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DEM. NATIONAL COM. IN SESSION

Meeting at Washington to Call Convention

ROOSEVELT DISCUSSED

Much Rooting Prefaced the Meeting of the Committee—What the Democrats Say About the Latest Announcement of President Roosevelt—Work of the Committee and What Was Done Up to the Hour of Going to Press—Hot Contest for the Convention.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 12.—The corridors of the Arlington presented a scene of animation the entire morning as the democratic hosts filed in and out to escape the button-holing of the enthusiastic rooters from the different cities seeking the convention.

Conversation in the lobby concerning the statement of the president was general and informal. There was an opinion, however, for almost every democrat present. Briefly analyzed, the four leading observations of the democrats were as follows:

First—That the president had begun to realize that the nomination might not be offered him and had seen best to take the first step in this way, in a manner going upon record as cutting off the public clamor for a third term.

Second—Expressions of surprise that the president has spoken at this time, in that many democrats professed that it was the original Rooseveltian plan to have the nomination offered him by the republicans and then to refuse it, thus going down in history as the only man to refuse a third presidential term.

Thirdly—That the president's declaration did not really say that he would not yield to public clamor if the occasion arose, but that he was not a "candidate" for the nomination.

Fourth—That the president was sincere in his original declaration and would under no circumstances accept a third term, even if offered him.

Not Much Doing Before Night.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Rather than do business on Friday, the 13th, Chairman Thomas Taggart is trying today to have the democratic national committee finish two days work in one. He wants the place for holding the next convention, the time and the manner of selecting delegates decided upon tonight so that no one need hesitate to vote for the ticket on the ground that it had its inception under a hoodoo.

Louisville has popped up at the last minute as a very lively contestant for the convention honors. In fact, early today she seemed to be about the only city really eager for the convention, with the exception of Denver.

Atlantic City apparently suffered a change of mind when it was ascertained that the sentiment seemed to be in favor of a convention about June 24, as then she will have all the summer guests she can take care of comfortably.

Big Stake Offered by Louisville and Denver.

Chicago has for days been playing the same tactics she did with the republicans, only up to date no representative Lowden has appeared to wake up the Windy City. Louisville will offer between \$30,000 and \$40,000, while Denver, too far west for most of the committeemen, has tempted the committee with a purse of \$100,000 in gold.

OPERATION OF APPENDICITIS ON MRS. LONGWORTH.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Mrs. Nicholas Longworth was successfully operated on for appendicitis at the white house this morning, Dr. Finney, of Johns Hopkins University, being in charge and Surgeon General Rixey, of the navy, and Dr. Sophie Nordstrom assisting. Near Mrs. Longworth's bedside while the operation was being performed were the president and Mrs. Roosevelt and Representative Longworth.

"The operation was successful in every way," announced Dr. Rixey at 11:25. "The patient has just come out from under the influence of the ether and seems to be rallying nicely. The operation proved conclusively that the diagnosis of the New York specialists, who said that an operation was absolutely necessary, was correct. It was (Continued on Page Five.)"

1,000 ORPHANS 300 WIDOWS AT THE MINE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Monongah, W. Va., Dec. 12.—At 8 o'clock this morning 237 bodies have been accounted for at the morgue and many more are at the mine entrance waiting for transportation. Eighty-five bodies are unidentified. The greater number of these have already been interred.

It is said by the officers of the company that there are bodies in the mine that will never be recovered. These are lying under a fall of slate, and it may be months before this section of the mine is opened. It is hoped, however, to have the vast majority of the bodies recovered before Saturday night. The census of Monongah and vicinity begun by the Fairmont Coal Company, will show that more than 300 women are made widows and that more than 1,000 children are left fatherless as a result of the terrible mine disaster of last Friday. The census was commenced by the company to ascertain, if possible, just how many men were in the mines at the time of the explosion, how many families were affected and their financial condition.

