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TAFT DELEGATES WILL BE SEATED

Control of Convention Depends on National Committee's Deliberations This Week.

Chicago.—The struggle for the republican presidential nomination will center this week in the contests before the republican national committee. Upon the result of the committee's deliberation depends to a great extent the control of the convention and, therefore, the nominations which it will make for president and vice-president. Taft's followers apparently control the committee and it is generally believed that the Taft delegates will be seated in every instance with the possible exception of those from Washington state.

In several of the contests the vote to seat the Taft delegates was unanimous. The voting was rather haphazard on the early contests and did not disclose the definite alignment of the committee.

In the ninth district Alabama case—the one which Colonel Roosevelt has branded as a "plain steal"—the vote was 38 to 15 and on the plan to give the two contesting delegations from the fifth district, Arkansas, half a vote each, the score was 41 to 10.

Taft Gets Indiana.

All the Indiana contests, including the seats of four delegates-at-large and six district delegates, were settled in favor of Taft.

California's delegation, aside from a member of one contested district, was declared seated by the resolution of the national committee, thereby relieving the anxiety of the Roosevelt leaders with respect to the throwing out of the entire state "in case the Taft forces found such action necessary at the finish in order to insure the president's nomination."

The technical irregularity in connection with the California delegation is that the district delegates were elected at a statewide primary instead of by districts, as prescribed in the official call for the national convention. The California decision will form a precedent as to Maryland and South Dakota, should any further question along the same line arise.

La Follette's Position Strategic.

The La Follette forces are becoming intensely interesting to the leaders of the Roosevelt and Taft camps, because of the strategic position the Wisconsin senator's aggregation of 36 delegates may occupy.

Observation leads to the conclusion that Senator La Follette's control of his delegates will be so secure that they will vote as a unit on all propositions coming before the convention.

The most interesting feature of the situation is the evident determination of the La Follette force to stick through the convention in case the bolt that has been declared probable if certain conditions prevail should actually occur.

The managers of the several headquarters have completed plans for the reception of delegations who are arriving. A direct appeal will be made to each individual delegate by the campaign manager of each candidate, despite instructions or pledges.

Talk of Bolt Scouted.

A number of prominent Roosevelt leaders took occasion to say that rumors of a possible bolt by the Roosevelt delegates in case President Taft were renominated were without reasonable foundation.

Senator Borah, of Idaho, who has been active for Roosevelt in the sessions of the republican national committee, was one of those who said there would be no bolt.

"No bolt for me," said Senator Borah, when questioned about this point. "I haven't even considered such a possibility and I don't expect to consider it," he concluded.

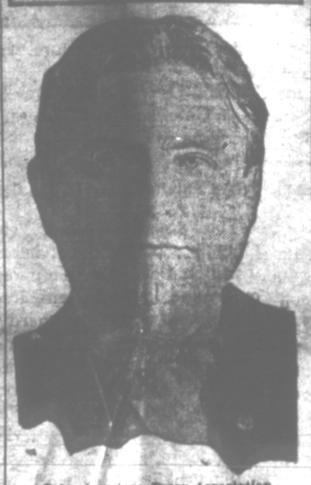
Taft and Roosevelt Claims Conflict.

There is no reconciling the conflicting claims of the Taft and Roosevelt managers regarding the respective strength of their followings. Reasonably dependable figures, however, show the great import of the contested delegates. Before the committee began, the lineup was about as follows: Total number of delegates, 1078, necessary for nomination, 540; instructed for Roosevelt and uncontested, 411; instructed for Taft and uncontested, 201; instructed for La Follette, 36; instructed for Cummins, 10; uninstructed (including New York's 90), 166; contested, 254.

Both Count on Unpledged Delegates.

The trouble, both with President Taft and with Colonel Roosevelt, is that they are counting on delegates who are not pledged and in some instances are not even morally committed to either or to any candidate. And equal uncertainty really exists with regard to quite a few of the southern delegates. For the Taft managers are counting as safe all the negro delegates instructed for or pledged to the president, while the Roosevelt managers are claiming not a few of these same identical negroes, stating that they do not intend to abide by their instructions.

