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# ROCER WOUNDED FIGHTING BANDITS: POSSE IS FIRED ON

Horekeeper Battles Three Men Who Try to Rob Sharon

TOWNSPEOPLE PURSUE THEM TO NEARBY WOODS

cloth Thieves Set Off Burglar Alarm and Are Chased Over Roofs-Two Arrested

Three bandits held up and shot a aron Hill grocer last night and then aight off and chased back into the wn a posse which cornered them in nearby woods.

The grocer is Harry Average, fortyre years old, of Hook road and Baird renue. He is in a serious condition the Jefferson Hospital. The shot took the Jenerson Hospital. The shot took freet in his right thigh.

Thieves were busy in this city. At 0 South Bank street, cloth thieves are in contact with a burglar alarm. cemen surprised the intruders sed them through fire escapes and ver roofs. Two men were arrested.

Average, the Sharon Hill grocer, was itting in his store about 9 o'clock last es, entered. One ordered a package cigarettes, and when the storekeeper

ned, jumped upon him, Vith his week's collections in his ocket, Average put up a desperate ght. His hands were pinned to his des, but he managed to free himself and turned on the intruders.

One bandit, who had stood off while

one companions struggled with Average, illed a revolver from his pocket and ot. Neighbors heard the report and into the store, the bandits leaving the rear door. Five men chased the intruders across

open field, facing bullets from the was armed with rocks and clubs. The men took refuge in a woods be-reen Sharon Hill and Glenolden, about if a mile from the scene of the atmpted robbery. Barricaded behind trees and rocks the

o grave because of loss of blood he was brought to the hospital

through fire escapes and over roofs out.

business district. A third robber

"lookout"

exchanging shots with the police sergeant and two patrolmer their way to the fourth floor of building by the fire escape, the iron to which had been broken by the pers to gain entrance. he only reply to the renly to the

"hands up" was a shot from one thie intruders. Hagen said. Then the thieves fled toward the rear of the firing as they rear firing as they ran.

Follow Two Men

vers in hand and firing rapidly. Murphy and Hagen followed pidly until the two men separated, go out on the roof through an skylight and the other to run into ear fire escape. lagen chased the man out the fire

e and after a running revolver lown four flights of steps cornered on the first floor when the ailed to break open the gate from escape into the street robber fired his last shot as bore down on him, but threw T. Tilden, 2d, of Philadelphia, won his match in the fourth round of the Brit-

when Hagen covered him. and Murphy in the meanplaying hide and seek with robber on the roof tops. from chimney to chimney and 5-7, 6-3. dvantage of every protection for the championship.

The match between Tilden and the core of shots. the three men exchanged more score of shots

nen finally cornered the chind a chimney alongside a year's Davis cup team, was hard fought The man also fought last bullet was gone, and was taken when he stopped to reload by a crowd packed as densely as the

Puts Up Desperate Fight

out up a desperate hand-to-hand Englishman had a chance of winning. with the two patrolmen, who de-to use their revolvers after the reased firing. The intruder was by beaten up before he was ceased firing. The intruder was beaten up before he was

prisoners said they were Lewis twenty years old. Wood street Third, and George Smith, twentyars old. Eighth street near Pop-Smith was the man caught on the off the ground on the backhand as well as in shoulder-high volleys. From the

were arraigned this morning be-Magistrate Boyle in the Fourth Race streets station and held in bail for court. ce said an investigation showed

alleged burglars first entered the ament of the Keystone Eneering Co. on the first floor of the favor. He won the first three games and street building. The attempt to desiman & Sons, on the second and irglar alarm. The Sussman plant is awily wired.

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truck was taken by the police, thought to have been stolen for obbery.

a clash miled as a like of the score ed at many thousands of dollars, sight.



