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BIG CRUSH OF PEOPLE AT CONVENTION HALL

Greatest Stress of Feeling and Bitterness Ever Marked a Political Convention--Roosevelt People Hope to Capture the Convention

THE CROWDS ARE EXPECTING A ROW

The More Moderate of the Roosevelt Supporters Against the Revolutionary Plan of Trying to Capture the Convention--Both Sides Making Claims and Nobody Seems to Know Who Will Have the Majority, Who Will Be Temporary Chairman Or What May Happen--Sensational Procedure is Expected by the Crowds--Taft's Picture Not in the Hall.

Chicago, Ill., June 18.—The republican national convention in a full swing of oratory and factional enthusiasm at two o'clock this afternoon had not yet organized. Senator Root of New York, and Governor McGovern, of Wisconsin by the Taft and anti-Taft forces, respectively were placed in nomination for temporary chairmen. The Roosevelt people attempted to amend the temporary roll. Chairman Roosevelt refused to entertain any business but nominations for temporary chairmen. This brought the test squarely upon that issue. Groner of Virginia, was among those seconding Root's nomination.

Gathering of the Forces.

Chicago, Ill., June 18.—The warring Taft and Roosevelt forces gathered at Coliseum for the opening of the fifteenth republican national convention with battle lines on both sides apparently holding firm and the leaders and delegates predicting that the session would mark a epoch in the annals of American politics. Rarely have the principals in a national political convention entered under greater stress of feeling than prevails today. The atmosphere is electric with bitterness and personal animosity. Thousands, unable to obtain seats at the convention, thronged the lobbies and the vicinity of the coliseum, believing that a sensation of one kind or another would develop in the big hall at any moment. Many political veterans said it was the worst crush of humanity in their convention experiences. Taft's managers concluded their plans for the fight on the floor on the assumption that the temporary roll prepared by the national committee would show a Taft majority by a small margin. Also they assumed that the temporary roll of the committee would become the convention's temporary roll. Roosevelt and advisers, evidently familiar with the Taft figures, evolved an eleventh hour scheme for reducing the small Taft majority by means of an arrangement eliminating from the roll on temporary organization those votes Roosevelt challenges. Every possible effort was made by Roosevelt's managers to have the Taft leaders accept the proposal that no election of temporary or other officers, or other proceedings, shall be taken as the convention's act unless it shall receive the affirmative of votes of 540 uncontested delegates.

Plan Revolutionary.

Chicago, Ill., June 18.—Taft's leaders asserted that Roosevelt's plan as revolutionary and in direct opposition to the rules governing the national committee and long established procedure in the temporary organization of the republican national convention. The more moderate members of the Roosevelt organization counseled against the so-called revolutionary proposal, declaring that attempts to secure its adoption would precipitate decisive fight immediately.

Taft's Picture Not in Hall. For the first time in his history

PRESIDENT'S DINNER TO CUBAN STATESMAN

Washington, June 18.—The president's dinner last night to Speaker Farrar, of the Cuban house of representatives, is regarded by diplomats as further evidence of this government's intentions to maintain an attitude of non-intervention in Cuba. The function was intended as a demonstration of the United States' kindly feeling toward the Cuban government. In official circles it is believed the American warships may be withdrawn from Cuban waters soon, to continue their summer drills.

The reason a woman can understand a man is he can't hear.

tory of a national republican convention, there is no picture of a president hung in big hall. The iron work is hidden behind red, white and blue bunting. The galleries are marked by lines of mountain laurel, draped about tri-colored shields and flags. The chairman's table stands about one-third of the way from the south end of the rectangular hall, on a dias. Back of it are the national commitmen's seats. At its sides are grouped five hundred seats for newspaper men where may be heard and ticked away to ninety million people and many times more people of other lands, all transpiring within. In the basement the newspaper men have spacious rooms where a hundred telegraph operators and reporters may work. Two hundred operators, attended by five hundred messenger boys will be ready to aid in conveying the information abroad.

Committee on Rules.

The members of the committee on rules and order of business were elected by the state delegations: North Carolina, Emil Scow; Virginia, R. H. Angelo. Members of the committee on permanent organization of convention: North Carolina, Moses N. Harshaw; Virginia, Joseph L. Crupper.

Police on Every Side.

