

TAFT FORCES ELECT ROOT AS CHAIRMAN

New York Senator Has 558 Votes to 502 for Roosevelt Man.

EVERY STEP IS CONTESTED

Issue of "Fraudulent Delegates" From Start Precipitates Disorder.

BOTH SIDES CLAIM VICTORY

Compromisers Say Outcome Is "Dark Horse" Argument.

ATMOSPHERE IS TENSE

Convention Remarkable for Absence of Tributes to Favorite Sons, Who Are Forgotten in More Serious Work of Day.

CHICAGO, June 18.—Again the threats, charges and bitter invective of the Roosevelt forces, the Taft supporters in the Republican National convention put through today the first portion of their programme by electing Senator Root, of New York, temporary chairman.

In spite of the fact that Victor Roosevelt, chairman of the National committee, consistently ruled out of order every motion made by the Roosevelt forces, it required more than five hours to reach a vote on the chairmanship.

The calling of the roll was beset with difficulties from the first name of the list of delegates, but in the end, when the tumult had died away, Senator Root was found to have won by a vote of 558 to 502 for Governor McGovern, of Wisconsin, with 14 scattering votes and four not voting.

Both Say They Will Win.

Tonight both the Taft and Roosevelt forces are asserting that this vote indicates that their candidate is absolutely sure to win.

The advantage appears to be with the President, however, for while he is sure to lose some of the votes that were cast for Senator Root, it is said that he will gain, if instructions are lived up to, some of the votes independently cast for McGovern.

Those leaders who have been urging a compromise candidate ever since they arrived in Chicago are pointing to another angle in the figures and say they show that it is essential to name a so-called "dark horse" to save the day for the Republican party.

Fight Will Be Renewed Today.

While Mr. Root was made chairman and managed to deliver his "keynote" speech, the fighting is to be renewed at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, when the motion of the Roosevelt leaders to substitute a new list of delegates for those seated in some of the contested cases heard before the National committee is to be taken up as the unfinished business. No committees were named tonight and none will be until this motion to "purge" the convention of "fraudulent delegates" is disposed of.

Today it was defeated on a point of order, but the Roosevelt forces assert that parliamentary practice will not be permitted to stand in their way tomorrow.

The Roosevelt people and the Taft people carried out almost to the letter their programmes as announced in advance. The Roosevelt people say tonight they are going to fight every inch of the way.

Bolt Regarded as Distant.

Cries of "bolters" were hurled at the Roosevelt delegates at times in the session, but the contingency of a bolt tonight seemed to be far distant.

California assumed a belligerent attitude almost with the start of the roll call, when the two Roosevelt delegates from the Fourth District, unseated by the National committee, were not allowed to vote. Protests were continued to eloquence. "The two votes for Root were the only encroachment in that state upon the vote cast for McGovern. Pennsylvania made even a stronger protest against the vote of an alternate."

There is prospect, however, of a more bitter struggle tomorrow, when the convention will take up as unfinished business a motion of Governor Hadley, of Missouri, to strike from the temporary roll of the convention, as prepared by the National committee, the names of 32 delegates seated by the National committee in contested delegate cases and to substitute

OREGON MAN WINS OFFICIAL'S BERTH

JOHN H. McNARY PICKED AS ONE OF CONVENTION AIDES.

Western Delegate Is Named Assistant to Secretary Lafayette B. Gleason at Chicago.

CHICAGO, June 18.—Temporary officials for the Republican National convention, named by the sub-committee on arrangements, of which Colonel Harry S. New, of Indiana, is chairman, are as follows:

Chairman—Elihu Root, New York.
Secretary—Lafayette B. Gleason, New York.
Assistant secretaries—C. M. Harger, Kansas; John L. Moorman, Indiana; A. W. White, North Carolina; George L. Hart, Virginia; John H. McNary, Oregon; H. C. Lindsay, Nebraska; Horace H. Bancroft, Illinois; John L. Adams, Iowa; Percy E. Stoddard, New Hampshire; A. L. Dairymple, New Jersey.
Sergeant-at-arms, William F. Stone, Maryland; assistant sergeant-at-arms, Edward P. Thayer, Indiana; chief doorkeeper, John J. Hanson, Maryland; chief usher, William B. Austin, Illinois; chief medical staff, Dr. George C. Hunt, Illinois; parliamentarian, E. L. Lamson, Ohio; official stenographer, M. W. Blumenberg, District of Columbia.
Chief clerk—L. G. Heckinger, New Jersey.