The North Hills golfer today won the Philadelphia title by defeating H. H. Francine, former champion, 8 and 6, in the final round at Huntingdon Valley

North Hills Star Defeats H. H. Francine in Final Round at Huntingdon Valley

EIGHT UP, SIX TO PLAY him and the fans were all set for some

BY SANDY McNIBLICK

golf champion of Philadelphia. He won the title this afternoon at Hunting-don Valley when he defeated Horace H. Francine, a former title holder, 8 and seven and sank a bird at the twelfth hole.

Platt, who was semifinalist for the championship of the United States and winner of the recent North Hills tourns.

Williams singled. That wallop meant winner of the recent North Hills tourna-Barricaded behind trees and rocks the dits fired volley after volley at the great shape, while Francine generally left himself hard ones. Platt piled up a lead of four holes in the morning ganized after a desperate rush at the ndits' stronghold was fought off by after volley of shots, and than

the rough of shots, and they restated.

The negroes deserted their cover in a woods and pursued the posse back to the outskirts of Sharon Hill, firing they ran. When the five men reached e edge of the town, the bandits fired paking salute and fled.

A physician was called from Chester at the first hole this afternoon Francine sliced in the rough and his second shot was short. Platt had a good sector of the town, the bandits fired paking salute and fled.

A physician was called from Chester at the first hole the second hole through the trees, Francine put his drive behind the big tree on the right and had all kinds of difficulty, finally called the play. attend Average. but his condition picking up. Both played the third hole is so grave because of loss of blood well in par figures.

On the fourth Francine pulled his drive, but, after three shots, finally got the green and holed a bird. He and were arrested near Chester was on the seventh green with his secay and will be taken to Average's ond, but had a good recovery. e for identification when his con-permits. was 4 up and 5 up at the next hole, when Francine put his drive on the two arrests were made here seventh fairway, flirted with traps and thrilling revolver fight and finally picked up when he failed to get

Both were on the short sixth with were caught after patrol- They halved the seventh in fives and from the Fourth and Race streets the eighth in threes, but the ninth Franfirm of D. F. Zerfing, 30 South where the big league tree on the right nk street. was almost on his line. Platt was on lated Sergeant Amster and Patrol the edge with a fine second, but Fran-

Philadelphian Beats British

Tennis Star in Great Five-

Set Match at Wimbledon

SCORES 6-3, 5-7, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3

By the Associated Press

Wimbledon, Eng., June 26.- W

match in the fourth round of the Brit-

ish lawn tennis singles championship

here today, defeating A. R. F. Kings-cote in five sets, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4,

Kingscote, who was captain of

take a single set.

This put Tilden in the last eight

from the start. The center court, on

which it was played, was surrounded

accommodations could stand when the play opened with Kingscote serving. No one in the press box considered the

The American opened carelessly

dropping his service game, but captur-

ing his opponent's with deep drives. He

won his second service and led, 2 to 1,

matters with a steady return and clever placing, while Tilden was netting many

sixth game on, however, the American

The second set opened with an un-xpected turn in the Englishman's

reached vantage in the fourth. Tilden

spurted, capturing three games in suc-

ession and taking the first set 6-3.

New Golf Champion PHILS AND GIANTS **GO INTO OVERTIME** CONTEST IN FIRST

> Wild Pitch by Rixey in Ninth Permits New York to Tie Score, 5-AH

> RALLY IN THE EIGHTH **GAVE LOCALS LEAD**

Meadows Is Fired by Ump, Then Gallia Is Replaced by Eppa

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL After the Phils had gained the lead, 5-4, by an eight-inning rally the Giants ied the score in the ninth fraue of today's first game, so that an overtime battle was put on.

With two men on in the ninth, Gallia

was taken out and Eppa Rixey went in.
On a wild pitch by the big southpaw,
the score was tied.
A wild pitch which bounced off Pep Young's leg almost got Meadows, the slugging pitcher, into a lot of trouble in the opening frame. Two men had been retired and Meadows bounced the ball off Young's under pinion. Then Frisch beat out a hit in front of the plate and

Big George Kelly walked, packing the Things looked squally for the home folks at this juncture and especially when Benny Kauff stepped up. Meadows tried hard to get the ball over, but Pete Harrison, who was guessing behind the plate, couldn't see it that way.

