

COLONEL WARLIKE AND SPLIT IS NEAR

Grave Situation Now Confronts Party.

CALM COUNSEL MAY PREVAIL

Hot Fight From Start Is on Roosevelt Programme.

SURPRISE TO BE EXPECTED

Ex-President, Much Wrought up Over Texas and Washington Cases, in Mood to Set Up Convention of His Own.

CHICAGO, June 16.—(Editorial Correspondence.)—It is the season of treason, stratagems and plots. Treason to one candidate is being freely invited and mysteriously procured by the other, the stratagems are the same old devious ways of the politicians and the spoils are the Southern delegates and the weak-kneed representatives of other states.

It has been a great day for Colonel Roosevelt. He may not get the nomination, but he has got the practically unanimous indorsement of the entire hotel lobby and the street crowds.

That may not be actual votes, but it helps to make sentiment and sentiment is a big factor in any convention. Sentiment and sheer bravado enabled the Colonel to walk over the heads of the astonished delegates into complete control of the Saratoga convention in 1910.

Colonel Always Original.

Memories of that spectacular achievement inspired the loud C. Q. D. call to the Colonel at Oyster Bay for the present emergency. What has been done may be done again, though it ought to be remembered that Colonel Roosevelt never does the same thing twice in the same way.

What surprise in political strategy the Colonel has in store can only be conjectured, but while the exact method may be in doubt, the Roosevelt purpose is not at all uncertain. Colonel Roosevelt finds on arrival the cards pretty well stacked against him.

The National committee has calmly taken from his precious list of delegates more than one state that he firmly believes belongs to him.

Temporary Roll Is Taft's.

The temporary roll will unquestionably show a majority, or at least a plurality, for Taft and therefore for Root as temporary chairman.

There will be rough-houses from the start if the Colonel has his way, and he usually does.

The so-called theft of various delegates will be vigorously denounced at the outset, and the roll call will be called a fraudulent and spurious affair. The Roosevelt minority of the National committee will, if it can, submit its own accredited schedule of delegates and the trouble will be fairly under way before Mr. Root has won his expected victory.

This is the Colonel's idea of his tactics.

But cooler counsel may prevail and he may be persuaded to let the temporary organization go by default and make the supreme test over the credentials committee's report. Every convention must have some kind of a temporary organization and the delegates are likely to feel, even some of the Roosevelt men, that the way to test the eligibility of participants in the convention is to proceed in the customary manner. If Colonel Roosevelt refuses to proceed without a great row, what then, heaven only knows.

Frame of Mind Belligerent.

The truth appears to be that Colonel Roosevelt is in a most warlike frame of mind over the action of the National committee in the Texas and Washington cases, and he has almost convinced himself that a National convention controlled by a steam-roller is no National convention at all. This is almost saying that the Colonel would as lief bolt as not and set up a Republican National convention of his own.

That is just about the fact. The talk of a bolt has almost wholly subsided here, for one hears almost nothing about it, either in the newspapers or in current lobby gossip. But the truth is, I firmly believe—and I am not basing my opinion merely on my own interpretation of a grave situation—that the Republican party has at no time been so near a wide-open split as it is tonight.

Colonel's Way Will Be His Own.

It may be averted. I know that strong pressure to avert it is being brought upon Colonel Roosevelt by some of the men he trusts. Others in his confidence are entirely reckless of the consequence to him or to the party of a rule or ruin policy, and they insist that he shall neither compromise nor temporize. In the end the Colonel will take his own advice and what that will be no man knows.

That the Colonel does not intend to leave Chicago without Presidential nomination is perfectly clear.

If he cannot have the one, he knows he can have the other. One or the other he will surely take unless he is induced somehow to prepare at the last moment an act of supreme self-abnegation.

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MODERN INVENTION HALTS CUPID'S PLAN

TELEGRAPH MESSENGER AND MOTORCYCLE PAPA'S AIDE.

Irate Parent, Finding Juvenile Daughter Had Started to Elope, Nips Move in Bud.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 16.—(Special.)—The march of progress proved too much for Cupid today when the telegraph, a mercury-footed messenger and a mile-a-minute motorcycle "cop" collaborated to defeat a spectacular midnight elopement.

The combination of modern inventions landed behind the bars Miss Deacon Green, pretty but juvenile daughter of L. S. Green, wealthy rancher and hotel owner of Indio, and her prospective husband, Oscar Cheatham, also related to land holders of means.

