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BULL MOOSERS HOLD UP G. O. P.

Apparition of Roosevelt at Convention Will Not Down

SITUATION MUDDLED

Hughes Leaders Express Confidence But Jurist is Far Short of Num- ber of Votes

Chicago, June 7.—The Republican and the Progressive National Conventions both assembled today without any indication that the leaders have found the common ground on which they hoped to establish unity. Three days of almost constant conferences have failed to bring the Republicans and the Progressives to an agreement on a man for the Presidential nomination.

A half dozen names any one of which is acceptable to the Republicans have been rejected by the Progressives, who have proposed practically no name but Colonel Roosevelt.

Not since the party was born, has there been such a lack of cohesive leadership among the Republicans, and the oldest convention observers declare they never have seen such a general lack of enthusiasm.

Hughes leaders, remaining confident in their predictions that the Justice will be nominated on an early ballot, were lining up their forces last night, surveying the effect of the drive upon them by the allied favorite sons, and recruiting unpledged delegates from the latest arrivals.

Progressive leaders, unwilling to say, if they could, whether the Col. would support the Justice, continued to carry on their first choice for Dr. Roosevelt as their first choice. Yesterday George B. Cortelyou, a former member of a Roosevelt Cabinet, arrived here and joined William Loeb, Jr., and George Von L. Meyer, both former members of the Colonel's official family, to comprise a Roosevelt steering committee within the Republican convention itself.

The Republican managers, pressed by the Progressives to hurry their nominations and disclose their candidate if they hope to bid for Colonel Roosevelt support and prevent a Progressive ticket from taking the field, have been given notice through Senator Smoot that they can expect no nomination in the Republican convention before Friday. Senator Percuss, addressing the Pennsylvania delegation today, declared that nominations for President would not be made late on Saturday.

The most that can be said about developments of the day is that there has been a general tightening in the various organizations in preparation for the test of strength not so near. The supporters of Hughes have been counting noses. Speaking for them, Frank H. Hitchcock estimated the Justice would receive about 300 votes on the first ballot, and predicted that the Hughes vote would grow rapidly after the preliminary ballot.

Florida decided during the day to cast her solid vote for Hughes and stay with him to the end. A poll of Kansas is reported to give nine votes for Hughes. From New Jersey Hughes' managers expect to get at least 17 votes, the Rhode Island delegation of 10 is reported solid for Hughes, and substantial gain were claimed in Connecticut and other states.

If a ballot had been taken last night the consensus of opinion it would be about as follows: Hughes, 216; Weeks, 160; Roosevelt, 98; Cummins, 81; Fairbanks, 80; Burton, 70; Sherman, 58; Knox, 51; Root, 42; La Follette, 28; Scattering, 54; Total 983.

This excludes two delegates from the District of Columbia who were unseated by the National Committee but will take their case before the Credentials Committee.

Hughes, in the hope that delay may bring into submission some new element which would weaken him and promote the prospects of some one of the other candidates.

ENTOMBED GIRLS LIVE

Mother Feared Light Would Kill Her —Had Daughters Hypnotized

Brooklyn, N. Y., June 7.—Florence and Frances Weeks, girl victims of Brooklyn's "living tomb" apartment, will recover their minds and health, according to word just given out at the hospital where they have been cared for since they were rescued from a room in which it is claimed they were imprisoned two years.

Agents of the Children's Society say that when they broke into the second floor apartment of a brown stone house on Stuyvesant avenue they unearthed a tale of ghastly misery more weird than the wildest fiction in the Arabian Nights.

For two solid years Frances Weeks twenty-one, and Florence, twenty, had sat on hard chairs in a pitch black room, while their seventy-year-old mother, Mrs. Emma Hall, tramped ceaselessly up and down, never going out, never letting a ray of sunlight into the room.

Life hummed all around them outside. Neighbors passed up and down the hallway of the mystery apartment. These neighbors noticed that the door of Mrs. Hall's apartment was roped and bolted, and never opened. Sometimes they heard strange, plaintive cries from within. But nobody ever came out.

Twice a week a strange, little old man would come to the door, whisper through the crack beneath it, and leave packages of food.

Finally the neighbors reported this queer story to the authorities. Children's society agents broke into the apartment after an hour's parley through the keyhole with its mysterious occupants.

