

DEWEY FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

Democrats May Avail Themselves of His Popularity in the Middle West.

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WASHINGTON, June 10.—There is more talk about Admiral Dewey in connection with the Democratic nomination for Vice President than was formerly the case. It seems to arise from the growing belief that if the Democrats have any chance it comes from a vague discontent rather than from a positive disagreement with the issues made by the Republicans. Many Democrats profess to see evidences of unrest, and to base hopes on it. The question is how to take advantage of it, if it does exist. The most pronounced indications are in the Middle West, where war heroes are very popular. The recent journeys of Admiral Dewey have indicated that his war popularity is still undimmed in those sections.

The opinion of those who hold to the belief in a general and perhaps reasonable feeling of discontent is that the nomination of a war hero for Vice President might be all that is required to turn irresolute malcontents into active partisans of the opposition. All efforts to secure from Dewey a statement that he would not accept the Vice Presidency have failed. He has recently been quoted as saying in the West that if nominated for the Presidency he would not refuse to stand on the Kansas City platform. He says he is a Democrat, and it is known that he does not approve of the McKinley Administration. From a Democratic standpoint, therefore, there seems to be no reason why he should not be considered.

The irreconcilable Chicago platform Democrats, like ex-Gov. Altgeld, are firm in their determination that a man must be named who stands for all that Bryan does, and who can be relied upon as thoroughly as Bryan can. The more conservative regulars, like Senator Jones of Arkansas, would be better satisfied with a man well known and popular. The difficulty in the way of nominating a duplicate of Bryan for Vice President is that there is no radical Bryanite who measures up to the position in the way of prominence. The inevitable result of nominating such a man as B. F. Shively, for instance, would be to make the ticket ridiculous everywhere except where the candidate was locally known.

The regulars would be well satisfied with the nomination of Admiral Schley, but no one has much hope that Schley would accept. He has always manifested a horror of the subject, and no one has succeeded in overcoming his repugnance to politics long enough to make him talk seriously of the matter. The name of Representative McClellan is better received than those of most of the political candidates, but Mr. McClellan is handicapped by the fact that he is not well known in the Middle West.

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