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TAFT WILL BE IN FIRST PLACE; WHO IS TO BE RUNNING MATE?

Big Field of Seventeen Candidates Willing to Take Second Place; and the Booms That Are Getting the Most Vigorous Booming are Those for Murphy of New Jersey and Guild of Massachusetts--Cortelyou Put With "Receptive" Candidates for Place on the Ticket

ELEVEN STATE DELEGATIONS GET IN TODAY, WITH BANDS AND BANNERS--CITY'S NOISY

Senator Hopkins and Colleagues of Platform Committee Buried in Planks Proposed by All Kinds of Interests--Gompers, Federation Head, Still Prods Them With Anti-Injunction--Negroes Form Organization

(By W. G. F. PRICE, Special Correspondent Hearst News Service)

Chicago, June 15--It is Taft and the blank may be filled with the name of Dolliver, Fairbanks, Hughes, Sherman, Guild, Woodruff, Murphy, or any one of a half dozen other men who have been "mentioned" for the honor of completing the ticket.

That is the situation today on the eve of the republican national convention. So far as the nomination for president is concerned, the most desperate attempts of the managers of the "allies" to make it appear there is a chance that Taft may fall of the nomination on the first ballot are futile.

The only question which seems to excite even languid interest is as to how many votes the secretary will receive on the first ballot. Frank Hitchcock, the general in command of the Taft forces, still holds to his estimate that 704 represents the minimum vote cast for the secretary.

The "allies" ridicule the claim of Mr. Hitchcock, but they are not giving out figures. Joseph B. Keating, of Indianapolis, one of the active men in the Fairbanks column, said I asked him to size up the situation from the Fairbanks viewpoint, said:

"Taft probably has enough votes to nominate him if they stick. It is several days before the vote is to be taken, however, and many things may happen in that time."

When asked to say what might be expected to happen, he was dumb.

With the other "allies" it is about the same. They all claim to be confident the first ballot will not be decisive, but when asked for reasons and figures there is nothing forthcoming.

That an effort will be made to stampede the convention for President Roosevelt seems probable. That it will fail seems even more probable.

The announcement of Senator Bourne, the head and front of the Roosevelt boom, has had little effect.

That there has been, and is still, a good deal of Roosevelt talk is not to be denied. It is, of course, possible that some silver-tongued delegate may by his eloquence sweep the convention off its feet and bring about the nomination of the president. But, so far as can be judged, this convention seems to be pretty firmly set on its feet and it will take a flood of eloquence to sweep it much. Then, there is among the rank and file of the men who are to do the voting a strong feeling that it would be a great blunder to name Mr. Roosevelt, in view of the position he has taken in relation to the Taft candidacy, to say nothing of the third term question. This feeling was tersely put by a Minnesota delegate this morning:

"I am a Roosevelt man," he declared, "and believe firmly in Roosevelt's policies. I think, though, that it is best now to put the work in another's hand. In the fight against the trusts the president has diagnosed the trouble accurately--and has prescribed the proper remedy. The trouble is, he has given them little too big a dose to start off with. The cure can be just as surely brought about by less drastic applications and a little more tactful methods--and Taft is the man to do it."

Active and Passive Booms For the Vice-Presidency.

The vice-presidential booms may be divided, like the verb, in the two cases--the active and the passive. In the former may be placed the efforts in behalf of former Gov. Franklin Murphy, of New Jersey; Gov. Guild, of Massachusetts, and John Hayes Hammond, the mining engineer. Of these, the Murphy boom is the liveliest. It has been on for several days now, and the Jersey man has been as busy as a bee in a tar bucket among the delegates. They were reinforced yesterday by a delegation headed by Gov. Fort and Senator Keane. These are now at work, and the claim is made that nearly 400 delegates are pledged for Murphy. The Guild boom is also being pushed with a vigor. The Hammond boom is not taken very seriously outside of those who are doing the booming.

