

not before several brake beams were bent.

The abrupt grip on the wheels served to steady the train and prevent a derailment.

GAVE THE COLONEL A JAR.

Col. Roosevelt, who occupied a compartment in the third car from the engine, was reading at the moment of the mishap and was almost thrown from his seat.

"I could not imagine," he said later, "what had happened. I knew nothing about the cause of the trouble until it was all over, but I wondered at the long delay."

The Colonel was not in the least put out by the misadventure, the second which he had had since he opened his campaign.

In Maryland some weeks ago in one of his trains his train was stopped just before it entered upon a piece of track twisted and spread by a damaged freight engine.

According to John McAffee, engineer on the limited, he did not see the obstruction, which lay in a sharp curve. From marks on the pilot and the damaged brake beams he judged that the boiler must have been two feet in diameter.

A track walker who was near the point of the curve said that he thought two small trees had rolled the obstruction upon the track. In this case it was not out by two youngsters standing by who said they had seen the act done.

Twenty minutes work sufficed to repair the train so that it could run to Poughkeepsie. There further repairs were made, and the locomotive, which was damaged by a smaller engine. This occasioned more delay, during which time Mr. Roosevelt ate his dinner in the dining car.

The Roosevelt party includes Col. and Mrs. Roosevelt and their son, Kermie, George and Nicholas Roosevelt and Mr. Roosevelt's nephew, Theodore Douglas Robinson; his secretary, Frank Harper; Travers Gannon and Regis H. Post, ex-Governor of Porto Rico.

All were accommodated in the compartment car Corland, where the Colonel kept quietly to himself.

From the time Col. Roosevelt arrived at his decision to start to-day for Chicago and announced it at 12:35 this afternoon he was busy arranging for his attendants. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., was left behind to look after his father's correspondence, and the only member of the family not in Chicago will have to get what comfort he can out of the Sagamore Hill telephone to the Roosevelt quarters in the Blackstone Hotel at Chicago.

The Colonel refused to be interviewed. At 4 o'clock he sent out word that he was ignorant of just what state of affairs he would find in Chicago and thought it best not to discuss his plans until he had time to read the telegrams and messages which awaited him here in Albany.

Col. Roosevelt motored in from Oyster Bay this morning with Mrs. Roosevelt when he got to the Outlook office he found the telephone wire to Chicago humming. It had been understood that if the Colonel went to Chicago Mrs. Roosevelt and other members of the family would go with him, so the decision of the Colonel probably was not so sudden as later events seemed to indicate.

Said the Colonel to a waiting group of newspaper men and others at the Outlook office in response to questions:

"When am I going to Chicago? I do not know yet. I may return to Oyster Bay this afternoon. But in a pause while they gathered round him sometimes things move quickly these days."

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"I have received countless telegrams from Chicago. The absolutely unanimous demand of the delegates who have already reached Chicago is to the effect that the action of the national committee in the California, Arizona, Indiana and Kentucky cases is such as to make the issue absolutely clear cut as to whether the people have the right to make their own choice or whether a small knot of professional politicians shall steal that right from them."

"They demanded that I come, not as a candidate, but because for the time being I stand as representing the principles for which the rank and file of the Republican party have overwhelmingly declared in States where they had the opportunity of expressing their wishes at the primaries."

"These States where the rank and file have declared for me and the principles I represent include those casting about two-thirds of the electoral vote that has been cast at the last two elections for the Republican candidate for President, and in these primary States Mr. Taft has obtained only one-seventh and one-eighth of the delegates."

"The delegates who represent the people themselves feel that the people have declared themselves beyond the possibility of misapprehension or misrepresentation, and they are not in the mood to see the victory stolen from them. The Colonel shot into his office. Those who watched things calmly could not believe that the Colonel's determination to go to Chicago was sudden, in view of the fact that his relatives and friends were ready for the trip."

The Colonel and Mrs. Roosevelt had luncheon at the Aldine Club. Waiting for the Roosevelt party at the Grand Central Station were many persons who had been informed that they were coming. The result was an unexpected rush for Chicago on the train which carried the Colonel.

LA FOLLETTE IS 57.

"I Have Never Enjoyed Such Health in My Life," He Said, "as I Do Now."

WASHINGTON, June 14.—To-day is Senator La Follette's fifty-seventh birthday. The Senator spent most of the day dictating the closing chapter of a book which is to come out on July 15.

In an interview published this morning he was reported as saying:

"I feel the years very lightly. The fact is I have never enjoyed such health in my life as I do now."

