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REAL FIGHT COMING WHEN INJUNCTION PLANK IS REACHED

Curious Situation at Chicago, for Wall Street Sends High-Priced Ambassadors from Financial Zone to Republican Convention in Order to Assist Measure Demanded by Gompers and Organized Labor.

SENATOR CRANE SAYS ANTIS WILL LOSE ON COMMITTEE ROLL CALL BY VOTE OF 33 TO 20

With Bookwalter as Leader, "Allies" Plan Fight to a Finish Against Taft on Floor When Credential Committee Submits Report Seating All Taft Delegates.

Chicago, June 17.—If anybody had any lingering doubt about the nomination of William H. Taft, of Ohio, for president on the first ballot, he must have lost it this morning when the reports from the committee on credentials came in.

Chicago, June 17.—With Charles A. Bookwalter, of Indianapolis, as leader, the "allies" today plan a fight to the finish against William H. Taft on the floor of the republican convention when the credentials committee submits its report this afternoon, seating all of the contested Taft delegates.

"It was certainly a fine example of the 'square deal' of which we have heard so much. Justice was absolutely ignored. Contests on the merit or virtue they had were choked to death under the wheels of this steam-roller."

EVERYTHING MAY BE OUT OF WAY BY FRIDAY MORNING.

Chicago, June 17.—The committee on credentials having proved a pretty slow working piece of Taft machinery and having made the temporary roll as set up by the "steam-roller" permanent, the decks are now cleared for action and it is possible the convention will be able to finish up its work Friday morning and without the necessity of holding any very late night sessions.

It had been anticipated that the contestants before the credentials committee would be numerous and long-drawn-out, but the allies soon recognized the judgment and accuracy with which the Taft managers had prepared the committee. With the resignation of hopelessness, many of the contestants were dropped and the others were presented in a more or less perfunctory manner.

One tall Kentuckian, standing at the door of the committee-room waiting the call to go in and tell why he instead of the other man should be given a seat in the convention, remarked:

"I don't see why I'm wasting my time here. Why, those fellows already have their verdict made up, even before the case is called. They'll find out who represents Kentucky when the votes are counted next November."

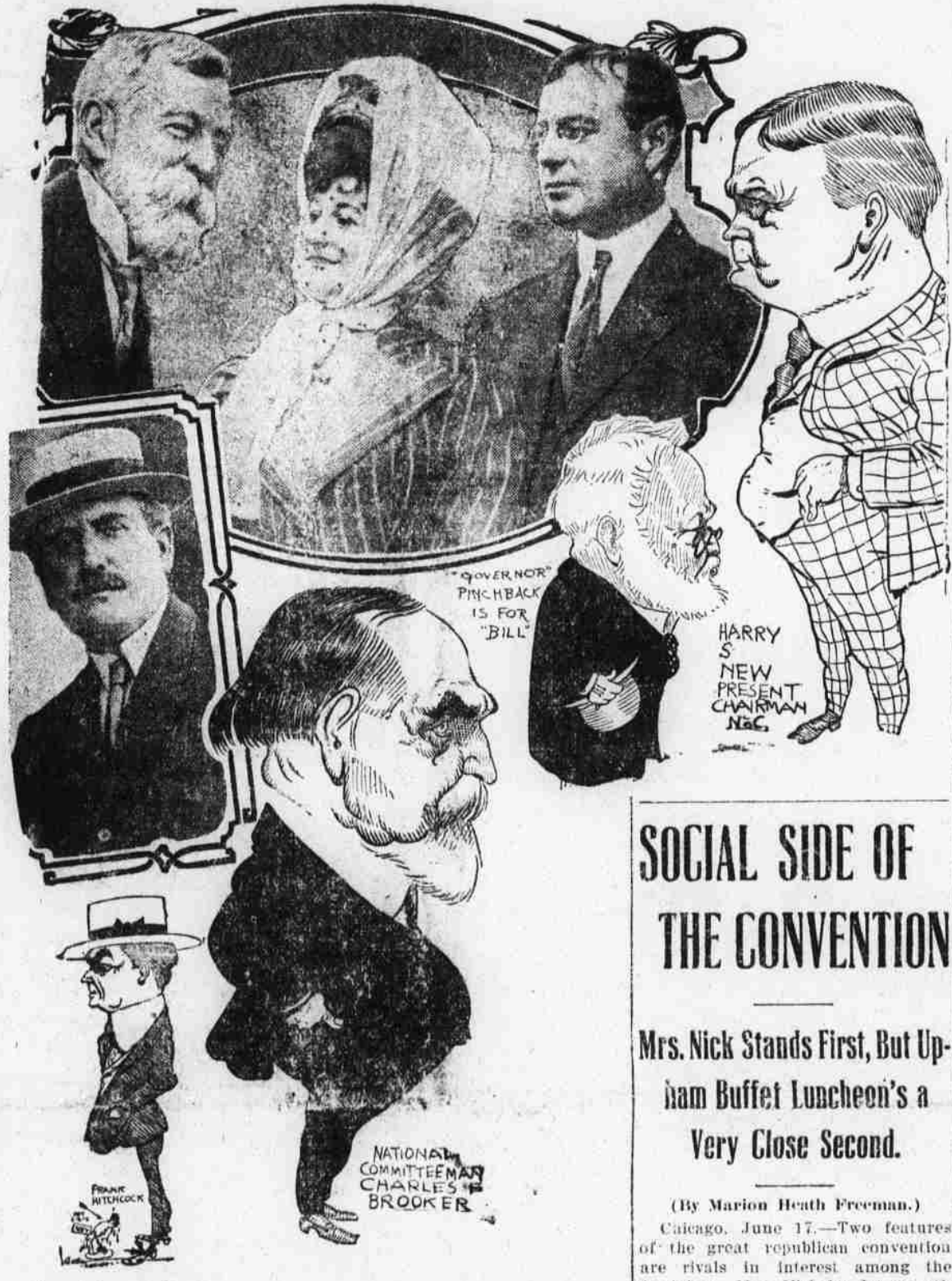
It may not be doubted that the unsuccessful delegates are extremely incensed at what they call the high-handed manner in which the contests are handled, and speak of retaliation at the polls. Whether the resentment will last until November is a question which is likely to have no little effect on the presidential election.

