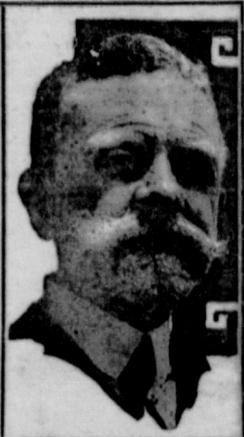


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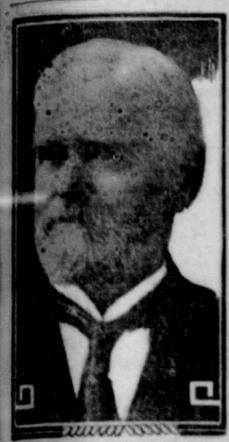
RAP! RAP! GOES THE GAVEL

Convention Is in Session

Chairman New Calls the Republicans to Order—Mention of Roosevelt's Name Calls Forth Real Cheers—Allies Will Make Great Fight and Taft's Nomination Will Not Be Unanimous.



SENATOR HENRY CABOT LODGE. To Be Permanent Chairman.



SENATOR J. C. BURROWS. Temporary Chairman.

COLISEUM, CHICAGO, JUNE 16.—BULLETIN—AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE UNITED PRESS THAT THE "ALLIES" HAVE DECIDED TO WITHDRAW THE NAMES OF ALL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES EXCEPT LAFOLLETTE AND HUGHES BEFORE THE FIRST BALLOT.

NEW YORK, JUNE 16.—THE MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION TODAY WIRE SENATOR BURROWS AS FOLLOWS: "THE MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK EMPHATICALLY PROTESTS AGAINST THE INSERTION OF ANY ANTI-INJUNCTION PLANK IN THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM."

THE COLISEUM, CHICAGO, June 16.—Represented by 980 delegates, assembled from the various states and territories, as well as the "colonial possessions," the republican party of the United States met today at noon in quadrennial convention for nominating candidates for the presidency and vice presidency.



HARRY C. NEW

The scene was Chicago's greatest amphitheatre, where four years ago Theodore Roosevelt was made the party's candidate. The seating capacity of the building has been increased to nearly 11,000, thus providing accommodations for 3,000 more people than in 1904.

The local committee gave out 1500. The marching clubs alone that are coming in from outside predict would more than have filled the seats set aside for spectators.

Crowds at Doors. Long before the doors were opened, the streets in front were filled with gaily uniformed "Taft" clubs, "Cannon" clubs and organizations bearing the names of other favorite sons.

At 9 o'clock the hall was thrown open, and those who had been so fortunate as to beg, borrow or buy tickets with gaily uniformed "Taft" clubs, "Cannon" clubs and organizations bearing the names of other favorite sons.

Delegates Seated. Chicago and Washington, gowned in their best summer finery. The local committee on arrangements had given more prominence than ever to the social side of the convention and a generous share of tickets went to the "409."

Delegates and alternates were seated in the center of the hall, the location of each state delegation being indicated by placards fastened to raised standards, the big republican states, like Pennsylvania and New York, being given front rows.

Called to Order. The proceedings will be begun with prayer by the Right Rev. P. J. Muldoon, bishop of the diocese of

liver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen."

Immediately following the prayer Frederick Upham, chairman of the local committee on arrangements, presented to Chairman New a gavel made out of wood from Old Fort Dearborn.

Chairman New then recognized J. R. Mallick, secretary of the convention, and announced that he would read the call under which the convention had assembled. According to the call, each state is entitled to four delegates-at-large and four alternates, and each congressional district to two delegates and two alternates.

New Makes Address. After the call had been read, Chairman New, in impressive tones, said: "The hour has arrived for the representatives of the republican party to meet in their fourteenth national committee, after almost 12 years of the most brilliant administration in the history of the world."

"We are here to assert our pride in the achievements of the past, and most especially to commend the administration of Theodore Roosevelt."

TANANA MINERS ADVERTISE FOR YOUNG WIVES



HOW WILL SHE DO, BOYS?

A promising field for young women has been found in the Tanana mining district in Alaska, according to a letter which was brought before the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon.

THE WEATHER. Cloudy, probably with showers tonight and Wednesday; light to gentle westerly breeze.

BANK CLEARINGS. Clearings today \$1,256,701.63; Balances 133,489.19.

VICTORIA IS AT HOME

Telegraphic advices from Nome this morning bring the information that the Victoria, of the Alaska Steamship company, arrived there at about 7 o'clock last evening.

Using Threats and Oaths

Masked Robber Appears From Under a Bed in Hotel and Despoils Two Guests of All Their Valuables.

After hiding under a bed fully five hours waiting for his victims to fall asleep, an armed and masked burglar emerged from his lair, shook H. E. Beagle, a well-known cigar broker, by the nose until he was thoroughly awake, and at the point of a gun compelled him to turn over a solid gold watch and a heavy gold chain with a \$20 gold piece attached.

The robbery took place in room 8 of The Oaks, a hotel at Ninth av. and Pike st., shortly after 3 o'clock this morning.

