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'PUNCH' LACKING IN OPENING SESSION

Crowds There, but Tension Absent.

REPUBLICANS NOT EXCITED

Keynote Address Not Stump Speech People Expected.

DAY IS WITHOUT THRILLS

Chairman Harding's Oration of Classic Worth and Complete as Campaign Document—Moose Have More Enjoyment.

CHICAGO, June 7.—(Editorial correspondence.)—When I sit down to write my impressions of the great National Republican Convention which met today and remained in session for two brief hours, I have a good deal of difficulty in composing my mind to an orderly review of its incidents.

The formal proceedings were neither epoch-making nor stirring, but the stage picture in itself was up to the great traditions of former years. There were the same immense crowds, the surging aisles, playing bands, waving banners, gold-badged delegates, confused press gallery, busy secretaries, officious sergeants-at-arms, omnipresent police and all the colorful and interesting details of a historic scene. But there was no tension. Where, too, were the great men, such as ornamented other conventions with their presence, their oratory, and the actual display of leadership?

Other Days Contrasted.

No one who has seen or read of other days will fail to recall that the cheering partisans of distinguished Americans split their throats when their favorites entered. The great sons of great states were conspicuous by their absence or their silence. Who, too, does not remember the plumed knight speech of Ingersol at Cincinnati or the Appomattox introduction of Roscoe Conklin for Grant; or the splendid imagery of Garfield in his nomination of Sherman. Or the cross of gold and crown of thorns climax of William Jennings Bryan. Not in a Republican convention, however. But Bryan was there today, just the same, acting as a reporter for his paper. The indifference with which the vast audience viewed Bryan was illustrative of the new way of carrying on conventions.

Four years ago when Bryan took his press seat, the active gallery of reporters cheered. But today the neglected Bryan took his place as a humble news man, his fame unnoticed and his advent unsung. So it is throughout. The forms are the same, but the heroes are gone, forgotten and the crowds take a matter of fact view of the whole business.

Thrills Are Lacking.

There was not a thrill from beginning to end, except in the wildly enthusiastic reception of Chairman Harding's keynote speech. As a campaign document everything was there from preparedness to protection, from the Democratic tariff failures to Panama tolls, from wobbly watching to miserable muddling in Mexico. There was a liberal sprinkle of catch phrases and pungent periods and a rather high quality of literary finish throughout. Perhaps that was what was the matter. The speech somehow lacked the punch. What the crowd wanted and did not get was a roaring broadside against the Wilson Administration, something to loosen the tongues and excite the feelings of the listeners, so that they could stand up and howl themselves hoarse.

There were occasions, indeed, that called for applause and it was given, but there were no roof-raising cheers, no ear-deafening outbursts, no uproaring response, the legitimate devices of oratorical incitement.

Good Stump Speech Called For.

The time and the event called for a stump speech of a high order; they got a well-written and fairly well-delivered oration of classic worth. I hope it reads better than it sounded. I wonder why they did not turn the job of firing the opening gun over to Borah, who is of 42-centimeter caliber, or to Lodge, who also knows how to handle high explosives? However, Harding was safe and sane.

The Progressives had a more enjoyable time of it. The men with the hair-trigger mouths and the women with emotional souls and strident voices were there and in evidence. The papers say that the ovation over the mention of Roosevelt's name lasted an hour and a half. It may well be believed. That is what they were there for. Roosevelt has the enthusiasm, natural and artificial, as he always has had it. The Progressives are most anxious to make it evident that they are still as virile today, and that they are a force to be reckoned with in the coming campaign. What they lack in numbers they make up in noise, but it cannot be truthfully said that their deficiencies in personal or vocal representations are very noticeable.

Progressive Atmosphere Dynamic.

It must be said that the convention hall was packed and that the atmosphere was electric, the enthusiasm contagious and the situation dynamic, quite dynamic. I am not quite prepared to believe, however, that it was altogether the real thing in sponte-

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COLONEL IS URGED TO GO TO CHICAGO

REPUBLICAN SENDS HARMONY TELEGRAM TO OYSTER BAY.

