PLATFORM MAKERS DIVIDED ON TARIFF

Definition of Measure of Protection Issue—Cost of Production Figures.

JUDICIAL RECALL OPPOSED

All Agree in Condemning Democratic House for Failure to Heed Tariff Board Findings — Money Plank Not Yet Settled.

CHICAGO, June 20.—When at 10 o'clock tonight the working sub-committee of the platform committee began what it was hoped would be its final session preparatory to presenting a report to the full committee, it had agreed tentatively upon all the important plans except those relating to the tariff and the finances.

The principal contest of the day was over the tariff declaration and dealt with the definition of the measure of protection.

One of the planks presented reiterated the contention of 1908 that the protection should be equivalent to the difference between the cost of production in the United States and abroad, while another undertook to substitute for this a declaration that the protection should be sufficient to maintain the standard of living prevailing among the laboring people of the United States.

Lippitt Substitute Attacked.

The second suggestion was presented by Senator Lippitt, of Rhode Island, who urged the great difficulty of ascertaining the exact cost of production abroad, a fact which, he said, rendered the phrase meaningless. The substitute proposed by him was attacked by members of the sub-committee on the ground that it might be construed into a surrender of the position taken four years ago.

On other points of the tariff there was little difference of opinion. All agreed in condemning the course of the Democratic House of Representatives in giving no heed to the findings of the tariff board in the attempted tariff legislation of the present Congress in not providing for the continuance of its existence. Some of the recommendations urged the specification of "revision downward," while others held to the idea that it would be sufficient to recommend adherence to the board's suggestions, leaving the inference that there would be reductions wherein indicated. The indications were favorable to the former policy.

Reserve Association Favored.

Inquiry into the high cost of living is suggested, with the end of improving conditions, but the contention is made that the excessive prices of the necessities of life are not due to the tariff. In support of this assertion it is urged that living is comparatively high in other countries in which free trade policies prevail.

A majority of the sub-committee appeared favorable to the plan for an association of the banks of the country in the interests of a reserve fund for use in emergency, but there was divergence of opinion as to the phraseology. The purpose is an indorsement of the general principles of the bill proposed by the monetary commission, but in no draft submitted was that document mentioned.

Legislation supplementary to the Sherman anti-trust law for the prevention of monopoly is recommended and the recommendation goes to the extent of suggesting the punishment of violations of the law as a crime.

Judicial Recall Opposed.

Publicity for all campaign contributions and the prohibition of such contributions from corporations are suggested as in the interest of impartial government.

The maintenance of the inviolability of courts of justice is pressed and there is explicit declaration against the recall of judges and of judicial decisions as contrary alike to the Constitution and the public welfare. The reference to arbitration of all justiciable controversies is recommended, but the provision is not dwelt upon.

Other recommendations are the retention by the Government of ownership of the natural resources of the country, the enactment of a workmen's compensation law, the protection of children against oppression by anti-child labor legislation and the safeguarding of the public health by proper legislation, state and National.

NEW PARTIES BEING BORN

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had the Taft men putting shot at the feet of an obese president and dropping him silently in the lake. They had an available and a dozen or so unavailable candidates that couldn't be elected poundmasters, as the sure solution of the pressing problem, and when it was all over the whole aggregation of dopesters, tipsters, insiders, outsiders, seers and students of political science wiped their fevered brows and asked each other what it was all about, anyhow.

Truth Lost in Shuffle.

It was not necessary for a story to be true. A fact in a circumstantial narrative depreciated the worth of it about 90 per cent. All that was necessary was that the story be told, and instantly it was flying up and down the corridors and through the lobbies, hither and yon on the streets, embroidered and frilled by each person who handled it, and imparted each time as the real stuff. The batting averages of these players in the flub-dub league was a thousand each. They made a hit every time they came to bat, and they were constantly at bat.

Meantime a thunder storm happened along late in the afternoon, but nobody noticed it. They thought the thunder was the deep bass roar of the California delegation, which makes the terrifying threat that if Roosevelt is not nominated California will secede from the Union and take the fair out to some beautiful island in the sea just to get even.

It was not a good day for Colonel Roosevelt. Early in the morning—indeed late the night before—it had been announced he was about to bolt, and he occupied that imminent and interesting position in the yarns told all day long. The crowds seemed to think his bolting would take the form of a high dive from his window at the corner of the Boulevard and Congress street into the seething mass of people below, and waited patiently and expectantly to observe his daring descent. Others thought it was his intention to go up in a balloon and do a parachute act, defying the National committee as he came down, but it was pointed out that the Roosevelt folks were all up in the air anyhow, and not more than seven out of ten believed this.

Day Is Without Results.