Threatening to kill Beagle and his bedfellow, Louis Schaefer, if they made any outcry, the robber backed from the room, locked the door and made his escape.

Beagle and his partner, Louis Schaefer, arrived at The Oaks about midnight.

"I entered the room little thinking there was a burglar under the bed," said Beagle this morning. "And I turned on the electric lights. Our bed is on one side of the room away from the lights. Schaefer and I usually read a little before going to sleep and last night, as usual, we yanked the bed across the room where the light would be suitable for reading. The robber who was under the bed must have rolled clear across the room, keeping under the bed and out of our sight all the time. Schaefer and I read until about 2 o'clock this morning, when my partner threw down his magazine and went to sleep. I read until 3 o'clock and then turned off the lights. I was unable to go to sleep, although Schaefer was breathing heavily."

Surprised By Noise. "Imagine my surprise when I heard a scrape and rustle beneath the bed. I knew right away that there was something doing. The burglar, who must have been pretty sore at having been under the bed for several hours, seemed to care not how much noise he made. I threw my arm across my eyes to prevent being blinded by the flash of light I knew must come. The robber scratched two or three matches as he bent over us. I feigned sleep as the robber walked to the head of our bed and ran his hand under the pillows. Not finding any valuables, the robber seized me by the nose and began to roll my head from side to side in a vigorous manner."

"I stretched and yawned as though I had just awakened and sat up in bed. The robber had a mask across the lower part of his face and he shoved a gun at my head."

"And of all the picturesque threats and curses that fellow launched at me! That robber had a most beautiful voice; deep, heavy and musical with a fringe just like silk, but he spoiled the whole effect with his rude language. And all the time Schaefer slept on."

Wanted Diamond. "Where's that rock?" demanded the robber, referring to my \$250 diamond shirt stud.

"I told him I had left it at a local safe deposit vault that morning."

"You're a liar," said the robber, accompanying his remarks with a string of talk which fairly curdled the atmosphere.

"By this time Schaefer was awake. The robber made both of us roll to one side of the bed while he searched under the sheets. He found my watch and chain which I always put in a cigar case at night."

"Aha," said the robber, "you can't fool me." The joke was on the burglar as he thought the diamond stud was in the cigar case with my watch. The robber searched our clothes but disdained to take several dollars in silver. He wanted the diamond. After stuffing the cigar case into his pocket the thief waved his gun at us threateningly and backed towards the door.

"Now, I am going to wait outside the door," said the burglar, "and if I hear one yip from you, I'll blow your heads off!"

"With that he backed out of the room and locked the door. We waited a few minutes and then attempted to arouse the guests in adjoining rooms, but it was nearly three hours before the landlord unlocked our door."

Beagle says the robber was a young man about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches in height. The victim deprecates the loss of his watch, as it was a gift from his mother years ago. Beagle has his suspicions as to the identity of the burglar and an arrest is likely to follow.

BY THE PRESIDENT TO THE SECRETARY OF WAR, ACTING AS STENOGRAPHER. The following statement was issued today from the white house: "That which purports to be the so-called administration platform, telegraphed from Chicago, is a mere tentative draft prepared by members of the resolution committee for presentation to Secretary Taft for the purpose of obtaining his views on certain planks."

"A large part of this purported platform never was seen by the president at all and a number of the planks contained in the remainder were subjected to amendments of both a verbal and a substantial nature."

"This and other drafts were tentative only and merely for the information of certain members of the resolutions committee, who were seeking the views of various prominent republicans."

"Neither the president nor Secretary Taft committed himself nor was asked to commit himself to any particular feature of any form of platform, but the various drafts of proposed planks were laid before them both."

Flat Denial Is Made That Roosevelt Dictated Platform.

Neither Did Secretary Taft Have Much to Say About It.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—Now comes a characteristically vigorous denial from the white house that President Roosevelt dictated the provisions of the platform which is to be submitted to the republican national committee on resolutions by Wade M. Ellis, attorney general of Ohio.

It even goes so far as to deny the Secretary Taft played any very important part in drafting the document which is spoken of in Chicago as if it had been dictated



MISS MATHILDE TOWNSEND.

OH JOY! MAYBE DUKE D'ALBA IS NOT A FORTUNE HUNTER

(Star Special Service.) WASHINGTON, June 16.—Capital society is buzzing with the daintiest morsel of romantic gossip that it has had for some time.

The duke of Alba, he of the lengthy lineage of Spanish fighting men, is coming back to Washington and Bar Harbor, Me., on a "big game hunt."

Of course everybody knows there is no "big game" shooting in Washington or Bar Harbor in the summer, except the heart hunts conducted by Dan Cupid. And the duke, whose title is weightier than his purse, was only last year very much interested in Miss Mathilde Townsend, daughter of Mrs. Richard Townsend, and a Washington belle of a season or two.

Although his intentions to Miss Townsend were marked last season, the duke went home soon after he discovered that her income was only \$200,000 a year.

Now, those who tell things behind their fans are positive that D'Alba has sufficed like a soldier all these 12 months from a heart wound. They are certain he seeks a balm for his wound, and will carry off the belle of Bar Harbor regardless of her small income.

In other words this is to be a real love story after all.

