

TEXAS CONTEST IS WON BY TAFT

Scene of Disorder Outside Committee Room as Roosevelt Loses the Delegation-at-Large.

COLONEL'S FOLLOWERS EXPRESS CONFIDENCE

Taft Men Will Barely Control on Paper if President Gains All the Cases Pending.

Special to The Gazette-News.

Chicago, June 15.—Hon. Richmond Pearson will make one of the speeches nominating Roosevelt. Mr. Pearson will do this at the request of Colonel Roosevelt himself.

Experts on the Taft side are figuring today that they lack only about half a dozen votes to put the president across.

Chicago, June 15.—When the national committee convened this morning it was with the intention of settling the 38 remaining contests before night.

Argument in the delegation-at-large contest from Texas began at 3:40 o'clock.

Frederick C. Bryan, one of the Taft attorneys in the Texas contest, charged National Committeeman Lyon of that state with "the worst type of political brigandage."

Eight delegates-at-large from Texas were given to Taft by the republican national committee today.

President Taft received six delegates at the hands of the republican national committee in contests with the forces of Colonel Roosevelt yesterday.

When the committee adjourned at 2:50 o'clock in the afternoon, the Texas, Virginia and Washington contests remained as the struggles in which the Roosevelt contestants were to enter their strength tomorrow.

Total contests decided 136. For Taft 173, for Roosevelt 11; remaining undecided, 68.

None of the contests yesterday brought out the strong partisan feeling that has characterized many of the arguments and decisions in the committee room.

A contest from Alaska that had not figured in the committee's lists was disposed of without argument just before adjournment.

The sudden and early termination of the day's proceedings came from the desire of Mr. Taft's attorneys for time to prepare the cases involving the 30 contested delegates from Texas.

An attempt to take up the Virginia and Washington cases met similar opposition from the other side.

By an agreement to consolidate the Virginia-Texas case to attempt a compromise of the Washington case it was made possible to present all the remaining contests today it is believed.

FLOPS AND GIVES BACK TAFT MONEY

Action of Negro Delegate from Mississippi Causes Sensation in Chicago.

Chicago, June 15.—A letter written by Charles Banks, one of the negro Taft delegates-at-large from Mississippi to Director McKinley of the Taft headquarters announcing that he would support Roosevelt and was returning "the money placed in my hands, at your suggestion, to defray traveling expenses of some of the delegates from Mississippi," was given out last night by Senator Dixon, the manager of the Roosevelt campaign, and created a sensation in political circles.

The letter was unaccompanied by explanation from the Roosevelt managers, further than that "Senator Dixon received at Roosevelt headquarters this afternoon the following copy of a letter sent today to Honorable William B. McKinley."

Banks and his associates on the Taft delegation-at-large were seated by the national committee Thursday against the protest of the Roosevelt contestants from the state.

"In keeping with my suggestion of yesterday, I am returning you here-with the money placed in my hands, at your suggestion, to defray traveling expenses of some of the delegates from Mississippi."

"It is apparent that some one connected with your campaign has been continually trying to discredit me before the country and with my people for some time."

"When I was in Washington a few weeks ago looking after the new federal court bill from Mississippi and called at your headquarters, my assistant, without any suggestion from me whatever, brought up the matter of expenses for delegates from my state. I told him then and there, in your presence, that so far as I was concerned I would not accept any expense money from him whatever."

"You then proposed that I take enough for the rest of the delegates. I stated to you that they were all men who could get to Chicago, and you could look after the matter here; both of you, however, proposed that the matter be closed then, to which I agreed."

Banks says in the letter that when he reached Chicago last Wednesday he learned that some one had informed the Mississippi delegates that "you had given me a lot of money for them, as well as for myself."

He adds that, "I am returning you here-with the money, and you can do as you see fit."

COURTS RESTRICTED Senate Amendment Would Prohibit Any Single Judge From Enjoining Interstate Commission.

Washington, June 15.—To further protect the acts of interstate commerce commission, the senate yesterday amended the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill to provide that no single federal judge may enjoin or restrain the commission's orders.

The amendment, offered by Senator Cummins, provided that injunctions and restraints must be agreed upon by a majority of three judges who shall be the chief justice of the United States and two other justices.

An amendment by Senator Crawford to extend the Cummins amendment to injunctions against states railroad commission was passed.

Senator McCumber asked the senate to assign the five judges of the commerce court to other United States courts but it refused, 25 to 23. The house and senate have voted to cut off the court's appropriation and the senate has voted to abolish the court and the terms of officers of the court. The senate finally passed the bill and it now goes to conference with the house.

CUBAN REBEL LEADER IS REPORTED KILLED Havana, June 15.—General Montenegro, commander-in-chief of the government troops, called the president today that Gen. Estenoz, the rebel leader, was reported killed in a fight near Songo and, while confirmation is lacking, the government believes the report is true.

