

ROOSEVELT MAY GO TO CHICAGO

Head Off All Chance to Stampede Convention

EYE OPEN, TOO, FOR FRAUD

Every Precaution Needful to Checkmate "Interests."

NO BUYING COMMITTEEMEN

No President Has Ever Been a Delegate, but Precedent in This Instance May Cut No Figure.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 21.—If certain conditions arise, President Roosevelt will attend the Republican National Convention at Chicago, but under no circumstances will he accept a nomination at the hands of that convention. This statement is made on absolutely reliable authority, and the sponsor speaks with all the conviction of an emissary of the President himself. The fact that it is not an authorized statement issued by the White House does not in the slightest detract from its authenticity or correctness.

When it was first reported that the President contemplated attending the convention, some of his opponents declared that he was making a bid for re-nomination, and would go to Chicago with the expectation that his very presence would overawe the delegates, and result in a stampede. It may be said that if the President goes to the convention, one of his prime objects will be to prevent any stampede. If it is attempted by his over-enthusiastic friends, and he realizes that nowhere could he so effectively block a movement of that sort as he could right there on the ground. However, that is not the chief motive that will actuate the President, if he decides to go to Chicago.

Prevent Buying of Delegates.

In a National Convention there are great opportunities for playing corrupt politics; perhaps not so much in the convention as in the preliminary work of the National Committee. It has been demonstrated that there are to be many contesting delegations at Chicago; and from the present line-up, these contests will be between Taft delegates and anti-Taft delegates. The determination of these contests rests with the National Committee, and it is believed by not a few experienced politicians that the Republican National Committee will have it in its power at Chicago actually to swing the convention by deciding these contests fairly or unfairly. There will be no lack of inducement of a financial sort, for the "interests" which are opposed to Roosevelt and to any man committed to his policies, will be on hand with a big barrel, and any congressman who is willing to sell out will no doubt be able to get his price.

President Roosevelt is not such a novice at politics as to be unmindful of the true situation, and, if he goes to Chicago, it will be his main aim to prevent the buying up of a majority of the National Committee for the sole purpose of gaining control of the convention. Any such deal as this would have to be put through hurriedly, and the price of votes would be high, but the "reactionaries" would not stop at cost if they could only get control of the committee, and thereby get control of the convention. To block any such game would require a strong man and an alert one. Probably there is no man but Roosevelt who could expose and block such a deal, if it should be attempted. The President's attendance at the convention is dependent almost entirely upon whether or not the situation is such as to make possible the consummation of such a gigantic political fraud as has been outlined.

Foil Schemes of Reactionaries.

It may be that before convention time, Taft, or some other safe candidate, one beyond the reach of the reactionaries, will have enough pledged votes to nominate him. The President has all along favored Taft, and still favors him, and hopes that before the convention assemblies, Taft will be safe beyond the reach of the opposition, so that it will be useless to quarrel over the contesting delegations; but if Taft is lacking in votes, and the balance of power rests with the contesting delegations, and fraudulent means are undertaken to seat the anti-Taft delegates, the country may expect to see the President on the scene. If he goes he will not in any sense undertake to dictate to the National Committee, nor will he oppose the seating of honestly elected delegates, but he will make his presence felt if the reactionary leaders undertake to buy out the committee and then seat the anti-Taft delegates, regardless of the merits of the various contests. The President is aware that there will be some contests brought on legitimate grounds, and such contests he is willing shall be decided on their merits, but he does not propose to have wholesale contests brought before the committee for the sole purpose of unseating honestly chosen delegates who happen to be favorable to or instructed for Taft.

It is not recalled that any President ever before attended a National conven-

tion, but it has been shown so many times that Mr. Roosevelt cares little or nothing for precedent. He began breaking over unwritten rules of the Presidential office soon after he entered the White House, and it would not be surprising to establish a new precedent before the National convention. The fact that other Presidents did not attend conventions is not, to his mind, sufficient reason why he should absent himself if he believes a scandalous deal is to be perpetrated on the Republican party and the country, when he knows full well that by attending the convention in person and making a speech at the proper moment he could overturn such a game as is contemplated by the corporation crowd.

Prevent Third-Term Stampede.

