

Taft Electoral Votes Now

His Managers Begin to Tot Them Up.

Statement Issued That 174 Delegates Are Sure, and a Big Leap Ahead Is Taken to Figure Out How He'll Run When Nominated by Chicago Convention.

COLUMBUS, March 21.—From Taft headquarters today a statement was issued in part as follows:

Three State delegations, Iowa, Nebraska and Oklahoma, are completed. Every one of the fifty-six delegates in these delegations is under Taft instructions. In Kansas but one district convention remains to be held. That will convene this week. All Kansas delegates thus far selected are instructed for Taft. In these four States which lead with solid Taft delegations the only contests are in two Oklahoma districts, where the delegates, regardless of the outcome of the contests, will be for Taft.

Since the last table of delegates selected was prepared eighteen district conventions and one State convention have been held and 40 delegates selected. Of these 40 delegates, 20 from Iowa, 2 from Virginia, 2 from North Carolina, 2 from Kansas and 2 from Ohio, 28, have been instructed for Taft. All are without contest.

Up to Saturday 218 delegates out of 580 who will sit in the Republican convention had been selected. Taft now has 174 instructed delegates, nearly two-fifths of the 491 required for the nomination.

Of the States which have selected Taft delegates Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Nebraska and Ohio can be depended on to contribute their 65 electoral votes to the triumph of the Republican ticket. Of the other States which have selected Taft delegates Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Oklahoma and Tennessee, with 58 electoral votes, are on the border between the North and South and will be debatable ground in the Presidential campaign. Only Alabama, Florida, North Carolina and Virginia, with 40 electoral votes, can be counted as Southern States certain to support the Democratic nominee. The Philippine Islands with 2 votes in the convention have no electoral votes.

A table of delegates selected previous to Friday is:

Table with columns: Name of State, Number of Delegates, Total. Lists states like Alabama, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wyoming.

Cutting Down Taft Figures.

The Opposition Say That 350 Votes Will Represent the High Water Mark.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Representatives of the field opposed to the nomination of Secretary Taft for the Presidency question the accuracy of the forecast of Frank H. Hitchcock, the Taft manager, who in a statement issued Friday night, claimed 652 delegates pledged and in prospect for his candidate.

Conceding to Secretary Taft every delegate of which he has even the most remote prospect, it was emphatically maintained that there cannot be mustered for Mr. Taft in excess of 350 of the 491 votes necessary to a nomination. It was added that the campaign methods employed by the friends of Secretary Taft are so solidifying the opposition that this figure would under the most favorable conditions represent the high water mark of the Taft strength.

The figures of the opposition show that the largest number of votes certain for Secretary Taft at this time is 128, more than one-fourth of the number being from Secretary Taft's own State. The opposition credits him with Iowa, 18; Kansas, 16; Oklahoma, 8; Missouri, 22; Ohio, 34; the Philippines, 2; Tennessee, 2; Maryland, 4; Nebraska, 14; Virginia, 4; New Mexico, 2; Total, 128.

The delegates claimed for Fairbanks, Foraker, Cannon and Hughes number 90, with only one State, Indiana, being heard from in large part, and that not complete by four votes. Of the conventions to be held during the next thirty days it is conceded that the Taft managers have reason to expect favorable results in Arkansas, Rhode Island, Minnesota, South Dakota and Virginia.

From these States a total of fifty votes may be realized, leaving the total Taft vote to 178. During the same period Indiana will add four delegates at large and the State's endorsement to the Fairbanks total. The big vote of New York and Illinois will be joined to the field's total. Other States likely to resist Taft instructions during this period are Delaware, Massachusetts, Tennessee and Nevada.

One month hence, it is confidently claimed, the field will have a lead of more than a hundred votes over the Taft forces. The opposition forces insist that with the momentum of this majority the Taft candidacy will suffer a serious and probably fatal check.

The figures of the opposition show that in addition to the votes now aligned with the field and those from the favorite States it will be necessary for the field to secure only 114 delegate votes in order to maintain control of the convention.

Against Gwynne's Creditors

His Mother Justly Took His Real Estate for Advances.

Justice Dayton handed down yesterday a decision dismissing the suit brought by Samuel Riker, Jr., as trustee in bankruptcy of Edward E. Gwynne, now dead, to have set aside, as void against Gwynne's creditors, a deed executed by Gwynne in 1901 by which he conveyed to his mother, Helen Steele Gwynne, the property known as 3 East Eighty-sixth street. The consideration named in the deed was \$10 and other valuable considerations, and it was contended by the executors of Mrs. Gwynne's estate, she having died a year after the deed was executed, that the real consideration was large sums of money which Mrs. Gwynne had advanced to her son.

