

THAT wasn't thunder you heard early this afternoon. It was the ruffling of the cheeks for Roosevelt at Chicago.

The Topeka State Journal.

WEATHER FORECAST for Kansas: Fair tonight and Thursday; not much change in temperature.

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FIRST DAY OF TWO BIG CONVENTIONS AT CHICAGO

Progressive Leaders Unable to Control Crowd in 100 Minute Demonstration for Teddy Roosevelt

LAUNCH G. O. P. CONVENTION IN MURKY RAIN AND ARDOR CHILLY HARDING'S KEYNOTE WARMS UP

Republicans Get Under Way and Soon Adjourn.

Rain-Soaked Crowd of 15,000 Displays Little Pep.

NO PARTY TICKET SLATED YET

Senator Harding Makes Welkin Ring for G. O. P. Reunion.

Speaker's Preparedness Note Brings Prolonged Cheers.

(Senator Harding's keynote speech on page 5.)

Convention developments and all late news, including baseball, in Postscript Edition State Journal, on street at 5 o'clock.

Coliseum, June 7.—The Republican national convention after a two and a half hours' meeting today adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning after hearing the keynote speech by Senator Harding of Ohio, and doing the usual organization work.

(BY PERRY ARNOLD.)

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Kansans First. The first delegates to arrive were two from Kansas. They looked lonesome sitting in the forest of chairs arranged in nice rows on the floor. Over the speaker's rostrum was hung a gigantic sounding board of wood and paper mache. Back of the great platform proper, high up over all, the likeness of Abraham Lincoln looked down from a frame brilliantly illuminated by electric lights. Above this was the president's flag, blue with the great seal of the United States standing out brilliantly in the (Continued on Page 2.)



Warren G. Harding.

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KANSANS MAY SPLIT VOTE ON FIRST BALLOT

Home Contingent to G. O. P. Convention Still Undecided.

Anti-Hughes Delegates From Kansas to Remain Firm.

NONE OPENLY FOR ROOSEVELT

Hundred More Join Clamor for Tickets to Convention.

Sunflower State in Thick of Fray at Chicago.

(By State Journal Staff Correspondent.)

Chicago, June 7.—Kansas delegates went into the opening session of the Republican national convention today with their minds still muddled as to the final turn which they may make in the fight for the presidency. Almost every delegate admitted that a serious situation faced the party. Every delegate quietly told his friends he was on the look-out for submarines. But at the opening of the big show, there was a tendency among Kansas president makers to distribute their votes and a centralization of ballots is not expected until some candidate shows a probable winning streak.

Anti-Hughes delegates on the Kansas delegation will probably continue firm, although the Hughes boosters were today claiming at least an even dozen sunflower votes after the first few ballots. On the other hand the Allies were confident they would shake the Hughes following unless the justice showed some unexpected strength. Unless Hughes goes into the fight in third speed, his opponents on the Kansas delegation will try to lead a few of his delegates after the first three or four ballots. To hold his strength away from the Root-Burton-Weeks-Fairbanks-Sherman combination, Hughes must keep up a full head of steam on every ballot.

No Dark Horse Talk. There is little talk among the Kansas delegates of dark horse candidates. They admit that the probable action of Roosevelt as affecting the nominee of the Republican convention is a really grave matter. None of the Kansas delegates, however, have come out in the open for the colonel. At a caucus of the delegates, it is reported, though that several of the delegates signified a willingness to support the colonel if the state delegation should line up for him. But that doesn't change things greatly. The men who really claim to know things about those twenty delegates sleep soundly in the belief that they will never, never, go to Roosevelt.

Urge a Split Vote. Two conferences of the Kansas delegates were held late Tuesday afternoon and Tuesday night. Another conference this evening is probable. The advice and counsel of Senator Charles Curtis and Congressman Anthony and (Continued on Page 2.)

HUNDREDS OF MERCHANTS ON EARLY TRAINS

The Big Week Is Marked by Auspicious Opening.

