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TAFT MAY BE NAMED BY ACCLAMATION

Hitchcock, War Secretary's Manager Gives It Out That There Won't Be But One Name Presented to Chicago Convention When Nominations Are Called for.

SOME ARBITRARY TACTICS ARE HINTED AT

Administration Element Apparently in Absolute Command of Situation and "Parliamentary Procedure" Will Force Speakers for Other Candidates to Sit Down.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, June 6.—Secretary of War Taft will be nominated by acclamation. Frank H. Hitchcock, chief boomer for Secretary Taft, as well as being a national committeeman by proxy to pass on his candidate's contests, backed by all of his supporters today made that unqualified declaration in headquarters at the Auditorium annex.

The Taftites now believe no other name will be presented to the convention, and it is predicted that if anyone attempts to get before the convention with the delegate fight against Taft he will be ruled into his chair by parliamentary tactics.

As the situation loomed up today, it looked pretty sad for the "allies." The Taft bunch was jubilant. They have little fear now of what is to happen when the convention convenes.

"Secretary Taft will be nominated by acclamation," said Mr. Hitchcock. "I believe no other name will be mentioned on the floor of the convention and the first ballot will settle it."

Even though the Taft people claim that it is now all over but the shouting, the "allies" are not dismayed. A determined stand to the last is to be made. But it seems a hopeless task in the face of the apparent tendencies of the committee. From what has already occurred in the committee room, the "allies" feel they will get little sympathy and Taft will get most of the contested delegates.

Congressman J. Francis Burke, of Pennsylvania, manager for Knox, and an "ally" leader, declares he will fight to the last gasp.

"I see the assertion is being made broadcast," he said, "that the committee on credentials will be made up on a parallel with the national committee. That is not true. We have good reason to believe that it will be impossible for the Taft men to 'pick' the credentials committee. We intend that the republican party in this nation shall learn what is being done behind closed doors here, and it will be if we have to take the entire fight to the floor of the convention."

Florida Officeholding Delegates. When the committee convened at 10 o'clock the first contest taken up was that of Florida. In this the delegates-at-large and the delegates from the second and third districts, eight in all, are involved, and the assertion of federal officeholding domination was freely made. The anti-Taft delegates-at-large are J. N. Stripling, J. H. Dickerson, R. R. Robertson, and J. J. DeHazard. The Taft delegates are J. B. Combs, of the national committee; Joseph E. Lee, collector of internal revenue for Florida; H. S. Chubb, register of the land office at Gainesville, and M. B. McFarlane, collector of customs at Tampa.

The Florida fight is more a Roosevelt-Forker fight than a Taft and anti-Trust fight, but of course any delegates who are for Roosevelt are supposed to be for Taft next.

HITCH WAGON TO STAR, HIS ADVICE

Ransdell Tells What Democracy Must Do to Succeed.

"In Years Past We Have Hitched Our Star to a Wagon," Says Louisiana Leader. Who Does Not Regard Bryan as Logical Candidate. Thinks Party Should Profit by Experience of Past.

(Special to The Times) New Orleans, June 6.—"It is sincerely to be hoped that the southern states will not arbitrarily demand the nomination of any particular democrat for the presidency. The delegates to the Denver convention, if the party's interests are to be best served, will carefully consider all phases of the situation, meet the problems confronting the democracy squarely and unequivocally, and then select from the biggest men the one man who is most able to lead the party to victory."

Thus spoke Congressman Joseph E. Ransdell, of Louisiana, one of the most consistent friends of the democratic party has at Washington, and a man who has the welfare of the south very close to his heart, when questioned as to the probable developments at the Denver convention. During years past Mr. Ransdell has devoted much time and attention to the larger problems confronting the public in general and has done more for the cause of augmented and cheaper transportation than any other man in the national councils. Therefore in advocating the sending of uninstructed delegations to Denver he is moved by a desire to win big victories rather than merely voice sectional favoritism.