W. E. BORAH



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Senator Borah, of Idaho, who is leading the fight before the republican national committee to seat the contesting Roosevelt delegates.

Brief News of the Week

More than 3000 employes of the Boston Elevated railway struck and rioting was general.

The entire proceeds of the Panama canal bonds of 1961, issued less than a year ago, have been spent.

Estimates cutting the probable yield of winter wheat 10,000,000 to 25,000,000 bushels, as compared with the outlook a month ago, helped to raise wheat prices in Chicago.

Socialists at Nashville, Tenn., who insist they have been persecuted and prevented from having public meetings, have obtained a temporary injunction preventing the police of the city from interfering with them.

For the purpose of destroying the alleged monopoly of the so-called aluminum trust, an "agreed decree" was entered in the United States district court at Pittsburg against the Aluminum company of America.

The petition of the Southern Pacific company for annulment of an order of the interstate commerce commission fixing the rate on fir lumber and lath from the Willamette valley, Oregon, to San Francisco and bay points was disallowed by the commerce court.

What is said by western wool buyers to be the largest clip of wool ever sold in the state of Montana, was sold at Billings, Mont., by a Billings sheep company to a Chicago firm of dealers. The clip is 3,500,000 pounds and is the product of 400,000 sheep.

People in the News

It is reported that James J. Hill has resigned as chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern in favor of Louis W. Hill.

Oscar Wenderoth, of New York, has been selected as supervising architect of the treasury department to succeed James Knox Taylor, resigned.

Count Tisza, president of the lower house of Hungary, had a narrow escape from assassination in the diet when he was fired upon three times by Deputy Julius Kovacs, who then shot himself, probably with fatal effect.

Carl Lindhagen, leader of the advanced wing of the Swedish socialists, has been trying to get action in the second chamber of the riksdag on his resolution looking to the abdication of the king and the establishment of a republic.

The San Francisco Evening Bulletin has filed a formal application with the California board of prison directors for a parole for Abraham Ruef, now serving a 14 years' sentence in San Quentin prison for bribery. The parole was refused.

Political News Bits

Senator Robert La Follette, presidential aspirant, will not be in Chicago during the convention time.

Minnesota democrats at their state convention voted to send a full delegation of 24 delegates to the national convention with instructions for Woodrow Wilson.

The state democratic convention at Raleigh, N. C., elected eight delegates-at-large to the Baltimore convention and by a vote of 603 to 396 endorsed Woodrow Wilson.

A poll of the delegates elected to the democratic national convention shows that Clark has 264, Wilson 248, Underwood 83, Harmon 46, Marshall 30, Baldwin 14, Burke 10, uninstructed, 194.

M. A. Dougherty, an attorney of Lancaster, Ohio, a delegate at large from Ohio, will place the name of Governor Judson Harmon in nomination for president before the democratic national convention.

Replying to reports from Chicago that the Taft managers were considering him for the vice-presidency on the Taft ticket, Senator Albert B. Cummins, of Iowa, said: "I would not accept the nomination for second place on the national ticket with anybody."

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Passage of Parcels Post Bill by Congress Regarded as Almost Certain.

Washington.—Legislation providing for a general parcels post throughout the United States and its possessions, except the Philippine Islands, virtually is certain to be enacted by the present congress, perhaps before the conclusion of this session, in the opinion of Postmaster-General Hitchcock.

In the judgment of the officers of the postal service, the new bill represents the most scientific plan yet devised for a parcels post. It provides for a parcels service throughout the country on both rural routes and city carrier routes. It consolidates the third and fourth classes of mail matter and raises the weight limit of parcels to 11 pounds.

The rate to be charged for articles carried in the rural route service and city carrier service is five cents for the first pound or fraction of a pound and one cent for each additional pound or fraction of a pound. For the general parcels post service, which covers all mail transportation other than local delivery by rural or city carriers, graduated rates would be fixed based on distance.

