

PARTY'S CHOICE MAY BE DECIDED TO-NIGHT

"PARK BARREL" IS CLOSED TO TEDDY

PERKINS PUTS THE LID ON; THIRD PARTY FADES AWAY

Little Talk of Bolt Heard, and New G. O. P. Wing Flutters Broken to Ground. Taft Stronger.

By SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

Chicago, Ill., June 21.—The bottom has fallen out of the Roosevelt third party movement. It received its worst shock to-day when it was stated that George W. Perkins had closed the barrel. Mr. Perkins does not see any profit in financing an independent candidate. It is said that upon a conservative estimate more than \$1,000,000 has already been expended in the unsuccessful effort to nominate Mr. Roosevelt.

Chicago, June 21.—President Taft touched the highwater mark of his strength in the National Convention to-day when the report of the majority of the committee on credentials in the Ninth Alabama contested election case was adopted by a vote of 605 to 464. He also touched his rock bottom figures when the two Taft delegates from California were seated by a vote of 542 to 529, seven delegates not voting, a narrow majority of thirteen.

The California case was the crucial one in the convention. Under the operation of a State primary law twenty-six Roosevelt delegates were elected in the State, not by districts, but under a blanket State-wide proposition, by a majority of 77,000. The two Taft delegates who claimed seats were elected in the Fourth Congressional District in compliance with the call of the Republican National Committee, and claimed recognition for this reason.

CALIFORNIA CAUSED TREMBLING.

In the minds of many delegates, however, there was the feeling that the large majority given to Roosevelt in the State primary was a controlling factor and that precedent as to the unit rule in State delegations and as to the preponderance of district representation over State sovereignty, which were the main arguments advanced in favor of the Taft delegates, ought not to be considered. In addition to this, there is no doubt that the attitude of the California delegation, which has been aggressive from the very beginning, together with the stress

the President's friends are confident that they can command the requisite majority. There is but little gossip as to the Vice Presidency. It is certain that New York, which has stood loyally by the President, will name the candidate, and it is expected that Mr. Sherman will again be named.

Hawaii Drops Bomb.

Indeed, it was questionable at one time whether the report of the committee on credentials on the Taft delegates would be adopted. This was especially true because when the roll was called the Missouri delegation asked to be temporarily postponed as the call proceeded and the closeness of the vote was apparent. The Hawaiian delegation threw a bombshell into the Taft forces by voting on the Roosevelt side. The Washington delegates, seated by the National Committee, had been hissed loudly when they voted for the Taft delegates, but their vote did not, as has been the case previously, decide the issue.

Secretary Hille, who had a seat in the rear of the platform, was busy counting up the vote. After the call had been concluded the State of Missouri was called and there was a sigh of relief when the chairman of the delegation announced that Missouri voted sixteen ayes and twenty noes. It was this vote that saved the Taft forces from defeat.

Johnson Falls to Bolt.

After the vote was stated there was a quiver of expectation. It had been persistently rumored that California would leave the hall if the decision favored the seating of the contesting delegates, and all eyes were turned to the place in the convention hall where the California delegation was seated. The delegates were in earnest conversation, but nothing happened. There was no bolt. Their protest was of meekest character. Even Gov. Johnson, who had made an emphatic and almost fiery speech in support of a reservation in the Theodore Roosevelt—a brilliant effort which failed, however, to create an expected demonstration—did not leave the hall.

There was evidently no fight left in the delegation. They were discouraged because all day long the opposition had been hammering at the Taft column, and yet every vote had demonstrated that it was absolutely impregnable. There was no significance, of course, in the vote of 65 on the Alabama case, because as stated in these dispatches last night, Wisconsin voted to sustain its member of the National Committee. The Arizona delegation was, however, a test case, and on this the Taft forces polled 66 votes.

Two Hurdles Yet to Come.

An analysis of the vote by which the California delegates were seated, without presenting the detail by States, shows conclusively that President Taft has 54 votes on the first ballot, or fourteen more than are necessary to nominate. The nomination of the President is now universally conceded, although he has still two dangerous hurdles in the Texas and Washington contests. The former will undoubtedly be seated in his favor, and there is little question of the latter, which is a case not appealing to sentiment, but dealing wholly with technicalities.

