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ROOSEVELT-TAFT CONVENTION GETS IN MOTION AT CHICAGO THIS NOON

Burrows' Keynote Speech Extols Everything Present Administration Ever Did and Makes Buoyant Promises For the Congressional Recess Efforts to Frame Measures For Tariff Revision

BIGGEST THROUG NATIONAL PARTY GATHERING HAS EVER SEEN PACKS THE COLISEUM

Vice-Presidency Still Subject of Much Speculation and Guesswork, Complicated By Dolliver-Cummins Fight In Iowa--Contrary to Report, Senator Hasn't Said He Wouldn't Take It.

(By W. G. F. PRICE)

Chicago, June 16.—They are off at Chicago. The republican convention, which is to name the candidates and make the declaration which will be the articles of faith of the party which, for a great part of half a century, has governed the United States, started on schedule time this noon.

The auditorium annex was the center of attraction up to yesterday—indeed, up to this morning, when the leaders were putting the very final touches to the day's program; but the sun had not shone over the waters of Lake Michigan many hours before the G. O. P. ship had shifted to the Coliseum hall, a mile or so further south.

The southern exodus set in shortly after 8 o'clock and steadily grew in strength and volume until it seemed half Chicago was on its way to the convention building.

The Coliseum is a great, barn-like building, with a seating capacity of something like 12,500 and, according to the Chicago estimate, which may be approximately correct, is fully capable of holding 5,000 more before the S. R. O. sign has to be shown. The hour for calling the convention to order was 12 o'clock. As early as 10, when the doors were opened, there was a comfortable crowd about the various entrances.

The decorations of the hall were simple. American flags and red, white and blue bunting predominating. It was a typical American crowd, rather sombre in appearance save for the brilliantly dressed women in the stand back of the speakers and the multitude of badges which relieved the gloomy ensemble which is characteristic of a gathering of men.

These badges are certainly worthy of study. They are of all sizes, shapes and colors. The California badge, for example is a tasty design about the size, shape and color of a goldbug with the neat golden ribbon and pin. It is one of the neatest badges seen here. They grade up to the huge affairs a foot long of the patriotic colors, gold fringed and medalized to the limit. These are confined largely to the marching clubs and other boomers, though the colored delegates from the southern states are not far, if any behind. Few of the delegations came in together.

As a rule, they straggled in in pairs or groups and went to the seats marked out for their states by the little signs familiar to all convention frequenters.

The same quiet orderliness which has been characteristic of the gathering hosts was noticeable in the hall. There was the usual hum of voices, but little loud talking. The first burst of applause came when the rattle of drums was heard and the Georgia delegation marched into the hall to the tune of "Dixie."

By noon, the time set to call the convention, if the Coliseum holds 17,500 people there were near 20,000 crowded into it awaiting the sound of Chairman New's gavel.

Sergeant-at-Arms Stone had made arrangements with precision, and there was remarkably little confusion in handling the great crowds. The Chicago police were on hand in platoons and companies, but other than to keep things moving there was no need to call in their services.

There was no feverish haste to fill the hall. Delegates and spectators alike took their time in arriving, which delayed the opening so that the hand had to work over-time. Congressman and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth entered and was escorted to their seats. The crowd recognized the president's daughter and instantly set up a cheer.

Aside from this incident, the big republican convention was splendidly orderly, splendidly reserved, splendidly decorous, and this is because everyone is "holding down" each clique and wonders what the other clique has up its sleeve.

Wisconsin awakened and gave a yell. It was a regular college yell, too, with the leader standing on a chair and swinglag his arms. After it was all over about 10 men cheered back and the delegates sat down. In the old days the bass drum would have clouted this noise-maker and there would have been a response to sturdy Wisconsin.

