

ANTI-TAFT FORCES HAVE COMMON AIM

Leaders Oppose Instruction of Delegates--Roosevelt Supporters Worried.

FAIRBANKS TALK IS HEARD

Old Allies, Who Opposed Taft in 1908, Hope One of Own Number May Be Lucky—Administration Not Worried.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 20.—Republican leaders who are opposed to the renomination of President Taft are endeavoring, as far as possible, to prevent the instruction of delegates to the Chicago National convention, and representatives of these leaders have been sent into the field to lay the foundation for such a campaign. Not only are the friends and supporters of Roosevelt a party to this movement, but many of the "allies" who opposed Taft's nomination in 1908 have joined in.

This situation is perfectly well understood at the White House, but it causes no concern either to the President or to Secretary Hillis, for the advice they have received from many quarters have satisfied them that a safe majority of the delegates at Chicago will be instructed for Taft, and, being instructed, will stand pat. The fact is that the administration is optimistic and not disposed to be alarmed in the slightest by either the open or the underground opposition of the anti-Taft faction.

Strange Alliance Formed. The alliance of the Roosevelt leaders with the old allies is one of the strange and interesting developments of National politics, for these two elements have nothing in common, beyond a desire to prevent the renomination of President Taft. The one faction will be satisfied with no candidate other than the Colonel; the other faction wants a candidate of a different type. Those in the Roosevelt faction are fully satisfied that the alliance will operate entirely to their own benefit, if it succeeds in accomplishing its main object—the prevention of Taft's renomination—while the allies are extremely doubtful if they can force the nomination of a man of their own crowd, even though they defeat Taft. However, they are willing to take a chance. Hence the alliance.

After a long and careful survey of the political situation, the leaders of the Roosevelt movement have come to the conclusion that they cannot hope to go to Chicago with enough instructed delegates to nominate their candidate. They must count upon stampeding the uninstructed delegates in those states where there is a Presidential primary, however, they propose to work for instructed Roosevelt delegates, and to that end Roosevelt's name will go upon the primary ballot in most if not all the states where the people express a preference. The delegates from those states, under the Roosevelt state laws will be instructed. There can be no uninstructed delegates. Hence the Roosevelt forces will strive to get as many delegates from these states as possible.

Roosevelt Instructions Unlikely. In other states, however, where delegates are chosen by the convention system, it is not expected that many delegates will be instructed for Roosevelt. In such states, however, the friends of the Colonel will be satisfied if the delegates are allowed to go to Chicago untrammelled by instructions for any candidate, for they have strong hope of stampeding the convention if a majority of the delegates are uninstructed. And just here is where the old allies think they have a bare chance of stampeding the convention for some one other than Roosevelt.

The old allies are aware that many Republicans are not favorable to the nomination of either Taft or Roosevelt, and they have hope that before June 15 sufficient opposition to Roosevelt will have developed to make his nomination inadvisable. If this comes about, and they can still head off the renomination of Taft, they will spring the name of some one of their own number, presumably ex-Vice-President Fairbanks, of Indiana. There has been talk of James Sherman, the present Vice-President, but it has been decided that Sherman is not big enough or strong enough to fill the bill. But while the old allies entertain these hopes, they realize that the chances are against them, and the probability is that if the Chicago convention is stamped it will be to Roosevelt, and not to Fairbanks or any other man of the "stand-pat" school. A great many of these old allies have no use for Roosevelt, but they prefer him to Taft, if they cannot name a man of their own ideas.

Anti-Taft Agents Abroad. The pre-convention fight is over the instruction of delegates. The Taft leaders will struggle to get as many instructed delegates as possible; the anti-Taft leaders will endeavor to prevent the instruction of delegates, except in those states having the Presidential primary. To this end several men have been sent to the south as advance agents of the anti-Taft forces. Other men of less prominence have received their instructions in New York and Washington, and gone into the field to work with local leaders in the hope of preventing the instruction of delegates for Taft.

Current reports declare—and the report is well founded—that George W. Perkins, a New York former partner of J. Pierpont Morgan, is for the time being assuming active management of the Roosevelt campaign in New York, and is sending out agents referred to, paying their expenses out of his own pocket. Perkins is far Roosevelt and is not working for Fairbanks or any other of the old line "standpatners."

It is his conviction that Roosevelt alone can be elected this year, if all the Republican possibilities, and his energies are being bent in the direction of bringing about a stampede at Chicago.