"Our great handicap during recent years," continued Mr. Ransdell, "has been due to the fact that we have persisted in hitching our star to a wagon, when we should have hitched our wagon to a star. Mr. Bryan's popularity in certain districts is probably sufficiently great to win a convention made up wholly of democratic delegates, but twice the Nebraskan has demonstrated his inability to get votes enough to control the national presidential electorate. The broad question now confronting the south is, Shall we or shall we not profit by our past disastrous experience? If the Denver convention be open to all comers, the delegates may discover a probable winner in Gov. Johnson, or they may find Mr. Bryan has gained rather than lost strength during the past four years. Still others may be found to embody those qualities now so necessary to make a successful democratic campaign possible. In any event the convention may, if not restricted by instructions, do the best thing possible, and I for one am heartily in favor of such a course."

Victims of Tennessee Laid to Their Rest This Afternoon

Four Bodies Buried With Simple Naval Ceremonies at Point Firmin, San Pedro Harbor, Where Only Sailor Boys Can Find a Grave.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Los Angeles, June 6.—An official investigation of the accident in which four men were killed on board the cruiser Tennessee has been ordered. The four dead sailors were buried with simple naval ceremonies at 2 o'clock this afternoon on Point Firmin, overlooking San Pedro harbor, in a ceremony where only sailor dead are interred. The severely injured have been sent to hospitals.

TROUBLE OF OLD DAYS IS BURIED

Warmoth and Pinckney Again Speak as They Pass By.

Meet in Chicago Coliseum, Talk Over Differences of 35 Years Ago, Pat Each Other on Back, and Agree Not to Mention Impeachment Proceedings of Reconstruction Period.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Chicago, Ill., June 6.—Henry Clay Warmoth, former governor of Louisiana, and Pinckney Benton Stewart Pinchback, former lieutenant governor of the same commonwealth, both of the reconstruction period in the south, have not been speaking to each other much during the past 35 years, but they stood in the Coliseum annex and buried the unpleasantness of reconstruction politics by calling each other "old scoundrel" and putting each other on the back.

GAS EXPLOSION HITS HOSPITAL

Acetylene Blows Off Roof and Shatters Windows.

Patients Leap From Bed and Run, Wild With Terror, About Building, But Sisters Get Them Quieted—Six Men in Engine-House Are Injured by Blast, Though None Will Die.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Indianapolis, June 6.—An explosion of acetylene gas at the plant of the Prestolite company at 9:30 this morning wrecked the plant, blew off the roof of the fire engine house next door, and wrecked the walls of the sister's dormitory of St. Vincent hospital. The roof of this portion of the hospital was blown off and every window in the hospital was shattered. A panic followed the explosion in the hospital and the nurses and patients ran to places of safety.

Six men were injured by the explosion: Lieut. E. D. Folise, fireman, hurt by falling brick; William Steinhauer, fireman, slightly injured; Lindock, employe Prestolite company, both legs broken; Van Garten, employe Prestolite company, slightly hurt; Otto Hoffmeister, employe, badly burned on face and hands; William Hutchinson, employe, burned on face. There were about 25 people in the Prestolite plant when the explosion occurred. The shock to St. Vincent's hospital was terrific. The patients jumped from their beds and broke for the hallways. The sisters retained a certain degree of composure and prevented any accidents. It is considered remarkable that a fatal panic was averted at the hospital. It is believed the explosion was caused by the blowing out of a boiler head. The financial loss is not large. This is the third explosion at the Prestolite plant within several months.

CARDINAL LOGUE SAILS FOR HOME

Irish Church Dignitary Promises to Remember Us.

Expresses Great Delight at Reception That Has Attended All His Visits to American Cities—Calls United States "Land Blessed by God With Wonderful Natural Resources."

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, June 6.—Cardinal Logue sails today for Ireland on the Cunard liner Campania. Before he went on board the liner he gave out a farewell address to the American people, in which he pointed out what he considered the two greatest perils to the United States—our prosperity and divorce. This is what the cardinal wrote: "In saying farewell to America, I desire to express my deep sense of gratitude to the people of this mighty nation for the magnificent reception I have received everywhere, and from everybody I had the pleasure of meeting, not only from those of my own race and faith, but also from representatives of nearly every other national and out of many different religious beliefs."