Chaplains—Rev. James P. Callaghan, Chicago; Dean Walter T. Sumner, Illinois; Dr. Joseph Stolz, Illinois; Rev. John B. Shaw, Illinois; Dr. J. Wesley Hart, New York.

Reading clerks—William A. Watt, Michigan; Otto Bossard, Wisconsin; Thomas Williamson, Illinois.
Tally clerks—Archibald G. Graham, Indiana; Henry C. Woodhill, Massachusetts.

GILL MAKES LIGHT GAINS

Defeated Seattle Candidate May Quit Before Recount Is Finished.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 18.—(Special.)—With 57 precincts counted today the net result in the majority recount is that Hiram C. Gill has gained eight votes on the 804 majority lead of George F. Cottrell. This gain, however, must be added to the 11 University student votes credited to Cottrell and thrown out by the court by reason of disqualification of the voters.

George F. Vanderveer, leading counsel for Gill, under the instructions of the court given yesterday, was compelled to proceed today with the boxes in numerical order. He said that he was of the opinion that unless the recount showed a marked change in the result soon he would be willing to abandon the contest. He intimated that a decision may be reached tomorrow, as some of the Gill campaign managers wish to pursue the count until certain boxes against whose contents charges have been made are reached and opened.

CONTESTORS LOSING HOPE

Washington Delegates Refuse Compromise With La Follette Men.

CHICAGO, June 18.—(Special.)—Contesting Roosevelt delegates from Washington had a conference today with La Follette leaders with a view to getting the support of La Follette delegates in their fight for seats in the convention. La Follette people were not deeply interested in seating 14 delegates pledged to Roosevelt, and said so. They offered, however, to help the Washington contestants if the latter would agree to split their delegations, giving La Follette seven votes out of 14 if the contestants should be seated.

This proposition was more than the Washington men could swallow. Four were willing to dicker on this basis, but only four, so the deal was declared off. Washington contesting delegates are fast losing hope and see little chance of being seated in view of today's line-up.

BORAH PROPHESES RIGHT

McGovern Swings Votes as Predicted by Idaho Senator.

CHICAGO, June 18.—(Special.)—It was demonstrated by roll call in the National convention today that Senator Borah was correct in his assumption that McGovern, of Wisconsin, as Roosevelt candidate for temporary chairman, would be able to command the support of La Follette delegates who would not vote for the Idaho man. McGovern today had the support of 12 La Follette delegates from Wisconsin and nine from North Dakota. They were secured only after a bitter contest and this morning. When Colonel Roosevelt was pressing him to make a fight for temporary chairmanship, Borah insisted that a La Follette man from Wisconsin would prove stronger than himself and his judgment has been sustained.

PARKER MAY BE CHAIRMAN

Democratic Friends of Governor Burke Start "Dark Horse" Boom.

BALTIMORE, June 18.—It was said here tonight that Alton B. Parker was a likely candidate for the temporary chairmanship of the Democratic National convention, with Representative James, of Kentucky, next strongest. Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, and Representative Mitchell Palmer, of Pennsylvania, will second the nomination of Woodrow Wilson, it was announced, while friends of Governor Burke, of North Dakota, started a "dark horse" boom for him.

SEEKERS FOR GORE ARE DISAPPOINTED

Promised Riot Is Only One of Oratory.

BOLT IS PROBABLE OUTCOME

Samuel G. Blythe Predicts Two Nominations.

TAFT FORCES DETERMINED

Fight Will Be Continued Before Credentials Committee—Test Vote Only Partially Shows Real Alignment.

