

Convention Marks Time As Committees Deliberate

HOW THE GOLDEN STATE COHORTS RODE INTO THE CONVENTION CITY.
Stage coach bearing the California republican delegation from the train de luxe to the Congress hotel, Chicago, Saturday morning.



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BOTH SESSIONS CONSUME ONLY FIVE MINUTES

Immense Crowd Packs Coliseum Morning and Afternoon, Expecting Roosevelt Speech

Prospect of "Insurgent" Bolt Also Keeps People Happy With Themselves

CHICAGO, June 20.—Five minutes was the entire duration of the two sessions of the republican national convention today, with a recess of four hours between.

The first session convened at noon and lasted four minutes; the second, one minute.

The feature of the noon session was in the prayer of the Very Rev. Walter T. Sumner, dean of the Protestant Episcopal cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul of Chicago, and the applause which followed it. This prayer differed from that in the opening session on Tuesday, when Father Callaghan adhered strictly to the usual form of the Roman Catholic ritual; likewise from the invocation yesterday by Rabbi Stolz, which was colorless and general in its terms.

PRAYS FOR CONVENTION WISDOM

In its terms Dean Sumner dealt directly with the sensational factional conflict present in the minds of every person in the enormous audience in whose behalf he spoke and prayed that there should be granted to the members of the convention "self-restraint, cool judgment and all wisdom, that their deliberations may insure that the nation civic righteousness, industrial peace and social justice, that gathering, both on the floor and platform and in the galleries, stood during Dean Sumner's invocation, and as he closed broke into quite general handclapping. The prayer was as follows:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

Almighty God, look down, we beseech thee, and bless the convention here assembled. Grant unto its members wisdom, that their judgment and all wisdom, that their deliberations may insure to the nation civic righteousness, industrial peace and social justice; that all men may have an abundance of life and the mind to serve thee in the goodly living, maintaining the sanctity of the home and the integrity of the nation.

The afternoon session was remarkable not so much for the fact that it lasted a bit less than one minute as for the extraordinary conditions that ensued upon its adjournment.

Most with the fall of Chairman Root's gavel, there broke out a pandemonium of cheering which lasted almost as long as that of yesterday. It had scarcely subsided, though, that its immediate occasion was the effort of a man in the west gallery to swing the great gathering into unison with the cry, "We want Teddy!"

ALL CANDIDATES BOOMED

It started all right, but almost immediately the La Follette, Hadley and Cummins enthusiasts began an opposition turmoil, with the result that within less than a minute there was simply one meaningless chaos of noise. Presently a group of men in the south gallery, back of the platform, brought four or five megaphones into play with "We want Taft!"

A smashing rainstorm was in progress outside; so the people simply sat where they were and shouted each to his taste.

Under cover of the racket and at first unnoticed by the crowd, the delegates began to gather on the platform a body of big policemen, first one and then another, then three, till in a few minutes there was ranged along the curved edge and at the back of the platform some 20 blueclad police under personal command of Assistant Chief Schuetzler.

ROOSEVELT WAS EXPECTED

One of the reasons for the immense crowd which had gathered today was the general impression that Colonel Roosevelt would come to the convention and make a speech; also there was considerable reason to assume from the morning papers that the delegates would bring to pass the much discussed battle between the factions, perhaps a bolt of the Roosevelt adherents; possibly an attempt to hold a rival convention simultaneously on the floor of the same hall. There had been a tremendous addition to almost a doubling of the police force on duty at the hall, and in the morning Chief of Police John McWeeny had taken personal command at the Coliseum. To the person unacquainted as to the swiftly changing developments of the day the promise of excitement was exceptionally alluring.

The crowd which waited for the storm to cease was good humored, but it was a situation full of possibilities, and the convention officials were taking no chances. Assistant Chief Schuetzler was loath to turn the people out into the storm. So, for more than an hour the police guard surrounded the platform and the convention officers kept their places on the stage while the great crowd yelled itself tired.

POLICE "HUSTLE" CROWD

At last the rain began to slacken, and the police "got busy" at once, gently but firmly, edging the people out. By that time they were ready to go.

In the Coliseum annex the credentials committee was working on the credentials. It was worded from the committee that the work could not be finished in time for any session today that brought about the quick adjournment. Whether business will proceed tomorrow when the convention is called to order at 11 a. m. will depend chiefly upon the expected all night session of the credentials committee.