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T. R. AND HIS MOST ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORTER



The Colonel talking over the latest phase of the political situation with his most ardent admirer, his daughter, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth. From a snapshot taken in Chicago.

Nominee May Be Named At To-night's Session; Dark Horses Are Legion

By JAMES J. MONTAGUE.

Chicago, June 21.—Roosevelt is routed, the reactionaries are in the middle. Who will be nominated? "Taft and Sherman," is the answer that comes from Crane and Penrose to-night. "Taft and Hadley, or Taft and Borah," is the reply of the men who want half compromise. "Cummins," says one of the full compromise people. "Hadley," say the others.

"Hughes and Hadley," says Bill Barnes, of New York. "Taft and Sherman," is the best bet to-night. Taft will be offered the nomination. He will be told that it doesn't look very bright for him and asked if, in the interest of the party he hadn't better step aside. But those who know the President insist that he is utterly fatigued and believes fondly that he will be elected. His victory over Roosevelt he regards as a great vindication.

If Taft insists he will be nominated, if he is nominated the fall will in all likelihood go with the hide, and Sherman will be the Vice Presidential nominee. Progressives Not Willing. Every progressive thus far approached with a Vice Presidential offer has flatly refused.

The last to be approached, Kenyon, pointed out that he had just been re-elected Senator from Iowa, and won't trade a good six-year term for a shadowy chance to the Vice Presidency, which is not of any consequence any way, compared to a Senatorship. Borah has had no offer, but he will refuse one if he gets it, that is positive.

Hadley is still around with a lightning rod on each shoulder, but the thunderstorm of Wednesday is now fast dissipating. As a matter of fact the men in control do not believe that he will stand lid. Kenyon peddled the Cummins boom to Roosevelt and got a chilly reception, but he is still being encouraged by Root and Penrose. He is not yet sure whether they are in earnest or joking, but he is in earnest, and Cummins will be most likely the man in case of a compromise.

The vote of Wisconsin in the convention to-day indicated that the Taft people control that delegation, and will use it when they like to prevent a nomination on the first ballot. Nobody believes that it is going to be a case of first ballot, anyway. But on the second ballot the Taft men on the Illinois, Oregon, Maryland, and Massachusetts delegations will be free to switch. That will give plenty of votes for a nomination.

May Nominate To-night.

It is up to Mr. Taft. Upon his nerve or the lack of it will depend whether or not he gets the nomination. Whether or not a nomination can be made to-morrow night depends on the attitude of the progressives toward the platform. The convention will meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, and complete the acceptance of the report of the committee on credentials. Then Root

TWENTY-NINE LIVES LOST.

Steamer, Laden with Emigrants, Burns to Water's Edge.

Vienna, June 21.—Twenty-nine lives were lost in the destruction of a passenger steamer by fire to-day on the Danube. The Hungarian passenger steamer Queen Elizabeth was carrying a party of excursionists up the historic river when the boat was discovered on fire. The flames spread with surprising rapidity, and a panic ensued among the passengers. Many jumped overboard, while others tried to get at the lifeboats. Some managed to swim ashore, but twenty-nine were drowned. One passenger, seeing that death was inevitable, shot himself.

Bryan Not to Run; Wife Won't Let Him. Declare His Friends

Baltimore, Md., June 21.—If William Jennings Bryan wishes to make a fight for the Democratic Presidential nomination, he will have to overcome the objections interposed by Mrs. Bryan. So declares H. H. Hughes, of Missouri, to-day. Mr. Hughes, who is a wealthy mine owner and friend of the Bryan family, said to-day that Col. Bryan had promised his wife that he would not seek the nomination. Mr. Hughes believes, however, that when the convention meets there will be an unprecedented demand on the part of the rank and file for him to run, and that the objections of Mrs. Bryan will be swept aside.

