

Convention Now Waits on the Credentials Committee

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ROOSEVELT SAYS HE ALREADY HAS ONE NOMINATION

Colonel Issues Statement at One O'clock in Which He Says He Was Named by Voters.

THREAT OF BOLT IS RENEWED

Will Not Recognize Convention if Hadley's Motion is Defeated.

NEW PARTY, SAYS POINDEXTER

Independent Political Organization May Be Formed.

COLONEL'S MEN DESERT HIM

One Leader Says the Bottom Has Fallen Out.

DARK HORSE TALK IS REVIVED

Booms for Hadley, Hughes, Cummins and Others Are Receiving Renewed Impetus at Chicago.

CHICAGO, June 20.—Theodore Roosevelt before his political advisers and a personally selected number of delegates instructed for him, late this afternoon read a statement of his position in the republican nomination fight and left to them to decide what position they would take in the struggle.

Mr. Roosevelt called before him two delegates from each of the states which have supported him and the leaders in his campaign. After outlining his position declaring that he would continue his fight on principles he had outlined from the beginning, the colonel left the room and the delegates and leaders sat down to deliberate what should be done.

Colonel Roosevelt returned to the conference at 3:30 p. m., walking arm-in-arm with Governor Hadley of Missouri to the meeting room.

Has Nothing to Offer.
Colonel Roosevelt said regarding his position:

"I have nothing to offer any man. Any man who supports me will do so without hope of gain and at the risk of personal loss and discomfort.

"In either case I shall make my appeal to every honest citizen in the nation; and I shall fight the campaign through, win or lose, even if I do not get a single electoral vote.

"I do not wish a single man to support me from any personal feeling for me.

The Roosevelt delegates, after a two-hour session and after listening to Colonel Roosevelt's outline of his position in the fight, adopted a resolution providing that they should participate in the regular convention at tonight's session and in succeeding sessions until it became apparent they could no longer take part in the proceedings.

The caucus of Roosevelt leaders also determined that between sessions a caucus should be held to determine upon the action of each session as it may affect their position.

Text of Statement.
Following is the text in part of the statement issued by Mr. Roosevelt this afternoon:

"The time has come when I feel that I must make certain statements not merely to honestly elected members of the republican national convention, but to the rank and file of the republican party, and to the honest people of the entire nation. I went into this fight for certain great principles. At the moment I can only serve these principles by continuing to bear the personal responsibility which their advocacy has brought to me.

"On behalf of these principles I made my appeal straight to the people themselves. I went before them, I made my argument in full, and every move I made was in the open without concealment of any kind. The opposition to me was extremely bitter, for I was opposed by the practically solid phalanx of the big, conscienceless political bosses, with back of them the practically solid phalanx of the big, conscienceless beneficiaries of special privilege in every form, and of course the many big newspapers which are controlled by or in the interest of the bosses and special privilege.

"Nevertheless in the appeal to the people, I won.

"Will Accept Any Nomination.
"We cannot afford to pardon a thief if he surrenders half the stolen goods. If the honestly elected majority of the convention should elect me, I will accept any nomination.

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The Weather

Official Forecast—
Forecast till 7 p. m. Friday:
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity
—Fair tonight and Friday; warmer tonight.

Temperature at Omaha—	Deg.
5 a. m.	69
6 a. m.	70
7 a. m.	81
8 a. m.	80
9 a. m.	68
10 a. m.	72
11 a. m.	73
12 m.	80
1 p. m.	83
2 p. m.	85
3 p. m.	79

Local Weather Record.
1912-1911, 1910, 1909.
Lowest last night..... 69 68 71 66
Precipitation..... 0.00 0.00 0.11
Normal temperature for today, 73 degrees.
Deficiency in precipitation since March 1, 2.39 inches.
Deficiency corresponding period, 1911, 5.65 inches.
Deficiency..... 3.26 inches.

Threshing Over Old Straw

Credentials Committee Covering the Same Ground, Listening to Same Arguments and Reaching the Same Conclusions as Did the National Committee.

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

Measured by actual progress made toward the goal of a nomination, the day has been very unsatisfactory. The convention proper has held two sessions, but the delegates were merely brought together to ratify a motion to adjourn, everything being in waiting on the credentials committee which, after some stormy preliminaries last night, finally got down to business this morning.

