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Hughes Letter Arrests Boom.

The most important of the open developments in the situation here to-day was in connection with the Hughes boom and the turning of the guns of the "allies" against Roosevelt, instead of Hughes, as their most dangerous rival. Hughes's stock soared this morning and fell with a crash late this afternoon, owing to the publication of a letter to Governor Stokes of New Jersey, in which the justice declared that he had "no right to be a candidate, either openly or passively."

This letter set the politicians again to doubting whether the justice would accept the nomination. The developments of the last few days have piled doubt on top of the assurance from Washington that he would make no statement of any kind, took most of the starch out of his support. The letter, dated May 20, 1916, read:

"My dear Governor: Your letter of May 17 has been received. I think my statement covers the ground. It seems to me very clear that, as a member of the Supreme Court, I have no right to be a candidate, either openly or passively. I cannot remain working here and hold an equivocal position before the country. I must quit, therefore, that no steps be taken to bring my name before the convention.

"With cordial regards, I am, very sincerely yours,

CHARLES E. HUGHES."

Cannot Make Pledges.

Another weakness of the Hughes boom which is developing here—not in the public discussions but in the bedroom confidences where the Hughes men are beginning to try to make arrangements—is that no one is able to give a pledge in his behalf that can be accepted. It has never yet happened that a President has been nominated absolutely without obligations of one kind or another to those who supported him. Since it has been proved that no one has a Hughes power to give a pledge, it is becoming clear that there is just one thing that will nominate the justice, and that is the desire to beat Roosevelt. No politician is in the habit of giving something for nothing, it is becoming clear that there is just one thing that will nominate the justice, and that is the desire to beat Roosevelt. No politician is in the habit of giving something for nothing, it is becoming clear that there is just one thing that will nominate the justice, and that is the desire to beat Roosevelt.

ARMOUR HEADS NEW T. R. LEAGUE

Fifty Illinois Business Men Organize Roosevelt Republican Committee.

COLONEL THE MAN TO DEFEND NATION

Enthusiasm of Chicago Gathering Startles Delegates—Mass Meeting To Be Held.

[From a Staff Correspondent of The Tribune.]

Chicago, June 1.—More than fifty of Illinois's most prominent business men organized a Roosevelt Republican committee here today, with enthusiasm that made the delegation from this state sit up and take notice. J. Ogden Armour was chosen permanent chairman; A. A. Sprague, 2d, secretary, and Arthur L. Farwell, treasurer. The meeting was held in the rooms of the Republican committee, of which George V. L. Meyer is chairman. A mass meeting will be held at the Garrick Theatre on Tuesday.

Among the speakers was J. F. Palmer, of Dixon, Ill., who said he "voted for Abraham Lincoln, and has voted for him ever since." He said he believed that at this time the most available man in sight was Theodore Roosevelt. After listening to several other speakers, the following resolution was adopted with a cheer:

"The Republican party came into being to meet a crisis in our country's history, in which there was at stake the integrity of our nation and institutions. During the administration of its first President, Abraham Lincoln, there was an exhibition of the patriotism and devotion of a free people and of the strength and efficiency of republican institutions which made their foundations secure and their growth and extension inevitable among the nations of the world. That crisis found our country unprepared, and its settlement cost the sacrifice of hundreds of thousands of American citizens.

"After many years of peace another crisis has arisen, and the appeal is made to the patriotism and manhood of our country. In order to make our peace secure it is now necessary to demonstrate that we are prepared to defend ourselves against aggression or insult, and the Republican party in this campaign must answer it. The choice of the candidate for the Presidency at the coming convention will, in large part, be its answer.

"There is one man who from the first appearance of danger to our peace has sounded the call and expressed the great, deliberate, final judgment of the patriotic American people. His nomination and election will be a guarantee that this country will be so prepared to defend itself. For a sane reason, there will be a guarantee that our peace will not be violated.

"Without the least disparagement of any of the great statesmen whose names have been mentioned as candidates before the coming convention, it is our deliberate judgment as Republicans that the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt over that of any other man is called for at this time.

