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DEJECTED G. O. P. DELEGATES OPEN CONVENTION

PROGRESSIVE CONVENTION BREAKS OUT IN UPROAR

G.O.P. Bidding Bull Moose Support

OPENING DAY MERE ROUTINE PRELIMINARIES

BULL MOOSERS MEET AT NOON FOR CONCLAVE

PLATFORM COMMITTEE IN SESSION WITH EYES FOCUSED ON MEMBERS.

KEYNOTE SPEECH GIVEN AND ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TOMORROW FOLLOWS.

AMERICANISM, AIMED TO BAIT TEDDY, FIRST

FAVORITE SONS NOT WANTED BY THE PARTY

Formalities Gone Through With Rain-Soaked and Dejected Audience to Witness the Performance—Little Demonstration Seen—Ohio Delegation Leads Roofing.

"Man of Vision, Favorite Son of Nation, a Man the Public Knows," Is Type Progressive Party Seeks at the Critical Hour Says Keynote—Leader of 1912 Extolled.

The Coliseum, Chicago, June 7.—A dull rainy day and a rainsoaked assemblage handicapped the gathering of the Republican national convention at 11:30 today. The weather plainly dampened enthusiasm of the delegates who quieted down at 11:30 when Chairman Hillis pounded for order. Warren G. Harding, in delivering the keynote, drew first genuine and spontaneous applause that came when he pleaded for a navy that fears none in the world. Cheers also greeted the declaration America shouldn't be too proud to fight.

Auditorium Theater, Chicago, June 7.—At the stroke of 12:30 this afternoon every delegation bearing Roosevelt banners swung in behind the Republican National convention and opened the Progressive National convention. The wildest scene of a demonstration seized the convention at the outset. When the keynote speech had been delivered, and the noise subsided, routine business was transacted and adjournment was taken until tomorrow morning.

Republicans convened without signs of any agreement upon a candidate. Roosevelt and Hughes, the favorite sons, with possibilities of a dark horse, still held sway. An attempt to get together with the Progressives seemed certain at noon. The New Jersey delegation introduced a resolution asking for appointment of a committee to advise the Progressives of the Republican platform plans.

Colonel's Name a Torch The explosion came early in Raymond Robbins' keynote speech. The first mention of Colonel Roosevelt started a violent demonstration in which the delegates yelled, cheered, shouted, jumped in the air, waved banners and created all the noise possible.

Routine Business Taken Up. When Mr. Harding had concluded his keynote speech, Chairman Hillis presented the temporary roll of officers for the convention. Senator Lippett of Rhode Island presented the usual resolution for adoption of the rules of the 1912 convention as rules for the present meeting. Motions to appoint a committee on permanent organizations and various other committees were then made.

Banner Paraded to Stage A huge banner was seized up and carried to the stage—within a minute practically every state delegation banner was planted in a cluster on the speaker's stand.

Doors of the coliseum opened at nine this morning. Several hundred were then bravely waiting in the rain and thankfully slid into their places. Three uniformed policemen and scores of plain clothesmen are on duty. Chairman Hillis arrived at 10 o'clock and looked over the hall, which contained only 300 persons. The hall has a greenish look. Two Kansas delegates were the first to arrive. Countless American flags hang everywhere and were wound around the balconies and draped the ceiling.

Yelling Finally Quieted At 2:30 when the demonstration had lasted ninety minutes, it was beginning to subside. Perkins sent scouts to instruct the cheer leaders to cease and the gavel rapped earnestly. Several minutes later the yelling stopped and Robbins resumed his speaking. The demonstration lasted one hour and 35 minutes.

Dejection Very Noticeable Old timers said the dispirited air and dejected appearance of the auditors, due to the rain and cold was almost without parallel.

Would Invade G. O. P. Camp A more enthusiastic crowd attempted to march to the Coliseum while the boom was at its height. Murdock and Perkins laughingly shook their heads when asked if they approved. Many western delegates shed their coats and rolled up their sleeves, as though prepared to cheer until breakfast. They paid no attention to the gavel.

Convention Proper Resesses. After the formal opening of the convention came a few routine motions and the convention adjourned at 1:30 this afternoon, until eleven tomorrow.

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Unless a majority of the resolutions committee opposes the Borah and Lodge resolutions, the Republican platform will contain a flat declaration for universal military training. Feasibility of this was discussed among the leaders today. They declared they found much support.

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200,000 CHICAGOANS MARCH IN GREAT PREPAREDNESS DEMONSTRATION.



Here is a section of Chicago's great preparedness parade last Saturday, showing the line of men and women, 200,000 strong, as they marched up Michigan boulevard before debouching into the side streets

for the serpentine journey through the loop. Three hundred bands conveyed the fifth-of-a-million parade through streets gay with bunting and between buildings covered with flags. It took the parade ten hours to pass a

given point; the start was made at Michigan avenue and Van Buren street at 9 a. m., and twelve hours after the last of the marchers broke rank at West Jackson boulevard and Chicago river.

REPUBLICAN KEYNOTES HIT

Chicago, June 7.—Warren G. Harding today sounded the Republican Keynote. His address to the assembled hosts was probably the feature of the opening day of the Republican convention and in it he flayed Democracy, upheld Republicanism, and disassociated alleged faults of the Democratic party and held them up for scorn; he pointed to alleged panaceas for present political evils, as well.

people of our United States is expecting the party sponsors here assembled to write anew the sacred covenant of Republicanism; and reconsecrate the party of the nation's service and the people's advancement. That same majority expects you to select a standard-bearer who shall not only typify our expression of faith but shall so enlist the confidence and trust of our

Warren Harding's thrust at Democrats for "Variability from Baltimore to Vera Cruz," brought out a roar of laughter and applause, in which the Ohio delegation led vigorously. As sharp, ironic shafts were rained home, the laughter and hand clapping frequently interrupted the speech. He concluded at 1:10 this afternoon, having spoken the hour and 20 minutes.