There were no net results of the day. All results were gross, to say nothing of crass, and when the last highball was drunk and the last rumor was stilled, the situation, which had been inflated and deflated 9,000,000 times, was still a situation, and that is all that can be said of it. The favorite line of talk was compromise. It seemed to those present that a compromise was necessary. Nobody cared what sort of a compromise, but all insisted on some kind.

The Hadley men thought the only compromise that would be acceptable was a compromise on Hadley. Hughes had his compromise forces, but when the day was done most of the gentlemen mentioned were compromised instead of compromises.

Taft Has Stanch Adherents.

The insanity was highly contagious, but not everybody caught it. There were a few sane persons who insisted this convention can do nothing else than nominate Taft, holding the view that, inasmuch as it has been clearly proved this is a Taft convention, and

Thomas McCusker, Accused by U'Ren of Breach of Faith by His Course at Chicago.

that Taft men are in control, or men who pose as Taft men, they must go ahead and name Taft or lose everything they have been fighting for. They said the main object of the meeting had been to beat Roosevelt. They said that as Taft was clearly the winner, it was the duty of the Taft winners to win with Taft, and not put up somebody else. The old argument was made that to name Taft is to lose, but there is a group of men who will have a lot to say in the future proceedings of this convention who favor orderly procedure and regularity. It was pointed out by these men that in all well-regulated drownings the victim goes down three times, and they were of the opinion that if they were going to drown anyhow in November it would be well to drown in the accepted manner—decently and in order.

Moreover, it was pointed that no name a half or three quarter radical, or progressive, of the kind of platform this convention will probably adopt was to go before the people with a ticket that will be laughed at.

Nothing Else to Be Done.

"What else can we do?" they asked, and after listening to the shouts of Cummins and Borah and Hughes and Hadley and L. Y. Sherman and such others as had limped in to the limelight, the answer returned invariably was "not a durned thing."

Far be it from any person to assert there is any warm desire on the part of the Taft men to nominate the idol, Taft, and subject him to the strain of another campaign. The true mark of an ardent Taft manager is that he despises Taft, but there are the grand old party and grand old politicians of the grand party and the grand old personal interests and the grand old politicians of the grand old party and the organization and all that. Further, it would be hideous to repudiate a Republican administration in this way, especially as, to their gratified astonishment, the Taft leaders are in control.

The Taft leaders are not heinous. Nobody can say that of them. They may be cold-footed but they are not heinous. Hence Mr. Taft ruled firm to strong throughout the day.

As to conferences—there were 267,483 conferences within the 24 hours, excluding those held at the various bars. The conclusion at the end of each conference was that each conference was inconclusive. So far as the totals were concerned, the Roosevelt conferences were in greatest number, which is not remarkable, inasmuch as the Roosevelt leaders had most to talk about and without doubt had better talking facilities.

Still all was not hectic and fevered. Some of the delegates to this convention passed uncomfortable, shivery hours contemplating the prospect of bolting with the Colonel when he issued his clarion call. Some of them had bolted before and they knew what it meant. Before these patriots arose the memories of Fred Dubois and Henry Teller and Pettigrew and Charley Towne and others who bolted in 1896 and have rarely emerged from the high grass since that time. A bolt is like a small pair in a big game. It may serve a useful purpose in bluffing for a time, but it is of little value when called.

They love the Colonel, but, gee whiz! a man cannot be expected to sacrifice all his political prospects for the Colonel, even when complicated with a cause. A good many decided not to bolt, but to turn a deaf ear to the clarion call, to sit firmly in their seats when the cry came to beat it to theother hall. Not so Hiram Johnson and Francis J. Heney, of California; not so with them. They bolted every 20 minutes by the clock; bolted, rebolted and were unbolted and a pleasant time was had at the California headquarters. There was one consensus of opinion—only one—not another consensus was working, this one was that Colonel Roosevelt did himself no good and considerable harm by loping into the city last Sunday and would be in better case had he spent those days in chopping down trees at Oyster Bay.

Colonel's Strategy at Fault.

Moreover, it is now apparent that the Colonel's strategy board was off watch early in the proceedings. His mistake was to allow the question of selecting Mr. Root as temporary chairman to go to a vote at all. That was the time to bolt, for before the convention Roosevelt's position as to regularity was as good as Taft's position, inasmuch as no convention had been organized. Once Root was elected and the convention organized and in control of the Taft men, Taft was regular, and anything Roosevelt could do was bound to be irregular.

However, what is a little irregularity among friends? These are special times; indeed, the times are epoching regularly, 60 to the hour. Still it must be remembered that this convention, in itself, does not necessarily mean that chaos forthwith will ensue. It is not the end of things. There will be an election day come next November and the Old Guard, having a slender hold, intend to do what seems advisable, which, as this is written, means nominate Mr. Taft, pending that contingency. And to all and sundry this bit of political wisdom is extended: It is easy to stampede the galleries, but the galleries have few, if any, votes among the delegates. The steam roller is still working at the old stand. Likewise the aforesaid delegates.