Mr. Hughes predicts the nomination of Mr. Bryan on the fourth or fifth ballot after a demonstration that will eclipse that in his honor in the Denver convention four years ago. He said he has made a tour of the country, urging all the old Bryan guard to go to Baltimore and whoop things up for the Nebraskaan. Charles W. Bryan, brother of the Nebraskaan, is due here to-night, and will look after Col. Bryan's interests. Direct telephonic communication between the Bryan headquarters here and Mr. Bryan in Chicago has been established. It is believed that Mr. Bryan will straighten out the temporary chairmanship tangle to the satisfaction of the colonel. He is regarded as an astute politician and as resourceful and far-seeing as his famous brother. He has been a prominent figure at all the Democratic National Conventions since 1896. Mr. William Jennings Bryan will accompany the colonel here.

Wreck on English Railroad.

Liverpool, England, June 21.—The Leeds express on the Northwestern Railway, was wrecked at Todmorden in Lancashire, this afternoon, and three coaches derailed. Four persons were killed and four of the injured died within an hour.

LITTLE TALK OVER BRYAN TELEGRAM

DELEGATES SIT TIGHT; WILL RETURN FIRE

Sub-committee Answers Nebraskan's Action by Appointing Strong Parker Men to Arrange Temporary Organization.

Baltimore, June 21.—William J. Bryan's demand upon six of the avowed nine candidates for the Democratic Presidential nomination to join him in opposing the election of Alton B. Parker as temporary chairman has not created the wild furor in the convention city which evidently the Nebraskan thought it would. At its session to-day the committee of arrangements of the National Committee, which yesterday, by a plurality vote, called Judge Parker for the post, calmly met the Bryan ultimatum by appointing a subcommittee on rules and organization of the convention, nearly every member of which is known to be hostile to the thrice defeated nominee of the party.

Chairman Norman E. Mack, who placed Parker's name before the committee of arrangements for temporary chairman, says that he received a letter from Mr. Bryan a short time ago in which the Nebraskan positively asserted that he would not accept the temporary chairmanship of the convention if it should be tendered to him. He did not signify a choice for the position. It goes without saying that had Bryan desired the place it would have been given to him without a struggle on practically the same principle that governed the committee's action in awarding the empty honor to Judge Parker, who, besides Bryan, is the only living former nominee of the party.

HAS FIGHT ON HIS HANDS.

Bryan has announced his wish to be a member of the platform committee. Nobody heretofore has expressed the slightest opposition to his being made chairman of that vitally important committee should his fellow delegates from Nebraska see fit to make him their representative to help formulate the party's enunciation of principles. But he may now have to fight hard if he wins the chairmanship of the platform committee. He has aroused antagonism which, although not outspoken at present, will assert itself vigorously on the floor of the convention should he persist in his announced determination to have the convention open with a wrangle that may be almost as bitter and prolonged as that at Chicago.

If Mr. Bryan is bound to raise a fight," said Clark Howell, of Georgia, the oldest member of the National Committee in point of service, and who has been a staunch supporter of the Nebraskan in all his campaigns, "we will give him what he wants—and lick him into the bargain."

It is expected that Bryan will start his fight at the meeting of the National Committee Monday morning. He has sent word here that he will leave Chicago to-morrow morning for Baltimore. This will give him all of Sunday in which to survey the situation at close range. F. T. Hays, Nebraska member of the committee, is willing to give Bryan his proxy for the committee meeting Monday. He did this when the full committee held its last meeting in Washington in January to select the place for the convention. At that meeting Mr. Bryan was overwhelmingly defeated in his fight to oust Col. James M. Guffey, of Pennsylvania, from the organization. The vote by which he was then beaten was almost two to one.

Omitted Three Candidates.

A feature of the Bryan demand which has aroused most interest is that he addressed it to only six of the open candidates. He omitted Harmon, Underwood, and Marshall from the list to whom he answers by telegraph to him at Chicago. How many answers or the nature of them, if any have been sent, is not known here.

"I am glad he did not send his telegram to Underwood," said Senator J. H. Bankhead, national manager of the Alabama campaign. "I had hope so, I dare say he would have received a curt answer, if any. We shall abide willingly by the committee on arrangements' selection of Judge Parker. The New Yorker must have been regarded by Bryan as progressive enough when he was loyally supporting the Nebraskan in his three campaigns."