BY SAMUEL G. BLYTHE, CHICAGO, June 18.—(Special.)—Much to the regret of some thousands of blood-thirsty spectators, there wasn't a solitary homicide at the first session of the convention. Not a drop of blood was spilled, except in the case of a Texas delegate who tried to bite the top off a bottle of beer and lacerated one of his lips. Otherwise all was non-sanguinary as a pie social.

Early in the proceedings it was clearly apparent the anti-Taft people had changed their reported tactics and, instead of murdering and otherwise maltreating the Taft men, had decided on a more lingering, but just as effective manner of disposing of them, which was to talk them to death. The Taft men resented this to some extent and talked back. And, although some of the delegates grew groggy under the fierce verbal assault, not one succumbed, nor did any spectator get anything worse than a headache.

Leaders Distinctly Courteous.

Viewed as a gory spectacle, as an incarnated illustration of lengths to which earnest men will go to obtain the rights and protect the plain people in those qualities guaranteed to them under the constitution and by Mr. Francis J. Heney, the first day's proceedings were a distinct disappointment. Indeed, it was plainly apparent early in the day that Governor Hadley, the

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CHIEF MOVES ON POLITICAL CHESSBOARD IN CHICAGO

President Taft wins the first skirmish in the political battle and is entrenched behind breastworks of temporary organization.

Senator Root elected temporary chairman by a vote of 558 to 502 and makes a "keynote" speech.

Wisconsin delegation, in sensational split over Governor McGovern as the Roosevelt candidate for temporary chairman, upsets calculations in both camps.

Despite the open throwing of Roosevelt strength to Governor McGovern, of Wisconsin, a La Follette man, the Cummins followers remain doubtful.

Taking off the Oregon vote, the delegates from that state being instructed for Roosevelt, at least on first ballot, Taft will still have one more than necessary to nominate.

Strenuous efforts reported being made by Roosevelt forces to secure over night the shift of two votes. Equally strenuous work by the Taft "diplomats" much perplexed by the unparliamentary language of rival forces in a National convention.

Related caucuses held by several state delegations, only friction developed within Kansas delegation, when ex-Governor Bailey and T. A. Crane, Taft delegates, protested the election of William Allen White as National committeeman. They were overruled, 18 to 2.

"Fighting Bill" Flinn, of Pittsburg, matches his brawn and muscle against the almost whispering voice of Victor Roosevelt and loses in the initial contest.

Henry F. Cochems, who nominated McGovern for chairman, issues a statement resigning his post as delegate from Wisconsin and surrenders his credentials to his alternate. He says he quits the La Follette camp because of the narrow, selfish policy of La Follette. Cochems, who was a famous football player, nominated La Follette for the Presidency four years ago.

Taft forces hold mass meeting on lake front with glee clubs and bands, but no speeches.

Rumors of a projected bolt of several Illinois delegates from Roosevelt to Taft were denied, after careful investigation. Fifty of the 55 were said to be gaily with the Roosevelt programme.

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THREE OF OREGON VOTES FOR ROOT

Men Instructed for T. R. Bolt Programme.

McGUSKER CASTS NO BALLOT

Bynon, Campbell and Smith Aid Taft Cause.

WASHINGTON VOTES DECIDE

Fourteen Delegates Give Root Necessary Majority—Carey Seconds Nomination of McGovern and Says Instructions Binding.

BY HARRY J. BROWN, CHICAGO, June 18.—(Special.)—Notwithstanding that Oregon's 10 delegates to the Republican National convention are instructed to vote for Roosevelt for President, and each delegate intends to carry out his instructions in this regard, three of these delegates today voted for the Taft candidate for temporary chairman and one withheld his vote. The vote of the Oregon delegation was cast as follows:

For McGovern, Charles W. Ackerson, Daniel Boyd, Charles H. Carey, Henry W. Cox, D. D. Hall, A. V. Swift. For Senator Root, Fred S. Bynon, Homer C. Campbell, J. N. Smith. Not voting, Thomas McGusker.

Carey Seconds Nomination.