AFTERNOON SESSION SHORT

When Chairman Root called the convention to order this forenoon Floor Leader Watson of the Taft forces obtained recognition immediately. He explained that the credentials committee was not ready to report and moved that a recess be taken until 4 o'clock. The motion passed and the thousands who were perspiring from the exertion required

to get in at once began to scramble to get out.

When the doors of the Coliseum were again thrown open at 2 p. m., with still two hours to spare before the gavel should fall, the people began to pour in rapidly. At least a thousand never had left their seats at all. No man or woman who went through that struggle for admission this morning could face without a quail the prospect of repeating it—the same day anyway. So there was a good sized audience all through the long wait, to hear the band, which in its lofty little box between the big flags on the north wall, evinced the interval with popular music.

CONTESTS ARE IN COMMITTEE

Two Roosevelt Men Retain Seats and Will Take Part in Proceedings

CHICAGO, June 20.—In a session marked by harmony between the Taft men and the Roosevelt "bolters" of last night's session, the credentials committee labored throughout the day and night to dispose of the contests before it.

After 10 hours of work but three contests, the ninth Alabama, the Arizona state case and the Arkansas cases, had been disposed of. The committee determined to sit throughout the night in an effort to finish by the time the convention resumed its session tomorrow at 11 a. m.

MEN SHED THEIR COATS

The heat and humidity of the day increased after noon and men began to shed their coats. Thus far Chicago has given the convention delightful coolness, contrasting most agreeably with the smothering humidity of the last few days of republican convention week four years ago. As the afternoon advanced the storm sky threatened a thunder storm.

La Follette enthusiasts during the recess distributed hundreds of little fans of material, such that, rapped with a lead pencil, would make a drum like noise. One side bore a picture of the Wisconsin man, the other a printed list of the achievements attributed to him. The fans were in great demand, if only because of the increasing heat. What they would contribute in the way of noise to a demonstration such as yesterday's could be guessed.

Senator Root smilingly bowed his acknowledgments when the crowd greeted with applause his appearance on the rostrum at a few minutes after 4 o'clock. Apparently all the delegates were in the places.

No sooner had he called the convention to order than Taft Floor Leader Watson was recognized to move an adjournment until 11 o'clock tomorrow to allow the credentials committee to complete its labors.

The motion prevailed without objection.

A Roosevelt enthusiast in the gallery set up the cry, "We want Teddy!" as the crowd moved toward the exits and the yell was taken up among the colonel's supporters on the floor. Taft followers then started an opposition demonstration, a heavy downpour of rain outside stopping the exodus. Not to be outdone, the Wisconsin delegation entered the competition with the cry, "We want Bob!" The din was terrific.

On the floor the demonstration was led by the New Jersey delegates. "We want Teddy!" they responded in chorus, at the same time lifting high above their heads a picture of their candidate.

"TEDDY! HE'S DEAD!"

In a minute the Roosevelt men throughout the hall were thrilled with enthusiasm and 300 or 400 men among the delegates were shouting for the former president, while the enthusiasts in the gallery led the vocal demonstration, using their hats as batons.

"Teddy! He's dead!" shouted a Taft delegate as he passed through the thickest of the Roosevelt throng.

"Dead? He's the liveliest corpse you have ever seen," was the reply.

"When are you going to bolt?" asked another Taft man.

"Never, if you purge the roll," was the reply.

As the rain continued and the crowd was not able to leave there was no abatement of the rival demonstrations. After 15 minutes of this fuss Sergeant at Arms Stone announced through a megaphone that the lights would be turned out in five minutes. Cheers greeted the announcement. There was no movement toward the doors, as the rain seemed to be falling harder than ever. Occasionally the noise would die out for a moment, only to be renewed when some one would mention the name of the candidates.

The five minutes expired and the lights continued to gleam brightly. Assistant Chief of Police Schuetzler declined to make the crowd move out while the downpour was so heavy. Standing on the speakers' platform, the chief overlooked the crowd.

"Speech! Speech!" yelled some one in the back of the hall.

Schuetzler discreetly retired from the rostrum.

FILE OUT INTO WET

Comparative quiet had been restored 25 minutes after the demonstration started. Assurances from the police that the rain had abated gave the enthusiasts something else to think about, and they began diverting their attention to getting out. They moved out slowly.

It was significant that all of the convention officers and a strong police guard remained in their places on the platform as long as there was a crowd in the convention hall. It was easily apparent that those in control were prepared to meet any emergency that might arise.

