TWO PRESIDENTIAL BOOMS LOOM BIG FOR RADICAL STATESMEN

Busy Little Bee Is Buzzing Louder and Louder Around LaFollette and Woodrow Wilson; Both Progressive.

LAFOLLETTE CLAIMS THIRD OF CONVENTION

(Washington Letter to The Herald.)

Washington, June 5. There are two presidential points which the politicians in Washington are watching with keen interest—the La Follette boom and the Woodrow Wilson boom. Neither has been officially launched, but both are expected to slide off the ways into the tempestuous waters of public favor in dishes within a few months. Strong politicians will be at the wheels to steer them toward the coveted goal in 1912.

There is no binary arithmetic about the Wilson boom. He governor of New Jersey is looked upon as a Democratic candidate for the White House, and those operators who long for a dark horse in the winning and then shoot on the public pulse decline to be the recipient for votes for the nomination with all due allowance for the wickedness of public favor, and the elusive quality of national politics.

On the other hand Senator Robert Marion La Follette of Wisconsin, whose candle power has been on the growing and shows signs of overwhelming odds, is almost certain to be a candidate for the Republican nomination. Its force of personality and by force of conquest, he is the rightful leader of the progressive movement in the United States. He has seen in the fight of the fight from the first has suffered a terrible lathering from the arrogant "interests," which lauded and shouted at all terms efforts to arouse the public to avail, and are praising now the should now come into his last season. Of all men still with American citizenship, he is the strongest and most indomitable. He is the man which could unite in the senate Wisconsin, has gone further in the direction of progressive control than any other—thanks to his initiative and wonderful organizing qualities.

But his chance for being the Republican candidate for president is slight. Not that a large element of his party would not be glad to nominate him as the old man. Who would snatch victory out of the jaws of defeat in 1912, all the same pretty much of the Republican party will [illegible] President Taft with the spell notch by a second term. For the international political conditions of the party have come to an end. In this year the rank and file is going to make the choice of the progressive and his policy for conservative has field many to contest strongly against the progressive opinion.

Not only has La Follette the handicap of the strong feeling against him in the conservative element of the very quarter which has contributed this passport and support through all his early defeats in against Blaine, as a presidential opportunity. He is sure to be in the field which is fast losing his hold on the conservatives. He is a politician of the radicals, a man of the People, the Test during the three or four years contemporary and which [illegible] and convention years, a vulgarized man of strength.

How can La Follette nominated? He is going to be strong in the convention and is more popular, imagined. This assure that this have authority of a third of the delegates and that their chances of getting some are good. It can be seen that, if the La Follette forces should go to the convention next year with a third of the delegates in their control this would be a most propitious factor. They might be able to force a compromise on some dark horse candidate even if they could not force the nomination of La Follette.

President Taft's solid strength, 504 delegates, is going to come from the east and south. The announcement of Henry L. Stimson as secretary of war is regarded as a move to strengthen the administration in New York state. It is thought that this appointment will have much support to Taft from the Roosevelt following in view of Roosevelt's warm support of Stimson in last fall's campaign.

A difference of opinion exists in the La Follette camp as to just when the announcement of the senator's candidacy should be made. Some declare the time is ripe. He is being strongly urged to come out in the next week. Within the last two weeks, advice come from no less than three western states have come to Washington to urge La Follette to make known his presidential ambition. He has been assured by these delegations that if he will give the word, delegations from the states will be secured for him.

One of these delegations was from California and was headed by Meyer Lissner, who has taken a prominent part in the Republican progressive movement. As state chairman of the congressional California state, Lissner had much to do with getting a big progress of legislation through the California legislature.

The present status of the boom of Woodrow Wilson is quite in contrast to that of La Follette. His political and authentic career is one of the most remarkable of American politics. Two years ago, even one year ago, the former president of Princeton university had absolutely no political standing. He was known as a brilliant economist and student of politics, but he had never had a taste of the practical side of that elusive science. He was, however, steadily pushed ahead as an excellent democratic candidate for the governorship of New Jersey, and made such a brilliant showing time he swept the state. From that day to this, his presidential boom has gathered momentum and accelerated its speed. Six months ago Judson Harmon was considered the probable candidate of Democracy in 1912. Now Wilson has swept ahead of Harmon and is increasing his lead daily.

The governor of New Jersey is now engaged on a tour of the west which is adding to his laurels. He made a favorable impression on the Democrats of the middle west, which is distinctly the enemy's country, since both Champ Clark and Judson Harmon are middle western men. Wilson is referred as being the harmonizer of the radicals and the conservatives. He goes to neither extreme. He is learned in the law, and intensely human and normal in his outlook upon life.

Should Taft oppose Wilson in 1912 it will be distinctly an issue of the conservatives against a moderate progressive. Should La Follette oppose Wilson, the conservative of the country will be left without a candidate and the progressive will have little to choose between. La Follette is an extremist, and will frank all of the support which Bryan years ago was known as the Popularist strength. But he is far more than a vociferous destructive radical. Those who know him best say his outlook is thoroughly sane and really constructive. They say that he has been driven to extreme radicalism to arouse the country out of the slumberous one which it had fallen, and to draw attention to the rail significance of conservative evils. His entrance into the field as a presidential candidate will be welcomed by his many admirers.

NEW MEXICO GETS MOST MOISTURE

While Drouth Threatens Many Portions of Country Rain Has Been Above Normal in This Territory.

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Washington, June 5. [illegible] Mexico [illegible] that the outlook for [illegible] since March in the Southwest [illegible]

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