

# TAFT FORCES ARE TRYING TO FORCE ROOSEVELT TO BOLT; NO COMPROMISE IS POSSIBLE

Roosevelt Followers Disagree as to Methods, But Sentiment of Most is to Fight to the End--Taft Men Say That if Roosevelt Bolts, the Regular Republican Party is Rid of Him, and That, Having Taken Part in Organizing the Convention, and Being Beaten in the First Round, He Must Take His Medicine.

Chicago, June 9.—That they expect fully counted noses on the Roosevelt and hope that Colonel Theodore demand put forth through Governor Roosevelt's influence on his delegates Hadley, of Missouri, that the sealed will result in their bolting or at-Taft contested delegates be eliminated the organization of a second. They declared they had against and convention on the floor was ad- this proposition more votes than were mitted by the uncompromising Taft east for Senator Root yesterday, and leaders just before the convention re- they will welcome a walkout by the sumed its sessions today. They care- Roosevelt field force, because they

declare positively such a move would purge the party of populism, socialism and all other issues. They also say such an action would not be countenanced by the Republicans of the nation.

**Roosevelt is Bound.**  
"The Roosevelt men have helped organize this convention," said William Barnes, Jr., today. "They were beaten in a fair test of strength. If they try, after being beaten, a second time to confuse the deliberations of the regular Republican convention, and put out their own declaration of principles and their own ticket into the field, there is nothing to prevent them. But they can make no pretense of regularity for any such program, if based on their private 'lama.'"

Other Taft leaders took the same view. They stated that the Regular Republican convention came into being with the election of Senator Root as temporary chairman, and should the Roosevelt men put a ticket in the field they cannot have it labeled regular by claiming that the candidate named by the Root convention was fraudulent. By mandamus proceedings brought in every state the anti-Roosevelt men will, if necessary, they say, force the recognition of their ticket as the regular Republican ticket, and they will, they say, prevent the recognized Roosevelt electors in such states as Missouri, West Virginia voting for anyone but the candidate bearing the trade mark of Republicanism.

**Taft Regular Republican.**  
The legal experts of the Taft forces spent nearly all night examining the laws and precedents affecting such a condition, and they have agreed that the progressives cannot be made to stick legally. The one thing certain to be accomplished, however, if the Roosevelt men hold their side convention, as they threaten, will be the nomination of President Taft by the delegates who remain in the convention, and recognize its regularity.

Should the Roosevelt delegates take their "medicine," and if beaten on the roll question, continue their fight to the end, there is a generally admitted strong probability of a dark horse being nominated.

President Taft, some of his friends believe, would now be willing to withdraw as a candidate if assured that the Roosevelt men have been defeated. Many of the leaders who insist that what is wanted now is a candidate who could win at the polls, are ready to use their influence to have the president pull out in the interest of harmony. But he will absolutely refuse to take any such action, it is said, even to admit that he would be willing to do so, until assured that Roosevelt is certainly defeated, and that the Roosevelt followers are willing to remain regular.

**Bound to Name Taft.**  
If the Roosevelt forces draw out the delegates remaining in the regular convention will have no alternative but to name the president for the second term. There would be no use of putting another candidate in the field at that stage, they say, as the president would be far stronger than any man that might be drafted for a fight where two Republicans, each claiming to be the regular candidate, were opposing a Democrat.

The crux of the situation, therefore, rested with the Roosevelt men today. The real Taft leaders quietly but confidently asserted early today that their opponents would remain regular. They claimed to believe that much of the froth and bluster over the temporary roll call was for the purpose of "getting right" with the people at home.

The Taft chieftains insisted that regularity was a strong card in their favor to prevent a bolt, and they claimed that, at the outside, not more than one-half of the Roosevelt men would participate in any proceedings that would lay them open to being accused of being bolters. It was pointed out that there were state contacts to be considered and congressmen to be elected, and there were a number of the big Taft men who declared that the Roosevelt chiefs were weakening.

