

Roosevelt Forces Plan to Capture the Convention Bodily

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COLONEL RAISES BATTLE CRY AT MASS MEETING

Ex-President Roosevelt, in Address in Chicago, Insists Great Moral Issue is Involved.

HE STANDS FOR DECENCY

Great Fundamental Right of People to Rule at Stake.

WHY HE BECAME CANDIDATE

Says His Successor Surrendered to Professional Bosses.

CONDEMNS NATIONAL COMMITTEE

He Holds it is No Longer Servant of the Party.

HOOR OF GREAT TEST AT HAND

Lineup in This Crisis is One that Cuts Deep Into the Foundations of the Government—What May Happen.

CHICAGO, June 17.—Colonel Roosevelt tonight addressed a mass meeting in Chicago's largest theater. His speech in part was as follows:

"My friends and fellow citizens: I address you as my fellow republicans, but I also and primarily address you as fellow Americans, fellow citizens, for this has now become much more than an ordinary party fight. The issue is both simpler and larger than that involved in the personality of any man, or than that involved in any factional or in any ordinary party contest. We are standing for the great fundamental rights upon which all successful free government must be based. We are standing for elementary decency in politics. We are fighting for honesty against naked robbery; and where robbery is concerned the all important question is not the identity of the man robbed, but the crime itself.

Civilization Itself in Danger.

"As far as Mr. Taft and I are personally concerned, it little matters what the fate of either may be. But with Mr. Taft's acquiescence or by his direction, and in his interest his followers have raised an issue which is all important to this country. It is not a partisan issue; it is more than a political issue; it is a great moral issue. If we condone political theft, if we do not resent the kind of wrong and injustice that injuriously affect the whole nation, not merely our democratic form of government, but our civilization itself cannot endure. If the methods adopted by the national committee are approved by the convention which is about to assemble, a great crime will have been committed. The triumph of such proceedings at the moment would mean the wreck of the republican party, and if such proceedings became habitual it would mean the wreck of popular government. The actions of the Taft leaders in the national committee, taken with the active aid of Mr. Taft's private secretary and one of Mr. Taft's cabinet officers, are monstrous and they should be indignantly condemned by the moral sentiment of the whole country.

Why He Came Forth.

"When in February last I made up my mind that it was my duty to enter this fight, it was after long and careful deliberation. I had become convinced that Mr. Taft had definitely and completely abandoned the cause of the people and had surrendered himself wholly to the buildings of the professional political bosses and of the great privileged interests standing behind them. I had also become convinced that unless I did make the fight it could not be made at all, and that Mr. Taft's nomination would come to him without serious opposition.

"The event that justified both my beliefs. I very earnestly ask our fellow progressives who have supported other candidates to remember that one of the cardinal principles of the doctrine which we hold in common is our duty normally, loyally and in good faith to abide by the will thought-out and honestly expressed action of a majority. The overwhelming majority of the republican progressives have declared for me. It has become clear beyond shadow of doubt that if I had not made the progressive fight it would have completely broken down and there would have been no substitute.

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The Weather

Official Forecast—
Forecast till 7 p. m. Tuesday:
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity—Fair tonight and Tuesday; rising temperature Tuesday.

Temperature at Omaha—	Degree.
5 a. m.	52
6 a. m.	52
7 a. m.	54
8 a. m.	56
9 a. m.	58
10 a. m.	60
11 a. m.	62
12 m.	62
1 p. m.	63
2 p. m.	64
3 p. m.	64

Local Weather Record.
1912. 1911. 1910. 1909.
Lowest last night..... 52 65 68 64
Precipitation..... .00 .22 .17 .00
Normal temperature for today, 73 degrees.
Deficiency in precipitation since March 1, 2.49 inches.
Deficiency corresponding period in 1911, 4.17 inches.
Deficiency corresponding period in 1910, 8.74 inches.

READY TO RAP FOR ORDER

Victor Rosewater Will Call Convention at Noon Today.

WHAT MAY THEN TAKE PLACE

Prayer by Father Callaghan, Reading of Call by Secretary Hayward, and Then the Fireworks.

