

CONVENTION IS QUIETEST IN HISTORY

TEDDY RILED; SAYS HUGHES PUSSYFOOTS

Roosevelt Expected to Oppose Justice if Latter Is Nominated.

PROGRESSIVES MEET

Delegates Gather Slowly—Nomination of Colonel Is Postponed.

Auditorium, June 7.—With tumultuous demonstrations for Theodore Roosevelt, the progressive national convention opened here today while the republican national convention was in progress in the Coliseum. Enthusiasm for Roosevelt became almost riotous when Raymond Robins of Chicago, the temporary chairman of the convention, referred to him as "foremost citizen of the world."

Oyster Bay, N. Y., June 7.—While Colonel Roosevelt refrains from making any public statement those close to him say his real attitude on the convention is well known to his intimates here, that he is opposed to the nomination of Justice Hughes and it is their confidential belief that if Hughes is nominated Colonel Roosevelt will himself become a candidate.

Colonel Roosevelt, it is well understood, is not at all satisfied with Justice Hughes so-called "flag speech," which he is said to regard as merely a Fourth of July address, having no value at all as showing the justice's attitude on the real issues of the day. In the words of his followers here, the colonel regards the speech as further "evidence of pussy footing" to which attitude he is opposed in the present crisis in the country's affairs. His followers look for a broadside from him in a day or two which they say would be calculated to eliminate Hughes and any other candidate whom the colonel regards as representing the "pussy foot idea."

"The colonel feels," they say, "that if the republicans have made up their minds to nominate a man representing this idea, the one thing left for him to do is to run himself in order to bring before the people the issue of 'straight forward Americanism.'"

Progressives Assemble.
Auditorium, Convention Hall, Chicago, June 7.—Delegates and guests of the progressive convention arrived slowly for the opening of the convention at 12 o'clock.

Reports that there might be an insistent demand for immediate nomination of Colonel Roosevelt were discouraged in a statement by George W. Perkins, confidential spokesman for the party, who declared the progressives were meeting in a conciliatory spirit and would not act precipitately, while the possibility of agreement with the republicans remained.

Postpone T. E. Nomination.
Mr. Perkins was asked if Colonel Roosevelt would be nominated today.

"There is not a chance," he replied. "We are not going to take any snap judgment."

Mr. Perkins said a telephone conversation he had with Colonel Roosevelt this morning was devoted almost entirely to the bad weather here and at Oyster Bay. Neither of them, said Mr. Perkins, regarded the weather as an ill omen. Mr. Roosevelt will be kept in close touch with developments in the progressive convention by long distance phone, but the Oyster Bay wire will not be strung directly to the convention.

Sing "Teddy" Songs.
Over the walls of the huge auditorium were pinned copies of "Teddy" songs to be sung by delegates, the songs including "When Teddy Comes Marching Home" to the tune of "When Johnny Comes Marching Home." Otherwise the hall was a mass of flags and bunting, characteristic of every other convention headquarters.

A box with a special police guard was reserved for the Roosevelt family and friends on the mezzanine floor.

Because of limited seating capacities, delegates from six states were on the stage back of the press benches. Chairman Murdoch and Secretary Davies of the national committee arrived just before the hour set, conferring with leaders.

The balconies were about half filled, and the two upper balconies were almost bare of spectators. A quartet singing "Teddy" songs from the balcony kept the crowd cheering and waving hats while the fall of the opening gavel was awaited.

The Michigan delegation, bearing a huge banner, inscribed "Roosevelt carried Michigan by 60,000 in 1912 and can carry it by 100,000 in 1916," and American flags was the first to form outside the auditorium. They started to march into the building through an

All of Family Are Victims Mad Axman

Wills Point, Tex., June 7.—Mrs. H. F. Goodnight, 70, was killed; her husband, who is president of the Van Zandt National bank here was fatally injured, and their daughter, Mrs. R. J. Moran, was beaten into insensibility in their home early today with either a large hammer or an ax. Physicians said Mrs. Moran probably would live, but it was only a question of hours before Goodnight would die.