Prior to the rollcall and after the nominations had been made, Delegate Carey, of Oregon, was recognized, ascended the platform and in a brief speech seconded the nomination of McGovern. He explained briefly the conditions under which he was chosen a delegate and the nature of the instructions which were given him by the voters of Oregon. Judge Carey told the convention that in his opinion, properly to carry out both the letter and spirit of those instructions he thought it incumbent upon him not only to vote for the nomination of Roosevelt, but to support the Roosevelt programme throughout, including the selection of

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BETTING ODDS TURN IN FAVOR OF TAFT

WALL STREET WAGERING EVEN ON PRESIDENT'S NOMINATION.

Roosevelt's Price Shifts From 7 to 10 to 5 to 10—Little Money Placed in New York.

NEW YORK, June 18.—(Special.)—Betting odds in Wall street today swung a little in favor of Taft's nomination. Yesterday 10 to 3 was offered that the President would not be named as the Republican candidate at Chicago and today even money was offered and asked.

Roosevelt's chances were measured yesterday by betting odds at 7 to 10, while today 5 to 10 represented Wall street's willingness to secure bets on the Colonel's nomination.

Not much money was wagered, but there was a decided tendency among the Roosevelt following to demand longer odds than the Taft men were willing to give.

Three weeks ago, after Roosevelt's primary victory in New Jersey, 2 to 1 was offered by the Colonel's backers and odds of as much as 2 to 1 were quoted.

While there has been a marked slump in the Roosevelt odds, those on Taft have not correspondingly increased. A month ago after the Ohio primaries the odds had stood 2 to 1 against his nomination, but last week they stood 5 to 4 in his favor. Yesterday they were 10 to 9 against him and now the betting is even.

No new freak bets were recorded and none was registered making allowances for a Roosevelt bolt.

ICE AIDS NECKLACE THIEF

Robber Drops Cold Piece Down Woman's Neck, Then Lifts Chain.

While Mrs. Cleo Pugh, of Spokane, was wriggling and clutching at a piece of ice which someone had dropped down the back of her dress at Ashland on the depot platform, a fellow-traveler lifted from her neck a diamond-studded silver necklace valued at several hundred dollars and safely made a getaway. Suspecting one of the persons who took the train to Portland with her, she informed the Portland police, but they were unable to find the suspect.

Mrs. Pugh, who gave her address as the Hotel Spokane, was traveling from Fresno to Spokane, and at Ashland, with others in the party, alighted from the train.

While walking about the platform, a person who is thought to have been the thief of the necklace, got ice from an ice-cooler, broke off a fragment of it and when Mrs. Pugh was not looking slipped the ice down the back of her dress, meanwhile making away with the chain.

Mrs. Pugh described the necklace as being of silver, with a silver leaf pendant, set with seven diamonds and two pearls. After staying in Portland a day, she left for Spokane yesterday.

OFFICIAL CUTS "RED TAPE"

Walla Walla Hitching Posts Removed Before Daylight.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., June 18.—(Special.)—Rising at dawn and taking with him H. C. Gibson, a blacksmith, George Struthers, street commissioner, made an early morning attack on the hitching posts in the business section and by the time the business men arrived there were not any posts. The posts had been transferred to the back of an automobile which was filled with them.

The Commissioners recently ordered out hitching posts in a certain district and yesterday they were to be removed. Some dealers did not act, preferring to test the case. To eliminate what he termed "legal red tape" Commissioner Struthers acted before injunction proceedings were started. He declared he would not send anyone to do what he would not do himself, so he accompanied the blacksmith on his rounds.

WHITMAN FAVORS FRATS

"Strings" Attached to Approval of Greek Letter Societies.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., June 18.—(Special.)—Greek letter societies will be permitted to enter Whitman College, the Board of Overseers voting today in favor of frat. Sororities will also be allowed, but no sorority houses may be occupied.

The trustees adopted rules governing the frats. No houses may be erected off the campus or on ground other than that owned by the college. Houses outside the college grounds may be leased for two years. No man may be pledged until he has been at Whitman one semester and he must have a standing of 75 per cent in his studies. None below the sophomore year can live at the house. The faculty reserves the right to take students from the house if it desires.

There are two men's clubs and two women's clubs at the college which are affected.