However, a couple of strikes were wasted over the platter and then Kauff hit the ball. It bounded between first W. Platt, North Hills, is amateur champion of Philadelphia. He sational stop, got the ball to first ahead sational stop, got the ball to first ahead of the runner.

Williams Is Doubled

That made everybody feel better and the Phils stepped into the picture. After nothing, however, for Casey Stengel lined to Sicking and Cy was doubled off

Meadows was having considerable difficulty with his control, for in the second inning he got himself in another were out, and Barnes was roosting on first, Lee passed Burns and Bancroft. clogging the runways. A hit would have made things mighty unpleasant, but all Young could do was hit to Rawlins and get thrown out.

single to right and Irish Meusel came in with the first score, amid cheers of the multitude.

Mack Miller ended the inning, how ever, when he hit into a double play. Meadows is Chased There was more excitement in the third. Pete Harrison, who was having a terrible time of it behind the missed a couple of strikes and Meadows protested long and loud. He told Pete

friends and the umps handed him the tinware. Murphy and Hagen responded to larm. They found a motortruck ing before the establishment. The Continued on Page Thirteen, Column Four Continued on Page Thirteen, Column One

How Matches Resulted

in British Tennis Today

MEN'S SINGLES

William T. Filden, 2d, Philadelphia, defeated A. R. F. Kingscote, England.

6-3, 5-7, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3. T. M. Mawrogordato, England, de

feated B. I. C. Norton, South Africa,

6-1, 7-5, 8-6. Zenzo Shimidsu, Japan, defeated A. G. Zerlendi, Greece, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Bjurstedt), New York, defeated Miss Uransfield, England, 5-7, 6-0, 6-0.

**WALKER'S SINGLE** 

Mrs. Franklin Mallory (formerly Miss

GIVES A'S LEAD

WASHINGTON Judge, 1b. Milan, If. Rice of, Roth, rf. Shanks, 3b. Shannon, 2b. O'Neill, 88. Gharrity, 6.

Charrity, c. Zachary, p.

"Tilly" Drives Home Thomas in

First Round-Perry Op-

poses Zachary

Washington, D. C., June 26 .- The

A's and Griffs clinched in the second

Connie sent Scott Perry to the hill.

Griffith started Zaehary, his southpaw

Eleven thousand fans saw the con-

Detail of the Game

for a single into center. Griffin sacri-

ficed, Shanks to Judge. Walker singled

FIRST-Thomas hit first ball pitched

ATHLETICS

Dugan, ss. Strunk, cf. Perkins, c. Welch, rf.

and then 3 to 1. Kingscote equalized game of the series here this p. m.

placing splendidly on volleys, he made the score 3 all. Kingscote, too, was skied to Welch. Rice out, Galloway to

Galloway, 2b.

Washington, June 26.—(By A. P.)—Senator Harding left Washington today for an unannounced desti-

Harding Slips Away

nation. He plans to be away until Tuesday and it was said at his office that his destination would not be disclosed, as the senator wanted to get a much-needed rest,

Senator Harding requested that newspaper correspondents make no effort to follow him, as it was his wish to spend his time quietly and devote part of it to his speech of ac-

ceptance. Prior to his departure he discussed with Mrs. Medill McCormick the part to be taken by women in the coming campaign. Mrs. McCormick, who was accompanied by Senator McCormick, told Senator Harding that she expected to take the stump actively in his behalf.

# **WOMAN PARALYTIC** RESCUED AT BLAZE

Comrades Save Fireman Overcome at Camden Apartment. Children Carried to Street

Families were driven to the street, children and an aged paralytic woman carried through smoke, and a fireman almost fatally overcome in a fire which badly damaged a double apartment belows at 415,417 Vinc. street. Camden hadly damaged a double apartment house at 415-417 Vine street, Camden, at 9:30 o'clock this morning.