LAUGHING OVER THE CORTELYOU "CONSPIRACY"

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Dec. 12.—Political circles here are laughing today because of the story that was circulated in some quarters yesterday that there is a "conspiracy in the cabinet" to boost Mr. Cortelyou into the presidency ahead of Taft and all the other candidates in the field.

Such a "conspiracy" is manifestly impossible to those who are familiar with the situation. The greatest refutation of the so-called "conspiracy" is the fact that last night the president reiterated his statement of last election night, asserting that "under no circumstances" will he be a candidate for, or accept, a re-nomination. His motive for this statement at this time is based on big political factors.

It has come to the knowledge of the president that the friends of Cortelyou have been working on a program of pledging everybody they could to Roosevelt for a third term with the stipulation that, if the president did not want the third term the pledged men should throw their weight to Cortelyou.

The result of such a plan of action was already being felt. It was hitting the Taft boom below the water line and hitting it hard. Taft is undoubtedly and unequivocally the president's choice for the presidency. Therefore Mr. Roosevelt announced his decision not to run again with the knowledge that such an announcement would break off at once the plan of Cortelyou's friends to trade on the third term sentiment so as to land the secretary of the treasury in the white house.

There is nothing in the "Cortelyou-Cabinet" conspiracy.

HE CONGRATULATES COUNTRY IN RESO.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Dec. 12.—Representative Clayton (democrat) of Alabama, author of the recent anti-third term resolution, today introduced a resolution in the house congratulating the country upon the refusal of the president to run for another term.

YOUNGVILLE MARKET SOLD 234,802 POUNDS FOR NOV.

In the report of the leaf tobacco sales for the month of November there was an error in the amount sold on the Youngville market. The figures should have read 234,802 instead of 78,020. The attention of The Times was called to this by Mr. Claude C. Cheatham, of Youngville, and the correction is gladly made.

HOKE SMITH AT WHITE HOUSE

Lunched With the President Today

RAILROADS & CURRENCY

At the President's Invitation Georgia's Governor Met Him Today and Talked Over the Financial Questions and Concerning the Trouble With the Railroads in Georgia and Other Southern States—Opposed to Tom Watson's Theory.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Dec. 12.—Governor Hoke Smith, of Georgia, lunched with the president today at the White House. He was a guest on the invitation of the president, who wished to know his views on the currency situation and on railroad rate regulation in the south.

Governor Smith said that the financial situation should be normal in less than sixty days. He is in favor of an elastic currency, but does not believe that any increase in the currency out to be in the hands of corporations engaged in the business of making money by the sale of the use of money, in other words national banks. Governor Smith believes the government should put a stop to gambling in all stocks, bonds and particularly agricultural products, especially cotton and wheat. If this were done a panic such as the country recently experienced would hardly again be possible.

Governor Smith does not believe in a fiat currency, and is thought to be not in accord with some of Tom Watson's greenback theories.

His railroad commission is now engaged in the federal courts in Georgia in an attempt to put in effect a 2 1/2 cent passenger rate throughout the state, but nothing has been done yet, for the reason that the United States court refused recently to make the governor or attorney-general of the state parties to the bill filed by the railroad companies to enjoin passenger rate reductions.

SLASHING FIGHT SET FOR TONIGHT IN 'FRISCO RING

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 12.—Tonight in the baseball park in a ring pitched within a stone's throw of another ringside made famous by Jeffries, Peter Jackson, J. Choyanski, and Tom Sharkey, young Ketchell and Joe Thomas will answer the gong for the third time.

Building upon the capital of former meetings between the pair, the sports are looking forward to a slashing fight.

In the matter of wagering Ketchell is 10 to 8 favorite and there is plenty of Thomas money, too.

Draw Fought at Peoria.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Peoria, Ill., Dec. 12.—Danny Goodman and Dusty Miller, both of Chicago, fought a hard ten-round draw before the Peoria Athletic Club here last night.

