

ROOSEVELT WANTS IOWA MAN NAMED

Dolliver or Cummins for Vice-Presidency, Because Both Are Winners.

FAIRBANKS IS UNWILLING

Faction Fight in Iowa Obstructs the President's Wishes - Hoosier State May Be Lost if Fairbanks Is Not Nominated.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—The shift of the administration to the candidacy of either Senator Dolliver, of Iowa, or Governor Cummins, of that state, for the nomination for Vice-President, is regarded as the outcome of developments during the last couple of days, which have indicated that Representative Sherman, of New York, would probably get the support of that state for second place on the ticket. It is believed that Mr. Cummins had developed strength in New York State sufficient to give him the support of the delegation, the announcement made today in favor of Mr. Dolliver and Mr. Cummins would not have been forthcoming.

Taft to Stay at Home.

Mr. Sherman is regarded by the administration as rather too much of a conservative to take second place on the ticket and also is looked upon as lacking ability to carry on a whirlwind campaign, which the Vice-Presidential nominee will probably be expected to do. There are many reasons in favor of Mr. Taft remaining at home in Ohio, there to receive delegations and to make perhaps short speeches of welcome to them. There are many dangers awaiting the Presidential nominee as a result of momentary mistakes of judgment in making political speeches which would be a part of a general stump campaign. For that reason many of those who are interested in Mr. Taft's candidacy will not wish to see him make a tour of the country.

Iowa Men Both Spellbinders.

But in the case of the Vice-Presidential nominee, just the opposite view results. Either Mr. Dolliver or Mr. Cummins is looked upon as an ideal campaigner. They are both of equal ability, and would readily, it is declared, meet the approval of the great Western and Pacific Coast states. They are both ready talkers and are familiar with the territory known as the Roosevelt policies, both of them having been particularly energetic in carrying them out. It is believed that on the stump either of them would be able fully to satisfy the campaign managers by calling forth enthusiasm for the Republican ticket. At least such may authoritatively be stated to be the administration view.

TANGLE IN IOWA AND INDIANA

Grows Out of Desire to Nominate Dolliver or Fairbanks.

CHICAGO, June 15.—The Vice-Presidential tangle has developed factional feeling in Indiana and Iowa, the situation in the two states is not identical, but both Indiana and Iowa have prominent Republicans on both sides of the question as to whether the state should bid for the honor of naming the running mate for the Presidential nominee.

The latest phase of the Iowa situation is in the danger that some of Governor Cummins' following may show only a lukewarm interest in the state campaign for the election of B. F. Carroll as Governor and other Republican candidates for state offices if opponents of Mr. Cummins continue to bar the way to Senator Dolliver's nomination for Vice-President. The ticket headed by Mr. Carroll was named at state primaries at which Senator Allison defeated Mr. Cummins for a seat in the Senate and the state ticket is not regarded as friendly to Mr. Cummins.

Veiled Threat From Cummins Men.

While Mr. Cummins and his friends would be expected to support the choice of the Republican of the state as expressed at the primaries, it is believed there might be serious defection in the Republican ranks if such a direct slap at Mr. Cummins as that proposed by the Iowa delegation is given. In fact, members of the Iowa delegation today received from Iowa some suggestions which were construed as thinly veiled hints that trouble would be expected to arise there is a change of programme on the part of the delegation.

A representative of Mr. Carroll, who expects to be elected Governor to succeed Mr. Cummins, today telephoned to ex-Representative George D. Perkins, who heads the Iowa delegation at-large, and urged him to abandon the opposition to Mr. Dolliver's nomination and recommending that Iowa place the Senator in nomination if there appeared to be a general demand that his name go on the National ticket. This man, whose name is withheld, is said to have declared that it is believed in Iowa that Mr. Dolliver is being opposed for the Vice-Presidency solely because it meant Mr. Cummins' election to the Senate.

Fairbanks to Save Indiana.

A majority of the members of the Indiana delegation desire to put forth their best efforts to promote the renomination of Vice-President Fairbanks. Senator Hemenway, Governor Hanley and James E. Godrich, chairman of the state central committee, all delegates-at-large, and Joseph B. Keating, political manager for the Vice-President, are holding out strongly against a suggestion that Mr. Fairbanks' name be withdrawn as a candidate for President. Their argument stated briefly, is that Indiana instructed its delegates to work for the nomination of Mr. Fairbanks for the Presidency and not for any other office. They have refused to be moved by the arguments from some other members of the delegation that now Mr. Fairbanks will not secure first place and that his continuance as a candidate for President is destroying whatever opportunity the state has to furnish the name of the Vice-President. The whole Republican state delegation has arrived in Chicago, prepared to insist that an Indiana man go on the National ticket, which will be on a second place, if political strategy can bring about such a result.

