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SITUATION IN CHICAGO GROWING MORE TENSE

Plans of the Roosevelt People for Capturing the Convention By Taking Charge of the Preliminaries--They Try to Nominate Soon After Opening

ELEPHANT MAY TURN AGAINST BOTH

Many of the Delegates Put Through the Third Degree by Leaders On Both Sides--Men Who Stood Their Ground Were Told What Might Happen to Them--Some Talk of New Man But the Fierce Struggle Goes On With Increasing Bitterness--Roosevelt Hopes to Keep Contested Delegates From Voting on Permanent Organization.

Chicago, Ill., June 17.—The Roosevelt and Taft leaders, after a practically sleepless night, today staked final hands in their bitter struggle with less than twenty-four hours before gavel falls at the Coliseum for the formal opening of the republican national convention tomorrow. Prominent men from many states were subjected to conference room interviews at the Coliseum in police circles, as the "third degree." Leaders whose lives have been spent in the "game" brought into play every artifice of political politics in frantic efforts to swing the balance to Roosevelt or Taft. Men who doggedly stood their ground, were told what might happen to them, not only this year or next, but four years away, unless they agreed to the program the leaders mused out. Running through this tense situation was the fact of Roosevelt's presence, leading his own fight with his own hands. In the final analysis, as the day wore on, it was question whether the republican party is bigger than its controlling body, the national committee, or bigger than any individual candidate. Summarized, the situation is whether the republican "elephant" will respond to the digs of either of the two drivers, one ordering it to the left, the other commanding it to the right, or whether the "elephant" will twist its trunk about both drivers, hurl them aside and go its own way. Indications today were that the last contingency is not impossible.

In this connection, it became apparent that the division of delegates between Roosevelt and Taft on the nomination question does not hold on any other question to come before the convention. This was shown plainly by the Virginia delegations attitude. Although practically all for Taft's renomination, nine Virginia delegates declared they would vote to overrule the national committee's action in seating Taft delegates over Roosevelt delegates from California, Texas and Washington. This sentiment among arriving delegates was seized upon quickly by Roosevelt and his advisers, who determined to attempt to break down Taft's strength in the convention through the medium of preliminary ballots. The Roosevelt men will focus the fight as soon as the convention is called to order by precipitating a roll call, in which only those delegates whose seats are undebated by Roosevelt shall vote. The Roosevelt men expect to achieve this end by demanding a roll call on the temporary chairmanship, on the very first question that comes before the convention. Then it is planned to have Governor Johnson, California, cast the states twenty-six votes on the question. This action by Johnson, it is expected, will be objected to by two Taft delegates from the fourth California. This juncture will be grasped by the Roosevelt floor leaders as the one upon which to go an "expurgated" vote of delegates. The floor leader will move that the temporary roll compiled by the national committee be rejected and that a substitute roll call, including seventy or eighty delegates claimed by Roosevelt be adopted. Thus submitting the matter of the debated seats none of the affected delegates could vote on the question and the Roosevelt men believe that such a roll would give them the upper hand in organizing the convention. The Roosevelt plan is revolutionary and Acting Chairman Roosevelt of the national committee, who calls the convention to order may insist on waiting for the report of the credentials committee which usually, would not come up until Wednesday.

BORAH ROOSEVELT'S CHOICE FOR CHAIRMAN

Chicago, June 17.—Senator Borah, of Idaho, was definitely selected as the Roosevelt force's choice for temporary chairman. Governor Hadley was chosen as floor leader for Roosevelt. The Taft and Roosevelt forces prepared two distinct platforms for submission to the convention. Discussing the Roosevelt platform, James R. Garfield declared it would be progressive throughout. The subject of re-call will be left to the individual states. The third candidate talk continued. Justice Hughes' name was prominently mentioned.

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Still They Quarrel. Chicago, June 17.—The Taft forces characterized as "too purple to talk about," Roosevelt's plan of submitting a new temporary roll to take the place of the one made by the national committee. Senator Penrose asserted: "We are ready for that scheme or any other chimerical proposal that comes from the same source. Not a lawyer would seriously entertain any proposition to set aside party traditions in disposing of contest cases." Director McKinley said: "The temporary roll of delegate arranged by the national committee organize the convention."

