

SPRUIEL IS LEADING IN DARKHORSE RACE

Pennsylvanian Now Seems Best Nominee Bet.

ALL OPINIONS GUESSWORK

Belief That Neither Wood Nor Lowden Will Be Chosen by Convention Is Growing.

(Continued From First Page.) Spruiel was not so clear, but probably it would be known by now that he could get no further and his forces would break. There would, indeed, be a second among the three for a while and one or the other, or perhaps all, would in turn be eliminated. It was, however, no part of any idea that that of the trio would fall at the same time, but the situation from the start would be more unsteady and unsecure for Johnson than for his two rivals.

Some Trouble Visioned.

It seemed to be plain that the systematic efforts of certain leaders to crystallize the sentiment of opposition to both Wood and Johnson for Lowden had for some time given great promise of result. But, it appeared now to be equally plain that Lowden would precipitate an ugly campaign, in which the charges of brooding and Pullman connections would be freely and hurledly used. It also true that the slush fund story would be used against General Wood, but so far there is nothing to show that any money was wrongfully spent or appropriated, only that there was far too much money in Spruiel. Lowden also of any felonious intent.

If it should prove true that Johnson would manage to substantial gains after the early ballots and that important reserves in delegates counted on by Lowden should fall him, then Wood would really be in a predicament. I thought that in the circumstances Wood would be a harder nut to crack than either Lowden or Johnson. But when these twin were out of the race they would surely do their utmost to take Wood with them.

Dark Horses Numerous.

Then would come the great opportunity for a dark horse. There are many such, but the most carefully groomed of the lot doubtless is Spruiel. Now, the dark horse is a creature who carries with him to a convention the elements of surprise including ingenuity and spontaneous enthusiasm, with an immediate and very expressive recognition of his availability. The chief question as to Spruiel, then, was not whether his advance agents had not advertised him too much, and whether his advent would result in a big boom for the unexpected, and whether on that account the scheme might not fail.

After Spruiel had been mentioned no further guesses. There was a choice variety of entries in the waiting paddock and some of them showed very good things. It was not at all clear, however, that any of them would travel no farther. It was pleasing to hear from my attentive friends that Spruiel had traveled along with his own and that he could give me no additional light, for evidently I knew all about it.

Platform Another Problem.

He left me with an uncomfortable feeling that he had not done much in letting me entertain myself and him with my notions without impolitely dispelling them. He has superior knowledge, however, as old Jack said, "if you know a better 'ole, see find it." The discussion over the presidency having proceeded to a hopeless impasse, attention has been diverted to popular consideration of the platform. There is no particular interest in any feature but the league of nations, for it is generally felt that the convention will make a satisfactory declaration on all other topics in approved platform style. This is especially true in Washington are much in evidence and had apparently appropriated to themselves the privilege of phrasing the league plank to suit all of them, reservations and irreconcilables alike. Long nights have been spent by senators at Washington and here comparing ringing sentences on which Lodge and Lenroot, Borah and Johnson could all stand.

For a while it looked as if they were to have everything their way. Johnson, in his interviews and in his insistence on an outright no-league expression and in the press copy of his auditorium last night he was less explosive and more than in some former efforts. But it is said that in the speech as delivered he returned to the position for no league, insisting in plain terms that there should be no straddle and no league. Now comes the news that Spruiel, in fiery words against the league and defying the convention to abate one jot or tittle of its duty to reject the league, with or without reservations.

Fighting Spirit Roused.

The effect has been to arouse the fighting spirit of the delegates and many of them are now saying that the platform should be framed so as to prevent a straddle.

KEYNOTE SPEECH PLAT

(Continued From First Page.) This is a past generation. He harked back, 30, 40 and 50 years ago. One critic included both the substance and the length of the speech in one sharp description when he said it ought to have been called "Fifty Years in Congress by Henry Cabot Lodge. You don't get much excitement out of a present-day audience through growing frenzied over free trade. The senator's voice and manner became most excited and most emphatic when he spoke of the republican party's achievements after the civil war. His most solemn moment was when he said, "We did not fail after the civil war; we must not fail now."

All in One, One Felt that Senator Lodge Had Written the Speech After Long Hard Winter in the Senate, when His Vitality Was at Low Ebb.

