

# WETS SQUELCHED AT PENNA. CAUCUS

### McCormick, Elected to Resolutions Committee, Instructed for Irish Independence

### COAL REGION OPPOSES DRYS

By a Staff Correspondent  
San Francisco, June 28.—The liquor issue flared up in the caucus of the Pennsylvania delegation at the Hotel Whitcomb at noon Saturday. It threatened to grow nasty for a few minutes, but the use of skillful parliamentary tactics averted the danger and the wets were nearly squelched.

The question arose over the election of Vance C. McCormick as representative on the resolutions committee. The former national chairman was slated for the place by Attorney General Palmer and endorsed by the Wilson administration spokesmen. But there had been much muttering and grumbling among the wets from the coal regions and some talk of forcing the election of Joseph O'Brien, of Scranton, because McCormick personally is a strict prohibitionist.

O'Brien's selection was sidetracked by his election to the credentials committee before the choice of a resolutions committee representative was taken up. The Robert S. Bright, of Philadelphia, nominated McCormick.

Frank M. Slattery tried to offer resolutions to instruct the member in advance of his selection, but was overruled. Then McCormick was elected with Slattery asking that he be recorded in the negative.

Slattery offered a resolution that McCormick be instructed to advocate a plank expressing "deepest sympathy" for Irish independence. It went through with a whoop.

But when Thomas H. Greery, of Altoona, a wet, offered a similar instruction demanding the repeal of the Volstead act, Bruce Sterling, state chairman, who had previously been elected permanent chairman of the delegation, called William J. Brennan, of Pittsburgh, to the chair, took the floor himself and appealed against giving binding instructions to a man of his distinguished standing.

He moved to lay the motion on the table, and this was done by a vote of 60 to 13, which, considering the amount of "wet" talk previously heard in the delegation, was a surprising liking for the liquor advocates. The thirteen votes came mostly from the mining districts of the state.

The delegation decided unanimously to vote for Palmer in the convention to the end, which means the attorney general has a tight grip on the situation which he can use to advantage, either for his own candidacy or for a swing when the time comes.

### Palmer's Machine Is Carefully Oiled

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played politics, according to Hoyle, in the way that ought to throw the percentage in their favor, other things being equal.

For example, at the caucus of the Pennsylvania delegation there was an array of Pennsylvania federal officeholders truly imposing. Not all of them sat formally in at the session, but they hovered around the anterooms, urbane and smiling, watchful and alert in the interest of the best dispenser of patronage since the Keystone Democracy has had since the Civil War.

Among them might be mentioned Roland S. Morris, ambassador to Japan, who is explaining to every one that he is not here officially but only on a vacation. There were two United States marshals, a collector of the port, an assistant postmaster general, a federal attorney, a bunch of deputies of various sorts and many lesser lights on Uncle Sam's payroll who are not clear about showing their gratitude to the man who got them or kept them their jobs. This is playing at safe politics.

True Admirers of Palmer  
Men like Mr. Morris, Vance McCormick and Robert S. Bright are not to be accused of acting solely in a personal selfish way; they are true admirers and friends of Mr. Palmer. With him they fought the good fight in the reorganization days back in 1919-21-22, when they succeeded in erecting the Democratic organization from the hands of leaders who were debasing it into an annex of the Republican machine.

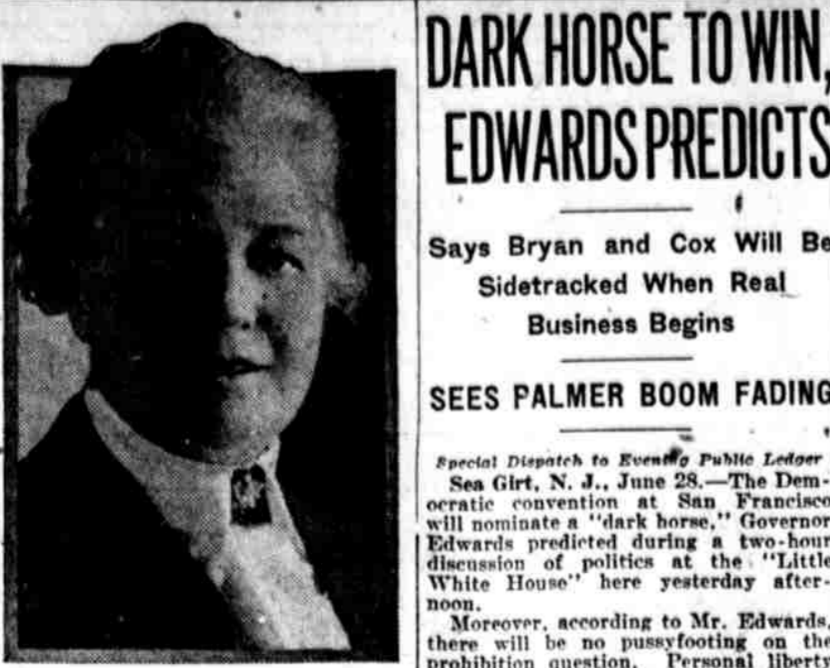
But they are not all of this style. Looking large as ever in the eyes of the Colonel James M. Guffey days were some of the staid and two-fisted gentlemen who are in the game for more than their health. Some of them sat in front seats and seemed to be in quite as high favor as the high-minded McCormicks, Morrises and their like. It made one think of trying to mix oil and water—well, oil and water to be more accurate.

