

OHIO WILL UNITE TO SUPPORT TAFT

Party Leaders Crawl into Bandwagon.

STATE CHAIRMAN SPEAKS OUT

Boss Cox Declares for Harmony to Save Party.

FORAKER QUITE WILLING

State Committee Called to Make Effective Overwhelming Sentiment for Taft—Foraker Is Glad to Hold the Senatorship.

TOLEDO, O., May 8.—(Special.)—Chairman Walter Brown of the Republican State Central Committee, tonight issued a call for a meeting next Wednesday at Columbus at which it is planned formally to declare for Taft as the choice of Ohio for the presidency. Many prominent Republicans will be invited. Mr. Brown also dictated a statement clearing up his mysterious attitude, saying in part: "The Republican party leaders have undoubtedly at last read the handwriting on the wall and crawled into the Taft bandwagon with much ceremony. While various party leaders were urging the wisdom of a primary election, there was obvious impropriety on the part of any member of the committee in arraying himself on either side. Now that such primary has been definitely abandoned, I am very glad to put an end to the apparent mystery about my position.

Will Be Unanimous for Taft. "Since the state convention of 1916, over which Secretary Taft presided as chairman, I have believed him to be the logical choice of the Republicans of Ohio for the presidency in 1918 and I heartily favor the movement to secure for him the unequivocal endorsement at this time. In my judgment, the meeting of the party leaders and joint committee at Columbus next week will result in unanimous expression in favor of Secretary Taft."

Cox Comes Out for Taft. George B. Cox, of Cincinnati, erstwhile Republican boss of Hamilton County, has informed the men who are leading the fight for the supremacy of the Roosevelt policies, as represented by the Secretary, that the sentiment of the Buckeye State is undoubtedly overwhelmingly for Mr. Taft. Mr. Cox, it is understood, already has prepared, or in a few days will prepare a public statement setting forth the view, which practically will have the effect of closing the sensational fight in Ohio almost before it has begun, and place Mr. Taft squarely before the country as the man of undisputed home indorsement, who is to lead the progressive fight for control of the next Republican National Convention.

Boss Cannot Help Secretary. Mr. Cox is not piously a bandwagon politician. His expression of opinion that Mr. Taft is the Republican voters of Ohio behind him will in no sense be better than his personal indorsement of the Taft candidacy. Mr. Cox's indorsement would not help the Taft cause in the least, it is not desired and, if offered with any view to tying up with the movement in favor of the Secretary as President Roosevelt's successor, would be repudiated by the man in whose interest it ostensibly was given. But Mr. Cox's surrender is entirely another matter.

COX COMES OUT FOR TAFT

Ex-Boss Declares for Harmony and Foraker Falls in Line. CINCINNATI, May 8.—Party harmony, with Taft for President, J. B. Foraker for United States Senator and A. L. Hurris for Governor, is the programme advanced by George B. Cox, ex-Republican leader in Hamilton County, in a statement given to the Associated Press today. Reports from Columbus and Washington had named Mr. Cox as engaged in the conduct of negotiations looking toward a compromise between the Taft and Foraker forces, but Mr. Cox denied such suggestions.

"As far as I am concerned," he said, "there is absolutely nothing to this talk. I have retired from active participation in politics. Of course I cannot absolutely refuse to advise with friends."

As to the present situation in Ohio, he said: "In my judgment the time has come for something to be done. We are on the eve of next Fall's election. Nothing should be done to endanger party success. If you will recall two years ago we had sectional differences in the party and our ticket went down to defeat. This, I hope, will not occur again."

We must not forget that we must carry the Legislature next year to elect a United States Senator and get much needed legislation and must elect a Governor and other state officers. The way to do all this, I believe, is for all Republicans to put their shoulders to the wheel in their several neighborhoods and see to it that none but true Republicans represent them. Our watchword should be, "Success of the Republican Party," and to achieve this we should support W. H. Taft for President, J. B. Foraker for Senator and A. L. Hurris for Governor.

I know of no personal differences that I have with Secretary Taft. There may have been some political differences, but they are things of the past and will not be permitted to stand in the way of party success. When the attention of Senator Foraker was called to Mr. Cox's statement, he said: "I have just read what Mr. Cox says. If I understand him correctly he makes a specific recommendation addressed to the Republicans of Ohio, as to what their action shall be in the convention of next year. I am not sure it calls for any response from me, but, inasmuch as you seem to think it does, I will repeat that I don't want any political honors at the hands of the Republicans of Ohio except with their party indorsement. Therefore, if what Mr. Cox suggests and recommends should meet with their approval, I can well support Secretary Taft more cordially than I shall."

Charles P. Taft, editor of the Cincinnati Times-Star and brother of Secretary Taft, when shown the Cox interview, said: "Mr. Cox takes a broad view of the matter. He sees the opportunity to elect another Ohio President and very wisely urges that we get together."

TAFT GLAD, BUT KEEPS QUIET

Declines to Discuss Presidential Outlook at Present.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Secretary Taft, upon being shown the dispatches from



Chief of Police Dinan, of San Francisco, who disarms strikebreakers and protects cars.

Cincinnati containing the statements accredited to Senator Foraker and George B. Cox relative to his candidacy for the Presidency and the situation in Ohio, declined to discuss the subject. To a group of newspapermen who sought an interview with him the Secretary said: "Boys, I am glad that you have brought me this news, but I have not a word to say to you about it. It is a matter, you know, that I cannot discuss at this time."

