

## SHADOW OF THIRD PARTY IS SINISTER OMEN AT CHICAGO

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(United News Staff Correspondent)  
Chicago, June 7.—Old guard leaders are rallying to break a trail along which they may lead the Republican convention to selection of a nominee and platform that will insure party peace.

With the opening of the big conclave at hand, shadows of sufficient ill omen are floating over the playground here to permit other delay in the creation of some leadership. Senator Lodge, Murray Crane, Senator Smoot and William Barnes—all familiar generals of bygone conflicts—are seen again taking hold of the situation in an effort to end the confusion.

**THOMPSON FIGHTING LEAGUE**  
They were moved to act today by the sinister shadow of a third party movement which for days has made its presence felt and which has been accentuated by the fiery challenge of Mayor Thompson of Chicago Saturday night.

Thompson has taken a position alongside that of Senator Johnson in opposition to the League of Nations, which already has hovered over the pre-convention deliberations like a cloud. And Sunday The Republican, regarded as a personal organ of Mayor Thompson, came out with this question:

"With the Republican party squarely on record against all permanent foreign alliances, is there not much less danger of a third party than there will be if the party should attempt to straddle this difference?"

**LODGE WORRIED**  
The political leaders do not fear a bolt by Senator Johnson, but they are worried at the possible action of Thompson and others who have followed the Johnson banner and who are bitter at local political developments which have gone against them.

This worry is not relieved, as from state after state the news comes in of conventions "of American labor parties," and other groups who threaten to amalgamate their forces and put state and national tickets into the field next November. Already a number of such conventions have nominated their men for offices.

So Lodge and Crane Sunday conferred at length with many of the party leaders. The longest conference Lodge had was with Senator Lenroot of Wisconsin, one of the so-called "mild reservationists" on the League of Nations issue in the senate, who later took a stand firmly behind Lodge.

**PROOF BY ANALOGY**  
The conference had to do with the league plank in the platform, but it also had to do with the subject of candidates—and Lenroot has been regarded as one of the "dark horse" possibilities.

But Thompson and Johnson take the position that there shall be no pussy-footing on the issue, no support of a league with reservations, and this is the position on the subject which happens to have been taken by other of the several groups threatening a third party movement.

"What kind of an American is an American with reservations?" asks

Thompson's newspaper today. "If the Republican party had stood for the gold standard in 1896 with reservations, would Bryan or McKinley have been elected?"

**LOWDEN DEFIANT**  
Johnson will have over 150 votes on the first ballot at the convention, with more in reserve under the surface. Thompson will have less than a score that he can deliver from Illinois. But these two elements have a potential strength which constitutes still another shadow for the old guard. The latter do not want the convention controlled by that element which broke over in 1912 and threatens to accomplish if not lead another split this year.

The first movements of the old guard are directed at some peaceful solution of the league and other difficulties because of the attitude of Senator Johnson, who the leaders believe is to "stand regular" no matter what happens. But if it must be a fight, they will go into it. There was a distinctly defiant note at Lowden headquarters today on the attitude of Thompson.

**GOVERNOR HOLDS LEAD**  
"One thing you may rest assured of," said former Congressman Chipenfield of Illinois, speaking at a Lowden mass meeting at the Congress hotel Sunday morning. "The real Republicans of this state are solidly behind the governor and will remain solidly behind him until after his nomination."

Praise was voiced at the meeting for Senator Sherman, who apparently has beaten Thompson in a bitter fight for national committee man from Illinois.

Meanwhile the actual situation on the respective candidacies has changed little as the eve of the convention is reached. It's like a merry-go-round. One may ride any of the leading horses, dismount and then find his horse is back again ready for remounting. Lowden is still given the most favorable strategic position with a strong first choice following and perhaps the strongest second choice on their expressed beliefs.

**HOOVER AGAIN TALKED**  
Apparently it is the intention of the old guard leaders to give the three leaders—Wood, Lowden and Johnson—a clear run for their money and then, after trying out certain others already active in the field of possibilities, end the deadlock, if one arises, either with united support behind Lowden or some "dark horse."

In the latter class there was more talk of Hoover today than at any time during the pre-convention period. The situation tends to play into his hands. While there are few who believe he can be nominated, there is undoubtedly a strong undercurrent of support for him. Whether and how this may be brought out is uncertain. The course favored by his supporters is to have his candidacy remain in the background until the convention becomes apparently hopelessly locked and then launch his boom with highly concentrated effort.

The man most frequently mentioned as the one to start the Hoover ball rolling at the proper time is Nathan L. Miller of Syracuse, N. Y., regarded as an able man and a political leader of considerable astuteness.

**Thompson Opens Up On Governor Lowden**  
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## POLITICAL SEERS ARE AT SEA OVER CHICAGO SITUATION

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Chicago, June 7.—Everybody in Chicago is looking for someone who knows something, and is failing in the search because apparently there isn't anything yet to know.

The wisecracks who predicted that this convention would be a replica of the G. O. P. conventions of other days when the trained delegates hopped through the hoops according to a carefully planned schedule, are spending their spare time thinking up alibis.

It is hard to believe but apparently true that at this stage of the game the convention is a real free-for-all and that the winner is not yet picked by any man or set of men who have the power to assure his winning. The wise information here today has it that in this convention anything can happen and most anything probably will.

**LIKE BOYS' WRESTLE**  
Political observers, soured to cynicism by long experience with puppet shows, where no operating string was ever permitted to slip from the trained fingers of some manipulating regular of the old guard, are all insisting that this is actually the year of the big wind, when all signs fall, and that there is going to be a real convention fight with the result in doubt up to the last moment.

The only men here who will even make a decline guess as to the nominee are henchmen of some particular candidate and their assertions of confidence have the quality of the whistle of a

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**OLDTIMERS MOURN**  
Apparently the good old times are gone. The veterans are shaking their heads and sighing for the days of yore, when good liquor and authoritative instructions were to be had without the asking. But in this, the year of the eighteenth amendment and the apparent split-up of the old guard, neither are to be found.

It's tough on the oldtimers, who get the blues because they can't find anybody to tell them what to do and then get fallen arches pounding the pavement in search of something to alleviate their melancholy.

So far there is a marked scarcity of inside stuff, both political and alcoholic. The conventions in the good old days were replete with both. The veterans are bemoaning the fact that they lived to see this day, and the newcomers are bewailing the fact that they were born too late to get in on the others.

**CARNIVAL SPIRIT REIGNS**  
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