

Taft for President

Secretary of War is Nominated on First Ballot.

SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWO VOTES

Favorite Sons Receive Little Support Away From Home.

BURTON PRESENTS HIS NAME

It is Greeted With Whirlwind Enthusiasm.

PLATFORM EASILY AGREED TO

Following All Night Contest Its Adoption is More Formality.

WISCONSIN HAS MINORITY REPORT

It is Voted Down on Repeated Roll Calls, Plank by Plank.

CONVENTION TAKES A RECESS

It Will Meet at Ten O'Clock This Morning to Nominatate Candidate for Vice President.

CHICAGO, June 18.—For president of the United States, William H. Taft of Ohio won on the first ballot, Taft by 706 votes, La Follette by the unanimous choice of the convention.

Such is the result of the culminating day of the republican national convention of 1908, effected amid scenes of tumultuous enthusiasm lasting nearly eight hours. A brief and named and platform announced their only remains the nomination of the vice president to complete this momentous work. Tonight the whole city is given over to wild exultation in honor of the new candidate whose name goes echoing through the streets.

The close of his speech of nomination was the signal for a storm of applause and cheering that rolled on like a tidal wave. Instantly the Ohio delegates were on their feet, other Taft states followed, while the convention hosts in gallery and on floor broke into mad demonstration.

"Taft, Taft, W.—H.—Taft" came in a sur from the Ohio delegates and spread to spring from concealed places and swell the Taft tumult into thunder. A huge blue silk banner bearing the familiar features of the statesman-secretary was swung before the delegates, awakening a fresh whirlwind of enthusiasm.

All semblance of order had been abandoned and the delegates arena was a madhouse of gesticulating men, the gullions of the states were snatched up by the Taft enthusiasts or borne under by the storm of disorder. The band was inaudible—a mere whisper above the deafening volume of sound.

Knights Second Nominations. This roll now gave the opportunity for the speech seconding Taft's nomination by George M. Knight of California, his big round face beaming forth on the speaker's platform, his splendid baritone voice thrilling like the tones of a great church organ.

The delegates, expecting a long, interesting and physically uncomfortable session, were slow in arriving at the hall and for some minutes before 9 o'clock, the hour to which the adjournment of yesterday was taken, there was less than a dozen of them in their seats. The galleries at that time were also scantily filled and spectators were arriving slowly inside the hall although the gathering crowds on the outside gave a forecast of the great things soon to come.

The only people who did not give some indication of slight indisposition to energetic physical exertion were the members of the band, who looked their horns and pounded their sheet music with ardor.

Taft Men Watchful. The Taft men in order to fully conserve the interests of their candidate, early in the day placed on the floor of the convention, but far in the capacity of alternate delegates of alternate, a number of the

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Friday, June 19, 1908.

Table with columns for months (1908, JUNE, 1908) and days (SUN, MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT).

THE WEATHER. FOR OMAHA COUNCIL BLUFFS AND VICINITY—Fair and cooler Friday.

Table with columns for location (SANDY HOOK, N. Y.), direction (S. E., S. W., N. E., N. W.), and temperature (Deg.).

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMERS. Port. Arrived. Sailed. NEW YORK... Fred. Ste. Co. Atlantic.

BY WIRELESS. Sable Island Light Vengeance 70 miles east of Sandy Hook at 11 a. m. Friday.

IMMIGRANTS HEAR BIG GUNS. Sham Attack Upon New York Opens Eyes of Newcomers to This Shore.

NEW YORK, June 18.—The "attack" upon New York City by a supposed foreign enemy, which has been so eagerly awaited for several days by the regular and national guard troops engaged in mimic warfare which guard the city and bay, was begun today in earnest.

MAKING READY AT DENVER. Subcommittee on Arrangements Will Inspect Convention Hall Appearances Next Week.

DENVER, Colo., June 18.—The members of the subcommittee on arrangements for the national democratic convention, who came to Denver next Monday, to remain in session until after the convention, will be here in time to see the work of putting the finishing touches on the convention hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS. International Convention Has Two Thousand Delegates at Opening.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., June 18.—The twelfth triennial convention of the International Sunday school association opened here today at the Army. Over 2,000 regularly accredited delegates were on the floor and three times that number of spectators, many of them visitors from a distance, filled the galleries.