The houses are known as the Young Apartments. They are three-story louses, and one family lived on each The fire is believed to have be-

the store and left a gas stove burning.

she said later. How the fire started is unknown.

Mrs. David Baird Robinson, whose home is on Larchwood street, and overlooks the rear of the apartment house.

The influx of delegations added hourly to the physical and convergence of the apartment house. ooks the rear of the apartment bouse, saw the flames and told her husband, who is a nephew of Senator David Baird, Camden's most potent political

Baird was quick to turn in an alarm.

to get the families out. He ran from to apartment, notifying those who had not been warned already by the smoke of the rapidly spreading On the second floor of 415 Vine,

occupied by William Carey and his family, he found Mrs. Eva Mosely, seventy-two years old, Mrs. Carey's mother, helpless in bed. She was at the Carey home on a visit and is crip-pled by paralysis. Though the house was filling fast with smoke, Robinson wrapped a

Young protested the decision, but Umpire Hart said he guessed right and the umpire won the argument, as usual.

Things picked up a little in the Phils' part of the second. Meusel walked and went to second on Fletcher's pretty sacrifice. Gene Paulette socked a was sent to the Cooper Hospital. The engines arrived promptly, and aptain Roland Jones, 638 State Captain

street, in charge of Engine Co. No. 4, went into the burning dwellings at the head of his men. He went straight to the top floor, and then, wearing a smoke helmet, worked his way down from floor to floor to make sure that

every one was out of the house.

The smoke became so dense on the second floor when a back draft brought it in an eddying cloud down the stair-case that his helmet was useless. He a few things about himself and all his lost in the thick volumes of smoke, and after groping for the stairway a captain was taken to Cooper Hospital where he finally responded to

reatment. The fire loss was \$4000.

Shields Beaten in Mile Run by

Boston Athlete in Trials

for Olympics

RYAN WINS A FIRST

Athletic Trials Today

100-yard dash - Murchison, New

One-mile run-Cutbill, Boston A. C.

16-pound hammer throw-Pat Ryan,

Laughlin Lyceum. Distance, 171 ft.

By EDWIN J. POLLOCK

brook Club of this city, qualified to com-pete in the final tryouts for the Ameri-

Lever, who is a University of Penn-

sylvania freshman, was second in the hundred; Shields, a Penn State athlete

and an intercollegiate champion, and

No one from this city placed one, two

or three in the hammer throw, which was won by Pat Ryan, of New York.

The crowd was very slow in arriving. When the first heat of the 100-yard

lash was run off at 2:30 there were

Among the 2000 were twenty athletes

of Japan, who are in this country en route to Antwerp for the Olympics.

Four of the twenty are track athletes

and they watched the games here with

great interest. The track men are

Mogi, a sprinter; Manura and Yashima

middle-distance runners, and Kanguri,

It is the intention of the Orientals

o remain in this country to see the

finals of the American trials in Boston Continued on Page Thirteen, Column Two

marathon man.

not more than 2000 persons in the

with a heave of 171 feet 6 inches.

Watson, who is a Syracuse runner, were second and third respectfully in

field this afternoon.

the mile.

Victors in Olympic

# TEXAS DELEGATION for Much-Needed Rest SOLID FOR M'ADOO. **BURLESON ASSERTS**

Postmaster General Declares Democrats Will Not Pussyfoot in Platform

"MAC'LL DO" SLOGANS SUDDENLY SPRING UP

Cox Shouters Are Prominent. Georgia Contest Argued **Before Committee** 

By the Associated Press San Francisco, June 26.—Postmaster General Burleson, who has arrived here, declared that he and the entire Texas delegation would vote for the nomination of William G. McAdoo.

The action of the Republican convention in adopting a platform which, he said, concealed its attitude on the leading questions confronting the country would not be repeated in San Francisco. The Democratic convention, he pre-dicted, would define its position posi-SENATOR'S KIN A HERO liberalization of the Volstead act, labor, or the Irish question, but said that whatever action might be taken the party would abide by the will of the

> Revives Wet Question Mr. Burleson's arrival revived in-terest in his recent public castigation of certain provisions of the dry enforce-ment act as "absurd."