Police on every corner, every door and aisle were the distinguishing feature of the scene in early hours before the doors opened to the ticket holders. Nervous tension was apparent on all sides. It was difficult even for those people with proper tickets, including newspaper men, to enter the hall. All subordinate officials, are keenly alive to the possibility of trouble. Along the front row, between the body of delegates' seats and the platform, a solid row of uniformed police sat waiting for nobody knew what. By ten-thirty o'clock there was a large sprinkling of people in all sections of the hall, but there was in evidence at that hour no signs of the excitement which everybody expected before the day closed.

Dixon Excited.

Senator Dixon, Roosevelt's campaign manager, rushed about excitedly in the hour preceding the time for the convention to assemble and scurried in and out of Roosevelt's rooms, conferring over the final plans for the day's struggle on the floor of the convention. "I'm too busy to talk or predict," said Dixon. "It is past time for predictions or estimates. We are going down to the convention to win this fight and win we will."

Filling Up the Hall.

At ten-fifteen a band in the coliseum began playing "My Country 'Tis of Thee," and people began streaming into the arena. About eleven o'clock the delegates were coming into hall in larger numbers. The delegates seats were rapidly filling. "A big hat in the ring," mounted on a tall pole was carried into the hall by one of the Texas delegates. It was placed beside the Texas standard.

As they started for the coliseum it was announced purpose of the Roosevelt forces to delay the temporary organization as long as possible.

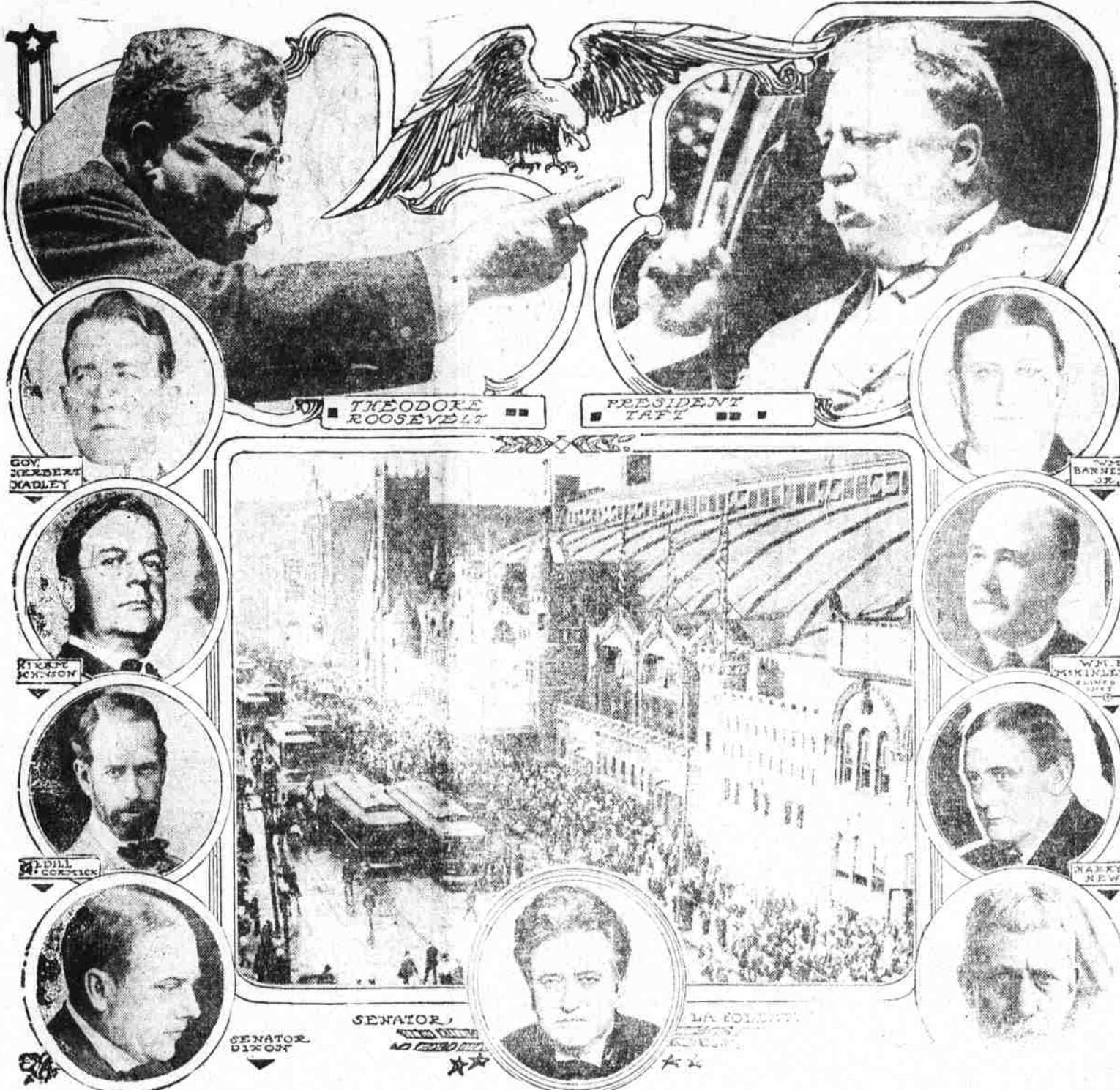
Yells as Delegates Gather.

