CHOICE FOR DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE LEADING TO "DARK HORSE"

"Free-For-All" Battle Expected At National Convention—McAdoo And Smith Now Ahead, But Not Likely To Win.

The situation regarding choice of a Democratic candidate for the Presidency stands today exactly as it did a week ago, and a week before that. Nothing definite has occurred, as a matter of fact, since William G. McAdoo's march toward possible victory was stayed when damaging testimony regarding him was brought out by the Senate oil investigating committee, and, more latterly, since the death of Boss Murphy, Tammany leader, gave Governor Al Smith a sudden accesion of strength.

Leaders of the Jeffersonian party are just as keen on analysis of pre-convention situations as their Republican counterparts, ordinarily speaking. But they are confronted this year by a puzzle as unsolvable at present as the worst ever devised by Chinese tricksters.

They all admit that the two leading battlers in the preliminaries at the New York gathering June 24 will be the above mentioned gentlemen. But the main bout will come after it has been shown that neither McAdoo nor Smith has a chance to corral the necessary two-thirds of the 1098 delegates. It will not be a bout, really, but a free-for-all, and, to mix metaphors a bit, a dark horse is pretty sure to come out triumphant.

The relative power of McAdoo and Smith is extremely difficult to gauge because of the Democratic system, largely in vogue, of picking uninstructed delegations either through primaries or State conventions. David Ladd Rockwell, McAdoo's spokesman, says his man has 425 "favorable" delegates. Smith's managers and backers have not recently put forth claims for him, but they rely upon a dictum from "Boss" George Brennan of Illinois to fortify their chief.

Claims of both sides are regarded as somewhat chimerical. The best use either McAdoo or Smith can make of his forces is in the trading which will busily go forward after a few ballots have shown the hopelessness of either of these candidates winning.

Then will come the chance for the dark horse. There is a stableful of this type, though some of them have taken on lighter shades, as it were, through exposure to the light of publicity. And the lighter they have grown, the more apparent it has become that they cannot be considered very good for betting purposes. Among this class are Senator Underwood, John W. Davis, Senator Glass, Homer S. Cummings, Representative Hull, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and Governor Edwards of New Jersey.

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All these and others are practically assured of a complimentary vote in the early ballots from the delegations representing their commonwealths. This will be merely an evidence that they have something to sell in the way of votes and are in the market for the best bid.

The big question then will arise whether the personal managers of several candidates will unite on one man or whether the big Brennan-Taggart-Tammany machine will be in a position to dictate. That is the crux of the situation, and at present the odds are on the machine triumph.

The 1912 convention at Baltimore, however, still is fresh in the minds of those who hope for a different eventuation. They recall how William Jennings Bryan swung the winnig votes to Wilson, while Tammany stood by and stormed. They trust for such a situation this year, though with a different type of candidate for the final choice.

AMERICAN LEGION TO LAUNCH DRIVE FOR NEW MEMBERS.

May 31st will be known as "D" Day with the American Legion, and a drive will be made to secure new members.

The Legion is organized for God and country and its creed is as follow:

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Under command of Frank A. Jacobs, Jr., Towson Post No. 22, American Legion, will attack the enemy, consisting of men and women not members, under old General Indifference all over the county and endeavor to capture them.

CATONSVILLE MAN, IN BILL FILED AT TOWSON, ALLEGES WIFE IS FUSSY.

Ernest H. Treuth, who resides near Catonsville, has filed a bill in the Circuit Court at Towson against his wife, Mrs. Nettie R. Treuth, for an absolute divorce. The plaintiff alleges that his wife would fuss with him for no cause whatever, and she would continue these fusses for several days and that on the 9th of May he was forced to leave home. On one occasion Treuth alleges his wife stabbed him with a fork and cut his hand, and that she threatened to stab him with a knife. He states that on account of his wife's continuous fusses he would have to leave his bedroom and go to some other part of the house in order to get sleep. Attorney C. Gus Grason appears for the plaintiff.

DECISION RESERVED IN CONSINDINE CASE.

The hearing on the bill filed by Mrs. Russell S. Consindine against her husband, John T. Consindine, Jr., was concluded before Judge Walter W. Preston in the Circuit Court. Mrs. Consindine asks for the custody of her minor son and separate maintenance. The child, owing to the severe illness of Mrs. Consindine after its birth, was taken in charge by the defendant's mother, where it has remained since. Judge Preston reserved his decision. Attorneys H. Courtenay Jenifer and James P. Kelley appear for Mrs. Consindine, and attorneys Carville D. Benson and Daniel C. Joseph for the defendant.

DWELLINGS WILL BE ERECTED ON TALBOTT TRACT AT LUTHERVILLE.

Luther Villa, the former country estate of the late Congressman J. F. C. Talbott,, at the Lutherville station, which was recently purchased by Joseph Schick and S. Lawrence Hammerman, Baltimore realtors, will be converted into a large residential development, according to an announcement made by Mr. Schick.

The property will be divided into approximately 1500 building lots, and cottages ranging from $6000 to $10,000 in value will be erected. Work on four of these dwellings will commence next week.

A topographical survey of the property has just been completed by J. Spence Howard, Baltimore landscape engineer and the laying out of streets, roads, water mains and electric conduits will cost approximately $20,000.

The lots will have dimensions of 50 by 150 feet and shade trees have been planted every 50 feet.

DRAMATIC CLUB TO GIVE ENTERTAINMENT MAY 22ND.

The Dramatic Club of the Catholic Church of the Immaculate at Towson will give an entertainment on the evenings of May 22 and 23.

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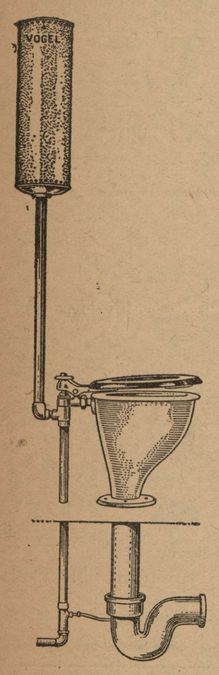

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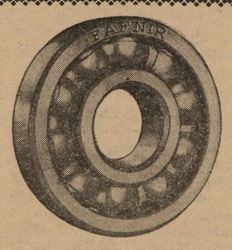

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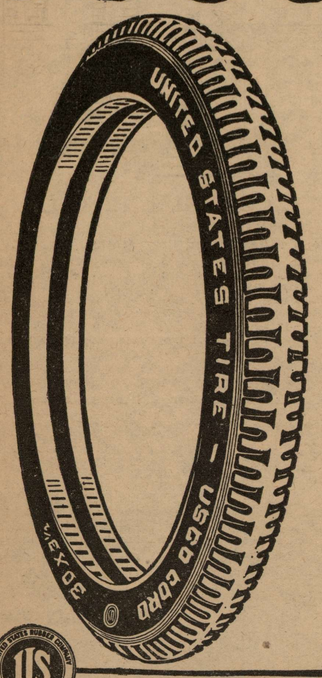

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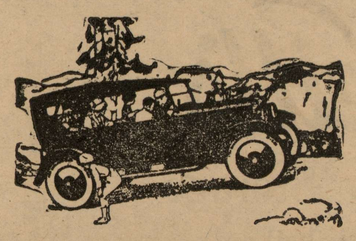

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