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Hottest Factional Fight in Political History of Country Is Expected.

Hundreds of Police and Deputy Sheriffs in Convention Hall—Heavy Details Guard Every Entrance—Cameras and Red Cross Flags Conspicuous.

Chicago, June 18.—When the gavel of Victor Rosewater, chairman of the Republican national committee, fell at noon today, calling to order the fifteenth Republican national convention, the most desperate fight in the history of American politics had reached a crisis.

The Taft men this morning flatly refused the demand of the Roosevelt forces that they agree to a proposition that no vote on the temporary organization be valid unless it received the affirmative vote of 540 delegates—a majority whose right to a seat was unquestioned. This was a novel program and arranged at a session of the Roosevelt delegates that lasted until nearly daylight today.

At 10:15 the doors of the Coliseum were all manned and the ticket-holders began to filter in. The pressure at the doors when they were opened was not great.

Great lines of uniformed policemen were scattered about the structure and massed at every entrance. Grouped with them were 400 special deputy sheriffs, especially commissioned by the sheriff of Cook county to see that there was no disorder. Plain clothes men were distributed through the crowd of curiosity seekers that had flocked to the scene, hopeful that the Roosevelt forces would make good their threat and storm the entrance, thus making a way for all without tickets. Twenty policemen were grouped in front of the platform and 50 in the rear.

Mammoth cameras, aimed at the stage, were perched from every balcony rail.

Red Cross flags at several doorways were a grim reminder possibly of a prophecy.

Two huge megaphones, an ice water tank and a private telephone were the only ornaments of the speaker's stage.

By 11:10 a. m. the hall was more than half filled, and fully two-thirds of the delegates were in their seats. The aisles were jammed and the Chicago fire marshal and his aides kept officers busy clearing them.

The convention was called to order by Victor Rosewater, chairman of the Republican national committee, at 12:02.

At 12:16 request was made that crowd remain quiet while flashlight be taken. At 12:18 everyone in the convention hall was brought to their feet by the strains of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

At 12:20 Father Callaghan pronounced the invocation.

12:25—Reading of call concluded.

12:26—The chair recognized Governor Hadley, of Missouri, who moved to amend the temporary roll call.

The Roosevelt people have decided on Governor McGovern, of Wisconsin, instead of Senator Borah, as their candidate for temporary chairman, according to a statement just made by Senator Borah to the newspaper men. McGovern is La Follette's choice for chairman and this is taken to mean that the Roosevelt men may swing to the Wisconsin senator in case of a deadlock.

The Wisconsin delegation announced that it will vote unanimously for McGovern for temporary chairman.

Marines Are Entrenched.

Havana—The United States marines stationed at El Cobre, 10 miles west of Santiago, have thrown up entrenchments and are well prepared to resist any attack. The Cuban gunboat Baire has arrived, bringing as prisoners Gregori Surin, a noted revolutionary leader, and 10 others. The mayor of Palma Soriana reports that the conditions there are most serious. More than 4000 persons have taken refuge in the town, where they are sleeping in the streets and are absolutely destitute.

Woman Attacks Asquith.

London—While Premier Asquith was holding an official reception in honor of the king's birthday, a fashionably dressed suffragette tried to tear the epaulettes off the premier's coat. Mrs. Asquith tried to rescue her husband from the unwelcome attentions of the woman and then an usher literally dragged the suffragette away from the premier and ejected her from the building. Some reports say the woman beat Premier Asquith.

Farm Given to Children.

Walla Walla, Wash.—To give them a chance to manage the property while he was yet alive and could help them, Thomas Lyons, a pioneer, distributed 2500 acres of the finest farming land in the valley among his six children. The deeds give the value of each tract and the total is \$94,000, as a conservative estimate.

Chicago June 18.—Against the threats, charges and bitter invective of the Roosevelt forces the Taft supporters in the Republican national convention put through today the first portion of their program by electing Senator Root, of New York, temporary chairman.

In spite of the fact that Victor Rosewater, chairman of the national committee, consistently ruled out of order every motion made by the Roosevelt forces, it required more than five hours to reach a vote on the chairmanship.

The calling of the roll was beset with difficulties from the first name of the list of delegates, but in the end, when the tumult had died away, Senator Root was found to have won by a vote of 558 to 502 for Governor McGovern, of Wisconsin, with 14 scattering votes and four not voting.

Tonight both the Taft and Roosevelt forces are asserting that this vote indicates that their candidate is absolutely sure to win.

The advantage appears to be with the president, however, for while he is sure to lose some of the votes that were cast for Senator Root, it is said that he will gain, if instructions are lived up to, some of the votes independently cast for McGovern.

Those leaders who have been urging a compromise candidate ever since they arrived in Chicago are pointing to another angle in the figures and say they show that it is essential to name a so-called "dark horse" to save the day for the Republican party.

While Mr. Root was made chairman and managed to deliver his "keynote" speech, the fighting is to be renewed at 1 o'clock tomorrow morning, when the motion of the Roosevelt leaders to substitute a new list of delegates for those seated in some of the contested cases heard before the national committee is to be taken up as the unfinished business. No committees were named tonight and none will be until this motion to "purge" the convention of "fraudulent delegates" is disposed of. Today it was defeated on a point of order, but the Roosevelt forces assert that parliamentary practice will not be permitted to stand in their way tomorrow.

The Roosevelt people and the Taft people carried out almost to the letter their programs as announced in advance. The Roosevelt people say tonight they are going to fight every inch of the way.

Cries of "bolters" were hurled at the Roosevelt delegates at times in the session, but the contingency of a bolt tonight seemed to be far distant.

California assumed a belligerent attitude almost with the start of the roll call, when the two Roosevelt delegates from the Fourth district, unseated by the national committee, were not allowed to vote. Protests were confined to eloquence. The two votes for Root were the only encroachment in that state upon the vote cast for McGovern. Pennsylvania made even a fiercer protest against the vote of an alternate.

CONTESTERS LOSING HOPE.

Washington Delegates Refuse Compromise With La Follette Men.

Chicago, June 18.—Contesting Roosevelt delegates from Washington had a conference today with La Follette leaders with a view to getting the support of La Follette delegates in their fight for seats in the convention. La Follette people were not deeply interested in seating 14 delegates pledged to Roosevelt, and said so. They offered, however, to help the Washington contestants if the latter would agree to split their delegates, giving La Follette seven votes out of 14 if the contestants should be seated. This proposition was more than the Washington men could swallow. Four were willing to dicker on this basis, but only four, so the deal was declared off. Washington contesting delegates are fast losing hope and see little chance of being seated, in view of today's line-up.

Darrow Agent Perjured

Los Angeles—George Behm, of Portage, Wis., an uncle of Ortie McManigal, testified at the bribery trial of Clarence S. Darrow that Darrow had brought him to Los Angeles to get Ortie McManigal to repudiate his confession. Behm testified also that he had denied before the grand jury that he had tried to influence McManigal, as Darrow had told him so to testify. Behm contradicted the latter statement and said Darrow had told him to refuse to answer questions regarding his relations with McManigal.

Parker May Be Chairman.

Baltimore—It was said here that Alton B. Parker was a likely candidate for the temporary chairmanship of the Democratic national convention, with Representative James, of Kentucky, next strongest. Senator Gore, of Oklahoma and Representative Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania will second the nomination of Woodrow Wilson, it is announced, while friends of Governor Burke of North Dakota started a "dark horse" boom for him.

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