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Igoe to Lead Fight Before Resolutions Body.

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Houston, Tex., June 24.—(Special.)

While Democrats were preparing to take the lead today for a denunciation of prohibition enforcement measures in many platforms, M. L. Igoe of Chicago, who will be the Illinois member of the resolutions committee, and A. J. Cermak, also of Chicago, joined forces in the drafting of a plank approving enforcement of all laws but declaring against the use of crime and violence in compelling compliance. The declaration against crime and violence was intended to apply to murders and other acts of lawless character committed by prohibition agents.

Right to Petition Congress.

The proposed plank includes a recogni
tion of the right guaranteed to citi
sens to petition to Congress for the repeal or amendment of laws or constitutional provisions. This clause was a substitute for the original proposal of Mr. Cermak for a declaration for abolition of the Volstead act.

The plank will be presented to the resolutions committee by Mr. Igoe with the backing of the Illinois delegation.

Other wets were at work today on planks for submission to the resolu
tions committee, and a sharp clash over the wet and dry question appeared inevitable, despite attempts by leaders in approval of the middle of the road program.

Smith Favor Soft Pedal.

The impression of New York Demo
crats was that Gov. Smith prefers to have the convention approve a law enforcement plank somewhat similar to that of the 1924 platform.

Such a plank would not be strong enough to offend the drys and at the same time would not be of harm in any way. In fact, Smith program for a modification of the Volstead act to permit the states to fix the maximum alcoholic content permissible under the prohibition law.

The 1924 Democratic platform de
clared: The act has not been in operation long. The Republican administration has failed to enforce the prohibition law; is guilty of trafficking in liquor permits, and has become the protector of violators of this law.

The Democratic party pledges itself to respect and enforce the con
titutional law.

Some of the wets insisted, however, that a more specific declaration would seem to be needed in the letter which Gov. Smith sent to the Jackson day dinner in Washington last January.

"It is my deep conviction," the let

ter said, that our platform should be built by applying the fundamental principles of Jeffersonian democracy unflinchingly to each specific problem of the day.

"The greatest degree of local self
government by the states, the mini
mum of interference by the Federal government or any state with the local habits and concerns of any other state, legislation for the interest of all and not for any class or group, noninterference with the internal af
dairs of other nations, tolerance of conflicting opinion—these are our ar
ticles of political faith.

Fearlessly Meet Issues.

"When we follow these we succeed. We should study and treat in the light of these principles our foreign rela
tions, prohibition, agriculture, reform of the governmental machinery, eco
nomic policy, conservation and devel
dopment of our public natural re
sources, and, in fact, any other ques
tion which arises. We will solve these specific problems only if we fearlessly meet them in full reliance upon these traditions of our party. I for one am for thus meeting them without equivoca
tion."

Senators Wagner, close friend of Gov. Smith, is understood to be elated to be the New York member of the resolutions committee instead of John W. Durts, who was talked of for the place. Senator Wagner is not a dele
gate to the convention but can be seated on a proxy. He would not dis
cuss the matter today beyond indi
cating a willingness to serve if the New York delegation designates him. The New York selection will be made at the meeting of its delegation tomo
dow night.

Drys were active today at meetings in the local churches. Further meet
ing was planned tomorrow. One Tue
day the drys will be ready to appear before the convention resolutions com
mittee to urge a plank at least as steady as that adopted by the Re
publicans.

Many of the drys who were at Kansas City are here. E. C. Drumheller of Washington, D. C., acting chairman of the committee of 25 dry organiza
tions, is rounding up a delegation to go before the resolutions body. F. Scott McIlhite, general superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league, and other well known drys will be on hand.

Gertrude Atherton to Serve as a Delegate

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Gertrude Atherton, the novelist, comes tomorrow from California to serve as a delegate.