

TAFT STATEMEN
GIVE FREE HAND

Taft Men Try to Get Instructions, but Accept Compromise.

CONTEST WAGED ALL NIGHT

Strength of Taft Forces Made Victory Possible, but Crane and Desire for Harmony Win Peace-making Speech of Lodge.

BOSTON, April 10.—The four men who will head the Massachusetts delegation to the Republican National convention will go to Chicago unpledged. These four delegates selected at the state convention today are United States Senators Henry Cabot Lodge and W. Murray Crane, ex-Secretary of the Navy John D. Long and Sidney O. Blaney, a business man.

The convention adopted resolutions endorsing Governor Guild as a candidate for the Vice-Presidential nomination and advocating a "wispy revision" of the tariff. On the question of the Presidential candidacy of Secretary of War William H. Taft, the platform held that the convention recognized that a number of delegates in the convention desired his nomination, but that it was uncertain whether a resolution would be carried, and its presentation would certainly lead to a contest which would be injurious to the welfare of the party.

Compromise With Taft Men.

This last-named plank, the adoption of which was the feature of the convention, it was agreed by all the party leaders, was a compromise. It was submitted to the committee on resolutions this morning by the Taft League after an all-night session. The fight on it may be regarded as beginning with the inception of the Taft movement in this state several months ago, and it became acute when Senator Crane, although not directly opposing the candidacy of Mr. Taft, declared in a public statement in February that the delegation to Chicago ought not to be hampered by pledges. The plank was drawn up at 4 o'clock this morning and before the committee on resolutions six hours later, and agreed to after a session of about 40 minutes.

Lodge Speaks for Harmony.

After this agreement had been reached, it was thought possible that some of the warmest supporters of Mr. Taft would endeavor to substitute for it a more radical plank, but immediately after the reading of the resolution, Senator Lodge made a speech explaining that the compromise was in the interest of party harmony as well as owing to his friendship for his colleague, Mr. Crane, and his desire for the success of Lieutenant-Governor Draper next fall and the perpetuation of the policies of President Roosevelt. The resolution was then carried with a rush. Even Congressman A. P. Gardner, one of the leading Taft supporters in Massachusetts, voted in their favor.

Favors Wise Tariff Revision.

The platform opens with an expression of regret over the illness of Governor Guild and of hope that he may be shortly restored to health. "We believe," the resolution says, "he is fully qualified for higher honors and his nomination for Vice-President would be gladly endorsed by Massachusetts."

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Before action was taken on the resolutions committee's report, Mr. Lodge, in response to many cries for a speech, addressed the delegates. He referred to the controversy which had developed over the preference and said that its settlement was due to the wisdom and self-control of the party leaders and their devotion to the party as a whole. He said that he would not attempt to hide from the convention the fact that his attitude on the resolutions had been influenced by motives of friendship for Mr. Crane, "his colleague."

SUGGESTS AN AMENDMENT

Bonaparte Writes Letter With Reference to Elkins Resolution.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Chairman Elkins today brought to the attention of the Senate committee on Interstate Commerce a letter from Attorney-General Bonaparte submitting an amendment to the resolution to suspend until January 1, 1910, the penalties attached to the commodity clause of the railroad rates law. The amendment is intended to protect the rights of railroads and permit the government to test the constitutionality of the clause in advance of its operation.

ORATORS HAVE DAY

Naval Appropriation Bill Is Debated in House.

SESSION IS PEACEFUL

Marked by Lack of Clashes of Party Leaders and Interminable Roll-calls—Speeches Made on Many Subjects.

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DRAFT CODE OF PROCEDURE

Powers Will Move to Establish International Prize Court.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Great Britain has invited the Government which participated in the last Hague conference to send experts to London whose duties shall be to formulate a code of procedure for the proposed international prize court, the establishment of which is provided for in each of the treaties resulting from the conference.

