

First Session G. O. P. Convention Held Today

Delegates Began Work of the Convention Still Undecided as to Who They Want for Vice Presidency.

PLATFORM BEING PERFECTED NOW Committee/Probably Will Be Ready to Present It to the Convention Not Later Than Wednesday.

MANY NAMED, NONE CHOSEN Herbert Hoover, Judge Kenyon, Frank Lowden and Others Being Discussed as Available Candidates.

Convention Hall, Cleveland, O., June 10 (By the Associated Press).—Still searching for a Vice Presidential candidate, the republican national convention went into its first session today with the question little advanced toward solution.

Overnight the movement for Judge Wm. S. Kenyon, of Iowa, showed new strength; the talk for Secretary Hoover grew stronger, and the movement for Chas. G. Dawes certainly lost no ground, and the Lowden supporters renewed their stubborn resistance to the former Governor's reiterated determination not to accept the nomination if it were offered.

Many new faces appeared where old familiar faces have been in the memorable years gone by. For the first time in many years, Chauncey M. Depew was not on hand to enjoy a reception that has always resembled a New Year's day hand-shaking bee at the white house.

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge was not in the little circle of convention managers, the inconspicuous steering committee that has so much to say of what will be done.

In their places of power today were a new set of men, chosen by President Coolidge. The doors of the great hall were thrown open to ticket holders at 9 o'clock, but the delegates did not begin arriving until the clock moved toward 11 o'clock, the hour of meeting.

Temporary Organization Perfected. Convention Hall, June 10.—Coming to order promptly on schedule, the republican national convention devoted its first session today to perfecting the temporary organization and hearing the keynote speech by Representative Theodore E. Burton, of Ohio, temporary chairman.

Chairman Adams, of the national committee, brought the gavel down promptly at 11 o'clock and routine organization work was quickly disposed of. Full delegations were on the floor and the galleries were well filled but not crowded. The crowd closely followed the speech of the chairman which outlined the keynote of the coming campaign.

Lowden Will Not Run. Chicago, June 10.—Dispatches received here from Cleveland disclosed that Lieutenant Governor Fred B. Sterling, of Illinois, has reached Frank O. Lowden by telephone at Oxford, Ohio, and that Colonel Lowden had told him that his decision to decline the Republican vice presidential nomination was irrevocable.

Another Session Tomorrow. Convention Hall, Cleveland, O., June 10.—In a brief opening session today the Republican national convention heard the keynote speech delivered by its temporary chairman, Representative Theodore E. Burton, perfected its temporary organization, and adjourned until 10:30 tomorrow morning.

(By the Associated Press.) Cleveland, Ohio, June 10.—A tentative draft of the 1924 platform of the Republican party, had been completed today after a group of members of the resolutions committee had labored into the early morning hours and had obtained the views of President Coolidge by telephone on certain planks.

Chairman Chas. B. Warren, of the committee, which could not be organized until the opening session today of the convention, explained that this draft would form the basis upon which the committee would work after the five hours' hearing during the day. The platform will be ready for action by the convention Wednesday afternoon.

After hours of conference the platform builders made some changes last night in the suggested planks brought here by Secretary Sleep with President Coolidge's sanction. The foreign relations provision was materially revised, and it is understood that it was upon this subject particularly that the Executive was consulted.

Having obtained Mr. Coolidge's views on the changes, the conference was resumed and it was after midnight before the task was done. At the conclusion of the hearings today the committee will begin whipping the platform into final shape.

Wheat Crop of 608,000,000 Bushels Forecast in Report. Washington, June 9.—A total wheat crop of 608,000,000 bushels this year was forecast today by the department of agriculture.