POSTMASTER DOBSON IS CONFIRMED

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The senate has confirmed the following nominations: Henry A. Morgan, of Louisiana, to be consul at Amsterdam, Netherlands. Postmasters: In North Carolina—John F. Dobson, Goldsboro, N. C.

TALKING ABOUT MR. ROOSEVELT

What Candidates Say About Latest Announcement

HAVE DIVERGENT VIEWS

Senator Knox Says He Believed Him the First Time; That His Word is Always Good With Knox—But Foraker Says Must Excuse Him. Cannon Can't Speak for the President—Cortelyou Mum—Gossip About the Declaration Given Out Last Night.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The recognized candidates for the republican presidential nomination, now here, today said, regarding the latest announcement of President Roosevelt:

Senator Knox. The president speaks for himself. It would be useless and inappropriate for me to attempt to interpret the president's words.

Senator Foraker. That has been his position all the while, I suppose, but I don't care to discuss that matter, thank you.

Senator Knox. I am not at all surprised. I believed him the first time. The president's word is always good with me.

Secretary Cortelyou. I cannot discuss the subject.

Vice President Fairbanks could not be seen.

Gossip About the Declaration.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—President Roosevelt made his announcement of last night with regret—regret that it should become necessary for him to make the statement a second time to make himself believed, and there is no question but that the Clayton resolution in the house, declaring against a third term, had nothing to do with it.

The Clayton resolution, though ostensibly made light of by the republican leaders in the house, really caused some embarrassment and it is known that the measure attracted much interest at the white house. The resolution was talked over at the first cabinet meeting after its introduction and at the close of that meeting the text of the president's directions to cabinet officers in regard to activities of federal officeholders was given to the public as if to remind the people of this sign that he was not a candidate for re-election.

The president is said to have told a great number of individuals during the past few weeks that he would not be a candidate for the presidency next year, and he reiterated this declaration to certain members of the republican national committee last week. However, it was believed to be his intention to withhold a public announcement at least until after Secretary Taft's return, and if possible, until after the election of the first delegates instructed for him, and then to issue a convincing disclaimer of his candidacy.

The Clayton resolution and the wide published discussions as to his intentions, however, forced his hand and made an immediate announcement seem desirable.

What Democratic Leaders Say.

John Sharp Williams, leader of the minority in the house, when asked for an opinion on the announcement, said: "I think the third term issue would have made Mr. Roosevelt the weakest man the republican party could have nominated, notwithstanding the fact that he is personally the most popular republican in the country today."

Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, said the declaration presaged hope for the democratic party. He said: "Only after direful struggle with himself to analyze the results of the panic and the use of the funds in the treasury to bolster up the situation has the president come to this decision. There are more disclosures to come. He sees the burden is too great for him to carry as a candidate. I think he realizes he would be defeated. He would have compelled the republicans to nominate him, but the financial troubles have brought about a situation where it would be useless for him to try to get the nomination."

Tom Johnson, the famous mayor of Cleveland, who is here as a committeeman to the meeting of the national organization of the democrats, did not care to discuss the statement at length, but only said: "They May Nominate Him, Anyhow."

Mr. Johnson was quoted earlier as saying that he anticipated the candidates in the next presidential race would be Bryan and Roosevelt. Senator J. M. McCreary, of Kentucky, Roosevelt seems sincere, but as the nomination for vice president was forced upon him, if conditions in the convention be such as to cause his name to be presented, would he not be (Continued on Second Page.)

NORTH CAROLINA WATERS WANTED

Governor Glenn Asks Secretary of Navy

NAMES CAPE LOOKOUT

In Letter to Secretary of Navy Governor Glenn Requests Him to Have Cruiser North Carolina Brought to Cape Lookout to Receive Silver Service—Request Will Meet With Hearty Approval. Water Deep Enough.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Governor Glenn this afternoon had mailed a letter to the secretary of the navy, asking him to have the cruiser North Carolina brought to a North Carolina port to receive the silver service. The governor names Cape Lookout as a suitable harbor for the cruiser, and says that the water is of a sufficient depth to enable the ship to enter safely.

