

## EDITORIAL BRIEFS

The American Medical Association advises against kissing babies. A hard blow to the politicians.

The last Democratic State Convention vindicated all its officials and even in effect included Senator Lorimer.

Judging from reports from over the State the hound "dawg" will be an issue in many counties in the coming campaign.

It would appear that a Democrat can vote any way he pleases and still be given a clean bill of health by a Democratic Convention.

Some of the Democrats seem to think it wonderful that Locke Craig was nominated for Governor, even if he didn't have any opposition.

That "free lumber plank" was found to be too short when the Democrats were framing up their last State platform, so they left it out.

The Democratic politicians tell the people they are "agin" the trusts, still they nominated the trust candidate for Governor by acclamation.

If gratitude enters into the equation, the trusts are probably having a time trying to decide whether they should support Simmons of Kitchin for the Senate.

The Democratic platform in this State denounces protection as a robbery and then in the next sentence endorses those who helped to commit the "theft."

How can the North Carolina Democrats make their campaign on the protective tariff when they have endorsed their officials who have voted for the protective tariff?

The Baltimore hotels will charge the Democratic delegates \$20 a day. Evidently the Baltimore inn-keepers think the Democrats are responsible for the high cost of living.

For once the Democratic platform does not say anything about "nigger." But you can't count on that, for you know the Democratic politicians never stand on their platform.

It is quite noticeable that the last Democratic platform says nothing about rotation in office. That was one of their main planks at one time until most of the politicians got a job.

Editor Josephus Daniels has been spending some days in Baltimore trying to launch a Daniels boomlet for National Chairman. However, Chairman Mack has notified all comers that he has not yet decided to retire.

If the Republican National Convention should get in a deadlock and adjourn without nominating a candidate, then the Democrats might stand a fighting chance of electing their nominee.

The platform adopted at the last State Convention is made up of a lot of meaningless words. But then, what's the need of the Democrats having any platform at all when their candidates refuse to stand on it.

Some of the Democratic politicians say that Bryan will go to the Baltimore Convention with a bag full of schemes. Those same politicians will have to keep on the sharp look out to keep him from going away from Baltimore with the nomination in that sack.

An Associated Press dispatch announces that the California Democratic delegates have left for Baltimore on a special train, carrying with them 1,400 quarts of wine. Wonder if they will vote for a prohibition plank in the platform when the Convention meets!

The Democratic politicians seem undecided whether to have Senator O'Gorman, of New York, or Judge Parker, of the same burg, as temporary chairman of their convention. Why not ask Wall Street which one they would prefer and thereby settle the matter without further ado.

## REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION IN STORMY SESSION AT CHICAGO

### President Roosevelt is on the Scene and Denounces Action of National Committee for Names They Placed on Temporary Roll.

### SENATOR ROOT MADE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

#### Taft Forces Win in Naming Temporary Organization--They Also Vote Down Gov. Hadley's Motion to Substitute the Roosevelt Delegates for the Taft Delegates on the Temporary Roll Whose Seats are Contested--Roosevelt Forces Term Action of National Committee a Fraud--Credential Committee Now in Session--No one can Predict the Outcome.

The Republican National Convention will meet again today (Thursday) at 11 o'clock, but the Credential Committee will hardly be ready to report by that time and it is impossible to predict on the outcome of the Convention until the Credential Committee makes its report, and that report either adopted or rejected. Judging from the action of the Credential Committee yesterday afternoon they will adopt the action of the National Committee, and if they should and then the Convention should adopt their report, it would give the Taft forces a lead of probably more than fifty delegates, but many of the Roosevelt leaders declare they will not stand such treatment. There is some talk of Governor Hughes and Gov. Bradley as dark horses, yet those booms have taken no definite shape. It is not probable that there will be any nomination before tomorrow (Friday) afternoon, and the Convention will hardly adjourn before Saturday.

#### CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE IN SESSION.

#### Now Considering the Various Contests--Roosevelt Men Claim They Are Not Getting Fair Hearing.

Chicago, Ill., June 19.—The Roosevelt forces met their second defeat in the Republican National Convention today in a session which had for its outstanding feature a remarkable demonstration of nearly one hour's duration in honor of Governor Herbert S. Hadley, of Missouri.

All of the Roosevelt delegates joined in this demonstration, while some Taft States lent a voice. The ovation to the Missouri executive was quickly interpreted by way of the delegates as the possible forerunner of a boom for Hadley for President. One enthusiastic Pennsylvania man jumped to the stage and called: "Three cheers for Hadley, the next President of the United States."

Governor Hadley led the fight on the Convention floor today to oust ninety-two contested Taft delegates and to seat ninety-two Roosevelt men in their places. The Convention finally refused to entertain the motion.

