

WHAT CONVENTION DID DURING DYING HOURS

Steam Roller Flattens Out More Roosevelt Men, Completing Obliteration of the Colonel—Demonstrations Prove a Distraction.

By JOHN B. PRATT. Chicago, June 22.—The steam roller started chugging away as soon as the convention opened. Chairman Root waited until 10:45 o'clock for word from the credentials committee from slugging down the gavel. When he was informed that the Mississippi contests had been disposed of, he opened the steam throttle. The Rev. John Wesley Hill, an ardent admirer of President Taft, offered prayer, expressing the hope that the country was saved from restlessness and ruin. He asked for a blessing upon "this convention, upon these delegates, upon whom devolve arduous responsibilities."

The convention hall, at the opening, was only half filled. All the delegates were in their seats, hoping for an end to the long suspense, but the balconies were, in spots, empty. Mrs. Alice Longworth, looking forlorn, came in with Congressman Nicholas Longworth before the prayer. The Longworth family appeared to be apprehensive of what was going to happen to the colonel's ambitions.

Order at 10:45 o'clock. The convention called to meet at 10 o'clock drifted almost for three-quarters of an hour. The report of the committee on credentials, the first thing to come before the house was not ready. It was 10:45 when the convention was finally brought to order. The Rev. John Wesley Hill pronounced the invocation. He said: "Oh, Thou who dwellest in the light and unto whom all things come in their ripeness and beauty, we rejoice that we are Thy people, O God, our Father. We thank Thee, Almighty God, for the history, the principles and achievements represented here to-day for the party of patriotism and progress, of law and order, of liberty and of equality. We pray Thy blessings upon this convention, upon these delegates, upon whom devolve arduous responsibilities. Grant to them largeness of purpose and patriotism. Save us from restlessness, revolution and ruin."

Steam Roller Starts. Two minutes after the convention started the "steam roller was on its way." The delegates and the chairman seemed to enjoy the situation. The first case that came up was the delegates' large from Mississippi. Two reports were offered. When the motion of Delegate Watson to table the minority report came up some one in the audience called out "Steam roller!" and the sound of escaping steam. When the votes were put the delegates shouted "Yes." Then they shouted "No." The "No" was loud and long.

The eyes appear to have it," shouted the chairman, smilingly. "The eyes have it and the motion is passed." Some delegates produced a metal whistle and sounded two shrill blasts. The other Mississippi cases in which there were no contests were rushed through in the same manner, the chairman announcing his decision amid deafening choruses of "noes." Every one was good natured.

Chairman Root advanced to the front of the platform to ask for order when the contest of the State at large case of Washin was called. Exceeding Speed Limit. In a pleasant little speech he asked a little more quiet. "Mr. Chairman, a point of order," shouted P. W. Howard, of Mississippi. "State the point." "The steam roller is exceeding the limit."

"The point is sustained," smiled Root. "However, we must hasten somewhat for we have hopes of getting home for Sunday." The reading clerk then began reading the majority report in the Washington case.

John J. Sullivan, of Ohio, presented the statement of the minority, and on behalf of all of the Roosevelt members of the committee on credentials, moved the adoption of the statement as a substitute. The statement charged that the contests in Washington were all "trumped up ones," and found for the seating of all of the Roosevelt delegates.

Watson, of Indiana, moved to table the minority motion and to let the steam roller roll through. "Choo, choo, choo," began the delegates from the Roosevelt side. They started to make a loud imitation of the steam roller in full operation. "All aboard the choo choo cars." "Send your tractors and men turning the situation into farce they laughed and hooped, only to drop into the chorus "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