Maryland Delegate Says He Will Strive to Obtain Hearing for T. R. on Coliseum Floor.

CHICAGO, June 7.—Ex-Senator Jackson, of Maryland, Republican National committeeman from that state, sent a telegram to Colonel Roosevelt at Oyster Bay tonight urging him to come to Chicago in the interest of harmony and announcing he would do his utmost in case of an acceptance to have the privilege of the convention floor extended to Mr. Roosevelt.

Mr. Jackson's telegram reads:

"The National interests demand the complete reunion of the Republican party, which unhappily divided in 1912. I believe this can be accomplished by a more perfect understanding between you and the Republican convention now assembled. I therefore most earnestly urge you to come to Chicago immediately to address this convention and to make common cause in our deliberations. If you will indicate your willingness to take this course, I will use my utmost endeavors to secure for you the privileges of the convention floor."

TARIFF PLANK IS STIFF

Resolutions Committee Complete Draft of Platform.

CHICAGO, June 8.—The Republican resolutions committee completed its work of drafting a platform at 1:30 o'clock this morning and adjourned to report to the full committee at 10 o'clock.

The nine members of the sub-committee adopted a resolution that nothing was to be made public until after the report was made to the full committee. It was learned, however, that the tariff plank agreed upon is satisfactory to those who favor a high protective tariff.

OFFICER PLEADS INSANITY

Alienists Testify for Briton Held for Execution of Irish Editor.

DUBLIN, via London, June 7.—At today's session of the courtmartial of Captain Bowen-Colthurst, who is accused of manslaughter for having caused the execution during the recent rebellion of F. Sheehy Skeffington, editor of the Irish Citizen, testimony was given that he was mentally unstable.

This was the testimony of Drs. Thomas Dickson and Fred McIntyre, who had examined the prisoner.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE 40,000

Austrians Lose 77 Guns, 134 Machine Guns, 49 Bombthrowers.

PETROGRAD, via London, June 7.—In their new offensive movement the Russians have captured more than 40,000 men, it was announced officially today.

The statement says that on the line between the Pripet and Roumanian frontier, over which the campaign is being fought, the Russians thus far have taken 900 officers, 40,000 men, 77 guns, 134 machine guns and 49 bombthrowers.

WIFE DIVORCES AVIATOR

British Court Grants Decree to Mrs. Claude Grahame-White.

LONDON, June 7.—A decree of divorce was granted today to Mrs. Claude Grahame-White, formerly Miss Dorothy Taylor of New York, from her husband, the aviator.

The decree was granted on the grounds that Grahame-White, now a flight commander in the British aviation service, had not complied with the decree for restitution of conjugal rights granted his wife last January.

TURKS DEFEAT RUSSIANS

Enveloping Column Near Bagdad Reported Routed.

CONSTANTINOPLE, via London, June 7.—A defeat for the Russians attempting to advance on Bagdad is reported by the Turkish War Office today.

Near Khaniklin, about 85 miles northeast of Bagdad, on May 21, says the statement, "the Russians were outmaneuvered by the Turks and their enveloping columns dispersed and put to flight."

ITALIANS CHECK AUSTRIANS

Counter Attack Near Campo Successful, Reports Rome.

ROME, via London, June 7.—Checks for the Austrians all along the line of their attack in the Southern Tyrol are reported today by the War Office.

The important Coni Zugna position in the Adige Valley is still firmly held, while near Campo Mulo, northeast of Asiago, an Italian counter-attack was notably successful.

GERMANS VOTE BILLIONS

New War Credit Adopted and Budget Is Passed.

AMSTERDAM, via London, June 7.—A Berlin dispatch states that the Reichstag has passed the budget at all stages.

The new war credit of 12,000,000,000 marks has been adopted.

RIVAL TICKETS AT CHICAGO PROBABLE

Republican Tide Sets Strongly for Hughes.

