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CONFERENCE WITH G.O.P. SCHEDULED

Progressives Appoint Committee to Confer With Republicans, Despite Opposition of Western Radicals—Nomination of Roosevelt Tonight Is Temper of Convention—Enthusiasm for Teddy Continues Among Delegations—Robins Permanent Chairman.

AUDITORIUM, CHICAGO, June 8.—With their enthusiasm for Theodore Roosevelt unabated, as the only man the party could nominate and a settled conviction among hundreds of the delegates that his nomination might as well be made at once, the progressive national convention met in its second session 40 minutes late today. Conservative leaders were anxious to prevent an immediate nomination but Victor Murdock and some of the radicals were anxious to nominate today.

The conservatives were not sure of their ability to hold the delegates in line.

"It is a powder magazine," said one leader, "and there are lots of matches around."

The convention met forty minutes late after nearly two hours of cheering and shouting in which Colonel Roosevelt was the only figure.

Three straight days of rain did not appear to have dampened the pro-Roosevelt ardor of delegates who sang "Teddy" songs and cheered Colonel Roosevelt frequently while the crowds were filling in.

Robins Chairman
Selection of Raymond Robins for permanent chairman was regarded as indicating strongly that the convention would proceed with nomination tonight.

The element opposing him had favored delay in nominations until the republican convention had acted. The letter written by Colonel Roosevelt expressing willingness to speak at the republican convention caused a sensation among the delegates as the news filtered to them. Many appeared agitated and concerned when this new turn in the political tides became known.

Delegations shouting state feils for Roosevelt vied for vocal attention in a quartet armed with megaphones. The singers triumphed for the moment. The Massachusetts delegation led the songs and shouting.

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PRESIDENT O.K.'S MAIN PLANKS OF PARTY PLATFORM

WASHINGTON, June 8.—President Wilson today practically had completed a draft of the platform to be submitted to the democratic national convention. The principal plank, it is said, will consist of a declaration of the administration's success in guarding the honor and interests of the United States and at the same time keeping the nation at peace.

Specifically, the foreign affairs section of the platform probably will praise these acts of the administration:

Protection of the neutral rights of the United States and other nations. Refusal to allow the country to be drawn into the Mexican internal troubles, and prompt dispatch of troops in pursuit of raiders on American territory.

Maintenance of the Monroe doctrine and fostering good relations with other nations of the western hemisphere.

Support of the policy of "America first."

The planks on domestic affairs will refer particularly to the merits of the Underwood tariff act, the federal reserve act and the administration's preparedness plans.

CONVENTION MARKS TIME HEARS TALK

Republicans Hear Reports of Various Committees and Recess Until 4 o'Clock—Chauncey M. Depew, Former Speaker Cannon and Senator Borah Make Speeches While Waiting for Resolutions Committee to Report Platform.

COLISEUM, CHICAGO, June 8.—At 1:31 o'clock the republican national convention recessed until 4 o'clock to await the report of the resolutions committee which still was working on the platform.

The convention was in session about two hours and did nothing more than perfect its permanent organization and listen to speeches.

Dissenting reports on the woman suffrage and Mexican planks have been carried to the full committee by the sub-committee and the convention was forced to wait while the committee discussed these measures and debated adoption of a prohibition plank.

Chauncey M. Depew, Former Speaker Cannon and Senator Borah made speeches to occupy the delegates while waiting the report of the resolutions committee.

Rain Dampens Enthusiasm
The hall was cold and damp, dripping rain coats and umbrellas soaked the floor, but the bedraggled delegates made the best of it. The hand up in the gallery enlivened the wait as the crowd began assembling.

Inasmuch as the temporary organization had been made permanent yesterday, nothing remained but to report the proceeding to the convention and ask its approval.

Harding then called for the report of the credentials committee. Senator Smoot, the chairman, was applauded as he started to read the report recommending the seating of 987 delegates and listing of the decisions in contested cases. It excluded two delegates from the District of Columbia, admitted two each from Alaska and Hawaii.

Senator Smoot moved the adoption of the report. A rolling chorus of ayes put it through.

Little Business Ready
The report of the rules committee was next, but it was not ready and at the chairman's request the band started up again, while awaiting the report.

The chairman stopped the music to recognize Senator Smoot, again for a supplemental report from the credentials committee. It proposed to give votes to the six delegates from Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Philippines. It was adopted without opposition.

That made the total number of votes in the convention 989, making 495 votes necessary to a nomination. Finally the report of the rules committee was ready and National Committeeman C. B. Warren of Michigan presented it. It was a unanimous report and has been published.

Briefly the rules of the convention are those of the house of representatives, with certain modifications to adapt them to the needs of so different a body.

Cannot Change Votes
One of the rules prohibits a state delegation from changing its vote, unless there has been an error in casting it. Heretofore delegations have been able to do so.