Watson Oppose Nomination.

The Republican state ticket is headed by Representative James E. Watson, who is the nominee for Governor. On the subject of whether Mr. Fairbanks should again go on the ticket in second place, in view of the fact that he has been and still is a candidate for the Presidential nomination, Mr. Watson said: "Speaking selfishly, I should like to see Mr. Fairbanks nominated for Vice-President, if he cannot get the first place, it would be better for the Republican ticket. In the interest of Mr. Fairbanks himself, however, I must say

that I do not think it would be wisdom for him again to take the Vice-Presidential nomination."

The indications are that other members of the Indiana delegation do not share Mr. Watson's view as to the political error of Mr. Fairbanks consenting to the use of his name for second place or that they think that the interest of the state ticket is of more importance.

State Candidates Anxious.

Immediately upon arrival in Chicago of the nominees of the Indiana Republican convention for state offices, they began to stir up sentiment in favor of another term for Mr. Fairbanks as presiding officer of the Senate. These men reached Chicago determined to use their influence to bring about the nomination of Mr. Fairbanks for Vice-President.

Arguments advanced by candidates for state offices have sharply divided the Indiana delegation. The charge is made freely that Mr. Fairbanks and his political managers have no right to refuse to adopt any course which might strengthen the Republican party in the state. On the other hand some members of the Indiana delegation believe that Mr. Fairbanks will stand aside to allow the selection of a candidate for President. If the latter view is correct, there will be disappointment in Iowa or Indiana, and perhaps in both states, and Republican leaders in other states are deprecating the situation responsible for the factional feeling which has been aroused.

Says Roosevelt Has No Choice.

Speaking of the report that President Roosevelt has expressed a desire for the nomination of either Senator Dolliver or Governor Cummins, of New York, would probably get the support of that state for second place on the ticket. It is believed that Mr. Cummins had developed strength in New York State sufficient to give him the support of the delegation, the announcement made today in favor of Mr. Dolliver and Mr. Cummins would not have been forthcoming.

Dolliver Does Not Want It.

"Fort Dodge, Ia., June 13, 1908.—Hon. George D. Perkins, Chairman Iowa Delegation, Chicago.—Dear Sir: I desire to call your attention to a political matter referred to in your note of June 7. I have taken it for granted that the talk of nominating me for Vice-President was mainly a newspaper agitation. I have had some experience in these Vice-Presidential booms and therefore have given little attention to it. I desire, however, that you, as chairman of the Iowa delegation, should be fully advised as to my views in regard to the matter. "Now, in the first place, this is an office which I do not desire. I have no ambition in that direction. I have no desire in giving my people from my place in the Senate, and I could not enter upon this candidacy without going against my personal inclinations and my interests as well to the matter. "I do not underrate the dignity of the office and, of course, the honor of being associated with Mr. Taft in the campaign is not one to be treated lightly. Withstanding these considerations, I feel that my duty lies in the other direction. I can render the party just as good service on the stump as if I were on the ticket. "There are considerations also of a political character local in our state which seem to me almost prepotent in inducing my duty. "I feel that our delegation should be informed of my attitude in this matter. You have my full authority to take such action as may be thought necessary to withdraw my name from consideration in connection with the office if such consideration is found to be seriously contemplated. Very truly yours, "J. P. DOLLIVER."

Cummins Men Insist.

No action was taken by the delegation with regard to the letter, but later a number of Iowa Republicans, including four members of the Iowa delegation, drew up and signed a statement, which reads: "To the progressive wing of the party it seems proper that the great National convention should be advised from its course and compelled to abandon its choice of Mr. Cummins for the Presidency, and that, too, by men who have heartily disliked Dolliver and are opposed to the Roosevelt policy. It is our belief that the first step in Iowa is not understanding. The first step is to understand. A meeting will be opened to the Republicans of Iowa by selecting Senator Dolliver for President and unanimously sending Allison and Cummins to the Senate. "The Iowans who oppose Mr. Dolliver's nomination were active in heading off the movement by protesting to delegates from other states. Their sentiments were well summed up by ex-Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw, who said to Senator Lodge: "You don't want another La Follette in the Senate, do you? Well, then, don't open the way for sending Cummins to the Senate, which you will do should Dolliver vacate his seat there. "Yes, I might vote for Dolliver myself if he were nominated, but we are going to see to it that he is not nominated, and these protests had their effect on Senator Lodge, of Kansas, the original sponsor of the Dolliver boom, for he gave evident signs of weakening."

