

TAFT MEN CLAIMING IOWA

President's Supporters Say He Will Control State Convention.

VOTE WILL BE VERY CLOSE

Cummins Men Say They Will Have Majority of Delegates—Unstructured Delegates May Hold Balance of Power.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, April 14.—(Special.)—All of the county conventions for the Iowa republicans have now been held. The situation has been left in such form that both factions in the state are claiming to be able to control the state convention. Prior to the holding of the last caucus the claims were insistent and somewhat exaggerated, but more recently they have been modified and now both sides admit, privately at least, that the convention is so close that its control will depend upon manipulation in the convention and the disposition of some of the unstructured delegates.

It is claimed for Taft that he has a clear majority of thirty or forty in the convention and the claim is made for Senator Cummins that he has a majority perhaps as high as a dozen, not more.

Neither side is disposed to give accurate figures, because of a feeling that to do so would draw the fire on some delegations which are claimed by both sides. They prefer to let the matter rest and wait to see what the convention will do.

The feature of the campaign that is most striking is the fact that it was conducted without bitterness on either side and there were no fierce contests for delegates. In the main each county was left to take care of itself, with only such urging from central headquarters as could be done by correspondence. There has been disappearance of much of the former strife and ill feeling in Iowa, save in a few counties, and whatever the result of the convention the Iowa republicans will be left in shape to support the nominee unflinchingly.

The campaign for President Taft was directed by John T. Adams from Duquesne. Mr. Adams will, if the Taft forces control the convention, be selected as the Iowa member of the national committee. The campaign for Cummins, so far as there was any, was directed by his secretary, Mr. Brizer, who has been with him for many years. There was practically no money spent in the campaign, only such as was needed to pay postage on a few letters and telephone bills to a few leaders on both sides.

Results in the Districts. The headquarters now have twelve delegates secured from six of the Iowa districts, while the progressives are likewise secured of ten delegates from the other six districts. If the former get the four at large they will have sixteen of the twenty-six delegates from Iowa; if the latter win at Cedar Rapids they will have fourteen of the twenty-six delegates. The control of the delegation therefore depends on the state convention.

The Cummins men have not made any state for the state delegation, the only name considered being that of Senator Kemmle of Plymouth. The Taft men are understood to have arranged that in case they can do so they will name as delegates W. P. Hapham, Lafa Young, George D. Perkins and R. E. Carroll.

It is assumed that no matter who may be the delegates to the national convention selected at the Cedar Rapids convention the national and state administrations and the Iowa delegates to congress will be indorsed and commended. There has been no disposition in Iowa to fight or attack the president and there has been no use made of any of the various antagonistic addresses delivered in other states.

Contest for State Offices. One thing which helps greatly in this situation is the character of the contest for the state offices. There are three candidates for governor on the republican ticket. Only one could be elected as a strictly factional candidate—Proudfoot. Mr. Clark is receiving quite as strong support from one faction as from the other. Prof. Holden is running independent and does not even claim to be a republican. So also, for United States senate, both candidates are counting upon support from both factions. Kenyon, the incumbent, was elected by votes of both manufacturers and progressives, and has almost as many standpat supporters as progressives. Young makes an appeal to the voters without regard to faction.

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"No, sir, I have reasons for staying away."

"Oh, you have? And what may your reasons be? I should like to explain them away, if possible."

"Well, sir, I doubt you'll manage that. The first is that I don't believe in him where one does all the speaking; the second is that I don't believe in so much singing as we get in your church; the third, and last, and most important reason of all is that it was in your church that I got my wife."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

KNOX'S MISSION A SUCCESS

Secretary Sails for Home from Havana Well Satisfied.

SEES AMERICA'S OBLIGATION

Representative of United States Has Private Talk with President of Each Republic of Important Character.

HAVANA, April 14.—The American secretary of state sailed for home this evening well satisfied, he says, with his diplomatic mission to the Central American republics and the countries in the Caribbean.

"It was hardly to be expected," said Mr. Knox today, "that we could visit so many countries where there are factional political disputes without being made the target of some factional feeling. But with the exception of a few newspaper expressions, to which I attach no great significance, we were honored with only the most cordial receptions."

The cruiser Washington with the Knox party aboard steamed out of Havana harbor at 7 o'clock bound for Norfolk. It will arrive there Tuesday night and the following morning the party will transfer to the president's yacht Sybil, arriving at the capital Wednesday evening.

Secretary Knox soon will begin another trip—this time on land. On April 29 he will speak at New Orleans on the occasion of the centennial celebration of the admission of Louisiana to statehood. He will then go to San Francisco, where on May 1 he will speak on the Panama canal. On May 2 he will deliver a political address in the same city. He is also scheduled to address the newly organized Pan-American society at New York on some date after the middle of May. He will then make public the conclusions reached as a result of his two months' trip among the neighboring republics.

Obligations of United States. It can be said with assurance that Mr. Knox returns more determined than ever in the policy with which his name has been linked. Those who traveled with him have received the impression that he believes the United States in maintaining the Monroe doctrine has assumed an obligation it cannot dodge. Having built a wall around these countries, making it impossible for European or other powers to step in for the purpose of restoring order or compelling these governments to fulfill their financial obligations, he believes it is incumbent upon the United States to see that stable governments are maintained and that the governments live up to their international obligations.

