

COLONEL'S DEFEAT ALL PART OF GAME

"Wise Ones" Believe Roosevelt Planned Affair for Political Effect.

GRISCOM ALONE NOT "ON"

When Convention Meets, T. R. Expected to Be in Full Control. Plan is to Give Appearance of Housecleaning in Party.

BY LLOYD F. LONERGAN. NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—(Special).—The defeat of Roosevelt in the state committee and the selection of Vice-President Sherman for temporary chairman of the state convention are explained in various ways by politicians here.

One of the most interesting stories afloat is that the entire affair was planned out beforehand by Roosevelt for political effect.

"When the convention meets," one herefore well posted person predicts, "you will find that Roosevelt will be in full control. It is all a scheme to strengthen the party, and the only person who is not 'wise' to it is Lloyd Griscom, president of the New York County Committee, who is regarded as an amateur."

"The Republicans of New York are not against Taft, nor are they opposed to Roosevelt. But they have little or no use for the 'old gang.'"

Colonel Laughs at "Turn Down."

As tending to support this peculiar contention, the following facts are of interest: When Roosevelt was "turned down," he did not seem to hurt his feelings in the least. He laughed and had a perfectly happy time. Men who know how he resents an obstacle of any kind, wondered at his exceedingly good humor.

Taft Men Vote for Roosevelt.

The claim has been made that the fight was one of Taft men against Roosevelt men. Had that been the case, it is fair to assume that the Federal officeholders would have lined up with Sherman. Of the 15 votes for Roosevelt, four came from men who are absolutely under Federal control, namely, F. J. H. Kracke, Naval officer; George Wansamaker, Deputy Surveyor of the Port; William Henkel, United States Marshal; and Charles W. Anderson, Collector of Internal Revenue. If President Taft has been interested in lowering Roosevelt, a mere hint would have sent these votes over to the other column.

Only a Few Scattering Delegates

Only a few scattering delegates have been elected to the state convention, and will be ready to assemble September 21. The bulk of the members are to be selected at the primaries early next month. These will be held in all the cities on the same date.

Move Thought Good Politics.

The theory is that Roosevelt believes it good politics to permit the idea to float that the "old gang" is in control. Then when the state convention meets they can be driven from power with all the eclat and fireworks obtainable. After which, Roosevelt can enter the field claiming that there has been a housecleaning, and that the "wicked men" are no longer in authority.

Old Guard After Results.

The old guard understands Roosevelt and Roosevelt understands the old guard. The only chance of party success in New York State this year is by relegating the old bosses to the rear and putting up a ticket that meets with the approval of Roosevelt. The old guard is willing to be annihilated, so long as it is allowed to gorge itself at the pie counter. Had the practical men lined up with Roosevelt, the ordinary voters might have thought that a deal had been hatched up, and a deal, or rather the discovery of one, would have ruined everything. With the practical men lined up against Roosevelt, the public is likely to be indignant. And if the practical men fail to hold their delegates at the convention, the result will be called as a great victory for the right.

Sherman Sleek Politician.

That this is not a scheme to humiliate Roosevelt, is demonstrated by the action of Vice-President Sherman in consenting to make the race. Sherman, despite his reputed limitations, is a pretty sleek politician. He realizes the tenuous condition of Republican affairs in this state and is anxious to see a victory. You could not drag him into a factional fight this year, his friends say. His action in consenting to preside over the convention during its early stages is, therefore, regarded as due to the fact that he knows no real battle is in progress or in contemplation.

Roosevelt Men to Control.

When the Roosevelt men will take control of the convention, name all the candidates for state offices, and write the platform.

While this explanation sounds like

well-aid politics, there are many well-posted persons who believe it. They point out that the old crowd could never elect any ticket that they named, and that as practical men, they care everything for results and mighty little for sentiment or revenge. And their only chance of winning is to have a platform and a list of candidates approved of by everyone.