Gwynne, who died in 1901, was a cousin of Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt. He filed a petition in bankruptcy in 1902, after judgments for a large amount had been entered against him by various creditors. Justice Dayton, in dismissing the suit, upholds the deed and says in part:

The conclusion is irresistible that Edward E. Gwynne had extravagant tastes, expended money lavishly and was without business employment. He may have had large expectations, but seems to have been a drain upon his mother's financial resources. She had a right to take the conveyance for moneys advanced by her, no matter how much he owed to other persons. Fraud is not to be presumed, but must be proved prima facie, not necessarily by direct proof, circumstances may be availed of.

Plaintiff's evidence has failed to satisfy me that Edward E. Gwynne was not indebted to his mother at the time of this conveyance to her, or that the conveyance was for an inadequate consideration, or that it was made with intent to defraud creditors. I am of the opinion that the complaint should be dismissed upon the merits with costs.

Pledged to Taft, But

Officeholders Fight Won't Count at Chicago, an Alabama Says.

Warren T. Reese of Montgomery, Ala., former United States District Attorney of that State, complains that folks up this way are not getting all the facts up in regard to the fight for Taft that is being carried on at the headquarters of Alabama's Federal officeholders. Press despatches, he said at the headquarters of the Hughes League of the United States yesterday, don't make enough of the counter movement of the anti-Taft Republicans.

The so-called Thompson faction, which is the Administration faction, is organizing contesting delegations pledged to Taft in each district, and its State convention will name contesting delegates at large. This movement is the one that's getting into print but according to Mr. Reese the Thompsonites are a small faction headed by Federal officeholders, ignored by influential Republicans and without official standing as a party.

Even if their contesting delegates were upon any pretext admitted to the Chicago convention, Mr. Reese remarked, they could not secure recognition from the Secretary of State or use the party emblem.

The so-called Aldrich-Davidson Republicans are recognized under the laws as the regular party organization. Julius Davidson is chairman of the Republican State committee and his organization is supported by the great mass of the party, white and colored. There are no serious racial differences. The only dissension is that shown by the Federal officeholders who are working for Taft. The regular party convention will be held at Birmingham on April 29, that of the Federal officeholders on May 6.

In every case, Mr. Reese said, the delegates chosen by the Thompson wing are instructed for Taft and the delegates of the regulars are not instructed at all.

But while our delegates are uninstructed, he added, the undercurrent for Gov. Hughes is daily gaining in strength and public attention. We want the man who can command the united support of party men and independents alike. The First Congressional district delegation, regular, although uninstructed, will be for Foraker. In the Fourth district the regulars favor Fairbanks.

If Not Taft, Roosevelt.

But Gov. Cummins of Iowa Feels Sure It Will Be Taft.

Gov. A. B. Cummins of Iowa, who is at the Hotel Plaza, said yesterday that in his opinion Secretary Taft would be nominated at the Republican national convention on the first ballot.

"I shall be one of the delegates to Chicago from my State," Gov. Cummins said, "and will go with instructions to vote for Taft. So far as Iowa is concerned Taft is the strongest man that can be nominated because he represents President Roosevelt's policies, and the Republicans in Iowa have always been constant supporters of the President and of his policies."

Gov. Cummins said further that it was his belief that if Taft could not get the nomination the convention would renominate the President in spite of himself. "The majority of the Republicans of this country would like to see Roosevelt elected again," Gov. Cummins asserted, "and should the convention of its will spontaneously name Mr. Roosevelt as the Republican candidate to succeed himself I think that it would be incumbent on him to accept the nomination."

Mr. Cummins thought that Bryan would be the choice of the Denver convention.

Call to the Rev. Dr. Cadman.

Congregationalist May Return to Methodist Fold as Head of Wesleyan University.

The Rev. Dr. S. Paris Cadman, pastor of the Central Congregational Church in Brooklyn, may become president of the Wesleyan University at Middletown, Conn., on the retirement of the Rev. Dr. Bradford P. Raymond, who has long been at the head of the institution and who is on a European trip in search of health. It is believed that Dr. Raymond has notified the general conference of the university that he desires to retire from the active duties of the presidency and that the question of choosing his successor has been under consideration for several weeks. A sub-committee recently informed the Rev. Dr. Cadman of the situation and asked him to consider the question of his election as president of the Central Congregational Church. His acceptance of the presidency of the Wesleyan University would mean his return to the Methodist fold.

The Rev. Dr. Cadman is one of the most popular ministers in Brooklyn and is much in demand as an after dinner speaker.

M. R. Guggenheimer Gets Off.

Magistrate Takes His Statement About His Auto's Speed, Ignoring a Policeman's.

Charged with running his automobile at the rate of thirty miles an hour when arraigned before Magistrate Connelly in the Long Island City police court yesterday morning, M. Robert Guggenheimer of 12 West Fifty-fourth street, Manhattan, told the Magistrate that at the time of his arrest his speedometer registered but fourteen miles an hour.