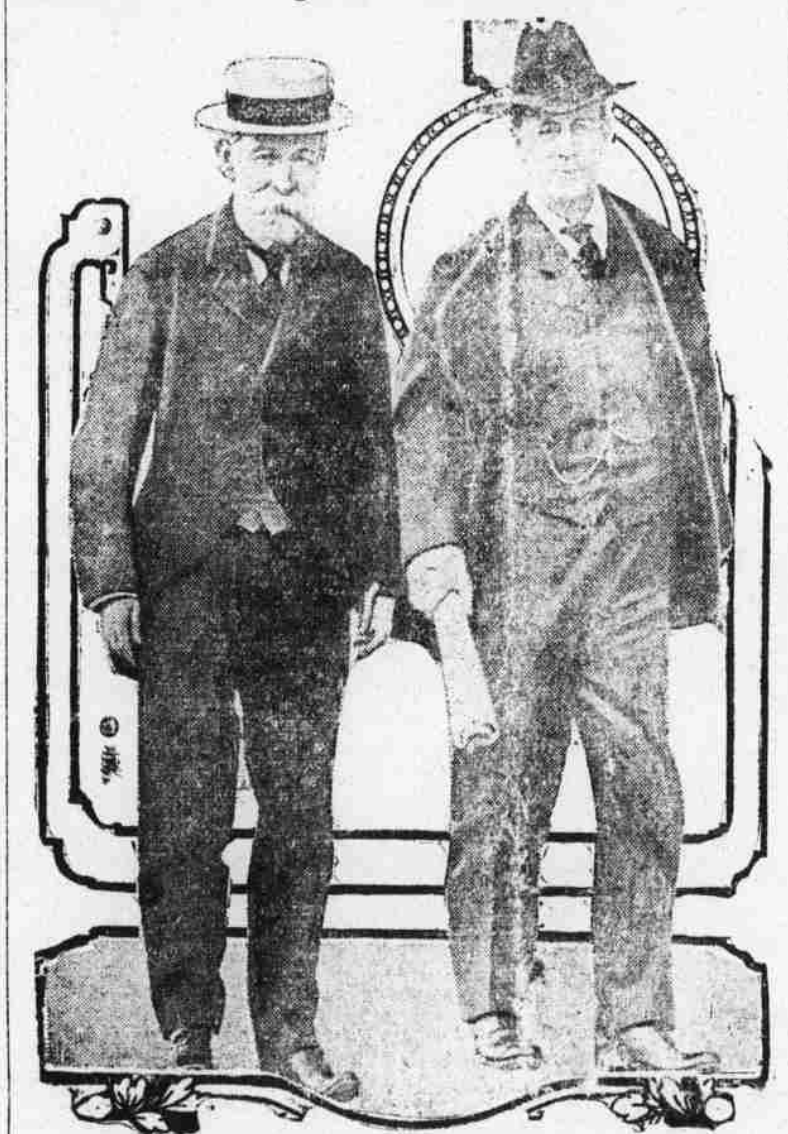
At 12 o'clock exactly the band struck up "America. A man who looked like Chairman New approached the speaker's stand and it seemed as though the gavel would fall on time to the minute. It was a false alarm, however.

At 12:30 Chairman New called the convention to order. He said: "The hour has arrived for the representatives of the republican party to meet in its fourteenth national convention at the end of almost 12 consecutive years of the most brilliant administration in the history of the world. There are those present in this audience today who participated in the party's first convention, and the accomplishments of that party within such a brief span as the life of many men yet living are almost beyond belief. We are here to assert our pride in what has been done, to approve the achievements of the past, more especially to commend and to endorse the administration of Theodore Roosevelt and those policies which, under his splendid administration, have become known to the people of this land as the policies of the 'square deal.'"

When the administration of Roosevelt was mentioned there was the first cheering of the morning. It began to look more like a real convention.

Mr. New's voice is very light. He could not be heard any distance, but (Continued on Second Page.)

Prominent Figures at the Convention



National Committee Chairman Harry S. New, of Indiana, and Charles P. Taft, of Cincinnati, brother of Secretary William H. Taft.

TEMPORARY OFFICERS OF NATIONAL CONVENTION.