NOTED AUTHOR DIVORCED

Wife of Richard Harding Davis Wins Decree; No Alimony.

CHICAGO, June 18.—Superior Judge McDonald signed a decree today granting a divorce to Mrs. Cecil Clark Davis, wife of Richard Harding Davis, the author. No provision for alimony was made in the decree.

Mrs. Davis testified that her husband left her because he cared for another woman.

END DEPENDS ON HOW CONTESTS GO

Texas and Washington Key to Situation.

STEAM ROLLER IS APPARENT

Roosevelt Blunders Tactically in Early Fight.

TAFT TOTAL ABOUT 550

This Is Substantial Majority Over Colonel in Present Membership of Convention—Bolt Not Due Immediately.

CHICAGO, June 18.—(Editorial Correspondence.)—The Taft strength on paper materialized in an aggressive and triumphant Taft majority in action in the National Republican convention today. The vote for Root was substantially the vote for Taft. The vote for McGovern was the Roosevelt total, plus the Cummins ten and a few of the La Follette men.

The steam roller did it. It plowed heavily over the mangled bodies of the protesting Roosevelt delegates and incidentally flattened out the stray La Follette and Cummins followers who got in its way. It would be too much to say that it was scientifically and skillfully engineered. It would be nearly accurate to say that it was so unwieldy and ponderous that the organized effort to withstand its heavy progress did not have the slightest result.

The convention for a while today was a seething sea of uproar and disorder. No one hundred men, no five hundred, could make much impression upon the great moving, shouting, impatient, tumultuous mass of humanity. Governor Hadley, of Missouri, a fine speaker and a popular figure, tried it, and failed. Ex-Governor Fort, of New Jersey, joined the fray and was uproariously laughed at for a slight lapse of speech.

Warnings Are Hardly Heeded.

Francis Heney sought to warn the delegates to desist from their wicked practices and was hardly heard in the continuous manifestations of deafening disrespect. "Boss" Flinn objected vehemently and angrily and the crowd wondered what he was trying to say. Governor Johnson shook his mighty fist in the faces of the smiling thousands, and got no further than the others.

The Taft speakers, indeed, were received no more cordially, for the crowd seemed to think the whole contest a species of mock warfare.

James E. Watson, the floor leader for the Taft side, had certainly the better of Hadley in the argument over the parliamentary questions raised, probably because Watson, long the Republican whip of the House at Washington, is thoroughly at home in such debates. But why, oh why, did the Taft managers put forward Serrano E. Payne, joint author with Aldrich of an odious tariff bill and surviving relic of discredited reactionism, to speak for them?

Nothing more tactless could have been done. Yet, all in all, the disorderly behavior of the crowd aided the Taft cause for every note of protest and defiance uttered by the Roosevelt group was merely a small contribution to the general inharmonious of the whole thing.

Selection Gives Taft Advantage.

The convention moved along, somehow, of its own mighty momentum and after six hours of ineffective oratory and painstaking and methodical roll-calling, evolved Root as the temporary chairman.

