

Lovestone Says that New York Donkey Show Is Well Staged

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MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, Convention Hall, June 26.—In sharp contrast to the Cleveland farce the show here is well-staged to give the effect of anything but a cut and dried affair. Now and then various state delegations punctuated the hustle and bustle of the moving, shuffling crowds with well-prepared demonstrations and voluminous volleys of cheers for their local sachems, black-beauties, and bosses as they entered the Garden.

Here and there the band would jazz things up a bit by hitting up a national or sidewalk air. Even on the platform small caucuses could be detected. Josephus Daniels was particularly in evidence strutting about. Every possible step in the art of stage-setting and scenic effect was taken by the democratic leaders to make the affair look real and living and to give the impression to the world that the convention delegation itself will decide the nominations and weighty problems.

A Hard-Boiled Gathering.

Mingling with the delegates and looking them over carefully convinces one that they are a mass of twenty-minute eggs—hard-boiled. Henchmen of local bosses, congressmen, government officials, well-to-do merchants, bankers, manufacturers and senators are to be found in abundance.

It was interesting to note that the New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Ohio, and Indiana delegations were all herded together closely so as to enable them to work with machine-like precision and in unison.

Georgia was leading the demonstration for McAdoo.

Cardinal Prays for Convention.

Cardinal Hays was called upon by Chairman Hull to render the customary invocation. His Catholic eminence forthwith rose to the occasion and besought the big three of his firm—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—for heavenly benediction “on our beloved country in this direful hour.” The cardinal thanked his masters for the political, social and religious equality reigning in the United States. Not a holy word was uttered in behalf of economic equality. The invocation was closed by a plea for unity.

Then there was a shower of small silk, municipal and national flags from the four corners of the Garden where there were suspended huge pictures of Wilson and Cleveland facing Jefferson and Jackson.

Madeline Case, the beautiful prima donna of the Metropolitan Opera House, was the next to dominate the

well-organized clique was in evidence.

Pat lost no time in laying a sound financial basis for his keynote speech and for his party's campaign, by declaring that “The Democratic party is the friend of business, big and small.

It cares not how large the scale or big the investment, what it is most concerned about is honesty in operation.” The delegation met this remark with ringing applause.

Administration Lashed.

The Mississippi senator was rather harsh on the administration in his very first paragraph, which was heavily dotted with the word, “corruption.” He made a biting attack on the Saturnalia of corruption characterizing the Harding-Coolidge administration.

Fall and Daugherty were handled roughly. Pat made a special effort to impress the galleries that they came to see a real show. He declared: “This convention, composed of the militant representatives of the democracy of the nation is no cold storage affair.

“It is going to be red-hot highly seasoned and well-prepared.” Judging by the weak applause which greeted this remark, the galleries took this morsel with a grain of salt.

Soft Soap for Progressives.

Harrison went on to boast of the victory achieved by the democrats in putting over the Simmons-Garner tax proposal in place of the Mellon scheme. At this point he paid his respects and thanks to the LaFollette republicans for their complete surrender to his party during the tax fight in the last congress. It was a rather flowery obituary that Harrison made in commemoration of the flight of the insurgents from the sen-

ate and house while the taxation fight was on.

He said: “When the president and his secretary of the treasury, with all the hosts of selfish interests, charged on the battle front of the American congress in behalf of the Mellon plan, Democracy and Progressive Republicanism stood firm. It was the same ancient contest, and for the same old cause.”

There was nothing stirring, nothing inspiring about the keynote speech. It resembled very much the inevitable, unavoidable record speeches, summary speeches made by senate and house whips during the closing sessions of congress.

Republicans Exposed.

The crimes of the Republicans were painted black. The bankruptcy of the Democrats, their equal guilt on similar occasions, their own graft and corruption, when they were in charge of the administrative machinery of the government were advisedly omitted.

A reduced tariff was offered as the hackneyed panacea for the high cost of living. The donkey party was patted on its back for its kicking into oblivion the Republican ship subsidy bill.

Everything, every measure, every law enacted that was good, that was constructive, that was against “special privilege” was traced to Democratic origin, was conceived in the best minds of the Democrats and born in the stalls of the donkey. Only Democratic pressure compelled the Republicans to enact such inestimable blessings as the budget system! Even the Washington disarmament conference was dubbed a Democratic achievement.

Playing for Borah.

Here there was more stage play for

winning over the progressives and Republican insurgents. This time Borah was the center of Harrison's attentions. Waxing eloquent in his compliments to the senator from Idaho, the keynoter declared: “The disarmament conference was held not because of a Republican administration, but in spite of the Republican administration. It was first suggested by a Democrat, and urged by Democrats.

“The fight was renewed by Borah, a Republican, yes, but one who wisely declined to become associated with the bankrupt Republican partnership in the coming campaign; one whose opposition to the reactionary control of his party has ever been constant and aggressive.”