"It is our judgment that Mr. Roosevelt's nomination will be followed by his election, and with that accomplished a policy of adequate preparedness for our defence will be carried out, and that once assured, all danger of aggression will cease and our continued peace be insured."

Roosevelt Will Not Visit Chicago During Convention

Pittsburgh, June 1.—Colonel Roosevelt changed cars here today on his way from St. Louis to New York, and when questioned as to whether he would go to Chicago during the Republican national convention replied, decisively:

"I will not go to Chicago."

CHICAGO GETS LINE ON HUGHES'S VIEWS

Hears He and Other Justices Are Anxious for Wilson's Defeat.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Chicago, June 1.—Justice Hughes's position with reference to the Presidency was outlined to-night. The information came from a newspaper man who arrived at the Blackstone Hotel from Washington today, expecting to remain in Chicago as an observer of the convention proceedings. In short, it is as follows:

Justice Hughes will accept the nomination for President if it is tendered to him by the Republican National Convention. Make no statement of any kind to any person, except it be to his brother justices, prior to the final action of the convention; do not resign from the Supreme bench before or subsequent to his nomination; do not resign from the Supreme Court bench, if he is elected, until the moment that he is about to take the oath of office on March 4, 1917.

Do no overt act to promote or retard any movement that may be made in his behalf in Chicago.

It is said that the Supreme Court stands 8 to 0 against Wilson; that the justices of the High Court are of opinion that Justice Hughes should accept the nomination, if tendered to him properly as a proper means to the end that the present Administration be deposed.

The Justices—Justice Hughes agreeing completely—are firmly convinced that Justice Hughes should not resign, in case he is nominated, and permit President Wilson to name his successor.

SULLIVAN BOOMERS ARRIVE IN ST. LOUIS

Stone Mentioned as Possible Temporary Chairman.

St. Louis, June 1.—The establishment of "Roger Sullivan for Vice-President" headquarters and the arrival of a quorum of the sub-committee on arrangements of the Democratic National Committee were the principal developments in pre-convention activities here today.

Chairman William F. McCombs of the national committee failed to arrive, having stopped over at Detroit, but he is expected here to-morrow. In his absence the committee refused to disclose the names of men under consideration for the temporary chairmanship, although Senator William Joel Stone, of Missouri, was mentioned as a possibility.

An attempt will be made to frame the party platform until the convention meets, according to J. Bruce Kremer, of Montana, secretary of the national committee.

"I will know it will be a Wilson platform," he said.

MIDDLE WEST REWON TO T. R. AND DEFENCE

Change in Favor of Colonel Started by Wilson's Winter Tour.

PREPAREDNESS PLEA TURNS DEMOCRATS

Delegates Still Held in Line by Leaders, Despite Pressure from Voters.

[From a Staff Correspondent of The Tribune.]

Kansas City, June 1.—Roosevelt has the voters of the Middle West with him as of old, and would make a stronger race there than any other man the Republicans can name. A loss among rabid pro-Germans has been more than offset by gains from former Democrats tired of the Wilson policies, particularly in Mexico. The pacifist vote has shrunk within the confines of the Democratic party, and is largely composed of the old Bryan men.

But Roosevelt has not got the delegates from these states. They were picked to stand just the kind of fire they are now getting from their neighbors, and very few of them are showing any signs of weakening. Many would like to swing to the Colonel, but will not unless word comes from the leaders. And these leaders are the "old guard" type—the men who were beaten by Roosevelt in the primaries four years ago, and have not been able to regain control of the Republican party.

The Roosevelt sweep has mostly come since the primaries and conventions. The difference between sentiment here now and last January is tremendous, and the change has all been in favor of the Colonel.

Wilson Caused Change.

The turn really began last winter with the tour of President Wilson through this part of the country. His fervent pleas for preparedness sank in deeply and have been working ever since. This the pacifist leaders admit. Ex-Senator Bristow declared in a speech the other day that, while Kansas had been last winter, the "preparedness hysteria" had now spread so that he feared more than a majority of the states followed it.