In the judgment of those close to the leaders, it is not believed either of the active booms will result in a nomination. The passive list, which contains the names of Senator Dolliver, of Iowa; Vice-President Fairbanks, Gov. Hughes, of New York, Secretary Cortelyou, of New York, and George A. Knight, of California, is believed to be much more likely to furnish the name of the man to fill the blank previously alluded to.

There is a strong feeling that if New York could unite on a man for the vice-presidency, he would be chosen. Otherwise, it is not regarded as probable that an eastern man will get it. Gov. Hughes is the favorite New Yorker, so far as the men outside the state are concerned. It is a common expression constantly heard:

"If New York would present the name of Hughes for the vice-presidency, he would be chosen."

As far as can now be learned, the New Yorkers are hopelessly split between Representative Sherman and Secretary Cortelyou, with a sprinkling of "Tim" Woodruff men. They have no political idea of uniting on Gov. Hughes for president.

Platform Making and State Caucuses On in Good Earnest. Interest is increasing in the platform. Senator Hopkins, who will head the platform committee, is in almost constant conference with leaders of the various lines of thought, trying to shorten the work of the committee by reaching some common ground in advance.

This is a busy day for all the officers of the convention. The final touches are being put on the program for tomorrow's session and the state delegations, all of which are here now, have been caucusing to (Continued on Page Seven.)

U. S. SENATOR R. M. LaFOLLETTE



of Wisconsin, candidate for the republican nomination and one of the strong picturesque features in American life.

"BLIND TOM" LAID TO FINAL REST

Buried From Home of Old Master's Widow in Hoboken

End Came While Famous Negro Musician, Slightest From Birth, Was Playing Favorite Melody, "Way Down On Suwanee River"--Was Known From Atlantic to Pacific as Pianist of Rare Ability--Slave on Plantation in Georgia Before the War.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, June 15--"Blind Tom," the famous old negro pianist, known from the Atlantic to the Pacific for his wonderful musical ability, was buried today from the home of the widow of his old master, Mrs. Eliza B. Leach, at 60 Twelfth street, Hoboken.

"Blind Tom" was a slave before the war. When a child he was owned by James Betts, a Georgia planter. While on the Bethune plantation he first heard a piano. Instinctively, at the first opportunity he played on the instrument. Last Saturday, as he was playing his favorite melody, "Down on the Suwanee River" he toppled from the piano stool, dead.

Wiley May Die Today.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Richmond, Va., June 15--Reports received from Hot Springs, Va., say Representative A. A. Wiley, of Alabama, is in a critical condition and may not live out the day.

U. S. SENATOR P. C. KNOX.



of Pennsylvania, one of the candidates for the presidential nomination at the hands of the republican national convention in Chicago.

NEPHEW SHOTS HIS OLD UNCLE

And Then Puts Bullet into Own Brain Without Delay

Thomas Lynott, a Rich Brooklyn Builder, Hanging Between Life and Death and Police Cannot Get Ante-Mortem Statement--Young Man, After Relative Fell, Tried to Give Him Second Fall and Then Said, "Now I'll Finish Myself."

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, June 15--So critical is the condition of Thomas Lynott, a wealthy builder of 346 Seventh-street, Brooklyn, who was shot in the doorway of his home at 1 o'clock this morning by his nephew, John Lynott, who then sent a bullet into his own brain, that the police have been unable to obtain an ante-mortem statement.

Young Lynott is alive, but unconscious, and there is not a chance for his recovery. There is also little hope for the uncle. The bullet entered his left side, just below the heart.

There seems a great deal of mystery connected with the shooting. Young Lynott is married and was supposed to be devoted to his wife. John Lynott is also married. He and his wife were preparing to retire some time after midnight when there came a loud rapping at the front door. Mr. Lynott opened the door and encountered his nephew.

Mrs. Lynott saw the outline of the nephew in the doorway and heard a short conversation. The nephew spoke in a low voice and Mrs. Lynott could not hear what he said.