The man who is authority for the foregoing statements, and whose intimate friendship for the President gives his opinions great weight, expressed the unqualified opinion that under no conditions would the President accept a re-nomination. The President has a suspicion that Senator Bourne of Oregon, and some of his followers, will probably attend the convention in some capacity and undertake to stampede the delegates to the Roosevelt banner. The fear of such a move is another reason why the President thinks it may be necessary for him to go to Chicago. While he does not believe the convention can be stampeded, he is inclined to think that all due precautions should be taken. If he is there on the ground and there should be a stampede, he could promptly address the convention, decline the nomination and prevent an adjournment that might otherwise leave him in a peculiarly embarrassing position, where he would have to establish quite another precedent. Whether the President, should he go to Chicago, would ward off all possibility of non-nomination by making a speech in advance of the ballot, or whether he would be on hand to check a stampede in the event it is attempted, is a matter to be decided in the future.

STARVED OUT OF POSITION

EDWARD MILLER SURRENDERS MINE HE IS DEFENDING.

Deserted by Friends, Unequal to Keeping Up Barricade Without Food or Sleep.

RENO, Nev., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—After being abandoned by his companions and standing alone for 48 hours without food or sleep, Edward Miller, who remained barricaded behind a breastwork of high-grade ore defending what he claimed were his rights to a rich strike he had made, Edward Miller put up a flag of truce this morning and surrendered himself in the sight of the thousands who have been attracted to Rawhide by the fabulous richness of the strike.

Miller and 29 of his friends who thought he was entitled to the reward of the labor and privations he had undergone in Rawhide, a rich ledge of gold-bearing ore, had been defending themselves with the aid of a magazine gun from Miller's five partners, who also had entrenched behind boulders and dykes on an opposite hillside, were attempting to take by force what they claimed was their part of the mine.

After Miller's friends deserted him, he was unable longer to hold out and came forth with a flag of truce and gave himself up. The Sheriff had arrested all the men in possession of the mine, pending a settlement of the rights of the two factions.

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READY TO BATTLE WITH PROHIBITION

Liquor Forces Plan National Campaign.

UNITE INTERESTED TRADES

Great Federation Expects to Have 1,200,000 Votes.

CALL FOR AID OF LABOR

Every Industry Which Supplies Producers and Dealers to Help in the War Against Prohibition, Which is Called Calamity.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—(Special.)—Battle is to be offered prohibition in every city, town and county of the United States through the medium of a vast National federation, with executive headquarters in Chicago and composed of every association connected directly or indirectly with the liquor trade. This was the formal announcement made today by John A. McDermott, manager of the organization bureau of the project.

Arrangements for the liquor trades and societies to join hands in a stupendous campaign against prohibition have been under way for several months, but it has not been felt that the time was ripe for a public announcement of what, it is declared, will be the most remarkable fight yet undertaken in this country by a single industry. The general plans have now been formulated, however, and accordingly have been made public.

Unite All Interested Trades.

The federation, which will carry on its business through an executive committee composed of representatives of the more important organizations included, is planned to take in the brewers' and the maltsters' associations, the retailers' and wholesalers' associations, manufacturers' and dealers' clubs, Liberty Leagues of salesmen, and all associations connected with the allied trades. In the term "allied trades" the liquor interests group glassmakers, saloon fixture manufacturers, cooperage works, cigar manufacturers, soda-water makers, machinery makers and every other trade and manufacturer which in any way contributes to the business carried on by the liquor trade.

Seek Aid of Labor Unions.

In addition to these associations, it will be sought to obtain the co-operation of labor organizations connected with the liquor and allied trades and the active help of such general organizations as the German National Alliance and the United Societies of Chicago.

The plan, in short, is for warring into a cohesive whole, with all parts pulling together, of every species of society in

the country which can have a direct or indirect interest in seeing that prohibition is beaten.

It is estimated that the organizations which will give active aid to the central executive committee will have a total membership of 1,200,000 voters, representing 3,000,000 persons.

Prohibition National Calamity.

The campaign to be entered upon will include the formation of a publicity bureau, which will send out masses of booklets, leaflets, statistics and arguments of all kinds in support of the liquor trade. The liquor trade, through its spokesman and writers, is to insist that, if National prohibition occurs, it will be a "calamity only equalled by the Civil War" and that "conditions akin to those produced by a revolution" will take place.

In addition to these publicity movements, the federation will be thoroughly organized in every state through state associations, composed of all the organizations in each state directly or indirectly interested in the liquor trade. These state



Senator George C. Perkins, of Colorado, who spoke on Greater Navy yesterday.

associations, in turn, will see that each state is organized in city, town, county and precinct.