No motive is known for the killing. The house, which is in the outskirts of the city, was found in order this morning, with no signs of attempted robbery.

COMMITTEE BUSY ON RESOLUTIONS

Work of Body Apparently to Be One of Elimination Instead of Construction—All Have Planks.

Chicago, June 7.—With the members of the committee on resolutions all selected by their delegations it is becoming evident that the work of the committee as a whole will be one of elimination rather than of construction. Almost every man on the committee has planks of his own making.

The general purpose of the leading members of the committee is to have the party declarations such as will meet the demands of Colonel Roosevelt and his followers, and therefore they have made close study of the colonel's recent utterances on preparedness.

Senator Smoot, who although he is not a member of the resolutions committee is in close touch with what is being done towards framing the platform said: "We shall declare for a navy that will be a real protection both in size and efficiency and up to the latest requirements, and for such other military measures as will meet the demands of all emergencies."

The Roosevelt idea on preparedness will, it is thought prevail. The committee also will go far toward meeting Mr. Roosevelt's views on the question of national distinctiveness and there will be a strong declaration for Americanism at all times, at home and abroad. There will be no condemnation of the so-called hybridized American in exact terms, "but," as a member of the committee said, "it will be possible to read that language into the document."

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Vainport, Moline and Vicinity.

Generally fair tonight and Thursday, slightly warmer Thursday. Temperature at 7 a. m. 54. Highest yesterday 57, lowest last night 54.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 4 miles per hour.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 100, at 7 a. m. 80, at 1 p. m. today 59.

Stage of water 124, a rise of .6 in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERER, Local Forecaster.

THE WAR TODAY

The death of Field Marshal Earl Kitchener and members of the staff by the sinking of the cruiser Hampshire off the Orkney Islands continues to form the chief topic in England. Whether a civilian or a soldier will take the war portfolio in succession to Kitchener has not been determined.

The great Russian offensive over a front of 250 miles is being pushed from the Pripiet river to the Rumanian frontier and according to Petrograd the Russians have taken more than 25,000 Germans.

On the Italian front no gains of importance have been reported by either side. The Austrians have met with heavy losses in their attempts to advance against the Italians, and the Italians claim to have gained ground on the western slopes of Monte Cenio.

ANTI-FORGES TRY TO BLOCK SUFFS' PLANK

Attempt Being Made in Chicago to Keep Suffrage Out of Platform.

20,000 WOMEN MARCH

Great Delegation of Suffragists Parade to Coliseum for the "Cause."

Chicago, June 7.—Attempts to block the insertion of a suffrage plank in the republican platform will be made by the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, which has appointed a committee to protest against the introduction of the issue before the convention, according to Mrs. Arthur Dodge of New York.

Mrs. Dodge, who is president of the anti-suffrage forces with two members of the association, will appear before the resolutions committee to protest against the mention of woman suffrage in the party platform.

20,000 Suff. March.
The outstanding feature of suffragist activity today centered in the parade in which 20,000 women agreed to march to the Coliseum, rain or shine, to present to the republican convention resolutions adopted by the National American Woman Suffrage association asking that a plank be put in the republican platform favoring woman suffrage.

The parade was arranged by the National Woman Suffrage association and the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage. The program for the National Woman Suffrage association today called for a continuance of the assembly at the Princess theater and later a suffrage luncheon. The Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage continued its convention at the Blackstone theater with a meeting of committees. A suffrage luncheon followed at which Helen Keller, Inez Mulholland Boissvain, Reta Childs Dorr and Crystal Eastman were the speakers.

Adopt Anthony Amendment.
The congressional union at its meetings yesterday 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 demand its incorporation into the republican platform.

Resolutions were adopted which will be sent to political leaders in Washington, urging the enfranchisement of women. One clause of the suffrage resolutions 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 assembly of the National Woman Suffrage association went on record as opposed to a campaign for an amendment to the federal constitution providing for woman suffrage and adopted a resolution to be presented to the resolutions committee of the republican convention asking for a plank favoring woman suffrage.