The report of the resolutions committee was the next order of business.

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ALLIED AIRSHIPS BOMBARD HOBOKEN

LONDON, June 8.—An allied air squadron has successfully bombarded the wharves at Hoboken, near Antwerp, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Maastricht. The Germans are said to have been building destroyers at Hoboken. The squadron was fired upon by German batteries, but returned to its base safely.

T.R. AWAITS INVITATION FROM G.O.P.

Roosevelt Anxious to Address Republican Convention If Requested—Hopes for Harmony—Grills President Wilson as Greatest National Evil and Flays German-Americans for Activity in Behalf of Hughes as Nonimnee.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., June 8.—Colonel Roosevelt will come to Chicago if "the republican convention desires me to address it." This he announced today in a reply made to the invitation he received last night from Senator William B. Jackson of Maryland, asking him to come to Chicago.

The colonel declared in his answer that he hoped both the republicans and progressives would nominate a man who, if elected, "would place this nation where it belongs by making it true to itself and therefore true to all mankind."

President Wilson, he said, had "rendered to this people the most evil service that can be rendered to a great democracy."

Awaiting Invitation
Colonel Roosevelt's reply to Senator Jackson follows:

"In answer to your telegram I can only say that the matter lies with the republican convention and that if the convention desires me to address it I shall be glad to do so.

"I very earnestly hope that the republicans and progressives assembled at Chicago will keep steadily in mind the gravity of this crisis, not only for America, but for the world, and the need that their action in dignity, foresight and patriotism shall rise level to the crisis. I hope that their aim will not be merely to nominate a man who can be elected next November, but a man of such powerful character, steadfast conviction and proved ability that if elected he will again place this nation where it belongs by making it true to itself and therefore true to all mankind.

President Wilson, however amiable his intentions, has rendered to this people the most evil service that could be rendered to a great democracy by its chosen leader.

Wilson Grilled
"He has dulled the nation's conscience and relaxed the spring of lofty national motive by teaching our people to accept high-sounding words as the offset and atonement for shabby deeds and to use words which mean nothing in order to draw all meaning from those which have a meaning. It will be no easy task to arouse the austere self-respect which has been lulled to slumber by these means. To this task we should bend our united energies in the spirit of Washington and Lincoln, the spirit of genuine democratic leadership.

"The differences that have divided, not merely republicans and progressives, but good Americans of all shades of political belief, from one another in the past sink into nothing when compared with the issues now demanding decision, for these issues are vital to the national life. They are the issues of a unified Americanism and of national preparedness. If we are not all of us American and nothing else, seeming to divide along lines of section, of creed or of national origin, then the nation itself will crumble into dust.

Preparedness the Issue
"If we are not thoroughly prepared, if we have not developed a strength which respects the rights of others, but which is also ready to enforce them, we are not prepared for the future."

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PROGRESSIVE LEADERS MEET FOR BULL MOOSE GLORY



Here's Herbert Hadley, of Missouri, who led the great fight for Roosevelt on the floor of the 1912 republican convention, greeting Hiram Johnson of California, Bull Moose leader of the Pacific coast.

G.O.P. PLATFORM FAVORS SUFFRAGE KILLS PROHIBITION

COLISEUM, CHICAGO, June 8.—Extended discussion of many provisions sought to be incorporated in the platform of the republican party marked the session of the resolutions committee of the republican national convention today.

The committee's approval of the principle of woman suffrage by a vote of 26 to 21 was hailed with joy in the suffragist ranks. But it was later modified to read, "each state deciding for itself."

The proponents of universal compulsory military training failed to obtain the insertion of their plank by a vote of 19 to 23.

Prohibition as a party plank was rejected without the formality of a roll call and an effort to put the republican party on record in favor of a war munitions embargo was voted down with only one vote cast in its favor.

A neutrality plank in support of a "strict and honest neutrality," with all nations was adopted.

The Mexican question came up for much discussion and it was thought that the committee would decide on a plank broader than the Fall provision, which promised protection to American citizens along both sides of the border.

THIRTY INJURED ELEVATED WRECK

NEW YORK, June 8.—About thirty persons were injured in an elevated road collision here today followed by fire. An hour after the wreck it had not been definitely determined whether any one had been killed, but it was said at hospitals where the injured were taken that several would probably die.

Harding Makes the Welken Ring



The U. S. O. P.'s Harding is one of the grand old men of the republic who ever joined in the famous Welken Ring. At Young, the famous cartoonist at Chicago for the Mail Tribune, has caught him in a characteristic pose.

2 TICKETS NOW SEEM CERTAINTY

Peace Efforts Fail to Date—Republicans Refuse to Enter Progressive Fold—Think Colonel Could Save the Day—Republicans to Nominate Friday and Progressives Saturday—Roosevelt and Johnson to Again Be Standard-Bearers.