M'CUSKER ACCUSED OF BREAKING FAITH

U'Ren Denounces Delegate as Betrayer of Progressive Republicans.

CAUSTIC TELEGRAM SENT

Oregon Man Called Upon to Explain Refusal to Support Roosevelt Programme—Williams Likely to Be Committeeman.

Accusing him of betrayal of his trust and "a violation of the letter and spirit of the law and of your oath of office," W. S. U'Ren last night telegraphed Thomas McCusker, member of the Oregon delegation in the Republican National convention, demanding an explanation for McCusker's action in refusing to support the Roosevelt "programme" in the convention. Mr. U'Ren was especially caustic in his criticism of McCusker's action in voting for Ralph E. Williams for National committeeman and inquired what was offered McCusker to induce him to "betray the Progressive Republicans of Oregon to the little brother of the trusts and the enemies of the initiative, referendum and recall."

Mr. U'Ren's telegram to Mr. McCusker follows:

I voted for you and have talked with other Republicans who did because you were a professed progressive, supporter of the primary law and of La Follette. Roosevelt was chosen by the Republicans of Oregon when you were elected. Every schoolboy knows it was your duty in every phase of the struggle at all time and in every honorable way to aid Roosevelt's nomination. We are agreed that your failure to vote for McGovern was a betrayal of our trust in you as well as a violation of the letter and spirit of the law and of your oath of office. Every schoolboy knows it was your duty to prevent any steam-roller organization of the convention founded on arbitrary power and refusal to inquire into clear cases of fraud on which the whole United States has made up its mind. It is reported here that you have voted for Williams as Oregon's National committeeman. He is a Taft reactionary and stand-patter. We who voted for you would like to know what has been offered to induce you to betray the progressive Republicans of Oregon to the little brother of the trusts and the enemies of the initiative, referendum and recall.

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Roosevelt Partisans Disappointed.

The course of Mr. McCusker in the Chicago convention admittedly has been disappointing to Roosevelt partisans in this state. He has refused to follow the "programme" mapped out by the ex-President and his managers in their efforts to cature and control the convention. In the two test votes that have been taken and by which the relative strength of the opposing forces was definitely determined, Mr. McCusker failed to "deliver the goods" as they were expected by the supporters of the ex-President.

To the Roosevelt people, the conduct of Mr. McCusker since the convention was assembled Monday has been only a succession of disappointments. The first disappointment came in the election of temporary chairman, when Mr. McCusker failed to vote for Governor McGovern, of Wisconsin, the candidate of the Roosevelt supporters. In the election of temporary chairman Mr. McCusker did not vote.

Some Not Surprised.

Neither did Mr. McCusker measure up to the expectations of the Roosevelt forces Wednesday when he voted to table Governor Deneen's resolution denying to contested delegates the right to vote on the membership of the credentials committee or on the adoption of its report. The vote on the motion to table the resolution, which, if adopted, would have given Roosevelt control of the situation, was 563 to 510.

But it was the vote Mr. McCusker gave Ralph E. Williams for re-election as National committeeman Wednesday that caused Mr. U'Ren to forward his telegram of censure yesterday. To some the support of Williams by Mr. McCusker was a surprise. To others it was not unexpected.

McCusker Free Lance.

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So far as the National committeeman for Oregon was concerned Mr. McCusker had permitted it to become known that he was a tentative candidate for the office himself. He did this, as he explained to friends, to be in a good position to withhold his support from any of the half dozen aspirants for the place. But that McCusker eventually would support Williams for re-election has been the subject of gossip in political circles ever since McCusker's election as one of the ten delegates was decided.

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Williams Men Confident.

Williams has not been re-elected yet; but he probably will be. The delegation has taken only one vote on committeeman. With Hall absent, Campbell, Carey, McCusker and Smith voted for Williams, while Ackerson, Boyd, Bynon, Coe and Swift voted for Boyd. Hall is a close personal friend of McCusker and is expected to line up for Williams. This will give Williams five votes and his supporters are sanguine of securing the one more vote needed to re-elect.

Besides it has been agreed by the delegation from the beginning to elect for committeeman some man who would be in harmony with the party's nominee for President. On this basis, the chances of Williams have increased in proportion as the Taft forces have demonstrated that they control the convention. The probable elimination of Roosevelt as the candidate of the convention will reduce Boyd's chances materially. If Taft should not be renominated, the President and his supporters will dictate the nominee. In either event, Williams undoubtedly will be the beneficiary. Even this early in the developments of the convention his re-election is regarded more than probable.

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