The delegations poured into the Coliseum in the half hour before the convention assembled. From all parts of the hall rival yells of the delegations burst forth. Music from a band up near the roof of the great hall was drowned at times in cries from well Dixie, which followed the rather colorful melody of old favorites, brought the southerners to their feet with a yell. Many northerners joined them. The first real applause came at 11:30, for former Vice-President Fairbanks and former Congressman James E. Watson of Indiana. Watson was chosen last night as Taft floor leader. Two women among California's delegates, entering a few moments later, were roundly cheered.

A moment after the band concluded "Dixie" it struck up "Marching Through Georgia." Scattered cheers greeted the song. Pennsylvania's delegation, at 11:40, punctured the following it with a Roosevelt yell. At 11:50, practically all the delegates were on the floor. The aisles were choked, and there was much confusion. The hall was a veritable babel. Above the convention's roar, a band poured fourth more or less mournful tunes. The weather was exceedingly cool, a sharp contrast to former years, many delegates appearing in winter clothes.

Roosevelt, at his hotel headquarters, held a final conference with his leaders. Asked whether he would attend the convention today Roosevelt

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The Convention Hall at Chicago and Some of the Factional Leaders Who Will Battle There Today for Control of the Republican Party.

DOCTORS ARE IN SESSION

State Medical Society Met Today at Hendersonville --Welcome Addresses

(Special to The Times.) Hendersonville, June 18.—The fifty-ninth annual session of the State Medical Society convened here this morning for a session of four days. Dr. A. A. Kent, president of Lenoir, called the meeting to order, after which Rev. A. L. Stafford made the invocation. Rev. R. T. Wilcox, president of the Greater Hendersonville Club delivered the welcome address, which was followed by the address of welcome by Dr. Arthur R. Guerd, in behalf of the local medical society. The response was made by Dr. Laughlinhouse, of Greenville, followed by the president's address. The regular program, consisting of scores of speeches, was then taken up.

BETTING ON OUTCOME

One Arizona Ranch Owner Places \$20,000 That Taft Will Win. Chicago, June 18.—A quarter of a million dollars has been wagered here on the outcome of the Chicago convention, according to declarations made here today by persons who claimed to be well posted. One "book-maker" said today he had handled \$50,000 in bets for New Yorkers.

An Arizona ranch owner today wagered \$20,000 that Taft would be nominated. A number of Pennsylvanians pooled their interests to take the big bet.

Even money is about the standard offered although Roosevelt seems to have a trifle the better of the sentiment.

NAB PICKPOCKETS.

Officers Bound Up Fifteen "Working" Republican Convention.

Chicago, June 18.—Fifteen alleged pickpockets were rounded up at the central police station. They were arrested on street cars and in public places by detectives looking for "convention crooks" attracted by the opportunity for thieving.

Two of the prisoners, the police say, admitted they came from New York in the hope of reaping a rich harvest of pocketbooks and jewelry, and another said he hailed from Texas.

North Carolina Merchants' Association meets tonight at 8:30 in Odd Fellows' Hall. The public is invited.

KILLED BY TRAIN.