The clusive McAdoo boom has bobbed serenely into sight, despite Mr. Mc-Adoo's personal efforts to chloroform it gun in the third-story apartment of some days ago. The movement for nom-Mrs. George W. Pickle, who went to ination of the former treasury secretary the store and left a gas stove burning.

sational congestion in hotel lobbies. Out of the din arose what some observer professed to recognize as a spurt of nomination sentiment toward Governo Cox, of Ohio.

It sent the army of news writers or Then he entered the apartment house the ground scurrying about in search of its source. The best they could make of it was that the coming of severa delegations already in the Cox column had added just that many to the Cox talkers with nothing definite to indi-cate added votes for him later. Plunge Into Georgia Row

The Democratic National Committee plunged directly into the Georgia con test when it met today. Clark Howell leading the Palmer group, and former Senator T. W. Hardwick, head of the opposition forces, were conspicuous b their activity. As this contest was being heard

friends and opponents of Senator James A. Reed, who claimed a seat as a delegate from the Fifth Missouri district, ere busy lining up their forces. The national committee planned to hear the Reed case after the Georgia contest was decided.

Although only twenty-eight votes were involved in the Georgia case, the Palmer delegation is composed of fiftysix men, each with one-half vote. The opposition, known as the Hoke Smith-Tom Watson group, brought a delegation of thirty-two, of whom twenty four were district delegates with or vote each and eight delegates-at-large with one-half vote each. On motion of J. Bruce Kremer, Mon

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### HIT BY AUTO. BOY LOSES LEG Child, 5, Run Down in Manayunk. TED" MEREDITH Driver Gives Himself Up

Physicians at the Memorial Hospital ound it necessary to amoutate the leleg of Frank Roberts, five years old. LOSES IN QUARTER 'resson street, Manayunk, who was run ver by a motortruck this afternoon at Main and Grape streets. In addition to losing his leg the boy was also badly injured about the body

The truck was being driven by Clay nce Miller, Park avenue, Roxborough who gave himself up to the police after young Roberts had been removed to the

HURT IN BROAD ST. CRASH

Driver of Auto Cut When Car and Truck Collide

The driver of a limousine escaped with cuts of the hands about 1:15 this afternoon, when the erashed into a motortruck parked on Broad street near Hamilton. The imousine was wrecked.

The beavy passenger car, owned by R. W. A. Wood, Rosemont, was going south on Broad street. The truck, armed by Michael Connor, Almond and Letterly streets, was parked outside the Baldwin Locomotive Works. No pas sengers were in the limousine.

Franklin Field, Philadelphia, June 26.—Harold B. Lever, Larry Shields and L. G. Watson, all of the Meadow-A. M. Ewing, 2541 South Sixty-third street, who was at the wheel of the sine, said the steering gear broke, The machine swung sharply to the ight, striking the parked truck and re can Olympic, at Boston next month, when they took places in the first two bounding. The impact hurled it against vents of the eastern trials at Franklin Ewing clang to the wheel and was cut

The front of the big car was Ewing refused to go to a hospital. He said he is employed by a motorer apany which sold the machine to Mr.

YELLOW HAND GRABS Comes Through First in Opening Event at Aqueduct Track

Aqueduct Race Track, June 26,-Hand, with Turner up, copped the first race on today's program furlong event. The bookies paid It to 5, 4 to 5 and 2 to 5. Dream of the alley and Real Duck also were in the Summaries : RACE, three-year-olds, purs furiongs: Hand 108, Turner, 11-5, 4-5, 2-5, a of the Valley, 113, 4-1, 2-5, 6-5,

most the Valley, 113, million 6-1 2-5 6-5 Duck, 115, Kummer 7-1 5-2 6-5 1 25 4-5, King Albert, Captain Al-Continued on Page Thirteen, Column Three

SUFFRAGISTS AT GENEVA Exclusive pictures of the personalities and scenes at the International Suffrage Con-tention, in tomorrow's Pictorial Section of the Public Language, 44cv.