In the meantime, Frank H. Hitchcock smiles his prettiest smile and sticks to his original proposition that 700 will be the low mark for Taft when the vote is counted.

There were some bitter personalities in the credentials committee rooms between opposing counsel and contestants, and in some instances they almost reached the point of violence, but no actual blows were struck. With only Texas to be passed upon this morning, as the Kentuckian remarked, and the verdict in that case made up, there was every prospect the committee would be ready with the report by the time it was called for in regular order.

It is not all harmony in the committee on resolutions, and there is more than likely to be some fireworks when that committee meets this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The sub-committee is getting along swimmingly. It is a Roosevelt sub-committee, and while it is not as ruthless in its work as the credentials committee, the ideas of Roosevelt and Taft are to be followed in the draft to be submitted to the full committee this afternoon. The allies claim a majority of the full committee and, under the skilled guidance of Uncle Joe Cannon, Senator Foraker and others, will make a bitter fight to mould the platform to suit their views. They may be able to do it, but it is the best belief that substantially the document as drafted by the sub-committee will be presented to the convention, with (Continued on Page Two.)

Prominent Figures in Convention Hall Today



Snapshot and sketches by Artist Igoe of prominent figures in political arena in Chicago. From left to right at the top are C. H. Taft, Mrs. Taft and Thomas D. Knight. The photo immediately beneath Mr. Taft is that of Myron T. Herrick, of Ohio.

Boomers Have Opportunity to Make Their Noise Today

While Committees Are Out, Bands, Marching Clubs and Shouters Will Be Free to Entertain.

(By ERNEST ELI ROESER)

Chicago, June 17.—The boomers are to have their opportunity today to make a noise. The session is not likely to be of great importance, for after proceedings have been reported by various committees the convention will be thrown open to the marching clubs and shouters in general. The result is awaited with much speculation. Some think there is not going to be a great deal of shouting. It is reported that the managers of all the candidates, Taft men in particular, don't want too much enthusiasm because it may carry some delegates in the wrong direction.

There seems to be good ground for this report. The strength of the Taft forces should have guaranteed plenty of cheering before and during the session, but developments proved otherwise.