Oroco Arrests Two Officers. Chihuahua, Mexico, June 15.—General Emilio Campa, one of the most dashing officers of the rebel army, and Colonel Jose Alatorre were arrested today by order of General Oroco, charged with insubordination.

Five Murderers Resisted. Columbia, June 15.—Because an electric chair could not be installed in time for the execution in July of five murderers condemned to death, Governor Dixie this morning respite them all until August.

GREAT CROWD IS GATHERING AS COLONEL NEARS CHICAGO



MR. AND MRS. CECIL LYON, OF TEXAS. Demonstration for Roosevelt on His Arrival Seems Likely.

Chicago, June 15.—The arrival of Col. Roosevelt today overshadowed all preliminaries to the national convention. Throughout the day discussion of his sudden trip, begun last evening from Oyster Bay, held the foreground to the practical exclusion of other pre-convention activities.

His Skill in Political Manipulation Will Be Matched Against Taft Forces' Staying Power.

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JERSEY RIOTERS AWED BY GUARD

MEEKINS JOINS ROOSEVELT FORCES

First District Man Arrives at Chicago—Statement From California.

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Perth Amboy Is Comparatively Quiet After Day and Night of Fierce Rioting.

THREE ARE KILLED AND OTHERS INJURED

Plant of the American Smelting Company Protected With Rifles and Gatling Gun.

Perth Amboy, N. J., June 15.—With guards carrying rifles on duty at factories beset by strikers, the city is comparatively quiet this morning.

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ALLEGED ARRESTED MEN HEADED ROBBER BAND

Waynesville Police May Have Made Important Arrests on Larceny Charge.

Special to The Gazette-News. Waynesville, June 15.—V. P. Brown, formerly proprietor of the inn, has bought out the firm of Palmer & Kenyon.

A new coat of paint is being given the inn. The old First National bank building is being repaired for the removal of the library from over the bank of Waynesville to that building.

Thomas Trainwell and Arthur Starny, who a short while ago were arrested and lodged in jail on the charge of store-breaking and larceny are believed to be the leaders of a band, which has been operating from Bryson City to Buffalo, S. C., when Trainwell was captured he was dressed in clothes that was alleged to have been stolen from the store of Clyde H. Ray.

The race for county treasurer will be between Hugh A. Love, the incumbent, and Frank Welch. Some believe it will be a close race, but Mr. Love's friends assert he will have a walk-over.

Grady Boyd has the contract for carrying the U. S. Mail to Eagle's Nest.

W. T. Lee, who is one of the oldest residents of town, has moved to his farm at Sannock. His daughters, Misses Clarie and Evelyn, will remain in Waynesville.

Thursday was the day for the annual Sunday-school parade in which the various Sunday schools participate. Every year at this parade a banner is given to the school which has had the largest percentage of attendance.

This year it was a close race between the Methodist and East Waynesville schools, but the East Waynesville school captured the banner by a small margin. Its percentage of attendance was 91 per cent. The Methodist 90 per cent.

After the parade, which was headed by the Waynesville band, refreshments were served on the Baptist church lawn.

ROOSEVELT TALKS Says He Goes to Chicago Because of Committee's Attempt to Thwart People's Will.

Toledo, June 15.—With Chicago only a few miles away, Col. Roosevelt stated just before reaching here his determination to fight his opponents to the end, saying:

"I did not feel at liberty to come where the fight was being waged. My object in going is perfectly simple. The actions of certain national committee members unfortunately have made it evident that in this fight between the plain people and the public men who should be their servants the latter are attempting to be their masters."

SOUTHERN TO MAKE BIG ORDER OF EQUIPMENT

Bids Asked for 40 Locomotives and Many Cars — Construction of 26 Miles of Double-Track.

Washington, June 15.—President Finley announced today that the Southern Railway company is asking for bids on 40 Pacific type passenger locomotives and 30 freight locomotives of the Mikado type.

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NEW ASHEVILLE FIRM

Villa Heights Company Chartered to Do Real Estate Business—Capital \$25,000.

Special to The Gazette-News. Asheville, June 15.—The Villa Heights company of Asheville was chartered today to do a real estate business with an authorized capital of \$25,000 and \$5,000 subscribed by George B. Whitley, F. M. Messier and George J. Douglas.

The Asheville Paint & Oil company amended its charter so as to deal in drugs. S. O. Bradley is president.

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EXPRESS COMPANY LOSES SUIT FOR LOST SHIPMENT

Attempt to Resist Payment Because Value Wasn't Stated Fails.

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, June 15.—The thirty-second annual convention of the North Carolina Negro Teachers association will be held at the negro A. and M. college here next week, beginning Tuesday and extending through Friday.

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POWERLESS TO CHECK THE DAMAGE BY FLOOD

Disastrous Levee Break at Hymelia Cannot Be Closed for Weeks.

Special to The Gazette-News. New Orleans, June 15.—The break in the levee at Hymelia, La., which is pouring millions of gallons of water over thousands of acres of southern Louisiana parishes, cannot be closed for weeks.

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