

Conference Agenda May be Subject of Dispute

Bernier off on an Arctic Exploration Voyage—Democratic Convention Deadlocked.

CONFUSION WORSE CONFOUNDED.

NEW YORK, July 4. The nomination of the Democratic candidate for the Presidency has reached the hotel room stage, the convention having been hopelessly deadlocked. The man who will be the standard-bearer of the now disrupted party will in likelihood be selected by a little group of leaders conferring behind the locked doors of some hotel bedroom. It has become obvious to all but a very few of the rival leaders of the deadlocked forces that neither Alfred E. Smith nor William G. McAdoo can be nominated. It has also become obvious that the vast majority of delegates are weary of the factional fight, and would quickly put an end to it if they knew where to go. Their leaders cannot tell them till the Smith and McAdoo managers have been convinced that their men have no chance and have been forced into line behind some compromise candidate. The deadlock has become a bitter factional warfare between the two rival groups, an insurmountable barrier of sectional and religious prejudices which has been engendered and fanned into flames of hatred by losing the long smouldering embers of fanatical "Dry" and equally fanatical "Wets." It is the so-called Progressive South and West against the "Wet" and Conservative or reactionary East and North. In the former the Protestant religion is dominant; in the latter the Catholic faction holds a strong position; or where that is not the case religious prejudices is the political factor. The estimate of sectional strength shows approximately 500 votes controlled or sympathetic to each.

MCADOO WILL FIGHT.

NEW YORK, July 4. A declaration of his purpose to "fight until the last drop of blood runs out of me," was made by W. G. McAdoo, contender for the Democratic Presidential nomination, in an address to-day to hundreds of women who called at his headquarters.

FRANCE NOT IN ACCORD WITH MACDONALD.

PARIS, July 4. The French Government is not in accord with Prime Minister Macdonald on the agenda for the forthcoming Allied Conference in London as set forth in the British Premier's invitation to the other Allies. It was said at the Foreign Office to-day, The French, it was said, will be unable to accept the British idea of taking from the Reparation Commission the prerogative of deciding when Germany shall have defaulted in the execution of the Dawes plan. Mr. Macdonald's instructions to the British Ambassador here in this connection

are taken as mere suggestions concerning the agenda, and the French delegation to the Conference will have counter suggestions to present in London.

RALSTON WITHDRAWS.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 4. United States Senator Samuel M. Ralston, of Indianapolis, candidate at the Democratic Convention for President, has telegraphed Thomas Taggart, his campaign manager, at New York, that he desires his name withdrawn from the contest.

BALLOTING CONTINUES.

MADISON SQ. GARDENS, July 4. Twelve hours full in the balloting was productive of but little rest for the tired delegates. Resuming on the 62nd ballot to-day the leaders showed up as follows: McAdoo, 469; Smith, 338½; Davis, 60½; Ralston, 38½. This was a loss of half a vote for McAdoo, a gain of 3 for Smith carrying him to a new high level, and a gain of 1 for Ralston.

WELL-KNOWN CANADIAN DEAD.

TORONTO, July 4. Arthur Wellington Francis, K.C., President of the Standard Bank of Canada, well-known barrister and financial man of Toronto, passed away at his home here this morning, after a lingering illness. Mr. Francis was born in Toronto in 1848.

BERNIER LEAVES FOR NORTH.