"A sweeping organization of the entire United States" is the slogan in this regard.

NO LIQUOR ON DINING CARS

Pullman Company Driven to Decision by Prohibition Laws.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 21.—The adoption of prohibition and local option laws in many states has so hampered the operation of dining-cars on the railroads that the Pullman Company has decided to cease the sale of liquor on these cars. Orders have been sent to district superintendents throughout the country to this effect, and will become operative first in the East and gradually extend westward. The first section affected will be New England, where the sale will stop March 1.

Prohibition laws have largely reduced receipts and exposed the company to the risk of prosecution through the sale of liquor by careless employees in prohibition states. The company has also been inclined to stop the sale of liquor because of trouble caused by excessive drinking by passengers.

Club Bars Close at Midnight.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 21.—Without exception the police have ordered all clubs in Greater Pittsburgh closed at midnight in the risk of prosecution through the sale of liquor. Where clubhouses are used as hotels, guests will be allowed to enter and leave when they choose, but the selling of liquor will not be permitted after that hour. The order is the result of many complaints from parents and wives.

RETURN LIKELY BY SUEZ ROUTE

Clew to Future Movements of Fleet.

INVITATION TO AUSTRALIA

Premier Deakin Asks for Visit to Antipodes.

ACCEPTANCE IS POSSIBLE

Ports of Great Commonwealth Are Open to Us—Root Says We Would Gladly Accept, but the Promise Is Premature.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Interesting and important news relative to the future movements of the American battleship fleet was made public at the conclusion of the Cabinet meeting today by Secretary Metcalf, comprising an invitation from the Australian government to have the fleet, or at least some of the vessels, visit that country, and Secretary Root's reply. This reply is the first authentic information of the movements of the fleet after its journey to San Francisco has been completed. After expressing the appreciation of the Nation, the Secretary said:

May Return by Suez Route.

"The eventual movements of our fleet have not been determined. While it is possible the vessels will return by way of Suez, I would be glad if some of them could be sent by the Australian route, but it would be premature to promise this."

The invitation was first mentioned in a letter by Alfred Deakin, Prime Minister of Australia, addressed to John P. Bray, American Consul-General at Melbourne, dated December 24 last, as follows:

Invitation From Australia.

The appearance in the Pacific of the great American fleet is an event of history not only of the United States but of that ocean. We are deeply interested in this visit and are anxious to have some opportunity of expressing our sympathy with our kindred in their demonstration of naval power. No other federation in the world possesses so many features of likeness to that of the United States as does the Commonwealth of Australia and I doubt whether any two peoples could be found who are in nearer touch with each other and are likely to benefit more by anything that tends to knit their relations more closely.

Australian Ports Wide Open.

Australian ports and harbors would be wide open to your ships and men, and it would be a matter of great gratification if the President could see his way to direct that the wishes of this government be met in the matter. It is with a view of enabling your Government to have time to consider this proposal, which may be made by cable, that I am now communicating it to you. Mr. Metcalf, in making the correspondence public, expressed the extreme grat-

JACKIES SIGHTSEEING AT LIMA

Great Crowd at Capital—Peruvians Dance on Warships.

LIMA, Peru, Feb. 21.—Everywhere in Lima tonight may be seen the jolly jacks of the American fleet fraternizing with the Peruvian men-of-war-men, parading in the Plaza de Armas or on sightseeing tours in the various interesting quarters of the city. Hundreds of the men were given shore leave today, and they availed themselves of this opportunity offered by immediately coming up to the capital from Callao. The railroad did an immense business throughout the day, carrying passengers down to Callao to see the battleships and bringing them back to Lima again.

Admiral Evans is feeling better this morning, but he still has to walk with the aid of a cane. Lieutenant Cordier, the naval attaché of the United States, is a frequent guest on board the warships.

The Central & South American Telegraph Company has received a telegram from Admiral Evans thanking it for the privilege extended to the American officers in sending free of charge social messages to the United States.

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Construction Crew at Work.

An extension of the Mount Hood Road has already been commenced. A big gang of men with a steam shovel was put to work yesterday at Dee, the present terminus of the line, and will build as soon as it can be pushed through the six miles of road toward Mount Hood that has been surveyed and staked. This will be done to accommodate the rapidly developing fruit land in the Mount Hood settlement. It is admitted, however, by W. H. Eccles and Charles T. Early, president and manager of the Mount Hood Road, that it may form part of the connecting link of the proposed new line. Officers of both roads recently went over the territory that would be tributary to the project and it is learned that it is considered most favorably. In addition to reaching many acres of fertile farmlands, millions of feet of timber, for which there is now no outlet, it is said, could be utilized.