"Don't let the light touch me!" the old woman shrieked when the agents finally entered. "Don't let the air touch me! I will die! Don't touch anything! Don't change anything."

The woman was clad in many dresses, one over the other, and wore three night caps with a sunbonnet over them.

Her two daughters, dressed, but with matted and unkempt hair, sat motionless before a table on which was their food, raw meat, raw whites of eggs and some cheap pound cake.

The girls watched the agents with great black eyes, but were too weak to speak or move.

From Mrs. Hall the story was finally obtained. Authorities say she told them her first husband, father of the girls, died when he was forty-two. Gradually she had come to believe that if the sunlight touched her she too, would die.

She seemed to gain a weird hypnotic control over her daughters, and shut them up with herself in the sunless prison where they have just been found.

All the shades were pulled down, papers pasted over them, the doors sealed, and paper and wax stuffed in all the keyholes.

Mrs. Hall said, according to the agents, she had not slept for two years and that her daughters had sat all that time on the two straight-backed chairs, their hands folded except when they ate, even sleeping in that posture.

BRIDE SEES HIM DROWN

Young Husband Acts on a Dare and Sinks With Cramps

Bethlehem, Pa., June 6.—A woman's dare resulted in the death by drowning in the Lehigh Canal here of A. B. Cotton, a recent graduate of Purdue College. His bride of four months standing on the bank of the canal saw the tragedy and collapsed and is in a serious state.

Cotton, his wife and Mrs. Philip Knobloch, a friend, went for a walk, and when the canal was reached, Mrs. Knobloch went in swimming, daring Cotton to do likewise.

Cotton plunged in and almost immediately was stricken with cramps. Mrs. Knobloch, an expert swimmer, went to his rescue, but Cotton proved too heavy and sank. He was 25 years old.

THE JUNE BALL OF B. P. O. ELKS No. 758 THURSDAY, JUNE 8th HAS BEEN POSTPONED

PROGRESSIVES IN CONFERENCE

Mapping Out A Program For Their National Convention

LEADERS URGE DELAY

Arguments Made That Republicans Should Be Given Chance to Make Their Nomination.

Chicago, June 6.—A final pre-convention conference of Progressive national committee-men, state chairmen and delegation chairman was held last night. Chairman Murdock of the National Committee, and many of the leaders made speeches urging that no nomination be made by the convention until Friday. Enthusiastic applause was given Chairman Murdock and the conferees left confident that precipitate action in the convention could be prevented.

Chairman Murdock said after the conference that after today's preliminaries he was sure the platform would be considered most of Thursday and nominations not reached until Friday.

It was also decided to postpone opening of today's session from 11 o'clock until noon.

George W. Perkins last night reiterated his opinion that the Progressive convention would not nominate a candidate until there had been time for full conference in accordance with the declaration of the Progressive national committee last January.

"We said last January," declared Mr. Perkins, speaking for the Progressive national committee, "that we would have a proper exchange of views with Republican leaders before we attempted to nominate a candidate. Simple courtesy requires us to give opportunity for an exchange of views before a nomination is attempted."

At the meeting the conferees almost to a man leaped to their feet and enthusiastically applauded Murdock's speech advocating orderly, temperate and deliberate conduct of the convention. A discordant note came later, however, when Prof. Albert Bushnell Hart, of Massachusetts, urged the nomination of Colonel Roosevelt on the opening day, if the delegates were so disposed, and entirely in disregard of the Republican convention's action.

Mr. Perkins, who had planned to address the conference, was unable to be present, but William Hamlin Childs, of Brooklyn; Elton R. Hooker, of New York, and many others strongly argued against precipitate action.

Mr. Childs counseled that the Progressives give the Republicans every opportunity to negotiate for harmonious action upon candidates. He also said that if it was evident that the Republicans were acting unfairly, the Progressives should then proceed. He pointed out that the Progressives could act much quicker than the Republicans because of their apparent unity upon a single presidential nominee.

Chairman Murdock urged the chairman to use their influence with their delegations to insure "ordinary and orderly" convention procedure.