BY VICTOR ROSEWATER, Editor of The Bee and Chairman of Republican National Committee.

CHICAGO, June 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Tomorrow is down on the calendar as the first big day of the convention.

If the usual procedure is followed, I will rap for order at 12 o'clock noon, and invite Father Callaghan, who has been settled for that honor, to pronounce the opening prayer. The reading of the call by Secretary Hayward will be next in order, and then presentation of Senator Root for temporary chairman as the recommendation of the national committee. It will devolve upon me to invite other nominations if desired, and presumably a roll call will be held to determine who is the choice of the convention.

Hopes for Orderly Procedure.

There are all kinds of rumors afloat about plans for "rough riding" and interruption, and it is barely possible that instead of being in the chair five minutes, as I would much prefer, I may have to stay there several hours, until the knots in the string are unraveled.

The conference with Colonel Roosevelt and his managers, which I had last night, was merely along the line of orderly procedure, which is the avowed desire of all of us who are in responsible positions. I have hopes that the whole situation will work itself out without any demonstration while I have the gavel, but, naturally, we are all taking every precaution against possible trouble.

Bryan Enjoys Himself.

I had another talk with Mr. Bryan today, and he is wearing a continuous smile, admitting that he is getting more enjoyment here than he expected to at Baltimore.

"The one thing I am trying hard to do now, Rosewater," said he, "is to prevent both of your republican factions from agreeing on me for temporary chairman in recognition of my absolute disinterestedness. Of course, if I am drafted, I would not dare refuse to serve."

Nebraska Delegation Organizes.

At 11 o'clock this morning I went over to the LaSalle hotel and called the meeting of the Nebraska delegation in order, delivered the tickets and badges and set everything in motion, begging of them to be excused to attend an important conference with Senator Root. I later learned that after I had left the distinguished delegates had adopted, over a few protests, some kind of a resolution repudiating my actions as national committee man, although just what actions they had in mind I do not know. I take it, of course, that this is a recall of the resolution unanimously adopted by the national committee, thanking me for my courtesy and fairness in the chair.

Antelope Headquarters Busted.

It will take a guide to find Nebraska headquarters, they being located in an obscure room in the La Salle hotel, which is denied access even by elevator. It ought to be known that, way back last December, I reserved the same headquarters room at the Congress hotel, which is in the midst of things, that Nebraska had four years ago, and notified promptly all the delegates as soon as they were elected. About a month ago I was informed that this most desirable location was not wanted, and cancelled the reservation, it being needless to add that the release was picked up by others who knew a good thing. That is how our present Nebraska delegation lost its chance to occupy the center of the stage.

To Baltimore to Boost Gaynor for the Presidency

NEW YORK, June 17.—Jacob A. Cantor, W. P. Black and Francis D. Gallatin, officers of the "Democratic Association of New York for Gaynor for President," left here for Baltimore today to further the interests of their candidate. At the headquarters of the association, it was said that an eleven-hour conference of all the delegates to the convention had been begun with a view to bringing about the mayor's nomination. The leaders of the movement said their support of Mr. Gaynor was unauthorized by Mayor Gaynor said emphatically today that he knew nothing about the organization formed to support him.

Fight at Villisca Almost a Murder

VILLISCA, Ia., June 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The recent scene of a murder of eight this morning was given another thrill and there came near being another murder resulting indirectly from the recent couplet tragedy.

A party of officers, including Night Watchman Warriman and Deputy United States Marshal Harrison Kelsoe of Creston, were in their quarters over the post-office, which has been their rendezvous during recent troubles. Kelsoe had started from the place and on the stairs met a fellow known as "Cherokee" Will Sparker, a character about town. Kelsoe heard words in the room soon after Sparker entered and returned to investigate.