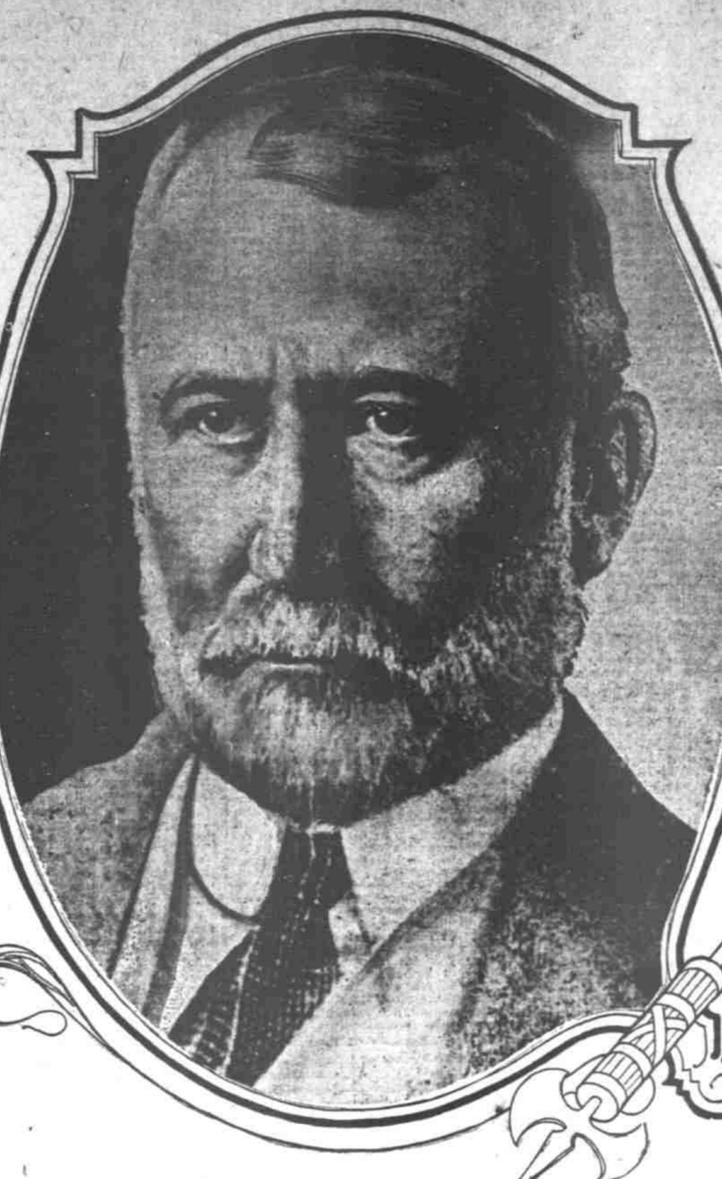
The loud California statements started the hooping and the musical voices from the platform. "The convention will receive the report of the credentials committee on the delegates at large from Texas." The delegates at large in Texas were overwhelmingly in favor of President Taft.

"How about California?" yelled a delegate. "Boo! boo!" chorused the other Roosevelt men. "Throwing out the rotten boroughs," ran the report, "the State of Texas very evidently was in favor of Taft." Then it charged that Cecil Lyon had made the color issue dominant in the campaign and had said in the light that it was a question whether the white man or the black ruled in Texas.

John J. Sullivan, of Ohio, moved to substitute the minority report, which he read, naming the Roosevelt delegates as leaders. The minority report closed with the demand that the Roosevelt delegates be seated. "Choo, choo, too," went the delegates. The motion to adopt the report was speedily carried, and Chairman Root said: "I would like to say—"

"Too, too," went the tin whistle out in the crowd. The Illinois seats started between E. J. Harbaker and William J. Cooke, of the Illinois delegation. Cooke was guarding the standard, and Harbaker tried to strike Cooke, who was struck. A policeman jumped in, and was hit on the jaw. Just then the head of the parade appeared, and Lieut. Cronin jumped in. He stopped the fight and the parade.

DEMOCRATIC DARK HORSE.



WILLIAM J. GAYNOR, Mayor of New York City, and a "dark horse" in the Democratic Presidential nomination race. It is said that C. Francis Murphy, the leader of New York's Tammany Hall, and his great following are out to boost Mayor Gaynor into the nomination.

tests had been finished by the committee on credentials, but that there were a number of cases before the committee in which no formal contests had been made. The statement said that in a number of contests there were no appeals taken to the credentials committee. The committee stated that it had examined the evidence before the National Committee and had recommended that these delegates be seated.

Chairman Root conferred with the floor leader and then got unanimous consent to place the minor cases on the permanent roll. The committee on permanent organization reported that the temporary organization he made permanent. Chairman Root took the chair to put the question and the Roosevelt delegates proceeded to make a wild demonstration over the change.

"Root, Root," called back the Taft people in acclaim of their champion. Root Permanent Chairman. "I thank you, my friends, from the bottom of my heart. The first act as permanent chairman of this convention is to ask your unanimous consent that the delegate from the State of Kansas, Henry Allen, be permitted to make a statement to the convention," said Root when he had been named permanent chairman.

Henry Allen, of Kansas, then took the floor. "In a convention where a minority report sounds louder than the majority report, it is a great thing to have the unanimous consent of the chairman," he said. "If you give me ten minutes I'll not trouble you any more," he continued.