- Following are the temporary officers of the republican national convention, which opened in Chicago today:
Temporary Chairman—Senator J. C. Burrows, Michigan.
General Secretary—John R. Malloy, Columbus, Ohio.
Chief Assistant Secretary—Lafayette B. Gleason, New York.
Sergeant-at-Arms—William F. Stone, Baltimore.
Chief Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms—Ed. P. Thayer, Greenfield, Ind.
Parliamentarian—A. C. Hinds, Washington, D. C.
Official Reporter—N. W. Blumenberg, Washington, D. C.
Chief of Doorkeepers—S. R. Manson, Baltimore.
Chaplains—Bishop P. J. Muldoon, Chicago; the Rev. William O. Waters, Chicago; the Rev. Tobias Schanferber, Chicago; the Rev. John Wesley Hill, New York; the Rev. Lorenzo D. Case, Chicago.
Assistant Secretaries—C. Brooks Smith, Parkersburg, W. Va.; Ernest W. Smith, Hartford, Conn.; Philip N. Heffele, St. Louis; N. J. Tobin, Vinton, Ia.; Charles N. Harger, Abilene, Kan.; Allen Hollis, Concord, N. H.
Reading Clerks—Thomas W. Williamson, Edwardsville, Ill.; Albert Berg, Beaudette, Minn.; Geo. A. Wilson, Des Moines, Ia.; W. J. Seitz, West Liberty, Ky.
Tally Clerks—R. M. Watkins, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Clyde W. Miller, Osaage City, Kan.; Frank R. Bentley, Baraboo, Wis.; W. A. Steele, Van Buren, Ark.
Messenger to the Chairman—Empsirdell Stone, Indianapolis.
Messenger to the Secretary—John H. Jackson, Cincinnati.

AERIE OF EAGLES FOR RALEIGH

Mr. R. W. Simpson Organizing Local Aerie of Fraternal Order.

Mr. R. W. Simpson, of this city, is organizing a local aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and State Organizer C. B. Frazier, of Charlotte, will be in Raleigh to see that the new aerie is organized properly. The Eagles are well established in North Carolina, there being aeries in Winston-Salem, Charlotte, and other leading cities. In the United States there are 1,700 aeries, with a membership of 250,000.

BLAINE CLUBS ELEPHANT.

Attends Republican Convention and Does Some Real Circus Stunts. (By Leased Wire to The Times) Chicago, June 16.—A real live elephant, not the G. O. P. elephant, is attending the convention of the republican party. The animal arrived in Chicago Monday morning with the Young Men's Blaine club, of Cincinnati, which is here to boom Taft. Its members, 300 strong, attired in the height of fashion and all wearing tall white hats. The club decorated the big animal with a white cloth marked G. O. P. and paraded it on Michigan boulevard in front of the Auditorium. One of the club members rode it. Then the Cincinnati contingent wanted more excitement, so it took Jumbo out to Lake Front park and started in to do a few circus stunts. The timely arrival of a squad of police put an end to the fun, which attracted a big crowd.

ROOSEVELT AND SECRETARY TAFT

About Ready to Quit Washington for Summer Season

Latter Will Resign Soon After Chicago Convention Nominates Him and Then, So Says the Rumor, Gen. Luke Wright, of Tennessee, Will Qualify For War Secretary's Job to Succeed O'Neil.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, June 16.—Now that convention plans are so arranged that the end may be seen, barring unforeseen accidents, President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft are about ready to quit Washington. The president will leave Washington for Oyster Bay next Saturday morning.

Almost immediately after he is nominated by the Chicago convention, Secretary Taft will place his resignation in the hands of President Roosevelt, the resignation to take effect July 1. Gen. Luke E. Wright, of Tennessee, it is reported, who has been decided on to succeed Secretary Taft, will qualify for the office shortly thereafter.

Secretary Taft will go to his home in Cincinnati some time in July, although it is possible he may decide to take a few days at some quiet resort before going to Ohio.

GETS ON WITHOUT PLATT.

For First Time in Years He Isn't at New York Caucus.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Chicago, June 16.—The New York caucus about (the oldest and most hallowed of all the states and territories. It was over in fifteen minutes. Representative Herbert E. Parsons, who was splitting his investments for several days in his descriptions of how he was going to fight Seneca E. Payne, of Auburn, for the place on the committee on resolutions, was settled outside of court, for when it came to the actual selection Mr. Parsons himself presented Mr. Payne's name for the post and there was no opposition.