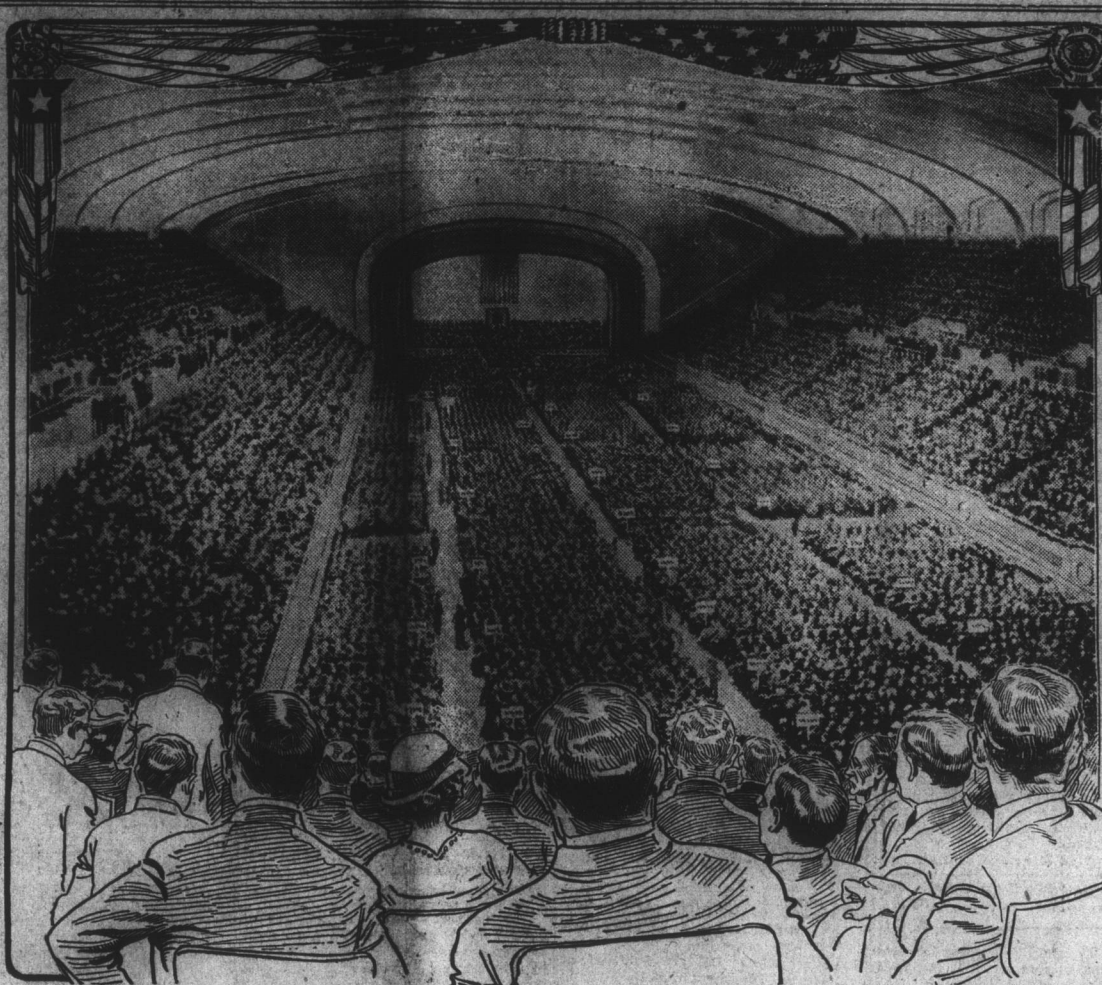
The spring wheat crop, for which the first forecast of the season was announced, was placed at 184,000,000 bushels, the area planted being estimated at 16,920,000 acres for 90.1 per cent. of last year's acreage.

Some what in abeyance while everybody went to the opening session of the convention, but the booming was immediately resumed after the adjournment. Word came that Senator Borah did not wish to be nominated. The Lowden people were not ready to give up, despite the repeated declinations of their man. Friends of Secretary Hoover claimed he was growing stronger hourly.

Tomorrow's session will bring the election of the permanent chairman, former Congressman Mondell, of Wyoming, and the delivery of his address. Meanwhile platform builders and Vice President makers continued busy.

Chairman Adams caused amusement when he proposed Representative Burton, of Ohio, for temporary chairman, and then forgot to put a vote to the convention on the selection of Mr. Burton until after he had appointed a committee to escort him to the chair. Smilingly Mr. Adams returned to the front of the platform and put the vote, which was carried with a rolling chorus of ayes and much laughter at the chairman's oversight.