MISSISSIPPI SLOWLY RISING. Weather Bureau Predicts It Will Reach Thirty-Five Feet at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, June 18.—At noon today the flood stage of the Mississippi river had reached 34.5 feet and was still slowly rising. The weather bureau predicts the flood will reach 35 feet by tomorrow night and will slowly recede. The great flood of 1877 reached 37.5 feet on June 11.

Excitement Becomes Tense. As the balloting began in the convention, the atmosphere in the two rooms seemed to be charged with excitement. Barely a word was spoken. Men who ordinarily are not affected by nervousness hung over the telegraph instrument as if their lives depended upon the words which the stolid telegrapher was ticking out on his typewriter.

Fandemonium at Convention Too Much for One Roosevelt Boomer. CHICAGO, June 18.—H. L. Frank, president of the Southern Cross Mining company of Butte, Mont., who became ill of Tuesday in the Palmer house, recovered enough yesterday to continue his journey from Butte to Cincinnati in company with a physician. Mr. Frank has been mayor of Butte twice. He came here to attend the convention and expected to visit

MR. TAFT HEARS THE NEWS

Secretary Receives Bulletins Surrounded by Family and Friends.

WORKS UNDER NERVOUS TENSION

He Says Words Do Not Find Themselves at a Time Like This —Mrs. Taft is De-lighted.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—"Words do not find themselves at a time like this. I do not deny that I am very happy."

This was the response of Secretary William H. Taft to a request for an expression of his views on the nomination for the presidency. The sentences did not come easily. Throughout the afternoon preceding the announcement of his nomination the secretary had been laboring under suppressed nervous tension. The atmosphere of his office was electric with excitement.

Shortly before 11 o'clock, Mrs. Taft arrived at the War department and scanned carefully the bulletins which had been received from the convention and distinctly manifested her pleasure at the result of the action of the convention regarding the platform. She is a close and accurate observer of things politically and in one of the best advised of the secretary's staff throughout the preliminary campaign for the presidential nomination.

Mrs. Taft remained in the secretary's private office throughout the afternoon. She was attired in a becoming suit of pure white and wore a big picture hat of pale green straw adorned with seal brown and pale green ostrich plumes. Accompanying her was the young son of the secretary and Mrs. Taft, little Charlie, whose special function it was to carry the bulletins received from the convention from the telegraph operator to the secretary's desk. He was the busiest person in the War department. While awaiting the coming of the bulletins he stood at the desk of the telegraph operator listening anxiously to the faint ticking of the instrument. He wore a suit of khaki knickerbockers, with a blue and white striped waist. As each bulletin came from the operator's typewriter he scanned it quickly and rushed with it into his father's office. It was to Mrs. Taft, ordinarily, that he presented the bulletins rather than to Secretary Taft and he is

Just before 1 o'clock the beginning of the balloting began. Secretary Taft announced that he had reached an agreement with Monsignor Aversa, the apostolic delegate to Cuba, providing for the purchase of all the Catholic church holdings in the province of Santiago province. Governor General Wood practically reached an agreement several years ago for the purchase of the holdings for \$125,000. This agreement was approved by the then Palma government. The matter has been pending ever since that time. The agreement reached today between Secretary Taft and Monsignor Aversa needs only the approval of President Roosevelt to make it binding. It is likely that the president will approve the agreement tomorrow. It provides for the purchase of the lands at a cost of \$125,000 and will finally settle a matter that has been pending between this government and the Vatican for several years.

One of the bulletins received from the convention indicated that a speaker with the name of the secretary was to be greeted with jeers. When Secretary Taft read it he frowned. "I am compassionate," said he, looking out of a window of his office, "toward anyone who goes through a nominating experience in a convention."

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Republican Nominee for President of the United States



William H. Taft.

IOWA WILL NAME CUMMINS

Delegation to Put No Obstacle Before His Candidacy.

FORT DODGE MAN WILL NOMINATE

Vice Presidential Pick Will Involve —Doubt Whether Fairbanks Letter May Be Regarded Final.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) CONVENTION HALL, CHICAGO, June 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor Cummins' name will be presented to the convention for vice president. The Iowa delegation united on the proposition this morning.