# GIANTS COP FIRST GAME FROM PHILS

PHILLIES	r	n	0	а	e	NEW TORK	r	n	o	R	6
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Williams, cf	2	4	4	0	0	Bancroft, ss	1	2	2	2	0
Stengel, rf	0	3	2	0	0	Young, rf	0	1	3	0	1
Meusel, If	1	1	1	0	0	Frisch, 3b	1	2	0	2	0
Fletcher, ss	0	0	4	3	0	Kelly, 1b	2	2	17	2	0
Paulette, 1b	0	1	12	2	0	Kauff, cf	0	1	3	0	1
R. Miller, 3b	0	0	1	2	0	Sicking, 2b	0	1	2	3	r
Tragesser, c	1	1	5	0	1	Smith, c	1	r	3	G	C
Meadows, p	0	0	0	0	0	Barnes, p	1	1	0	5	C
Gallia, p	1	0	0	3	0	Doyle, 2b	2	2	0	3	0
Totals	6	11	33	16	1	Totals	9	19	2	17	2

### TODAY'S BASEBALL SCORES

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PEGGKLYN..... 0 0 1 0 0 0 BOSTON (2d game) .. 0 0 3 0 3 0 Grimes and Miller: Fillingim and O'Nell. ST. LOUIS...... 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 0 - 5 11 CINCTNNATI (1st).. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0 3

Haines and Dilhoefer; Reuther and Wingo. ST. LOUIS..... CINCINNATI (2d) . . . CHICAGO ..... 1 3 0 0 0 0 0

Vaughn and O'Farrell; Hamilton, Meador and Schunge. AMERICAN LEAGUE BOSTON..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 NEW YORK ..... 2 2 0 0 4 5 1

CLEVELAND..... 0 0 1 CHICAGO...... 0 0 0 Caldwell and O'Neill; Faber and Schalk.

YALE..... 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 1

Bush and Walters; Collins and Hannah

PITTSBURGH .... 0 0 1 0 0 0 0

DETROIT..... ST. LOUIS..... OTHER BASEBALL GAMES

# HARVARD...... 0 0 0 0 0 5 1 INDIANA PERSONAL LEAGUE FOR WET PLANK

INDIANAPOLIS, June 26 .- Telegrams urging a Democratic declaration for modification of the Volstead act were sent to Fresident Wilson in Washington and former Senator Thomas Taggart in San Francisco, today, by the Indiana branch of the National Personal Liberty League.

## TURKISH REPLY TO PEACE TREATY DELIVERED

PARIS, June 26 .- The Turkish Grand Vizier, Damad Feeld Pasha, took the Turkish counter-proposals to the allied peace treats to the French foreign office this morning, the last day set for its delivery. The reply contains five annexes, in which the Dardanelles, Thrace, Smyrna. Armenia and Silicia are discussed.

## DR. WELLINGTON KU RETURNING TO UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, June 26 .- After an absence of nearly two years in Paris and England in connection with the Peace Conference and the international egotiatios that followed relative to the Far East, Dr. Wellington Ku is returning to Washington to resume his duties as Chinese minister resident. He is aboard the steamship Lafayette, due to reach New York tomorrow.

## CLOSE FIGHT FOR PRESIDENT OF CHILE

SANTIAGO, Chile, June 26 .- So far &s received up to an early hour today the return from the election for a president of Chile, held yesterday, showed a tie in the number of electors chosen for the two candidates, Luis Barros Borgono, nominee of the Liberal union, and Arturo Alessandri, candidate of the Liberal alliance. The returns from four departments are still incomplete and the final outcome hinges upon these returns.