CLINTON YOUTH TO FACE NEW CHARGES

Quincy, Ill., June 7.—When Earl Hall, sentenced to seven years in prison at Clinton, Iowa, recently left here last fall under bond pending trial on a charge of robbing a local bank, he went in a car stolen here and immediately sold it to a Clinton man, according to evidence now in the hands of the police received from Clinton. A warrant will be sent to the prison to return Hall here for trial when his sentence is completed.

Latest Bulletins

Amsterdam, via London, June 7.—The Telegram says that a German destroyer struck a mine and went down off Zebruggen on May 31.

Chicago, June 7.—An automobile owned by Miss Matilda Piere, Dubuque, Iowa, a delegate to the Woman's party convention, knocked down and injured Mrs. Kathryn Kennedy of Joliet today.

Paris, June 7. (2:55 p. m.)—The French destroyer Fantassin has been sunk in a collision. Her crew were rescued.

Petrograd, June 7. (via London, 6:35 p. m.)—In their new offensive movement the Russians have captured more than forty thousand men, it was announced officially today.

Mexico, Mo., June 7.—Twelve persons were injured, none fatally, when a Chicago and Alton passenger train, bound from Louisiana, Mo., to Jefferson City, Mo., struck a broken rail and the three coaches turned completely over, a mile east of Francis near here today.

SOME PEOPLE THAT WE KNOW



Republican Convention Gossip

BY J. M. COLLIGAN.
(Special to The Argus.)

Chicago, June 7.—What most impresses the neutral observer here is the absence of enthusiasm, either over the assurance that is said to prevail among republicans of the nation that they are to put a member of their party in the White house next fall, or in favor of any one of the numerous presidential aspirants.

Manfully somebody has punctured the Roosevelt boom, and the said somebody is a well known gentleman with whiskers at present occupying a place on the supreme bench of the United States, a man who may land the nomination by the sign language for as far as known at this writing he has not told anybody that he would accept the honor if it were conferred upon him by the convention.

Frank Hitchcock, former postmaster general, admits that he has simply been taking a long shot on Hughes; that he has not any authorized word from him. Of course Hitchcock is promoting Hughes on the theory that his first impression was that the city had been captured by plainsmen and Indians. Most everybody—except the delegates in the republican convention—was whooping it up for the hero of Oyster Bay. Today as one passes through the lobbies of the hotels where the delegates are mingling one rarely hears a conversation that is attuned above a whisper. It seems as if each delegate was afraid that someone else was talking to get an earful of information for an enemy camp.

Four years ago everybody spoke as though he wanted the whole world to know just where he stood. He was either for Taft or Roosevelt. This week, aside from those who are labeled, he is not on record when the deciding ballot is counted, are so conducting themselves that they will be able to claim that their man won, no matter who is nominated. Occasionally a hand hoves in view and rips off some patriotic air, but the delegates refuse to fall in line and throw their hats into the air.

"These hasn't been enough excitement here since I came to keep me awake nights," declared a Mississippian. "Even the red likker lacks the rise that is contained in the article we get back home. Of course, ours is the hip-pocket brand, and possibly that accounts for the hip. But putting aside all jocularity, blamed if I can understand the obsequiousness of this convention gathering. If I didn't know differently I would think it was a convulse of gentlemen here to pay final tribute to a party that once was. If things don't perk up a bit right soon I'm going to take a few bombs with my pitcher of chaser to my room when I retire tonight, and when it comes 9 o'clock throw the bombs into the street and arouse the sleepers. Of course I may be getting old and can't stir around like I used to in the olden days, but I'm not moving about with blinders on, and if there is anything doing I reckon I would see it or hear about it. Who are they going to nominate? Really, neighbor, I hadn't given on the matter a thought. Yes, I'm a delegate, but I just crawled under the canvas as a compromise, and of course it makes little difference who my choice for the nomination might be. It's up to me to follow the bell cow. That's all."