Allen's statement. When he again got the attention of the house, Allen proceeded to read the statement of the progressives, which is as follows: "We have reached a point where the Roosevelt delegates feel that they can no longer share in the responsibilities for the acts of the convention. We have conferred with you until we have exhausted every parliamentary privilege in an effort to have placed upon the roll the names of men legally elected. When, by using the votes of the delegates whose rights in this convention are challenged, you took the position which places the powers of a political committee above the authority of 7,000 majority elected primary in California, we decided that your steam roller had exceeded the speed limit. Since then we have asked for no roll call. You have now completed the seating of all contested delegates. We accomplished your purpose. We cannot in justice to ourselves share the responsibility of a convention which has said to Ohio—the home of President Taft—that a majority of 47,000 votes obtained in a legal primary election would stand aside for the political dictum of a national committeeman discarded by that same majority. We cannot become parties with you in a declaration to Pennsylvania, that a defeated political committee man sitting in an obscure room in this building can nullify the 430,000 majority by which Pennsylvania gave expression to her wishes."

Not Bound by Party. "We will not put ourselves in a position to be bound by anything you say to the majority who rejected Mr. Taft in New York, to the majority which rejected him in Wisconsin, to the majority which rejected him in Nebraska, to the majority which rejected him in Maine, to the majority who rejected him in Maryland, to the majority in South Dakota, to the majority in North Dakota, which gave him only 1,000 votes of 50,000, to the majorities which rejected him in Oregon, Kansas, Oklahoma, West Virginia, North Carolina, Minnesota, that all these majorities added together went down under the mere rulings of a political committee. We will not join you in saying to the home State of Abraham Lincoln that the 50,000 majority with which it defeated Mr. Taft and his managers was overruled by those very managers with the consent of those who have arrogated powers never intended to be theirs."

Mr. Payne sought to question the regularity of these great Republican States yesterday. Until he can show a better record than is shown by the results of his type of conservative leadership, he is stopped from criticism. When Theodore Roosevelt left the White House four years ago he left you an overwhelming majority in both branches of Congress; he left you an overwhelming majority in all the great Republican States. He left you a record upon which

you could elect Mr. Taft; he left you a progressive programme to be carried forward. That programme was buried beneath an avalanche of words at Winona, and eighteen Republican Governors were buried beneath an avalanche of votes which rebuked renegeancy to party pledges.

Will Sit in Protest. "A big majority in the Lower House gave way to Democrats and in the Senate was reduced to a mere majority. So much for your conservative leadership, Mr. Payne." "We will not participate with you in completing the scuttling of the ship. We will not say to the young men of the nation, who, reading political history with their fathers and longing to catch step with their fathers, that we have nothing better to offer them at this hour than this new declaration of human representatives that a discarded political committee was to be held greater power than a majority of over two million. We did not bolt; we merely insist that you, not we, are making the record, and we refuse to be bound by it. We have pleaded with you ten days; we have fought with you five days for a square deal; we fight no more. We plead no longer; we shall sit in silent protest, and the people who sent us here shall judge us. You call us radicals, but would anything be more radical than taking a convention by fraud, than by fraud nominating a candidate for President?"

When Roosevelt left the White House four years ago, he left you a majority in both Houses of Congress. He left you a majority in several States." There was an outbreak at this time which was quieted by Chairman Root. "We left you a record upon which you could elect Mr. Taft. He left you a progressive policy which was buried under an avalanche of words at Winona. Eighteen Republican Governors were buried under an avalanche of votes a few months later."

New Principle Offered. He declared that Roosevelt will not aid in the "scuttling of the ship." He offered the new principle of human rights as against the discarded National Committee which did not represent the people. "We pleaded with you ten days and fought for five more. We shall not fight any more." "Yellow," cried one delegate. "You accuse us as radicals, but radicals as we may be we never want to a National Convention and secured through fraud the nomination of a Presidential candidate we know could not be elected." A cheer of less than a minute followed.

A report of the majority of the committee on rules was laid upon the table. The report of the minority of the committee, backed by proper reserves, issued under the old rules. James Watson, of Indiana, made both motions to table. The next order of business was then called for the report of the committee on resolutions. Former Vice President Fairbanks then stepped to the platform to read the report of the committee. He made an excuse for the National Committee. "That committee heard those cases patiently and denied no one a hearing," he said. He then proceeded to the reading of the platform. As he read the statement original with Lincoln on government "of, for and by the people," he was greeted by groans and laughter. There was little interruption from then on through the reading. The declaration that the Republican party should uphold the integrity of the courts brought an interruption in the form of an orderly round of applause. The former Vice President finished reading at 4:15 o'clock. After the applause subsided the minority report of the resolutions committee was presented by W. C. Owens, of Wisconsin. He read the La Follette platform. At this point

TAFT OVER MUCH MORE

Outcome of Voting on Nomination Demonstration of President's Real Strength.