Speaking of candidates, in the present

peculiar campaign, there do not seem to be any aspirants for office. A number of men have been spoken of, but the only one who is making a fight for the Republican nomination for Governor is Congressman William E. Bennett, and he is not taken seriously outside of his immediate family. The man most generally considered at present is Superintendent of Insurance Hotchkiss, who has a reputation as a reformer, but is still on friendly terms with the machine men.

Hughes Keeps Out of Fight.

Efforts to induce Governor Hughes to commit himself in the present fight have failed. He takes the ground that as he will be out of politics and on the Supreme Court bench before election day, it would be unwise for him to attempt to interfere at this time.

Colonel Roosevelt's speech, which will be delivered at the convention, will be prepared shortly. He is already consulting with some of his friends as to the nature of it. All that he has said of it to date is that it "would help the right candidate on a clear cut, progressive platform." This has been interpreted in a number of ways.

It is stated, however, that the Colonel has lost much of his enthusiasm for direct primaries. When he returned from Europe, he endorsed the Hughes bill on the spur of the moment, saw it defeated, and immediately regretted his hasty action. Several friends have remarked lately that "the Colonel is afraid he made a break on that matter."

This, by the way, would suit Barnes and his crowd exactly. They have no objection to a "clear cut progressive plat-

ROOSEVELTS ARE GAME SPORTSMEN

J. Alden Loring, Member of African Expedition, Tells of Trip.

HUNTING VERY DANGEROUS

Party Did Not Ruthlessly Kill Defenseless Beasts, But Aimed to Procure Rare Specimens for Smithsonian Institution.

WAVELEY, N. Y., Aug. 24.—J. Alden Loring, of Oswego, N. Y., one of the field naturalists that accompanied the

TWO PROMINENT NATIONAL FIGURES WHO ARE CREDITED WITH ADVISING TAFT'S POLITICAL COURSE.



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form," or any other old platform, so long as it deals with National subjects. They would cheerfully endorse Cannon, or just as cheerfully recommend that a tin can be tied to his coat tails, if they thought that more votes could be gained in that way. For on National matters our local leaders are delightfully and frankly impartial.

But they object to direct primaries, and are happy over the report that Roosevelt is not wrapped up in the matter any more.

Despite the surprising setback received in the state committee, this seems to be a safe prediction: Roosevelt will be the big note at the state convention, and will practically dictate its platform and candidates.

DUEL PROVES FATAL TO ONE

Angry Husband Shoots Down Wife's Lover in California.

GREENFIELD, Cal., Aug. 24.—During a desperate duel last midnight, in which Frederick Becker and N. F. Tognazzini, prominent and well-to-do residents of King City, were the principals and shotgun and rifle the weapons, Becker was killed, Mrs. Becker, his wife, and his father, W. D. Fowler, were wounded.

CRAZY MAN FIGHTS POLICE

Four New York Officers Battle on Roof With Insane Man.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—On the roof of a warehouse in West Fortieth street, four policemen battled last night with an insane man who, with almost superhuman strength, tried to hurl himself down with Roosevelt, the ordinary voters might have thought that a deal had been hatched up, and a deal, or rather the discovery of one, would have ruined everything.

ROOSEVELT WILL FIGHT

(Continued From First Page.) the central figures in the struggle and whom Colonel Roosevelt opposed by his endorsement of Senator Davenport, said emphatically tonight that he would not talk about the situation.

NEW SHORTHAND MARK SET

New Yorker Writes 269 Words in Minute; New Champion.

"2:10" to Hustle for Fair.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special).—At an enthusiastic meeting of the Eugene Commercial Club last night a committee to be known as the "2:10" was appointed. The name is to indicate fast company in a hustling way. It was appointed to provide ways and means for making the Lane County Fair more attractive than ever before.