ALL AT OUTS

Lincoln J. Steffens Gives the Inside of Chicago Convention.

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CHICAGO, June 16.—Some popular demands will be presented to this convention. That is news that is remarkable. We are seeing the same spectacle here. The president, a republican, is representing the republicans of the nation, and he is trying to compel the republican party to represent the people, and he may succeed.

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His Candidate and Platform. Indeed, there is very little doubt but that he will jam his candidate and his platform through the convention, just as he jammed his measures through congress.

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But this convention does not even represent the president who controls it. It obeys, but does not agree with him.

Few Are for Taft. There are not a hundred delegates who, in their hearts, are for Taft. A wise insider told me that this probably expressed the truth. And this truth is that the republican party is not going to nominate a candidate its delegates want.

But that isn't the whole truth. "Whom do the delegates want," was asked.

"Oh, Roosevelt, of course," came the answer.

That, again, is true, but that is not the whole truth, either. The delegates are not the party. The state organizations which sent them here for the national organization and this undercurrent for Roosevelt is what the republican party hopes to still use in throwing the convention into confusion and thus might nominate a man like Fairbanks, Knox, Cannon, etc., who would represent not even the party.

Now Roosevelt has put his stamp upon the convention and the organization, but that is not enough. His platform does not begin to express the hopes of those who want to see the government tackle the causes instead of the consequences

of our corruption. And it looks here for awhile as if nobody was going to put the republican party on record as to the fundamentals.

Something Doing. It was learned today that the Wisconsin delegation is going to do that. Senator La Follette, Congressman Cooper and other leaders from that state, who have led the people of Wisconsin through their fight to overthrow the railroads and other governing interests, are to offer planks for the republican convention platform to that same end in the United States, and they propose to fight for the principles in the platform committee and upon the floor of the convention if necessary.

Moreover, there is labor, which is a part of the people. Organized labor is here with a few demands, but labor won't fight as hard as the Wisconsin delegation. Organized labor's plans, as I understand it, is to ask what they want first of the republican party. Then if the demands are denied, to go with the same demands to the democratic party. And then, if neither of the old parties will represent labor, labor may have a labor ticket.

I am not arguing; I am only telling. Those who are concerned in the radical parties which today are dictating the policies governing the European countries know that this was developed in the same way, the refusal of the old parties even to try to represent the people.

FLOODS RECEDE

End of High Water in Kansas Is Now in Sight.

(By United Press.) KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 16.—The end of the big flood, which has done so much damage in the past few days, is in sight. The Missouri river and its tributaries have reached the highest stage and are now slowly falling.

The Union station is still above the flood level, although the water is a foot deep alongside the baggage rooms, and there are still two feet of water in front of the Blossom house, one of the best hotels in the vicinity of the depot.

The Missouri, Kansas & Texas, Chicago & Alton and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroads have started to move their trains and are today landing passengers at Sheffield on the eastern boundary of the city.

The overflow of the Missouri still surrounds the east bottoms of the city, and a force of workmen employed by the Kansas City Southern railway, are today building a sand dyke for a distance of two miles. This will hold the water back until the river suddenly rises again.

GOVERNOR DAWSON IS A VICTIM OF CONSUMPTION.

(By United Press.) CHARLESTON, W. Va., June 16.—Governor O. W. Dawson, of West Virginia, is a victim of tuberculosis. As soon as his physician notified him that he had contracted the dreadful disease he immediately left for Asheville, N. C., where he will remain for several weeks in the hope of being cured. The disease is only in its first stage.

Muldoon, bishop of the diocese of

Chicago, of the Roman Catholic church, he announced.

Bishop Muldoon's prayer was as follows: "Almighty and merciful God, we humbly beseech Thee, mercifully to give ear to the prayers offered by Thy servants in behalf of the whole nation."



BUT THE OLD MAN DOESN'T SEE IT THAT WAY.

Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen."

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When the eastern communities, where there is a large surplus of women, become informed of the fact that 5,000 men are living in a district where there are only 500 women, the railroads will carry many a young woman to Seattle on her way to Alaska.

The letter follows: "Fairbanks, Alaska, May 9, 1908. "Secretary Seattle Chamber of Commerce, Seattle. "Dear Sir: The Fairbanks mining district has a population of about 5,000 men, of whom about 500 are married, the rest are living a life of bachelorhood, although there are 75 or 80 per cent within the marriageable age, all or nearly all of that 75 or 80 per cent are of the most virile and manly kind."

"Fairbanks is the newest frontier town in the United States, and the blood that built it belongs to the survival of the fittest class. Poverty is unknown; there is little or no sickness, and the climate is as healthy as any in the whole world, so I think if you people would advertise our wants in the New England state, or in districts where there is a surplus of women, you would be helping yourselves in a financial way, and you would be doing us a favor that couldn't be measured from a monetary standard. Sincerely yours, "PETER JOHNSON."

in command of Captain W. P. Porter, carrying about 600 passengers and a full cargo of freight.

MACCABEES WILL MEET. Members of hive No. 59, Ladies of the Maccoabees, will entertain this evening at the A. O. U. W. hall, 1923 1/2 First av.