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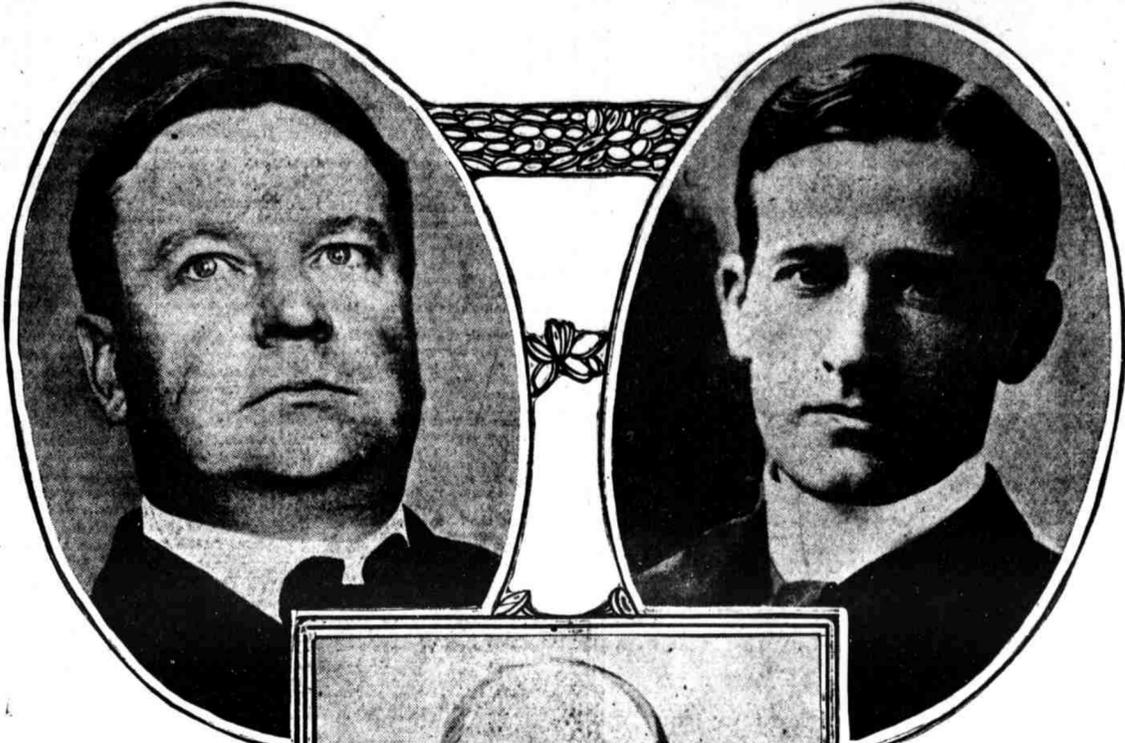
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## Both Sides at Sea as Fight Opens to Purge Roll Call; Taft Leaders' Only Hope is Bolt of Roosevelt Forces



GOVERNOR JOHNSON, CALIFORNIA.

GOVERNOR HADLEY, MISSOURI.



GOVERNOR MCGOVERN OF WISCONSIN.

### CONGRESS LIKELY TO PROBE BRIBERY CHARGE AT CHICAGO

Investigation of Use of Money at Convention Probable.

Congress may investigate the charges of bribery at the Chicago convention, and to do a good job, it may also reach out its tentacles toward Baltimore and other cities in which national political conventions have been or are to be held.

### TAFT SIGNS HUGHES EIGHT-HOUR BILL

Short Work Day Is Prescribed For All Government Employees.

President Taft today signed the Hughes eight-hour bill prescribing an eight-hour day on all Government work.

### Sidney Bieber Expects To Land His Seat

COLISEUM, Chicago, June 19.—National Committeeman Sidney Bieber said today he expected to be seated by the convention as a delegate from the District of Columbia.

He predicted that when the convention had passed on his case and that of Dr. J. R. Wilder both would be recognized as delegates.

### WEATHER REPORT.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT. Showers this afternoon and tonight. Thursday cloudy; somewhat higher temperature.

Table with columns for TEMPERATURES and TIDE TABLE. Includes data for U.S. BUREAU, AFFLECK'S, and tide forecasts for today, tomorrow, and the next day.