FREE KINDERGARTEN

The Free Kindergarten board met yesterday morning at 301 S. St. Asaph Street. The president reported a very successful session. The school closed last week with a beautiful and interesting program. A large number of pupils and many parents were present. Ice cream and cake were served after the exercises. The kindergartner Miss Wiedeman and her assistant Miss Daisy Howell have done efficient work with the children mother's during the year. Contributed have been gratefully received from Mr. Edmund Burke, Boston, Mass., \$10.00; Mrs. R. F. Knox, city, \$1.00; Mrs. Raymond Hulfish, Havre Montana, \$1.00.

Funeral services for Thomas L. Finks, who died Monday, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, from his late residence 1305 King St.

NORTH SEA NAVAL BATTLE.

British and Germans Make Counter Claims Regarding Sea Fight

London, June 7.—Claims and counter-claims continued to be put forth today both here and in Berlin regarding last Wednesday's North Sea battle.

The German admiralty issued a statement asserting that besides the British super-Dreadnought Warspite, reported sunk in the original German official account, the 27,000 ton armored cruiser Princess Royal, the protected cruiser Birmingham, and the destroyer Acasta, were destroyed according to "evidence given by British sailors picked up by German ships". The British admiralty denied this, adding again that there were no British losses beyond those officially published.

The British admiralty in a statement declared that inasmuch as all British submarines that participated in the North Sea battle have returned to their base, the one which the German officially reported lost must have been a German and not a British craft.

Another semi-official account of the battle was published in Berlin this afternoon. In this it is for the first time admitted that the force engaged by the German high seas fleet at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of May 31, consisted of only four cruisers.

REPORTER BRYAN ON HAND,

Reverses Usual Order and Does the Most of the Talking.

Chicago, June 7.—Regardless of what anybody was busy with around the Congress Hotel lobby yesterday afternoon he dropped in the minute a man wearing one of the last of the vintage frock coats still at large in this country, black felt statesman's hat and white bow tie entered.

He was Reporter Wm. Jennings Bryan, who is in town to write pieces about the Republican convention for some sort of news syndicate or other. There were no cheers for Reporter Bryan, but hundreds of delegates and others, Republican and Progressive, pressed about him to get a close view, and many reached to shake his hand.

Reporter Bryan called to see Governor Whitman for a few minutes and had a short social chat. He would help Governor Whitman in any way he could, said the cub reporter to the Governor of New York. Governor Whitman said: "Thank you," but at the moment he knew of no task to which he could assign the Nebraska correspondent.

Reporter Bryan also visited the Progressive headquarters, where he seemed less at ease. He likewise visited Frederick C. Tanner, Mr. Bryan and Mr. Tanner being old friends.

LATE YUAN SHI KAI.

Rumors of Suicide of Chinese Presi- dent Denied.

Peking, June 7.—Yuan Shi Kai, president of the Chinese republic, who died yesterday, had been ill for several days with stomach trouble, which was followed by a nervous breakdown. Quiet prevails in the capital. The death of the president apparently solves the heated political crisis. Li Yuan Hung's succession to the presidency meets the demands of the leaders in the southern provinces.

Yuan Shi Kai died at 1 o'clock yesterday morning in the palace, surrounded by his wife and older children. Rumors that he committed suicide are denied stoutly by high officials.

Li Yuan Hung will take the presidential oath today. The Chinese are rushing into the legation quarters taking their valuables with them and engaging hotel accommodations there.

DANCE By the Young Men's Sodality Lyceum

In
ODD FELLOW'S HALL
N. Columbus Street
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7th
Dancing at 8:30.

SUFFRAGISTS ARE DIVIDED

American Association Op- poses Woman's Party On Amendment

WILL HINDER CAUSE

Organization of New Political Party Completed—Both Sides Will join in the Parade.

Chicago, June 7.—Rival national suffrage organizations meeting in Chicago yesterday to perfect plans for an assault upon the resolutions committee of the Republican National Convention tonight cheered the early and favorable returns from the Iowa election, heard reports of progress from many states, contemplated gloomily the prospect of rain for the suffrage parade today and adopted opposite courses to be pursued in campaigns for votes.

The Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, meeting at the Blackstone Theatre, completed the organization of the Woman's party, with the adoption of the Susan B. Anthony amendment as the only plank in its platform, and appointed a committee to see about having the plank incorporated into the Republican platform. In speeches and resolutions it presented the amendment as the best means of securing the enfranchisement of women and called upon President Wilson to use his influence to secure its adoption.