Speaking for the Roosevelt forces, Governor Hadley declared that no contested delegates seated by act of the national committee should sit in the convention. Asked how he could help it, he said the Roosevelt forces were not unmasking their batteries today. Dixon declared the temporary roll-call now showed Roosevelt would be nominated by a majority of at least forty-two and Borah would be chosen temporary chairman over Root by a large majority. Dixon declared many southern delegates instructed for Taft would vote with the Roosevelt forces on organization and so assured him. He said four more Georgia delegates had followed the five who yesterday signed open letter to Roosevelt pledging him their support. Dixon said he would make a public letter later in the day signed by several South Carolina delegates pledging Roosevelt their support. "There is not a southern state that has not been broken," asserted Dixon. Henry W. Taft, arriving this afternoon, declared he was not in the least worried over prospects for the Taft family.

May Try to Nominate at Once. Roosevelt conferred with the committee members. It is said the Roosevelt plan met stubborn opposition. The committee members, it is reported, insisted that the chairman follow their usual procedure and enforce strict rules relative to the temporary organization. Unless the Roosevelt leaders get a vote on the contests, immediately, it is said they plan forcing the issue by immediately moving Roosevelt's nomination, and attempting to hold a convention of their own within the convention hall. Aware of the gravity of these developments, the Taft managers and (Continued on Page Seven.)

ROBINSON ACQUITTED OF MURDER CHARGE

Elizabeth City, June 17.—Pugh Robinson, son of Chief of Police James Robinson, of Edenton, was acquitted of the charge of murder yesterday afternoon after the jury had been out 24 hours on the case. Robinson was tried in the superior court here last week upon the charge of shooting to death a United States seaman, named Harney, on the state militia boat Elfrida, here several weeks ago. The verdict was a surprise as it was expected that he would be convicted of murder in some degree.

Summer Law School

Wake Forest, June 17.—The Summer school of Wake Forest College has finished the first two weeks of its session. The enrollment is thirty, representing several states. Out of this number there are eight graduate students. At a meeting called for the purpose, the class elected the following officers: President, J. Q. Johnson, Moore county; vice-president, R. S. Pruette, Mecklenburg county; secretary and treasurer, William Evans, Pitt county. The Moot Court officers elected were Hon. J. M. Loyall, of the Jacksonville, Fla. bar; associate judge, J. H. Bingham, clerk, and C. C. Broughton, sheriff. The case committee appointed by the president were J. M. Loyall, W. T. Wilson and R. C. Bernard.

The gossip of today may be superseded by tomorrow.



AND TO THINK THAT HE CONSIDERS IT MUSIC.

TALK ABOUT WEATHER Mercury 90 Degrees In Raleigh Yesterday

Sudden Change in Temperature Responsible For Apparent Heat—Today Was Really a Hot One—Some Information on Subject—Many People Out Riding.

Although many persons complained of the heat yesterday, the weather was not really so hot as appeared. The mercury scooped up to only 90 degrees, the second highest point reached this year. The highest was Thursday—at 92—but this was followed by rain. It was not so hot yesterday, the contrast in the temperatures of Saturday and yesterday accounting for the uncomfortable feeling about one's shoulders and collar. Saturday the highest temperature was 78 degrees, and the change of 12 degrees in 24 hours was quite noticeable. The weather was a whole lot warmer today than yesterday. At 8 o'clock yesterday morning the mercury registered 76 and at the same hour today it registered 82. During the night the thermometer did not register lower than 74 degrees. Until 3 o'clock this afternoon the mercury showed an inclination to balloon and it was early apparent that the figures would read 91 or 92 before the limit was reached. Hundreds of Raleigh people got out into the open yesterday by means of buggies, street cars and automobiles. Traffic to the Country Club was never better.

Estimate of Cotton Acreage. Washington, June 17.—The department of agriculture's estimate of the acreage planted to cotton in the United States, which heretofore has been made early in June, but which a recent act of congress caused to be postponed a month, will be issued at noon, Wednesday, July 3, with the monthly report showing the condition of cotton, June 23.

Delegates Hurt in Wreck

Chicago, June 17.—A hundred passengers, including several Georgian convention delegates were bruised and cut in a railroad accident when a Pennsylvania train collided with several empty cars near here.

Lynchburg Gives Up Franchise

Lynchburg, June 17.—The Lynchburg Baseball Association directors decided to make no further efforts to retain the Virginia League franchise taken from this city last week. Lynchburg will be without ball the remainder of the season.