# DEMOCRATS WOULD BE CONSERVATIVES. **BUT NEED RADICALS**

Convention Torn Between Natural Inclination and Political Expediency

M'ADOO ONLY CHANCE FOR BOLD CAMPAIGN

Woman Voter Proves to Be intricate Complication in Selecting Issues of 1920

By CLINTON W. GILBERT Copyright, 1920, by Public Ledger Co. San Francisco, June 26.—This is a conservative convention. It is a piece cut from the same cloth as the Republican convention at Chicago. The delegates as they gather say to the men who are likely to make the platform:

"For heaven's sake cut out the issues." If anybody hoped that the Democratic party was going to be like the youth 'who bore 'mid snow and ice a banner with the strange device, Excelsior," he probably will turn his back sadly upon San Francisco and wait for the committee of forty-eight to do its work

If the nomination of Harding at Chicago was a challenge that challenge is not likely to be accepted at San Francisco. The Democrats in convention assembled would like to have a little Harding of their own. They have had their Wilson and they are discontented. They want no more big men presidents. They would like to have the Murphys and Taggarts and Fred Lynchs consulted habitually by the President.

But they have not the full confidence the Republicans had. They feel that there are votes to be got by making a bolder appeal to the popular imagination than the Republicans made and they see the necessity of getting those votes in order to win. It was this consciousness that gave Hoover his strength in Democratic circles while his political intentions were still doubtful and it is this which gives Mr. McAdoo the strength he still has, but if the delegates were as free to consult their own inclination as the Republicans felt they were they would name a colorless candidate upon an average platform, Even Nebraska Conservative

A curious illustration of this conservatism is the result in Nebraska, Mr. Bryan won a victory in Nebraska. On the liquor issue Mr. Bryan has a considerable part of the Nebraska delegation with him; on the government ownership of railroads and on his other radical proposals Mr. Bryan has perhaps one Nebraska vote that he can control beside his own. And Nebraska is an old radical state, long led by Mr. Bryan, and the ancient home of popu-

The convention wants to be conservative. It believes that the country is conservative. It is aware of the labor vote and of the radical farm vote of the Northwest. It needs that vote. But it means to offer no more in the way of liberalism than is barely necessary to eatch that vote. That is its mood. It may be betrayed by its desire to win into making the bid in the person of its candidate. That is inconsistent with its mood. That is the one chance of anything other than a conservative defensive program.

What San Francisco at this moment romises is a second conservative party differing from the Republican party substantially only upon the League of Nations. When the platform making and the candidate naming is done here President Wilson is likely to have had his way and make the league the only issue of the campaign. The Democrats will be reduced to defending the Wilson administration issue which will develop on the high cost of living, for example, in the process of attacking and defending the Wilson administra tion. But the only clear issue that is likely to be created here in San Francisco will be the League of Nations.

Wets Lose Ground

For a Democratic convention it is a tame convention. There is not a fight in sight. The wets and drys were going to fight it out bitterly. But as the delegates arrive there is an overwhelming desire to agree upon some words which will mean nothing upon the vital issue of liberalizing the Volstead act. If anybody is going boldly after the wet vote on the ground that he extreme provisions of the existing law are an unwarranted invasion of personal liberty, it will have to be a third party. The wet idea here is disappearing out of the small end of the

First, the wets were going to declare for states' rights in interpreting the eightenth amendment. Next they were going to keep mum in the platform and put up a moist candidate. Now the most they propose is to put a moist candidate and have him conciliate the drys by declaring prohibition to be a settled issue while comforting the wet vote with the thought that the heart of the candidate is with them even if his reason is not. The hydrometer measuring Governor Cox, the hope of the wets, ecords today a low percentage. It is raised against Cox. He will declare that prohibition is a settled question. If politicians are a timid lot, they are doubly timid this year on account of the woman voter. When you see one of them, dodging an issue, cherche la femme. It is so of booze, or to speak of it more politely, personal liberty. It is true also of another issue that worries the followers of Governor Cox.
The Ohio candidate is a divorced man.
Chivalrously, his friends say, he let

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