This transferred the fight to the Committee on Credentials, appointed just before the Convention adjourned until tomorrow noon.

#### A Split in the Committee and Some Members Withdraw.

Chicago, Ill., June 19.—The long expected crash in the Republican ranks came tonight. The Roosevelt forces acting, they said, under the personal direction of the Colonel himself, began to lay their plans for independent action in the National Republican Convention as a forerunner of the more drastic action expected in the Convention tomorrow or Friday. The Roosevelt members of the Committee on Credentials withdrew from that body tonight— withdrew in person and in effect, withdrew all of the Roosevelt contests, which had been called down from 92 to 28.

Colonel Roosevelt tonight was in the midst of a series of exciting conferences and was busy figuring on the loyal delegates whom he could expect to carry with him out of the Convention or rather into a separate Convention on the Convention floor in event the crisis is reached.

Some of the conferences at his headquarters were exciting. Senator Borah, of Idaho, it was reported, declared as he left the Roosevelt rooms that he would not bolt.

The Missouri delegation in the Convention held a caucus tonight for the purpose, it was reported, of formally launching a boom for Governor Hadley for President. The remarkable demonstration given the Missouri executive in the Convention today, together with the sudden turn in affairs, is said to have strengthened

their belief that the time was ripe for bringing forward a compromise candidate. In the meantime, there was much talk of Justice Chas. E. Hughes of New York, as the candidate of the Convention. Some of the leaders ventured to suggest a ticket of Hughes and Hadley.

The Taft people were exultant today. They denied intimations from the Roosevelt side that they were considering a compromise candidate, and asserted that with a tightening of the lines it was apparent that President Taft would win the nomination on the first ballot with something to spare.

Senator Dixon declared tonight that one final appeal might be made to the membership of the Convention. "We shall have exhausted then every legal and moral duty devolving upon us. The future will have to take care of itself."

It was said some of the Roosevelt leaders would plead with the Convention tomorrow to instruct the Credentials Committee to grant time for a hearing of the contests.

According to these unofficial statements, the Roosevelt program will be this: Should the Credentials Committee uphold the temporary roll adopted by the National Committee and the Convention in turn accept the report of the Credentials Committee, thereby finally seating the delegates whom Colonel Roosevelt asserts to have been fraudulently placed on the temporary roll, those of the ex-President's adherents who are willing to stand with him through thick and thin will withdraw from the Convention on the instant.

#### LEAVE THE COMMITTEE ROOM.

#### Roosevelt Members Claim Credentials Committee Wouldn't Give a Full Hearing on Contests.

Chicago, Ill., June 19.—After bolting once from the Credentials Committee "under the orders of Colonel Roosevelt," and being called back by Roosevelt managers to the committee room, all of the Roosevelt members of the Credentials Committee except R. R. McCormick, of Chicago, left again at 11:45 o'clock tonight, declaring they were "out for good."

The cause of the bolt was the refusal of the committee to give a full hearing on all contest cases.

After the Roosevelt men had left the committee took up the cases, but had not proceeded far when a motion to adjourn until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning was proposed and carried.

Senator Dixon, the Roosevelt campaign manager, who had been hurriedly summoned after the first ballot, left with the Roosevelt men.

"These men are tired and will go home and go to bed," he said. "I think the other fellows are wasting time to stay here tonight."

#### Can Call It Anything.

Francis J. Heney and Hugh T. Halbert, of Minnesota, who had led the bolt, were the only ones who would talk at length on the situation.

"Is this a bolt?" Mr. Heney was asked.

"You can call it anything you want to," he said. "These are the facts:

"Every Roosevelt man, with the exception of McCormick, has walked out because he was convinced from the rules which were proposed that there was no intention of giving a valid hearing.

"The cases that were heard before the National Committee were a farce and this is a worse one. The lineup was perfectly plain—32 to 19."

#### "Excluded Evidence."

Mr. Labert declared the break came because the committee limited time and excluded evidence.

"We claimed and insisted that the Credentials Committee should hear all evidence as a court of original jurisdiction; and that the National

Convention, not the Credentials Committee, should be the court of last resort."

Before adjourning the committee adopted the amendment rules by a vote of 36 to 4. Chairman Devine said the adjournment was taken because most of the contesting delegates had left the Coliseum.

Mr. Roosevelt addressed the bolting delegates in a room at the Congress Hotel, where they had assembled after leaving the committee room.

"I am going to ask you to take a recess until I can get certain facts and lay them before you," Colonel Roosevelt said. "I earnestly counsel you not to discuss what you intend to do until you have the facts before you."

