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HILLES TO LEAD FIGHT FOR TAFT

Washington, July 9.—Mr. Charles P. Hilles, at present the private secretary to President Taft, was today unanimously elected chairman of the Republican National Committee, and Mr. James Reynolds, at present a member of the Tariff Board and formerly an assistant secretary of the Treasury, was elected secretary.

No better combination of men could have been chosen to manage President Taft's campaign. Mr. Hilles is a man of great executive ability and his long experience in the White House as President Taft's private secretary has made him thoroughly acquainted with the political situation in every state. Mr. Reynolds, before coming to Washington as an assistant secretary of the state central committee of Massachusetts and has therefore an intimate knowledge of practical politics, for nowhere is the game better played than in Massachusetts.

Any lack of intimate acquaintance with the most practical phases of the most practical politics from which Mr. Hilles may suffer at the beginning of his campaign will be supplied by his efficient assistant, Mr. Reynolds. Moreover, during his four years' service as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Mr. Reynolds was in charge of customs so that he gained a thorough knowledge of the working of the tariff laws, a knowledge that was further increased by his service on the Tariff Board. President Taft has decided to make the tariff the principal issue in the coming campaign, in that Mr. Reynolds's knowledge is of incalculable advantage to the party.

Mr. Hilles' choice this morning by the subcommittee of nine was a surprise. When the national convention adjourned in Chicago a few weeks ago it was generally understood that Mr. Hilles would manage the campaign. When the subcommittee met here yesterday morning it developed that Mr. Hilles was indifferent, though willing to serve as chairman if President Taft considered him the best man for the place. Last night Mr. Hilles was regarded as having declined to be considered.

The situation was very thoroughly discussed at the reception given by President Taft at the White House last night to the Republican leaders and congressmen in the city. After midnight, when the guest had a conference lasting until nearly 3 o'clock this morning, with the members of the subcommittee. The situation was reviewed and each member of the committee expressed the opinion he had formed as the result of his interchanging of views with the guest of the evening. Several of the committee members favor the election of Mr. Barnes, claiming that he would conduct an aggressive campaign of endless hostility to Colonel Roosevelt and his friends in New York, because if his personal feeling in the matter. Other members of the committee believed that Mr. Barnes' personality would invite criticism and Mr. Hilles' name was again brought forward in spite of his objection.

At 9:30 o'clock this morning the committee met at the Willard Hotel and again went over the situation. When they visited Mr. Taft and White House, were they told him that they had agreed upon Mr. Hilles and that it was for him to obtain Mr. Hilles' consent. They returned Willard Hotel soon after word was brought to them that Mr. Hilles had yielded to the President's solicitation. Thereupon the committee unanimously elected him chairman.

Mr. Reynolds was elected at the suggestion of senate Crane, of Massachusetts, the most astute manager in all the gathering of party leaders at the national convention in Chicago. Mr. Crane will look after New England, where there is assisted by Mr. Reynolds, upon whose judgment and skilful management in politics Mr. Crane has depended for many years.

The committee adjourned to meet in New York on July 19 a week from next Friday. Then it will choose a treasurer. Many names have been mentioned, among them John Hayes Hammond, of Washington; Charles G. Dawes, of Chicago; Otto Ban-

nard, of New York; John Wannamaker, of Philadelphia and David R. Forgan, of Chicago. At that time the committee will also select the executive committee advisory committee.

This advisory committee will consist probably of five members, and each member will take charge of one of the battle ground into which the debatable counter Crane will charge of new England and similarly there will be one state, all of them acting under the general direction of Mr. Hilles. The general will be in New York but there will also be headquarters in Chicago and a well-equipped initial bureau will be established on the Pacific Coast, probably at San Francisco, to manage the campaign in the far West.

With the election of Messrs. Hilles and Reynolds the executive board of the National Committee is now complete, Sergeant-at-Arms William F. Stone having been unanimously re-elected at Chicago by the full committee. The trio is a congenial one and will work in harmony. They are personal friends, having known one another many years.

The relations between Secretary Hilles and the Collector have been very close and confidential and they entertain a warm regard for each other. Mr. Reynolds and the Collector are like brothers. Their friendship began when Mr. Reynolds was Assistant Secretary of the Treasury and his duties included jurisdiction over the Customs Service. Upon the executive board will depend the management of the campaign, and hence they are not enjoying sinecures. In 1904 and 1908 the sergeant-at-arms, who, by virtue of his office, is in actual charge of headquarters, was excused from taking any part in the management, but it is more than probable that his services will be needed this time.

President Taft has decided that the pledge of the Republican platform to revise the tariff after scientific study of all conditions involved in each industry shall be the battle cry of the night.

It is assumed that the Democrats will make the tariff their issue, and the wise men in Governor Wilson's camp are undoubtedly already busy trying to square their candidate's free trade declarations with the "tariff for revenue" pledge of the platform. Colonel Roosevelt will doubtless howl about the tariff as cheerfully as he can about any other subject which he regards as a profitable issue for the moment, so that the tariff will be the principal topic of discussion until next November.

While no program has yet been mapped out it is the present belief that neither President Taft nor Governor Wilson will rival Colonel Roosevelt's program of barnstorming. President Taft will prepare many addresses which will be delivered on occasions judiciously selected. He will speak either at Beverly or at Washington before audiences that will be representative. So, too, Governor Wilson expects to present to deliver most of his addresses at his own home. The circus element of the campaign will be the congenial and exclusive right of Colonel Roosevelt. He will doubtless dash all over the country in characteristic fashion, entertaining the thoughtless and stirring up class hatred and prejudice until in the end he will overreach himself and the thoughtful voters of this country, anxious for the preservation of its institutions and confident of President Taft's devotion to orderly progress, will again cast their ballot for him.