The La Follette delegation is split wide open as a result of the Senator's lieutenants knifing Governor McGovern yesterday in the temporary chairmanship fight in Chicago. While La Follette was losing strength, Colonel Roosevelt was fortifying his line by urging all his supporters to stick to their leaders—Hadley, Johnson, and Record.

## NATIONALS OPEN IN DOUBLE-HEADER AT PHILADELPHIA

By "SENATOR."

SHIBE PARK, PHILADELPHIA, June 19.—On a heavy field the Nationals today resumed their fight to overthrow the record of consecutive victories.

All last night there was a drizzle, but early today; much to the relief of Griffith, it cleared up, and while the field is overhung by dark gray skies, there does not promise to be any interruption in the program for the double-header between the onrushing Nationals and the baseball title-holders of civilization.

That dispute in the game at Washington has but served to intensify the feeling between the teams. The Athletics have always contended, since the memorable seventeen inning game in 1909, which gave to Detroit the championship, that O'Loughlin has rubbed it into Connie Mack and his workers.

Griffith has not yet heard from the Detroit club in reference to the waivers refused on George Mullin, the veteran pitcher, and he is beginning to think the demand for waivers by Hughie Jennings is nothing but a threat to make the hurler get into playing condition.

When veteran players allow themselves to get into poor shape, as Mullin has done, this method of scaring them into working hard is frequently used.

### GALLERIES CHEER AS HADLEY OPENS ROOSEVELT FIGHT

Some Confusion At Second Day's Opening, But Crowds Well Handled.

### DELEGATES FROM WISCONSIN MAY DESERT SENATOR

CHICAGO, June 19.—Wholesale desertion of the Wisconsin delegation, with several resignations threatened, marked the entrance today of the La Follette workers into the convention.

Governor McGovern, elected chairman of the delegation, today received the resignation of Henry F. Cochems as a delegate.

Several other delegates threaten similar action. It was rumored that McGovern himself might withdraw. His friends refused verification of that rumor, however, and he would not talk prior to the assembling of the convention.

Cochems, who nominated La Follette for President four years ago, today came out with a second bitter attack upon the Wisconsin progressive, explaining his action in nominating McGovern for temporary chairman and his resignation.

"La Follette himself, and his manager are out to lick Roosevelt, that's all," said Cochems. "They are utterly disregarding the progressive principles, the fight for the people which Roosevelt, just as much as La Follette, is waging. For ten days Manager Hauser has been trafficking with the Taft crowd, defending the rotten steals of the national committee, and conducting a campaign of vengeance upon Roosevelt, rather than support of the progressives."

Tired of Fight. "I got sick of the whole dirty mess and simply quit, to save my own self-respect. I felt I would be stultifying myself to keep a seat on the delegation, when instructed for La Follette, and did not wish to be accused of desertion or treachery. Now I am free to make a progressive fight as I see it."

Cochems entered the Roosevelt ranks today, but unofficially. Walter Hauser, La Follette's campaign manager; Col. John L. Hannan, secretary to the Senator, and Walter Rogers, Wisconsin national committeeman, united today in declaring that Wisconsin, and also the North Dakota delegation would vote solidly at all times for the nomination of La Follette.

Manager Hauser also declared the National Committeeman Rogers breathed vengeance upon McGovern and Cochems.

Their political death-knell is sounded," said Rogers. McGovern comes up for re-election this fall, and I think I can safely say that La Follette will be right busy about that time. The Vice Presidential bait was too much for the political selfishness of McGovern, but McGovern and all of his ilk on the delegation have got to vote for La Follette or get off the delegation. And I predict every man-jack of them will vote for the Senator.

"They will go back home as political dead ducks, if they don't."

## FIGHT TO THE END AGAINST THIEVERY, ROOSEVELT'S ORDER

### Says His Nomination Is Secondary to Cleaning Up the Convention—Taft's Defeat Is Forecasted By His Supporters, Who Talk of Compromise.

By J. C. Welliver.

CHICAGO, June 19.—Electricity filled the air when the convention assembled this morning for the second day's session. The great hall was a powder mine. Delegates were more quiet than is wont, realizing that the crisis in the great fight was at hand. It might come at any moment, and in any unexpected way.

