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ADMINISTRATION'S CANDIDATE WILL BE NAMED BY TONIGHT

Placed in Nomination This Afternoon by Congressman Burton, of Cleveland, Who Extols Secretary's Record as Philippine Governor and in Cabinet and Says He's Only Man to Carry Out Roosevelt Policies in Accordance With Spirit of Their Originator.

STEAM ROLLER PUTS THROUGH MAJORITY REPORT OF PLATFORM COMMITTEE IN HURRY

Cooper, of Wisconsin, Only Delegate Who Signed the Minority Report Opposing Anti-Injunction Plank and Calling For Campaign Fund Publicity and Physical Valuation of Railroads--Warm Debate on Planks.

PROGRAM FOR TODAY.

- 9 a. m.—Coliseum doors opened. Band concert. 10 a. m.—Call to order by Chairman Lodge. Invocation by Rabbi Tobias Schanfarber. Report of committee on resolutions. Debate. Presidential nominating speeches and seconds: Taft—Theodore E. Burton, Ohio; Geo. A. Knight, California. Fairbanks—J. Frank Hanley, Indiana; Albert J. Beveridge, Indiana. Cannon—Henry S. Boutell, Michigan. Foraker—C. B. McCoy, Ohio; W. O. Emery, Ohio. LaFollette—H. E. Cochems, Wisconsin. Hughes—Stewart L. Woodford, New York. Knox—R. S. Murphy, Pennsylvania. Balloting. Announcement of result. Vice-presidential nominations and seconds (perhaps not until Friday).

(By W. G. F. PRICE)

Convention Hall, Chicago, June 18—Before the convention day, which began at 10 o'clock this morning, comes to an end, William H. Taft will have been nominated for the presidency of the United States, and the platform on which his candidacy will stand will have been completed, provided things go as they are expected to go.

The delegates are ready for business today, and the managers of the various candidates can see nothing further to be gained by waiting. The weather may have some effect in hurrying things along. Chicago has been good to the convention in the matter of weather heretofore. It has been delightfully cool, with a refreshing lake breeze blowing nearly all the time. As the Coliseum filled up this morning, however, the weather was sizzling, the hot sun shot down its rays through a thick, muggy haze which absolutely prevented all possibility of keeping cool.

If the second day of the convention was entitled to be called ladies' day the third was certainly shirt-sleeves day. And this was fitting, for it was to be preeminently a day of work.

The Taft managers were quick to seize the opportunity, and thousands of fans were distributed throughout the big auditorium, each fan bearing the likeness of the secretary of war, with the Taft slogan "Tried and found true."

The band amused the crowd during the wait. It is estimated the band has played "Swanee River" not less than 25 times since the convention opened. There is a suspicion that it is done to make the southern delegates homesick and in a hurry to get home. "Dixie" is a close second with the band, while "Columbia" is a frequent number. "America" is reserved for more or less state occasions. It is always a signal to rise. This morning many of the crowd joined with the band when it played the national anthem, preliminary to Chairman Lodge calling the convention to order, which he did at 10:20, after a brief prayer, which, as usual, was listened to standing.

There was a tedious wait until the platform committee could be heard from—the committee on resolutions. Senator Hopkins made the report. His voice could not be heard 20 feet away, though the convention was very quiet, until cries of "Louder," "Louder," caused some confusion. There was improvement then, but hardly 25 per cent. heard not more than one word out of four.

The first applause came with the mention of the name of Roosevelt. The reading was slow and dry. Senator Hopkins' voice is not of Coliseum capacity. He tried hard to speak loud enough, but his voice was very indistinct. Most of the delegates gave up all effort to follow the reading. The convention seemed to be about as enthusiastic over its platform as it was over its candidate.

The first burst of applause for any part of the platform was the plank declaring for the integrity of the courts. There were cries of "No, No," when the anti-injunction feature was read. The whole anti-injunction plank was cheered.

It is doubtful if in the whole history of American politics a platform dealing with vital policies which have threatened to split up party alignments, and which still have great elements of danger to party unity, was ever enunciated in just such a way and received by the men who are to pass upon it, nominally at least, with such absolute apparent indifference. The best hit made by Senator Hopkins was when he concluded.

The majority report on the platform was carried by a viva voce vote and made unanimous.

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Sec. Taft, Who Will Probably be Named Today



Picture shows Secretary of War William H. Taft, leading candidate for the republican presidential nomination, and his daughter Helen.

Three Negroes Succumb to Deadly Sulphuric Acid Gas

Three negroes are dead and ten are probably critically ill as the result of inhaling sulphuric acid gas in the tower of the Carolina Phosphate Works yesterday. The men were working in shifts of two in the large tower and inhaled the deadly gas, becoming ill shortly afterward.

The dead are: Frank Spikes, Lee Stephenson and Dan Jones.

Those ill are: Phil Guess, Lewis Cotton, Handy Burt, Mack Williams, Galloway Tucker, Arthur Hamlet, Herbert Thomas, Arthur Upchurch, Sherman Jones and Simon Clifton.

It is not known, the authorities at the works stated today, how the escape of gas in such quantities as to produce death occurred. The building in which the tower is located had been shut down for a week and had only been running recently. Always some of the gas escapes and for this reason extreme caution must be exercised in entering the place. The men enter two at a time and are relieved by others almost instantly.