Governor Glenn, in his letter to the secretary requesting this consideration, says that the people of the state, who naturally have much love for the cruiser, would esteem it a valuable favor if the North Carolina were allowed to receive the service in Tar Heel waters. The secretary is asked to take the matter up with the authorities.

The legislature voted \$5,000 for a silver service to be presented to the cruiser and the people of North Carolina subscribed \$5,000 more. A handsome silver service has been ordered, the contract for it having been awarded to H. Mahler & Son, of this city.

The service will probably be presented to the cruiser by early spring, and if the governor's request is granted hundreds of people will certainly witness the presentation exercises.

SENATE PASSES THE CULBERSON RESO.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Dec. 12.—The senate by unanimous vote passed the substance of the Culberston and Clay resolutions calling for information of the secretary of the treasury regarding the recent measures he had taken for the relief of the money market.

ACKERT SAYS RY REMOVALS WILL STAND

(Special to The Evening Times.)

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 12.—General Manager Ackert, of the Southern Railway, will stand pat on the changes made in the Asheville division, in which Superintendent Ramsauer and two other officials were recently discharged.

A message sent to President Finley yesterday afternoon by Mayor Campbell, of this city, stating that petitions from citizens were being made up requesting that the discharged men be given a hearing, resulted in a reply from Mr. Ackert, in which he says: "It is not my desire to do injustice to any one, but the conditions are such on the Asheville division that I felt it my duty to make the changes decided upon."

It is probable that a number of resignations will be forthcoming as a result of these changes.

MULTI-MILLIONAIRE TO MARRY POOR GIRL AT ASHEVILLE SOON

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 12.—Philip S. Henry, a multi-millionaire of New York, who owns a big country seat here, second only to George W. Vanderbilt's, and is a brother-in-law of Jesse Lewisohn, the copper king, is to marry Miss Wolfe, a governess in his family, upon Miss Wolfe's arrival in New York from England. She is expected soon.

Henry was left \$5,000,000 by his former wife, who lost her life in the Windsor Hotel fire.

HAS SEC. TAFT CABLED HIS RESIGNATION?

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Dec. 12.—It is reported in Wall Street this afternoon that Secretary Taft, before sailing on the President Grant, cabled his resignation to President Roosevelt. Where the rumor originated is not known, but it is no less persistent on this account. Brokers and men of finance are more than inclined to believe that Mr. Taft has taken such action.

Arrangements have been made to get into communication with the President Grant by wireless at the earliest opportunity.

Comment on such action by the secretary, if such has been taken, expresses widely different opinions.

Not Credited in Washington.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Nothing is known here as to the reported resignation of Secretary Taft and the story is given no credence at the war department.

THE SITUATION AT GOLDFIELD; TROOPS REMAIN

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 12.—President Roosevelt's communication from Washington to Colonel Reynolds, in command of the federal troops at Goldfield, has caused to be publicly issued an order from the war department to the effect that he is to take no sides in the trouble and to interfere with no person in any way, unless such a course becomes necessary to protect life after violence has been committed.

has put a different complexion upon the situation here. This, coupled with the fact that General Funston is to arrive in Goldfield today to view the situation and report to Washington, caused a complete change in the program of the mine owners, who had hoped to be able, through Governor Sparks, to have martial law declared in Goldfield last night and to re-open the mines today under the active protection of the troops.

Orders have been issued by Colonel Reynolds that none of the soldiers shall be given the privilege of going outside of the guard lines today. Camp No. 2 is within 200 yards of the main shaft of the Consolidated company, where the attempt to open the mine will be made today. Civilians, unless on urgent business, will not be permitted inside the company lines. Governor Sparks said last night that Goldfield would find ample need for the troops very soon and would recommend that they remain here all winter.