The growth of the preparedness sentiment has helped Roosevelt and not Wilson, for two reasons. First, it has been more in the Republican than in the Democratic party and many of the Colonel's old followers here, who had turned from him in the early days of his fight for preparedness, came back when Wilson convinced them that Roosevelt was right.

Second, they have not liked the President's shifting attitude. They have not forgotten that Roosevelt was fighting for preparedness a full year before Wilson, and the feel that the President should have been the first to see such a need as he later voiced and the first to call on the country. Nor have they liked his weakening since his speeches here.

There were thousands who heard him say that he would have "incomparably, the biggest navy in the world," and they do not like the change to "incomparably the most adequate." Neither do they understand how, after his pleas for the volunteer army on his Western trip, he could surrender to Chairman Hay, force Garrison out of the Cabinet and permit Congress to pass without protest a measure which provides what Wilson declared inadequate, making a dependable Federal force out of "forty-eight little armies."

T. R.'s Speeches Helped.

It did not need Roosevelt's trip here to produce this sentiment, though already there are many indications that his speeches have helped him greatly. The gain is shown in the more active work of his followers and their increase in enthusiasm.

A fair measure of the change since winter may be found in the attitude of the minor politicians—those who are now figuring on the town and county tickets, and want the strongest possible leader for the purely practical help he will give them. Last winter these men were all for Hughes, partly because orders had come from higher up to use Hughes's name to beat Roosevelt, and partly because they honestly believed he would be a stronger candidate than T. R. It has been largely on the strength of this sentiment that the Hughes men have counted their chickens, for they believe that the pressure from the county organizations all over the country would swing the delegates to Hughes in the end.

But in this section at least—and this was supposed to be the center of the Hughes strength—the little leaders have changed. They now want Roosevelt, and are telling the delegates so.

Various favorite sons, in direct contrast to Roosevelt, have delegates here, but no popular strength. Weeks heads

NEED ROOSEVELT, SAYS E. A. CLARKE

Steel Man Praises T. R.'s Ability—Hundreds of Letters Indorse Him.

Fresh evidence of the growing favor with which both big and small business interests view the Roosevelt candidacy was found yesterday in the mountain of mail that was received at the offices of the Roosevelt Non-Partisan League, 12 Vanderbilt Avenue. Among these letters were many from bank presidents and their most humble depositors, railroad officials and minor employees of their roads.

A typical letter was that of E. A. S. Clarke, president of the Lackawanna Steel Company and an authority on big industrial questions. Mr. Clarke said: "Mr. Thomas C. Desmond, Treasurer Roosevelt Non-Partisan League.

"My Dear Mr. Desmond:

"I am glad to become a member of the Roosevelt Non-Partisan League and I indorse most heartily its aims and principles.

"I am a lifelong Republican and am most heartily and unreservedly in favor of Colonel Roosevelt's nomination by the Republican party and election to the Presidency. I believe that the country needs more than anything else, a President whose views and action are as American as the stars which Colonel Roosevelt has so often and so well expressed, and I know no other possible candidate whose views in this regard are so well known, and whose past record so completely matches up with them. I further believe that the most important issue for our country during the next Presidential term is that of our relations with the other nations of the world, and it is my judgment that there is no other man in public life whose knowledge and ability in international affairs equal that of Colonel Roosevelt, or whose statements or acts in international affairs would carry as much weight as his.

"Personally, I have entire confidence in his handling of our internal affairs, and while he might do some things which would not have my full approval, nevertheless, it does not seem possible that he could, in respect of our internal affairs, do anything that would provide what Wilson declared inadequate, making a dependable Federal force out of "forty-eight little armies."

"E. A. S. CLARKE."

WOOD BOOMERS SEE HOPE IN T. R.'S SPEECH

Think Colonel Wouldn't Oppose Him as Compromise Candidate.

General Leonard Wood as a Republican compromise candidate was the theme of a meeting of Wood boomers at the Lawyers' Club yesterday.

