

ROOSEVELT WILL FIGHT TO PURGE DELEGATE ROLL

Gov. Hadley Leading Battle Against Lists in Convention Hall.

REFUSE TO ADMIT ELECTION OF ROOT

All Supporters of Colonel Are Hanging Together in Mighty Contest at Chicago.

COLISEUM, CHICAGO, June 19.—The Roosevelt forces will not recognize Senator Elihu Root of New York, as the legally elected chairman of the Republican national convention.

Herbert S. Hadley, floor leader of the colonel's forces, was ordered to start the battle. He had wheeled his war engine into line just as the first day's session of the convention came to a close.

The contest hinges on the unsetting of seventy delegates put on the temporary roll of the convention by the national committee's steam roller.

Hadley made a move as if to object, but after hurried consultation with some of his associates in the Roosevelt camp he permitted the motion to be put and carried with a viva voce vote.

The Roosevelt men came forward, holding in his hand a sheaf of manuscript, which contained the names of the seventy delegates put out of business by the Taft steam roller.

The battle will continue until the credentials committee, pro-Taft, reports and the minority report will be brought in by the Roosevelt members.

Hammond Again Head Of Republican Clubs

CHICAGO, June 19.—Officers were elected last night by the National League of Republican Clubs, as follows: President, John Hay Hammond, New York.

LABOR DEMANDS CURB OF JUDGES ON INJUNCTIONS

Sam Gompers Is Outlining Plank for a Republican Convention.

CHICAGO, June 19.—Relief for labor organizations from the curbing of the power of Federal judges in the issuance of injunction in labor disputes will be the chief demands made by organized labor on the platform builders of the Republican convention.

The same demands will be presented next week to the Democratic leaders in Baltimore.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and John B. Lennon, treasurer, today began formulating the demands which will be presented to the proper committee at the earliest opportunity.

Mr. Gompers said that he did not know when he would be given a hearing, if at all.

There are now bills pending in Congress designed to give the labor organizations the relief they ask on the injunction question and the antitrust question, but Mr. Gompers said they have not passed the same and intimated there is little hope of their enactment into law at this session.

Another plank which it is understood that labor forces will ask is a law prohibiting the shipment of prison-made goods from one State to another. A bill on this subject is pending in Congress, but it is not believed that it will pass.

CONFERENCES HELD BY BOTH FACTIONS

Rumored That Taft Leaders Are Seeking Compromise Candidate.

CHICAGO, June 19.—The first sortie of the day in Republican convention circles was a report that the Taft leaders were seeking a compromise candidate. Roosevelt supporters were made jubilant by strong rumors that at a protracted conference of William Barnes, Jr., Senator Penrose, Senator Burton, and others, it was decided that the cause of President Taft was hopeless and that only a compromise candidate could be elected.

Barnes was said to have gotten President Taft on the long-distance telephone at dawn and told the President of the situation. The report further added that Barnes had asked the release of the Taft delegates after the first ballot, but that the President had refused.

Confer With Roosevelt.

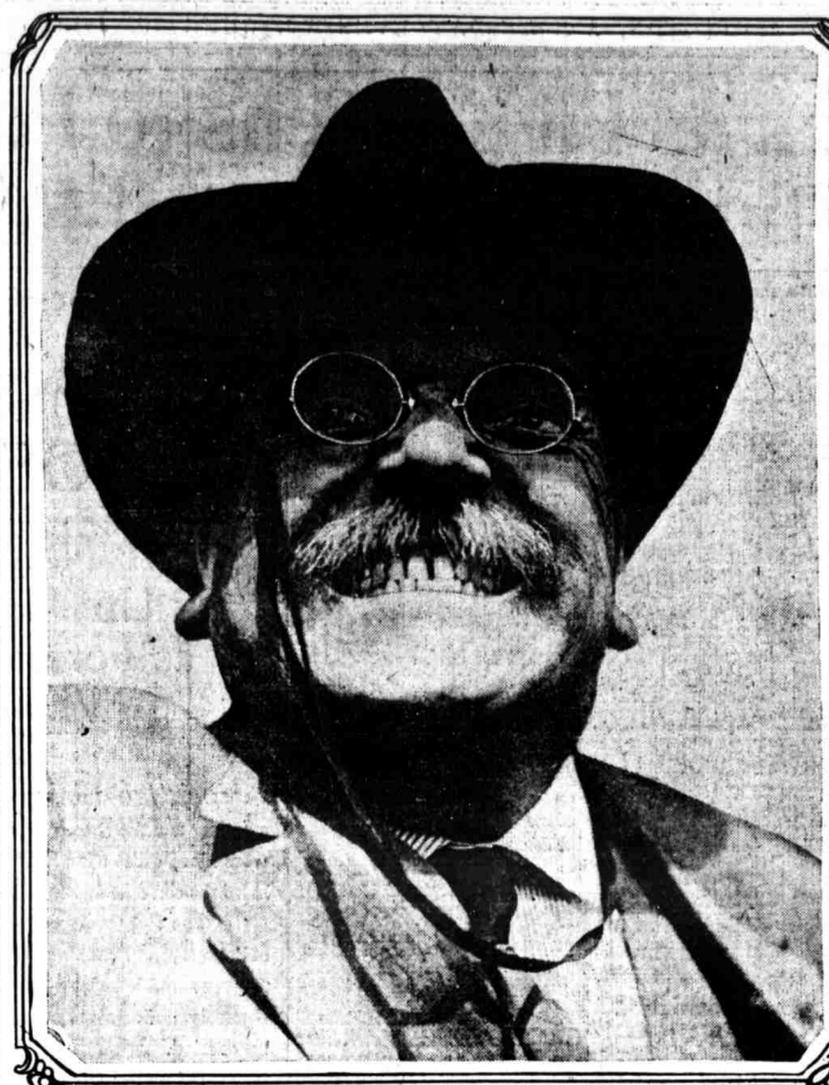
A long conference was held by Colonel Roosevelt with his chief leaders in the Congress Hotel this morning. The chiefs received their final orders and then went to the Coliseum.