LESSER BOOMS ARE LAUNCHED

Sheldon, Guild and Knight Are Latest Favorite Sons.

CHICAGO, Ill., June 15.—The Nebraska delegation today decided to place the name of Governor George L. Sheldon in nomination for Vice-President. Senator Norris Brown will make the nomination speech. Representative Henry Cabot Lodge today headed the Massachusetts delegation in a formal embassy to the Michigan and California headquarters in the interest of Governor Guild's candidacy for the Vice-Presidency, but met with a courteous rebuff. Massachusetts distributed Guild buttons and some of the Bay State delegates visited the Hammond headquarters. A number of Massachusetts delegates expressed preference for a new Republican man for Vice-President, and several from Connecticut and Vermont favored such a selection. New Hampshire and Rhode Island remained silent.

Movements Depend on News.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—Secretary Taft stated today that he has not made up his mind whether he will go to Cincinnati this week. Mr. Taft said his going will depend upon information he received from the West. It is understood the Secretary does not want to put himself in the attitude of saying what he will do or will not do in the contingency of his nomination by the Republican convention.

GIVES HUGHES HINT

Congressman Parsons Sends Governor Sharp Telegram.

EXPLAINS THE SITUATION

Advices Him That He is Standing in Way of Delegation's Landing Vice-Presidency for Some New York Man.

CHICAGO, June 15.—Absolute harmony, so far as surface indications show, characterized the proceedings of the New York delegation. For the first time in modern politics in that state Senator Thomas C. Platt was not in attendance, his place being taken by Senator J. P. Allis, of Norwich. Senator Chauncey M. Depew was chosen as the state's representative in the list of honorary vice-presidential delegates. A conflict which existed yesterday over the membership on the committee on resolutions between Representative Seno and Representative Hughes, of New York, had been settled over night and Mr. Parsons himself presented Mr. Payne's name for the place. State Chairman "Tim" Hays of New York was made chairman of the delegation.

Woodruff to Name Hughes.

A resolution was adopted unanimously requesting General Stewart L. Woodruff to present the nomination of Charles E. Hughes as the choice of New York State. There was no mention of the name of Charles E. Hughes as the choice of New York State. There was no mention of the name of Charles E. Hughes as the choice of New York State. There was no mention of the name of Charles E. Hughes as the choice of New York State.

Makes "Uncle Joe" Will.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon was summoned from the Danville backwoods to lend the injunction fight in person. He came, saw the proposed plank, and he wilted. Any one can see with half an eye the dreadfully radical and extreme nature of the plank. It boldly declares for legislation that will prevent the courts from issuing injunctions "without proper consideration." It is said so that every civilized court would have the hardihood to issue anything that even looks like an injunction "without proper consideration."

Barrows' Long Keynote.

The proposed platform has today rivaled the Danville backwoods uncertainty of a Vice-Presidential contest in interest, and probably will provoke many controversies in the resolutions committee, was available for the convention. The convention meets at noon tomorrow and will proceed to listen to a 15,000-word "keynote" speech from Chairman Burrows. Perhaps, however, it would not please or placate anybody, for it is meaningless and lame, and does not intend the party to anything and isn't committal.

Will Present Hughes' Names.

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Low Denies the Story.

There was a rumor also that Ex-Mayor Low had been in communication with Governor Hughes on the subject of both Frederick B. Hazard of Syracuse, who was named as a delegate on the Governor's suggestion, and Mr. Low, denied that they had communicated with Governor Hughes. Mr. Hazard said: "I have not had any communication with Governor Hughes on the subject of either nominating or directing or withdrawing my name from the consideration of the convention, thereby contemplating the possibility of a situation for action by you and placing upon you the decision as to how and when to vote. Every one who is in a position to know the truth is in a position to know that I have not had any communication with Governor Hughes on the subject of either nominating or directing or withdrawing my name from the consideration of the convention, thereby contemplating the possibility of a situation for action by you and placing upon you the decision as to how and when to vote. 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