Roosevelt African expedition, delivered his first lecture, "Through Africa With Roosevelt," here tonight as one of the attractions of the Old Home Week celebration. Mr. Loring covers the entire trip from Mombasa, British East Africa to Gondokoro on the Nile, where the big game hunting practically ceased. After describing the habits of the natives and game, and relating many interesting experiences that befell various members of the party, the speaker said:

"Colonel Roosevelt and Kermit are two of the finest men to be with in camp that I have met. Their whole interest was for the good of the expedition, and they added many rare animals to the collection simply because they were determined to make it as complete and valuable as possible. Although handicapped by poor eyesight, the Colonel is a good marksman. Like all sportsmen, he made many good shots and he made many poor ones, but as a whole his shooting was above the average and he frequently brought down many flying birds, such as herons, cranes and greater bustards. In hunting dangerous game, such as buffalo, elephants, rhinoceroses and lions he exhibited the courage of a veteran big-game hunter, and the quickness with which he mastered the situation when the danger was upon him, and the accuracy of his shooting showed that he never got excited.

I do not think that the Colonel gives his readers a fair impression of the very great danger that he and Kermit were so often placed in. After we had said good-by to four or five settlers with whom we had become acquainted, and met them again several weeks later to find one with a badly injured arm chewed by a leopard, a second in the hospital at the point of death from a lion mauling, and a third who exhibited a rent in a shirt made by the tusks of a charging elephant that killed his gun bearer, and after we had dined with a missionary one noon and learned of his death from fever the next day, we began to realize that hunting African big game was not altogether a one-sided affair."

Mr. Loring spoke of Kermit as being one of the most persistent sportsmen he has ever met; cool in the presence of danger and so enduring that when he pursued a wounded animal he seldom failed to get it and in the chase he outran his gunbearers and even the swiftest porters.

In substance Mr. Loring stated that the expedition was one of slaughter. He said that it was purely scientific, sent out by the Smithsonian Institution for the purpose of enriching our knowledge of science and to collect specimens of African animals. Ten times the amount of game could have been killed. Already over 25 animals new to science have been described, and when the entire collection has been worked up many more will have been found. Not infrequently the Government is compelled to close to travelers sections of the country where man-eating lions have suddenly appeared and are killing the natives, or where a rogue rhinoceros or buffalo has torn them with their horns. These animals have to be killed before the region is again safe for travelers. Game is so abundant that barbed wire fences are broken down by zebras, wild beavers and hartebeests and crops seriously damaged. The settlers encourage hunters and if they had their own way in a short time the vast herds of game that roam over the plains would be greatly decreased.

A large number of colored lantern slides made from photographs taken by Colonel Roosevelt and Kermit Roosevelt were shown. They depicted herds of wild elephants, rhinoceros and giraffes and other African animals.

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Hermit Kingdom to Die August 29 or 30—Disorder in Seoul May Follow Proclamation.

TOKIO, Aug. 24.—The text of the convention under which Corea is annexed to Japan was communicated at 11 o'clock this morning to the representatives of the powers.

The document, which, according to now established facts, was signed August 22, will be effective when officially promulgated. This will be, according to some of the Ministers, August 29 or 30, when the independent existence of the Hermit Kingdom, the struggle for whose control started the Russian Japanese War, will cease.

Baron Hirata, Minister of the Interior, summoned the proprietors of all the Japanese newspapers to his cabinet today and requested them to publish no unauthorized information regarding the situation in Corea. He pointed out that such publication under existing conditions would only make the task of the Japanese Government more difficult. The newspapers agreed to his wishes and nothing regarding the Corea situation, beyond official statements, will be published here until the promulgation of the convention.

The Japanese government, which already has a large number of representatives in Corea, will be prepared to take over the machinery of administration in Corea without delay.

Considerable uneasiness is reported at Seoul owing to the circulation of threats of disorder following the annexation. These emanate, according to the view taken here, from malcontents who have not received the consideration which they think their due in the provision made by the convention for the future of the Korean royal family, nobles and officials.

Sporadic outbreaks in protest against the absorption of Corea by Japan are anticipated, but serious rioting or even widespread objection from the Koreans to the annexation are not expected.

Y. M. C. A. to Furnish Rooms.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special).—At a meeting of the Y. M. C. A. board of directors last night plans were completed for furnishing all the vacant rooms of the building, including 12 dormitory rooms. All will be needed shortly after school opens. Plans were also laid for the distribution of magazines among the 1750 men employed on the Natron cut-off.

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