MOOSE INSIST ON COLONEL

Plan for Harmony Conference Strikes Difficulties.

T. R. LOSES VETO POWER

Failure to Announce He Will Not Support Justice Results in Situation Leaders Admit May Be Beyond Control.

CHICAGO, June 7.—More political leaders are predicting the nomination of Justice Hughes tonight than at any time since the Republican National Convention began to assemble. They declare that unless the accumulation of overwhelming circumstantial evidence fails to reflect the situation in its true light, the nomination of the justice will come even sooner than has been predicted. The men who take this view are practical politicians, who do not make estimates unless they are based on careful canvass of the delegates.

The situation is illustrated best by the fact that conferences between leaders to discuss the availability of different candidates practically have ceased, indicating their belief that a majority of the delegates already have reached a decision to name Justice Hughes.

Colonel Loses Veto Power.

Convention observers find it impossible not to be impressed by the confident predictions of these leaders, who say that the Hughes boom now has grown to such formidable proportions that Colonel Roosevelt no longer holds the veto power, which until this afternoon has been conceded to him as part of the programme to bring the Republican and Progressive parties into accord.

Four days of constant and persistent effort to bring the two parties together, in which the personality of the nominee was subordinated to harmony, failed to bring results desired, and the trend from the outset was definitely toward the nomination of Justice Hughes. Had Colonel Roosevelt announced during this period that he would not support the Justice, the leaders were prepared to turn to any one of the regular Republican candidates. The Colonel remained silent, however, and because the managers of other candidacies had fostered the Hughes boom for the purpose of eliminating Roosevelt as a possibility, it grew prodigiously, and even a combination of the favorite sons' strength was powerless to check it.

Other Booms Fail to Progress.

The reason for this was that the candidacy of no other Republican made any progress, and delegates pledged to favorite sons found no other Presidential possibility but Justice Hughes to whom they could turn their strength. Justice Hughes thus naturally became the choice of practically

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PRINCIPAL ROSE FESTIVAL EVENTS FOR TODAY.

9 A. M.—Rose show at Meier & Frank's store opens.

9 A. M.—Oregon Sheriffs' convention at Courthouse.

10 A. M.—Free distribution of roses on streets.

10 A. M.—Oregon Music Teachers' convention, Oregon Hotel.

10 A. M.—Oregon Postmasters' convention at Portland Hotel.

11 A. M.—The Oregonian's second annual roller skating marathon.

11 A. M.—Y. M. C. A. volleyball contest on Sixth street.

11 A. M.—Festival Center opens for day.

1 P. M.—Judging exhibits in Festival Center.

2 P. M.—Reception on war vessels in harbor.

2 P. M.—Annual automobile and floral parade.

3 P. M.—United Artisans' ceremony in Festival Center.

4 P. M.—Concert by McElroy's band in Festival Center.

8 P. M.—Concert by McElroy's band in Festival Center.

8:30 P. M.—Drill by Seattle aerie of Eagles on Broadway, between Washington and Morrison.

9 P. M.—Grand ball in honor of Queen Muriel at Cotillion Hall.

10 P. M.—Street dancing on Festival Center.

Route of Floral Parade.

East on Morrison to Twelfth; on Twelfth to Stark; on Stark to Tenth; on Tenth to Taylor; on Taylor to Eleventh; on Eleventh to Main; on Main to Tenth; on Tenth to Madison; on Madison to West Park; on West Park to Clay; on Clay to Park; on Park to Madison; on Madison to Broadway; on Broadway to Ankeny; on Ankeny to Sixth; on Sixth to Main; on Main to Fifth; on Fifth to Jefferson; on Jefferson to Fourth; on Fourth to Taylor; on Taylor to Fifth; on Fifth to Oak; on Oak to Fourth; on Fourth to Pine; on Pine to Third; on Third to Columbia and west on Columbia to Broadway and disband.

Route of the Skating Marathon.