He isn't quite so energetic, but he has had a difference due to age; on the other hand, he hasn't the personality to glow with the feeling. Altogether, the speech was facing a hard task this afternoon when the big committees met to organize the convention and the preliminary work of the gathering. Judge Wallace McCamant of Portland, a member of the resolutions committee, entered upon his duty by helping to draft a platform with some suggestions of his own to offer. In this committee, it is expected, will be staged the real show, with wide differences of opinion on the league of nations and a party labor policy. W. H. Brooke of Ontario delegate from the third district, however, as a member of the credentials committee found some interested business ahead of him because several delegates to whom were denied seats are not satisfied with the ruling made by the national committee and are ap-



voice the real desire of America to have a league of nations. They want nothing ambiguous or questionable about it and they are willing that the issue between the republican party and the president be clearly defined and squarely faced. The resolutions committee is now wrestling with the problem. The common expectation is that it will not shirk from its duty. If the result is that Borah and Johnson take the matter into the convention they are ready to fight it out there. It is well enough, they say, to have a vigorous and earnest contest and whether the irreconcilable tail shall continue to wag the reservation dog. The opening day of the convention was without exciting or memorable features, except that the crowd was vast and the picture of the wonderful and inspiring. The keynote speech of Senator Lodge was well received. He read it from manuscript and his delivery was notably free of their full effect. He did not, indeed, appear to be so much making a platform speech as a senatorial address in the unemotional and precise fashion of the forum at Washington.

Presently at the Coliseum the republicans from all over the United States, who were anxious to give vent to their pent-up enthusiasm for the party, any of the country, did not have much chance. The Lodge thrusts at the president, however, were they were caught, received with roaring applause and the demand for a strong and fearless policy toward Mexico was noisily indorsed. No doubt the speech reads well and has much meat in it, and it will serve as a textbook for the coming campaign, which is what was intended.

WOOD MEN WIN PLACES

(Continued From First Page.) selves. The programme, if it can be so called, is first to establish to the satisfaction of uninstructed delegates and those only instructed as a compliance to the speaker's demand to make further headway, that neither Wood nor Johnson can get enough to win. Some of these leaders are said to be willing to put Lowden in the same hat. With less than half of the delegates sewed up with instructions, which many say do not in all cases represent the desires of the men behind them, sponsors for the Lowden talk advocate a rapid succession of ballots to produce as quickly as can be done nearly a cracking of instructed support.

Disintegration Is Expected.

Those who are now talking Lowden say they believe the disintegration will begin with Johnson and Wood forces. It is not clear why they profess to believe this, but the disintegration will be effected in the same way. One reason behind the willingness of Lowden advocates to take all the risks that necessarily accompany the fight to upset instructions is said to be that the supporters of Lowden would be satisfied with any compromise who can be nominated and have a harmonious party behind him, whether it be Harding, Spruiel, Knox, Coolidge, Hughes or someone who has not yet figured conspicuously. "No one has had any particular advantage so far, if we can't win with Lowden we will try another."

Johnson and Lowden Hopful.

In contrast to Mr. Hitchcock's statement, Governor Lowden and Senator Johnson expressed their views of the situation in the following statements. "The reports coming to us today make us very optimistic and I am entirely satisfied with the situation," said Governor Lowden. Senator Johnson said: "I have an abiding confidence in the ultimate success of the party in this convention, in view of all that has transpired, will recognize the experience and ability of our party members, for its members, if they did not recognize the choice."

Utah Free Speech Allowed.

The fight tonight is conceded to be to weaken both Wood and Johnson forces and turn the gains to Lowden. It is generally felt that the situation as it refers to the big three. Mr. Hitchcock said he had heard of the claims that Wood delegates would not stick, but he was not alarmed. "They will stick," he said tonight. "Their number will grow until we have enough."

Nominating Talks Due Thursday.

In such a tense opening as is expected when the nominating talks are held, there was today not a single demonstration for any candidate—not in evidence of coming to the aid of any of them. Obviously every delegate was waiting to see what the other fellow could show, waiting for a hand wagon.

Anderson Automobile Will Call.

Because of the large number of telephone calls from people who have announced their intention to buy a new Anderson automobile, the Anderson system for distribution in lumber and logging country, is now being distributed on a short time and will call for the contributions. People who have accumulated quantities to contribute are requested to telephone East 4942.

MCCAMANT CONTEST HEARING IS REFUSED

Credentials Committee Ignores Mannix Petition.

REVIEWS ARE RUSHED

Passing on Appealed Cases Is Continued Late Into Night to Clear Convention Stage.

(Continued From First Page.) Wood supporter and active in the New Jersey campaign. In evidence at the committee hearings began were Frank H. Hitchcock, Wood manager, and other campaign managers. Heard Negroes on Hand. Virtually all of the negroes, to whom were denied seats by the national committee, also were on hand. From North Carolina the committee had seated 17 delegates, led by National Committeeman Moorehead, pledged to Pritchard. The credentials committee, however, agreed that the appeals from any state might be filed later.

Chicagoan Feels Sure of Winning Nomination.