Mrs. Lynott said the police that Thomas Lynott suddenly whipped a revolver from his pocket and began firing. Mr. Lynott staggered and fell after the first shot. Mrs. Lynott and her daughter ran down the hall and Mrs. Lynott cried:

"What has happened? Is Thomas hurt?"

"I have shot him and I will shoot both of you if you go near him," said Lynott calmly.

"Mercy!" cried Mrs. Lynott. "I'll have no mercy on him or you," replied Lynott. Thomas Lynott was not unconscious and was attempting to struggle to his feet when his nephew bent over him and fired the second shot at the elder man's temple. Despite the close range, the shot went wild. Mr. Lynott, however, fell back unconscious.

"Well, now he is dead and I will finish myself," said young Lynott, and at that he fired a bullet into his own brain and toppled back unconscious.

Mrs. John Lynott said she could not imagine why the young man had attempted to kill her husband and himself. So far as could be learned, young Lynott was perfectly sober when he called at his uncle's home. John Lynott is 24 years of age. His uncle is about 50.

VICE PRESIDENCY FOR ONE OF THESE.

New York--George B. Cortelyou, Charles E. Hughes, James S. Sherman, Timothy L. Woodruff.

Massachusetts--Curtis Guild, Jr. W. Murray Crane, John H. Hammond.

New Jersey--Gov. Jno. F. Fort, former Gov. Franklin Murphy.

Indiana--Charles Warren Fairbank, Albert Jeremiah Beveridge.

Iowa--Rebecca P. Dolliver, Alb. B. Cummings.

Illinois--Chas. S. Deneen, California--G. V. Knight, West Virginia--S. H. Piles.

Of those named Hughes, Guild, Fort, Sheldon, Cummings and Deneen are the favorites of their respective states. Crane, Beveridge, Piles and Piles are United States senators. Knight is a conspicuous figure in the party on the Pacific coast.

London Bar Silver. (By Cable to The Times) London, June 15--Bar silver rose 1/4 d. to 75 3/4, an advance of 1/4 d.

BARNES LEAPS IN EASTERN BRANCH

Carrying Clipping of Brother's Death by Asphyxiation

Aged Washingtonian Suicides This Morning By Jumping into Water From Anacostia Bridge--Pulls Off Clothes Before He Makes the Plunge--Body Not Yet Regained.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, D. C., June 15--With a newspaper clipping of his brother's tragic death by asphyxiation in his coat pocket, William H. Barnes, 53 years old, walked from his home, 539 E. street, Northwest, to the Anacostia bridge, took off his clothing on the draw and plunged into the Eastern branch this morning.

At a late hour this afternoon his body had not been recovered.

JOE BAILEY HAS GOOD NIGHT AND RESTS EASY

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, June 15--A bullet posted at the Waldorf-Astoria early today announced that senator Joseph W. Bailey, of Texas, passed a comfortable night and today is resting easy.

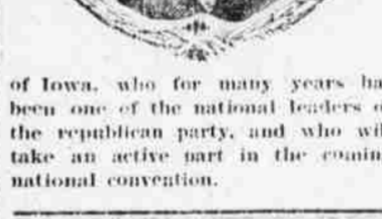
Physicians attending the Texas senator have announced that Bailey has been severely sick with bronchitis, with a moderate but continuous fever, but that the reports of serious throat affection are untrue.

LITTLE CHILD KILLED BY FALL FROM HER BED

(Special to The Evening Times)

Winston-Salem, N. C., June 15--The eight-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luchland McGalliard broke its neck Sunday morning by falling out of bed while its parents were at breakfast. The child's head caught between the bed railing and the wall and it was dead when found by its parents.

U. S. SENATOR WM. B. ALLISON.



of Iowa, who for many years has been one of the national leaders of the republican party, and who will take an active part in the coming national convention.

Odell Young Meets a Tragic Death in Electric Storm at Lexington Brick Office

With Other Boys Had Taken Refuge in Abandoned Building When the Fluid Entered Over Telephone Wire and Shocked Him Fatally--Craver's Condition Critical

Lexington, June 15--Odell Young, the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Young, of this place, was killed Sunday morning about 10:30 by lightning, and four other boys who were with him were injured, but it is thought that all will recover, although two of them are in a dangerous condition.