For the first time in modern political history, Senator Thomas C. Platt was not there at rollcall when the New York caucus opened. His place was taken by State Senator J. P. Aldis. Senator Dejeu was there, but he was not active. He was awarded his due meed of "honors" by a seat as one of the honorary vice-presidents.

Arkansas Racing Law Upheld.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Little Rock, Ark., June 16.—In the case of Simon & Strider vs. the State, appealed from the Garland county circuit court, the supreme court upheld the constitutionality of the anti-racing law. The appellants were fined for betting on a horse race at Hot Springs and appealed the case, attacking the validity of the law. They contended, among other things, that the law was not properly certified to by the president of the senate before it was presented to the governor.

TARHEEL MEDICAL MEN AT WINSTON-SALEM

(Special to The Times) Winston-Salem, June 16.—The fifty-fifth annual meeting of the North Carolina Medical Society was opened here this morning, with over 200 members of the profession present. The address of welcome was by Mayor O. B. Eaton and the response by Dr. C. L. Pridgen, of Kinston. In his annual address President J. Howell, of Waynesville, discussed the history of the society and its accomplishments. The work of the county medical societies was endorsed, as was the work of the North Carolina medical colleges. The remainder of the morning and this afternoon's session were devoted to the reading and discussing of papers relating to the profession.

Convention Meets in Courthouse.

The congressional convention of the fourth district will be called to order in the court house in Raleigh Thursday at noon by Chairman J. B. Young. The principal business of the convention will be to nominate a candidate for congress, the honor to fall on the present congressman, Edward W. Poup, of Johnston county. The convention will elect a delegate to the national convention.

TWO CANDIDATES FOR THE SENATE

Lumpkin and Grace Want Seat From South Carolina.

Campaign Opens Tomorrow, Both Aspirants For Washington Job Speaking at Sumter, While Those in Quest of State Offices Open Their Stumping Tour at St. Matthew's, Palmetto State Surprised.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Columbia, S. C., June 16.—Within 15 minutes of the time when the entries for the current campaign closed at noon today there were three surprises sprung. Col. W. W. Lumpkin, of Columbia and John T. Grace, of Charleston, entered for the United States senate, and Col. Henry T. Thompson, of Columbia, entered against Adlai-Stanley General John C. Boyd.

The campaign opens tomorrow, candidates for the United States senate speaking at Sumter, and those for state offices at St. Matthew's.

MRS. RUTH BRYAN LEAVITT.

Gives Denver Proxy to Mrs. Lafferty, Member of Spoor Democracy.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Greenwood Springs, Col., June 16.—Mrs. Ruth Bryan Leavitt, daughter of William Jennings Bryan, climbed into the Spoor hand-wagon at the state democratic convention, which met here yesterday morning. Mrs. Leavitt is not here, but gave her proxy to Mrs. W. S. Lafferty, of Denver, who recently renounced her allegiance to the republican party and joined the Spoor democracy. Mrs. Leavitt displayed discretion by remaining at home and not mixing personally in the Denver political fight, her former husband, Patterson, who is fighting for Bryan instructions, expected to leave her proxy, which has been given to his sworn enemy, Mayor Spoor, who opposes instructions.

KENTUCKY POOLROOM LAW

Drives Keene's Speedy Nags to England For Racing Season.

Lexington, Ky., June 16.—Twenty of the best of James R. Keene's yearlings at Castleton stud will be shipped from here Thursday morning to New York, to go on board a boat sailing for England on Saturday. The Kentucky poolroom law became effective yesterday and the handbooks here closed voluntarily. No wagers were offered or taken in Lexington.