The couple decided to elope and Miss Green packed her suitcase, hid it in the yard and at midnight jumped out of her window into the arms of Cheatham. They ran to the railroad station and caught a train for this city. Papa Green, with the first streaks of daylight, discovered the defection and got busy on the wire.

A Western Union messenger broke all records getting his telegram to the police station in three minutes before the Indio train was due, the description was placed in the hands of Motorcycle Officer Kieracey. Kieracey got to the station just as the pair were alighting and placed them under arrest.

SEATTLE MAN AT KODIAK

Merchant on Alaskan Trip Unheard From Since Disaster.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 16.—(Special.)—Considerable anxiety is felt among friends and relatives as to the safety of John J. Agutter, who left Seattle May 7 on a hunting trip in the vicinity of Kodiak and the recent volcanic disturbance and who has not been heard from since May 15.

Mr. Agutter until recently was a member of the firm of Agutter & Grosz.

Mrs. Agutter, who lives at 157 Ninth avenue, has been considerably perturbed since reading of the recent volcanic eruptions. The last letter she received from her husband was dated May 15 and was sent from Seldovia, saying he expected to be back in Seattle by June 20, and that he would write her as soon as he reached a point of communication. She feels that he ought to have reached some town by this time.

MOTHERS' MEETING JULY 2

Speakers Announced for Sessions of Summer School at Eugene.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., June 16.—(Special.)—A course of lectures by prominent authorities upon subjects interesting to the mothers and teachers of Oregon was announced today by Professor Joseph Schaefer, dean of the Summer School, for Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teachers' Associations, which is to be held at the university July 2 and 3. The programme has been divided into seven sessions, all of which will be presided over by Mrs. F. L. Taft, of Portland, acting as president of the state organization of Mothers' Clubs.

Among others than those mentioned who will take part as speakers in the Mothers' Congress are Mrs. G. R. Stevenson, Dr. George Reber, of the University of Michigan; Professor Joseph Schaefer, Dr. James Taylor, of Eugene, and probably Professor Arthur E. Wood, of Reed College; L. H. Weir, J. H. Churchill and A. G. Raab.

COLORADO LEVEE BREAKS

Railroad Marshaling Men to Combat Imminent Danger.

NEEDLES, Cal., June 16.—That a break in the Colorado River levee had occurred at some unknown point was the belief here tonight, as the river suddenly began to fall early this morning and kept it up all day. River men said this fall was due to a break at some place where communication had been cut off, but it was believed to be at some point on the Arizona side.

For several years past it has been demonstrated that the greatest damage during high water occurred after the crest of the flood had been reached and the water had begun to recede, and to combat this situation the Santa Fe Railroad is marshaling hundreds of men and a great quantity of material to protect Needles, the bridges here and three bridges farther south.

GRANTS PASS NEEDS LINE

Tractors and Motors Used to Haul Increasing Products of Valley.

GRANTS PASS, Or., June 16.—(Special.)—There is actual evidence that Rogue River Valley needs another railroad. The sawmills tributary to Grants Pass are compelled to buy traction engines and trucks to haul their lumber 25 and 30 miles to the distributing point. This year the Taklima smelter did not blow in, but began hauling raw ore to Grants Pass and shipped it to an outside smelter. To do this work it requires 40 teams. The company has purchased three big automobile trucks that will carry five tons each and make the round trip every 14 hours. By using the auto trucks the smelter will blow in and only the matter will be hauled.

The Grants Pass Lime Company, owning a large supply of raw material, has purchased a large traction engine and a number of trucks that will haul 10 tons.

CITY SEETHES IN COMPETENT HANDS

Masters of Turmoil Dominate Chicago.

TANGIBLE RESULTS LACKING

Roosevelt Loses None of Old-Time Magnetism.

ROOT THERE WITH SPEECH

Samuel G. Blythe Summarizes Convention Situation—Leaders Cling to Old Rule of Game, "Claim Everything."

BY SAMUEL G. BLYTHE

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CHICAGO, June 16.—(Special.)—Inasmuch as there is a very large supply of extremely competent seethers and boilers in the city, Sunday was largely devoted to seething and boiling.