It is related Sparker offered Warriman whiskey to drink. Warriman told Sparker he must cease such actions, which was resented by Sparker and a serious quarrel resulted. Kelsoe re-entered in time to mix in a rough and tumble fight and while Kelsoe had Sparker on the floor Sparker drew his gun and placing the muzzle at Kelsoe's head fired. The bullet entered below the skin and passing around the skull did not penetrate Kelsoe's head, and today he is much improved. Warriman was attempting to take Sparker's gun away from him when the shot was fired. Sparker will face a charge of assault with intent to kill.

Colonel Roosevelt and Two of His Active Supporters



COLONEL ROOSEVELT SPEAKING FROM THE BALCONY OF THE HOTEL

TWO WOMEN FROM CALIFORNIA—MRS. CHAS. BLANEY ON LEFT AND MRS. FLORENCE PORTER

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VIEW OF THE INTERIOR OF THE COLISEUM WHERE CONVENTION WILL BE HELD

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DELEGATES ARE THREATENED

Men with Votes in Convention Given Third Degree by Both Sides.

ATMOSPHERE BECOMES TENSE

Indications Are that the Elephant May Throw All the Would-be Riders and Go His Own Way.

CHICAGO, June 17.—Today is the most exciting that has preceded the opening of a republican national convention in many years. The atmosphere was tense with charges and rumors of varying kinds, and leaders wore themselves down to a point of physical exhaustion by almost ceaseless conferences and efforts to keep their state delegations in line.

Prominent men from many states were subjected to conference room interviews of a type known in police circles as "third degree," under orders as hard and cold as the granite blocks that pave Chicago's streets.

Leaders whose lives have been spent in the "game" brought into play every artifice known to modern politics in their almost frantic efforts to swing the balance to Colonel Roosevelt or to President Taft. Men who were doggedly standing their ground were told what might happen to them, not only this year, or next, but four years from now, unless they agreed to the programs mapped out by the leaders.

Dark Horse Talk to Front.

It was no place for the weak. Keen eyes and trained ears searched for the first signs of panic or a break at any point, and as the hours were tightened to the last notch, those who appeared to waver even in slight degree were subjected to a merciless fire.

Running through it all was the constantly recurring fact of the presence of Colonel Roosevelt, himself, leading his own fight with his own hands. It was a question, in final analysis as the day wore on of whether the republican party is bigger than its controlling body, the national committee, or bigger than any individual candidate.

Summarized tersely, the situation is whether the republican "elephant" will respond to the vigorous digs of either of two drivers, one ordering it to the left and the other commanding it to turn to the right, or whether it will twist its trunk about each of the drivers in turn and hurl them aside, to go its own way. There were indications today that the last contingency is not at all impossible.

In this connection it became apparent that the division of delegates between Colonel Roosevelt and President Taft on the question of nomination does not hold on any other question to come before the convention. This was shown plainly by the attitude of the Virginia delegation.

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The National Capital

Monday, June 17, 1912

The Senate.
Met at noon and adjourned at 12:11 p. m. until 10 a. m. Thursday.

The House.

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PROTEST NOW MADE PUBLIC

Objection to Making Up Temporary Roll Call of Convention.

REASON GIVEN IN A STATEMENT

Action Taken by Thirteen Members and Members-Elect of the Republican National Committee.

CHICAGO, June 17.—Members and members-elect of the republican national committee and four state committee chairmen, thirteen in all, in a public statement today denounced the action of the national committee in making up the temporary roll call of the national convention.

Protestants Who Signed the Roll

were: Henry E. Wasson, chairman Pennsylvania state republican committee; Walter E. Brown, chairman Ohio state committee; Borden F. Whiting, national committeeman-elect of New Jersey; William Allen White, national committeeman-elect of Kansas; Meyer Lissner, chairman California republican state committee and National Committeeman-elect; R. E. Howell, national committeeman-elect of Nebraska; Thomas Thorson, national committeeman of South Dakota; I. A. Caswell, national committeeman-elect of Minnesota; Thomas K. Niedringhaus, national committeeman-elect of Ohio.