Start at The Oregonian building and go west on Alder to Nineteenth, to Chapman, thence to Jefferson, thence to Fourteenth, thence to Clay, thence to Tenth, thence to Hall, thence to Eleventh, thence to College, thence to Broadway, thence to Grant, thence to Sixth, thence to Sheridan, thence to Fourth, thence to Hall, thence to Broadway, thence to Columbia, thence to Sixth and back to Sixth and Alder to the finish.

DARK HORSE IS VICTOR

Pullman Students Hold Mock National Convention.

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE, Pullman, June 7.—(Special.)—Henry Ford, Elihu Root and Senator LaFollette were in favor with the students at the state college of Washington at Pullman for United States President at the election held during their mock National political convention, which took place in the college auditorium the evening of June 3.

Roosevelt, Hughes, Ford, Root and La Follette were all nominated, each nomination speech lasting 10 minutes.

A dark horse, ex-President E. A. Bryan, was elected by a big majority.

CHILDREN'S PARADE IS MAZE OF COLOR

Crowd Breaks Records in Attendance.

WEATHER IS IDEAL FOR SHOW

Grand Avenue Becomes Riot of Dancing Blossoms.

QUEEN IS AT HEAD OF LINE

Rose Girls, Maypoles, Big Fields of Daisies and Other Flowers Are Represented While Folk Dances Also Attract Attention.

So far as the greater part of the people of Portland are concerned, the main attraction of the current Rose Festival was staged yesterday morning.

It was the annual children's parade on Grand avenue. This event each year is dearer to the hearts of Portland people than any other individual feature in connection with the Festival.

Portland's affection for her children was amply demonstrated yesterday by the record-breaking crowd. It is estimated by the police and by the Rose Festival officials that the attendance was the greatest in the history of the carnival—and this is the tenth annual.

Weather Is Perfect for Parade.

Another record was broken by the weather. For the first time in three or four years it didn't rain or threaten to rain. It might well be said that the weather was ideal, if, indeed, not perfect. The sun was doing a good business overhead, but a cooling breeze prevailed, and the little marchers proceeded over the route without undue fatigue.

The pageant was novel in many particulars, when viewed in the light of previous events of the kind. The schools did not appear as units, but the boys and girls were grouped together in regard to their size. Schools in various parts of town furnished material for the several groups.

One group, for instance, marched in the form of a living flag; another as a flower garden, presenting roses, violets and numerous other familiar and popular flowers. Then there was a whole section of human daisies, and another of rose girls.

Patriotic Element Emphasized.

The children were even better drilled than in previous years. There was more life and motion to the procession. The parade was halted at frequent intervals and the children were put through their maneuvers.

The patriotic element, too, was emphasized more than usual. Nearly half of the long line was ornamented in one way or another with a display of red, white and blue. Children that did not carry flags were dressed in flag costumes.

Queen Muriel and her party were of interest secondary only to the children themselves. The Queen and King rode at the head of the procession to the

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GERMANY REPORTS TAKING FORT VAUX

FRENCH GARRISON SURRENDER ANNOUNCED BY BERLIN.

Paris Says Fortress Held Out Up to Yesterday Morning, When Communication Was Lost.

BERLIN, via London, June 7.—Fort Vaux, one of the Verdun defenses, has been captured by the German troops, according to the official statement issued from headquarters today. What remained of the French garrison finally surrendered, and an attempt to relieve the fort Tuesday resulted in the capture by the Germans of 700 unwounded prisoners.

PARIS, June 7.—The repulse of a powerful German attack on Fort Vaux, on the Verdun line, with heavy losses to the attackers, was announced in an official statement issued by the War Office today. Violent bombardment of the fort was said still to be going on. The War Office reported that at 3:50 o'clock this morning Fort Vaux was still holding out, but that since that hour, by reason of the violent bombardment, it has not been possible to communicate with the fort.

The attack on Fort Vaux started at 8 o'clock last night, and was promptly checked by the fire of the French machine guns. It is announced that the Germans retreated in disorder, leaving many dead.

