

BIG REPUBLICAN CONVENTION CALLED TO ORDER AT NOON

Big Hall is Quickly Crowded With People When Doors Are Thrown Open and Band Begins to Play.

Nearly Thousand Delegates in Their Seats, While Every Available Nook and Corner is Crowded With Guests and Spectators—Eleven Thousand People Crowded Into the Great Coliseum When Meeting Was Called to Order at 12:15—For First Time in Many Years Dewey Slips Quietly Into His Seat Unnoticed—Senator Borah Quickly Squelches the Rumor That He Is to Make a Speech Nominating Roosevelt—Declares No Friend of President Will Nominate Him—Press Wires Are Kept Hot From the Start—Roosevelt, Taft and Others in Telegraphic Communication With the Press Gallery—Denial from White House of Authorship of Platform.

The Coliseum, Chicago, June 16.—Represented by 980 delegates assembled from the various states and territories, as well as our "colonial possessions," the republican party of the United States met today at noon in quadrennial convention for the purpose of nominating candidates for the presidency and vice presidency, and for formulating a set of policies upon which the forthcoming campaign shall be conducted.

The scene was Chicago's greatest amphitheater, where four years ago Theodore Roosevelt was made the party's candidate. The seating capacity of the building had been increased to nearly 11,000, thus providing accommodations for 3000 more people than in 1904. At this, only a fraction of the great concourse of party enthusiasts that has been pouring into town since Saturday was able to obtain admission. Distribution of the tickets had been in the hands of the national committee and the local committee of arrangements. Each national committeeman was allotted a limited number, and each delegate and alternate two. The local committee gave out 2500. The marching clubs alone that are coming in from outside points, would have more than filled the seats set aside for spectators.

Long before the doors were opened, the street in front, which last week was the scene of the activities of a steam roller, whose work was likened by the "allies" to that of the national committee in making up the temporary roll of the convention, was filled with gaily uniformed "Taft" clubs, "Cannon" clubs, and organizations bearing the names of other favorite sons. The campaign button vendor, and the up-to-date fakir of every description was there crying his wares and getting rid of them in generous quantities.

Hall Thrown Open.

At 10 o'clock the hall was thrown open, and those who had been so fortunate as to beg, borrow or buy one of the coveted cards of admission, were ushered to their seats by the assistant sergeants-at-arms. Of these there was a small army, carefully selected and trained for the occasion by Col. William F. Stone, sergeant-at-arms of the national committee. Many of them had served in previous conventions.

A large proportion of the throng of spectators, whose seats were arranged around three sides of the hall in raised tiers and galleries, consisted of women, many of them prominent in the social life of Chicago and Washington, gowned in their best summer finery. The local committee on arrangements had given more prominence than ever before to the social side of the convention, and a generous share of the tickets of admission went to members of the "400."

Delegates and alternates were seated in the center of the hall, the location of each state delegation being indicated by placards fastened on raised standards, the big republican states like Pennsylvania and New York being given front rows. Between the delegates' reservation and the semicircular stage, on which were seated the officers of the convention, the members of the national committee, and distinguished guests, including representatives of the diplomatic corps at Washington, were the 400 seats set aside for the use of the press.

Leading under the stage from the press reservation were run-ways to the press association and telegraph rooms in the rear. Nearly all the prominent "journalists" as well as a large proportion of the best newspaper men of the country had been assigned seats, and were on the job when the gavel fell. The arrangements for handling the news of the convention and getting it out quickly to the country are the best ever made for a similar gathering. The working rooms of the press associations and telegraph companies occupy one whole end of the basement of the building.

During the assembling of delegates and spectators, Weldon's Chicago concert band played classical and other kinds of music. Shortly before the hour of 12, Mrs. Beatrice Fischer Erlinger sang Ardit's "Enchantress." The band then swung into the inspiring strains of "Tannhauser." Before the applause died out, Colonel Harry S. New, chairman of the republican national committee, stepped to the front of the platform, rapped vigorously on the presiding officer's table, and called the convention to order.

"The proceedings will be begun with prayer by the Right Rev. P. J. Muldoon, bishop of the diocese of

Chicago, of the Roman Catholic church," he announced. **The Bishop's Prayer.**

"Almighty and merciful God, we humbly beseech thee mercifully to give ear to the prayer here offered by this servant. In behalf of the whole nation we humbly implore thee to bless and guide up in thy wisdom, to direct the deliberations of this convention for the greater peace, security and happiness of the entire people. Grant to all peace, purity and patriotism, through Christ, who taught us to pray, saying, 'Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.'"