The arrest was made on Friday evening by Bicycle Policeman Richard Ahearn, who said that Mr. Guggenheimer was coming down Thompson Hill "like a catling gun battery going off." Mr. Guggenheimer contended that it was because his muffler was off that the policeman multiplied the speed and noise together, which made him think that the machine was going faster than it was.

Policeman Ahearn has been timing automobiles at the foot of Thompson Hill for about five years and he said he thought he understood his business. However, the Magistrate gave Mr. Guggenheimer, his speedometer and his unmuffled machine the benefit of the doubt and discharged him.

Sues for Death of Daughter.

Mrs. B. A. Merritt Asks \$100,000 Because of Her Loss in Brewster Express Wreck.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., March 21.—The first suit for damages for a death in the wreck of the Brewster express will come up for trial before Supreme Court Justice Tompkins on Monday morning. It is brought by Mrs. Ruby A. Merritt of Pleasantville, who sues through Ernest M. Welch, a lawyer of Manhattan, for \$100,000 damages against the New York Central Railroad Company for the death of her daughter, Sarah A. Merritt.

Mrs. Merritt was a high school teacher at Pleasantville and the sole support of her mother. She was on her way home from the opera at the time of the wreck. It is said that the defence of the company will be that it was not negligent and the accident was unforeseen.

Missing Hotel Keeper's Body Found.

ALBANY, March 21.—The body of John T. Dodds, a Catskill Mountain hotel keeper of Delhi, who had been missing since February 5, was found to-day in the Hudson River here. Dodds was last seen in Albany, and is supposed to have walked off the dock. A diamond stud, gold watch and money were found on the body.

Marmola.

Lady Woolston Now Slender.

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Tim Sullivan to the Rescue.

Likely Now That Kid McManus Won't Be Extradited by Canada to France.

OTTAWA, March 21.—Chances are now against Kid McManus, the burglar, being extradited from Canada to Paris. To-day a despatch from Kingston, Ont., where the big Government penal institution is, says:

"Kid McManus, held for extradition to France for the theft of American Express Company bonds, will probably not be taken to Paris on that charge. The French authorities may have other accusations. President Fargo of the express company has withdrawn the charges. The Rev. Father McDonald, Roman Catholic chaplain at the penitentiary, was told by McManus that the bonds had been destroyed. He believed the man and made affidavit to that effect. Sheriff Foley has given a personal bond for \$5,000 to vouch for McManus's statement. For these reasons the bond theft charges are withdrawn."

McManus kept a saloon in New York city years ago and then helped both Senator Timothy Sullivan and Senator Foley in their political aspirations. They have never forgotten it and are going to help the burglar, it is said, no matter what its price.

It is stated at Kingston that both Senator Timothy Sullivan and Senator Foley of New York often visited Kingston for the purpose of seeing McManus in the penitentiary there and that they had interviews with him.

McManus went to the bad through drink, but has reformed and wants to start anew in New York. During his six years in the penitentiary, the term being now about up, he has been a model prisoner. He has declared that the American Express Company bonds that he and his pal Eddie Guerin stole were taken by the latter. The bonds, however, were destroyed. McManus and New York friends are willing to give personal bonds to the extent of some thousands of dollars that the stolen bonds are not in existence.

The crime for which France is seeking to extradite McManus is known as the Busby bond robbery. Further, it is probable that Eddie Guerin was sent to Devil's Island, whence he escaped a couple of years ago.

Most All in Mrs. King's Name.

Cardeno's Property Likely to Be Found Beyond Reach of Creditors.

BOSTON, March 21.—Cardeno F. King raised \$5,000 in cash at 4:35 o'clock on the afternoon of February 19, the day before he left Boston. This money was paid to him by George A. Staples, a note broker, and was in lieu of a mortgage on all of King's office furniture, household furniture and other personal property, including his two automobiles.

The records of the mortgage filed at City Hall show that King had put in the name of his wife, Mollie L. King, all of his personal property. Further, it probably means that this property is outside the jurisdiction of the trustees or receiver of C. F. King's affairs and that upon the payment of the \$5,000 note by Mrs. King on April 19, with the interest at 4 per cent a month, the property reverts to her.

Henry D. Yeaton, a cotrustee of the property of King, takes a hopeful view of the ultimate settlement of King's difficulties and says he would not be surprised if in the end creditors got one hundred cents on the dollar.

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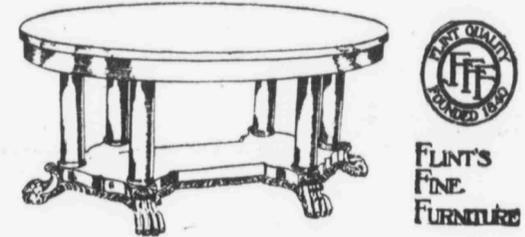
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