The cashier of the company announced that the next pay-off will be made in gold entirely, with no scrip. "This will have a tendency to induce many of the miners to return to work than otherwise might do so, as the one grievance appearing on the surface that led to the present lockout was the fact that the wages were paid in scrip."

Mine Starts Work With Non-Union Men.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 12.—The big Mohawk mine resumed operations this morning with fifty-six non-union miners under protection of troops. There was no demonstration on the part of the strikers.

TO GROW COTTON TREE IN THE U. S.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Consul General John P. Bray, of Melbourne, states that in consequence of the publication of his reports on the Australian "caruonica" cotton tree a large number of letters have been received requesting supplies of seed, with a view of testing its growth in the United States. He is advised that a quantity of the seed has been shipped to the United States and may be purchased from an agent, whose address is on file in the bureau of manufacturers.

PACIFIC FLEET'S BIG PROGRAM

Presd't Starts for Hampton Roads Sunday

BURN LOTS OF POWDER

All Sixteen of the Battleships Will Fire the Presidential Salute of 21 Guns Each As They Pass the Mayflower in Review—Four Ships at the Time Will Fire a Like Salute and the Booming of Cannon Will Be Something Terrific.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 12.—There will be more gunpowder burned next Monday in Hampton Roads than there was in the historic battle between the Monitor and Merrimac.

Every one of Admiral Evens' sixteen battleships will fire twenty-one guns on the arrival of the president in his yacht, the Mayflower, and they will repeat the noise when they pass that vessel on their way out to sea.

The admiral, his division commanders, and ship captains are busy today working out the details of the program for the president's reception and the departure of the fleet on its long voyage.

The Mayflower is scheduled to leave Washington at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, reaching Fort Monroe shortly after 8 o'clock Monday morning. With the president will be the Secretary of the Navy McCall, Assistant Secretary Newberry and Rear Admiral Brownson, chief of the bureau of navigation.

When the yacht arrives within signaling distance of the flagship, Connecticut, about a mile, an order will be flashed to all the squadron and division commanders for the presidential salute. The firing will be led by the Connecticut, the guns being let loose simultaneously from the ships of each division—four ships at a time. By the time the fourth division has saluted, the Mayflower is expected to be abreast of the flagship, when she will turn about and take a stand between the Connecticut and the Minnesota, heading the two columns. She will be in a broadside position with the Connecticut and nearest to the ship.

Admiral Evans, accompanied by his staff, will then come aboard to pay his respects to the president and receive his final instructions. He will be followed by his division commanders, Rear Admirals Thomas, Sperry and Emery, in order, and then by the captains of all the ships. This reception will probably consume two hours or more. As soon as all of the officers are again at their posts the final order for the start will be flashed by direction of the president from the Mayflower to the Connecticut. The Mayflower will then proceed to a point about half way between Fort Monroe and Cape Charles, where she will take position for the review of the fleet as it passes out to sea.

Next will begin a series of signals from the Connecticut, under the personal direction of Captain Royal B. Ingersoll, chief of staff, which will bring about the actual movement of all of the vessels. As each ship passes the Mayflower, about 200 feet from that vessel, the presidential salute of twenty-one guns will again be fired.

A GIRL SHOOTS HER SLANDERER

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Bessemer, Ala., Dec. 12.—"I'll teach you to injure innocent girls with your vile tongue," cried Miss Ida Brown, a pretty eighteen year old girl, to Chas. Reynolds, a prominent young man, as she began firing at him.

Miss Brown shot three times, two of the bullets striking Reynolds in the body, inflicting what may prove fatal wounds. As Reynolds fell, the girl collapsed and was found in a faint by persons whom the shots attracted. The shooting occurred in front of Reynolds' home and Miss Brown was evidently waiting for Reynolds, for she stepped in front of him as soon as he reached the front gate of his home. Reynolds, up to a short time ago, was very attentive to Miss Brown. Soon after he ceased going with her, the girl alleges, Reynolds began to make slanderous statements about her.