Burrows Introduced. Immediately following the prayer, Frederick Upham, chairman of the local committee of arrangements, presented to Chairman New a gavel made of a block of wood from old Fort Dearborn.

Chairman New then recognized Elmer Dover, secretary of the committee, and announced that he would read the call under which the convention had assembled. This call, issued by the national committee after its meeting in Washington, December 7 last, stated the details of the composition of the convention, the methods whereby delegates should be selected, and the processes to be followed in the filling of contests for seats. According to the call, each state is entitled to four delegates at large and four alternates, and each congressional district to two delegates and two alternates. In addition, each of the territories, including Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Philippines, is entitled to two delegates and two alternates.

After the call had been read Chairman New, in impressive tones, said: "Gentlemen of the Convention: The republican national committee has selected for your temporary chairman the Hon. Julius C. Burrows, senator from the state of Michigan (applause), and presents his name for acceptance."

One of the "Big Four" from Michigan was upon his feet in an "instant with a motion" that the action of the national committee be approved. The motion was put and agreed to unanimously, amid cheers and hand-clapping. Senator Burrows then delivered the formal opening address of the convention, which according to tradition, is to be the keynote of the coming campaign.

Temporary Officers. As soon as Senator Burrows had concluded his address, he was presented with the gavel which he will use until he gives way to Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, whose name will be reported by the committee on permanent organization for the position of permanent presiding officer, at a later session of the convention.

The senator then announced the names of other temporary officers of the convention, selected by the national committee, and they were formally approved by the convention. These officers are: General Secretary, John R. Maloy, Columbus, O.; chief assistant secretary, Lafayette B. Gleason, N. Y.; sergeant-at-arms, Ed. P. Thayer, Greenfield, Ind.; parliamentarian, Arthur C. Hinds, Washington, D. C.; official reporter, M. W. Blumenberg, Washington, D. C.; chief doorkeeper, Stephen R. Mason, Baltimore, Md.; also chaplains, reading clerks, tally clerks and messengers.

A resolution was then adopted directing the chairman of the various states and territorial delegations to send to the secretary's desk the names of the committees: Credentials, permanent organization, rules and order of business, and resolutions.

Business of minor importance was then transacted, after which the convention adjourned until noon tomorrow. If the committee on credentials is not ready to report at that time, the business of the convention will be suspended to allow the visiting marching clubs to parade the hall.

The following is the apportionment of delegates in the national conventions:

State/Territory	Rep.	Dem.
Alabama	22	22
Arkansas	18	18
California	20	20
Colorado	10	10
Connecticut	14	14
Delaware	6	6
Florida	10	10
Georgia	26	26
Idaho	6	6
Illinois	64	64

Indiana	20	20
Iowa	26	26
Kansas	20	20
Kentucky	26	26
Louisiana	12	12
Maine	12	12
Maryland	16	16
Massachusetts	32	32
Michigan	28	28
Minnesota	22	22
Mississippi	20	20
Missouri	36	36
Montana	8	8
Nebraska	16	16
Nevada	6	6
New Hampshire	8	8
New Jersey	24	24
New York	78	78
North Carolina	24	24
North Dakota	8	8
Ohio	46	46
Oklahoma	14	14
Oregon	8	8
Rhode Island	8	8
Pennsylvania	68	68
South Carolina	18	18
South Dakota	8	8
Tennessee	24	24
Texas	36	36
Utah	6	6
Vermont	8	8
Virginia	24	24
Washington	10	10
West Virginia	14	14
Wisconsin	26	26
Wyoming	6	6
District of Columbia	2	2
Alaska	2	2
Arizona	2	2
Hawaii	2	2
New Mexico	2	2
Philippines	2	2
Porto Rico	2	2
Totals	980	1008

Necessary for choice: Republican (majority), 491; democratic (two-thirds), 672.

It was 10:25 when the band started "America," and the hall was filled quickly with delegates.

The convention was called to order at 12:15.

Dewey Unnoticed.

Senator Dewey of New York slipped into his seat unnoticed. It was the first time in many years his arrival at a national convention has not been greeted with cheers.