Proceed to Impeach Hanford.

Berger, of Wisconsin, the socialist member of congress, began proceedings of impeachment against Judge Hanford, on the federal bench at Seattle, who recently revoked the citizenship of Leonard Olsson, of that city, on the ground that at the time he was admitted as a citizen he was not as a matter of fact willing to uphold the constitution of the United States, as the law requires.

Representative Berger charged Judge Hanford with "high crimes and misdemeanors," citying a long series of decisions which he characterizes as unlawful, and also alleges that the judge is an habitual drunkard. The house adopted Berger's resolution directing the judiciary committee to make an investigation.

Cuba Must Suppress Insurrection.

The United States government, it is believed, has given President Gomes of Cuba a week in which to suppress the negro insurrection.

Five thousand American troops are resting on their arms awaiting orders to embark for Cuba, but the war department stated that the soldiers would not move until the force of American marines landed at Guantanamo had proved insufficient to cope with the situation. Cable messages show that the rebellion is spreading rapidly. Outbreaks are reported near Havana.

Nation Honors Columbus.

The United States paid homage Saturday to the discoverer of America by the unveiling of a magnificent memorial fountain erected here by congress to Christopher Columbus, the Genoese navigator who opened the portals of this hemisphere to civilization.

Standing at the very gates of the nation's capital, the memorial seemed a gigantic magnet drawing a representative throng from every corner of America. One hundred thousand visitors crowded the city, according to the estimates of committees conducting the ceremonies. Half of that number were Knights of Columbus, gathered to pay tribute to the patron of their order.

Would Tax Pistol Toters.

Representative Sisson of Mississippi has introduced a revenue measure which would impose a heavy tax on persons carrying pistols and venders of deadly weapons. His bill stipulates that from July 1, 1913, every such weapon stored in any warehouse, wholesale or retail establishment in the United States, must bear a revenue stamp which will cost $2.50 and 25 per cent ad valorem in addition.

National Capital Brevities.

The Borah-Jones three years' homestead bill was signed by President Taft in the presence of a delegation of western congressmen.

The interstate commerce committee reported favorably the bill to prevent reproduction of the Johnson-Flynn prize fight moving pictures.

New regulations of transportation of baggage proposed by nearly every railroad in the United States, which, in effect, would advance the rates on "excess" were suspended by the interstate commerce commission.

The navy department ordered Admiral Osterhaus to proceed forthwith from Key West to Havana with one dispatch ship and one other ship. These orders were issued after the receipt of a dispatch from Minister Beaupre reporting that conditions in Havana had assumed the character of a race war.

The house voted 144 to 101, not to accept the senate amendment to the metal tariff revision bill, which would repeal the Canadian reciprocity pact and fix a universal duty of $2 a ton on print paper. The house accepted two senate amendments reducing the duty on pig iron and on certain alloys. The bill will again go to conference.

OLYMPIC TEAM SELECTED

Western Men Prominent Among Athletes to go to Stockholm.

New York.—The American Olympic selection committee spent the entire day in picking the athletes who will represent the United States in the Olympic games at Stockholm.

From the 1000 entries in each event only those who had shown the best performances were selected. In addition there was a supplementary list arranged, but the men mentioned will have to pay their own expenses.

Western athletes, headed by Horine, the sensational high jumper, and Rose, champion shot putter, play a prominent part in the Olympic nominations. The westerners consist of Horine, Belisle, Courtney, Gerhardt, Edmundson, McClure, Beeson, Hawkins, Kelley, Allen, Donahue and Ross.

Towns Are Buried Under Foot of Ash

Kodiak, Alaska.—Kodiak and Woody Island villages are buried under a foot of ashes as a result of the eruption of Katmai volcano beginning Thursday afternoon and lasting 48 hours.