"So far as my enjoyment is concerned, I will only say that I have made a good strong fight, have taken some hard bruising and can feel that in it all I have been as straight as a ramrod. The people know just where I stand. I have told the truth unflinchingly, and I believe that in doing so I have done my country a patriotic service."

Roosevelt Will Make His Appeals in Person

Breaks All Precedents to Ask Support of Wavering Delegations.

SCARED BY BOLT THREATS

Colonel's Managers Differ as to Propriety and Efficiency of Move.

CHICAGO, June 14. Any number of reasons or alleged reasons are given here to explain why ex-President Roosevelt is to appear in person in this town to-morrow.

Half of his managers on this battlefield, it is well known, have protested all along against Col. Roosevelt's appearance either during the session of the national committee or of the national convention. There is no record in a Republican national convention of a candidate turning up and taking a hand in the contest.

No candidate has projected himself into a controversy in order to bring about his own nomination.

Senator Dixon and others of Col. Roosevelt's enthusiastic friends here have not thought it wise that he should violate the precedents of half a century and more.

William Flinn, however, a born fighter himself, has insisted from his arrival here that Col. Roosevelt should come along and make the walk in.

It was made very plain to-night that one of the reasons why Col. Roosevelt is rushing into this fray is that in the States of Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, all Roosevelt voters are Presidential primaries, there are delegates very partial to the nomination of President Taft.

News of this character has greatly disturbed Mr. Flinn, but he declines to admit its truth. Other Roosevelt campaigners to-day said that the Colonel had timed his appearance in this city, but Mr. Flinn combats this theory and declares that the Colonel will be on the battlefield just as the national committee is sending its work on the convention.

It is the idea of Mr. Flinn that when these contests are all finally decided to-morrow night Taft and Roosevelt will be running about neck and neck and that the ex-President will have Sunday, Monday and Tuesday in which to personally talk with delegates who are on the fence or inclined to get on the fence for the purpose of winning them over to his cause.

The Roosevelt men who insist that the Colonel has come ahead of time declared that his visit would have been more to the purpose either last Monday or on Wednesday next.

Senator Dixon said that he and Alexander H. Revell of the Chicago Roosevelt headquarters were to meet Col. Roosevelt to-morrow afternoon and escort him to the Blackstone Hotel.

On Monday night there is to be a mass meeting in the Auditorium Theatre, at which Col. Roosevelt will be the only speaker. By that time all of the delegates will be in the city. It will be open house. There will be no tickets issued, and a great throng is promised.

Col. Roosevelt in his speeches to attack the national committee for its decisions in the contests and to reiterate his recent statements at Oyster Bay. Monday and Tuesday he is to interview the delegates, all of the delegates committed to his candidacy and to engage in efforts to bring the negro delegates from the Southern States over to him. He will be aided in these efforts by Mr. Flinn and Senator Dixon and all the Roosevelt campaigners.

"THIS BUNCH OF BURGERS."

Senator Dixon was asked to-night if Col. Roosevelt's visit to this city had been made necessary by the situation. He replied: "Judging from the action of this bunch of burgers in the national committee it looks as if there were a fairly good sized crisis in the Republican party."

President Taft's utterance in the White House to-day: "There will be no third candidate. All the information I get is that I will be nominated on the first ballot with votes to spare" has been a welcome declaration here to his champions and followers.

President Crane and other Taft men believe that the ex-President's visit to this city at this time will be injurious to his cause. The Taft men were never so firm as they are to-day and they have been heartened by the President's announcement.

The Taft campaigners insist that the Colonel's visit here has strengthened the Taft forces, that neither Col. Roosevelt's speech nor his importunities can change the situation, and they insist that Col. Roosevelt would not come here unless he knew perfectly well that he was making the last charge of the guard."

T. R. HIS OWN LAST HOPE.

Director William B. McKinley of the Taft headquarters, speaking of Col. Roosevelt's arrival in this city, said:

Theodore Roosevelt, the last hope of his own falling candidacy for renomination and a third term as President, will, it is said, arrive in Chicago to-morrow evening.

At a conference of Roosevelt leaders held on Thursday afternoon a final poll of delegates to the coming national convention was taken which showed that Theodore Roosevelt was receiving eight votes short of a renomination, despite all that his personal representatives had been able to do for him.