Representatives of Every Part of Kansas Are Registering.

A TOTAL ATTENDANCE OF 2,000

Ake-Pot Parade on Kansas Avenue This Noon.

The Day Begins With a Show at the Orpheum.

(BY PERRY ARNOLD.)

Topeka and visiting merchants were given a glimpse of the paraphernalia and chief torturers of the Ancient Order of Ake-Pot Sterboos when that order gave a big parade on Kansas avenue at noon. Take it from one who knows, there is a whole lot more to it than was revealed in the parade. Led by Chief Parsons in the police patrol, the Sterboos, some in a cage, some in uniforms in automobiles and others just in ordinary citizens clothes made their first public appearance. It was a funny looking bunch and it was hard to recognize E. L. Overton, Dr. F. J. Ernest, J. Will Kelley, George Godfrey Moore, Robert Stone, James A. Troutman and others in league with Satan in this work. Yet, they were there and they'll be at Hamilton Hall tonight when the visitors will be initiated into the order.

Swarming in Today. Merchants from all parts of Kansas began swarming in on all trains this morning. A glance at one page of the register at Manufacturers and Jobbers headquarters, Fourth street and Kansas avenue, revealed merchants here from Cuba, Emmett, Louisville, Rossville, Clay Center, Wakarusa, Scranton, Paxico, Hillsboro, Lebanon and McFarland. By 11 o'clock it was estimated 700 had arrived and twice that many are expected to put in an appearance by tomorrow morning. Promptly at 10 o'clock, the visitors were escorted to the Orpheum theater on West Eighth avenue to see that famous movie picture, "The Ne'er-Do-Well." A 10-piece orchestra furnished music while the Lyric, a local talent quartet sang numerous songs. At 11 o'clock the famous Ancient (Continued on Page 2.)

G. O. P. IN DARK AS CONVENTION LAUNCHES FIGHT

Delegates Moody as Drab Skies Pour Down Rain.

Merely Transfer Pow-wow From Hotel to Coliseum.

THEN ADJOURN FOR MORE TALK

Old Guard Still Has Situation Well in Hand.

Senator Borah Eliminates Himself From Race.

(BY PERRY ARNOLD.)

Chicago, June 7.—The hosts of Republicanism met in quadrennial session today with about as much knowledge of who they would choose some time this week as a presidential nominee as Noah had about the probable duration of the deluge. The smile is eminently fitted—for outside the great Coliseum, full drab skies spat a ceaseless downpour of cold rain, just as they had been giving vent to their feelings since yesterday morning.

Today's session was to be merely a transfer of talk from the hotel lobbies to the Coliseum. The program was to meet, listen to a keynote speech by Temporary Chairman Warren G. Harding; receive and accept the temporary roll of delegates; announce the convention committees—and adjourn for more talk in hotel lobbies and rooms.

Talk Getting on Nerves. The talk part of this convention is getting on the nerves of the delegates. Maybe two days of depressing Chicago rain "to and wind" ahead. But the fact remains today that of the millions of words of conversation, conference and conflict, not a syllable has yet been transferred to concrete action. Murray Crane whispered again today: "George Perkins conferred; favorite morsel talked; Frank Hitchcock moved about with mysterious words trailing along in his wake; Boise Penrose listened to talk; Barnes gave a few chosen words then became a receptive wall of conversation; and the lobby crowds talked."

Old Guard Holds Reins. The Old Guard still has the situation well in hand. It is playing a chord of harmony, being real pleasant and nice with its power. Hughes will have a good lead on the first ballot. The allies have figures to support their claim that combined against Hughes, they have more than three times the number of delegates credited to the justice.

Senator Borah of Idaho, eliminated himself as a presidential possibility. Get together plans between Progressive and Republican leaders are (Continued on Page Two.)

AXE MURDERER ASSAILS FAMILY OF TEX. BANKER

Wife, 70, Dead; Banker and Daughter May Die.

Son-in-Law Awakened by Turmoil Escapes Injury.