FLAG MARKS ANGELS' REST

H. L. Pittock and Governor Officiate at Impromptu Raising.

A flag-raising ceremony that was not on the regular Rose Festival programme was staged yesterday afternoon at Angels' Rest, the picturesque Summer home of Charles Coopey, above the Columbia River Highway between Crown Point and Multnomah Falls.

Mr. Coopey's flag floats on the crest of the high hill, many hundred feet above the highway. He had the flagpole connected with electric wires leading to the roadside.

When the crowds were returning from the highway dedication, Mr. Coopey invited H. L. Pittock and Governor Withycombe to officiate at the flag unfurling. Mr. Pittock touched an electric button, and behold! High up on the mountain the flag unfolded.

JUSTICE HUGHES SECLUDED

No Callers Admitted While Court Decisions Are Written.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Justice Hughes remained secluded at his home on Sixteenth street today, writing opinions to be delivered from the Supreme Court bench Monday, the last decision day until next Fall.

He had no callers and his only diversion was an automobile ride in the evening with Mrs. Hughes.

Borah Writes Mexican Plank.

CONVENTION HALL, Chicago, June 7.—(Special.)—Senator Borah, of Idaho, today wrote the Mexican plank for the Republican party. He was asked by Senator Lodge to do this because of his well-known views of President Wilson's Mexican policy.

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HIGHWAY DEDICATED WITH POETIC DRAMA

Grandeur of Columbia Offered to World.

CEREMONY MOST SPECTACULAR

Queen Muriel Relieves Chief Multnomah of Rule.

PRESIDENT UNFURLS FLAG

Thousands of Persons From All Parts of Northwest Present and Motion Pictures Will Carry Event to Civilization.

The whole world knows that the Columbia River Highway is open.

If it doesn't, it ought to, for the formal opening was proclaimed to the universe yesterday. Anyway, everybody soon will know it, for they took enough pictures—motion and otherwise—to supply information to every civilized section of the globe.

It was a great day for the photographers. They were out in force—amateur and professional alike. Photographically and in every other way the dedication was a great success.

Falls Picturesque Background.

The weather was just right for picture taking and the camera men had a background to their liking. What could be more picturesque than the majestic altitude of Multnomah Falls?

The dedicatory ceremonies took place on a platform erected in the natural amphitheater just below and a little to one side of the falls.

The photographic batteries were arranged in a series of "trenches" beyond the platform so that the cameras could hit the figures on the stage and the falls all in the same shot.

Light Good for Cameras.

The "trenches" were reserved exclusively for the movie men, the newspaper and commercial photographers. The amateur camera fan had to content himself with "sniping" his pictures from any old angle. But the light was good all around, and the platform presented a constantly changing kaleidoscopic array of attractive views, so plain and fancy picture taking was in order all day long.

Consequently, score and scores of plates were exposed, hundreds of dry films were unrolled, and who knows how many thousand feet of motion-picture reels were unwound?

Ceremony Is Beautiful.

All of which will add to the fame of the highway and attract tourists from near and distant parts to Portland. Which, indeed, is one of the prime objects of the highway's existence—that and the enjoyment that it will furnish to the people of Portland themselves.

The ceremony in connection with the dedication was beautiful and spectacular. It was conceived in poetry and executed in artistry and grandeur.

The event had been widely heralded and it attracted people from all over the Northwest. In fact, it took on a National significance, inasmuch as the final act in the more or less elaborate ceremony was performed by President Wilson himself, when, at his desk in Washington, D. C., he touched an electric button that released a large American flag at the pinnacle of Crown Point, which marks the highest elevation on the route.

Thousands Visit Falls.

But the main event was the ceremony at Multnomah Falls. There it was that the great crowd had gathered to do honor to the highway builders. A special train brought thousands of people from Portland, and long lines of automobiles carried other thousands from the city, as well as from neighboring towns in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. More than 100 machines came from The Dalles alone. Scores came from Pendleton and other Eastern Oregon points.

