicago banker, declared, "we will be opposed to it until Hell freezes over."

Other candidates have expressed similar opposition. Decision to attempt to abrogate the rule was reached after a rising protest in the Roosevelt meeting against the Hague statement.

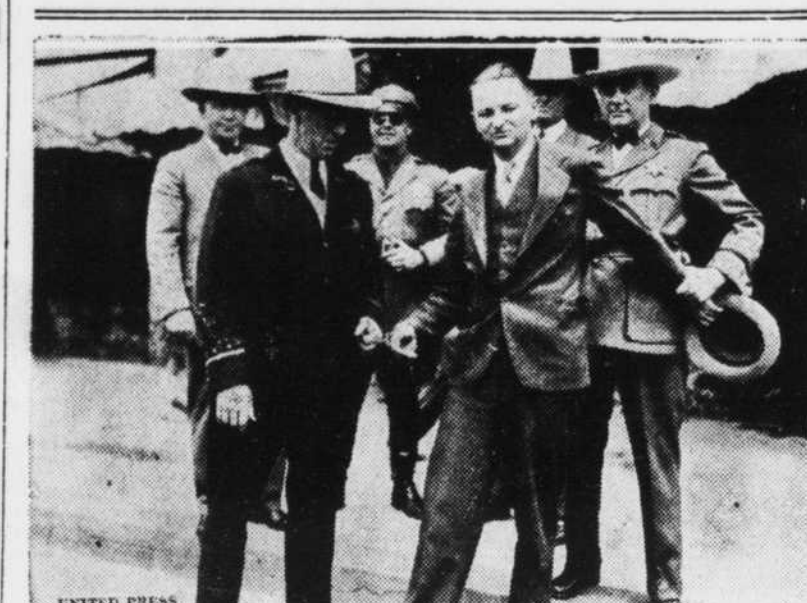
This means the Democratic convention, which begins Monday, will be a series of vicious floor fights. The first will come over election of a permanent chairman. The second will be over abolition of the two-thirds rule.

SUSPECTS IN ROBBERY HELD

MURFREESBORO, Ark., June 23. (U.P.)—County officers tonight arrested two men who allegedly were members of a gang that held up the Baskin, La., bank last Tuesday. The southern states have been the strongest supporters of the two-thirds rule, as a means of giving them a vote in choosing a candidate. Senator Huey Long, of Louisiana, declared in the meeting tonight that he believed the southern states now would support the change. The two-thirds rule, he said, now is being used "by Wall street" to work its will in the convention.

DUBLIN, June 23. (U.P.)—Half a million persons tonight attended a huge open air meeting at Phoenix park, where Cardinal Lauri, papal legate to the Eucharistic congress, presided.

FORGETS HIS OWN ORDERS



Mayor Edmund J. Leach of Salinas forgot all about ordering the townsfolk to don sombreros in honor of the approach of the California Rodeo July 20-24, and ventured out without his 10-gallon headgear. Police Chief George W. Griffin, lured, rounded up a crew of his officers and landed the mayor in dance vile until he could send home for his big hat.

BEER DISPUTES ARE BREWING IN DEMOS' PLATFORM GROUP

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS, CHICAGO, June 23. (U.P.)—Beer disputes are brewing in the Democratic platform committee.

The committee organized today on a provisional basis and began routine business after Roosevelt and anti-Roosevelt men skirmished briefly.

Prohibition, farm relief, tariff and unemployment, which constitute as hotly controversial issues as any awaiting attention, have been allotted time tomorrow and next day in public hearings.

The first definite political break in the platform making came when supporters of Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt put in as chairman of the platform committee former Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock of Nebraska.

Favorites son committee of the "stop Roosevelt" clan made no fight against Hitchcock. He will present the completed platform to the national convention, probably next Tuesday. All factions are promising a brief document.

Roosevelt is reported to have drafted a statement of party policy within the compass of 800 words and his backers here predict the job can be done in 1,000. Roosevelt's prohibition plank—a 90-word statement compared to the 400 words required by Republicans—is understood to pledge immediate congressional action toward repeal with protection against return of the saloon.

Governor Alfred E. Smith, leader of the stop Roosevelt forces, proposes unqualified repeal of the Eighteenth amendment. Pending repeal, Smith would have Congress amend the Volstead act to increase the legal alcoholic content of beverages.

The nub of the beer dispute is right there. Smith's plan would quickly throw the tap on legal beer of 3 or 4 per cent alcoholic content, and would legalize wines up to some point to be agreed upon. Roosevelt has no such emergency program so far as his backers revealed his plans.

