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REPUBLICAN OUTLOOK ROSY ON BASIS.

National Committee Sure Revised Was the Right Course.

Washington, Dec. 18.—After three days of meeting and conference, the Republican National Committee has dispersed. Its members return to the different states with the firm conviction that they have acted in the interest of both rehabilitation of the party and of harmony, and that they took the right course in a situation filled with pitfalls and danger.

The two changes demanded by public sentiment have been made. The basis of representation of past national conventions is no more. The system which based number of delegates upon population entirely, ignoring altogether the party strength, in the different sections of the country, has been laid away. No longer will it be possible for a convention delegate to represent 200 Republican votes in Mississippi and South Carolina and 400 in Louisiana, while a New York delegate represents 9,500 votes and a delegate from Pennsylvania, 9,500 votes.

There has been equitable readjustment. The new system will equalize the number of delegates with party conditions. The voice of the South in the convention will be small. The twelve States of the solid South will together have but fifteen per cent. Territories like Porto Rico and the Philippines will have no vote in the selection of the next Republican Presidential Convention. And the same operation has been performed upon certain strong Democratic Congressional precincts in the North. They have also lost some of their delegate strength.

The other change is in the making of the roll of the convention. This is something in which the committee has full power. It is a power given to it by the laws of the party, and given through the life of the party from its birth to the present day. The committee has now shown itself of this power. It did this deliberately and intentionally. Hereafter delegates elected by direct primaries will not be interfered with. Their names will go at once upon the roll of the convention. Whatever the laws of each particular State, they shall govern.

These things the committee itself performed. And some will criticize that it do so and did not call a convention for that purpose. The reason a convention was not called was because it would result in more injury than benefit to the party. This became so clear after the committee had assembled in Washington that there was but one opinion as to the proper course to pursue. Even the small vote cast in favor of a convention did not represent a sentiment in its favor. Some of the votes for it were cast by men who had been instructed by conventions in their States to favor a convention, but who themselves were convinced that such course was not wise.

It was not until Monday night that the convention perished. Up to that time it was a certainty. There were thirty-one of the fifty-three members of the committee in favor of a convention, and ready to vote their sentiments. On Monday evening the committee met informally at dinner. For five hours there was a frank recital of conditions and discussion of the best course to pursue. Nothing was glossed over; things were called by their right names. Everyone present told his story and gave his opinion. At the close of the dinner it was known by all that there would be no convention.

Out of the discussion came the very clear conclusion that a convention within the next twelve months would develop bickerings and factions rather than compose the differences within the party. It was apparent that much of the time of the convention would be taken up with a fighting over again of the battle of Chicago of 1912. No useful purpose could be served by such procedure. The eyes of the party should look forward not backward, if success is desired. The time for discussing the Chicago convention ended on election day of last year.

Besides, a national convention could do but one thing more than the committee has done. That would be to write a platform, a declaration of principles which should look to party strength in 1916. But it is too early to determine the issues of 1916. The Democratic record of legislation is not yet made up. There is still much water to go over the dam.

So the idea of a convention was given up. Then came the question of how to change conditions that should be changed, without appearing to exercise a too autocratic authority. The question of changing the rules and conduct of the committee was, of course, simple. That was something over which it had authority.

That left the matter of delegate representation to be dealt with. The Legal Committee had reported that the National Committee did not have the authority to make a change. So the committee did not make its new apportionment final. It is to be decided when the party of the country approves its action. The committee refers the plan to the Republican party of the nation, the same power from which the committee derives its own authority. The party itself is to share in the reform. The different States are to do their part. They have a year in which to take action. When the action has been ratified by States representing a majority of the electoral votes it becomes the party law, not before. This is the same vote that such a plan must receive to be adopted by a special convention called for that purpose. In this way the committee usurps no power not its own. It says to the country that it will do a certain specific thing, if the party, whose agent it is, approves and ratifies.

The first formal step will be made in an address to the State Organizations to be issued soon by a special committee, appointed by the National Committee for that purpose. Charles B. Warren, of Michigan, is the chairman of the special committee and associated with him in drafting the message will be former Governor Hatfield, of Missouri, and Governor Hatfield, of West Virginia.

Mr. Warren announced that the special committee would meet immediately after the holidays.

Railroad Into Receiver's Hands. Mobile, Ala., Dec. 19.—The New Orleans, Mobile and Chicago Railroad was thrown into the hands of a receiver today through the petition filed by the Metropolitan Trust Company, of New York, in the Federal District Court. Judge Toulain immediately appointed Col. W. F. Owen, president of the road as receiver.

President Owen announced that the road would be operated as heretofore, except under the approval of the Federal Court. Joseph C. Rich, general counsel, made this statement:

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