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TAFT LEADERS SHATTER HOPES OF DARK HORSE

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CHICAGO, June 17.—All talk of a compromise candidate on whom the progressives and the Taft men could unite to heal the breach in the republican party was shattered today. The Taft leaders, after counting noses, decided that they still hold control. They accepted the assurance of William Barnes, junior, that he had enough votes to elect Elihu Root temporary chairman.

Two Conventions Likely. Two conventions in the same hall seemed inevitable. The Roosevelt fighting men have decided to go through with their program. They insisted today that they would go right ahead and nominate Roosevelt and adopt a progressive platform. They declared they could do it in the face of the Taft delegates and that they would protect themselves from "strong-arm" methods. They will fight, they added, to take the convention away from the national committee.

Police to Protest. "Let those who wish to make threats; all I can say is that the officers of this convention will be protected in carrying out the duties with which they are charged."

It was learned, however, that Stone has secured what he considers ample police protection. Though the Chicago Citizens' committee has had police officers detailed to obey his instructions, if an attempt is made to rush the platform it is anticipated that Stone will keep it clear with his men.

CUMMINS SECURES SECOND CHOICE PLEDGES

CHICAGO, June 17.—That pledges have been obtained from delegates all over the country to switch to Cummins of Iowa on early ballots was the declaration today of ex-Judge Jesse A. Miller of Des Moines, one of the foremost boosters for Iowa's favorite son. He said the ten Cummins delegates had been proselyting in both the Taft and Roosevelt camps.

PROGRESSIVES TURNED DOWN BY ROOSEVELT

Colonel Vetoes Planks in Platform Declaring for Initiative, Referendum and Recall—Endorsed So Weakly that They Are Slaughtered.

Question is Left to Localities Except Direct Election of Senators and Presidential Primaries.

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The plank as submitted to the committee, and which is believed to have the endorsement of Roosevelt, makes the question one of the localities to deal with. The direct election of United States senators and the presidential preference primaries are held to be absolutely necessary for the welfare of the people. The Roosevelt platform provides the necessary legislation to carry this out.

The necessity of direct legislation, is to be held to be one for the states themselves. It is declared that they must solve this problem as best suits the community affected. The platform will specifically declare that the republican party will attempt no dictation as to methods neither will it make an effort to force one community to adopt methods unsatisfactory to another community.

ROSEWATER IS REPUDIATED BY HIS OWN STATE

CHICAGO, June 17.—Repudiation of their national committeeman, Victor Rosewater, chairman of the national committee, because "he did not represent the wishes of the republican party in Nebraska in the deliberations of the national committee," was voted by the Nebraska delegation today. A resolution demanding that Rosewater, "either change his attitude or resign," was attended principally through the efforts of J. T. Duam of Omaha, but strong condemnation was voiced in a substitute unanimously approved. The resolution declared:

"We represent a state in which the republicans voted for the progressive policies represented by Roosevelt by an overwhelming majority. The republicans of Nebraska have been humiliated by the chairman of our national committee, Victor Rosewater, who has been personally repudiated by the republicans of the state. We condemn and repudiate in the strongest terms, his actions and hereby demand, in the name of the republican party of our state, that he change his attitude and truly represent the republican party of the state of Nebraska."

SEATTLE, June 17.—The Alaska coast steamship company's liner Admiral Sampson left here last night for western Alaska points, carrying 30,000 government rations consigned for the United States revenue cutter Manning. The Manning will distribute the food among those made destitute by the volcanic eruptions on Kodiak island.

PROGRAM FOR TEDDY'S MEN MAPPED OUT

Program of Action Prepared by Lieutenants Covering All Contingencies—Minority Report From Committee Probably First in History.

Colonel's Followers Ready to Mob the Convention if Teddy Says the Word and Hope He Will Lead the Charge

CHICAGO, June 17.—Senator Dixon, at noon today, issued a statement claiming Roosevelt's nomination on the first ballot with a margin of 2 votes. Dixon also said the Roosevelt men will control a larger majority than that on organization of the convention.

