

EIGHT GOVERNORS WANT ROOSEVELT

Conference, Favoring Direct Primary, Says People Will Not Brook Declination.

LETTER NOT GIVEN OUT

Conference, In Secret Session, Names Committee to Push Candidacy. Momentous Questions Pressing for Solution.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—Eight Governors and delegates from 23 states met today, and in an informal conference organized a permanent committee to push the candidacy of Theodore Roosevelt for President.

The permanent organization of the committee which will carry the Roosevelt fight to the convention is as follows: Chairman, Alexander H. Revell; vice-chairman, Edward J. Brundage; secretary, Edwin W. Sims; treasurer, Dwight Lawrence.

Delegates from the different states told of work already done toward promoting the ex-President's candidacy. Governor Osborn, of Michigan, and ex-Governor Fort, of New Jersey, described plans of campaign nearly completed.

Independent Vote Wanted. The meeting was without disagreement and the resolutions adopted declared: "All are agreed Theodore Roosevelt is the one man who can, at this time, unite all elements of the party and attract a large number of independent voters."

The resolution further favored "an expression of the people's choice for President by direct vote for a candidate in each state," and appealed to all agreeing with that sentiment to join the movement. They concluded with a protest "against the use of organized political machinery based on patronage, to deprive the people of any voice as to their real choice."

Equal Justice Sought. In a statement signed by the eight Governors, Walter R. Stubbs, of Kansas; Charles C. Caborn, of Michigan; H. S. Hadley, of Missouri; Chester H. Aldrich, of Nebraska; Robert P. Bass, of New Hampshire; W. E. Glascock, of West Virginia; H. E. Vessey, of South Dakota, and J. M. Carey, of Wyoming, the following was set forth: "Momentous questions are pressing for solution: What the country is seeking in justice between man and man. It wants equality of justice safeguarded by adequate law. A principle is of no avail without a man; a cause is lost without a leader. In Theodore Roosevelt, we believe the principle has the man, the cause, the leader. It is our opinion that this is the sentiment of the people in the states we represent."

Refusal Not Expected. "It is nothing to us that Theodore Roosevelt is not a candidate for the Republican nomination. We believe that the people have decided to make him their candidate. It is for the people to determine who shall be their leader, irrespective of the wishes of the citizen selected."

"Knowing the high sense of public duty with which Colonel Roosevelt is imbued, we are satisfied that he will not refuse to heed the call of the people; that he will, if nominated, accept the nomination; that he will discharge the duties of the Chief Magistrate with the same faithfulness and consideration of the interests of all the people and display the same rugged courage and will apply his well-known doctrine of the square deal that has his past record indicates."

The conference was executive, as was the meeting of the Governors, who declined to give out a copy of the letter they sent to Colonel Roosevelt. A suggestion that a Roosevelt enthusiasm convention be held in some central city, probably Cincinnati, prior to the Republican National convention, was referred to the executive committee.

LA FOLLETTE HAS SUPPORTERS Minnesota "Progressives" Pledge Redoubled Efforts. ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 10.—High Haight resigned as member of the board of directors of the Minnesota Progressive Republican League at a meeting tonight which had been called to consider the probable withdrawal of Senator La Follette from the race for the Presidential nomination. Verbal clashes marked the meeting.

While Mr. Haight contended that La Follette was out of the race and pronounced telegrams from Gifford Pinchot, a former supporter of the Wisconsin Senator, and others to prove that the latter virtually had abandoned the race, a resolution was adopted that La Follette and urging all men in the State of Minnesota to rally to his support.