Provide Outlet for Timber.

This would provide the big lumber plants of the Oregon Lumber Company, which are also owned and controlled by Mr. Eccles, and the capitalists interested in the new railroad project, with an immense additional supply of timber. One of these plants being located at Sumpter and the other at Dee, practically all the timber anywhere near the new road could be worked up.

PERKINS FAVORS GREAT NAVY

Shows Building of Battleships Has Promoted Steel Industry.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Senator Perkins of California, today spoke in the Senate in justification of expenditures for the upbuilding of the American Navy and of the policy of sending the fleet into the Pacific Ocean. He reviewed the achievement of the Navy and declared that it was the most popular branch of the Government service. He said:

Great Record of Bravery.

Attention was called to the unbroken record of bravery which the Navy presents from its earliest beginning, and on the Pacific those who man the vessels will have the examples of Commodore Sloat, Admiral Kimberly and Admiral Dewey for inspiration. The Senator sketched the growth of the new Navy from 1832 to the present day, when the United States has become the second sea power in the world, surpassing France by a small margin in the strength of our fighting force and far outstripping Germany, Russia and Japan. "And this," he said, "the United States is fully able to maintain." By authorizing only two more battleships of the big gun type this Nation would still lead France by 50,000 tons in sea-fighting force.

Reference was made to the change in the character of battleships which resulted from the lessons of the naval engagements during the Russo-Japanese War, which taught the independence of big ships carrying big guns, so that a

BUILD ROAD TO CENTRAL OREGON

David Eccles, of Salt Lake, Behind Plan.

FROM SUMPTER TO PRINEVILLE

Line Up Hood River Valley May Be Extended Southeast.

SURVEYORS IN THE FIELD

Crew Seeks Feasible Pass Southeast From Dee, Present Terminus of Mount Hood Road—W. H. Eccles Admits Object of Survey.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—If preliminary plans being promoted by wealthy capitalists of Salt Lake City, who own the Mount Hood Railroad extending up Hood River Valley and also the Sumpter Valley running out of Baker City, materialize, Central Oregon may have a railroad in the near future that will open up its many resources. The project provides for an extension of the Mount Hood line through the mountains east of Mount Hood, and a party of surveyors is now in the field trying to locate a pass through the mountains. The work is in charge of Joseph A. West, chief engineer of the Sumpter Valley.

Make Central Oregon Survey.

Early last Fall a large surveying party headed by Mr. West, was taken into the Central Oregon country from Heppner Junction to determine the feasibility of building a railroad on that side of the mountain and his report is said to have been favorable. The money power behind the proposed railroad is David Eccles, the millionaire sugar manufacturer and lumberman, of Salt Lake City. If the project is completed the two roads will connect at some point in Crook County. By extension of the Sumpter Valley road south it would pass through Canyon City, Grant County and also Prineville.

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SENTENCE COMES SPEEDILY

TURKS CAPTURE SO-CALLED REVOLUTIONARY ARMENIANS.

Court-Martial Held on Spot—Eight Shot, 43 Sentenced to Life Imprisonment—Nearer Frontier.

TIFLIS, Feb. 21.—News was received here today that Turks recently raided the frontier village of Carina in the province of Van, Adriatic Turkey, and captured 51 Armenians, whom they accused of being members of a revolutionary society. Court martial was formed on the spot and after a speedy trial eight of the men were sentenced to death and 43 to life imprisonment.

The dispatch says that great excitement prevails in the villages in the vicinity of Carina and that it is feared the population will rise and interfere with the carrying out of the sentence. The Turks had taken advantage of the situation to push their reinforcements nearer the frontier.

Deadlocked on Congressman.

MARYSVILLE, O., Feb. 21.—The Eighth District, Republican Congressional Convention called to name a candidate to succeed Congressman Ralph Cole, adjourned sine die last tonight without having made a nomination. There had been 101 ballots.

Coolidge Heads Taft League.

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—T. Jefferson Coolidge, of Boston, ex-United States Minister to France, was elected president of the Massachusetts Taft League today.

THE DAY FOR ROSES AND PATRIOTISM