No lives were lost here, but many other settlements nearer the volcano must have suffered indescribably. There is much suffering here and relief is needed. Many natives are destitute. At times it seemed that everyone would be suffocated by the noxious gases.

Blue Sky Law in Oregon.

Salem, Or.—Complete and corrected drafts of the proposed "blue sky law" have been completed by Secretary Olcott, the bill has gone into the hands of the printer and circulation of petitions will start soon for the purpose of placing the measure in the ballot to go before the people in November.

Great Tacoma Lumber Plant Burned.

Tacoma.—Mill "A" of the St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber company on the tide flats, built in 1888, and four lumber sheds containing several million feet of lumber, was destroyed by fire with an estimated loss of $500,000.

CONVICTS' STRIKE RESULTS FATALLY

San Quentin, Cal.—Live steam was turned into the kitchen of San Quentin penitentiary before a malignant prisoners' "grub strike" that was started in the dining-room was quelled.

One rioter was shot dead in a doorway of the dining-room by an outside guard on the prison wall, and one was wounded; one innocent prisoner was struck by a glancing bullet; one guard was badly cut in the back of the head by a flying vinegar cruet and numerous other prisoners who had and had not joined in the demonstration were bruised and battered by table tops torn loose from their trestles, overturned benches and heavy tin cups.

Active bedlam lasted 20 minutes. The live steam in the kitchen and the crack of the guard's rifle from the wall—only two shots were fired—did their work quickly.

Chinese President in Daily Peril.

Peking.—Hardly a day passes without the discovery of some plot to assassinate President Yuan Shi Kai, who is equally hated by the supporters of the fallen Manchus and by the republicans who believe that he contemplates establishing a monarchy or dictatorship of his own.

Venezuela Tobacco.

Venezuela is such a fine country for tobacco that the weed grows wild and makes pretty fair smoking.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Contractors Are Blamed.

Medford.—The coroner's jury, on the dynamite explosion which resulted in the death of five men at the Jacksonville stone quarry brought in a verdict after 30 minutes' deliberation of criminal negligence on the part of the contractors, Twoby Brothers, of Spokane. It was found that the cause of the explosion was tamping powder with an iron drill.

Lightning Hits 6 at Klamath Falls.

Klamath Falls.—Six persons were struck by lightning here in a storm which preceded the most severe downpour of hail ever recorded in Klamath county. None of those struck will die, it is thought, although one, a baby in arms, is in a critical condition. Three inches of hail fell in less than half an hour.

New Temple Is Dedicated.

Corvallis.—Over 400 visiting members of the order assisted in the dedication of the new Masonic Temple here.

The new building was recently completed, at a cost of $50,000, and occupies 100 feet square in the business section.

GREAT PROJECT PLANNED

Coos County Water Power May Cost $1,000,000.

Marshfield.—What it is believed will be one of the greatest water powers in Oregon is to be developed in Coos county by Oregon capital at the cost of about $1,000,000. The plan is to build an enormous electric plant, the electricity to be generated by water power and to supply all of the towns of the county and rural and logging districts. The matter has been under consideration for some time and the men interested before leaving this city announced that they were going ahead with the big project at once.

M. J. Anderson, of Grants Pass, promoted the plan. The water power in question is on the south fork of the Coquille river, south of Myrtle Point. The water right would develop 30,000 horsepower and under certain conditions of improvements possibly as high as 50,000 horsepower. The plan is to develop 20,000 horsepower, first making two units of 5000 horsepower each.

Big Contract Secured.

Hood River.—L. G. Westfall has secured a contract from the Northwestern Electric company, which has begun the construction of a huge dam on the White Salmon river, just opposite this city, to saw the 3,000,000 feet of timbers to be used in the building of the dam.

Crown Mills Burn, Loss Is $100,000.

Portland.—As a climax to a series of fires, in which one ended fatally, the three upper floors of the Crown mills, foot of Pettigrove street, and owned by Balfour, Guthrie & Co., were gutted by fire. The damage is estimated at $75,000 to $100,000.

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