

SNAPSHOTS OF PERSONAGES AT THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION



SEN. AND MRS. DEPEW.

DEFERS CHOICE OF A CHAIRMAN

(Continued From First Page.)

That, at least, was the idea of the committee when they left their hotel. As a matter of fact, the real conference did not begin until half past twelve. The delay was caused by some interviews which Mr. Taft had with members of the Ohio State committee, and with some members from other states who had come to Cincinnati to see him. These interviews, it is understood, had a more or less direct bearing on the selection of a National chairman. The War Secretary was put in possession of information concerning the matter which it was thought he ought to have before reaching a conclusion on so weighty a question.

At these preliminary conferences, the whole Ohio situation was discussed carefully. Its bearing upon the approaching National contest was considered and the Secretary was urged not to be hasty in announcing his choice of a campaign manager. Finally when Mr. Taft, Mr. Sherman and the members of the sub-committee came together, they were in a position to consider the subject in the light of information from all sources.

Difference of Opinion.

Those present at the meeting, in addition to the Republican National candidates, were General Powell Clayton, of Arkansas; Frank B. Kellogg, of Minnesota; Charles Nagel, of Missouri; E. E. Hart, of Iowa; Senator W. E. Borah, of Idaho; E. C. Duncan, of North Carolina; Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois and Myron T. Herrick, of Ohio. W. L. Ward, of New York, was named as member of the sub-committee, but, as he was obliged to return home to meet pressing business engagements, his place was taken by Mr. Hart.

The conference was entirely executive. Despite, however, the agreement reached that it should not be discussed by the parties to it, it is known that a considerable difference of opinion arose as to the choice of a National chairman.

Plenty of Time to Decide.

Mr. Taft, it can be said, felt that in all the circumstances it would be the part of wisdom to postpone definite action on both the chairmanship and treasurer-ship for a time. Later in the afternoon he said to a representative of the Associated Press:

It was deemed wise to defer action for the present, both as to a chairman and a treasurer of the committee. It was not a question that absolutely had to be decided today. On the decision finally reached momentous issues may depend, and we felt that it might be well for the smoke of the battle at Chicago to clear away before determining the matter before us. We have plenty of time, and the sub-committee, which has full power to act, may be gotten together at almost any time. The time, July 1, and the place, Washington, were quite satisfactory to all parties at the conference. When we convene there we shall be able to reach a conclusion that will be satisfactory to all.

Mr. Hitchcock, Mr. Taft added, was in a state bordering on nervous collapse and needed a good rest. With Mr. Taft's decision the committee fully agreed. It will be noted that the official statement does not say that Mr. Hitchcock declined the chairmanship, but that he declined to be considered for the position on account of his health. No statement was authorized by anybody that he had declined the proffer of the place or that the proffer had been made to him.

It can be said that the proceedings of today have not eliminated Mr. Hitchcock from consideration and that he undoubtedly will be an important factor in the equation which will be reduced by the conferees when they meet on July 1 in Washington.

Taft Going to Yale Reunion.

At the conclusion of the conference luncheon was served at the residence of Charles P. Taft. Later the members of the committee were taking automobiles to the Cincinnati Country Club, where they spent the remainder of the afternoon.

Mr. Taft remained quietly at the residence of his brother, receiving calls from his friends and trying to keep cool with a big palm-leaf fan on one of the most sweltering days of the early Summer. He will remain as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Taft until tomorrow afternoon, when he will leave for New Haven, Conn., to attend a meeting of the Yale Corporation, of which he is a member, and be present on Tuesday at the reunion of his class—that of 1878—and to attend on Wednesday the commencement exercises at Yale. It is not unlikely that he may conclude to witness the Yale-Harvard boat race on Thursday, but as to that he has not decided definitely.

In connection with his class exercises, he recalled the fact that both he and his running mate, Representative Sherman,



HENRY TAFT, FRANK HITCHCOCK, C. P. TAFT



THE MAINE DELEGATION



E.W. JOHNSTON, MISS HELEN CLARK AND MRS. JOHNSTONE FROM NOME, ALASKA.

were graduated in 1878, he from Yale and Mr. Sherman from Hamilton College. It was not until today that Mr. Taft was aware of this notable coincidence. Mr. Sherman, the Vice-Presidential nominee, left tonight for Cleveland via the Big Four Road. He was accompanied by ex-Governor Myron T. Herrick and a few other friends. He will pass Sunday in Cleveland and expects to leave that city tomorrow night for Buffalo on one of the Lake Erie steamers. He will reach his home in Utica, N. Y., late Monday afternoon. Mr. Sherman has been notified that the citizens of Utica are preparing to give him a right royal welcome on his homecoming.