G. Perkins Explains.
We were curious to have a chat

with George Perkins, who is known as the doughman of the Roosevelt campaign. He has a flock of rooms in the Blackstone hotel. The press boys whom I consulted said he was a pleasant sort, but difficult to reach, and it was a waste of time trying to run the line of pickets outside his quarters. But we were not to be so easily scared. We saw Brother Perkins once in Maquoketa, Iowa. That was several years ago. As we were the only two in the coach he recognized us. We discussed finances and politics, and we were in altogether an unusually well informed man. He admitted at that time that he had all the money he needed, and we admired him for not being hungry for more. He talked with earnestness, and let us in on his dreams of helping humanity generally by devious schemes of his own origin. As we approached the Perkins quarters in the Blackstone of course we were halted by the chief outside guard. He waived us aside, but we refused to acknowledge the signal and kept moving toward the brass door knob. It was easily done. It all depends on the manner in which such stunts are executed. If you stand with hat in hand, and nervously view the pictures on the wall, with a please—Mr.—appeal exuding from your countenance, you are liable to be picked up in the duster by the next maid that appears on the scene. On the other hand, if you keep under steam and act towards the guard as if you knew him all your life and that his chief was actually awaiting you, the doors swing open to you as if by magic.

After the customary handshake, George—you see we know him well enough to call him by his first name—passed the spearpoint, raised the north window a couple of inches, and inquired when we were last in Maquoketa. First he gave orders that he was not to be disturbed for half an hour. We protested that we could learn all we cared to know in a shorter period of time, but we were overruled.

"Of course you are still carrying the first spear in the Roosevelt parade?" suggested we, just like that.

"I wouldn't put it that way exactly," said Perk. "I am greatly misunderstood. I don't expect to profit personally through the selection of Roosevelt. My contention is that he is the best man for the country at this time. We need a man of vigor and decision."

"Down our way we have always understood that you gathered the money to finance the Roosevelt campaign, and that your own contribution headed the list. It is not to be expected that one would kick in with a large gob of his bank roll unless he was to receive favors at the hand of his candidate in the event he was successful at the polls."

"You don't fathom the beauty there is in living when one feels that he is helping others. Don't get me wrong. I mean that through Roosevelt as head of the nation it would be possible to be more helpful to humanity."

"Will Roosevelt be nominated?" "Yes, he will be."

"By whom?" "We hope by both the republican and moose conventions."

"Our memory tells us that Roosevelt declared some months ago that he would not accept a nomination from the republican party unless it came to him without solicitation on his part; that there must be a nationwide demand for him. Hasn't the colonel somewhat descended from his dignified position?"

"Yes and no. There is a demand for him. Doubtless he realizes more than does the average man the national need for him there is at this time."

"We have just read letters given out by Roosevelt from two Germans who had written him urging him for the presidency. Do you suppose they are friends of the colonel's?"

"Assuredly, yes. What would you suppose them to be?"

"We thought they were trying to

hang the nomination on him so they would get a chance to vote against him."

Whereupon Perk passed another stick of spearpoint, slipped us a good cigar—we took it for granted it was a good one—although the band had either dropped off or had been removed with malice aforethought.

Hubbard Looks Like Somebody.
Henry Hubbard, Rock Island county clerk, resembles some prominent republican in Texas. So much so, in fact, that he was showered with cigars and invited to a number of southern functions that are to be staged during convention week.

A distinguished southerner, who apparently had been hugging the mahogany the greater part of the day, cornered Mr. Hubbard in the lobby of the Congress last evening, placed his arm about his neck and told him how bad he had wiped the earth with his opponent in a recent congressional election in the Lone Star state. Henry tried to protest that he was not the man his friend thought him to be, but it was no use, and Henry, being sober, as his natural condition, saw the humor of the situation, and permitted the Texan to rave. During the raving he slipped several cigars into Henry's pockets, and gave him invitation to at least a dozen affairs of a social nature, all of which were thankfully accepted by Mr. Hubbard.