Sedulous seethers were constantly stepping on one's feet in the hotel lobbies and seething into one's face; and buoyant boilers boiled up, boiled out and boiled over, here, there and everywhere. It was the same upstairs in the rooms that shelter the professional seethers. They were not seething in view of the spectators, but they were doing a lot more of it, for, as is well known, they have a lot more of it to do. The net results of the day's ebullition was plenty of bubbles and steam, but nothing more tangible. When the sergeants and corporals who are running this show, or are being run by it, which is closer to the fact, closed down for the night they were in exactly the same class as they were in the morning when they had their eggs. Not one of them knew what is going to happen, and not one of them did not claim to know exactly what is in prospect.

"Claim Everything" is Motto.

Number one of the political aphorisms is: "Claim everything." The men who are in Chicago charge of various affairs for the various candidates are ably apophoristical. They claim everything. Then, following out the political precepts, they concede nothing. Thus the eager seether after information learns that Taft is sure to win, that Roosevelt is sure to win, that Cummings and La Follette are sure to win, and that there is nothing to it but Hughes, or Borah, or someone else. And casting a general average, the result obtained is that, while somebody is certain to win, nobody in Chicago knows who that somebody will be.

It was hot in the morning, but in the afternoon the breeze came skyrarking in from the lake, and the witted predators, and solvers and compromisers, and the compromised and prophets and seers, and fanatics and fantasists chirped up amazingly and the mass of misinformation that was handed about

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VOLCANO'S TOLL IN LIFE SEEMS SMALL

REVENUE CUTLER M'CULOCH FINDS NO DEAD.

Steamer Arrives in Seward Direct From Kodiak Bringing Cheering Information.

SEWARD, Alaska, June 16.—The revenue cutter McCulloch arrived here today direct from Kodiak with the cheering news that conditions in the district covered by ashes from Katmai volcano are much improved and that there is no confirmation of reports of heavy loss of life on the mainland.

All the inhabitants of Katmai, a mainland village near the volcano, are safe, having been taken to Afognak. This explains the failure of the tug Redonda to find any sign of life when she made her cruise off Katmai Bay Thursday. The only fatalities known to have resulted from the eruption were a woman and a baby, who were dangerously ill and probably would have died in a short time anyway.

The livestock on Kodiak Island are being taken care of by the Government men, although little food is to be had in the district.

Vegetation is said to be growing under the ash, which has settled to a depth of 18 inches, and recent rains have cleared the water so there is no shortage on the island now. The Teredo made a trip around Afognak Island and along the mainland. She reported that conditions were serious, but could find no evidence of fatalities.

BRIDGE WORK STARTS NOW

New Steel Crossway's Train Deck Gets Under Way This Week.

Work is to be begun this week on the erection of the lower or train deck of the new Steel Bridge over the Willamette River. The steel has been received and the falsework practically completed for the handling of the huge girders and supports which are to make up the base of the span.

The lower deck is to be so arranged that it will fold up against the underside of the upper or street deck, making it possible in that way for ordinary boats to pass through without the necessity of raising the upper deck and interfering with street traffic. It will be necessary at high water time for the lower deck to be kept raised most of the time because of the closeness of the bottom of the girders to the water. At present the water is so high that an ordinary launch could not pass through if the bridge was lowered.

The bridge contractors expect to have their work finished by July 15. Original plans were to have the formal opening May 15, but delays in shipments have caused the time to be extended.

INVESTIGATION IS MADE

Wahkiacus' Grievances Are Being Checked by Indian Bureau.

WAHKIACUS, Wash., June 6.—(Special.)—Skookum Wahlahe, chief of the Wahkiacus, a river tribe of Indians, says that with Charles Parker, the Indian interpreter, he has been busy the past week entertaining J. W. Whitney, special agent of the Indian Bureau, sent out to investigate Skookum's demands recently made in person to the President to conserve the huckleberry patches to the uses of the red man.

Skookum's face flushed with anger when told a coterie of designing politicians at Chicago were trying to supplant the "Big White Chief."

PUTER ARRESTED; FORGERY CHARGED

Land Operator Wanted in Minneapolis.

\$2430 INVOLVED IN CASE

Check, Backed by Forged Draft, Cashed, Is Asserted.

ALLEGATION IS DENIED

Man Famous in Connection With Oregon Land Fraud Cases Says It's Case of Mistaken Identity or "Jobbery" by Enemies.