Mr. Hilles issued a statement tonight declaring the confidence of the Republican party in its cause and its candidates. It follows:

"The Republican party approaches the presidential campaign with confidence in the solemnity of its cause and in the integrity and ability of the candidates who represent that cause. Progress with order is good doctrine for the Republican party today, as it has been since the day of its birth.

"Real progress is not a theory, but an achievement. No American citizen should be deceived into an exchange of his birthright for a vision. The progress of the nation toward better things does not come from declamation, but from actual result. More has been accomplished in the last three years under the administration of President Taft than was ever before accomplished by an American president in the same period of time.

"A distinct line of demarcation between the Republican party and the Democratic party is revealed in the platforms adopt-

ed at Chicago and Baltimore. One is an earnest of future progress through a record of achievement; the other is a promise containing a denial of the good that has been done.

"Upon the solid rock of the rights of the individual as granted by the Constitution the Republican party builds its structure of optimism. The Democratic party, on the other hand, in the opening sentence of its address to the electorate, betrays its recessionary quality by denying the right of Congress, a right again and again confirmed by the Supreme Court, to establish protective duties for the benefit of American industries. It declares as false the vital issue of the constitutional liberties of the individual. Since liberties are now assailed by those who advocate the overthrow of the independence of the judiciary. It would have the individual defenseless in the protection of those rights declared inalienable under the Constitution."

TRIAL OF CLAUD ALLEN RESULTED IN HUNG JURY

Wethteville, Va., July 13.—After having the case under consideration since 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon the jury which had the fate of Claud Allen, charged with the murder of Commonwealth Attorney Foster, announced today that it was unable to reach an agreement and was discharged. It is understood that the jury eight for murder in the first degree and four for acquittal. Allen is already under a penitentiary sentence of fifteen years for killing Judge Massie.

Burlington Defeats Haw River.

With a score of 10 to 3 Burlington defeated Haw River at Gardens Park Sat. afternoon in the second game of the season for the two teams. The attendance was 300 and enthusiastic rooting for both teams. Time, 2 hours.

The batteries for Burlington, Meador and Cates. Haw River, Hughes, Dagerhart and Davis. Feature of game, pitching of Meador for Burlington, while the sensational play of the game was a three bagger, caught by Thompson for Haw River. Hits off Meador, 2, Hughes, 9, Dagerhart, 2, Errors, Haw River, 6, Burlington, 3.

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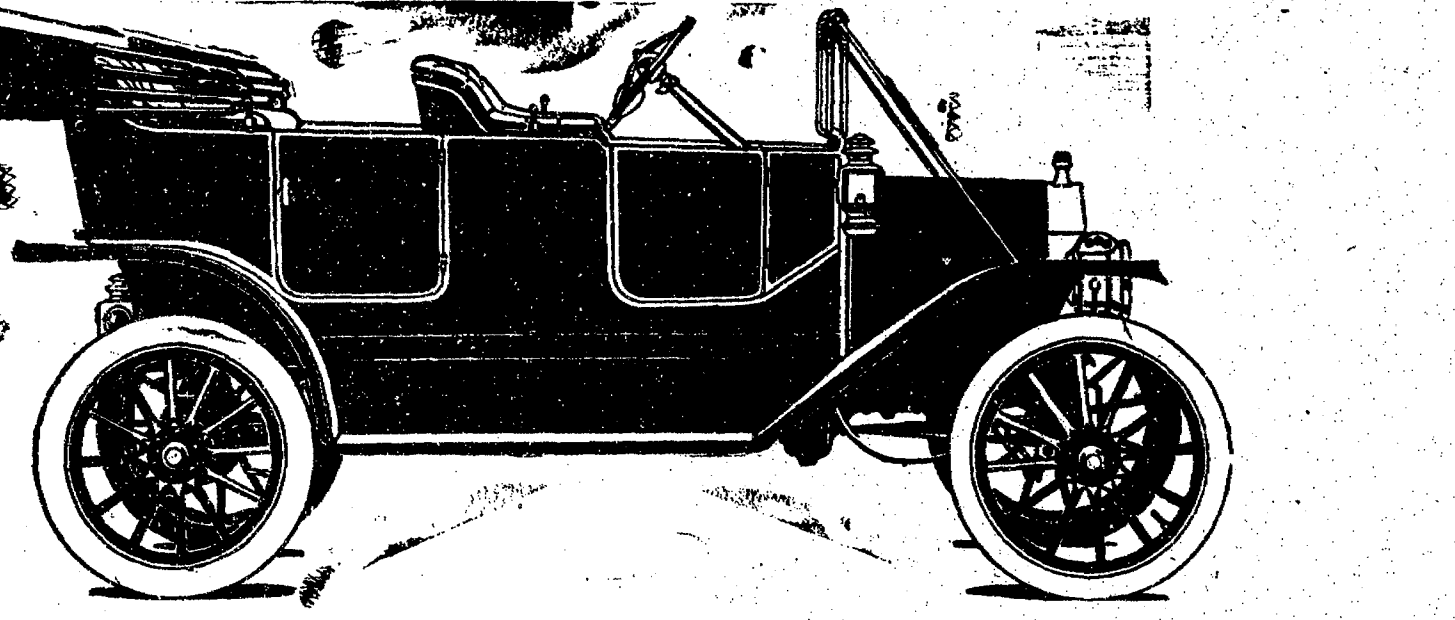
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