Chairman Burton moved about a bit during his delivery, and at some times got away from the microphone which was carrying out by radio to millions of listeners the proceedings of the convention. If anybody missed some of the speech it was probably due to this. There was prolonged applause and cheering when the Chairman, referring to the recent Congressional investigations at Washington, condemned in strong terms character assassins, rumor mongers and the like. Guilt, he said, should be punished, and that it was important that the innocent should be protected. He disclaimed any reflection on any investigator seeking to expose crime or dereliction of duty in good faith. His declaration that the republican party stood firm for punishment of the guilty regardless of party, brought more applause.



Convention Hall at Cleveland as it looks today as the Republican delegates meet to nominate Calvin Coolidge for president. This scene is constructed by artists from a photograph and accurate description of the hall.

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FOUR CONTESTS ARE TO BE DECIDED BY DEMOCRATS OF STATE

Run-Off Primaries May Have to Be Held to Settle Two of the Contests.—No Majorities Were Received.

JAMES P. COOK BADLY DEFEATED

Total for Durham Continues to Increase as Late Returns Are Received.—Long May Win Contest.

Raleigh, June 10 (By the Associated Press).—Run-off primaries in at least two of the four contests in which there were three or more candidates at last Saturday's democratic primary today were expected to be held within the next 30 days.

With Angus W. McLean more than 60,000 votes ahead of Josiah W. Bailey for the nomination for Governor, and his victory conceded by Bailey, interest centered today on the races for Lieutenant Governor, Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Labor and Printing, and Attorney General. The more interesting generally of the four was that for Lieutenant Governor in which J. E. Long had a lead of 8,200 over R. B. Reynolds, with T. C. Bowie about 15,000 votes behind the leader.

For the nomination for Lieutenant Governor, Long had 58,438 votes after 1143 precincts had reported. Reynolds had 50,268, while Bowie was trailing with 43,512. Both Reynolds and Long issued statements last night claiming victory.

For Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman was leading the field but lacked a majority although his lead steadily increased throughout yesterday and last night. With 1,075 precincts reported he had 58,473, Frank D. Grist had 50,287, O. J. Peterson 21,258, and L. M. Nash 12,840.

Races which ended in the first primary, the returns indicate, were those of Auditor, Corporation Commissioner and Insurance Commissioner. In each of these the incumbents gained the lead early Saturday night and additional returns had only served to increase these.

Walter Smith Found With a Bullet Wound Through His Body

Hickory, June 9.—Mystery surrounds the death of Walter Smith, white youth aged 18 years, who was found dead last night about 10 o'clock at his home in Highland. Smith was a former employee of the Shuford Mills Company but for several weeks has been out of work.

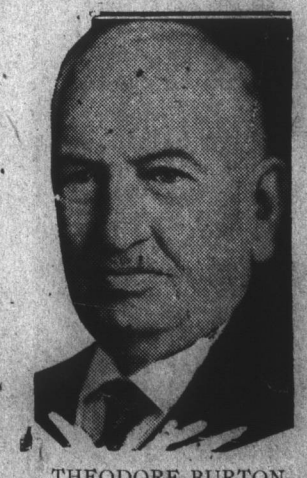
Smith's mother and stepfather left home about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. It was said, and when one of the neighbors, Monroe Lutz, went over to the house to feed the pigs, he found young Smith sitting upright in a chair with his legs crossed. A pistol was found leaning against a trunk. At first it was thought that Smith came to his death by suicide but this theory was later discounted and a coroner's jury was called for a second time this afternoon to probe into his death.

Examination this afternoon revealed that the bullet had gone through the body, cutting a hole through the heart and lodged in the room across from the body. It was said that death had occurred several hours before the body was found.

Smith's father was murdered in South Carolina several years ago, it was said. Thirty American colleges celebrate their centennial this year.

WHAT SMITTY'S WEATHER CAT SAYS. Mostly cloudy tonight and Wednesday, probably showers Wednesday and in the east portion tonight; not much change in temperature.

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THEODORE BURTON

national affairs in the past four years, he paid high tribute to the memory of President Harding, told of the accomplishments under his leadership, and pronounced this benediction: "Rest, Wearied Spirit, rest in peace, secure in the lasting remembrance which belongs to the immortals." Varied and numerous were the accomplishments cited by Mr. Burton, ranging from the achievements of the arms conference and American unofficial participation in the work of the reparations experts and committees through the field of domestic activities resulting from legislation of a majority in either branch.