**Say Roosevelt is Out.**  
"We have them licked, and we will make them take their medicine," was the last word of Congressman McKinley to his floor managers as they entered the convention hall. This attitude was taken by Secretary Hillis, and where, up to Monday night, a state of semi-panic prevailed among the Taft men, today they were an adamant wall against the Roosevelt forces. They appeared to be satisfied after yesterday that Roosevelt was entirely eliminated as a formidable candidate, and were willing to make concessions to prevent certain well-known progressives from getting outside the party breastworks.

But whether there is to be a deadlock on the nomination, with a good chance for the naming of a dark horse on whom the Republicans of the country can unite, or whether Mr. Taft is to be the choice of the convention now in session will rest entirely on what the Roosevelt men do after the vote is taken on their motion to "purge the roll" today. The vote was expected to be reached at 4 o'clock this afternoon, but the result probably will not be known for two hours, as that period would be required to verify the roll.

There is no "unskilled labor," but there are a lot of unskilled laborers.

He who knows when to let go, has learned one of the secrets of success.

## THE VOTE ON TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

- The roll call resulted:
- Alabama—Root, 22; McGovern, 2.
  - Arizona—Root, 6; McGovern, 0.
  - Arkansas—Root, 17; McGovern, 1.
  - California—Root, 2; McGovern, 24.
  - Colorado—Root, 12; McGovern, 9.
  - Connecticut—Root, 14; McGovern, 0.
  - Delaware—Root, 6; McGovern, 0.
  - Florida—Root, 13; McGovern, 0.
  - Georgia—Root, 22; McGovern, 0.
  - Idaho—Root, 0; McGovern, 8.
  - Illinois—Root, 9; McGovern, 49.
  - Indiana—Root, 20; McGovern, 10.
  - Iowa—Root, 16; McGovern, 10.
  - Kansas—Root, 2; McGovern, 18.
  - Kentucky—Root, 23; McGovern, 0.
  - Louisiana—Root, 20; McGovern, 0.
  - Maryland—Root, 8; McGovern, 3.
  - Maine—Root, 0; McGovern, 12.
  - Massachusetts—Root, 18; McGovern, 18.
  - Michigan—Root, 19; McGovern, 10; absent, 1.
  - Minnesota—Root, 0; McGovern, 24.
  - Mississippi—Root, 16; McGovern, 4.
  - Missouri—Root, 16; McGovern, 20.
  - Montana—Root, 8; McGovern, 0.
  - Nebraska—Root, 0; McGovern, 18.
  - Nevada—Root, 0; McGovern, 0.
  - New Hampshire—Root, 3; McGovern, 0.
  - New Jersey—Root, 0; McGovern, 28.
  - New Mexico—Root, 6; McGovern, 2.
  - New York—Root, 76; McGovern, 13. Not voting, 1.
  - North Carolina—Root, 3; McGovern, 21.
  - North Dakota—Walter House, 1; McGovern, 5.
  - Ohio—Root 14, McGovern 24.
  - Oklahoma—Root 4, McGovern 16.
  - Oregon—Root, 3; McGovern, 6. Not voting, 1.
  - Pennsylvania—Root, 12; McGovern 64.
  - Rhode Island—Root, 10; McGovern, 0.
  - South Carolina—Root, 11; McGovern, 7.
  - South Dakota—Root, 0; McGovern, 10.
  - Tennessee—Root, 23; McGovern, 1.
  - Total—Root, 464; McGovern, 454.
  - Texas—Root, 31; McGovern, 8.
  - Utah—Root 7, McGovern 1.
  - Vermont—Root, 4; McGovern, 2.
  - Virginia—Root, 22; McGovern 2.
  - West Virginia—Root, 0; McGovern 16.
  - Wisconsin—Root, 0; McGovern, 13.



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
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Hawaii—Root, 0; McGovern, 6.  
Philippines—Root, 2; McGovern, 0.  
Puerto Rico—Root, 2; McGovern, 0.  
Totals—Root, 558; McGovern, 502.  
Houser received one vote from Texas and two from Wisconsin, and Crona one from Wisconsin.  
Root and McGovern did not vote.  
Total absent and not voting, 6.

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