Auto Smash Has Killed 4 People

John Bauer, Chauffeur, is Held on Charge of Homicide

Heavy Renault Car Goes Off North River Pier, Strikes String Piece and Darts Into Water—Man at the Wheel Claims He Applied Brakes But That Machine Skidded and Got Beyond His Control.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, June 16.—Locked up today without bail, John Bauer, a chauffeur who took his employer's touring car without permission for a wild night ride, faces a charge of homicide. Four persons are dead as the result of his exploit. On the public pier at the foot of west 56th street and the North river is the damaged high-powered French motor car which Bauer, driving like the wind over slippery streets and in the face of a cutting rain, sent over the pier's brink and into the river with his six occupants. The dead are: John Coleman, 25 years old, No. 531 W. 51st street; Rosie Coleman, 27 years old, his wife, same address; Virginia Knight, nine years old, Mrs. Coleman's sister, same address; and Adeline Berdon, 19 years of age, No. 533 W. 51st street.

Bauer took his employer home after a ride with her fiancé, Fred H. Leann, at whose home J. Gould's secretary. He was directed to take the car back to the garage, which is the same place where the Gould automobile are stored. He met his friend, John Nolan, at 54th street and 10th avenue and proposed a ride. They called for the Colemans and, as there was still room in the tonneau, they took little Virginia Knight and Adeline Berdon, who lived next door.

The car was sent north to 56th street, where they met Mary Knight, an older sister of Virginia and, stopping, Mrs. Coleman, asked her to go along with them. She thought the car was sufficiently well filled and decided to crowd the pleasure seekers. Her courtesy saved her life. Bauer let the car out to a racing gait. The streets were running with water and the heavy machine slid from side to side as the velocity increased. At 12th avenue they were going like mad and heading straight for the pier, only half a block away. Like a Vanderbilt contestant nearing the finish line, the heavy Renault was sent straight to the end of the pier, where it struck a string piece, snapped it like a match stick, and then, overturned, went crashing into the dark waters of the North river. Bauer was catapulted twenty feet ahead of the car and Nolan leaped as the car struck. Bauer made a statement to the police, in which he said he had applied the brakes when the machine was half way down the pier and that the machine had skidded.

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Craig Says He Isn't Backed Up By the Trusts, as Charged

But Tells Big Charlotte Audience Every Railroad Lawyer He Has Met Is Interested In Kitchin's Success--- Has Rather the Best of Debate

(Special to The Times)

Charlotte, June 16.—Congressman W. W. Kitchin has had his first debate and got a little better than he gave. He contended all air and superb way did not prevail over the quiet, dignified manner of the little man from the west. His vigorous onslaught on imaginary bugaboos in the form of trusts had little effect on the intelligent section of the audience. Mr. Craig, harrangue a defect in his voice, made a good impression. The debate as a whole was interesting and spicy, not to say instructive and elevating.

The crowd that gathered in Charlotte's new auditorium last night to hear the joint discussion between the two leading democratic candidates for gubernatorial honors, reminded one in size, disorder and tumultuousness of a state convention. Four thousand men and women shouting the names of their favorites, the clash of a brass band, the waving of handkerchiefs and hats all bespoke great political interest. F. R. McNinch in a brief speech of praise introduced Congressman Kitchin, after expressing his pleasure at seeing so many Horne, Craig, and Kitchin men present.

Mr. Kitchin began by saying that the campaign was not simply to decide which of these men were to be

governor, but which part of the democratic party was to control its affairs. One faction is that represented by the Charlotte Observer, and backed by trusts and railroads; the other is representative of the people. He stated that he and Mr. Craig agreed in everything of importance except trusts. He referred to Mr. Craig's position in trusts and dismissed trusts and railroads. He paid respects to various papers, including the Charlotte Observer, Winston Journal, Industrial News and others. Mr. Kitchin said that the statement that anybody except himself had contributed to the expense of his campaign was false. He said nearly all of the Southern railroad attorneys were against him, and spoke of Col. Andrews' opposition to him. He said railroads and trusts were for his competitors. He said he has been tested and Craig has not.

Kitchin spoke of his record in fusion and said Craig headed the only fusion ticket the democrats ever put out. He discussed the impropriety of Senator Simmons taking part in the campaign; said Vance, Ransom, Pritchard, Butler, and Overman never did such a thing. He called Simmons Dr. Simmons, and ridiculed him. Mr. Kitchin's speech was bold (Continued on Page Three.)