"I can tell you the general outline of what I shall do. So far as I am concerned, I shall never recognize in a Republican Convention a majority of which a large part is composed of fraudulently seated delegates from the States of which Governor Hadley spoke today. This is not a Convention of the Republican party. A Convention of the Republican party is a Convention the majority of which is elected by the people and not appointed by a morbid National Committee.

"I am for a Convention in which sit the men elected by the States of Washington and Arizona and not the men appointed from Washington and Arizona by the defunct bosses of other States. I hold that this is no case of a factional fight. The time has come now when we must assert absolutely the right of the people to run the National Convention, to have their own representatives put into the Convention. I see that it was held today that of these contested delegates all were to vote on one another's cases on the ground of precedent. The argument in favor of that precedent is of the type of the argument made by a clever corporation lawyer when advising a corporation how to keep within a law and yet do what the law intended to forbid. This kind of bad faith violates my proposition. Fraud destroys any contract."

#### FIRST STORY OF THE CONVENTION.

#### First Session Was Called to Order Tuesday at Noon.

The Republican National Convention which is now in session in Chicago was called to order by Chairman Rosewater Tuesday at noon. Every seat in the hall was taken and several thousand people were crowded around the entrance to the building waiting for something to happen. The National Committee completed their work of making up the temporary roll on Saturday afternoon. Of the 254 contests, Taft was given 235 delegates and Roosevelt 19. According to the Associated Press estimate Taft has 436 instructed votes, Roosevelt 431, LaFollette 36, Cummins 10, uninstructed 165. There are 1,078 votes in the convention and 540 is necessary to a choice. The majority of the New York delegation, who are uninstructed, will vote for Mr. Taft, but this may not be sufficient to give him the nomination on the first ballot. The Roosevelt forces were very indignant at the committee for favoring near all the Taft contestants and termed the committee's actions as a steal.

Ex-Senator Marion Butler and Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson were placed on the temporary roll as the regular delegates from the Third North Carolina District, but Mr. Duncan, Committeeman from this State, by a personal appeal to the Committee, succeeded in having the two bolting delegates from the Fourth North Carolina District, placed on the temporary roll. These men are J. C. L. Harris, from Raleigh, and J. C. Matthews, from Nash-

Whether they will be seated by the Convention is yet to be seen.

When Colonel Roosevelt's friends, who were on the scene in Chicago, reported to him that Roosevelt men were not getting a square deal, he decided to go to Chicago and direct his forces in person. The Colonel left New York Friday afternoon and reached Chicago Saturday afternoon. Colonel Roosevelt's managers had planned not to have any demonstration on the Colonel's arrival, but some of the Roosevelt delegations would not have it that way, and the California delegation and many others met the Colonel at the station with banners and brass bands and escorted him to his hotel, where he was later forced to address the crowd.

Chairman Rosewater, Manager McKinley, Senator Root, and others are on the scene looking after President Taft's interests.

There have been many rumors that some of the Taft delegates from Georgia and few other States had deserted the President and would vote for Colonel Roosevelt. This has been denied by the Taft forces except in the case of two or three delegates which they admitted had gone over to the Roosevelt forces. After a five hours' contest on the floor of the Convention, Senator Root, who was named by Chairman Rosewater, was elected temporary Chairman of the Convention.

#### ANTE-CONVENTION NOTES.

#### Colonel Roosevelt Goes to Chicago to Counsel With His Forces.

A Chicago dispatch of June 15th says:

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt wearing his new fighting hat, a compromise between the sombrero and a rough rider's headgear, came into Chicago late to-day and was acclaimed by thousands of his supporters and admirers. The hat was in the air throughout the automobile ride from LaSalle Street station to the Congress Hotel waving salutes of acknowledgment of the cheers that marked the former President's progress.

Mr. Roosevelt declared to-night that he had not mapped out a plan of campaign. He was in consultation for several hours with the manager of his candidacy and then assumed charge in person of "this naked fight between corrupt politicians and thieves and the plain people."

Early in the day it was announced at the Roosevelt headquarters that the Colonel's arrival would be absolutely devoid of the spectacular. Many of the delegates, however, would not have it thus and when the train bearing the candidate finally rolled into the station there were three bands and a cheering multitude to greet him.

The California delegation, the most aggressive and outspoken of the Roosevelt adherents—a delegation which to-day issued a thinly veiled threat of independent action if things did not go well for the Colonel in the Convention—marched to the station in a body and escorted Colonel Roosevelt to his hotel. They bore aloft a banner which read:

"California refuses to try title to property before the thief who stole it."

And on the reverse side: "California's solid twenty-six for Theodore Roosevelt."