CARRY BODY TO BASEMENT

Find Mrs. Goodnight in Cellar With Skull Crushed.

Officers Puzzled as to Motive; Wasn't Robbery.

(BY PERRY ARNOLD.)

Wills Point, Texas, June 7.—Mrs. H. F. Goodnight, 70, was killed; her husband, who is president of the Van Zant National bank here was fatally injured, and their daughter, Mrs. R. J. Morau, was beaten into insensibility in their home early today by persons who used either a large hammer or an axe as a weapon. Physicians said although Mrs. Morau probably would live, it was only a question of hours before the death of Mr. Goodnight would make the crime a double murder.

The house was found in order this morning, with no signs of attempted robbery, and nothing as far as known was missing. The Goodnight home is in the outskirts of the town. According to the story told by R. J. Morau, son-in-law, he was awakened by the screams of his wife in an adjoining room. He found her unconscious in her bed. Morau sought Mr. Goodnight, but found him in an almost dying condition in his bedroom on the second floor.

Murderer Left No Clues. Mrs. Goodnight was found in the cellar dead, having been carried from her bedroom on the second floor to the basement. Her head was crushed in the same manner as the other victims. She had evidently died almost instantly. Officers were puzzled early today as to the motive of the crime and the identity of the slayer. Although the sheriff's and city marshal's departments were vigorously working on the case it was said that nothing could be ascertained until Mrs. Morau regained consciousness and related her story of the attack on the aged couple and herself.

As far as known here no person had any grievances against the Goodnight family and it had been almost definitely established that robbery was not the object.

Amsterdam, June 7.—The Telegram says that a German destroyer struck a mine and went down off Zebrugge on May 31.

"IF TEDDY WERE PRESIDENT WHERE WOULD VILLA BE?" IS CRY BEFORE WILDLY CHEERING PROGRESSIVES

Tremendous Ovation, Heard to Oyster Bay, Rippled Lakes.

"When Teddy Comes Marching Home"—"We Want Teddy."

KANSANS NOT OVERLOOKED

Cheers for Henry Allen and Vic Murdock During Session.

Woman Whose Grandfather Started Lincoln Stampede.

(Raymond Robins's speech on page 16.)

Auditorium, Chicago, June 7.—The Progressive national convention went into a stampede thirty-five minutes after its opening at the first mention of Roosevelt's name from the platform. The delegates cheered, yelled, shouted, jumped up in the air and waved banners and everything else they could find, when Temporary Chairman Robins named Roosevelt as "the greatest leader of his time" one minute after he had started speaking.

Chairman Robins was advised not to repeat Colonel Roosevelt's name when he was able to resume. He promised not to do so. Convention officers agreed that the delegates could not have been restrained long from voicing their demand for Roosevelt. The demonstration lasted one hour and forty-five minutes. (BY H. L. RENNICK.)

Auditorium Theater, Chicago, June 7.—The Progressives were as slow in gathering their official convention as the regulars at the Coliseum. The Michigan delegation brought the first Roosevelt banner into the Auditorium at 11:35 and received the first ovation.

Delegation after delegation arrived, singing "When Teddy Comes Marching Home," the Bull Moose raw campaign song. Cries of "We Want Teddy" began to give the hall the old time Bull Moose aspect. The Texas delegation, with its famous "Texas Wants Teddy" sign, drew a big ovation. Little believes that the Illinois delegation led the crowd in singing Roosevelt songs.

The convention hall was a medley of college yell, rebel yell and western war war.

Where Would Villa Be? "If Teddy were president, where would Villa be?" was the caption on a Mexican banner which brought cheer after cheer from the crowd.

The balconies were well filled, many of the spectators being women. There was a fair sprinkling of women on the floor among the western delegations and several sat on the platform directly in front of the speaker's stand. Among them were Mrs. Mary Satter, wife of Los Angeles and Mrs. Brutus Janus Clay of Lynchburg, Ky., wife of ex-Ambassador Clay to Switzerland. Mrs. Clay's grandfather started the stampede for Lincoln in the 1860 convention, largely under Colonel Roosevelt's direction.