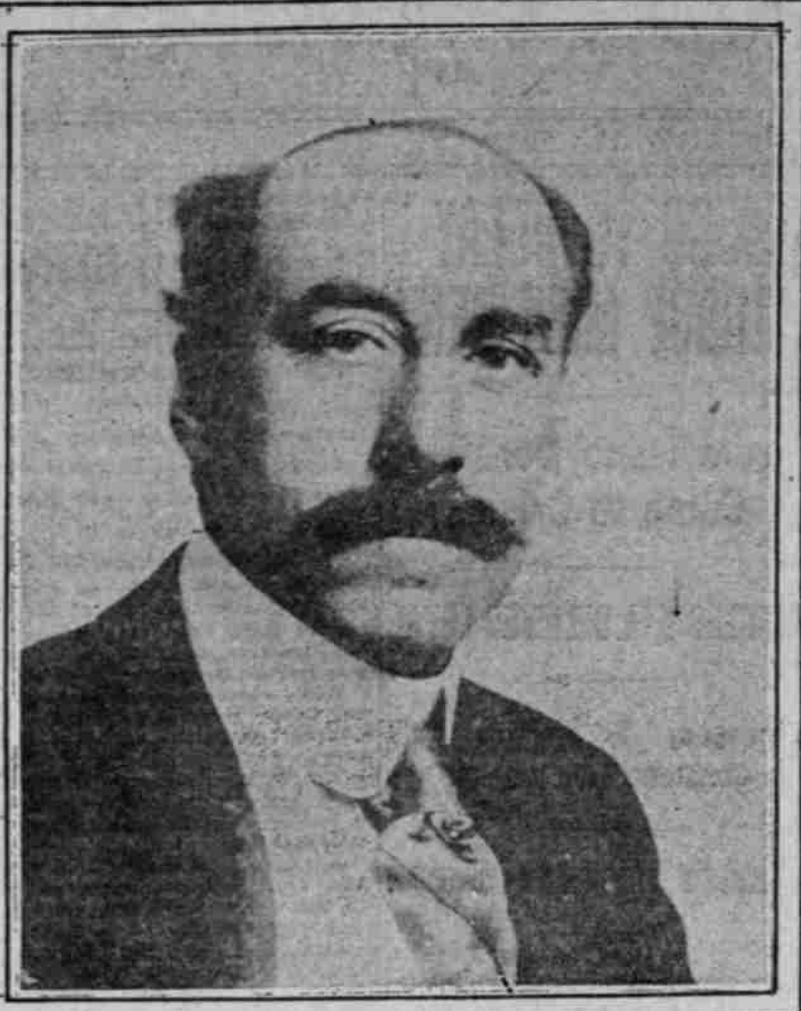
After the session, the following telegram was sent to Senator La Follette: "Executive committee of the Minnesota Progressive Republicans. In session, sends this hearty greeting and prays for your speedy recovery, and renews its pledge of loyal support. Your illness prompts us to redouble our efforts in behalf of progressive principles."

EDISON IS YOUNG AT 65

Chewing Tobacco Only Bad Habit; He Sleeps Dreamlessly. NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—(Special.)—"I feel as young as when I was 25," was the comment this afternoon of Thomas A. Edison, who will be 65 years old tomorrow. His friends and neighbors were congratulating him and wishing him "many more years" of continued happiness.

At his home at Lewislyn Park in West Orange, N. J., Edison declared that he could "run up six flights of stairs at a time" without getting out of breath. "I've only one bad habit," he said, "and that is chewing tobacco. I always eat sparingly. Sleep? Why, four or five hours in bed every day is enough for me. But I sleep whenever I feel tired; sometimes I do off at the laboratory. I never dream though; never."

PROMINENT FIGURES IN ORGANIZATION FORMED IN CHICAGO TO BOOM ROOSEVELT FOR PRESIDENT.



TOP, ALEXANDER H. REVELL, PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL ROOSEVELT LEAGUE; MIDDLE, GOVERNOR OSBORN, OF MICHIGAN, AND GOVERNOR STUBBS, OF KANSAS; BOTTOM, GOVERNOR ALDRICH, OF NEBRASKA, AND GOVERNOR VESSEY, OF SOUTH DAKOTA.

SCANDAL IS HIDDEN

Whipple Says Taft Quietly Charge Against Ray. Retiring Paymaster Says Twice Army Man Escaped Trial Through Intervention of Executive. Letters Placed on Record.