QUEBEC, July 4. A famous ship and a famous master, the Canadian Government vessel Arctic, and Captain J. E. Bernier, will sail from here to-morrow on an exploration trip to Canada's Northern Empire. For twenty years the Arctic has been collecting data and widening knowledge concerning the Hudson Bay and territory north of it, and Capt. Bernier has been with her all that time. He has travelled many thousands of miles on behalf of the Canadian Government Northern explorations. Last year he travelled twenty thousand miles and this year he has already gone six thousand miles, including a trip to England. F. D. Henderson, of the Department of Interior, will be in charge of the expedition and J. D. Soper will be in charge of research work. It is hoped to obtain this year information which will aid in weather forecasting, hitherto hampered by lack of knowledge of the northern influences. The Arctic, it was announced to-day, has been made a meteorological station and sensitive instruments have been sent by Sir Frederick Stupart, Director of the Meteorological Bureau at Toronto, and installed on her. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police posts in the North are also to be given the



status of meteorological stations. Six mounted police officers will go north on the Arctic. Besides large quantities of provisions for the forty-five members of her own party the Arctic is taking north a year's supply for the mounted police posts which she will visit. A number of new posts will be established.

CANADA'S SUPERANNATION PLAN.

OTTAWA, July 4. James Malcolm, who was chairman of the special committee of the House in regard to the Civil Service Superannuation Bill, explained its general features yesterday previous to its passing the committee stage of the House. It would apply, he said, to all permanent employees in receipt of \$600 or over, and also to those classed as temporary but who really were permanent. Each employee would make a contribution of 5 per cent. of his salary. Retirement would be optional at 65 and compulsory at 70. After ten years service each employee would be entitled to allowance of one-fifth of average salary during the last ten years multiplied by the number of years of service not exceeding 35. Widows would be entitled to allowance of one-half of a civil servant while allowance for each child up to 18 would be ten per cent. The Bill now stands for third reading.

THE SPECIAL SQUADRON'S MOVEMENTS.

VANCOUVER, July 4. The visit of H. M. S. Hood, Repulse and H. M. A. S. Adelaide is drawing to a close and the festivities which have prevailed since their arrival on June 25 will terminate Friday night at 8.15 a.m. Saturday the warships will raise anchor and pass out of the narrows to resume their world cruise. The Hood and Repulse have already steamed 28,000 miles and have about 12,000 miles yet to go before they reach England on September 2. The light cruisers Delhi, Daulness, Dragon and Danes will join the larger vessels off Victoria on Saturday and the squadron of seven will then head for San Francisco where they are due on July 7. After leaving the Golden Gate the ships part company. The Hood, Repulse and Adelaide passing through the Panama Canal, while the British light cruisers proceed down the west coast of South America and through Magellan Straits to the Falkland Islands.

BUILDING TRADES DISPUTES.

LONDON, July 4. Despite the decision of the Minister of Labor to hold a court of inquiry into cause and circumstances of the Building Trade dispute and about the promise of employers conditionally to postpone threatened lockout in a week, it appears to be practically certain that operatives will cease work on Saturday next, in accordance with the decision of their National Disputes Committee, unless employers grant increase of hourly wage and introduce a guaranteed work week. The dispute affects 700,000 employees in building trades.

Govt. Candidates Sustained in Hr. Grace

The final count in the Harbor Grace bye-election received yesterday evening was as follows:—
Bennett 959
Russell 951
Archibald 559
Snow 432

The number of ballots cast was 490 less than in the General Election a month ago.

PEPYS BEHIND THE SCENES.

July 4th—Another hot day, and do almost seem how if this weather keeps up, there will be little need to dam the Straits of Bell Isle to make Newfoundland a tropical country. A strange thing I hear to-day is of a cricket match which a city team would play in with the Constance but the city players coming on the field, no sign of the man-o-war's team, and is learned that they did no naught of the game, so all go home again. My lord Haig leaves this city for Salmonier and will fish there for salmon. But Lord, what trouble he will have there of the flies, which do swarm all about the place, and will indeed, I think, have more than a tangible remembrance of his visit to our country. At night, to see the boxing contests, mighty interesting, about the Navy men much better in the art than the local fighters, and do win all the contests. It is now given out that the House will meet next se'ennight for the despatch of business, but thought to be but a short session, and little legislation to be passed. The best news from Harbour Grace of the bye-election, being Bennett and Russell lectured by great majorities, and do show how the country is behind the Government without a doubt.

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