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Murray Crane of Massachusetts, Senator Borah of Idaho and W. B. McKinley of Illinois were selected to escort Mr. Harding to the platform. Applause greeted the mention of all the names as Chairman Hill announced them.

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QUINCY TO HAVE SCHOOL FOR BOYS

Raising Fund for Chadcock Institution—Will Enroll Children of Any Age for Complete Education.

Quincy, Ill., June 7.—An educational forward movement for Chadcock boys' school here, claimed by its directors to be the only boys' school in the country that will enroll children at any age and offer them a complete grade and high school course in the same school, has been started to raise \$125,000. Of this amount \$105,000 has been offered by the Educational Forward movement of this state. Local subscriptions have already totaled \$10,000. Big extensions will be made with the additional funds.

Storm Death Toll Passes Mark of 150

Kansas City, June 7.—Additional reports from communities which have been cut off from the outside world since Monday's storm were expected today to increase the death lists well above 150.

Early today the deaths of 125 persons in Arkansas, Missouri, Mississippi, Tennessee and Illinois had been reported with a number of others missing and believed dead, and several hundred injured, some so seriously that little hope is felt for their recovery.

Memphis, Tenn., June 7.—Divers today began search for bodies of the 30 or more persons who are believed to have been drowned when the Mississippi river steamer Eleanor, 20 miles north of Memphis, in Monday night's storm. The bodies of two white men were recovered last night. Two other white passengers and about thirty negroes, the majority black hands, have not been accounted for. The boat, which is lying on its side, partly submerged, is not believed to be seriously damaged.

LEADERS FILE TO SEATS AS CALM REIGNS

Glammy Stillness of Throngs in Republican Hall Feature of Opening.

CHAIRS FILL QUICKLY

Spectators Scurry in Out of Drizzling Rain Without Demonstration.

Republican Convention Hall, Chicago, June 7 (11 a. m.)—Practically all delegates seated. No demonstrations. Quietest convention ever held. Lodge, Crane, Penrose, and every other leader pass to their seats without recognition.

The order was given to clear the aisles at 10:55 a. m., and the police began moving out all who were not delegates and forcing the delegates to their sections.

There was a noticeable lack of demonstrations for prominent men. Senator Lodge came quietly in and took his seat unnoticed, as did Senator Murphy, Governor Whitman and other well known men.

Chauncey Depew Given Oration.
Chauncey M. Depew was the only well known man to be received by the delegations and spectators as he made his way to the first row of the New York seats. A round of hand-clapping greeted him.

The band played "The Star Spangled Banner" at 11:25 a. m. Everybody rose. When the house quieted down Sergeant-at-Arms Stone ordered the delegates seated.

At 11:38 Chairman Hill brought down his gavel. This brought applause. The hall grew still as Chairman Hill said a quorum was present and the convention would be in order.

A male quartet led in singing. The voices of the delegates swelled through the big hall, in a mighty chorus, almost drowning the band.

There was a moment of confusion and the delegates took their seats, and then Rev. John Timothy Stone of Chicago offered prayer.

There was a deep silence all over the big hall. At his request the convention remained seated.

The call for the convention was read by Secretary Reynolds and Chairman Hill then presented Senator Harding, temporary chairman, to make the keynote speech. The applause and cheers of the convention greeted Senator Harding.

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COUPLE HELD FOR MURDER OF CHILD

Husband and Wife Arrested in Death of Month Old Infant Found Buried Under Old Mill.

Quincy, Ill., June 7.—Bob Eskew and his wife are being held in the county jail at Memphis, Mo., awaiting the action of the grand jury on a charge that they murdered their month old infant. The body of the infant was found buried beneath the floor of an old deserted mill building at Gorin, Mo., yesterday morning.

Eskew and his wife came to Gorin several weeks ago. Monday they left town on foot, and it was noticed that they did not have their child with them. A hurried search failed to discover the baby and the couple were trailed to the bank of the Fabius river, where they were taken into custody. Both said the baby had died and had been buried at Edina, Mo., but under a grilling Eskew broke down and confessed that he had buried the body of the infant beneath the floor of the mill building.