OFFICER HANNA HENCHMAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Brigadier-General C. H. Whipple, retiring Paymaster-General of the Army, today told the House committee on expenditures in the War Department that charges of conduct unbecoming a gentleman and an officer against Major Beecher B. Ray, of the Army Pay Corps, had been suppressed at the suggestion of President Taft.

Ray, it is charged, took an active part in the Taft campaign of 1908, and his political activity has been under investigation by the Congressional committee.

It has been charged that Major Ray acted as a "walking delegate" for the Republican party. General Whipple said that twice Major Ray had escaped trial on charges which he, the General, believed warranted prosecution. He said he went to Beverly in 1910 to see the President and that Mr. Taft had dictated a letter in his presence advising that for the honor of the Army and the good name of a woman, stories of the Major's acquaintance with the wife of an employe of the department be kept from the records.

This letter and two others by President Taft were put in the record to show the political connections of Major Ray. The paymaster was appointed to the Army after serving in the campaign of 1896 under Mark Hanna in rounding up the railroad trainmen's vote. He is said to have done similar work in the campaign of 1898 for President Taft.

In one of his letters, President Taft said Major Ray had been active in the campaign at the instance of his (the President's) brother, and added that he feared Major Ray had "presumed" on the value of the service rendered.

Charges False, Says Ray Major Denies "Political Pull;" Will Not Tell Woman's Name. CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—The charges made by Brigadier-General Whipple are absolutely without foundation," said Major Beecher B. Ray here today. "In the first place I have no political pull whatsoever. I was transferred here recently, but why I don't know. I know nothing about the order for my transfer, other than it was made and I changed positions. I never rounded up the trainmen's vote for Mark Hanna, President Taft or any one else. Charges that I have been favored because of political activity are untrue. My relations with the woman referred to in the dispatch were perfectly proper. I know to whom the story refers, but I will not give her name."

ARIZONA SOON TO BE STATE

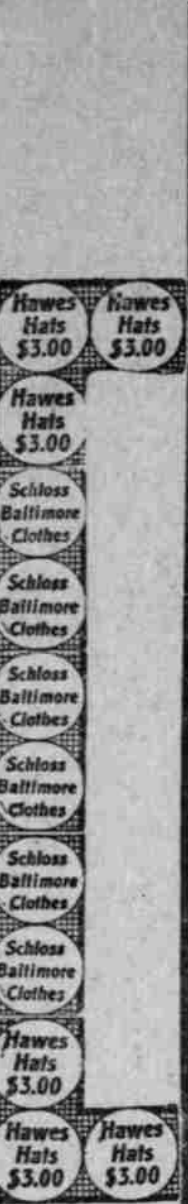
President Taft Will Sign Proclamation on Wednesday. WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Official returns from Arizona's first election under the enabling act, which will admit her as a state, were laid before President Taft today by E. A. Kirk. Mr. Taft has been asked to sign the proclamation admitting Arizona to the Union on Monday, Lincoln's birthday.

President Taft will be in New York on that day, however, and will sign the proclamation on Wednesday.

WILL IS SAID TO EXIST

(Continued From First Page.) an interviewer what she would do with the money, she said: "Childless to Be Educated. "The first thing I shall do with any money I get is to insure a proper education for my children. I myself had a hard life and I know what an insufficient education means. I do not suppose that all the millions in all the world can buy anything more precious than knowledge and training. I would rather my children had old-fashioned clothes than old-fashioned ideas. The greatest opportunity that money brings is the opportunity for mental development."

"And shall you give your children all the money they want?" "Indeed I shall not," said Mrs. Crandall. "Although I want my children to have every advantage of the best education, I want them to feel, too, that it is their duty to make their own way in the world."



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FOLK OUT OF RACE IN CLARK'S FAVOR

Missourians Agree to Bryan Suggestion and ex-Governor Releases Friends. CLARK MISSOURI FAVORITE

Seventy-Seven of 81 Counties Return Democratic Delegations. ST. LOUIS, Feb. 10.—Seventy-seven of the 81 counties which reported up to 11 o'clock tonight on the Democratic primaries showed Speaker Champ Clark delegations, according to returns at the Clark-for-President headquarters. Three counties—Cape Girardeau, Barton and Mississippi—returned Folk delegations. The result in Linn County was in doubt.