One hour after adjournment the

crowd practically had dispersed. The excitement had subsided and those who had looked for a serious disturbance went their way disappointed.

HALBERT DEMANDS DELAY

Halbert's persistent demand for a delay terminated in a motion to "adjourn for 15 minutes." This was overwhelmingly defeated, and Chairman Devine then ordered the sergeant at arms to compel Halbert to take his seat. The latter did so reluctantly.

After two hours' debate on the Alabama cases, members of the committee began to demand that the rules be observed. Under the rules the case would have occupied but half an hour. Taft leaders on the case declared, however, that they proposed to let full discussion be had on all cases, since charges of "sag rule" had been raised against them.

Halbert of Minnesota, before the decision on the Alabama case, said Roosevelt men favored taking the Alabama, Washington, Texas and California cases directly before the national convention for decision there.

A motion to seat the two Roosevelt delegates from the ninth Alabama district was defeated, 24 to 14. C. St. Clair of Idaho, known as a Roosevelt man, and S. H. Cady of Wisconsin voted against the Roosevelt delegates.

The two Taft delegates from the fifth Arkansas district were seated by the credentials committee. A motion to seat the Roosevelt delegates was defeated, 21 to 11.

MOTION IS DEFEATED

The Taft forces defeated this motion and insisted that the committee take up all contests in order. It was expected that the Roosevelt forces would make no hard fight on any but the three states named.

Only 32 of the 52 members of the committee were present when the doors were opened to the newspaper men.

Hugh T. Halbert of Minnesota and L. N. Mitchell of Pennsylvania were the two Roosevelt men first to appear in the credentials committee. James J. Heney and the majority of the other Roosevelt men were not present when the committee met.

Halbert and Mitchell joined in making the following statement:

LARGE NUMBER OF CONTESTS

We feel that the action taken last night by the minority members of the committee has resulted in giving us a fair and open discussion of the cases, and we are confident that the presentation of any new evidence that may not have been heard by the national committee is going to stick to the committee. We are forced to the adoption of fair rules.

The total number of contests included in the Hadley resolution was 72, and included also 22 delegates from Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Tennessee.

The prospect of holding the national convention for several days while these were considered induced Roosevelt men to agree to abandon the last group and center their fight on the others.

Halbert stated that "seven or eight Roosevelt men had agreed to the plan," and that it would be formally presented to the convention.

The roll call showed the following Roosevelt men absent: Heney, California; McCormick, Illinois; Harris, Kansas; Covington, Maryland; Cowles, North Carolina; Norlon, Oklahoma; Kay, South Dakota; Cady, Wisconsin.

Halbert declared seven of the men who left the room last night still were absent. He asked for a delay until they could arrive.

Chairman Devine said the meeting hour already had been long passed and that contestants were ready and waiting to be heard.

DEMOUSES "DELAYING" TACTICS

George R. Malby of New York and E. W. Estabrook of New Hampshire demanded the "delaying tactics of the Rooseveltites be stopped."

"Oh, I know you are going to use the steam roller methods," said Halbert.

"Not at all," returned Malby. "We want to do business and you want to prevent its being done."

Halbert said he wanted "only fair play."

"Oh, yes," shouted several members, "you acted like it last night."

The committee room at 10 o'clock contained the following Roosevelt men: C. St. Clair, Idaho; Jesse M. Libby, Maine; Hugh T. Halbert, Minnesota; Jesse Tollerton, Missouri; H. E. Sackett, Nebraska; J. Boyd Avis, New Jersey; W. S. Lauder, North Dakota; John J. Sullivan, Ohio; A. V. Swift, Oregon; L. N. Mitchell, Pennsylvania; Harry Shaw, West Virginia.

The Alabama case, the contest over the ninth district, was taken up. George R. Handley presented the

case, claiming the Taft members of the district convention had "bolted" and organized an illegal convention.

asked to be excused from voting because they had not heard all the evidence in the case.

The California case, over which a bitter fight was expected, was called, but the Roosevelt delegates and attorneys did not appear. Halbert of Minnesota ordered the sergeant at arms to search further for the Roosevelt contestants.

"No, we won't do that," said Chairman Devine, seconded by several Taft members of the committee. "This is the case on which the national committee has been most severely criticized, and we will not place ourselves in the position of taking snap judgment."