Lodge and Long Proposed.

The report was current here late tonight that Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, and Chester I. Long, of Kansas, were the names that were given prominence at today's conference of the subcommittee of the Republican National Committee with Mr. Taft concerning the selection of a chairman for the committee. No official confirmation of this rumor can be made at this hour, but it is not considered at all impossible that these names were mentioned, as it is generally understood that the discussion in the conference assumed a very wide range.

INSIST HITCHCOCK SHALL ACT

Leaders Appeal to Him—Meyer or Herrick Proposed.

CHICAGO, June 20.—Republican leaders from all sections of the country, who have remained here for a few days after the convention, refuse to accept as final the designation of Frank H. Hitchcock to accept the chairmanship of the National committee, which carries with it the management of the campaign for the

election of the Taft and Sherman ticket. When it was learned today through a dispatch from Cincinnati that Mr. Hitchcock had asked Secretary Taft not to consider him for the chairmanship, a delegation headed by Senator William Warner, of Missouri, immediately called on Mr. Hitchcock at his rooms at the Auditorium Annex. "Is this true?" asked Mr. Warner, exhibiting a dispatch as printed in an afternoon paper.

Warned Out by Convention.

"It is," replied Mr. Hitchcock. "After considering the subject carefully, I decided that it would be best not to permit my name to come up in connection with the appointment. The fact is that I am physically exhausted and need rest. My health demands that I take rest. My friends have been very kind, and it is only because of their zeal in my behalf that I regret the necessity of retiring." The members of the delegation protested that Mr. Hitchcock was qualified to manage the campaign and, when they left his rooms, they declared that they would not consent to his retirement, regardless of his wishes in the matter.

Two Nights Without Sleep.

Mr. Hitchcock looks worn and tired. On two nights during the convention he did not go to bed at all. Tuesday night the credentials committee held a 14-hour session, throughout which Mr. Hitchcock kept in touch with the proceedings. On Thursday night there was a conference on the subject of the Vice-Presidential party leaders were at his rooms until after 3 A. M. beseeching him to ascertain Mr. Taft's choice for a running mate. When the Presidential nominee declined to dictate a nomination for second place on the ticket, it remained for Mr. Hitchcock to harmonize the differences among the representatives of the various candidates. From 3 o'clock until the conven-



SEN. H.H. DUPONT AND DAUGHTER.

tion met at 10 o'clock, Mr. Hitchcock worked to line-up the western delegations behind Mr. Sherman, who had developed the greatest strength of all the candidates. As a result he has undetermined his health.

Several of his warmest personal friends argued with Mr. Hitchcock today that he would have plenty of time to rest before it became necessary to open headquarters, but he gave them no satisfaction whatever.

Some Members Oppose Him.

That a considerable number of members of the National committee opposed to the selection of Mr. Hitchcock to manage the campaign is admitted, and, no doubt, this is responsible in no small degree for his determination to withdraw from the race. He informed some of his friends today that he had accomplished all he had undertaken; that the nomination of Mr. Taft, having been made he could retire with good grace and the Secretary, without embarrassment, could select a manager. A persistent rumor that Mr. Hitchcock had been invited to meet Mr. Taft on Tuesday could not be confirmed, but it is known that he intends to leave for the East Monday night. He declined to discuss his plans for the future, beyond saying that he was going on a vacation.

Meyer or Herrick Proposed.

Many names have been mentioned for the chairmanship since the news of Mr. Hitchcock's declination was received. Among these are Postmaster General Meyer and ex-Governor Myron T. Herrick, of Ohio.

It was stated that neither of these men wanted to accept the responsibility of managing a long campaign, but, nevertheless, they seemed to be the only men mentioned seriously. It was said also that the intimate relations between Mr. Meyer and Mr. Hitchcock might induce the latter to take the vice-chairmanship and an active part in the management of the campaign if Mr. Meyer was chosen. Mr. Hitchcock declared that he would not think of such a thing and it was recalled that he had said to Charles P. Taft two days ago that he would not accept a subordinate position.