The platform is understood to include the following liberal change in the national constitution. Preparedness, including universal service and a great navy. Americanism, with emphasis on necessity of a strong foreign policy. National woman suffrage. Improvement of labor conditions through enforcement of a strict child labor law.

Further extension of the initiative and referendum. Advise more liberal change in the national constitution. Tariff commission or some other means of restoring tariff self experience. Extension of American trade with enlarged merchant marine. Predictions were made today that all efforts of prohibitionists to secure introduction of a "dry" plank in the Bull Moose platform would meet with failure.

Many planks are expected to be introduced from the floor and considerable debate was anticipated.

ROUT IS COMPLETE

W. B. Kirkpatrick, President of the K. & L. of S.

Wins a Signal Victory Over All His Opponents.

W. B. Kirkpatrick, president of the Knights and Ladies of Security, and E. D. McKeever, his attorney, won a complete victory late Tuesday afternoon when the supreme court ordered members of the executive committee to approve President Kirkpatrick's appointments within three days. All of them will be approved and will be at the national council to perform their duties as outlined and they also will have votes in the national council.

But this was not the only victory for the older Kirkpatrick and his forces. The same executive committee brought suit against Hugh Farrelly, in quo warranto, demanding that he show his authority for acting on the law committee. Farrelly won. If President Kirkpatrick's appointments are approved in three days, no writ will be issued by the supreme court.

The supreme court realizing the importance of this matter, departing (Continued on Page 2.)

T. R.'S GALLERY QUEEN

Something New Promised for Convention Stunt.

Chicago, June 7.—The gallery queen in red will be on the job for T. R. at the G. O. P. convention today with a more spectacular stunt than that with which she stirred up the 1912 convention.

"I'll do something that will create more of a furor than jumping on the platform in a red satin dress and waving Teddy's picture and a red parasol," declared Mrs. Wm. A. Davis "The Queen" today.

"Maybe I'll arrange to have a monster American flag with Teddy's picture in the center, shot down and unfolded, the center of the Coliseum ceiling at the right moment."