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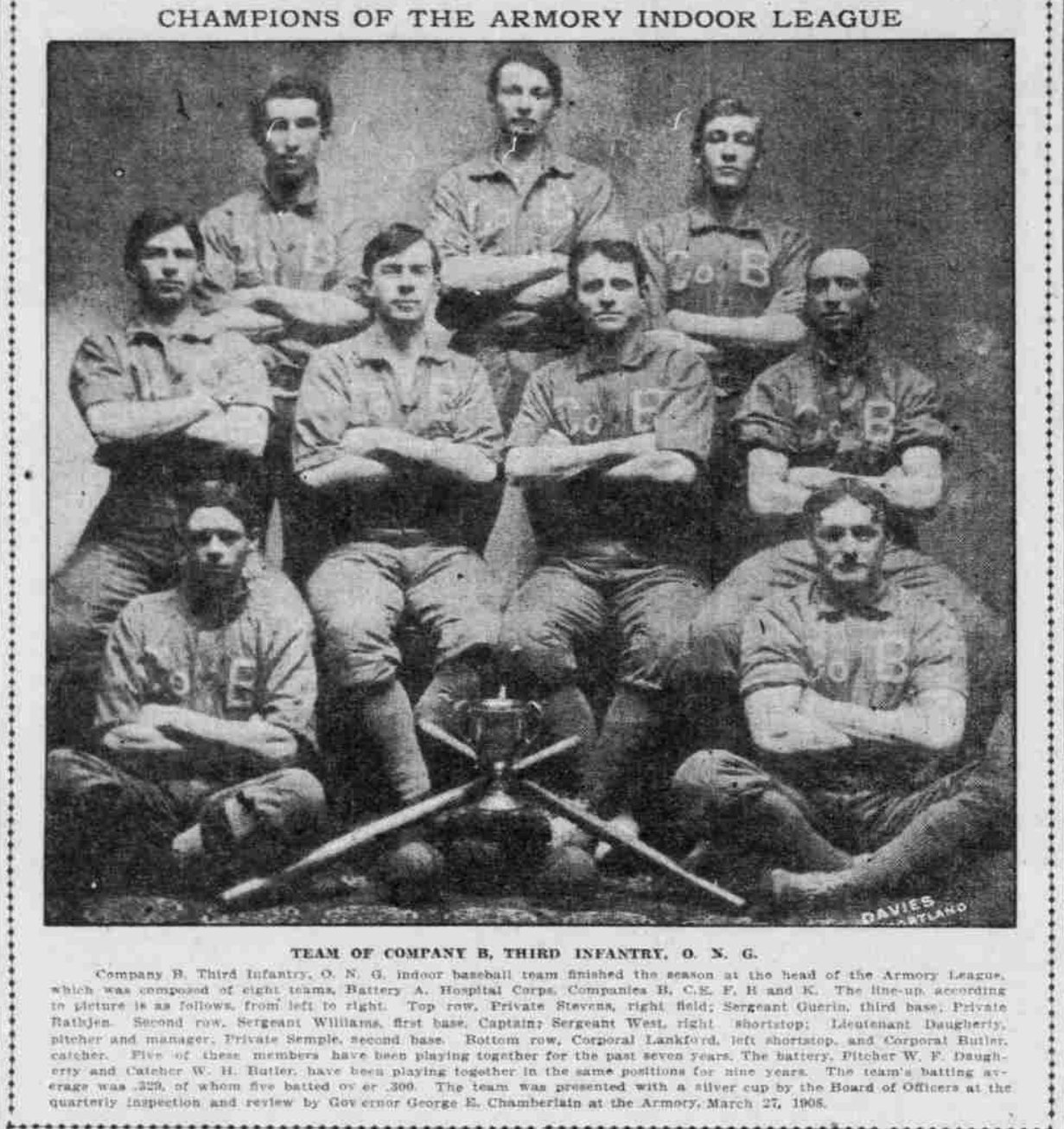
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The suggestion of the Attorney-General follows:

In view of the fact that some difference of opinion as to whether any appropriate provision should be made in the "commodities clause" of the Hepburn act, as the law now stands, I venture to suggest that the resolution be amended by adding the following words:

"Provided, that nothing in this resolution shall be construed to prevent the bringing of any civil suit or proceeding for the enforcement of said proceeding or prevention of violations thereof, and that the Attorney-General is hereby authorized to institute or cause to be instituted, in the name of the United States, against any persons or corporations failing to comply with said provisions, and that the Secretary of the Interior be and he is authorized to secure the enforcement and observance of said provisions, and the respective parties to any such suit herein authorized to be commenced shall enjoy the right of appeal, as in suits of this character when instituted by the request of the Interstate Commerce Commission, to compel the observance of the Interstate Commerce law."

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