Senator Harding said in part: Gentlemen of the Convention:—It is good to greet this representative body of that American Republicanism on which is centered the high hopes of the republic. I can believe—may, I know—that a vast majority of the

THE MAN WHO SOUNDED REPUBLICAN "KEYNOTE SPEECH" AT CHICAGO TODAY.



Warren G. Harding.

CONVENTION BULLETINS.

Chicago, June 7.—Col. Roosevelt was made the favorite in betting for the Republican presidential nomination today. Teddy's chances are quoted at even money; Hughes, six to five; Root, five to one; Burton, six to one; Cummins and Weeks, seven to one.

Senator Borah of Idaho has withdrawn his name as a presidential possibility.

Negotiations between Roosevelt, personally, and G. O. P. leaders still pending.

Smoot has been elected chairman of the credentials committee over Governor Morgan of Kansas.

Jay Brooks Is Here. Jay Brooks, one of the early merchants of La Grande and still extensively interested in property here, arrived last night from his home in Berkeley, Cal., on his yearly visitation to look after business interests.

Orpett Jury Obtained. Waukegan, June 7.—A jury was completed at three this afternoon to try William Orpett, charged with murdering Marion Lambert, his childhood sweetheart. This is the twentieth day of the trial.

Four Speeders Nabbed. Grover Grimmit, Fred Young, Charles Noyes and another motorcycleist, whose number has been put on record until the owner is located were hauled in by the police last night for speeding. Mr. Young paid a \$5 fine today and those who stand trial may not meet their fate for several days as the municipal judge is out of town.

THREE PLEAD GUILTY. First Results of Grand Jury Investigations Are Known. The grand jury returned into court three true bills of indictment and in each case the defendants have been arranged and entered pleas of guilty.

SOCIALIST ENJOYED Second Speech Tonight of Well Known Socialist Awaited. Last evening Dr. John Dequer, well known Socialist orator, was heard by a large crowd at Labor hall when he gave his first lecture of a series of two to be given in this city. The second is set down for this evening and it is planned to make it an open-air lecture.

Dr. Dequer last evening demonstrated himself to be an able speaker, a thinker and warm supporter of the Socialist principles, and a man who can lay these principles clearly before his hearers.

CONCERT PROGRAM READY Tonight's Street Program Contains Many High Grade Numbers. Program for Elks band concert commencing at 8 o'clock p. m. at the intersection of Depot and Adams tonight follows: March—Deed of the Pen Moret Overture—Golden Sceptre Schlegel's March—Chicago Marine Band. Seitz Bits of Remick's Hits, Arranged by Lampo Synopsis—Introduction. Alabama Jubilee, In Old Madeira, The Wedding of the Sunshine and The Rose, The Sweetest Girl in Monterey, Circus Day in Dixie, The Bars are Down in Lovin' Lane, I'm on My Way to Dublin Bay, Dance, Molly Dear It's You I'm After, Dancing the Jelly Roll, It's Tulip Time in Holland. March—The Imperator Christensen Waltz—Under the Rose Blanks Star Spangled Banner. J. David Haines, Conductor.

SPY SYSTEM ROILS NATION

ENGLISH MAY INTERNE ALL RESIDENTS OF ENEMY ORIGIN IN EMPIRE

DEATH OF KITCHENER INFLAMES SPY HATRED

Asquith Temporarily in Charge of the English Army—Political Fight Over Successor may Develop—Russian Offensive Is Interesting Military Critics In War Zone.

London, June 7.—Premier Asquith has taken charge of the war office temporarily, it was announced today, as temporary successor to the late Lord Kitchener.

Marked stimulus in recruiting, and a general demand for internment of all enemy aliens in Great Britain, regardless of age, sex or naturalization, are the immediate results of the death of Kitchener.

Spy System Pointed To. It is generally believed that Germans knew exactly the movements Kitchener was about to take. It is openly hinted that the espionage systems furnished the information whereby a submarine waylaid the Hampshire while en route to Russia.

German Freedom in Danger. Newspapers commented freely on the freedom allowed Germans throughout England. Northcliffe newspapers urged internment of all persons of belligerent origin.

The Morning Post says: "Circumstances point espionage and treachery. The country will suspect this more owing to the singular freedom still allowed enemy subjects in Great Britain."

Kitchener's Successor Study. A political struggle over the appointment of a successor to Kitchener looms big. The Post urges appointment of Lord Milner. Some contend for the appointment of a civilian. Others urged a military man, preferably Sir Robertson, who cannot serve unless raised to the peerage, or is given a seat in the Commons.

It is suggested Robertson could assume Kitchener's duties if given a seat in the Commons. One Commoner has already offered to yield his seat. The Post declares the appointment of Lloyd George would be a mistake.

Russian Offensive Attracts London, June 7.—Interest of European military critics is now centered on the Russian army. The Czars offensive has been in operation a week and the length of the line of attacks and frequency of infantry rushes are growing daily. Petrograd officially announces the drive has already resulted in capture of nearly 30,000 prisoners, many cannon and small arms. More than a million Russians are massed on a line from Pripele Marshes to Pruth. Austrian defenders are half that number.

WATERMELLONS COME Further Harbingers of Summer Beach Markets During Day. Oh, You Watermellons! The La Grande Fruit company today unloaded the initial shipments of watermellons for La Grande retailers. The selling price is five cents per pound. The shipment came from Calixico, on the Mexican line.

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