Stephen A. D. Puter, known all over the United States for his connection with the famous Oregon land fraud cases, was arrested last night in his rooms in the Milner building at Fifth and Morrison streets by Detectives Day and Hyde, on a charge of forgery, sworn to by Chief of Detectives James Howard, of Minneapolis.

Puter is charged with having obtained \$2300 on a check backed by a forged draft, which he cashed through the aid of a collection agency.

Puter denies all, and says that it is either a case of mistaken identity, or that he has been "jobbed" by lumber interests opposed to him. Attorney John F. Logan is representing him.

TRIP LIKE NEGRO MELODY

Outing of Portland Party Presents Variety of Changes.

Sleeping in the new-mown hay on Peasele Brothers' 500-acre farm, snow-balling on Larch Mountain, and dancing as guests of the town of Palmer, were incidents of the Matzmas' outing Saturday and Sunday. Starting from Bridal Veil, the town of Palmer was reached Saturday evening, and Sunday morning Fire Warden C. V. Hickman piloted the party to the summit of Larch Mountain.

The party was made up of: T. Book White, Miss Louise Almy, Miss Marion Schneider, Miss Gertrude Bide, Miss Ann Bullivant, Miss Anna Diller, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Morgan, Miss Marthe Nilsson, G. B. Datson, George O. Stephenson, J. E. Bronaugh, George Bronaugh, Charles Ross, Miss Nell I. Spurck, Miss Nellie Hoover, Miss Elsie Silver, J. M. Mason, W. P. Hardesty, W. S. Beattie, E. H. Riddell, Boyd Jenkins, Morris Riddell, E. C. Jennings, Miss Ella Ehmson, Miss Blanche Hart, George X. Riddell, Miss Mabel Hines, M. W. Gorman, Mrs. M. Bagley, D. P. Lamb, Clifford Lee, John A. Lee and E. H. Bullivant.

AUTHOR IS PRACTICAL MAN

Donald Bennett Excels as Literary Business Man.

LONDON, June 15.—(Special.)—Arnold Bennett has at last made the obvious discovery that he cannot continue to write with full and living knowledge of the "Five Towns" in Staffordshire while living at Fontainebleau in France. Accordingly, he has decided to make his permanent home in England, impelled back to the old country by the need of fresh material.

Meanwhile, he is busily engaged in writing up his impressions of America, which will, no doubt, show the same close observation of life that people expect to find in his works. In London literary circles he is known as "the business man in literature," because for the last 10 years he has worked at his profession with the skill of a merchant exploiting a new line of goods.

"FATHERS' DAY" OBSERVED

Vancouver Divine Believes Parents Should Be Equally Honored.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 16.—(Special.)—"Fathers' day" was appropriately observed today at the Irvington Methodist Church, so that Mothers' day did not enjoy the whole stage.

Rev. J. H. Berringer, pastor of the church, is of the opinion that father should be honored as well as mother, and it is his intention to hold a Fathers' day service annually. Besides several musical selections by a quartet, comprising Messrs. Boniface, Buck, Arnold and Wilson, there were addresses by fathers—J. E. McIrvine, of Felida; S. D. Taylor, of Felida; remarks by the pastor, and selected readings concerning father.

POLICE TO LEARN BOXING

Chief of Geneva to Instruct Gendarmes in Manly Art.

GENEVA, June 15.—(Special.)—M. Champod, Chief of the Police of the Canton of Vaud, has decided that all the gendarmes under his direction shall learn the art of boxing, and has opened a school for this purpose. The gendarmes, it is stated, greatly appreciate the opportunity, and are enthusiastically taking lessons.

It may be explained that the Swiss gendarme does not carry a truncheon, but a revolver, which, however, he is not allowed to use unless his life is in actual danger. A revolver shot is always followed by an inquiry, and if the unfortunate gendarme cannot prove that he was defending his life he is punished or even dismissed from the service. A knowledge of boxing will, however, enable him better to handle the rougher classes.

T. R. STILL SEEKS PLACE FOR BORAH

OBSTACLES TO CHAIRMANSHIP NOT TOTAL BAR.

Roosevelt Has Plan for Senator to Address Convention First, Even if Not Chairman.

CHICAGO, June 16.—(Special.)—Senator Borah is still Roosevelt's first choice for temporary chairman of the Republican convention, and the Colonel so said in conference with his leaders this afternoon. Borah is neither a delegate nor an alternate, and on that account, it has been held, he is barred, as only those entitled to sit in the convention are eligible to this office, but Roosevelt announced today that he has decided to run Borah in opposition to Root for temporary chairman, regardless of the fact that he is not a delegate. Roosevelt contends that the temporary chairman need not be a delegate.