The Roosevelt people went to the hall prepared for their biggest fight in behalf of honesty and decency. The temporary roll of the convention, representative of the thievery and burglary perpetuated by the national committee, was at last to come squarely under attack, and there was simply no knowing to what extent the fight might be carried.

Colonel Roosevelt told his lieutenants last night that it was now more than a question of his nomination in this convention. He insists that he must be nominated by a decent, self-respecting convention; by a convention that will be purged of the product of chicanery and dishonesty. He told them that this position must be presented, and urged upon the convention, with the most solemn insistence.

What the alternative may be, if steam roller methods of the Taft juggernaut again prevail, is yet left to conjecture, but the feeling this morning was that the split might come in the convention at any time. One of the Taft leaders declared that he believed the possibility of a double-headed convention, with two chairmen trying to do business at once, was graver than ever.

### AT THE CLOSE OF LAST NIGHT'S SESSION

agreement was reached to take up this morning Governor Hadley's motion to purge the roll of the delegates' names written into it by the national committee. Hadley and Watson, of Indiana, the floor manager for Taft, agreed tentatively that there should be three hours' debate on this proposition, and then a vote by call of the individual roll.

This was submitted to the conferences of managers on both sides, and while subject to change to meet developing conditions, it was generally agreed that the proposition should rule.

At the end of the three hours' discussion on the Hadley proposal, and of the roll call, the fight will go to the credentials committee. If they are defeated on the proposition in the first fight, then the Roosevelt people will concentrate all energy on the credentials showing determined to make it so strong that the convention will be forced to repudiate some of the glaring acts of national committee piracy.

### Now Question of Honesty.

It is now a question of simple honesty and decency on one side, and the most vicious performance in political thugery that had ever marked the proceedings of a national convention. The outcome, the result in terms of victory or defeat, has sunk into insignificance in the minds of the progressives. They have reached the point whence they can proceed no further along the route that compels them to affiliate with the men who have committed these successive acts of political criminality. They will not take the dose prepared for them.

Not that the Roosevelt people expect to be defeated. They believe they are going to win, and the opinion that they will do so is strengthened by every consideration of the close contest that took place yesterday over the selection of Root for temporary chairman. Root received 358 votes, just eighteen more (Continued on Fourth Page.)

### THIRD MAN GOSSIP HELPED ALONG BY TAFT'S FOLLOWERS

By JOHN SNURE.

CHICAGO, June 19.—Many predictions of deadlock and nomination of a third man filled the air today. This talk was carefully fostered by the Cummins boomers and the La Follette men. Moreover, it was helped along by some of the men high up in the Taft camp, whose chief aim is not the nomination of President Taft, but the defeat of Roosevelt.

It was entirely plain that the closeness of the vote yesterday on the election of Root had given great encouragement to the advocates of a deadlock and a third candidate. Last night important conferences were held, lasting far into the night, for the purpose of organizing to help along the deadlock plans.

### Cummins Men Active.

That the Cummins leaders had talked with some of the men foremost in the Taft camp became known. They did not confine their efforts, however, to the Taft side. They insisted that President Taft could not be nominated on the first ballot in view of the showing yesterday, and that it would require but a small nucleus to tie things up tight.

The Cummins leaders showed more enthusiasm and aggressiveness last night and today than they have at any time thus far. Senator Kenyon keeps in close touch over the wires with Senator Cummins, who, though in Washington, is personally directing the maneuvers. Hughes and Borah talk was heard in considerable volume. As a matter of fact, Senator Borah is getting a fine young dark horse groomed through the efforts of his friends here. The fact that the Taft leaders were, in spite of their claims, made extremely apprehensive by the narrow margin which Senator Root got, served both to encourage the Roosevelt men and make the third-man boomers more energetic.

### McKinley Not Sanguine.

Director McKinley, while putting out strong claims, was, as a matter of fact, not at all sanguine in his talks with the men "higher up."

It became known that the Taft leaders were admitting confidentially that they could really count on a margin of only a few votes. Some of them put the figure at nine. Others put it at four. The whole force of the Taft campaign management was directed to preventing this narrow margin from being swept away and while this margin might be preserved, most politicians are doubtful whether it can be done. The Taft leaders who would like to shift to a third man are, as they admit, handicapped by the fact they see no clear way of letting go of Taft and trying to switch to a third man without releasing a lot of delegates to Roosevelt and nominating him.