This is probably the first national convention in history where there was not a cheer of some kind for the candidates—and for the favorite candidate in particular. There always has been some enthusiastic delegate or spectator to leap on a chair, swing his hat and yell "Hurrah" for his candidate.

The attempt at a stampede will be made. Of this there is no longer a doubt. The "allies" have provided the keg of powder. They have not yet produced the match, nor have they let anyone know they are united in this one task.

The Taft forces have stopped talking. They are not so free with predictions, and they seem to feel, on the eve of the battle, that their

strength needs husbanding.

The convention is anxiously awaiting the action on Congressman Jim Burke's resolution for reapportionment in the south. Jim is trying to do what Matthew Stanley Quay failed to do.

He has the grit, all right, but it looks dubious for his resolution. It would be dubious for Taft if it were to go through. There are a number of obscure politicians who are musing over the opportunity of becoming famous by this convention. The first man who nominates Roosevelt will be talked about. He will have a place in history. That's quite a temptation.

Suppose Roosevelt's name is brought before the convention for this selfish purpose. No one in Chicago today knows what will happen. No one knows what those foxy people in the "allies" camp have been arranging.

A snowball, if rolled and rolled, will become so large that it will break in pieces. A great fly-wheel can revolve faster and faster, until it breaks in thousands of fragments. A ponderous movement, with speed attained, is uncertain and hard to guide. That's why this Taft campaign needs firm guidance.

Croker's Horse is Beaten.

(By Cable to The Times.) London, June 17.—Richard Croker's Rhodora, the favorite, was beaten today in the race for the Ascot Diennial stake. White Eagle at 7 to 1 taking the event.

SOCIAL SIDE OF THE CONVENTION

Mrs. Nick Stands First, But Uplham Buffet Luncheon's a Very Close Second.

(By Marion Heath Freeman.)

Chicago, June 17.—Two features of the great republican convention are rivals in interest among the feminine. Mrs. Nicholas Longworth perhaps has just a shade best of it all around. But a close second is the Uplham buffet luncheon. "I'll meet you in the Uplham box after adjournment," is the most popular form of parting among the women attending the convention. Wherever guests of women who enter the great hall together are obliged by the exigencies of the seating scheme to separate (for the convention could not take all friendships into consideration in arranging this detail) they fall back upon the "Uplham box" and the Uplham luncheon as the most promising rendezvous, where it will be most pleasant to "meet up."

Most of the "quality" assembled there after the meeting yesterday, and the crowd promises to be larger today, the men as well as the women—for the plan was conceived in their behalf and the official host later decided to broaden its scope and have it include the views of his friends and Miss Uplham's friends. All of which has made it lovely for the politicians having their women folks along, and for the women folks in particular.

And such a luncheon as one gets! But for the smallness of the quarters one could fancy that there was a fully equipped cuisine in operation. It is, indeed, a privilege to be permitted to partake of hot coffee of excellent quality and of other substantial fare, including croquettes, also hot, and done to a turn, right on the scene of activities, and all so quiet and cozy and apparently removed from the convention and politics!

"Such an idea was never conceived at a convention before," say those to whom conventions, and the regulation commercial convention sandwiches are no novelty.

A prominent figure in these quarters was Mrs. Chauncey M. Depew. She was gowned in a dark blue tailored suit. Mrs. Scott, wife of the senator from West Virginia, was also there, wearing a gray dresden silk with tiny pink rosebuds. Mrs. D. W. Mulvane was charmingly gowned in light tan rajah silk and wore her beautiful corsals. She was with Mrs. McVaine and Miss Kent, of Chicago. Mrs. Edward Thayer and Mrs. Mulvane was also along. Mrs. Stone, wife of the sergeant-at-arms, brought in her party of five, including Mrs. C. W. Mann, Mrs. (Continued on Page Seven.)

COMPLICATIONS IN PATH OF CANDIDATE

Col. Graves Sees Danger and Obstructions Looming Up All Along the Line for Taft Between Convention and Election, for All Course's Strewn With Roses Now.

SQUABBLE OVER INJUNCTION PLANK WILL BRING BUSINESS INTERESTS TO FIGHT HIM

And Unending Race Wrangle Won't Be Forgotten by Enemies of Administration's Choice for President—Independent Party Must Be Reckoned With, He Declares.