Stampede Is Only Hope. But while Perkins may be the New York manager of the Roosevelt movement, he is not the leader recognized in Washington, and those men in Congress who are active in Roosevelt's behalf are working independently of Perkins and his fund. There is no friction between these leaders and Perkins. On the contrary, their work dovetails in nicely, but the Washington leaders are prosecuting their campaign in their own way, and Perkins is also following his own counsel. But the main object of all, as has been said, is to prevent the instruction of delegates for Taft, and the feeling is general among these politicians that if a majority of the delegates who assemble at Chicago on June 18 are uninstructed, the country will be treated to the novelty of a stampede away from the President in office seeking re-nomination. That such a stampede is possible is a possibility which has not been overlooked by the administration.

LINN COUNTY PIONEER AND PROMINENT CITIZEN CELEBRATES 87TH BIRTHDAY.



Luther White. ALBANY, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Luther White, one of Linn County's oldest and most prominent pioneer citizens, celebrated his 87th birthday at his home in Brownsville today. Despite his advanced age he is in fair health. Mr. White is believed to be the second oldest man in this county, being exceeded in age only by Captain James Blakely, who also lives in Brownsville. Captain Blakely, who is a hero of the early Indian wars in Oregon and who laid out the City of Brownsville, is now 92 years old.

Mr. White was born in Ohio, January 29, 1815. He crossed the plains to Oregon in 1847 and settled in this county. He represented Linn County the Oregon Legislature in territorial days and was also chairman of the first Republican county convention ever held in Linn County, this convention having been held at Lebanon.

Mr. White has two living children. Robert L. White, of Harpsburg, ex-Sheriff of Linn County, and Rose White, of Brownsville.

A bill to be brought about seems to be regarded as a certainty by the anti-Taft men, but they all admit that a stampede would probably be out of the question if a majority of the delegates are instructed for Taft. To a great extent, therefore, the difference being that the White House expects to see enough instructed delegates to make a stampede impossible.

As a matter of fact, it is impossible for either faction, at this time, to estimate accurately how many delegates will be instructed, and how many will be free.

Mr. Swanton outlines development programme. Pacific Coast Should Unite, Says Portland Delegate, Before Making Appeal to Congress.

TAFT OUTSPOKEN IN DEFENDING COURTS

Not All People, President Declares, Are Fitted for Popular Government.

MAJORITY NEEDS CURBING

Words "Judicial Recall" Are Themselves Inconsistent—Plea Is Made for Expediting Processes of Justice.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—With a denunciation of the principle of judicial recall, delivered to the Bar Association of the State of New York at its banquet tonight, President Taft concluded a busy evening which he employed chiefly in speechmaking at three different functions. After a plea for simplification of legal procedure, which he argued with much earnestness on behalf of the company of lawyers, Mr. Taft waxed more incisive in coming to the topic on which he evidently felt deeply. "We do not believe that all people are fitted for popular government," he said. "Some of us don't dare say so, but I do, and the question whether a people is fitted for popular self-government depends upon the restraint that the majority can place upon the majority to see that justice is done."

Words Themselves Inconsistent. "We of the bar are called upon to decide whether we are going to protect the judiciary and continue it independent of a majority during a time that it is deciding questions of law and justice. The judicial recall—the words themselves are so inconsistent that I hate to utter them! Are we going to make our Constitution a liquid thing so that a majority can change it at will? We must decide every action and override with popular passion and prejudice every principle of this government, the greatest God ever making in the world. You must bear in mind that this matter of judicial recall is being agitated all over the country, that the men speaking for it are many. What I call your attention to is that it is necessary that good people like you should speak the truth that is in you in favor of courts and the independence and the restraint of the Constitution that were imposed by the wisest ancestors any people ever had."

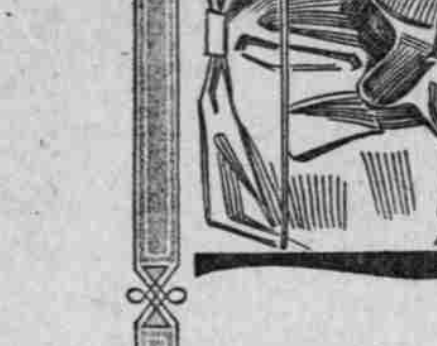
Delays Must Be Obviated. In reference to the simplification of legal procedure the President said he had had a feeling that the bar and the bench "owed to the people greater effort toward making the administration of law effective and just by expediting justice." "I am glad to know," he said, "that there is now a profound effort to study where it is that we can shorten litigation so that delay won't make just judgment unjust."