Yesterday, however, the escape of gas must have been unusually great, for as many as thirteen or fourteen men suffered from it. Three have died—Stephenson last evening, Dan Jones last night and Spikes today. Phil Guess is critically ill and may die before night. It is not known yet whether any of the others will succumb.

All of the negroes either live on south Fayetteville or south West streets and the majority of them are married and have families.

A reporter of The Evening Times, after going to the phosphate works to get an accurate account of the affair, called at the homes of Phil Guess and Lewis Cotton. The men were lying in their beds, conscious, but unable to talk. The deadly poison, breathed into their lungs, left them stupefied.

The authorities at the phosphate works state that this is the first time in the history of the works that such a thing has occurred.

Mr. C. V. Albright, secretary and (Continued on Page Two.)

"PUBLIC OFFICIAL NOT OWN MASTER"

This Utterance of Roosevelt, Drafted from Speeches He Has Made, Taken Up as Slogan of Men Who Plan to Stampede Convention and Force President to Run Again.

(By ERNEST ELI ROESER)

Chicago, June 18—"A public official is but the servant of the people. He is not his own master."

This utterance of President Roosevelt, culled from the record of his speeches, is being used to offset his declaration that he would not again be a candidate for president.

It is possible that the naming of the candidate will be reached at today's session, this depending, of course, on the nature of the fight—if a fight there be—on platform planks.

When nominations are in order there will be another attempt at a stampede. The arrangements to bring about this result are all completed; only the application of the match to the powder keg is needed to cause the explosion. It may be that someone has poured sufficient water into the keg to make the powder ineffective, but the mine has been set, and it will be fired. The distribution of Roosevelt literature, Roosevelt flags, Roosevelt buttons, and Teddy Bears continued this morning, and their appearance developed keen expectancy in all who are in attendance at today's session.

From one of the leading figures in the filibuster forces, it was learned that Roosevelt will be named for nomination, whether he wants to be or not. The man who nominates him will challenge him on the strength of the utterance quoted, "A public official is not his own master."

Every detail of the plan for the nomination has been completed. A megaphone will be used by the delegate who launches the attempt at a stampede, so that the galleries can instantaneously take up their share of the burden and create a pandemonium, in which lies the hope of the allies and the managers of the filibuster.

The whips of the various delegations have been active all the morning, adding warning to the instructions of last night that the delegates hold their seats, maintain silence and do all possible to discourage all attempts to stampede. Most likely the delegates will be slower to feel the Roosevelt fever than they were yesterday, or, feeling it, they will strive more steadfastly to resist its delirium.

FORMER FIANCE OF LONGWORTH'S PLAIN WORDS OF GOVERNOR GUILD

Takes Poison by Mistake and Lives Only Few Minutes After Fatal Draught.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, June 18—Miss Marian Frances Bloomer, formerly a fiancee of Congressman Nicholas Longworth, president Roosevelt's son-in-law, is dead by cyanide poisoning. According to the police and the coroner, the acid was swallowed as a mistake for water. She drank the fatal draught in the Madison Square apartments, No. 40 East 26th street. Her brother, J. Ralph Bloomer, a broker, and a maid were with her at the time.

Beautifully gowned and wearing her jewels, she entered the bathroom after having choked as she munched a cracker. On the washstand were two glasses. One contained water, the other cyanide of potassium. An instant later Mr. Bloomer heard his sister cry, "Oh, Ralph, I've swallowed poison. I took the wrong glass. Run, quick, and get a doctor."

Bloomer rushed into the room and (Continued on Page Five.)

"Are You Supporting Me or are You Making a Fool of Me?" He Asks.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Chicago, June 18—It was reported last night that Gov. Curtis Guild, of Massachusetts, had become offended at the seeming apathy of the delegates from his state regarding his candidacy for the vice-presidency. At the same time, it was said he had wired the leaders of the delegation asking for an explanation.

The governor, in Boston, admitted he had sent something like the following message sizzling over the wire:

"Are you supporting me or are you making a fool of me?" Gov. Guild would not state that those were his exact words, but he said they "represented the general drift of his conversation."

Senator Lodge declared he had received no such message. Senator Crane had retired and could not be seen.

"Of course I have heard from Gov. (Continued on Second Page.)

Great Defeat of Southern Reapportionment Effort

(By JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES)

Chicago, June 18—The overwhelming defeat of the movement for the reapportionment of the south is another proof of the masterful and all-prevailing power of the convention from whom came the message that it be destroyed. The first consideration that would satisfy the south is the idea that the utter collapse of the movement in convention would seem to make it likely that there would be no effort on the part of the republicans to reduce representation in congress and its use for campaign purposes has been destroyed.

The menacing feature of the incident was the fact that such states as New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin should have voted unanimously in favor of the minority report, which was defeated

largely by the solid south, the small states in the northwest and the territories, reinforced by Ohio.

Of course, the only motive which could be imagined for the president to influence the Taft forces to carry favor with the southern delegations is the final vote on the administration nominee, because not one southern state will be likely to furnish him any electoral votes in the November election.

It is a sop to Cerberus, but whether Cerberus will be satisfied can only be seen by the results in November.

The movement seems to have grown out of some petty impatience with the majority because of an ineffective southern vote, and the opportunity is offered to obedient officeholders to line up states always in favor of the administration in national affairs.