Cyrus Clodfelter, 8 Years Old, of Thomasville the Victim. Thomasville, June 18.—This afternoon about 2 o'clock the little 8-year-old son of Will Clodfelter of Thomasville, was killed by a shifting freight train at the railroad crossing in front of the residence of J. C. Green. The young child, Cyrus Clodfelter, was apparently standing on the side track waiting for passenger train No. 34 northbound, to pass when the shifting freight train backed down the track on which he was standing and killed him without warning. He was struck on the head and the entire back portion of the skull and right arm were cut off.

Authorities of the railroad called the company surgeon, Dr. C. A. Julian, who found the lifeless body of the child lying near the track. Corporal Ponecek was summoned and immediately held inquest.

It has been said by one of the witnesses to the tragedy that there were no gates at this crossing just at the time the boy was killed and in all probability he was waiting for No. 7 southbound and No. 34 northbound to pass and could not hear the shifting freight as it backed on him. There are no gates at this crossing, just as there are none in any part of the town, making it necessarily a dangerous place for those who have to walk across the tracks.

PARKER MAY BE THE TEMPORARY CHAPLAIN

Baltimore, June 18.—Judge Alton B. Parker, of New York was strongly indicated as the choice of arrangement committee for temporary chairman of the democratic national convention. The arrangement committee members now here declare Parker neutral toward all the candidates in the race and possessed of ideal qualifications. Lendor Murphy, of Tammany, it is said, brought forth Parker's name. The arrangement committee meets Thursday to name the convention's temporary officers. The democratic leaders and national committee men laid aside pre-convention labors today, and looked toward Chicago for news.

PLANS FOR NEW ROAD

Stockholders of Railroad Meet in Greensboro and Discuss Plans--Other News

(Special to The Times.) Greensboro, June 18.—A full and enthusiastic meeting of stockholders of the Greensboro, Roxboro and Northern Railroad company was adjourned last night to meet two weeks hence, when it was stated a legal meeting will be held and a final organization of the company effected. The company proposes to build a line of railroad from Greensboro through Albemarle, Caswell and Person counties to Roxboro and possibly on to Henderson for a connection with the Seaboard.

Last night's meeting named a committee to cooperate with committees already at work on the details for the road and to pay attention to certain pre-conditions that must be looked after. This committee is composed of the following prominent local business men and stockholders: Capt. J. W. Perry, A. B. Kinball, A. L. Brooks, G. B. Benson, H. W. Thompson, John J. Pender, E. J. Justice and Garland Daniel.

A marriage which came as a surprise but which will be of interest to their friends in the state occurred at 9 o'clock last night in the parsonage of Centenary Methodist church when Thomas R. Padgett and Miss Frances Allright were married. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. D. Sherrill in the presence of a small company of friends.

Mr. Padgett is connected with the firm of Brownfield company in Greensboro and at Charlotte and a very popular young man. His bride is an attractive and popular young woman of this city.

In Guilford superior court yesterday Lacey Tally, a 15 year old white boy from White Oak, was given his freedom after resting under a charge of assault with intent to kill. Judge Cook announced a suspension of judgment, the youth of the boy being a cause for leniency. In a recent quarrel Tally pushed a boy companion into the mill pond at White Oak and but for the timely arrival of others the boy would have drowned.

In the United States court yesterday afternoon the suit of Mrs. Cora F. Houser, was begun. The plaintiff asks \$10,000 damages for the death of her husband, who was an engineer, in an accident near Columbus, Ohio. Witnesses are here from Ohio and it is said several days will be required to try the case. The plaintiff is represented by Jones and Patterson and the defendant, owned by Huxton and Watson, all of Winston.

GRANDSON ACCUSED. With Money Gone, Mrs. Kelly is Found Dead in Her Home. Greensboro, Ill., June 18.—Rudely murdered, the body of Mrs. Mary Louise Kelly, 77 years of age, was found in her home here. A sheriff's posse is searching for the murdered woman's grandson, Geo. Kelly, 26 years old, who made his home with his grandmother. A small picture, which represented the savings of many years, and which Mrs. Kelly is known to have kept in her bed room, is missing.

TEMPERATURE TODAY SAME AS THAT OF YESTERDAY. A 3 o'clock temperature of 94 degrees at the local weather bureau and at 3:20 had dropped to 93. The temperature will be noted, was about the same as that of yesterday. The indications are for slightly lower temperatures during the next 24 hours.