#### Beams With Pleasure.

The banner caught the Colonel's eye at once and he beamed with pleasure. Later as he stood on the balcony of his hotel and made a brief address to a throng which blocked all traffic in Michigan Boulevard for half an hour he alluded to the sign and made the so-called "thefts" of the Republican National Committee the topic of his remarks.

Colonel Roosevelt appeared to be in fine fettle and thoroughly to enjoy being on the battleground in person. It was frankly acknowledged that long distance telephoning and telegraphing had tried the candidate's patience.

His reception here was all that could have been desired. The band which led the way kept up a continuous crash of music while the two in the rear were equally busy. The tune most in favor was the battle song of San Juan Hill and Santiago. "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town To-night." When the vast throng in front of his hotel was clamoring for the Colonel to appear and make an address the bands played "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here."

Colonel Roosevelt was all but mobbed when he reached the hotel. It took all of the Colonel's own strenuous efforts as well as those of his guards to force a way through the lobby.

#### Fight for Honesty.

"This is a fight of honesty against dishonesty, of honesty against theft. The people have spoken and the politicians, dead or alive, will be made to understand that they are

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## REAL ANCIENT HISTORY

### The King of France Was Suspended for a Time

#### POLITICIANS BADLY RILED

An Unknown Orator Gives the Paris People Some Facts and Tells About a Combination of Fatalities, But the Builder of Macaroni Continued on His Job—When France Began to Dream of the Advantages of a Republican Form of Government vs. a Monarchy—France Builds a Constitution and Prepares to Become a Republic.

Bilkinsville, N. C., June 17, 1912.

Correspondence of The Caucasian-Enterprise.

In 1791 the National Assembly of France (her Congress) suspended the King and relieved him of his official and royal duties. Perhaps other Kings have been suspended, others have been killed. But hit strikes me that hit wuz layin' hit on pretty strong when they suspended his royal nibs. He must hev felt sorry for himself, for his job wuz hangin' in the balances, and thrones do not whine and beg for occupants, especially the thrones of great countries like France. Then, too, there wuz danger that the politicians mite hold a secret meetin' an' name his successor without consultin' him, for they had gotten their dander up.

Speakin' ov Kings, they air just like other folks—not indispensable. Amidst the national excitement prevalent in France about this time, hit iz related that an unknown man appeared at one of the leadin' Paris hotels, evidently sufferin' the pangs ov hunger an' misrule, leaped upon a chair and addressed a throng ov prominent citizens who were discussin' the action of the French assembly just after the suspension of the King. He said: "Citizens, listen to a tale which shall not be a long one. A certain well-meanin' neapolitan was once upon a time startled during his evening walk, by the astounding intelligence that the Pope (the head of the Catholic Church) was dead. He had not recovered from his astonishment at the sudden news till he was informed that the King of Naples had also just passed away. "Surely," said the citizen, "the sun must vanish from heaven at such a combination of politics." But bad news continued to reach his ears. He is told that the Archbishop of Palermo also died suddenly. Overcome by the last shock he hurried home and took his bed, but could not sleep. Soon he heard a rumbling noise near-by. He listened. The noise was caused by a baker makin' macaroni. "Ah! said he, can I trust my ears? Hhe Pope is dead—the King of Naples is dead—the Bishop of Palermo is dead—yet my neighbor, the baker, makes macaroni. Come! The lives of great men are not then so indispensable to the world after all." Then the man in the shabby clothes stepped from the chair and went his way. A woman who was present then said: "I have caught his meaning. He has told a tale and it begins like all tales."

The above quotation iz taken from a book entitled, "There Was Once a King and a Queen." Hit mite not thrill any of my readers, but hit contains more truth than poetry, you will notice.

The knowin' ones in France argued that the flight of the King wuz nothin' short of abdication, and that the only way out wuz to proclaim a republic. But many men said that they should hold to the old constitution, and pleaded that Louis the King wuz irresponsible; that what wuz really needed wuz a bran new King. Because they saw that they were in a minority, the Jacobins in the assembly became very angry and prepared a bill for dethroning Louis. Orders were given Lafayette to march troops to the vicinity of the assembly and carry a red flag, the sign that martial law had been proclaimed. The mob refused to obey Lafayette's troops and seized two soldiers and tore them into pieces with the ferocity ov tigers. France wuz again approachin' a crisis. Lafayette gave an order in a low tone directin' a division of soldiers to fire over the heads of the citizens. This wuz greeted with jeers. As will be expected, the next volley wuz directed lower and several hundred persons fell, killed and wounded. The Jacobin leaders then slunk away and remained in hidin' for days. They were nothin' but cowards and thugs ov the red-shirt variety. But this did not allay the feelin' ov the people, did not redress the many wrongs which they had suffered. The assembly remained in session and completed the constitution, a good one hit iz claimed. But serious mistakes

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