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LID CLAMPED ON COUNTY, CITY WET SPOTS

Drive Is Launched On Rum Racket Method and Robbery Gangs

Warfare on the rackets of Las Vegas, instituted yesterday by the combined forces of the sheriff's office and the Las Vegas police department under Sheriff Joe Keate, and Chief of Police Clay Williams, has already spread from an attack on organized liquor traffic to a widespread attack on dope rings, liquor gangs, and organized burglary mobs, it was announced last night by these two officers.

CLOSING EDICT Obeying the edict issued yesterday afternoon by the two leaders of local law enforcement, every recognized speakeasy, beer flat, and "soft" drink parlor in town was shut tight at midnight last night, and will remain closed until every vestige of an organized booze racket, such as inspired the recent bombing of a downtown building, is wiped out, according to the two officers.

The unified forces of the law are also moving to make the town "hot" for dope vendors, as the result of their having uncovered an alleged dope peddler who is said to have fled last night, but is expected to be placed under arrest today at the request of local authorities. Investigation into the narcotic racket naturally following the revelations uncovered last night is said to point to an organized traffic, which will soon be broken up, the officers stated.

HIT AT BURGLARIES Planning also to put an end to the epidemic of burglaries in Las Vegas, the officers are continuing their probing into the underworld mobs that were uncovered by the investigation following the bombing of a downtown building.

Their first move in this direction was the recovery last night of most of the electric clocks, valued at more than \$100, stolen two days ago from the Nevada Electric shop.

Stating last night that the unified efforts of the city and county officers were combined in a battle to prevent grasping gangs, from prying upon the city through obtaining control of the underworld, Sheriff Keate and Chief Williams pointed to the experience of large eastern cities, where the gangs were allowed to flourish until they were out of control, and extended their activities into legitimate business.

MARKED AVOID TERRORISM "When the situation became marked by terroristic methods, such as the bombing Wednesday night, we realized that Las Vegas was in danger of the same conditions developing as have made Chicago, Detroit and New York the laughing stock of the world. Las Vegas, due to its close proximity to the greatest construction project in the country, offers a fertile field for organized crime, but it will not be allowed to gain a foothold," the two officers agreed.

HOOVER PLAN AGREED UPON

LAUSANNE, June 23. (U.P.)—Great Britain, France and Italy agreed in principle tonight that the Hoover debts moratorium should be applied to inter-European debts and reparations until the return of relatively normal economic conditions throughout the world.

ON COAST VISIT Mrs. Myrtle Marshall and daughter, Bonnie, of the Tower Auto camp, who left recently for Los Angeles where they attended the funeral of their husband and father, will remain in Santa Monica for the coming two weeks vacationing and visiting Glenn Marshall, their son and brother, a former resident of this city.

OFFICERS TO GET AIR RIDES

Las Vegas and Boulder City reserve army officers will be treated to observation flights in two of the latest type army air service bombing planes on June 5 and 6, according to word received here yesterday from March field, Riverside, California.

The two huge ships, manned by six officers and men, will arrive in Las Vegas Saturday morning, and the observation flights will be made Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, and will be supplied with passenger equipment for the officers to make flights over Las Vegas, Boulder City, and other points within a radius of fifty miles of the Las Vegas Western Air landing field.

It is estimated by army officials that approximately 400 gallons of gasoline will be consumed in their flights here.

The reserve officers will meet at 2 p. m. Saturday afternoon and at 9 a. m. Sunday morning at the airport, eight miles east of Vegas.

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Suggests Bonus Seekers Turn To Panning Gold In West For Living

NEW YORK, June 23. (U.P.)—A suggestion that members of the bonus army and other unemployed be sent into the gold fields of the Rocky mountain and Pacific districts to make their living panning gold, was made today by James Randolph Walker, former publisher and motion picture executive.

"One hundred thousand persons have already left the cities of the west and gone back to panning free gold out of the same creeks and rivers that first attracted the attention of the Forty-niners, and are making from two to five dollars a day at it," Walker declared.

TO OCCUPY OFFICE Dr. Walter G. Pico, chiropractor and Dr. T. U. Morgan, dentist, will rent the old Chamber of Commerce office in the Delkin building on July 1. The front office will be used as a joint reception room. The Chamber expects to be located in the Grant building the early part of next week.

MRS. STEWART RECOVERING Mrs. D. T. Stewart of Caliente was operated upon last week by Dr. F. M. Ferguson for acute appendicitis, is reported to be making a rapid recovery, and will leave for her home next week.