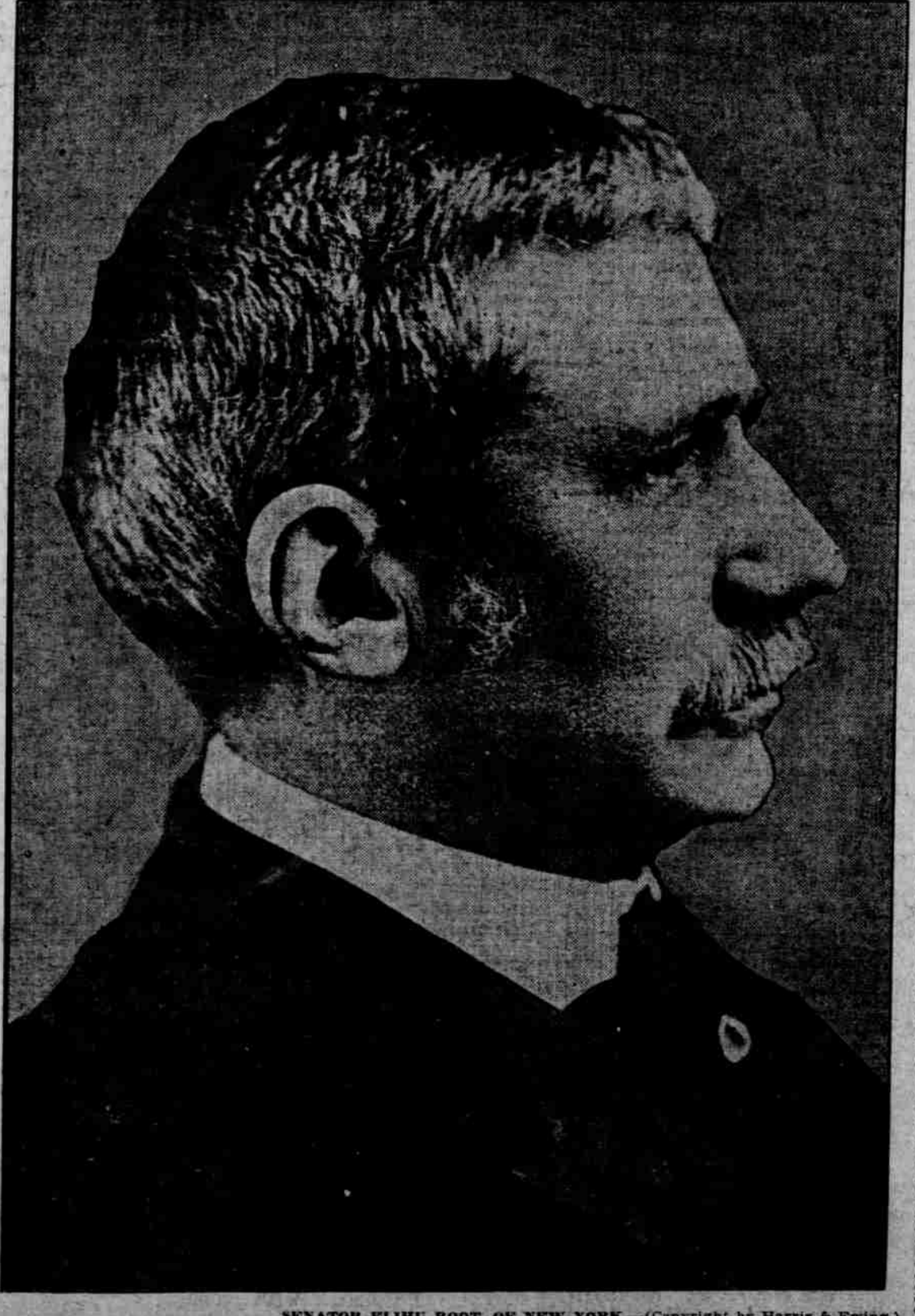
The significance of Mr. Root's election is that the Taft forces have undoubtedly a decided advantage in the preliminary skirmishing. It is likewise plain that the Roosevelt managers made a gross tactical error in precipitating the Presidential issue at the beginning. It was a peremptory demand upon the National committee to stand and deliver the National convention to them, disregarding all previous practice and ignoring the plainest tests of party rule. There is an appointed time and method for every convention to look into the integrity of its own membership and that is the temporary rollcall recommended by the Roosevelt management had been substituted by this convention for the temporary rollcall recommended by the National committee, the subsequent procedure would necessarily have been precisely the same. The only reason for the change would have been that the convention or gentlemen occupying seats and claiming to be delegates, preferred to accept delegates designated by Colonel Roosevelt to delegates accredited by its own party machinery through the National committee.

Colonel at Disadvantage.

These reflections are made here not to say that the convention ought or ought not to have done as Colonel Roosevelt desired, and insisted that his charges of fraud are true or not true, but to point out the difficulties of his own position in making this unprecedented demand. He was at a great disadvantage because he sought to storm the entrenched ramparts of ancient party custom and, mainly for that reason, he failed.

The Roosevelt strategy moved as if it had been devised and dictated by

TAFT STALWART, CHOSEN TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF CONVENTION.



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