The colonel was full of fight when he met his leaders and showed no trace of disappointment over his defeat yesterday on the anniversary of the battle of Waterloo.

Supporter of Taft Concedes Defeat

CHICAGO, June 19.—The following statement made today by one of the foremost of the Taft men, a member of the House of Representatives, who has devoted no end of energy and effort to the Taft campaign, may be taken as a good index of the situation:

THE REPUBLICANS AT CHICAGO



INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE JOHN M. KEYES, A Roosevelt Delegate From Concord, Mass., Whose Striking Resemblance to the Colonel Has Made Him the Center of Attraction Around the Lobbies of Chicago Hotels.

BRYAN SAYS RESULT OF FIRST DAY'S VOTING AT CONVENTION AUGURS WELL FOR DARK HORSE

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Root's Victory Not a Triumph for President Taft.

The first day's round of the wrestling match in which the Republican leaders are engaging here resulted in a dog-fall. Mr. Root received 553 votes for temporary chairman, only eighteen more than half of the convention, which indicates that the vote between Mr. Taft and Mr. Roosevelt will be so close that no one can count with any certainty on the result.

On the face of the returns it would look like a victory for Taft. It is a great advantage to him to have a supporter of his in the chair—especially as able a man as Mr. Root. He is probably the most faithful corporation lawyer in the country. One of his prominent clients has been quoted as saying that former attorneys employed by him told him what he could do. But that Root told him to do things.

The New York Senator will be in a position where he can do things, and from now on the Roosevelt forces can expect no parliamentary advantage. It will keep them busy to avoid the traps and pitfalls that will be set for them. In fact, it would not be surprising if our old friend Root, adjudicata appeared on the scene every now and then when least expected.

Lines Carefully Tested.

The signal service of the Roosevelt army, the telephone and telegraph instruments between Colonel Roosevelt's room and the Coliseum, were carefully tested, for over these wires Colonel Roosevelt planned again today to direct the battle.

He was in personal charge of his forces every moment of the day. No compromise could be made at the Coliseum unless devised by Colonel Roosevelt beforehand or ordered by him in the street at his office, Gifford Pinchot, former member of the "Kitchen cabinet," James R. Garfield, and Senator Borah, arrived after the main conference had been in progress over an hour.

WANAMAKER SENDS SECONDING SPEECH WEST BY WIRELESS

Delayed In Reaching Home From Tour Abroad By Strike.

NEW YORK, June 19.—Before leaving the liner Kaiser Wilhelm II for his special train race with Edmund B. Osborne, of New York, to the Chicago convention, John Wanamaker sent by wireless a draft of his speech seconding the nomination of Taft. It was to be delivered by his alternate if he did not arrive in time.

Wanamaker is speeding westward today on a Pennsylvania special, while Osborne, an ardent Roosevelt backer, is dashing toward Chicago on a New York Central special. Wanamaker got away about an hour in the lead. Both were booked to sail from Europe on the liner France, which was held up by a strike, and both came in late last night on the Kaiser.

Wanamaker's wireless speech follows: "The eyes of the whole world rest today upon this convention. The Republic of America has been for 136 years the star of hope, brightening the sea in its successful progress, without heritage to ruler."

"William H. Taft holds the certificate of ability volunteered to him in calmer moments. He has worthily served the term of four years of hard labor in this supreme office.