CHICAGO, June 8.—As political leaders gathered for the second day's session of the republican and progressive national conventions it became more and more apparent that there would be two tickets in the field.

Victor Murdock, chairman of the progressive national committee, summed up the whole situation when he said today:

"Well, we left the door open and the republicans don't seem to be coming in."

Two Tickets Likely

Republican leaders, too, discounted the success of the peace talk, saying that action had been delayed for so long that a majority of the republican delegates already have decided to proceed without regard for any third party and nominate Hughes, to whom the most support has been given.

There are some among the progressives and among Roosevelt republicans as well, who still believe that the colonel himself could save the day if he would come to Chicago. Representative Gardner of Massachusetts, who was defeated for republican delegate-at-large from Massachusetts on a Roosevelt ticket, pleaded with progressive leaders to bring Colonel Roosevelt on without delay.

The republican nomination for president probably will be made in the Coliseum tomorrow, but it is not expected the convention will adjourn before Saturday. Ostensibly the session will be prolonged to give more deliberate consideration than is usual to a nomination for second place, but the real purpose, it is believed, is to avoid adjournment before the progressive convention has acted.

Roosevelt and Johnson

The progressive convention probably will not nominate before Saturday. There will be only a few hours of session today, and that will be devoted to platform making and other routine. The delegates are confident that on Saturday they will name as their ticket Roosevelt and Johnson, their standard-bearers of four years ago.

While there had been little real discussion by republicans of vice-presidential possibilities, considerable talk was heard today indicating that there might be concentration on either Former Vice-President Fairbanks of Indiana or Former Senator Burton of Ohio.

FEDERAL MEDIATOR SEAMENS STRIKE

SAN FRANCISCO, June 8.—Henry M. White, deputy commissioner of immigration at Seattle, who was appointed federal mediator in the strike of the Pacific coast longshoremen, expected to meet representatives of the employers and strikers here today. The meeting was scheduled for yesterday but was postponed when it was found that the officials of the union who were present to represent the strikers were without authority to enter into any agreements.



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SLAVS TAKE FORT LUTSK IN VOLHYNIA

Capture of Strong Austrian Fortress With 11,000 Prisoners—Austrian Lines Broken—French Admit Loss of Fort Vaux, Which Was Destroyed by Bombardment, But Hold Outskirts and Lines on Both Sides

PETROGRAD, June 8, via London.—The capture of Lutsk, in Volhynia, and also of a series of powerfully organized Austrian positions is announced in an official communication given out here today.

In addition to the Austrians previously captured in the offensive movement recently inaugurated, the statement says there were captured in yesterday's fighting 58 officers and 11,000 men. A large amount of war material was also taken.

News is Confirmed

LONDON, June 8.—The Austrians have evacuated Lutsk, one of the Volhynian triangle forts, according to information received at the Russian embassy in Rome, says a Central News dispatch from that city.

Several brigades of Austrians are reported in the advices to have been captured with the fortress.

It is stated that the Austrian lines have been broken in Volhynia and that they have been withdrawn nearly twenty miles throughout the Lutsk sector.

Concede Loss of Vaux

PARIS, June 8.—Heavy fighting continues in the vicinity of Fort Vaux, northeast of Verdun. The war office report of today says French troops still occupy the outskirts of the forts as well as trenches to the right and left of the works.

The loss of the fort itself, of which an intimation was given in last night's report, is conceded. The announcement says the fort was abandoned by the garrison after it had been reduced to a heap of ruins by an incessant bombardment of several days. German attacks on the adjacent positions thus far have been unsuccessful.

West of the Meuse intermittent cannonading was carried on last night.

The text of the statement says:

"After seven days of ferocious fighting against assaulting forces whose numbers were constantly renewed, the French garrison at Fort Vaux reached the limit of its strength and was not able to prevent the enemy from occupying this position which had been completely ruined by a furious bombardment. We hold the immediate surroundings of the fort as well as the trenches to the right and to the left of it. In front of these every attack delivered by the enemy has been broken by our fire."

PREPAREDNESS PLATFORM FOR PROGRESSIVES

CHICAGO, June 8.—Ringing declarations of Americanism and for preparedness, military, spiritual, economic and industrial, are keynotes of the progressive platform completed today in co-operation with the republican platform builders. The progressive platform leaders hoped to present their document to the convention today or tomorrow at the latest.

The platform also declares that the supreme duty of civilization is to make peace permanent after the war, for which this nation should be prepared in every sphere. Regarding military preparedness the platform declares for "a navy restored to at least second rank in battle efficiency," a standing army of 250,000 men and "a system of universal military training—a citizen soldiery—controlled by the national government."