If Mr. Taft and Mr. Hitchcock should meet soon and the Republican candidate for President insists on Mr. Hitchcock's continuing to manage his campaign, his friends here are confident that he could be drafted. They stated emphatically that he owed it to the Republican party to do what he could for the election of the Chicago ticket.

Mrs. Taft Going to Yale Reunion.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—Mrs. Taft will go to New Haven to enjoy with Secretary Taft the reunion of his class. They will be joined by their son, Rob-

ert A. Taft. Miss Helen Taft went to East Greenwich, Conn., yesterday to visit Miss Roelker.

Congratulations Still Pour In.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—Secretary Taft, upon his return to Washington next week, is expected to announce his plans for the Summer, including the location of his headquarters. Fred W. Carpenter, Mr. Taft's secretary, has been with him for a number of years, and probably will be in close touch with him during the campaign. Three men were busy today in Secretary Taft's office answering the great mass of congratulatory dispatches which continue to arrive.

The letters of congratulation are beginning to come in, and the prospects are that they will be trailing in for a month or more, if the dispatches from the island possessions are any indication of the letters which are to follow. Among the dispatches made public today was one from Archbishop Ireland, from St. Paul.

Horse Dies in Slough.

A big bay horse belonging to Adams Brothers, who have a store at Smith's Crossing, died yesterday afternoon, after having been stuck in the quicksands in Columbia Slough for three or four days. A report that the animal was in its predicament was telephoned yesterday to the police by people of the vicinity. Consequently a policeman was sent to the scene. The police officer and E. C. Brown, who lives on the slough, put out in a

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boat and succeeded in getting the animal free. On the way to the shore the horse was taken with violent convulsions and died before his rescuers had piloted him to safety. The horse was terribly emaciated and showed signs of extreme suffering.

a description of the man. He was about five feet four inches in height, smooth shaven, of dark complexion, and weighed about 130 pounds. He was shabbily dressed and the sleeves of his coat were worn through the elbows. He was a foreigner and it is thought a Greek. It is supposed that the attack was made for purpose of robbery.

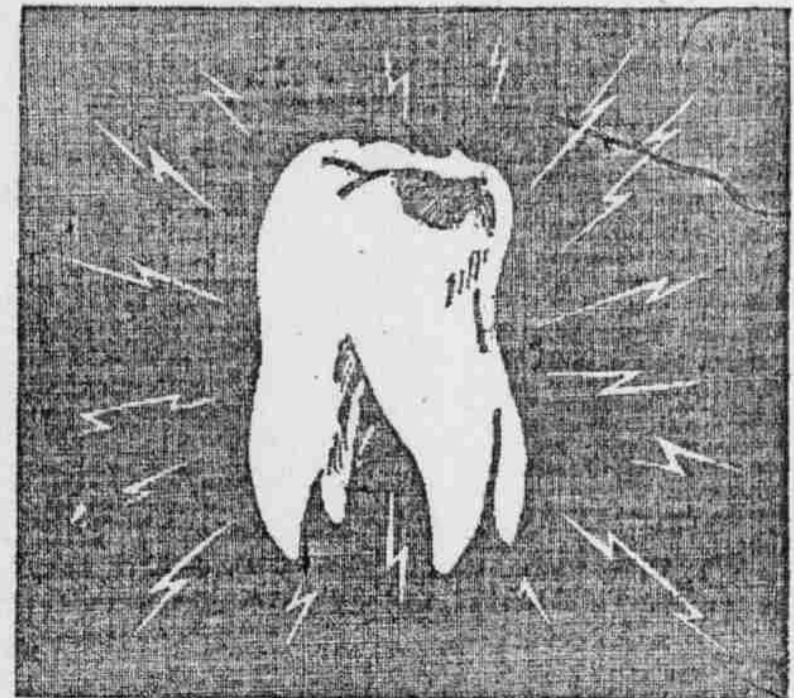
Woman Is Knocked Down.

A woman living at 651 Hoyt street was attacked and knocked down in the street last night between 10 and 11 o'clock near her home by a man who then fled. A policeman sent to the scene to make an investigation of the affair could not ascertain the woman's name but got

Santó Domingo Opens Congress. SANTO DOMINGO, June 20.—The new Santo Domingan Senate and Congress were officially declared open today. The outlook for progress and order in the republic is considered excellent.

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