In the Princess Theatre an assembly called by the National American Woman Suffrage Association went on record as opposed to a campaign for an amendment to the Federal Constitution providing for woman suffrage and cheered a statement by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, who presided, that suffrage should be sought by women wherever an "open door could be found." Mrs. Catt said:

"The surrender to suffrage, if I am a prophet, will come within the next two years. I prophesy that the vote will come to us, as it did to the men in this country, like the sudden result of a battle.

"Common sense and diplomacy directs us to adopt a plank on which we can all agree, to an indorsement of the cause of which we are all at work. They who are asking for a Federal amendment are asking for half a loaf. We are asking for the whole loaf."

Opposition to the Susan B. Anthony amendment was expressed by Dr. Anna Howard Shaw and others and early in the session a resolution to be presented to the resolutions committee of the Coliseum convention asking for a plank favoring woman suffrage was adopted.

The afternoon session of the Women's party convention was devoted to adopting a platform, the election of a campaign committee, and the adoption of a report on resolutions, which will be sent to Washington. Speeches were made by Mrs. William Kent, of California, and Mrs. Sara Bard Field, Oregon, and committee reports were received.

The tenor of the meeting was contained in one clause of the resolutions which expressed the intention of the Woman's party to hold responsible "any party which refuses to do justice to women by placing them on a plane of equality with men in the Constitution of the United States.

The organization of the Woman's party was completed by the election of the following officers of a campaign committee: Chairman, Miss Anne Martin, Nevada; first vice-chairman, Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, California; second vice-chairman, Mary Berleme Chicago; secretary, Miss Mabel Vernon, Nevada; alternate, Miss Lina Brown, Colorado.

The platform adopted provides for the main object of securing the passage of the suffrage amendment, the organization of state branches of the party, and the election of national officers, an executive committee and advisory council.

Although the parade to be held this afternoon is in charge of the National Woman Suffrage Association, members of both camps will partici-

ipate in it. A steady downpour of rain last night prompted the announcement that the parade would be held regardless of the state of the weather. Twenty thousand women are expected to be in the line of march.

The statement to be presented to the resolutions committee of the Republican National Convention, embodied on vellum, will be carried in the parade.

HEARS PAPA SHOOT MAMMA.

"Oh, You Brute," Says Nine-Year- old, Then Phones Doctor

Red Banks, N. J. June 7.—As the outcome of a quarrel during an automobile ride Sunday morning Frank Hodges, an insurance adjuster, it is alleged, shot his wife shortly before noon Sunday, at their home on Branch avenue. Three shots were fired, one taking effect in the left temple. Their nine-year-old daughter, Dorothy, who was playing jacks in front of the house, heard the shots and met her father coming down stairs from the second floor front room.

"Have you shot my mamma?" cried the little girl. "I've done it," Hodges, as he continued out through the front door and across the street to the home of Fred Wagner, whom he told he had just shot his wife and to send for the police. "Oh, you brute," cried Dorothy. Hodges went to his barn and later walked to the borough hall, where he gave himself up.

Little Dorothy in the meantime, telephoned for Dr. H. W. Young, who found Mrs. Hodges lying unconscious on the floor bleeding profusely from a wound in the left temple. She was taken to the Monmouth Memorial Hospital at Long Branch, where she is not expected to survive, Assistant Prosecutor Grant and County Detective McCormick and Smith arrested Hodges, who waived a hearing and was committed to the county jail at Freehold to await the action of the Grand Jury on a charge of atrocious assault with intent to kill. Should his wife die, the charge will be changed to murder.

COURT OF APPEALS

Wytheville, June 7.—The Supreme Court of Appeals opened here yesterday with Judges Cardwell, Harrison, Whittle and Kelly sitting.

A petition by Davis Bottom and others against C. Lee Moore, Auditor of Public Accounts, for mandamus, was presented to the court without argument. This matter involves the constitutionality of the act of March 24, 1916, increasing the salaries of certain officers during the terms of their offices.

Ella Eddy vs. the Commonwealth, the first case called, was argued by A. B. Hunt for plaintiff in error and the Assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth and submitted.

Gervese Williams vs. the Commonwealth, error confessed by Attorney General, was another case.