The operators in the press reservation were busily engaged working the telegraph wires connected with the office of the president at the White House, as were other wires leading to the offices of Taft, Cortelyou.

It was rumored just as the convention opened that Senator Borah of Idaho, had prepared a speech of nomination for Roosevelt. When Borah arrived he denied he had any such purpose.

"I was asked to present the name of Roosevelt," he said, "but refused emphatically. No friend of the president will nominate him, knowing he does not want the honor."

"If any friend of Roosevelt placed him in nomination the action would be misconstrued and the president would be accused of conniving with the nominator to bring about such a result. In my judgment the president will absolutely dominate the convention. There will be no Roosevelt stampede."

Roosevelt Makes Denial.

Washington, June 16.—Now comes a characteristically vigorous denial from the White House that Roosevelt dictated the provisions of the platform submitted to the convention. It even goes so far as to deny that Taft played any important part in the drafting of it.

The following statement was issued today from the White House: "That which purports to be the so-called administration platform, telegraphed from Chicago, is a mere tentative draft, prepared by one member of the resolutions committee for submission to Taft for the purpose of obtaining his views upon certain planks. A large part of the purported platform has never been seen by the president at all, and a number of planks contained in the remainder were subjected to amendments of both verbal and substantial natures."

Among other fancy articles that Mrs. Ragan is accused of having taken from the United States mails and converted to her own use are two sofa pillow covers, each of which was addressed to other persons. Then pretty petticoats and fancy hose, cream colored and dainty blue union suits are also mentioned in the indictment as having been among the effects which Mrs. Ragan confiscated from the channels of Uncle Sam's mail service.

But in keeping an eye open for delicate articles of an ornamental nature, Mrs. Ragan did not, according to the charge of the government officials, overlook the necessities of life. For the evidence shows that such articles of wear as corset covers, white vests and many other pieces of dress goods had been taken by the woman accused.

This and other drafts are tentative only, merely for information of certain members of the resolutions committee, who were seeking their views of the various prominent republicans. Neither the president nor Taft has committed himself, nor has been asked to.

SENSATIONS IN TRIAL.

Barnett Greets Brown With Smile—Latter Says Bank Wreckers Were Desperate.

San Francisco, June 15.—Walter J. Barnett, the accused bank wrecker, being tried for embezzling of the Colton securities from the defunct California safe deposit & trust company, today greeted J. Dalsell Brown with a friendly smile when the latter appeared in the courtroom. Brown, who was the former manager of the bank, has been doing his best to send Barnett to prison. The incident caused a ripple of surprise in the room.

That the officials wrecked the bank and tried to sell the Western Pacific stock to Harriman in order to get money to cover up the deficits, was the startling statement on the stand by Brown, who turned state's evidence and testified that Barnett was willing to betray Gould in his desperation to get money.

BAD MAN KILLED.

Officer Gets Man Who Terrorized a Community for 25 Years.

San Bernardino, Calif., June 15.—Stanley W. Houghton, son of former Congressman Houghton of this state, is held in jail because he killed Henry Houghton Hartman, who for the past 25 years terrorized the Mojave river district.

Houghton is constable of the district. He arrested Hartman some time ago on the charge of assaulting a 16 year old girl with a gun. Hartman, out on bail, started to terrorize everybody Sunday, whereupon Houghton arrested him. In the fight Hartman was killed.

Son Flirted With Mother.

Providence, R. I., June 16.—Warren L. Fales, the millionaire cotton machine manufacturer who named his own son as correspondent in the divorce suit against his young wife, was today granted an absolute divorce on statutory grounds. His son, Leroy, aged 22, admitted in court he had been guilty of indiscreet conduct with his stepmother. Mrs. Fales denied the charge and asked for a divorce in a cross complaint, naming a French maid.

Damaging Bush Fire.

Victoria, B. C., June 15.—Sweeping an area four miles in width and threatening to endanger the valuable coal properties of D. R. Young and associates, a great bush fire is raging north of Skidegate, Queen Charlotte islands, according to advices brought by the steamer Amur.

The fire started a week ago in the vicinity of the Talai river and when the Amur was at Skidegate a few days ago the latest reports received there indicated that the flames were sweeping toward the coast.

Guns Disappoints Fans.