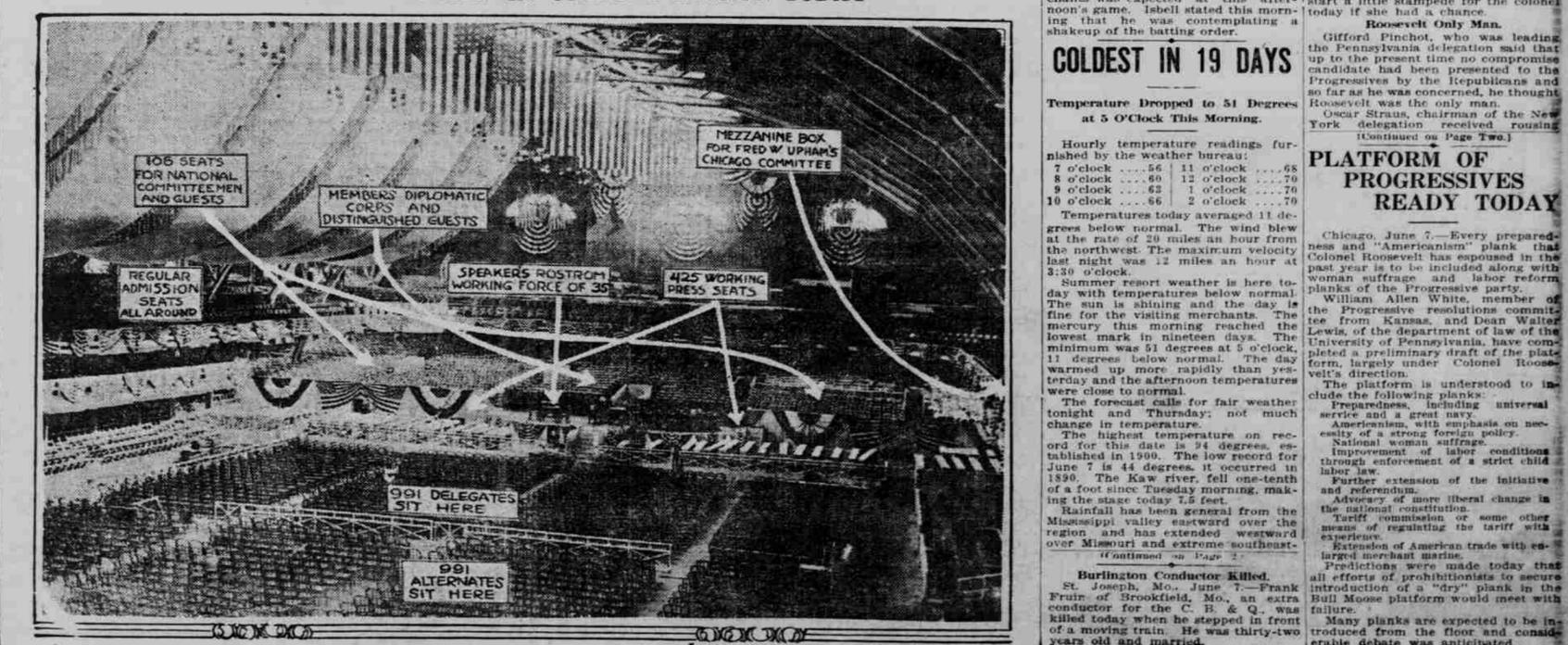
ROB A PROVINCE

Governor Ortise in Philippines Charged With Instigation of Robbery.

Manila June 7.—Governor Ortise of Union province has been arrested, charged with instigating an attempted robbery of the provincial treasury.

One of the treasury guards was murdered by the robbers but they were surprised and arrested before they could secure any booty.

WHERE REPUBLICANS MET IN OPENING SESSION TODAY



BASEBALL TODAY

National League. Chicago at Philadelphia—Game postponed; rain. Cincinnati at Brooklyn—Game postponed; rain. American Association. Pittsburg at New York, game postponed; rain. St. Paul at Milwaukee, game postponed; rain. American League. Washington at Cleveland, game postponed; rain. Philadelphia at Chicago, game postponed; rain. Boston at Detroit—Game postponed; rain.

GOLDEST IN 19 DAYS

Temperature Dropped to 51 Degrees at 5 O'Clock This Morning.

Hourly temperature readings furnished by the weather bureau: 7 o'clock ... 56 11 o'clock ... 68 8 o'clock ... 60 12 o'clock ... 70 9 o'clock ... 62 1 o'clock ... 70 10 o'clock ... 66 2 o'clock ... 70

Temperatures today averaged 11 degrees below normal. The wind blew at the rate of 20 miles an hour from the northwest. The maximum velocity last night was 12 miles an hour at 3:30 o'clock.

Summer resort weather is here today with temperatures below normal. The sun is shining and the day is fine for the visiting merchants. The mercury this morning reached the lowest mark in nineteen days. The minimum was 51 degrees at 5 o'clock, 11 degrees below normal. The day warmed up more rapidly than yesterday and the afternoon temperatures were close to normal.

The forecast calls for fair weather tonight and Thursday; not much change in temperature. The highest temperature on record for this date is 74 degrees, established in 1909. The low record for June 7 is 44 degrees, it occurred in 1890. The Kaw fell one-tenth of a foot since Tuesday morning, making the sun today 1.5 feet higher.

Rainfall has been general from the Mississippi valley eastward over the region and has extended westward over Missouri and extreme southeastern Kansas. (Continued on Page 2.)

Burlington Conductor Killed. St. Joseph, Mo., June 7.—Frank Frui of Brookfield, Mo., an extra conductor for the C. B. & Q., was killed today when he stepped in front of a moving train. He was thirty-two years old and married.