(By JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES)

Chicago, June 17.—There was never a candidate whose pathway of roses seems so ripped with political thorns as that of William Howard Taft. There is nothing to halt him on his royal road to the nomination. The "allies" are gaddies that sting, but do not stop. There is only one tongue in all the world that can avail now to put a quietus upon the full-grown boom of Taft, and that tongue is proclaiming through the lips of 500 henchmen the wedding bans of William, the legatee to the republican nomination. It is after the running, when the shouting and the tumult dies, that the flowers will fade away and the thorns will line the rougher road that leads on to November.

For the thorns in the way of Mr. Taft are already evident, a goodly crop, and the convention is planting new ones every hour. If the injunction plank is inserted under the white house demand, the "allies" declare it will array every business man in the country against the republican party. So, upon one or the other of these two horns of deadly dilemma, Candidate Taft must go forth to battle for the presidency.

The negro vote of Chicago, which is numerous and radical, is leading so impassioned a campaign against Taft that the stalwart Chicago Tribune declares in wrath that the leaders should be put in padded cells. And the Chicago negroes are simply leading the protest of hundreds of other negroes, some delegates and some visitors, throughout the country, who are here and participating in the protest with threats for revolt and an independent party, for which they claim nearly a million votes.

When the platform committee come to smooth out the record of their nominee on the negro question, they will be again between the devil of race prejudice and the deep sea of the south, and will be more than likely to straddle a compromise which will not be acceptable to either. It is difficult to see how Taft can handle this issue to his political project. The reduction of southern representation in the next convention has thrown the southern delegates into fury and dismay. The negro is reeking with danger for Candidate Taft.

The visit to the car and the subsequent eulogy of that autocrat of Kishineff is so intangible an incident that it is as hard to explain away in person as it is to smooth away in a platform. But there it is, and it menaces the republican November.

If Taft thinks he has heard the last of the Grant memorial incident, he has only to refer to the campaign of 1884.

And as loyally as the followers of the republican party have been accustomed to heal up their breaches and to fall in behind the leader, the white house dictation is not likely to be forgotten or forgiven in that "perfect way that leads to perfect peace." Here, in brief, is the convention's surpassing difficulties in speeding its nominee on the way to success.

And these are the results which must lie behind the vigorous minority in its opposition to Taft. And these are the results which seem to indicate that the republican party in this campaign, where its success is already doubtful, is about to nominate not the strongest, but the weakest candidate in its ranks.

The balancing consideration is the usually evident fact that the democrats will doubtless meet them halfway in their folly. The blundering tread of the republican elephant will be timed with the silly footsteps of the democratic donkey. Each party will present its weakest candidate—the republicans a nominee forced upon them by a dominant executive, and the democrats a nominee forced upon them by himself.

The hustings will reek with protests and personalities, and all things will work together for the good of the Independent party which loves the people and purifies the ballot.

Meanwhile, let it be mentioned as the astonishing feature of the first day's session of this one-man convention that five eulogistic mentions of Theodore Roosevelt by Senator Burrows and a flaming display of Taft's picture in the hall did not go deeper than the throats of the straggling few who cheered at all. Possibly it was because the multitude was waiting for the psychological moment nearer to the nomination—and possibly it was not.

Governor Will Recommend State Legalized Primary

Governor Glenn will recommend to the legislature which meets next January a legalized primary and will urge this body to provide for a primary. He will also recommend that every candidate, manager or other person caught using money to buy votes be made to swear where the money came from and for what purpose it was paid out.

"I am thoroughly satisfied," said Governor Glenn this afternoon, "that the present primary plan is a failure, and that a legalized primary is what we need. I shall recommend this to the legislature. The state will bear the expense."

Governor Glenn said he had conversed with leading citizens in various parts of the state and that all agreed with him that the present plan is a failure. After awhile, he said, a poor man would not be able to run for office, as he could not possibly raise the money. The governor did not say it, but in Wake county some of the candidates were assessed as much as \$25 each and possibly the candidates for governor were made to contribute more.

In line with the primary plan that Governor Glenn will recommend will be a campaign publicity law. In the event that a candidate or any of his men is caught paying over money on election days, he will be made to swear where he got the money and for what purpose he was disposing of it.

The governor believes that these recommendations, if put into law, will be of great benefit to the state.