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pealing to the credentials committee to accept the decisions of the national organization. Among other contests pending before this committee is one involving the right of Judge McCamant to sit in the convention. This contest, filed by Sanford McDonald and Thomas Mannix of Portland is expected to be settled by tomorrow, so far as the credentials committee is concerned. Conrad P. Olson of Portland found that his work as a member of the committee on credentials and permanent order of business was to begin promptly when the convention recessed today and his once separated himself from the balance of the delegation to join his colleagues from 48 other states. Walter L. Toomey of McMinnville got his first experience as a working member of a national convention when he closeted himself with the committee on permanent organization this afternoon. D. J. Cooper of The Dalles second district delegate, carried him 41 years very lightly and did not stop today until he had visited the headquarters of all of the delegates. Johnson and had shaken the hands of the candidates. His first call was paid to Governor Leonard Wood, whom Mr. Cooper is an ardent admirer.

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LITTLE NEWS OF CHICAGO

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FOUR OREGONIANS NAMED

MR. MCCAMANT TO AID IN DRAFTING PLATFORM. W. H. Brooke Sits on Credentials Body—McCamant Seat Contest Is Shaded. BY CHARLES C. HART. Washington, D. C., correspondent.—Four OREGONIANS, June 8.—(Special.)—Four of Oregon's ten delegates to the republican convention found themselves facing a hard task this afternoon when the big committees met to organize the convention and the preliminary work of the gathering. Judge Wallace McCamant of Portland, a member of the resolutions committee, entered upon his duty by helping to draft a platform with some suggestions of his own to offer. In this committee, it is expected, will be staged the real show, with wide differences of opinion on the league of nations and a party labor policy. W. H. Brooke of Ontario delegate from the third district, however, as a member of the credentials committee found some interested business ahead of him because several delegates to whom were denied seats are not satisfied with the ruling made by the national committee and are ap-

GRAY'S News of the Latest Development in Cost of Production of Men's Clothing

June 1st woolen mills and clothing makers conceded an advance of 15% to the operatives or, to make it clear, the workers, and this advance, on top of the present high wage paid, amounted to 50% of the total pre-war wage and also increases the cost of manufacturing woollens from 12 1/2% to 20% a yard, and it increased the cost of a Suit or Overcoat \$2.50 to \$3.50.

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as his schedule for this year is concerned and that is that he intends enjoying a hunting and fishing trip in Oregon some time this summer.

Albee Roosevelt Longworth bent far over trying to catch every word of Senator Lodge's keynote address and the cameras men suddenly lost interest in the broad-brimmed picture hat and the camera men suddenly lost interest, appearing to shy at her more shaded face.

A new candidate for the republican vice-presidential nomination appeared today when the secretary of state of Montana sent to members of the delegation certificates showing that Joseph M. Dixon of Missoula had received the preferential vote in the primary.

George M. Sunday, publicity director of the Wood campaign, who calls Hood River, Or., his home, is the editor of the Wood News, the first issue of which appeared today. The paper, which is eight pages, six columns, will be issued daily during the convention.

While Senator Borah was delivering a red-hot speech last night in the interest of Hiram Johnson's candidacy the balance of the Idaho delegation was being entertained at a dinner given by General Leonard Wood.

Nicholas Longworth, representative in congress and son-in-law of the late Colonel Roosevelt, said today: "I want a plank in the platform abolishing the political handshake. My fingers are numb, but just think what must be the condition of the hoofs of all these dark horses."

When William Jennings Bryan entered Harding headquarters today some woman booster of the Ohio candidate promptly greeted him and pinned a Harding button on the commoner's coat lapel. He was then presented to Mrs. Harding and very courteously continued for the time to wear the button. Just as he emerged from the door he was seen removing the badge, whereupon another woman from Ohio pursued him and quietly pinned a Harding button on his coat lapel. Mr. Bryan wore this button for some time before anyone had the heart to inform him that it looked "partisan."

Mr. Heinz of the 57 varieties arrived from Pittsburg today and went straightaway to the Hoover headquarters to report that there is a strong undercurrent for the former food administrator for president.

An almost total lack of the usual illness and bad colds among delegates and visitors to the convention is attributed to the announcement by Dr. John Dill Robertson, convention surgeon, that there is "not a drop" in the emergency hospital.

Judge Charles H. Carey of Oregon, a delegate to the convention, was elected a delegate to the conventions of 1894, 1898, 1902 and 1916. He was an on-looker at the conventions of 1876, 1880 and 1888. Judge Walter McCamant was a delegate at two conventions before this one, helping to nominate McKinley in 1896 and to renounce him in 1900. This is the third convention for W. H. Brooke of the second district. He was a delegate at two of the conventions of 1912 and 1916.

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