San Francisco, June 15.—Joe Gans disappointed the fight fans today by announcing he will do nothing but regular road work and some light bag punching until the last week before the fight with Battling Nelson. He says he does not want to take any chances with his hands. Nelson is expected to return from his mountain trip next week.

Bryan on First Ballot.

Lincoln, Neb., June 15.—According to a table compiled by Bryan's Commemorator, Bryan has 630 instructed votes out of 1002 in the democratic convention. In addition he has 47 personally pledged to him from the states unrepresented or bound by the unit rule, making a total of 697 or 29 votes more than the necessary two thirds required.

MODERN WOODMEN TO REVISE RATES.

Head Consul Talbot Recommends Establishment of Tuberculosis Sanitarium.

Peoria, Ill., June 15.—An unequivocal stand for a readjustment of rates is taken by Head Clerk C. W. Hawes of the Modern Woodmen of America, in his report presented at the fifteenth head camp session of the order convened here at 9 o'clock this morning. Ten possible plans are suggested, and it is expected that before the head camp adjourns next Saturday, arrangements will be made to hold another session within the year, to be devoted exclusively to the rate question.

The session was called to order this morning by Head Consul A. R. Talbot, the president of the society. There are 624 delegates and head officers, representing all parts of the country, sitting in the convention. On Thursday a big parade will be held, which is expected to attract 50,000 visitors. The national encampment of the degree teams is also in session here, with 5000 Foresters in attendance.

According to the report of Head Clerk Hawes, submitted today, the present membership is 920,179, with 12,099 local lodges. The insurance in force aggregates \$1,430,688,000. Benefit fund receipts during the past term, 1905-1907, were \$24,786,825.52, and disbursements \$21,798,867.38. General fund receipts were \$2,905,509.62, and disbursements, \$2,765,019.92.

The report shows that during the society's existence its deaths have totaled 36,406, the death rate at all ages being 5.02 per 1000. This is very favorable, as the National Fraternal Congress table shows a death rate of 7.51 and the American Experience table a rate of 10.24 per 1,000.

At the society's present rates, with 12 assessments per year, the members at all ages are paying for an average of only \$90 of each \$1000 in force. It is this condition of affairs that calls for a rate readjustment.

Head Consul A. R. Talbot's report also presented today, recommends the establishment of a sanitarium for tuberculosis, a site for this purpose having been already secured at Colorado Springs, Colo. The members of the order are reported as having already contributed \$50,668 for this purpose.

A thorough consideration of the rate question is also urged by Consul Talbot, who predicts that legislation in the various states within the next few years will render it imperative that all fraternal orders shall readjust their rates. During the last two years the order has admitted 355,601 new members and has paid 12,504 death claims, aggregating \$21,785,578.58.

STEAMER SEATTLE BRINGS MILLIONS IN GOLD.

First Trip of the Season—Report is Made of Heavy Pans—More Yellow Metal Coming This Year Than Was Ever Seen in Klondike in '97.

Seattle, June 16.—Bringing in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000 in gold the City of Seattle which arrived from Skagway this morning lays claim to being the first treasure ship of the year. Most of the dust was consigned to the banking institutions but much of it was brought down by individuals.

So accustomed are the people of Seattle to hearing of big gold shipments that the arrival of the Seattle created no great storm yet the steamer brought more gold yesterday than was brought down on the Portland in 1897 from the Klondike and which at that time electrified the world.

Miners arriving on the Seattle say the Tanana will have an output of \$12,000,000. On the way up the Yukon the passengers report—passing hundreds of small boats headed down stream. Not since the Klondike boom has there been such a rush for the interior.

It was estimated by James A. Rogers, traffic manager of the Tanana Valley railway that \$2,000,000 had been washed up when he left Fairbanks May 26, but the money had not arrived from the creeks.

MONTANA MURDERER HANGED.

Was Chief Conspirator to Kill Officials and Escape from Prison.

Butte, Mont., June 16.—George J. Rock was hanged yesterday afternoon in the penitentiary at Deer Lodge for the murder of John A. Robinson, head guard at the prison on March 8 last. Rock was chief in a conspiracy to kill Robinson and Warden Frank Conley and escape from prison. They killed Robinson and badly wounded Conley, who shot and wounded two of the convicts, including Rock. Of Rock's companions, one is sentenced to death and the other is sentenced to life imprisonment.

Frenzied Man Commits Suicide.

