

CANDIDATES AND ISSUES STILL IN DOUBT

Open Question for Conventions—But Wood for Republicans and McAdoo for Democrats Now Seem to Have Best Chances

PRIMARIES already held make clear a fact of high significance. Both the Republican and Democratic Conventions will be open. Within each convention will be determined who is to be the standard bearer of his party in the coming campaign.

Two Republican candidates, the one representing what might be called the right of the old Roosevelt following, the other the left, now stand out against each other as the leading aspirants. In the Democratic Party the interest is focused on the one who is suspended, with no pre-convention contest worthy of the name.

President Wilson's attitude is the factor in the Democratic uncertainty. It is considered altogether unlikely that he will be a candidate, but on good authority it is learned that he has spoken his mind on this subject to no one and that he has given no encouragement to any candidacy.

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supporters claim delegates in Kentucky and in other Southern States. Iowa's 26 votes seem to be all Lowden's. In the South the contest for delegates has been mainly between Wood and Lowden.

Senator Harding, according to indications, will go to the convention with a smaller number of delegates than any one of the four who were most prominent at the opening of the pre-convention

campaign. If he should capture all the Ohio delegates, a consummation not looked for by disinterested observers, he would have forty-eight. His campaign managers advance a claim to unstructured delegates in the South, and with unstructured delegates elsewhere, he may round up in the neighborhood of 100 delegates.

Other Republican candidates who are assured of the backing of their States on the first ballot are: Nicholas Murray Butler, New York; Senator Miles Pollock, Washington; Senator Howard Sutherland, West Virginia, and Governor Sprout of Pennsylvania.

Among the active Democratic candidates, Attorney General Palmer was far in the lead, and the prospect that he would be an important factor in the convention seemed certain until he finished a bad fall in the Michigan primary. It is known that the radicals fought him there and the wets, too, but the showing he made, even taking these facts into consideration, has raised the question as to his vote-getting ability.

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