Demile Electrotonion. Atlanta, N. Y., June 18.—The second death victimization in Arthur Demile's history occurred this morning. Kelly, Eydenman and Jacob Kahan, of Rochester, burglars, who murdered George A. Schuchart, a woman, were electrotonion. Both exhibited fatal reactions. The electrotonion was administered. Nineteen hundred volts were applied through the man's hands. Friedman's head was slightly burned by the electrodes. Relatives later claimed the bodies.

Damage From Storm. Guthrie, Okla., June 18.—More than three score houses were smashed and two score persons out of a population of three hundred hurt by a storm at Kaylor, Okla., late Monday night, according to meagre reports received here. None was killed. Not a house of any sort was left standing at Kaylor.

Democratic Delegates En Route. San Francisco, Cal., June 18.—The California delegation to the national democratic convention left last night on an overland special. The Nevada delegation will be picked up en route. The Washington and Oregon delegates join them at Salt Lake. The train arrives at Baltimore Monday.

Bond Issue Carries in Wilson. Wilson, June 18.—An election was held here today on the question of issuing \$50,000 in bonds, for the erection of another graded school building in the city and same was carried by a large majority.

WILL RESIST AIDING.

The Carolina Power and Light Company will continue, it is thought, to reject any proposals looking to its aiding in the construction of a new bridge on Hillsboro street. In its contract with the city, the company was given the right to use bridges at the city's expense and the company will argue that to assist in building this bridge would establish a precedent in the wrong direction for itself. Besides, the officers of the street car company think that it is the business of the railroads, which derive the benefit from crossing the street, to erect suitable bridges. So far as the street car company is concerned it would much prefer to run its tracks on solid ground instead of on bridges. Whether the city will be able to make it come across remains to be seen.

Be First Class Bridges.

Many people have been wondering what sort of bridges the Norfolk Southern would erect on Hillsboro and Morgan streets and on Boylan Heights. The contract is clear. It calls for steel and concrete bridges at these three points. The road will put in a wooden bridge at the eastern end of Boylan Heights, but will replace that with a steel bridge as soon as the city of Raleigh may decide that the wooden structure is not suitable.

Investigation of Coal Roads.

Washington, June 18.—The interstate commerce commission, upon its own initiative orders an investigation of the rates, practices, and regulations applying to railroad transportation of hard coal. All anthracite roads embraced in the so-called "hard coal trust," will be respondents.

WOMAN AVIATOR KILLED IN FLIGHT

Springfield, Ill., June 18.—Mrs. Julia Clark, of Denver, an aviator, was killed during a practice flight at the state fair grounds last evening. The tip of the wing of a bi-plane in which she was flying struck the limb of a tree in the center of the race track enclosure and the machine was dashed to the ground, turning turtle. Mrs. Clark's skull was crushed. She was rushed to a hospital in an automobile and died a few minutes afterwards.

Mrs. Clark was one of three licensed female aviators in the United States. The body will be sent to Denver.

SOUTHERN TO ACT AT ONCE

Notifies Mayor Johnson of Willingness to Take Up Bridge Matter

OTHER ROADS SILENT YET

No Response Received From Seaboard, Norfolk Southern and Carolina Power and Light Company With Reference to Ordinance Requiring Suitable Bridges--Believed That Seaboard Will Build on Hillsboro Street--Norfolk Southern Has Signed Contract and Letter to It Was Mere Detail.

Mayor James I. Johnson today received a letter from A. D. Shelton, superintendent of the Greenboro division of the Southern Railway, acknowledging receipt of the mayor's letter enclosing a copy of the ordinance adopted by the board of aldermen relative to the various bridges used by the people in that community as a death trap of unsightly appearance. No word has yet been received from the Seaboard, Norfolk Southern and Carolina Power and Light Company officials with regard to the ordinance, but the Norfolk Southern is under contract to build bridges on the streets under which its tracks run.

The bridge with which the Southern Railway is concerned is the Boylan Heights bridge, characterized by the people in that community as a death trap of unsightly appearance. The Seaboard also operates under this bridge and should therefore join with the Southern in putting a structure there suitable to the community and the needs of traffic.

It is expected that the Seaboard will soon make reply to the ordinance requiring it to construct a suitable bridge on Hillsboro street. The Norfolk Southern will erect a concrete and steel bridge and it is hoped that the Seaboard will join with its rival in an effort to save expense and hardship. The present bridge on this street has been condemned as unsafe, and it certainly is unsightly.

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