

LA FOLLETTE AND ROOSEVELT IN OHIO

A Columbus, O., dispatch, carried by the Associated Press follows: Progressive republicans of Ohio met recently, formed a permanent organization, adopted a declaration of progressive principles, but voted, 52 to 32, not to give their indorsement to United States Senator Robert M. La Follette, as a candidate for the presidential nomination. After refusing the indorsement of the league the delegates voted, 81 to 11, in favor of a resolution as a personal expression of the delegates naming Senator La Follette as "the living embodiment of the principle of the progressive movement and the logical candidate to carry them to a successful fruition."

The vote came after a three hours' debate on the floor of the convention, and was on the adoption of an amendment to the report of the resolutions committee which had been unanimously in favor of not naming a candidate. Gifford Pinchot, who declared that he spoke only for himself and in no way for Colonel

Roosevelt, and Former Secretary of the Interior Garfield, were the leaders in the debate against giving any candidate an indorsement.

Senator Works of California and later Senator Clapp of Minnesota were vigorous in urging that the Ohio progressives concentrate their efforts in working for the election of Senator La Follette. Nearly every delegate expressed himself repeatedly in the debate.

The vote was taken immediately after an appeal by Common Pleas Judge R. N. Wanamaker of Akron, who declared he had made the first anti-Taft speech in the state and who appealed to the delegates not to go into the presidential campaign by going against the advice of such leaders of the national progressive league as Pinchot and Walter Houser, secretary of the national league and manager of the La Follette campaign. The resolution which was adopted, and which had been submitted to the resolutions committee by Pinchot, Houser and John D. Fackler, temporary chairman of the Ohio organization, read as follows:

"We are opposed to the renomination of President Taft. We hereby declare it to be the determined purpose of the Ohio progressive republican league to work in harmony and unison to nominate a progressive republican president, recognizing as fellow progressives all who hold the principles for which we stand, whether it be for the presidential nomination of Robert M. La Follette or Theodore Roosevelt or any other progressive republican.

"We assert the essential unity of the progressive movement throughout the entire state and nation.

"We favor the election of delegates who will favor the nomination of a candidate who will fully represent the progressive principle."

FLEECING "LIVE" GAMBLERS

Special dispatch to the Cincinnati Enquirer: Chicago, Ill., November 16.—Sensational disclosures, showing the city-wide ramifications of Sheridan Road's society gambling and laying bare the methods by which certain women reached downtown, and even into the South Side "red light" district, for their victims became public as an aftermath to the order of Chief of Police McWeeney 10 days ago, demanding that gambling in women's residences on the North Side be stopped.

The story, which is offered as proof that the social gambling was far from the innocent little game that the women attempted to defend, and that within the last two years it yielded for its various feminine promoters more than half a million dollars, much of which was obtained from men lured to their homes, came from a prominent Chicago criminal lawyer, who learned of the scheme from a client who fell victim to the extent of \$7,000 and a collection of diamonds in one evening.

Requesting that the name of his client be withheld, the lawyer consented to relate the method of the woman gamblers and pointed out how its whole working was as precise in every detail as the "capper" and "bring-in" systems of the best professional gamblers the city has ever known.

The story of his client's experiences, he declared, indicates that unfair methods in manipulating the cards and the dice at some North Side homes were not uncommon. So cleverly was the "juggling" of the pasteboards accomplished, he insists, that one of the men, a steady loser and a professional gambler himself, was not able to "beat" the game. To escape the humiliation which publicity would give as to the way he was beaten at his own game by a company of women, the victim refused

to take legal action against them to recover some of the money he lost. Instead, he went into bankruptcy.

"Exposure of the gambling in women's homes at the time the police ordered it stopped recently was only a drop in the bucket compared with what might be said of it if everything were told," said the lawyer. "Half a million dollars would not begin to pay back to the victims what has been lost in half a dozen residences during the last few years. The system worked as near perfect as it could have been. The women went only for 'live' ones and played the game carefully, so as to make it sure and impossible of betrayal. The man who told me of how he was duped knows all about professional gamblers and their methods, and even he did not find out what he was up against until he had lost nearly \$10,000 in a week."

Most profitable to the women who promoted the scheme, according to the informant, was a man "capper"

whose name is well known in the list of the city's professional gamblers. He holds forth in the South Side "red light" district, where he is proprietor of an all-night restaurant. Through his aid the women were thrown into touch with the \$7,000 "live one."

Meantime other victims were brought in through the agency of other woman "cappers" who operated at down-town hotels, and, aided by smiles, perfume, fashionable gowns and fascinating manners, effected a complete disguise as to their real purpose.

"In addition to the card 'juggling' accomplishments of the women and a few men whose professional services they frequently found it to their interest to enlist when a particularly wary victim was being handled, they had provided themselves with electrically controlled dice tables," said the lawyer. "With electrical batteries and loaded dice it was possible to play the game in an absolute 'sure thing' manner."

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