Falling in his effort to make Borah his candidate to oppose Root, it is understood the Colonel will have Borah present a minority report from the National committee on the contests decided by Borah. This report to urge the seating of the Roosevelt delegates from Washington, Texas and scattering delegates from other states where, it is contended, contestees have real merit in their claims. By presenting this report Borah will have an opportunity to address the convention soon after it assembles, and before even the temporary roll is made up.

Col. Roosevelt expects to make his first fight in the convention on the minority report of the National committee, and the result of that fight likely will determine the outcome of the convention.

Borah, therefore, is slated to play an important part in the convention after all, provided Roosevelt does not change his plans.

26 ARE KILLED IN MISSOURI CYCLONE

Wreckage and Death Mark Storm's Path.

OTHER FATALITIES RUMORED

Wires Torn Down; Reports of Damage Cut Off.

FREAKS OF TORNADO MANY

Baby in Bates County Carried Mile and Found Unhurt—Bodies of Two Men Torn From Home and Dropped Mile Away.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 16.—Twenty-six persons are known to have been killed and many injured by a storm that passed over central West Missouri late Saturday, demolishing buildings, tearing down wires and leaving the smaller towns and country homes completely wrecked.

Reports indicate that the storm, after doing many thousands of dollars' worth of damage here, passed to the southwest, wrecking all buildings in its path. In Bates County, Missouri, the northwest section was swept for five miles and nearly every building in a track half a mile wide was demolished. Here 13 deaths have been reported.

From Sedalia, Mo., two deaths are reported, while rumors, unverified as yet, make the total much larger. The storm struck Bates County half a mile from Merwin. There, when the home of Henry Cameron was destroyed and his three children killed, the wind picked up his baby, and it was found uninjured a mile from home today. The bodies of Gibson Groves and Fred Groves were found a mile from their home. They were in the building when the storm struck.

Telephone wires throughout Bates County are down and the reports have been brought by messengers.

In the country surrounding Sedalia the wires are down, but aid is being rushed to the outlying towns by Warrensburg, Sedalia and Windsor.

Nothing has been heard from the district lying between Windsor, Mo., and Butler, Mo.

CYCLONE KILLS WORSHIPPERS

Church Steeple Toples and Pierces Roof; Two Meet Death.

ZANESVILLE, O., June 16.—Three were killed and a score injured today when a tornado struck here, toppling the steeple of the St. Thomas Catholic Church through the roof while services were being held.

The dead are: Thomas Skilton, head crushed by falling stone; John F. Dinsan, crushed, died two hours later.

The storm started in the western part of the city. It lost its force apparently after traveling 25 miles east of here and toppling over numerous barns.

More than 500 houses were badly damaged and 50 families were made homeless. Scores of narrow escapes were reported, more than a dozen instances being known of chimneys crashing through the roofs of houses and walls blowing down almost immediately after the occupants had left.

CENTRAL OHIO IS SWEPT

Roof of Catholic School Lifted, Wrecking Two Colleges.

COLUMBUS, O., June 16.—A rain and wind storm started in the central part of Ohio, making hundreds homeless and doing damage estimated at a million dollars.

At Delaware the roof of St. Mary's Catholic school was lifted and borne across the street, wrecking two cottages. In this city several houses were unroofed.

Telegraph and telephone companies are the greatest sufferers. Many miles of wire are down.

Plain City, 17 miles west of here, was almost demolished and several persons are reported injured.

BABE SHOTS HIS BROTHER

Tot Seizes Rifle in Play and Pulls Trigger, Wounding Boy.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 16.—(Special.)—"Bang," cried Norman Bruce, four-year-old son of William Bruce, a musician in Wagner's band, playfully pointing a .22-caliber rifle at his 11-year-old brother, William, Jr., this morning.

The explosion of the charge followed close on the act, and the elder brother dropped to the porch of their home, Fifty-first avenue South and Bond street. He was shot through the abdomen.

At Providence Hospital, where he was taken in an automobile, his case is regarded as grave. He was operated upon late today.

William, Jr., had been hunting. He returned home about 10 o'clock and laid his rifle on the porch. The family dog came nosing around and the boy was playing with it when his little brother playfully leveled the rifle.