The governor's name will be presented to the convention by Robert Healey of Fort Dodge. At a meeting of the Iowa delegation this morning the situation was gone over and after mutual concessions were made it was deemed the part of wisdom on the part of the standpatners to throw nothing in the way of Cummins' presentation.

It is thought the convention will take a recess after the nomination of a candidate for president and then the vice presidential question was still entirely unsettled when activities began this morning. The confidence of many that the close of the convention would find Vice President Fairbanks in his old place on the ticket is decidedly shaken last night by the circulation of a letter from him to his campaign manager, Joseph B. Keating, in which he declared as "absolutely irrevocable" his determination, announced through Mr. Keating before the close of the last session of congress, not to be a candidate for re-nomination.

In spite of this, it was asserted with a good show of confidence by those urging the vice president's re-nomination, that he would not decline if it were unanimous. In any event, unless the work of the convention today is unexpectedly expedited, this matter will all be threshed out tonight after the presidency is disposed of and tomorrow's session will be free to devote itself to the second place on the ticket.

Cummins of Iowa, Guild of Massachusetts, Sheldon of Nebraska, Sherman and Cortelyou of New York, Murphy of New Jersey, Knight of California and others, all have their advocates. E. C. B. CANNON TALKS OF PLATFORM

Speaker Appears Satisfied with Work of the Convention.

CHICAGO, June 18.—Speaker Cannon was seen at the Union League club and asked for his views on the platform. He said: "I think the committee on resolutions has worked out a very commendable expression as to the position of the republican party in the integrity of the courts and in that their powers to enforce their processes and protect life and property must be preserved inviolate. The resolution further commits the court by recommending that what has been and is their practice in issuing injunctions shall be approved, declared, and the statutes approved to plank if adopted."

OUR JIM HAS PLATFORM SEAT Mayor Dahlman Gets Good View of Republican Convention. "It's a great convention and I enjoyed my half day at it," says Mayor Dahlman, who returned Thursday from Chicago, where he went to attend a meeting of the committee on arrangements for the democratic national convention. The mayor says the entire committee was shown over the coliseum where the republican convention is held. Mayor Dahlman says he was given a seat on the platform and saw the workings of the convention Wednesday, but chanced to be absent during the Roosevelt demonstration. He says the Nebraska delegates have an excellent location.

CANNON WIRES CONGRATULATIONS

Sends Telegram to Secretary Taft Before End of Roll Call.

CHICAGO, June 18.—Before the calling of the roll on the presidential nomination had been completed Speaker Cannon had sent a message to Secretary Taft conceding the secretary's nomination, tendering his

ROLL CALL ON PRESIDENT

Table with columns for STATES and names of candidates (Taft, Hughes, Cannon, Fairbanks, Knowlton, La Follette, Foraker, Roosevelt).

*Absent.

own services in the campaign and congratulating him. The speaker's message was as follows: "CHICAGO, June 18.—Hon. William H. Taft, Washington: You have been nominated as a candidate for president by the republican national convention. I heartily congratulate you. You will be elected by the people in November. Whatever I can do for your success and that of the party will be done. J. G. CANNON."

He Has Made It Known He Doesn't Want Nominations. FORT DODGE, Ia., June 18.—(Special.)—Senator J. P. Dooliver, concerning whom so much talk has been aroused whenever the vice presidential nomination is mentioned, is taking life easy at his home here. Last night he took the whole family out riding behind the old family horse. He spends his days reading the newspapers for news and romping with his children on the Dooliver lawn surrounding the home he recently purchased. He rarely is seen in the business part of the city, but remains at home reading from his library during the recent senatorial campaign. Senator Dooliver has declared to his close personal friends here that he does not desire the vice presidential nomination and the Iowa delegation at Chicago has been made aware of that fact and is no longer sending him telegrams informing him of the convention news.

BIG CROWD GOES WILD

Great Applause Greets Announcement of the First Ballot.

NO MORE NEEDED TO SETTLE IT

Nomination Made Unanimous as Soon as Quiet is Restored.

SOME ROLL CALLS ON PLATFORM

Nebraska in Several Instances Votes With the Minority.