Queen Muriel and her party went from Portland on the special train in the private car of J. D. Farrell, president of the O.-W. R. & N. Company. On arriving at the falls the queen and her attendants attired themselves in their festival garb.

The first that the public saw of the queen was when she appeared escorted by a company of Royal Rosarians on the little bridge above the lower falls, that had been erected there through the philanthropy of S. Benson.

Trumpets Announce Queen.

A blast of trumpets proclaimed the presence of the queen. The party then proceeded slowly down the sylvan paths leading from the chasm between upper and lower falls to the platform below. The Rosarian band, concealed among the evergreens, played soft music for the march.

Seated below the platform as guests of honor were Governor Withycombe, A. F. Flegel, the personal representative of President Wilson; S. Benson, Samuel C. Lancaster, the engineer who built the highway; Julius L. Meier, president of the Columbia River Highway Association; W. L. Lightner, Rufus C. Holman and Philo Holbrook, County Commissioners; Frank S. Myers, postmaster of Portland; Calvin Stewart, postmaster of Tacoma; John B. Yeon, County Roadmaster, who super-

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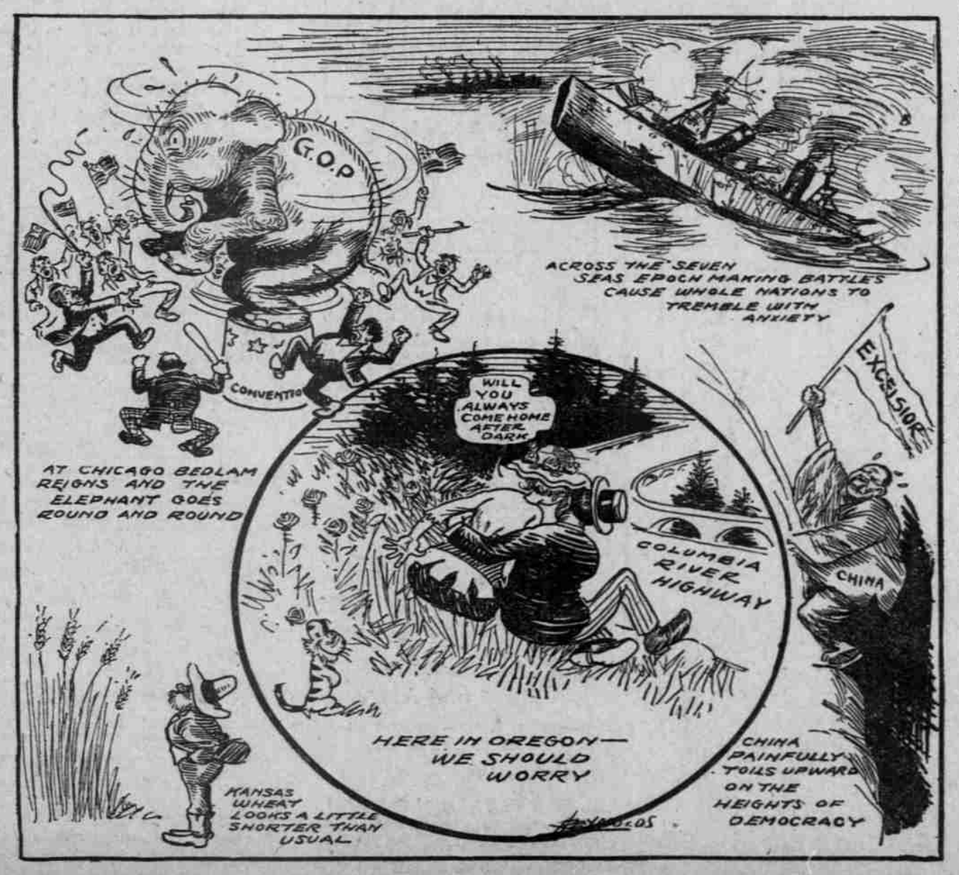

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