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CONVENTION SCENES STIR VISITORS IN CHICAGO CITY

**Republicans hear Keynote Speech and Progressives
Adjourn till this Afternoon. No Nominations Un-
til Leaders Try to reach Agreement.**

Chicago, June 7—Jostling crowds on Michigan Boulevard, the blare of band, wriggling lines of densely packed humanity in hotel lobbies, beribboned and be-badged visitors, and the buzz, buzz of talk—this was the opening day of the Republican and Progressive National Conventions.

Four years ago the steam roller stalked its Gargantuan way through Chicago's streets, down and through the Coliseum and back into the roundhouse of political history. If the steam-roller hadn't performed, there would have been only one national convention today. But those who were squashed by the pancake making wheels of the juggernaut arose, brushed off their dusted garments and assuaged their mangled bodies with the balm of a convention candidates and machinery of their own. It appeared to-day that the bruises the steam roller of four years ago inflicted might be entirely healed. The Republican man in the street and the progressive man in the street hailed each other as brother, not as political enemy. There will be no nominations in either convention until the leaders can meet and attempt to agree on a candidate.

The business scheduled in both national gatherings was more or less perfunctory today. Calling to order, prayer, introductory speeches by the national chairman and the setting to work of the convention committees is about all either the Republican or the progressive leaders expect to accomplish in the first day's sessions. Tonight the Resolutions Committees are beginning their long grind of hearings and closed sessions, leading up to the formulation of platforms.

It was national chairman Charles D. Hillis whose gavel banged to order the Republican conclave, at

11:25 Hours before that minute the great galleries of the Coliseum had been packed to their utmost capacity. A band, tucked far up above in a gallery tooted cheerfully away at the popular airs of the day and kept the waiting thousands in good humor. On the floor, where standards bearing the names of the states marked off the space reserved for the actual participants in this quadrennial festivity, the delegates were slower to arrive. There was a constant roar of noise from the floor and the galleries, the buzzing of thousands of voices blended in one indescribable medley. This bedlam of confusion and talk and stamping of feet and whispering and shouting rolled up to the speaker's platform like a giant wave. The noise of eight thousand sets of vocal chords must be heard to be understood; words can't convey the impression. On the speakers platform the officers of the convention were holding the little conference that really amounted to something. As Chas. D. Hillis came forward there was a vociferous outburst, a sort of tidal wave of noise that dashed against the platform and finally subsided in what would have been merely the murmur of expectation, if it hadn't been for the fact that eight or ten thousand murmurs of expectation from the audience blended together, made a fairly creditable amount of noise.

Finally, BANG! went the gavel. (Gavel only by courtesy, he it understood, since it was really a gigantic mallet, the only kind whose staccato raps could be expected to penetrate the convention noise). The noise subsided a little. There were more BANGS and BIFFS and ultimately a semblance of order was obtained and the Republican Convention of 1916 was in session. The keynote speech by Sen-

MISS BOWDEN TAKES UP WORK WITH BLACKWELL MEMORIAL

Miss Beulah Bowden of Charlotte arrived in the city Tuesday night from Norfolk to take up her duties as pastor's assistant of Blackwell Memorial Baptist church and is stopping for the present at the home of Mrs. R. T. Venters on North Road street.

Miss Bowden was employed by this church a few weeks ago as a regular assistant to the pastor in his ever increasing duties among his members and her work will be in line with the Church Efficiency Movement of the Baptist churches of the State.

A graduate of Meredith College, the Louisville Training School, with four years experience as a missionary in Mexico, and several years of city missionary work with Dr. Vines, pastor of the First Baptist church in Charlotte, Miss Bowden's work here will, it is believed, mean much in the movement for increased efficiency in Blackwell Memorial church.

The statements made in a newspaper yesterday that Miss Bowden will hold meetings here during this week, and that her work is in connection with all of the churches in the city, are erroneous.

ators Harding, temporary chairman of the Convention was the feature of the first day. Over in the Auditorium very much of the same scenes were being enacted on a slightly smaller scale. The Auditorium was likewise packed, but it wasn't nearly so large a hall as the Coliseum and its theatre like proportions didn't create the impression of vastness such as struck the onlooker on entering the barn-like interior of the Republican meeting place. The progressive conclave was more mixed also. There were women delegates. But there was the same noise and clatter and enthusiasm. The fiery red head of National Chairman Victor Murdock moved comet-like on the stage. "Original Roosevelt men"—and women—renewed their fealty to the Sage of Sagamore Hill. The Progressives adjourned at three o'clock to meet Thursday afternoon at two o'clock.

BAPTIST ASSEMBLY MEETS AT WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

Raleigh, N. C. June 7th—With the publication of the complete program of the second annual Summer Assembly given under the auspices of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, the interest in that approaching event is growing. The Assembly will be held at Wrightsville Beach and will open Sunday June 25 and continue through Sunday July 2nd.

Speakers of national reputation have been secured and in addition other special features which make a program still more attractive than that of the season of 1915. The new auditorium at Wrightsville Beach will be used for the morning and night sessions and the afternoons of each day will be given over to recreation. The Assembly furnishes an ideal vacation for the thousands of Baptists of the State and the ten days at the beach can be enjoyed at a minimum expense. Rev. J. A. Sullivan, Wilmington, will gladly answer all inquiries as to boarding rates while Secretary E. L. Middleton, Raleigh, will send programs on application. Special reduced rates are authorized by all railways.

LUSCIOUS PEACHES ARE GROWN IN PASQUOTANK

The first peaches on the market appeared in the attractive display window at the grocery store of Mr. George Twiddy. Passersby almost invariably stopped to exclaim at their beauty and to ask "Where were they grown?" The answer was surprising—"Pasquotank County."

"If we advertise them as home grown" said a member of the firm, "Nobody would come to look at them. They would think that they were necessarily knotty and wormy" These peaches grew on the farm of Dr. F. W. Lowry and are a practical demonstration of what proper care of fruit trees will do and what can be done in Old Pasquotank.

MAN SHOT BY WILLIAMS HAD THREATENED HIS LIFE

Additional details of the shooting at South Mills Tuesday evening trickled into the city Wednesday but the reports given of Continued on Back Page