On the civil docket were: Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company vs. Tinsley, argued by Randolph Harrison for plaintiff in error and J. L. Lee, for defendant and submitted; Overstreet, et al vs. Griffin, argued by William Eubank for appellant and S. V. Kemp for appellee and continued until tomorrow morning.

The next cases to be called are: Wheat, et al vs. Wheat, et al; Hal, sey's executor vs. Fulton; Farmers Bank of Southwest Virginia vs. McGavock, et al; Munsey vs. Updike; Hopkins vs. Givens; Board of Supervisors of Tazewell vs. Norfolk and Western Railway Company.

DEFEAT DOMINICAN REBELS.

Monte Cristi, Dominican Republic, June 7. — Rebel forces under Gen. Desiderio Arias attacked the United States marines here Tuesday afternoon, but were signally defeated without the loss of a single American life. The rebels left seven dead on the field, it is believed others were killed and many wounded, and that the Arias forces in their retreat carried the other dead and wounded with them.

Col. Theodore P. Kane, of the United States marine corps, pursued the retreating rebels who are endeavoring to join the main body of the Arias troops at Santiago de los Caballeros. News of further fighting between the American forces and the rebels there is momentarily expected.

TORNADOES TAKE TOLL OF 126 LIVES

Hundreds Injured and Enormous Damage Done To Property

REPORTS INCOMPLETE

Large Portions of Sections in South Suffering From Storm is Cut Off From Communication.

Death lists in the storm-swept section of Arkansas, Missouri, Mississippi and Illinois grew hourly as belated reports were received from communities which suffered in a series of tornadoes Monday night early yesterday. Late today the deaths of 126 persons had been reported, a number of other persons were unaccounted for and believed dead, and several hundred had been injured. Accurate estimates of property damages were not available, but all figures ventured by property owners ran into the hundreds of thousands. Incomplete tabulations showed the following deaths; Arkansas, 76; Missouri, 30; possibly more; Mississippi, 15; Illinois, 1.

Tennessee, four, with a score missing in the overturning of the Mississippi River packet Elmore.

The casualties in Arkansas were from every sector. Scarcely a county escaped the path of the twisters, which traversed the entire State. Many of the casualties in Arkansas and Mississippi were Negroes. In Missouri the Poplar Bluff section was devastated.

LOCAL BREVITIES

Ann Lawson Tebb et al have sold to James Douglass McLean houses 603-605 Queen street.

Mary Nickens and others have sold to Charles T. Whitmore a house and lot on the east side of Alfred street between Duke and Wolfe streets.

Rev. Ottis Hagens, pastor of the Central Christian Church at Dallas, Texas, shot and killed himself at his home yesterday. He was a native of Norfolk and was a graduate of the University of Virginia.

Arthur Hendricks Jones, the two and a half year old son of Mr. Winfield P. Jones, son of Dr. and Mrs. T. M. Jones, of this city, died in Atlanta, Ga., yesterday.

At a meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to R. E. Lee Camp, held last night, a note of thanks was tendered the florists of the town for filling the vases at the monument and for the generous donation of the beautiful cut flowers sent by them on Memorial Day.

Funeral services for Harold T. Norris took place this morning from St. Mary's Catholic Church and were conducted by the Rev. Louis Smet, pastor.

YELLOW, PURPLE AND GOLD

Chicago, June 7.—Yellow, purple and gold was the predominating color scheme in today's suffrage parade here. Most of the 40,000 women paraders wore coats and skirts of white serge and white canvas shoes. A tri-colored cockade of gold, white and purple adorned a white silk taffeta covered straw hat. The hat cost \$5. Bunting flags with the tricolor were also carried by the paraders.

NOTICE I. O. O. F.

Members of Potomac Lodge No. 38 will meet at Potomac Lodge Hall, Thursday, June 8 at 3 p. m. to attend the funeral of Brother Luther Finks. Sarepta Lodge members are invited to join us.

DEATH NOTICE

On Monday, June 5th, 1916, at 4:40 p. m. THOMAS LUTHER FINKS, beloved husband of Lucy Leaf Finks. Funeral services from his late residence 1305 King Street, on Thursday June 8th, at 3:30 p. m. Friends and acquaintances invited.