CONTESTS INSTITUTED TO CLOUD ISSUES

Third Party Will Have Small Show if Wilson Is the Nominee of the Democrats.

By STAFF CORRESPONDENT. Chicago, Ill., June 22.—William Howard Taft, of Ohio, was nominated to-night on the first ballot as the Republican candidate for President and James S. Sherman, of New York, was named as Vice President. It is the old ticket over again.

President Taft received 561 votes, or twenty-one more than were necessary for a majority. Roosevelt received 307 votes, but this does not represent his full strength, inasmuch as 244 delegates pledged or instructed for him refused to be recorded, thus obeying his instructions. Senator La Follette received forty-one votes. Senator Cummins of Iowa seventy-seven votes. Associate Justice Hughes no votes, while six delegates were absent. The outcome shows that Mr. Roosevelt did not have at any time a majority of the convention. He endeavored to secure this majority by instituting contests among the delegates, and then, when his claimants were not seated, he declared that he had been defeated. As a matter of fact, he was beaten when he came to Chicago a week ago to-day, and the only manner in which he could cover his defeat was to make charges which had no foundation in fact.

No Votes in Six States. President Taft received the votes of one or more delegates in every State in the Union save six, Maine, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. The first four of these States he lost through his advocacy of renegeancy, and Wisconsin gave its vote to a favorite son, Senator La Follette. It is true that he did not have a majority of the delegates from States whose electoral votes are essential to his election, but in some of these States, like Idaho and Missouri, it is certain that there will be no bolt. The attitude of the Republicans in these States is now for a more political importance. It may be said that if Woodrow Wilson is nominated at Baltimore there will be no third party. The Democrats will support him. Roosevelt will support him. Bryan will support him. Harbaker will support him. Wood is nominated the so-called Progressive Republicans will nominate Roosevelt and Wilson as their candidates for August. If Bryan is elected the Democratic candidate the Republicans will be in a quandary.

They have voted against Bryan so often that they do not care to vote for him now. It may be, however, if their party does not materialize that they will accept Bryan. It is said not to be likely that the Democrats will nominate Bryan, but a combination of Bryan, Roosevelt and Bryan Democrats would certainly be a unique chapter in political history.

Nomination the Climax. The nomination came as the climax of a day which was marked by the existence of the Republican party. In the early morning there was much apparent friendliness and good humor. The delegates sang and laughed and when the delegates were seated, the delegates discovered amid the Pennsylvania delegation he was lifted in the arms of a gigantic Keystone citizen and applauded as he squirmed in the air. Then the reports of the credentials committee were read through without a hitch, there being no contest even upon the seating of the delegates from Wisconsin.

The day was, however, the feeling became more tense and reached its climax when Henry J. Allen, chairman of the Kansas delegation, read Roosevelt's nomination of the convention would be the beneficiary of a successful fraud. It provoked a storm of hisses, so loud and sibilant that the noisy demonstration of the Roosevelt followers could not drown it. As Mr. Allen proceeded to read the platform, the delegates declared that the platform was fraudulent. The platform of the minority of the resolutions committee. Noise was so great that Chairman Root stepped to Owens' side and appealed to the delegates for order.

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The La Follette tariff plank recommends a continuation of the protective tariff, but asks that the schedules be "reduced to the ascertained difference in labor in this country and abroad and so adjusted as to assure its benefit to labor and not to protect inefficient management or place a premium on the further exhaustion of our limited natural resources."

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The roll call by States on the adoption of the platform resulted as follows: Vote, 66; no, 33; absent, 18; present but not voting, 34.

The roll call of States for nomination of Presidential candidates then started.

Decline to Vote on Platform. In his statement Mr. Roosevelt asked his delegates not to participate in the proceedings because he had been defrauded of the nomination by the seating of the platform.

Mateo Fojardo, of the Porto Rico delegation, tried to get the floor to make a motion to include a plank in the platform favorable to Porto Rico. No attention was paid to him and he left his seat to go to the platform. His effort at recognition was fruitless.

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Starts Eleventh Year's Service. The opening of the seventh year's work of Rev. Sylvester L. Corrothers at Galbraith A. M. E. Zion Church will begin to-day. This is the first time in more than thirty years that any man in the Methodist Church has ever held an appointment so long. Dr. S. L. Corrothers and his officers have drawn a plan by which they hope to remove the remainder of the debt of the church. A young woman applying for a marriage license at Geneva, Switzerland, subtracted the year's age and was fined on a charge of "ageism."

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