COMMITTEE REPORT IS ADOPTED

Nominating Speeches for Candidates Stir Up the Galleries.

UNABLE TO STAMPEDE DELEGATES

Came There Under Instructions From the Various States and Refuse to Be Swept From Their Course.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) CHICAGO, June 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Seven hundred and two votes for William Howard Taft.

That announcement by Chairman Lodge at the close of the first ballot tells the story in a nutshell. The announcement of the vote to the 15,000 and more people crowding the stifling Coliseum from end to end and corner to corner was followed by tumultuous applause. A motion was made at the first lull to make the nomination unanimous and then a recess was taken until morning to permit of conferences on the vice presidency.

Today was Taft day in the big convention, just as yesterday was Roosevelt day. It was not all one way, however, and the presence of a dissenting minority was distinctly in evidence at different points, yet only to accentuate the fact that the republican party is a party of majorities, and that the delegates and not the visitors in the galleries make the convention record.

The roll calls wretaken on resolutions without producing any modification of the platform draft presented at the committee's majority report. Nebraska voted with the minority on several propositions, propositions on which our republicans had already spoken in state platforms, but at no time was there encouragement that any of the minority recommendations would be accepted.

The spectacular scenes of the day came in connection with the nominating speeches.

Manly is Tiresome. Fairbanks' sponsor, Governor Hanly, outwore the audience's patience and suffered constant interruptions, unseemly, yet not without humor. His characteristic gesture of striking one hand on the other was taken up around the hall and how many times he brought his hands together there resounded a general sharp handclap.

The projection of the name of Taft brought round after round of enthusiastic applause and a typical mixup of noise, accompanied with the volleying of the state standards around that of Ohio. The efforts of the two Wisconsin men who spoke for La Follette were plainly directed toward working toward a Roosevelt stampede in the hope that their favorite would profit by it. It was hard to tell just how much of the ensuing demonstration belonged to La Follette and how much to Roosevelt. The galleries had the most part in it. The men displaying Roosevelt pictures and banners and the class yelling of Wisconsin university students seemed to be the chief noise-making centers, from which the pandemonium spread. If noise alone would stampede a great nominating convention his cry would have been stamped, but the work of the delegates had been mapped out and definitely determined.

With 800 accredited delegates Mr. Taft got more than two-thirds, President Roosevelt three Pennsylvania votes previously counted for Knowlton and La Follette about twenty-five in Wisconsin. Not a favorite son candidate could run his total up over one-tenth that of the man in the lead.

The convention duly registered the will of the republicans of the several states a ready expressed. Not a single delegate showed any disposition to violate instructions imposed by his constituency. Any man but Taft could at any time have been nominated except by wholesale repudiation of such instructions. V. R.

TORNADO IN CUSTER COUNTY

Several Houses Demolished and Heavy Property Loss Results Near Broken Bow.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., June 18.—(Special Telegram.)—A severe tornado swept over part of Custer county shortly after 6 o'clock last night, doing a great amount of damage. The residence of Fred Arthur, four miles southwest of here, was completely demolished. The family took refuge in a lean-to and escaped serious injury. V. J. Steady, in the same neighborhood, lost a big barn and outhouses.

On the farm of George Feisley, ten miles southwest of here, a new cement block residence and five barns were swept away, the damage at this place amounting probably to \$200,000. As near as can be learned, no lives have been lost. Other damages cannot be estimated, as telephone communication is cut off from that district.

THREE PAPER MILLS UNITE

Some of the Largest Plants in Wisconsin, with \$3,000,000 Capital Consolidate.

CHICAGO, June 18.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Appleton, Wis., says: With the incorporation yesterday of the Nekeos-Edwards Paper company, with a capital of \$3,000,000, three of the largest paper mills in Wisconsin have been consolidated. They were the Nekeos Paper company of Nekeos and the John Edwards Manufacturing company and Port Edwards Paper company of Port Edwards. Besides the mills thousands of acres of private lands in Wisconsin and Upper Michigan are included in the consolidation. The three plants have a combined daily output of 30,000 pounds of print paper, 200,000 pounds of ground wood pulp and 30,000 pounds of sulphite base.