

ALIEN LAND BAN TIGHTENED!

M'ADOO STILL LEADER DESPITE BOURBON BOSSES

Powwow of Murphy, Brennan, Taggart and Others Fails to Oust Former Secretary From Candidacy.

Mr. Jermán's Dispatch.

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Last week there was a big Democratic powwow at French Lick, Ind. Several of the big bosses—Murphy of New York, Brennan of Illinois, Taggart of Indiana, and several others met for the purpose of going over the situation with reference to the Democratic presidential nomination.

Murphy wanted to make a hard and fast anti-McAdoo alliance, such as resulted in the nomination of Governor Cox in 1920. Information received in this city is to the effect that he did not succeed. McAdoo remains the leading candidate, and nobody else can be nominated until after he has been disposed of.

That was true in 1920, but McAdoo is stronger now than he was then. His affairs are in good order, and when he was in Washington not long ago, he was visibly optimistic. If he could do so much three years ago, when he had no organization, was not an avowed candidate, and had the quiet opposition of the White House, what can he not accomplish today, when he has a superb organization, extending out into every state; when he is, or soon will be, an avowed candidate; and when Mr. Wilson's opposition, if it still exists, will be far less potent than it used to be?

Question of Big Bosses.

These are the questions the McAdoo leaders are asking, and their replies to them are of a character to indicate that they regard the nomination of their favorite as already pretty well assured.

True, he will have to encounter the big bosses of the party. But the point is made that their power for harm is not as great as it once was. In the last seven national conventions of their party, beginning with that of 1896, the bosses have won twice and lost five times. They won with Alton B. Parker in 1904, and with Governor Cox in 1920, and it was well known on both occasions that their man had no chance for election. Bryan beat the combination three times and Wilson twice.

It will be up to McAdoo, to beat it next year, his friends say, and it is interesting to know that they do not attach any importance to the conference that went on in Indiana last week. McAdoo will go into the convention with more delegates than any other candidate. The handicaps that he carried in 1920 will not exist, and on an early ballot he will poll a majority of the convention. That

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CROPPING CONTRACTS ARE INVALID

Persons Ineligible to Citizenship Cannot Make Farming Agreements, U. S. Supreme Court Holds.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Nov. 19.

"Cropping contracts" with aliens ineligible to own or lease land under the alien land laws of California and Washington were held by the Supreme Court today to be invalid.

The decision was in a case brought by the attorney-general of California and the district attorney of Santa Clara County against J. J. O'Brien and J. Inouye.

At the same time, the court held that the alien land laws of California and Washington, sustained in an opinion a week ago today, prohibit an alien ineligible to citizenship from owning stock in a corporation formed to own and deal in agricultural lands.

BIG STUMBLING BLOCK REMOVED, SAYS DOUGLAS

When the United States Supreme Court ruled that "cropping contracts" with aliens ineligible to own land under the alien land laws of Washington and California are illegal, one of the biggest stumbling blocks to successful prosecution was closed. Prosecuting Attorney Malcolm Douglas said today. The case on which the decision was based originated in California, where a Japanese was given a contract to produce a crop on land which he could not lease or own under the California law.

"Having gone very extensively into the prosecution of cases of violation of the alien land law of Washington, we are naturally very much interested in the decision," Mr. Douglas said. "This decision, if I understand it, closes a big loophole and removes one of the obstacles to enforcement of the letter and spirit of the law. The contract system of attempting to beat the alien land law has been used much more extensively in California than in Washington but I believe there are some cases in this state.

"As far as the jurisdiction of this office is concerned, we are going to continue to enforce the law. We have had one man devoting his entire time to investigation of these cases and a number are being prepared for prosecution now. The Supreme Court decision will help us.

OPERATION DELAYED FOR 28 MINUTES

Short Circuit in Tacoma Transmission Line Cuts Off Current of Local Trolley Lines During Morning.

FOR twenty-eight minutes this

morning downtown Seattle walked—or else rode only in automobiles. Scores of street cars stood dead on their tracks as the result of a short circuit on the Tacoma transmission line.

The power was snuffed out at 10:08 o'clock and was not switched on again until 10:36, according to the dispatcher for the municipal lines, who was kept busy answering inquiries and in ascertaining the difficulty.

According to his report from the Puget Sound Power & Light Co., which supplies the power for the city's lines, the short circuit resulted in a throwing off of many switches that control the electricity fed to the street cars.

The resultant jam was especially noticeable in the vicinity of the "depot loop," the section in the vicinity of the King Street and the O., W. R. & N. stations, and in the "post-office loop," the big up town center.

Cars operating outside of the business section were not affected as to power, but were thrown off schedule.

Council Asked To Put Ban On Sunday Dancing

PASSAGE of an amendment to the dance hall ordinance prohibiting public dancing on Sunday, was recommended by the council's license committee early this afternoon after a hearing in which Mrs. Henry Landes, author of the measure, and Chairman Robert Hesketh of the committee, defended the proposed change against a gallery, the majority of whose members were financially interested in the question.

The Rev. H. I. Chatterton, executive secretary of the Seattle Council of Churches, declared that closing the dance halls on Sunday would benefit a large majority of the population.

J. K. Witherspoon, house manager of the Roosevelt Veterans' Hall, 1816½ Third Ave., who said his organization benefitted from the receipts of Sunday dancing at The Hippodrome, urged that the amendment be defeated. His organization, he said, needed the money to continue its work of aiding veterans.