No Cabinet Members Anxious to Sit On Lid This Summer

Taft Can't Get Much Hot Weather Recreation for Political Reasons and Cortelyou May Be in Same Box--Root to Doctor.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, D. C., June 6.—The question as to what member of the cabinet will sit on the lid in Washington during President Roosevelt's absence at Oyster Bay during the summer has not yet been decided, owing to a desire on the part of all concerned to escape the three-month monotony of looking after routine affairs at the nation's capital, with the accompanying disagreeable heat. None of the cabinet officers want the task. Several are facetiously suggesting that it would be remarkably good experience for the new member who is to enter the president's official family immediately after Secretary Taft's nomination at Chicago.

Secretary Root is emphatic in his declaration that he will not remain in Washington. As soon after the president's departure as possible, he will go to Billy Muldoon's training quarters in New York state to again take up the course prescribed for him when he was run down physically a year ago. Postmaster General Meyer has not yet made definite plans for his vacation, but he intends to spend about three weeks fishing, possibly in Canada.

BANDIT TREVERS IS SHOT BY DETECTIVE

Officers Had Surrounded Squad of Desperate Characters in House at Western Pennsylvania Mining Town This Forenoon When Prisoners Opened Fire On Them.

MEN WITH REVOLVERS MAKE DASH FOR LIBERTY

Posse Searching Countryside for Robbers Who Have Been Raiding Small Villages About McKeesport and Terrorizing Whole Community Has Thrilling Battle.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Pittsburgh, Pa., June 6.—In a desperate effort to escape from a small house in which County Detective John L. Englert and a posse of citizens had corralled a gang of bandits, Thomas Trevers was snotted and killed by Englert shortly before 10 o'clock this morning. Englert was shot three times, but none of the wounds are considered a dangerous character. Trevers is reported to have been struck by six or seven bullets. He fell in his tracks in front of the house.

The shooting occurred at Bell Bridge, a small mining town about two miles from Elizabeth. The posse which had been searching the countryside for the robbers the last week, is holding the other men, who sought refuge from the posse in the house. It is reported that four or five men are still in the house.

The men in the house are supposed to be the same who have been committing robberies in the small towns surrounding McKeesport the past three weeks. "While the posse was surrounding the house to prevent any of the bandits escaping, shortly before 10 o'clock the front door suddenly opened and two men, each with drawn revolvers made a dash for liberty. The two men who were trying to escape each had two revolvers, and on making their exit from the house opened fire on the posse, running as they fled. Detective Englert returned the fire and Trevers fell.

The other members of the posse attempted to capture the other man without shooting him, but when he saw Trevers fall he turned and ran back into the house before the members of the posse could get near him. The door of the house was quickly shut and the doors and windows are barricaded against the men on the outside.

SWIMMING AT FOREST HILL STOPPED BY GREAT DOGS.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Cleveland, O., June 6.—Cleveland boys will no longer have the fearful joy of ending John D. Rockefeller's keepers and plunging into the lake of the Forest Hill estate for a swim. This has been for a long time one of the great things to do if a fellow wanted to keep his standing with the crowd. The keepers have worried about it all they are nearly gray. And the boys usually overcome every effort to stop the game, sometimes forgetting to bring any proper bathing suits with them.

But now the problem has been solved. The Great Danes have been installed as watchdogs. It is said they can scent a bare toe half way around the lake.

SEVERAL SIGHTS MENTIONED.

For Wilson's New Postoffice Building—Insurance Company Elects. (Special to The Times.) Wilson, June 6.—A great deal of interest is taken here over the site of the United States postoffice building authorized by the recent session of congress. Several sites are being discussed and many citizens have signed petitions favoring two sites, some desiring the building placed on the corner of Nash and Spring streets, while some want it at the corner of Green and Tarboro streets. Proposals offering sites have been asked by the government. At a meeting of the Wilson Insurance and Realty Company Thursday night, Mr. W. S. Harris was elected president, Mr. G. W. Stanton, vice-president, and Mr. Geo. Stronach, treasurer. The company recently paid a dividend of six per cent.