The veterans' bureau scandal, the role of Denby and Fall, “secretaries of oil”; the department of justice investigation, the appointment of Bascom Slemp, a trader and jobber in political offices, as the president's private secretary, were all aired in thoroughgoing style by Harrison.

Reassures Big Business.

But the Democratic wizard softened a bit, with a strong reassurance to business interests regarding the real purpose of the Democratic party in the present political situation. In an outburst of eloquence, Harrison said: “It is the brazen effrontery of this administration that challenges our attention.

“They would halt these inquiries by hysterical cries and foreboding predictions. They say, ‘You are hurting business! You are destroying confidence.’ Our answer is, ‘WE ARE HELPING BUSINESS! WE ARE RESTORING CONFIDENCE! WE ARE SAVING THE GOVERNMENT BY PERFORMING AN OPERATION TO PRESERVE THE LIFE OF THE

NATION ITSELF!’” The senator did not explain whom his party was planning to operate on. Nor did he say a word about the sort of operation he had in mind.

For World Court.

Harrison made a flat-footed indorsement of the world court. He came out four-square for the foreign policy of Woodrow Wilson. This gesture on the Mississippian's part evoked a skillfully organized and well-seasoned demonstration at the mention of Wilson's name.

Many of the delegations began to march around the hall. The southern McAdoo states started and led the procession. The readiness with which the McAdoo crowd seized this opportunity for a dress rehearsal showed very plainly that it was their candidate's strategy to pose as the sole heir of all the Wilson glory and influence in the Democratic party. McAdoo's progressive pretensions symbolize the last gasp of the dying Wilsonian pseudo-liberalism.

Capitalists Silence Klan Debate.

The Klan, which had been advertised very widely as a splitting issue in the Democratic party, was not even mentioned by Harrison. This morning an attorney for the big packing interests called on George Brennan, the Illinois boss, and asked him to lay off on the Klan as an issue.

This agent of the packing trust was himself an Irish Catholic. Brennan had been posing as a bitter-ender in his opposition to the Klan.

Property Rights Guaranteed.

Harrison closed his address with strong raps at the Republican foreign policy, when he brought the house to laughter. “Show this administration an oil well and it will show you a foreign policy.”

He assured big business that the Democratic party is prepared to assume “in many fashion our responsibilities to the world,” and that “it will wage war for the protection of the rights of property as zealously as it will battle against the guarantees of special privilege.”

Hylan Closes First Act.

The first act of the twenty-sixth Democratic national farce was brought to a close by a poorly delivered address of welcome to the delegates by Mayor Hylan. Very little applause greeted his remarks eulogizing the unity of the Englishman and the Irishman, the Jew and the Gentile, the Protestant and the Catholic, in his city.

Hylan's attack on the “predatory interests” of Wall Street aroused the weak applause of a handful in the uppermost rows of the highest gallery.

The mayor's speech was taken as an attempt on his part to paint himself sufficiently black to become a dark horse in the nomination race.

T. U. E. L. HEARS ABOUT ST. PAUL

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(not to be confused with our own I. W. “Jack” Johnstone). Comrade Johnstone followed with a report for the Needle Trades group of the League, dealing with the election in the Journeymen Tailors, where the left wing candidate, Max J. Sillinsky, is leading other candidates in the early returns, although another election is not impossible, as the winner must have a majority against the whole field—and there are four candidates.

Foster Speaks on St. Paul.

In his first public appearance in Chicago for many weeks Wm. Z. Foster recounted the development of the Farmer-Labor movement up to date. That the Trade Union Educational League had led the fight for a Labor Party by its referendum on the subject sent out to every local union in

Follette's whole ambition is roll up the greatest number of votes,” said Foster, “such a noble ambition!” The formation of a permanent class Farmer-Labor party would defeat La Follette's personal ambition. So La Follette tried to knife St. Paul. “If La Follette really had wanted to, if he really feared ‘Communist control’ he could have controlled St. Paul for the mere asking. All he would have had to do was to urge that delegates instructed for him be sent, and he could have had absolute control, the important committees and the whole convention could have been LaFollette's.”

But La Follette did not want to control St. Paul, because it would have involved him in a genuine break from the Republican party and would not bring him so many votes as he could get as an “independent” candidate. So

ITALIAN AND GREEK BRANCHES READY TO RENT OUT NEW HALL

Italian Nineteenth ward and the Chicago Greek branch of the Workers party have rented a joint headquarters at 722 Blue Island Ave.

The hall is in a fine, clean, new building and seats about 300 people. Workers party units and other organizations are urged to take advantage of this achievement of the Greeks and Italians by renting this hall for meetings, dances and other entertainments.

Herrin Police Go to Trial Charged With Murder in Klan Riot