Referring to the French code, the President said that there, as with us, there was a "tendency to assume that litigants were made for the courts and the courts were made for litigants, of reason rather than vice versa."

"There is much the same tendency here as with us," he continued, "to look upon the courts as a sort of veritable justice. We have not yet reached the secret of promoting real justice, but I am glad to know there is a movement the world around to secure reform."

Assembly Cheers Repeatedly. Throughout his speech the President was frequently interrupted by cheers and his declaration that he was not afraid to express his opinion on popular government in connection with his denunciation of the recall brought the big assemblage to its feet.

Jewelers Thanked for Watch. The nearest the President came to anything political in his early speeches was in thanking the jewelers for a gold watch with which they presented him, and it was not certain whether his reference then to "difficulties in running" involved his avocations or politics.



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CUBAN CRISIS PAST

Veterans' Association Gives Outline of Policy.

INTERVENTION NOT DESIRE

Gomez Administration Reassured by Tone of Statement Which Deals With Condition of Those Who Fought for Independence.

HAVANA, Jan. 20.—That the Gomez administration has successfully passed the crisis resulting from the veterans' arbitration appears sure, according to leaders of all factions who attended the conference at the palace last night. The following statement was made tonight:

"First, the Veterans' Association of the War of the Independence will confine its activities to such purposes as are defined in its constitution and by-laws."

"Second, the National Council of the Veterans will choose whether the existing revision commission engaged in the constitution of complaints of soldiers accused of hostility to the cause of Cuban independence shall now dissolve—in which case its duties shall devolve upon the various members of the Cabinet—or shall continue operating."

"Third, in either case all campaign against office-holders of this class shall cease on February 24."

"Fourth, the President shall then request Congress to revoke the suspension of the civil service law."

"Fifth, the veterans leaders and all the members of the association pledge themselves to act as the guardians of the morals and material peace of the country and to aid the government to this end."

The agreement concludes with the statement that the government is now assured that those who fought for independence will devote themselves to removing any barrier for American intervention, closing with the declaration:

WOMAN BEATS W. C. EARLE

Railroad Commission Engineer Is Arrested as Masher.

Arrested under the "masher" ordinance because he accosted a young woman who told the police she was the wife of a Portland physician, at West Park and Stark streets, and refused to leave her after she had broken her umbrella over his head, W. C. Earle, engineer of the Railroad Commission of Oregon, tried vainly to raise Governor West over the telephone to set him free. He did not reach the Governor, and after passing an hour in the police station, Earle was released on \$25 bail furnished by a Portland friend.

Earle spoke to the woman and attempted to stop her. She tried to evade him, and after being out off in her retreat across the street she turned upon him with an umbrella, striking him across the face with it. He suffered several welts. Captain Keller and Sergeant Kienlen, passing by, saw the actions, and arrested him on a charge of disorderly conduct.

PACIFIC PHONES HUM AGAIN

All Lines Restored After Silver Thaw Damage—500 Men Work.

With a working force of more than 500 men, in two weeks the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company has restored to service every one of the 7000 telephones thrown out of commission by the recent "silver thaw."

"77" Humphreys' Seventy-Seven Breaks up Grip and COLDS

COLDS NOT DUE TO LOW NECK GOWNS. Some physicians attribute the colds and sore throats which have been so common that they threaten to become epidemic with the last week in large measure to foolish dressing on the part of women and especially to the Dutch necks and lace yokes. On the contrary, the tendency to wear lighter clothing and especially to expose the throat has hardened women and increased their vitality that they can withstand exposure far better than they could ten years ago.

BRIDE OF JAP IS DESERTED

Police Looking for Spouse Who Was Married at Vancouver.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Kay Watanaba, the Japanese girl, 18 years old, of this city, in Vancouver, Wash., 10 days ago, has deserted her, according to information from Japanese sources and the police of Sacramento are searching for Watanaba as a member of a Japanese gang engaged in delivering Japanese girls into slavery.

REBBER CULTURE EXPLAINED.

"Rubber Culture" was the subject of a lecture last night by C. V. Cooper in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. Mr. Cooper's knowledge of rubber growing and manufacture was gained from an experience of several years on a plantation in Mexico. The lecture was illustrated with a number of lantern slides.

REPAIRED AND THE TROUBLE BOARD WAS NOW FREE FROM THE HEAVY LISTS OF NUMBERS WHICH HAVE HAMPERS THE OPERATORS.

Every lineman in the Northwest was imported into Portland and in addition 40 from San Francisco were brought here, their fare to and from this city being paid for the two weeks' work needed.

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