Committeeman Johnston, of Texas, says that, anticipating some such action on the part of Bryan, a partial poll of the delegates has been made, and that to date they show a solid phalanx of 560 out of the 1,094 votes of the convention that can safely be counted to fight against Bryan's dictating to the delegates what they shall do.

Had Hoped for Harmony.

"If discord is created at the very beginning of the convention, which may extend into the campaign ahead of us," added Col. Johnston. "Mr. Bryan will have nobody but himself to blame. We had hoped, until he sent out that telegram, that the utmost harmony would prevail throughout our proceedings. We have maintained harmony in our ranks when we were all fighting for Bryan, but we can't be expected to continue this peaceful policy if he is determined to lay down the law to us. In my opinion, he will be defeated in the committee and again defeated if he precipitates a fight on the floor of the convention."

The Wilson people were as mum as oysters. The Harmon people, although saying nothing for publication, professed to be greatly cheered by the Nebraskan's course. They are still claiming the nomination of "Uncle Jud" on the fourth ballot, and now some of them profess to believe that the situation created by Mr. Bryan's latest move will bring victory

CLARK SIDESTEPS FIGHT ON PARKER

Wires Bryan He Believes All Should Work for Harmony at Baltimore.

Speaker Clark does not intend to join Bryan in his fight to prevent the selection of Alton B. Parker, of New York, as temporary chairman of the Baltimore convention. In a telegram sent Mr. Speaker yesterday to Col. Bryan, Mr. Clark declares that the supreme consideration is to avoid discord. Here is the Speaker's reply:

"I have consulted with committee having my interests in charge, and agree with them that the supreme consideration should be to prevent any discord in the convention. The friends of mine on the subcommittee of arrangements have already presented the name of Hon. Otis James to the subcommittee. I believe that if all join in the interests of harmony in an appeal to the entire National Committee to avoid controversies in matters of organization that the committee will so arrange as to leave the platform and the nomination of candidates as the only real issues on which delegates need divide."

The Clark supporters desire not to align themselves against the New York leaders, who are anxious to have Parker serve as temporary chairman. Speaker Clark's political lieutenants are angling for the support of the ninety unattached members of the New York delegation. There have been rumors here for the past several days of a working agreement between Speaker Clark and Charles E. Murphy, the Tammany leader. While the acquiescence of Speaker Clark in the selection of Parker as temporary chairman seems to indicate that there may be some truth in the reports of an alliance, no other confirmation has been obtained.

Charles R. Crisp, of Georgia, parliamentarian of the House of Representatives, has been appointed parliamentary aid to the chairman of the Baltimore Convention. Mr. Crisp received a telegram yesterday from National Committeeman Clark Howell, informing him of his appointment.

RUSH WORK TO WIND UP CONVENTION BY TO-NIGHT

Special to The Washington Herald.

Chicago, Ill., June 21.—Every effort is now being made to rush the work of the convention so as to conclude the renomination of the President at the session to-morrow night. The newspaper correspondents here, several hundred in number, are anxious to get to Baltimore to see the beginning of the fight against the selection of Judge Parker as temporary chairman, and the managers of the convention are anxious to oblige them if it can be done.

In this connection it is interesting to know that Mr. Bryan has canceled his contracts to report the Democratic Convention for a syndicate of newspapers. This means that he wants to be free to take a hand in the fight, and he may have an eye upon the nomination.

Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Commencement Service on Saturdays. On Saturdays during June, July, August, and September train 124 will leave Washington for Baltimore, and return with intermediate points at 11:35 p. m. Train 125 at 12:35 p. m.

\$1.25 Baltimore and Return. Baltimore and Ohio. Every Saturday and Sunday. Good to return until 8:30 a. m. Train Monday, All Trains work ways, including the Royal Limited.

\$1.00 to Frederick and Hagerstown and Baltimore & Ohio, from Union Station at 8 a. m. Sunday, June 24. Returning same day. \$1.00 Pleasant and Return Sunday, June 24, Southern Railway. Train leave Washington 9:30 a. m. (Limited), and 9:15 a. m. (Local).