TWO CANDIDATES WITHDRAW

Lenroot and Cooper Out of Wisconsin Senatorial Fight. MADISON, Wis., May 8.—The withdrawal of Edwin Lenroot last night as a Senatorial candidate was followed tonight by the withdrawal of Congressman H. A. Cooper. The development at tonight's caucus was the gain of Hatton, who increased his vote over the noon-day joint session from 16 to 22. The fifty-eighth caucus ballot resulted in no other changes.

BATTLE ON THE WHARVES

NEW YORK LONGSHOREMEN ATTACK STRIKEBREAKERS.

Strike Forces Steamers to Sail Light and Many Can't Load at All. Two Lines Surrender. NEW YORK, May 8.—Several ships were obliged to sail today with only partial cargoes, on account of the longshoremen's strike. The delay is being felt keenly. The strikers find much satisfaction in this condition, believing a general protest from mercantile interests would impel the steamship owners to grant the demands for higher wages. The liners sailed as usual today. Thirty-five men are in the hospital as a result of a fierce riot tonight. Twelve more are in jail. Striking longshoremen attacked 600 Italians and Poles acting as strikebreakers, when the latter attempted to leave the ships tonight and go to their homes. Havemeyer sugar factory employees helped the longshoremen. At Williamsburg, after a brisk fight, a riot among the Italian element was quelled. Police Commissioner Bingham issued an order to all commanders of station-houses to hold all their men in reserve. In expectation of serious trouble, police officers of a score of companies have agreed at a meeting to stand together and fight the demands of the men. Thus far only two companies, the Mallory line and the Southern Pacific Company, have made terms with the men. Work has been resumed at the freight piers of these companies. In other quarters a few hundred strikebreakers have been engaged, but even with the assistance of the crews of various ships, these men have made but small inroads in the mountains of freight that are accumulating at all important shipping points. The big trans-Atlantic companies, however, are sending out their ships nearly on schedule time, but with only a small part of their usual cargo.

Will Entertain Peace Conference.

THE HAGUE, May 8.—The lower house of Parliament yesterday voted 140-90 for the reception of the delegates to the second peace conference.

FRENCH STEAMER POITOU WRECKED

Goes Ashore on Coast of Uruguay.

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Women Jump Over and Swim Ashore.

CREW STICKS TO VESSEL

Heavy Gale Blowing Makes Rescue Work Difficult, but Ready Hands Do All in Power to Help Those Who Remain.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, May 8.—The French transport Maritime Poitou, from Marseilles April 8 for this port, has been wrecked off San Jose Ignacio, on the coast of Uruguay. She is understood to have had 300 passengers on board, and, according to late reports, nearly 200 of these have been rescued and are on their way to this city. The vessel and her cargo will probably prove a total loss.

The casualty list has been reported at 100, but this has not been corroborated. The government is doing everything possible to succor the shipwrecked people. San Jose Ignacio is a small rocky promontory surrounded by reefs, 21 miles west of Cape Sta. Maria, on the southeastern coast of Uruguay and about 150 miles from Montevideo. The vessel was driven on the rocks yesterday. She lies 30 yards from shore. A heavy gale has been blowing for several days, and is still continuing. This renders the work of rescue very difficult. The efforts to get the remainder of the passengers and crew to land are being continued with untiring energy. Panic broke out on board the vessel when she grounded, and a number of terror-stricken people jumped overboard. According to a report a number of women managed to swim ashore, but many were drowned. It is known that customs officers at Rincon de Ferrero saved 50 passengers. Those still on board the vessel can be seen from shore making despairing signals.

AGENTS THINK LOSS LIGHTER

Report to Home Office Says Crew and Passengers Safe. MARSEILLES, May 8.—According to dispatches received here from the agents of the company that owned the French steamer Poitou, wrecked on the coast of Uruguay, all the passengers and crew are safe. The passengers are being transferred by steamer to Buenos Ayres. The crew will remain on board until all hopes of refloating the vessel are abandoned. The dispatches say there has been no loss of life. There were 190 passengers on board the Poitou, mostly Spanish emigrants.

GRABBERS GIVE UP COAL

Government Recovers 1200 Acres. St. Louisans Are Involved.

ST. LOUIS, May 8.—Twenty-nine St. Louisans have been summoned to appear before the Federal grand jury at Denver May 23 to tell what they know of a supposed scheme to combine a large number of coal-land claims under the control of some syndicate, whose identity has not been publicly established.

DENVER, May 8.—It is stated that the subpoenas were issued on the Government's belief that several St. Louisans had signed blanks for coal-land claims in Colorado, with no intention of actually taking up and working the claims themselves, but with the intention of turning the claims over to some combination of persons. The law prohibits the granting of more than 160 acres to one person or more than 640 acres to one combination of persons. It is said the land-claim blanks have not only been circulated in St. Louis, but in other parts of the country. WASHINGTON, May 8.—The Attorney-General has received a dispatch from Denver that officers of the Department have secured the surrender of patents for about 1200 acres of valuable coal-lands illegally entered in Colorado and the deeds to the Government for the same will be put on record forthwith. The value of the lands is estimated at \$200,000.

Rich Mexicans Fight for Love. PUEBLO, Mex., May 8.—Larcia Jacdero, millionaire owner of several haciendas, and Jose Marabellaran, municipal director of Tlaxiaco, both aspirants for the hand of the daughter of a prominent planter of this district, fought a duel with pistols in the streets this morning, both being mortally wounded. Both men fell badly wounded at the first fire. They continued firing until each had received wounds from which physicians say they will not recover.

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