SWANN CAPTURED. Slayer of C. C. Gibson at Red Springs Taken at Hamlet.

Hamlet, June 17.—George Swann the negro, who shot C. C. Gibson, superintendent of the oil mill at Red Springs, two weeks ago, and who died from his injuries in a Fayetteville hospital, was captured yesterday morning in an old barn two miles from Hamlet by Chief of Police Tatlock of this place and Ernest Sims. Swann offered no resistance and when taken admitted that he was the man wanted. A reward of \$300 was outstanding for his arrest which will be paid to the Hamlet officers. The sheriff of Robeson was notified and came here for Swann, leaving with him on the evening train. On account of the intense feeling in Red Springs against the prisoner it is thought that Swann will not be carried to Lumberton, but will be taken to the penitentiary at Raleigh for safe keeping.

Most people count the chicks not only before they are hatched, but before the eggs are laid.

SPECIAL TAX WINS THE DAY

Wake Forest Votes In Favor of Good School Facilities

(Special to The Times.) Wake Forest, June 17.—After a hot fight of two months the special tax election held here Saturday, settled the question as to whether or not Wake Forest would have increased school facilities. Up to the present time the facilities have been inadequate. The special tax will amount to about forty-five cents poll tax and about fifteen cents on the hundred dollars valuation. There 213 voters registered. Out of this number only about 157 voted. The fight against the tax was led by W. C. Brewer and others. The school forces were led by O. K. Holding, J. C. Coddell and G. W. Paschal. Every voter who was registered and failed to vote was counted against the tax. Taking the vote in this light the school won by a vote of 12 to 93. But of votes actually polled those for the school were 129 and those against it were 37. This is a signal victory for the special tax, for it had been defeated in this district several times before.

THE NATIONAL GUARD Captain Daugherty Impressed With North Carolina

Under Progressive Direction of General Leinster State Troops Are Equal to Guard of Any State—Will Inspect Regiment at Camp Glenn in July. Capt. Andrew Jackson Daugherty, U. S. A., who was assigned by the war department to duty in North Carolina, returned to Raleigh today from Pennsylvania and Maryland, where he was an instructor in the camps of instruction for the officers of the national guard of those states. He will leave Wednesday for Massachusetts on a similar duty. Captain Daugherty will return to North Carolina to perform his last duties. He will inspect the Second and Third regiments at Camp Glenn in July and will then leave for the Philippines to join his regiment. The captain said today that the more he saw of the North Carolina National Guard the more favorably was he impressed with its effectiveness. "It will compare favorably with the guard of the other states in the union," he declared, "under the progressive methods of Adjutant General Leinster, has improved rapidly. Captain Daugherty, who is a good soldier and fine gentleman, is delighted with North Carolina and will leave many friends here when he leaves for the orient."

THOUSANDS FLOCKING TO CONVENTION CITY

Chicago, June 17.—Streams of lively music announced the arrival of convention delegations. From various depots lines of quick stepping marchers and struggling bodies of ribbon, bedecked delegates poured into the region about headquarters hotel. The greater part of twenty-five hundred delegates and attendants, holding title to the convention floor, arrived, besides thousands of spectators and enthusiasts from far distant points. The most spectacular of the morning arrivals was the Blaine club of Cincinnati. Nearly four hundred men were in column, marching down Michigan avenue, past Taft headquarters in the Congress hotel, around to the club's headquarters in the Great Northern hotel. The club members wore white hats.

ONE INSURGENT LEADER KILLED AND ANOTHER CAPTURED

Washington, June 17.—Admiral Fisher from Guantanamo has cabled the navy department confirmation of the report that General Estenoso, Cuban insurgent leader, was killed and General Lacoite, rebel general was captured by government forces. The officials here believe this practically will terminate the revolution.

REV. J. S. WELD KILLED IN LONDON

London, June 17.—Rev. J. S. Weld, an American was run over and killed by a motorbus in Cockspur street.

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FINE RECORD BY SHERIFF

Tax Settlement Shows \$311,000 Collected Last Year

At an adjourned meeting of the board of county commissioners today the final settlement of Sheriff J. H. Sears for the taxes of 1911 was received and accepted. The sheriff collected \$40,000 more last year than was ever before collected in Wake county. The record of 1911 was \$311,000. The commissioners also ordered that the tax books be made up by the county auditor, as was the case last year. It was ordered that the Bacon bridge be repaired.