Cleveland, O., June 15.—Returning from a dance last night with his wife and four children, Jos. Paroluski, committed suicide, practically decapitating himself with a razor. As the family reached their home Paroluski quarreled with his wife, drew the razor and attacked the woman, who fled with the children. The frenzied man was not fleet enough to overtake them. Then with a powerful sweep of the keen-edged weapon he slashed at his throat. When the police arrived Paroluski's head merely dangled from his shoulders.

Turners to Germany.

San Francisco, June 15.—A delegation of eight of the best turners on the Pacific Coast, the Deutschland Riege, left this city today for Frankfurt on the Main, Germany, to participate in the great international turnfest to be held in that city July 18.

The world is self-taught in a thousand cases where it is college bred in one.

"ALLIES" LICKED BUT WON'T QUIT

Still Defiant, They Declare They Have Won a Strategic Point and May Win.

LEADERS REALIZE THERE IS NO SHOW.

Have Some Trick Up Their Sleeves Which They Propose to Spring at the Last Minute—Fight Will Be Made in Credentials Committee and Will Be Centered on the Alabama Contests—Many Mysterious Whisperings and Conferences—Homenway and Burke Admit Poor Chances—Taft and Roosevelt Think It Is All Settled.

Chicago, June 16.—The announcement has just been made to the United Press that the allies had decided to withdraw all their candidates except La Follette and Hughes before the first ballot is taken. Hughes and La Follette were asked to withdraw, but they refused, making it practically certain that the nomination of Taft will not be unanimous.

(By John E. Nevins.)

Chicago, June 16.—After a lengthy conference the "allies" today are defiant, declaring they have gained a strategical advantage.

Their mysterious whisperings continue, but they refuse to give the least hint what the plan is. Everything they can possibly think of is being done to bolster up confidence in the hope they may be able to impress some of the lukewarm Taft adherents with their statements that "It is not all over yet."

But the allies are licked, and nobody knows it better than their leaders. Senator Homenway of Indiana, and Representative J. Francis Burke of Pennsylvania, have admitted there is little chance of doing much.

The allies will make their hardest fight on the Alabama contests. Major F. C. Bryan, who has charge of their case, says he has new evidence in the Alabama case to submit to the credentials committee.

That the allies have something up their sleeves is clearly indicated by their actions and conferences. It is certain that a fight will be made before the credentials committee, which will probably remain continuously in session from 4 o'clock this afternoon until the report is completed. The contests will be consolidated so far as possible to expedite the work.

Taft Is Confident.

Washington, June 16.—Taft called on Roosevelt at the White House today and was in conference for some time. Taft emerged smiling, and in a good humor.

"What is your attitude on the vice-presidential candidate?" was asked. "As I have said before," he said, "I shall do nothing along that line until the presidential nomination is made." "But that is already settled," was suggested.

Taft then turned from the candidate into the secretary of war, and said he was calling upon the president on important matters concerning his department.

There is little doubt that Taft, and Roosevelt both believe the presidential nomination is settled as much as it could be settled in advance.

FAMILY TRAGEDY.

Bellingham, Wash., June 16.—Frank Eggleston, aged 32, a shingle weaver, attacked his wife and two children this morning. He tried to kill them with a rifle, but the wife grappled with him, got the gun and shot him twice, killing him instantly.

Ask Bryan to Help Johnson.

Richmond, Va., June 16.—George McDuffey Blake, a personal friend of Bryan, announced today that he had written asking him to aid in nominating Johnson of Minnesota, as the democratic presidential candidate, promised Bryan he would receive the nomination in 1912 if he would step aside this year. He named W. L. Douglas of Massachusetts, as Johnson's running mate. He has not received a reply from Bryan.

Governor Has Tuberculosis.

Charleston, W. Va., June 16.—The physicians of Governor O. W. Dawson of West Virginia, have informed him that he has developed tuberculosis.

He left last night for Asheville, N. C., where he will spend at least three or four months.

Great Church Meeting.

London, June 15.—Ten thousand clergymen and laymen of the church of England from all parts of the world are here to attend the Pan-Anglican congress, opening today and ending June 24. The gathering represents 100,000,000 people.

Big Trial Nears End.

Washington, June 15.—The attorneys for both sides in the Hyde-Benson land fraud case today began the closing arguments and it is expected the case will go to the jury tomorrow night.