John A. Stewart, the "original Wood man," professed to see great significance in the references made by Colonel Roosevelt to the general in his St. Louis speech Wednesday. Those at the luncheon were of the opinion that Roosevelt would be willing to support Wood in case of a deadlock at the convention.

The Wood boomers are in opposition to neither Roosevelt nor Hughes. They are merely offering Wood's name as a compromise should the two leading candidates be unable to overcome each other.

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HUGHES NOT SURE OF N. Y. LEADERS

Aldridge and Ward Not Tied Hard and Fast to His Candidacy.

OUTLOOK WORRIES JUSTICE'S FRIENDS

Disturbed by Uncertainty of State Delegation's Choice for Chairman.

[From a Staff Correspondent of The Tribune.]

Chicago, June 1.—George W. Aldridge, Republican leader of Rochester, and William L. Ward, Republican leader of Westchester—the latter supposed to be in charge of the Hughes campaign here—will go into the Republican convention uncommitted to any candidate or man. The probabilities are that they will vote for the nomination of Justice Hughes, but they are not so tied up to the candidacy of the Supreme Court justice that they cannot vote for Colonel Roosevelt or any one else should a situation arise where this would be desirable.

The attitude of these two veteran leaders was made known from a trustworthy source to-day and caused a great deal of comment. Both have been classed as hard and fast Hughes men, and even the remote possibility that they were prepared to shift caused a stir. The Hughes men insisted that both Ward and Aldridge would be found in the corner of the Supreme Court justice when the balloting began, although they were somewhat wary about saying that they had an absolute pledge.

William A. Orr, secretary to Governor Whitman, arrived here today, and began a lot of advance work preliminary to the coming of the Governor, who will make the speech nominating Justice Hughes. It developed today that the story that Alabama would yield to New York that Governor Whitman might present the name of Justice Hughes was something of a "pipe," no such agreement having been made. None will be, either, until all of the Republican leaders arrive, and the whole subject of nominations, length of nominating speeches, etc., is taken up. Until that is done, the question as to whom Alabama will yield will be "up in the air."

Chairmanship in Doubt.

The Hughes men are not running after this honor for the present, for the simple reason that Governor Whitman's selection as chairman of the New York delegation is not yet regarded as a certainty. The Hughes men claim that no fewer than forty-seven of the New York delegates will vote for Justice Hughes on the first ballot. The selection of a chairman

BRYAN THINKS T. R. WON'T BE NOMINEE

Says Hughes Would Probably Accept as Party Duty.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

New Orleans, June 1.—Colonel Roosevelt is not likely to be nominated at Chicago, and Justice Hughes, if nominated, will probably accept, according to William Jennings Bryan, who forecast the political situation in an interview here today.

Mr. Bryan said that he did not think Roosevelt would be the nominee, as it seems to be the desire of the leaders to unite on a man who can bring the factions of the party together. Colonel Roosevelt obviously is not that man, he said.

Informed that Frank H. Hitchcock said to be the manager of the Hughes Presidential campaign, had stated that no man could refuse a Presidential nomination at the hands of his party, Mr. Bryan remarked:

"It is difficult for one man to express another's views on such a question. When a general statement is made it usually has reference to a particular case, and the press seems to assume that Mr. Hitchcock had Justice Hughes in mind. It is only fair to assume from Judge Hughes's silence that he will accept the nomination if it comes in such a way as to make its acceptance seem a party duty."

Mr. Bryan said he would attend the Republican convention and the Democratic convention, although defeated as delegate-at-large to the latter in the Nebraska primaries.

Grow Cold to Fairbanks.

Charles W. Fairbanks, of Indiana, is not the favorite he was with the Hughes men for the Vice-Presidential nomination. Ex-Senator Burton, of Ohio, has taken his place in the affections of the supporters of the justice, because they believe that the Ohio delegates will be for Hughes when they vote for Burton. Colonel Roosevelt and Fairbanks ticket, as in 1904.

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