CLARK HELD SURE NOMINEE Senator Reed Says Folk's Withdrawal Gives Speaker Place. WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—After the announcement of the withdrawal of ex-Governor Folk, United States Senator Reed, a supporter of Folk's candidacy, said: "This means the nomination of Champ Clark for President at the National convention. Missouri and Oklahoma are absolutely sure already."

How stamp collecting has become specialized is illustrated by the sale in Paris some time ago of a collection of Swiss stamps for about \$40,000.

Both accept the Bryan plan, which was that the delegation to the National convention be divided between the men and the full vote be given later to the one developing the most strength in the entire convention, and Mr. Folk does so with the statement that he recognizes the fact that the Speaker's prominent position probably gives him the better chance and he therefore releases his friends from any obligation in his behalf.

Ova Ambition Subordinated. Mr. Folk issued the following statement after he had talked over the telephone with Speaker Clark at Washington: "I have read Mr. Clark's statement with pleasure and sincerely appreciate the spirit manifested therein. I heartily concur in the sentiments that personal ambition should be subordinated to the interest of our party in Missouri and now that Mr. Clark has expressed a willingness to have this delegation divided between him and myself, as suggested recently by Mr. Bryan, I shall now request my friends to make no further effort in my behalf."

"I believe, from reports received from other states, that Clark, owing to his prominent position in Washington at this time and his long and honorable service there, has, perhaps, better chances for his nomination than any other Missourian, and I shall therefore release all claims I may have on the delegation, and request my friends to join with me in giving Mr. Clark the united support of Missouri in this contest."

Mr. Clark's statement, as received by ex-Governor Folk, follows: "I especially desire of bringing the Democracy of Missouri together, and to avoid as far as possible any acrimony in my withdrawing now from the fight with numerous friends and on due deliberation, determined to agree to and accept the suggestion made by Mr. Bryan at the National convention between Governor Folk and myself."

Co-Operation Clark's Desire. "Provided always, of course, that the Democrats of this state are the main force for one or the other of us. "I am especially anxious there should be harmony and co-operation among the Democrats of Missouri. Whether the Joplin convention would be for me or Governor Folk is a question which it is unnecessary and which would be bootless for me to discuss now. It is sufficient for me to say that in the interest of party harmony in this state, I have determined to say that I am willing to accept the suggestion made for a division of the state delegation, and I hope my friends through the state will heartily agree to this suggestion and co-operate with me in carrying it out."

Lon Sanders, campaign manager for Governor Folk, after the statements were given out, said: "This practically means Mr. Folk's withdrawal from the Presidential race."

KNOX TO GO SOUTH

Secretary to Visit Latin-America to Learn Conditions. FRIENDLY INTEREST SHOWN

Cruiser Washington to Convey Official Party, Which Finds Precedent for Visit in Previous Trip of Root. WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—For the purpose of solving diplomatic problems and acquiring more accurate information as to conditions in Central and Northern South America, Secretary of State Knox, by direction of President Taft, will make a five weeks' trip to the Spanish-American republics bordering the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico. As now planned, Mr. Knox will not visit Mexico, but that country may be included in the programme before he returns the first week of April.

Havana will be Mr. Knox's first stop, and it was reported that in Cuba he might attempt to "solve the problem" that brought about hints of American intervention there a few weeks ago. Aside from a possible peace-making expedition to Cuba, the purpose of the trip was announced to be the promotion of friendly relations in Central America. In many respects it is similar to that taken around South America several years ago by ex-Secretary of State Root. The official announcement says: "The relations of the United States to the Spanish republics surrounding

the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico are of the utmost importance to us, in view of our interests and responsibilities in that region. The President thinks it will be of great assistance in solving the diplomatic problems that are presenting themselves from day to day if we manifest our friendly interest in those, our neighboring republics, by a visit to them by the Secretary of State. This will be the first time that an American Secretary of State has visited those countries."

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