A feature of the latter upon which the secretary has touched only guardedly is the possibility that unless the United States can bring about the desired condition of affairs, some other country having interests at stake will make an issue of whether the United States has the right to defend these governments unless it is able to guarantee their good behavior.

There is no doubt that one of the chief benefits of the trip will be derived from the personal contact the secretary had with the heads of these states.

At each capital Mr. Knox had a private talk with the president. While these conversations may never become public, his character was such that they

are not likely to be easily forgotten. For instance, it is believed that in Guatemala City Secretary Knox said to President Cabrera in effect that in the future Guatemala, which has not been over-circumspect in adhering to the Central America peace pact, would be judged by acts and not by words. There is also reason to believe that Cabrera replied that Guatemala was willing to be so judged.

Arrosemena Retire. In Panama, President Arrosemena, who was then on a leave of absence from his official post, visited the American secretary. It was generally considered, for the purpose of making political capital, his re-election to the presidency, as Panamanians viewed it, would have been a violation of at least the spirit of the constitution. A few days after Secretary Knox left Panama, Arrosemena eliminated himself as a candidate. Mr. Knox takes no credit for this development, but the coincidence was noticeable.

In Costa Rica the secretary made a splendid impression. He believes his visit went far to remove suspicion that the United States wished to force Costa Rica into the Central American union. In Nicaragua the secretary gave no comfort for General Menes, whose election by congress to the presidency is considered by other factions a violation of the Dawson convention, nor did he take sides with Diaz or Chamorro, who would be glad of American support of their candidacy. He urged that the will of the people be respected and made it understood that the United States expected such to be the case.

In Havana the secretary had a long talk with Senor Sangulilly, the Cuban secretary of state, concerning the acquisition of additional land by the United States at Guantanamo, the matter of free sugar legislation affecting Cuba and the subject of the port concession held by the Compania de los Puertos de Cuba, which has been made a point of attack by the opposition to the government. It is understood that Senor Sangulilly requested Mr. Knox's good offices for a reduction of the British, German and French claims growing out of the war of independence.

Expenses Not High. Considerable has been said regarding the expense attendant upon the secretary's trip. It has been estimated that more than half a million dollars has been expended on his entertainment. This estimate is probably far too great. A third of that sum, would probably cover the bill, and it must be remembered that while the governments were entertaining the secretary, they were also entertaining themselves. In fact, the secretary's reception at all points was in the nature of a national holiday.

Mr. Knox's expenses are estimated at between \$100 and \$150. This was used chiefly for gratuities, as he was allowed to pay but few bills. The cost of the warship is not to be included against the secretary's account, as the ship would have been burning coal and feeding the 1,000 officers and men if Mr. Knox and his party had not been aboard.

Altogether the reception everywhere was most cordial and in not a single instance was there any affront to the secretary or any member of his party.

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TAFT DELEGATES TOTAL 341

Rival Claims of Managers Show Wide Divergence.

CONCEDE 113 TO ROOSEVELT

Statement Issued by Colonel's Headquarters Claims Hundred and Fifty-One and Allows Taft Only Forty-Nine.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Wide divergence in the claims of pledged delegates and a difference of sixteen between the totals of the delegates selected up to date, exclusive of Pennsylvania, marked rival statements issued by the Taft and Roosevelt managers.

The Taft headquarters claimed 341 for President Taft and conceded 113 to Colonel Roosevelt.

The Roosevelt managers claimed 111 and conceded 49 to Taft. In the Roosevelt statement 154 were listed as contested and 106 as unstructured.

The total number of delegates selected up to date as presented by the Roosevelt managers is 510, while the Taft records show only 64. In Louisiana, the Taft headquarters claimed six delegates had been chosen, while the Roosevelt managers took credit for a full delegation for the colony.

The Taft statement showed a total of twenty-two delegates selected in Michigan; the Roosevelt statement based on reports from State Chairman Frank Knox, gave the total of selected delegates as twenty-six.

ROOSEVELT TO COME TO OMAHA. Colonel Will Start Tour in Nebraska on Wednesday.

MANCHESTER, N. H., April 14.—Colonel Roosevelt carried his campaign for the presidential nomination into New Hampshire yesterday. He spoke to large crowds in Nashua, Concord and Manchester. In Concord, where less than a month ago President Taft spoke in defense of the arbitration treaties Colonel Roosevelt declared himself opposed to unrestrained arbitration. He again denied that the president is a progressive and directed criticism at Senator Gallinger of this state.

On Monday he will leave for the west. Departing from New York at 4 o'clock in the afternoon on the New York Central he will speak in Hastings, Lincoln and Omaha on Wednesday and at several other points in Nebraska. Colonel Roosevelt said his western trip probably would extend over more than a week. His movements after leaving Nebraska have not been decided upon. From South Dakota, Kansas and a number of other western states have come requests for speeches.

Regarding arbitration Colonel Roosevelt said: "In considering international peace I wish to look back to the seven and a half years when I was president. I said always just what I intended to do about peace and I did it. I said I would never consent to the United States not acting toward other nations with scrupulous justice. I lived up to it."

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