"He has gained in fitness and is better prepared today than ever to conduct the affairs of the 98,000,000 of shareholders. "I second his nomination for the Presidency for two reasons, to which I can personally vouch:

"First, that radical changes in the Administration mean further depression and losses to labor.

"Second, uncertainty and instability in the conduct of public affairs means distress and demoralization to business.

"William H. Taft, in my opinion, is much more qualified than any other man in the world to take charge amid the confusions and delusions and to relieve labor and business from the uncertainty and instability in the conduct of public affairs, which are many."

NATIONALS' RECORD CONVENTION'S RIVAL

Fans Among the Chicago Delegates Forget Politics for Baseball.

CHICAGO, June 19.—The subject most discussed about the lobbies today, next to the question whether Taft or Roosevelt is going to be nominated, is the marvelous series of performances of the Washington ball team.

When the news came last night that Washington had won its seventeenth straight victory there was almost as much excitement about it as there was about the doings of the convention.

Senator Murray Crane, who is one of the most ardent baseball fans in the country, can't pass a baseball stand nowadays without hurriedly grabbing up a paper and looking at the sporting pages.

Former Senator Nathan Bay Scott is loud in his praise of the Washington team. The former Senator is also loud in lamentation of the fact that he can't get back to Washington and see the boys play.

Temporary Officials Of the Convention

COLISEUM, CHICAGO, June 19.—The temporary officials of the convention are as follows: Chairman—Elihu Root, New York. Secretary—Lafayette B. Gleason, New York.

TAFITES READY FOR A NOTE ON 'PURGING ROLL'

Will Welcome a Bolt of Colonel Roosevelt's Followers.

'DARK HORSE' TALK STILL ON INCREASE

Conservatives Alarmed At Chasm Between Factions, and Want New Candidate.

CHICAGO, June 19.—That they expect and hope that Colonel Roosevelt's influence on his delegates will result in their bolting or attempting the organization of a second convention on the Coliseum floor was admitted by the uncompromising Taft leaders just before the convention resumed its session today.

They carefully counted noses on the Roosevelt demand, put forth through Hadley, of Missouri, that the seated Taft contested delegate be eliminated. They declared that they had against this proposition more votes than were cast for Senator Root yesterday.

And they will welcome a walkout by the Roosevelt forces, as they declare positively such a move would purge the party of Populism, Socialism, and all other issues. They also say that such an action would not be countenanced by the Republicans of the nation.

Will Claim Regularity.

"The Roosevelt men have helped organize this convention," said William Barnes, Jr., today. "They were beaten in a fair test of strength. If they try, after being beaten a second time, to withdraw from the regular deliberations of the Republican national convention, and put out their own declaration of principles and their own tickets into the field, there is nothing to prevent them. But they can make no pretence of regularity for any such program if based on their private 'lama.'"

Other Taft leaders took the same view. They stated that the regular Republican convention came into being with the election of Senator Elihu Root as temporary chairman, and even though the Roosevelt men put a ticket into the field, they cannot have it labeled regular by claiming that the candidate named by the Root convention is fraud tainted.

Will Go To Court.

By mandamus proceedings, brought in every State, the anti-Roosevelt men will, if necessary, they say, force the recognition of their national and regular Republican ticket, and they will, they say, prevent the recognized Roosevelt electors in such States as Missouri, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, voting for any one but the candidate bearing the trade mark of Republican regularity.

The legal experts of the Taft forces went nearly all of last night examining the constitutionality of such a proceeding. They are generally agreed that such a condition, and they have agreed that the progressives' plan cannot amount to stick legality. They are very certain to be satisfied, however, that the Roosevelt men hold their side convention as they threatened, will be the nomination defeated, and that the delegates who remain in the convention and recognize its regularity.

'Dark Horse' Talk.

Should the Roosevelt delegates "take the floor," and if beaten on the rolls question, continue their fight to the end there is a generally admitted strong probability of a dark horse candidate being nominated. But by what means some of the friends believe, would now be willing to withdraw as a candidate if assured that the Roosevelt men have been defeated.

Up To Roosevelt Men.

The crux of the situation therefore rested with the Roosevelt men today. The real Taft leaders quickly but confidently asserted early today that their opponents would remain regular. They claimed to believe that most of the froth and bluster over the temporary roll was for the purpose of "getting roll" with the people at home. The Taft chiefs insisted that regularity was a strong card in their favor to prevent a bolt and they claimed that at the outside not more than one-half of the Roosevelt men would participate in any proceedings that would lay them open to being accused of being bolters.

Taft Men Firm.

"We have them licked, and we will make them take their medicine," was the last word of Congressman McKinley to his floor managers as they entered the convention hall.