The effect of the big Roosevelt rally to be held tonight is obviously feared by the Taft leaders. They say that it will have little effect on the Taft delegates but that they expect the utterances of the colonel to inflame his followers to such an extent that they will certainly make trouble at the convention hall tomorrow. The Roosevelt rank and file is without tickets. Their leaders charge that they have been "robbed of their rights," in order that the galleries may be packed by the Taft shouters. This the Taft committeemen deny.

Minority Report. For the first time in the history of the party, it seemed probable today there might be a minority report from the national committee on the seating of contested delegates. Senator Borah is now preparing such a list, but whether it will be actually presented on the floor tomorrow or the fight waged about another issue had not been determined up to a late hour this afternoon. In pursuance of the battle program, however, a minority report will be ready for introduction.

CHICAGO, June 17.—Ten thousand men talking of one topic eighteen hours daily, wearing a channel in their brains with the constant hammer, hammer, of a single line of thought, are standing in the hotel lobbies today, half hysterical, with nerves.

It will be a tremendous relief when the gavel falls tomorrow at the Coliseum and the convention begins. There are countless visitors here for the convention, but the ten thousand are the men whose fortunes, in one way or another, are bound up in the result of this week's balloting.

The lobby of the Congress Hotel, in which hostelry are the Taft, Roosevelt, and Cummins headquarters today was jammed with humanity, and filled with a clamor that resolved itself into a continuous roar. The same questions, the same answers were repeated twice a thousand times an hour. The tiled floor is hard on the feet and the delegates and other politicians shifted wearily from one foot to another. Yet they stood to talk,

Bryan Favored as Dark Horse



WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN

BRYAN PAYS CALL UPON ROOSEVELT AND IS WELCOMED

CHICAGO, June 17.—William J. Bryan, democratic leader and three times beaten for president of the United States, is occupying the attention of the managers for both Taft and Roosevelt. Arriving here unheralded yesterday he was given a welcome which he himself admitted was as warm as any he ever received from a democratic assemblage and today as he moved about the corridors of the hotel, he was enthusiastically acclaimed. The majority of the delegates seem to believe that Bryan will be nominated at Baltimore and that he is studying conditions here first hand in order to be well prepared for shaping things in the Maryland city. To the United Press, however, Bryan renewed his denial that he is a candidate or that he even had a belief that he would be named again as the democratic candidate. He expects the fight to be between Clark and Wilson, and will tour the country for which ever shall be named.

Bryan is Welcomed. "I want a chance to show how I can fight for a progressive democrat," Bryan said. "Our convention at Baltimore will be controlled by the progressives. The conservatives are already whipped. They will cut little figures in the platform. Our platform will be a model of brevity and clarity and will express in plain terms just what the people may expect from the democratic party."

To all who have promised support—and he has public promises from Taft (Continued on Page 5)

NERVOUS TENSION TELLING ON HYSTERICAL CROWDS

talk, talk from early morning on. Few See Roosevelt. It is the same slow moving crowd, massed together in little groups, that lingers in the fetid, tobacco laden space. A band comes blaring into the lobby. Everybody crowds about the delegation it is escorting and a moment later the crowd takes its place again in the lobby.

Uptairs in a corner quite on the parlor floor is Roosevelt. His outer door is closed but there stands a hopeful group of thirty to forty men. It seems never to vary. Sometimes one gets in to see the colonel but not one out of ten.

DEATH KNELL OF PARTY RINGS ASSERTS DEBS

Republican Organization Breaking Up and Offering to Socialism Its Opportunity Says Presidential Candidate—Situation of 1860 Repeated.

Roosevelt and Taft Do In Great Service to Country by Telling the Truth About Each Other.

CHICAGO, June 17.—"The death-knell of the republican party will be sounded tomorrow and socialism will be swept into control on November 7."

That was the way Eugene V. Debs, socialist aspirant for presidential honors, sized up the outlook to a United Press reporter today. "The present situation," declared he, "is exactly the same as it was in 1860 when the whig party disappeared and the democratic party broke up. It was then that the republican party was born and it swept the country. The socialists will sweep the country this time in the face of the coming smash."