Contrary to their desires but in accord with their own opinion, in view of the facts confronting them, it was determined to admit defeat to Mr. Roosevelt and to

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The announcement in THE SUN several days ago that Theodore Roosevelt would be chairman of the committee on credentials in this convention was confirmed to-day by Senator Devine, who is to be chairman of the committee on credentials.

Mr. Devine is owner of the *Chieftain*, published in Pueblo, Colo., for which State he is a delegate at large.

The scenes in the committee on credentials next week promise to be infinitely more lively than those in the national convention. It is expected that the committee will review in this committee and its work will doubtless delay the proceedings between the temporary and permanent organizations of the party so that the committee of credentials will be fought the final battle.

With the temporary organization of the convention in the hands of the Taft men the struggle for the control of the permanent organization, in which the nominations for President and Vice-President are made, is expected to be a bitter one in the history of Republican national conventions.

The Maryland delegation arrived in Chicago this afternoon. The Hon. Charles Carrington of Baltimore, chairman of the delegation, declared that he was confident Col. Roosevelt would be nominated.

MARYLAND ELECTORS TO BOLT.

"I have special reasons, which I do not deem it strategic to reveal now, for my belief that Col. Roosevelt will be nominated in the convention," said Carrington. "But regardless of whether or when Col. Roosevelt is nominated, the Maryland electors will vote for him in the electoral college."

The biggest surprise of this convention to the Taft forces will be the way the majority of the Southern delegates go. I now have sufficient information to say that the Roosevelt strength with those Southern delegates has been vastly underestimated by the Taft campaign managers.

DIRECTOR MCKINLEY OF THE TAFT BUREAU to-night supported President Taft's remark in the White House to-day in the following statement:

Within the last twenty-four hours men high in the ranks of Roosevelt have energetically encouraged talk of a compromise candidate for President. This is an admission of a patent fact, namely, that Theodore Roosevelt is a defeated candidate in the convention.

The President is in this contest to the finish. He, as a candidate, most definitely represents in this campaign those tenets and principles for which the Republican party from its inception has persistently and consistently contended, chief among which is its defense of the constitution and the laws of the land as they affect the independence of the judiciary and the rights of individual citizens.

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DEPENDS CONSTITUTION.

In this contest an issue has been raised within the Republican party itself involving the subversion of the constitution as it has hitherto been interpreted and defended by the Republican party. It is proposed that Federal judges and judicial decisions shall be recalled by popular vote. This suggestion involves a change in the constitution and in the laws of the land to be made effective.

In addition it is proposed that the initiative and referendum shall become a part of the system of national legislation for a nation of approximately 100,000,000 people. Without stopping to argue for one moment the merits or demerits of the practicality or impracticability of this suggestion it should be remembered that the very first section of the First Article of the Constitution of the United States says:

"All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives."

The issue involving constitutional questions has been squarely raised by Theodore Roosevelt in this campaign. He is the first and only Republican of prominence in this country who has expressed dissatisfaction with the constitution under which the United States have risen from Colonial government to the foremost rank of nations of the world in the brief period of 123 years.

The antithesis of Mr. Roosevelt in this contest is President Taft, who favors a progressive party government under the constitution, enforcement of the laws with

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Upon this will be based some concrete recommendations toward remedying certain evils recognized to be a just subject for consideration.

A lively fight is looked for over the tariff plank, which is likely to transcend in interest any other single feature of the document upon which the formalities of a candidate will run. La Follette has a plank, the Cummings men may have another. Mr. Taft's position of course will be known. A remark of the former recommendation of a tariff plank on the difference between home and foreign productions is what the Taft plank will call for.

If the Cummings men present planks at all they will include one on the tariff recommending that any product produced in the United States should be sold on the free list. But Senator Keating, leader of the Cummings men, said they might not have any proposals to make. The result may come after all. They are waiting to see how the present tariff turns out.

The La Follette tariff plank would probably be contained in the last plank form calling for "a reasonable protection of American industries."

It is in the Roosevelt tariff plank that the most interest is being taken, but it is secret and is locked in the breast of the Colonel himself. Even Mr. Roosevelt's own enthusiasts admit it will have to be made specific. The Colonel has had utterances have been and go a lot further than saying the tariff benefits must go into the tax envelope, but they don't know just in what way the Colonel is going to explain how this is to be brought about.

This is only one of many things that have figured in the convention contest which is being fought in the city. They will be in control of the resolutions committee, intend to bring up. They will demand that those who have been raising all the dust should have the right to receive, according to one of the Taft plank makers, that the platform will be formed very largely.

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