NO SIGN OF LIFE

Relief Tug Redonda Reports as Being Unable to Make Any Landing on Account of Eruption of Last Week.

Karluk Kodiak Island, Alaska, June 17.—The relief tug Redonda arrived here yesterday at the foot of Kattulof volcano and reported that she was unable to make a landing in that section because of the extremely heavy deposits of sand and ashes. No sign of life was seen and those on the tug were unable to recognize the locations of the fishing villages which were scattered along the coast line before the eruption last week. When those on the tug were satisfied that there was no life on shore, they put aboard and ran at full speed across Salikof strait to Karluk, where wireless messages were sent to the revenue cutters and other relief ships in the vicinity. The men on the tug say the entire coast line of the Alaska peninsula in the vicinity of the volcano is buried so deeply that the mountain appears to slope at an even grade to the waters edge.

MOVEMENT FOR HUGHES

Hotchkiss Declares no Man With the Justice's Idea of Civic Duty Can Afford to Refuse to Serve the Nation. Chicago, June 17.—A movement in behalf of Justice Charles E. Hughes, of the United States supreme court as a compromise candidate for president, took definite form here yesterday. William H. Hotchkiss, of New York, former state superintendent of insurance and a close friend of Justice Hughes is its leading spirit. "No man, particularly a man with Justice Hughes' ideas of civic duty, can refuse to serve the people of the nation in a crisis such as the present one," he said when reminded Justice Hughes would not permit his name to be used. Mr. Hotchkiss and his associates took pains to make it clear that they had come here without the knowledge of Justice Hughes. "I did not come to Chicago as an opponent of Colonel Roosevelt, whom I am an exponent of progressive principles. I shall support should he be nominated," said Mr. Hotchkiss.

WEATHER BUREAU BULLETIN

Washington, June 17.—There will be showers the first part of the coming week in the eastern and southern states, attending the eastward movement of a disturbance that is now over the Great Lakes. This disturbance will be followed by rising pressure and a change to cooler weather which will last until the latter part of the week in the middle west and the eastern states. Over the middle west and the far western states the weather will be fair during the next several days. The next disturbance to cross the country will appear in the northwest about Thursday and prevail over the middle west at the close of the week; it will be attended by local showers and thunderstorms and will be preceded by a general rise in temperature.

BATTLESHIP NEBRASKA SAILS FOR GUANTANAMO

Key West, Fla., June 17.—The battleship Nebraska sailed today for Guantanamo.

MAINE DEMOCRATS WILL NAME PLAISTED

Portland, Maine, June 17.—The Maine democrats will re-nominate Frederick Plaisted for governor in the preferential primary today. Obadiah Gardner will receive the democratic vote for United States senator. The republicans have three candidates for each office.

TWO GIRLS KILLED BY TRAIN

Winnipeg, June 17.—Two girls were killed by a Canadian train today. The girls were on their way from church. Their escort was fatally hurt.

GAYNOR AND FOSS TALK

Two Small Boons Started at Baltimore Today For Democratic "Dark Horse"

THE COMMITTEE BUSY

National Committee Move Headquarters to the Convention Hall—The Wilson People Say Leader Murphy of Tammany Hall Don't Want to Commit His Delegation Until After the Chicago Convention Acts—Roger Sullivan Says Illinois Will Vote as a Unit for Clark Throughout the Convention.

Baltimore, June 17.—The democratic national committee headquarters were moved to the convention hall today. National Chairman Mack and his associated will conclude the remaining details incident to the opening of the convention a week from tomorrow. Two "dark horse" boons were informally discussed this morning for Mayor Gaynor and Governor Foss. Those directing Governor Wilson's candidacy said they were informed that Leader Murphy, of Tammany Hall, believed New York should take no choice for president until after the Chicago convention.

Frank Hendrick, of New York, launched the Foss boom. He said Foss's name might not be taken up until the second ballot. Hendrick said the Foss platform was the immediate reduction of tariff and reciprocity with Canada. National Committeeman Sullivan of Illinois declared that "Illinois delegates will vote as unit and continue to vote through the convention. We are for Clark." Clark and Wilson headquarters were opened today.

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