The boys were out gathering wild plums when a heavy rain storm came up and they took shelter in a building formerly used as an office of the Victor Brick Company. Formerly a telephone had been in the office and the wire remained, although the telephone had been removed. The lightning struck the wire and in this way was carried into the office where the boys were gathered. Odell Young

was killed instantly. Two boys in the party were uninjured and they hurried to a nearby house and told what had happened.

Other boys in the party who were shocked were Ernest Bean, 15, son of Mr. Richard Bean; Mack Andrews, 14, son of Mr. Frank Andrews; Everett Welborn, 14, son of Mr. W. M. Welborn; and Hollis Craver, son of Mr. J. A. Craver. The last named young man is about grown up.

Advices late this afternoon were to the effect that Hollis Craver had not regained consciousness and his condition is regarded as very critical. Ernest Bean was also severely shocked. None of the boys were burned, although the body of Odell Young was slightly discolored.

FARMERS OF JERSEY HUNT FOR BITZGER

Berry Picker, Who Shot and Killed His Employer, Salvatore Jorden, in Quarrel Over Wages, is Pursued by Posse Armed With All Sorts of Weapons

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Millville, N. J., June 15--Hundreds of farmers who threaten lynching are searching the woods near Diving creek, 16 miles south of this city, today for Frank Bitzger, a berry picker who shot and killed his employer, Salvador Jordan.

Bitzger and his employer quarreled over a matter of wages. In the squabble the berry picker drew a

pistol and fired. Jordan fell and Bitzger fled.

Prosecutor Fithian, when notified, led State Detective Lore and a posse of officers in pursuit of the slayer. Meantime, news of the crime had spread over the countryside and hundreds of farmers, armed with all sorts of weapons, joined in the hunt, which, up to 3 o'clock, had not sighted Bitzger.

WANT BEAUFORT OR SEAT NEARBY

Governor and Congressman Thomas Su Recommend to the Navy

Gov. Glenn and Congressman Thomas have recommended to the navy department that the cruiser North Carolina be permitted to receive the silver service at Capt. Lookout, near Beaufort, as just off the water, as well as to be in North Carolina waters. The governor and congressman also recommended the latter part of July as the time for the presentation, though they did not insist on this matter, leaving it with the department.

It is to be hoped that the navy department will act favorably on the recommendations of Gov. Glenn and Congressman Thomas. Ever since the handsome silver service was ordered, the people of the state have been earnest in their desire that the cruiser, regarded as of the best in the world, should receive the Tar Heel gift in Tar Heel waters and Gov. Glenn has taken the matter up with the navy department.

Competent experts state that Capt. Lookout is not too shallow to float the cruiser, and in case the case should be found wanting, the governor has recommended that the cruiser stand off the inlet and there receive the gift.

Four Tons of "Rattlers."

RED SOX MEET NEW BERN HERE

Game This Afternoon to Be Called at 4:30--McKnight or Harris

Unless more rain falls before 4:30 this afternoon the game with New Bern will be played. Rain this morning and afternoon was not sufficient to make the ground too wet, as the diamond dries off readily.

The Red Sox came in yesterday afternoon from Wilmington. Although they lost two out of three games with the beach-combers, the Red Sox put up the right sort of a game, the score in each case being very close.

King Kelly announced today that he would either pitch McKnight or Harris. Mack held Wilmington to four hits and should have won the game, and Harris, after giving nine free passes to first base, did win handsily. Either man can take care of himself this afternoon.

METCALF DOESN'T GO HOME TO HELP SENATE ABITON

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, June 15--Secretary Metcalf, who called on President Roosevelt today to say goodbye, emphatically denied he had any political ambitions to gratify and that his present trip to California was for the purpose of furthering his candidacy for the United States senate.