Thus brings us to the matter of liquor—a point of convergence at this convention—just as in those others in the past with the difference that all are now talking about rum instead of drinking it.

The flare-up at the caucus of the Pennsylvania delegation showed clearly how incongruous a following Palmer has been building for himself. A caucus of the delegation by one of the most trusted members showed thirty-three who admitted that they were dripping wet and that their constituents expected them to take a determined stand accordingly. This sentiment is registered strongly from districts in such counties as Philadelphia, Allegheny, Chester, Schuylkill, Luzerne, Berks, Lancaster, Cambria, Blair, Erie, Crawford, Elk, Berks, Lehigh and Westmoreland. Four of the delegates at-large are wet also. Yet when it came to a question of declaring flatly for a modification of the Volstead act by giving binding instructions to Vance McCormick as representative from Pennsylvania only thirteen men voted favorably to liquor.

Officially and formally Palmer has generally been regarded as a dry, otherwise he would be out of accord with his chief friend and supporter, Mr. McCormick, who is so dry that he is ordered prosperous bars out of his hotel property in Harrisburg when he came into his inheritance some years back. McCormick's well-known sentiments were the reason for the outspoken opposition of men like Frank Slattery, of Wilkes-Barre; Thomas H. Greery, of Altoona, and Joseph O'Brien, of Scranton, to the selection of McCormick for the resolutions committee, although McCormick, as national chairman in 1918, a member of the war industries board and one of the President's advisers at Paris during the making of the peace treaty, is far and away the most distinguished Democrat in Pennsylvania today.

The selection of McCormick as representative of the attorney general, who is probably better known popularly now. It is in holding discordant and in-



**MISS MARY FOY**  
Who has announced that she will nominate President Wilson at the Democratic convention that opens today at San Francisco. Her home is at Pasadena, Calif., where she was selected as a delegate. Miss Foy is a member of the Democratic national committee.

soluble factors together that the Palmer managers are having their hands full in their own delegation. The story is going the rounds that Palmer is really not a dry at all, but rather moist, provided it is decided humidity is necessary to the atmosphere of a Democratic incumbency of the White House.

The members of the Pennsylvania group who generally know what's doing said today that early yesterday morning there was a meeting of sixteen members of the national committee from some of the most powerful eastern and middle western states at which plans for beating McAdoo and the administration were discussed. All of these men are of the hard-shell type who are content to keep heads off the subject to the extent of not opposing any repeal of the Volstead act which would give each state the right to fix the amount of alcoholic content for itself.

Mr. Palmer would say nothing about this story, declaring that he did not intend to deny or affirm such reports. But it can be said emphatically that he is opposed to a dry plank in the platform, and will exert his influence to prevent such a declaration. He wants to let the subject alone, and in this regard his views will be reflected by Mr. McCormick.

Whereabouts a Mystery  
Where the 325 Palmer votes are outside the Pennsylvania and Georgia delegations nobody will tell. Ex-Congressman Carlin, the chief Palmer manager, who was considerably mauled by the senatorial investigators, be it remembered, says he has them, and that they are safe. There is no doubt that many of the old-line leaders like Tom Taggart and Brennan and men of that stamp who have sat on the national committee with Palmer for years are looking favorably upon his candidacy, even though they are opposed to the administration.

They know that Palmer knows practical politics, believes in a doctrine of just rewards and punishments and has a sympathetic understanding of their difficulties which a mere "visionary" or a hearer of "voices in the air" is incapable of. In short, never could or would exhibit. If Palmer gains in votes it will be through the favor of such leaders, and from their point of view it might be clever strategy to rally round him. The President could hardly refuse to support Palmer if nominated, yet these men would feel that they had escaped a purely Wilsonian dictation and got a man who would listen to political reason.

The parallel to the nomination of Harding is inescapable. In view of such an array of facts, anything is likely to happen to Palmer, but there are many ifs and buts and on the other hands involved. The truth of the matter is that there is no real, whoop-er-up raise-Cain generally enthusiasm here for Palmer. What there is is palpably manufactured and bears the label of the canny press agents' union.

Judge Bonniwell, who blew into town yesterday, was rattling around like a pea in a bass drum today at the Hotel Whitcomb, where the Pennsylvania delegation holds down the rug in the lobby. He issued the usual Bonniwell statement denouncing Palmer and trying to climb upon the McAdoo observation bus. But nobody seemed to be paying much attention to his threats and predictions. They just say: "Oh, well, you know Bonniwell," and talk about something else.