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American Run Down by Motor in London

LONDON, June 17.—Rev. J. S. Weld, an American clergyman, was run over and killed by a motor bus today in Cockspur street, a busy west-end thoroughfare. He had just left his hotel for a stroll. Mrs. Weld, who had gone to her bankers, learned of the tragedy only on her return to the hotel.

One Victim of Hamburg Duel Dead

HAMBURG, Ia., June 17.—James Hunter, who fought a pistol duel with his brother, John Hunter, Friday afternoon, died last evening. John Hunter may not live through the day.

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McKinley Denies Claims Made by the Roosevelt Forces

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PLANS TO UPSET ALL PRECEDENTS

Roosevelt Manager Announces All Delegates Seated by National Committee Will Be Excluded.

HADLEY IN CHARGE OF FIGHT

Missouri Governor Declines to Tell How He Will Do It.

SCHEME FOR AN EARLY BOLT

Attempt Will Be Made to Set Aside Temporary Roll.

COMES ON THE FIRST ROLL CALL

When California is Called Governor Johnson Will Move to Submit List Prepared by Roosevelt Managers.

CHICAGO, June 17.—Speaking for the Roosevelt forces today, Governor Hadley of Missouri, who was chosen floor leader for the colonel, declared that no contested delegate seated by act of the republican national committee should sit in the convention.

"How can you help it?" he was asked. "We are not unmaking our batteries today," he replied. "No delegate with stolen credentials shall have a vote in this convention if we can help it. By tomorrow we will have our plans completed."

"What will you do?" "Nothing that is not regular and American; nothing that will not be approved by the American people."

The Roosevelt leaders apparently were not disturbed by the announcement of the Taft adherents that they would successfully block the move for the adoption of a substitute roll of delegates. They asserted with confidence that the convention would not be organized "with fraudulent delegates in the places that should be occupied by those regularly elected or chosen."

Dixon Claims Majority.

Senator Dixon, campaign manager for Theodore Roosevelt, emphatically declared today that the temporary roll call of the convention at this hour showed that Roosevelt would be nominated by a majority of at least 42 and that Senator Borah would be elected temporary chairman over Senator Root by a larger majority.

"We checked up our list of delegates known to be for Roosevelt and found unquestionably that we would control the convention by a clean majority of 42 votes," said Senator Dixon. "This claim I make after eliminating a lot of counts that have come in that look favorable, but are not claimed by us as certain."

"Will you start the fight as soon as the convention opens?" "We are going to fight from the jump and will elect the temporary chairman by a majority larger than forty-two."

Taft Men Ready for Fight.

The visit of Chairman Rosewater to the rooms of Colonel Roosevelt at midnight was not known to Mr. Rosewater's associates on the national committee until this morning. They scouted the idea that Mr. Rosewater had sought to make peace with the Roosevelt forces.

Marlin B. Olmstead of Pennsylvania was an important factor at the Taft caucus. He announced that he would be at the right hand of Chairman Rosewater from the moment the convention opens to keep him straight on parliamentary procedure, and the Taft leaders said they would be as well fortified with Rosewater in the chair as they would be with Senator Root, the Taft choice for the temporary chairmanship. It was said at the conference that the Taft men did not care how early the Roosevelt forces started the Roosevelt conflict.

The temporary roll of delegates as arranged by the national convention will be organized. It was stated also that the Taft leaders were prepared for any kind of a move and that they were well acquainted with the various plans coming from the Roosevelt headquarters. The source of their information was not explained.

The Roosevelt managers propose to rush the fight the minute the convention has been called to order, by precipitating a roll call on which only those delegates whose seats are undebated by Colonel Roosevelt shall vote.

The Roosevelt men expect to achieve this end by demanding a roll call of the temporary chairmanship on the very first question that comes up before the convention. Then it is planned to have Governor Johnson of California cast the twenty-six votes for that state on the question. This action by Governor Johnson, it is expected will be objected to by the two Taft delegates from the Fourth California district.

This juncture will be grasped by the Roosevelt floor leader as the one upon which to get the "expurgated" vote of delegates. The floor leader will move at once that the temporary roll be made up by the national committee be rejected, and that a substitute roll, including the

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