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FIGHT FOR CONTROL OF PARTY MACHINE

Battle for Supremacy in Republican Convention Will Start Soon—Issue on Instruction of Delegates.

Washington, D. C., December 12.—The fight for the control of the Republican National Convention will begin early in January, when the first steps will be taken to choose delegates. It is quite evident that the main issue in the selection of delegates is to be the question of sending instructed or uninstructed delegates.

The one hope of the anti-Taft Republicans lies in their being able to work up sentiment in the States favorable to uninstructed delegates, and submit to the fortunes of war when Chicago is reached.

The administration's supporters are fully aware of this program and of its ulterior motive, and will bend their energies to instructing the delegates for Taft.

Harry S. New, chairman of the committee on arrangements for the Republican National Convention, to-day told Secretary Hillier at the White House that he would call a preliminary meeting of his committee at Chicago the second week in January.

Official Views Carried Out. When all is said and done it is plainly apparent that the meeting of the Republican National Committee yesterday was just what the officials of the committee thought it should have been—a routine meeting to arrange the practical business details of the approaching national convention.

The only element of politics sought to be interjected in the meeting, a change in the method of electing delegates to the convention avowedly in the interest of one aspirant for the presidential nomination, was rejected.

The Roosevelt flurry was a manufactured incident, extraneous from the National Committee and worked up by persons having no official connection with that organization. It was easily discounted from the irresponsibility of its sponsors.

The effort to revolutionize the method of choosing delegates to the convention, which has been followed from time immemorial, had the support of but seven States, Colorado, Delaware, Idaho, Nebraska, Oregon, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Precedent was followed in allowing the administration to name the man who shall arrange the details and a temporary organization of the National Convention. Aside from this usual concession the National committee acted as the agents of

arato times. I have spent the last eight months traveling over Indiana, have visited each county in the State, and some counties many times.

"For a time it looked as if we might pull Mr. Taft through, and I have fostered favorable sentiment to him wherever I could, because I am his personal friend, and it seemed logical and good party policy that he should succeed himself. From the first, however, I found no earnest, enthusiastic sentiment for him. The feeling of the precinct workers and the rank and file seemed to be one of indifference—that he had the South and would be nominated, and we might as well make the best of it.

In the last two months sentiment has changed to announced dissatisfaction with Mr. Taft as our leader. A few days ago I sent a letter to our precinct committeemen—there are more than 3,000—asking for a statement of political conditions in their precincts. I have received already hundreds of replies. Four out of five of these letters state that there is dissatisfaction with Mr. Taft among the voters, and this, too, although in my letters I did not ask for opinions on that point, but for general conditions. This proves to me what my personal contact with our voters—and I have interviewed thousands of them in the last eight months—had led me to fear that there is not the slightest chance to carry Indiana for Mr. Taft."

New Contradicta Lee. In contradiction of this utterance, Harry S. New, national committeeman from Indiana and an active leader in Republican politics in that State, declared that Mr. Lee's predictions are not based on facts "but on personal opinion and prejudice." He said: "I know of the statement given out to-day by Mr. Lee before he issued it," he said. "This statement is not grounded on fact, but based entirely on personal opinion. Mr. Taft is to-day as strong, if not stronger, in Indiana than he was in 1908."

Reply of Vorps. Arthur I. Vorps, national committeeman from Ohio, met this announcement with a statement as follows: "The Ohio law provides a direct primary for electing delegates to the national convention. It does not provide for electing delegates at large, and whatever the national committee might do, no primary for delegates at large can be held under the law, and no presidential popular contest can be conducted under the law. The call, recommended by the majority, recognizes State primary laws and authorizes the selection of delegates under such laws by the State and district committees approve them. There is no way in which the national committee could provide for a primary for delegates at large or direct nomination of the President in Ohio, except by authorizing a primary to be conducted in addition to the legal primary, under control of the party committee, and without the safeguards of the law. I do not believe this is desired. If the General Assembly of Ohio should be called in extra session and provide a law for electing delegates at large, such law can be followed. If the State committee wants to have a popularity contest for moral effect, an instruction to the Ohio delegation, they can provide for such a party primary. There is nothing in the national committee call to prevent it."

William L. Ward, national committeeman from New York, who is disgruntled with President Taft on account of the gubernatorial fight of a year ago, announced that in his opinion New York would send an uninstructed delegation to the convention.

Colonel Harry S. New, of Indiana, newly elected chairman of the committee on arrangements of the Republican National Committee, to-day gave out a statement answering that made by Chairman Lee, of the Indiana Republican State Central Committee,

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HOUSE CASTS VOTE FOR DEATH OF PACT (Continued From First Page.) position that it will be useless to try to pass either a public building or a river and harbor bill now, and these two measures are the backbone of the South's internal improvements. To Begin Defense Work. Washington, December 13.—A bill appropriating \$150,000 for beginning the works of defense of the Chesapeake Bay was introduced to-day by Representative Holland, of Virginia. It directs the purchase of 150 acres of land on Cape Henry, which has already been surveyed by the War Department.

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in which Mr. Lee declared that President Taft could not carry Indiana in the election next year. Colonel New charges that Mr. Lee issued his statement as a part of a prearranged plan and says he knows the influences that were back of it. "If Mr. Taft cannot carry Indiana, no other Republican can," said Mr. New. "I had information several days ago, when Mr. Lee was brought to Washington by way of New York, that he would issue the statement that was given out yesterday. He was as early as last Saturday I told the President that it was forthcoming. I know of the influences that are responsible for Mr. Lee's change of sentiment. It is part of a prearranged plan, and is in matters of this kind, I am still firm in the conviction that Mr. Taft is the logical candidate of the Republican party to succeed himself as President of the United States, and I am just as firmly of the opinion that the Republicans of Indiana believe in him and are for him without qualification, and that the State delegation to the National Convention will give him its full support. If the Republican party cannot win with Mr. Taft, it certainly cannot win with any one else. Mr. Lee and I differ radically in our opinions. I believe that the electoral vote of Indiana will be cast for Mr. Taft, and that the attempt of the generalists who have inspired Mr. Lee's statement will fall of its purpose."

CHINESE PIRATES IGNORE PROXIMITY OF GUNBOATS. Hongkong, China, December 13.—One of the most impudent acts of piracy occurred to-day on the West River, when a passenger boat steaming along near the town of Shu-Hing was looted almost under the bows of several Chinese gunboats which were moored in the vicinity. None of the passengers was hurt.

WHOLE FAMILY SLAIN. Albany, N. Y., December 13.—The naked bodies of Mrs. Conrad Morner, her son Arthur, aged twenty-six, and two daughters, about twenty years old, were found hidden under the floor of the barn on their farm near De Freestville, a few miles east of Albany, tonight by neighbors, who had seen no one about the house since last Saturday. The whole family had been murdered, and the police are searching for an Italian farm hand. The Morner had worked the farm since the death of Conrad Morner, the father, about two years ago, and were said to have been rich. Arthur usually brought milk to a Rensselaer store every night, and when he failed to come to the city Monday it was thought strange. Charles Green, a neighbor, went to the farm to-day and found the house locked. With two others he started a search. After a fruitless hunt about the buildings they tried up some boards in the floor of the barn, and the light of the lantern revealed the clotheless forms of the man and three women.

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