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# DARK HORSE TO WIN, EDWARDS PREDICTS

### Says Bryan and Cox Will Be Sidetracked When Real Business Begins

### SEES PALMER BOOM FADING

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger  
Sea Girt, N. J., June 28.—The Democratic convention at San Francisco will nominate a "dark horse," Governor Edwards predicted during a two-hour discussion of politics at the "Little White House" here yesterday afternoon.

Moreover, according to Mr. Edwards, there will be no pussyfooting on the prohibition question. Personal liberty will be the paramount issue before the convention, he believes, and the nominee will be either flatly for or flatly against liberalization of the Volstead act.

After claiming he was steadily gaining among the delegates the governor professed his confidence in the overthrow of William Jennings Bryan and the prohibition program. It was evident from the discussion that Mr. Edwards is being kept in close touch with conditions at San Francisco by his campaign managers.

Beth Cox and Bryan, in the opinion of the governor, are going to be shunted on to convenient sidings when the time comes for actual business. He does not think Cox can win the nomination, is confident Palmer is already out of the running, insists McAdoo is not a candidate and declares the nomination of Wilson for a third term is unthinkable.

Governor Edwards said positively he would not go to the convention. He believes the interests of the party in New Jersey and his personal interests are safeguarded in the presence there of the state delegation.

The governor during the day had made a close analysis of the table showing the division between the wets and the dries at San Francisco, which appeared in the newspapers, and he declared that if the wets admitted they had only a majority of one or two votes in the convention prior to the opening of the sessions, this majority would be reduced to a very small minority.

The solid South, said the governor, is not dry. It is wet. And supporting the solid South are the states of New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and other entire states, large sections of other important states, including Pennsylvania and Ohio. These states, he continued, could and would decide the coming elections. Any candidate nominated by the Democratic party this year must be a man who can carry them if the party is to win.

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### DEMAND LABOR PLANK

Opponents and Other Labor Officials Arrive at "Golden Gate"  
San Francisco, June 28.—(By A. P.)—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, accompanied by Vice Presidents Joseph Valentine, William Green and Matthew Wolf, reached here last night and announced they were prepared to present to the resolutions committee a plank to meet the needs of labor. The labor chiefs made the following statement: "We have come as a delegation representing the organized working people of America to present to the resolutions committee of the National Democratic Convention the proposals which organized labor deems essential to the well-being and democratic progress of our country and of all our people."

**Youth Stops Runaway**  
Miss Emily Stevens, of Norristown, whose horse bolted in Fairmount Park last night, when frightened by the horn of a passing automobile, was saved by Frank F. Keicher, nineteen years old, of 3112 North Percy street.

# SCORE TENNESSEE SUFFRAGE DELAY

### Women Are Impatient and Foes of Governor Roberts Are Heckling Him

### OTHER ISSUES LOOM BIGGER

Nashville, June 28.—The delay of Governor Roberts in calling a session of the state Legislature to ratify the equal-suffrage amendment has awakened interest all over the country. If the Tennessee Legislature should ratify it would make the thirty-sixth state enough to make the suffrage amendment effective. There are 7,000,000 women of voting

### Tennessee Will Ratify Suffrage, Poll Shows

Washington, June 28.—A partial poll taken of the tendency in the Legislature by the officers of the National Women's party indicates suffrage will be ratified in Tennessee, according to a statement issued here by the suffrage organization.

"Of the legislators so far heard from," says the statement, "only two have expressed themselves not in favor of ratification. One of these has recently resigned and the other was noncommittal."

A letter written to members of the Tennessee Legislature by Attorney General Palmer urging ratification of the amendment was also given out.

age awaiting the movements of Governor Roberts. To be of use in the presidential election the amendment should

### MAN'S DEATH IS PROBED

Prisoner Admits Striking Italian Who Died Later in Cell  
The police are investigating the death of Gennaro Guglielmo, forty-five years old, 1524 Manheim street, who died in the police station at Fifteenth street and Snyder avenue, apparently from alcoholism. Guglielmo was found yesterday afternoon by Patrolman Mars in an unconscious condition and removed to the Snyder avenue station. The police apparently intoxicated, the man was set. Shortly before midnight, the turnkey, looking in the cell, discovered Guglielmo was dead. Early this morning Frank Grasso, 1140 Clifton street, surrendered himself to Patrolman Mars, declaring that he had struck Guglielmo during a quarrel. Investigation showed, the police say, that the dead man had been intoxicated and had insulted a number of women, including Grasso's mother. Grasso was held without bail by Magistrate Remshaw to await the action of the coroner.



# Hoover on the labor question

You have your own ideas about the labor question; Mr. Hoover has his. He writes about labor unrest in SYSTEM for July. Your ideas may be like his, or they may be different. There may be some satisfaction in knowing that he agrees with you; but there may be some stimulation in finding that he doesn't.

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**Turning knockers into boosters**  
Nearly everybody "knocks" a street car company; it doesn't do much good, but it worries the management. John S. Blecker, manager New Orleans Railway & Light Company, doesn't try to "handle the public." He gets them to "handle" themselves. His account of it is in SYSTEM for July.

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