The Taft delegates and attorneys were on hand, but the committee declined to take up the case. The sergeant at arms was directed to seek the California Roosevelt delegates.

The Florida cases were then called. Again no Roosevelt delegates or attorneys appeared. The national committee had unanimously decided the Florida contests and also seated the Taft delegates unanimously.

The Georgia contest, involving 28 Taft delegates who were seated by a vote of 28 to 4 by the national committee, were next called.

Chairman Devine insisted on taking up each contest that the national committee had passed on.

TARIFF CAUSES LONG ARGUMENT

CHICAGO, June 20.—When at 10 o'clock tonight the working subcommittee of the platform committee began what it was hoped would be its

Wallace Townsend of the Taft delegation declared that J. A. Comer and A. S. Holt represented "the whole Roosevelt movement in Arkansas." He said they had gone through that state stirring up false and baseless contests in the interests of Colonel Roosevelt.

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DEVINE AT THROTTLE Hope Sags in Hearts of T. R. Men

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
By QLIN W. KENNEDY

CHICAGO, June 20.—With Tom Devine at the throttle of the second section of the steam roller, hope sags in the hearts of the colonel's followers. It is not because Devine is anything extraordinary as an engineer, but he has his orders from Dispatchers Penrose and Crane to take the roller around curves and through cuts without a quiver of a nerve.

This Coloradoization of the committees hearing the contests also has upset the equilibrium of the colonel himself. He sees visions of "Angel Archie" and Tom Devine in his dreams.

Somehow folks who seemed to think Taft not much of a politician are forming the same opinion of T. R.

George Curry, former governor of New Mexico, who rode as roughly as Teddy and was with him in the war of 1898, is thoroughly disheartened tonight and says: "Roosevelt can not win now, but Taft can be beaten if only the Roosevelt forces can get together on a dark horse."

AN ADMISSION FOR GEORGE

That is some admission for George to make. Ordinarily he is the last to concede defeat in a political fight.

But there still is an undercurrent—and it prevails mostly in the Taft camp—that Roosevelt is not beaten. The Taft men pretend to know that a terrific effort will be made to put Roosevelt over in the convention and, with this belief, there is no letting down of the Taft forces. And they reason not wildly, for with Roosevelt are men who will not say die until the end of the rollcall.

On the other hand there are men surrounding Roosevelt who can be scared with a 5 cent falsehood. Gathered in the Roosevelt headquarters are eastern immaculately attired delegates, accompanied by valets, who are dandies in the extreme. They are the society gentlemen who feel they are in the midst of big affairs because they have written handsome checks for the progressive campaign fund. If Theodore only had told them to stay at home and had brought with him a troop or two of the kind of men who accompanied him to Cuba there would have been less of the "too bad, old fellow," "deuced shame," etc.

The kid gloved and silk stockings

fellows were the first to start the talk of "We'll bolt, don't you know." Bolt talk has weakened Teddy. There are a number of delegates who would have lined up with him if they had thought he would have taken his medicine though defeated. They perhaps would have saved the day for him.

If Roosevelt had not driven delegates out of his own camp he yet stands a good chance of victory. It was fatal at Borah and Hadley, after noon when the former president looked out across the lake. Some men can not stand a drizzling rain. It may be so with the colonel. At any rate, he fortified the career of the rough rider soon was put in circular form, outlining what he would do and not do if he failed to obtain the regular nomination. The statement may be the cause of his downfall. To win in the political game the leaders must shout victory until the official returns are in.

NOT SLEEPING ON JOB

So ever watchful are the Taft forces that they presume to see possessing in the colonel's attitude. They are not going to be caught off their guard.

The test will really come when the orators begin reciting the achievements of Roosevelt. One can make a better speech about Teddy than about Taft, and the convention, yet stands in danger of being set afire by the oratory of Penrose, Borah and Hadley. The delegates are only human. They love precedence and custom in party organization, but they also like a leader of dash and brilliancy. Properly counted the career of the rough rider is of a character to set one's heart to bumping.

It may be that element tomorrow or Saturday that will make Roosevelt the nominee.

EVERYTHING BUT BOLT

After the meeting in the Florentine room last night we were told that the Roosevelt host would depart the regular convention this afternoon on a great moral issue and in a flame of outraged oratorical glory.

This morning half of the men who dashed from the meeting on the committee on credentials, demanding their party's life, reported on the job to go to work. They wanted to talk compromise, justice, square-deal, conciliation—everything but bolt.

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