"The republican party is now bound to break up. If the democrats nominate a reactionary, they too, will split. The socialists will then march across the country with seven league boots."

"Roosevelt and Taft are doing some excellent campaigning for me. They are telling the truth about each other and verifying what the socialists have been saying about them and their kind for a long time."

"Roosevelt never had a principle. He will subscribe to anything to get into office. He has the air of a brag-gart and a loafer. He compares himself to Lincoln. Think of Lincoln saying: 'We'll slug them through the ropes.' Roosevelt is a madman. If by some turn of fate the people of the United States would become anarchists by a large majority, Roosevelt would become a rampant anarchist."

Debs is in Chicago to attend the socialist national committee meeting.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—President Taft today sent to congress a veto of the army appropriation bill.

FORTY PERISH STORM SWEEP MIDDLE WEST

Most Disastrous Storm in History of Missouri—Oklahoma and Kansas Also Suffer—Cyclonic Wind Uproots Trees and Wrecks Houses.

Baby is Carried Over a Mile and Set Down Uninjured—Streams Out of Their Banks From Cloudbursts.

ST. LOUIS, June 17.—Rain continued falling today after one of the most devastating storms in the history of the state. Forty persons have been reported killed and many others injured.

Nineteen persons were killed near Merwin, Mo., and ten others perished in adjoining counties. Eleven others are reported to have been killed at Harrisonville and Shawnee. The storm also swept parts of Oklahoma and Kansas. Many were injured but no fatalities have been reported from that section.

The Missouri storm was accompanied by a wind of cyclonic proportions which uprooted trees and wrecked houses. Lightning also caused heavy damage. Small streams are flooded out of their banks today, and damage resulted from the high waters.

The suburbs of St. Louis were flooded. Near Merwin a baby was carried over a mile by the wind and set down uninjured.

Damage from the storm probably will reach more than \$100,000. In the vicinity of Warrensburg, Mo., alone, more than \$60,000 damage was done, houses and barns being wrecked and live stock killed. Three persons were killed and two fatally injured at Warrensburg. Wire communication with the affected territory is almost entirely cut off and reports are being brought to the large towns by messenger. Many localities have not been heard from. More than half of the dead are said to be women and children. The bodies of several were found a mile or more from their homes.

SMALL LOSS OF LIFE IN ALASKA

SEWARD, Alaska, June 17.—The revenue cutter McCulloch has arrived here from Kodiak with the news that conditions there are much improved and that there is no confirmation of the reports of heavy loss of life on the mainland. All the inhabitants of Katmai, a mainland village near the volcano, are safe and have been taken to Afognak. The only fatalities so far as known were those of a woman and a baby who were ill before the eruption and probably would have succumbed in a short time anyway. Heavy rains followed by drought have caked the layer of ashes which covers the land. The natives are killing and salting their stock, as there is no grass left for them. The water is undrinkable.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—In a decision today on an application by the Southern Pacific to raise rates in the territory between Portland and San Francisco, the inter-state commerce commission held that the railroad was not justified in application of the same rates from other points upon San Francisco Bay and points inland to Portland as are extended from San Francisco to Portland or on application of higher rates to points on the Willamette River on traffic from San Francisco than are applied on traffic from Portland to points on the Sacramento River.

ARMY BILL IS VETOED BY TAFT TO SAVE WOOD

WASHINGTON, June 17.—President Taft today sent to congress a veto of the army appropriation bill. Among the reasons given by the president for his veto are:

That the army bill contained a body of legislation which would substantially reorganize and change the existing army establishment.

That the bill would render ineligible after March 5, 1913, for service in the most important position of the army the place chief of staff and many others of the most efficient officers of the army.

ROLAND GARROS WINS GRAND PRIX AEROPLANE

ANGERS, France, June 17.—Roland Garros this afternoon won the grand prix aeroplane race. The victory was worth \$15,000 to the winner.