The members of the credentials committee must now realize better the duty that devolved upon the national committee in passing on the contests first. I was in the committee room for a few moments, and found the hearings going on in very much the same way as they had been for us, except that the rules allow more time for presentation and argument and a wide open for discussion by the committee members, with the consequence that the same straw is being threshed over and over almost interminably. The committee had spent over three hours on one Alabama district before reaching a vote, the result being affirmation of the national committee's decision by 34 to 14, one not voting and four absent. This is the case in which I had voted against the sitting delegates, but in the credentials committee two La Follette men and two Roosevelt men voted for them and are in the totals as given.

When I looked in the committee was taking up the Arizona contest and likewise discovering that there was a real basis for the national committee's finding and that there are two sides to all these disputes, of which only one side had been exploited in the assaults on the national committee.

It will be absolutely necessary in my opinion for the credentials committee soon to modify its rules by fixing a time limit

EARLY SITUATION IS MIXED

Even the Leaders Are Up in the Air as to the Outcome.

EXCITEMENT AT A HIGH PITCH

Rumors of Bolt and of a Third Candidate in the Field Fly About Thick and Fast During the Day.

CHICAGO, June 20.—Delay, uncertainty, and possibly serious disorder, faced the delegates as the third day of the republican national convention opened. The quick succession of events late last night and early today left a condition of absolute confusion, and even the wisest of party strategists did not this morning profess to see into the situation that would result after Chairman Root's gavel fell at noon for the resumption of the convention sessions.

With Colonel Roosevelt calling on his followers to disregard the credentials committee and organize for themselves and with the Taft leaders conferring with the friends of possible third candidates, the air was electric in suggestion of heretofore unexpected complications.

Wild scenes and conferences as intense as any "dollar wheat" panic that ever swept the pit of the Board of Trade were resumed where they had broken off near daybreak, when the delegates disputed with scrubwomen for possession of hotel lobby floors.

Crowding developments in the councils of leaders and behind conference room doors outside the convention hall only partly seen and understood by the body of the delegates, threw normally well balanced men into a state of near hysteria, during which they swore, shouted and articulated until quieted by interference of policemen or detectives.

Committees Get to Work.
Pending the outcome of the uncertainty, the members of the various committees selected by the convention postponed their meetings and much delay resulted in this connection. The committees prepared to resume their work when developments showed what they could expect to deal with.

Numerous reports regarding the probable trend of the convention sessions today were in circulation. These were of almost every possible nature, one however, which was general and which was given credence by many of the delegates was that the convention would meet at 10 o'clock only to meet and adjourn again until 3 p. m. for the purpose of giving time for the entire situation revolving around the bitter Roosevelt fight to reshape itself.

The question of the course finally to be taken by Colonel Roosevelt and his followers was heatedly debated at every meeting of a group of delegates or politicians.

Some, professing to hold "inside" information on the plans of the Roosevelt forces profess to believe that the colonel would lead his followers to another hall or auditorium to organize a distinct convention and a new party. Others declared with equal vehemence that the Roosevelt contingent would remain in the Coliseum and attempt to hold a second, or double convention on the same story with the Taft people.

Figuring on Futures.
There was much speculation as to what would happen if the latter course were pursued. It was pointed out that Chairman Root in such an event might order the police and sergeant-at-arms to eject the Roosevelt people from the Coliseum for refusing to maintain order and follow the regulations of the convention. It was predicted that serious disorder would occur in case anything of this sort happened.

A number of conferences of officials of the convention and party leaders were held.

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Record of Convention's Third Day

THE republican national convention was called to order at 12:02 and adjourned at 12:06, after a session lasting just four minutes.

During this time prayer was offered, and a motion made to take a recess until 4 p. m. to hear a report from the credentials committee. At 4 o'clock the convention was again called to order and the credentials committee asked for further time. Adjournment was taken until 11 o'clock this morning, when a report from the credentials committee is expected.

At noon the Roosevelt members of the credentials committee agreed to push only the forty-eight contests involved in Arizona, California, Texas and Washington, thus expediting the work and doing away with the likelihood of three or four idle days. The committee had then decided the two contested seats from Alabama in favor of Taft.

As a feature of the morning hours a report was circulated that Roosevelt had released his delegates. This was quickly denied by the colonel, who issued an ambiguous statement as to the conditions, saying he was through, and calling on all delegates who were still loyal to him to follow him.

An announcement to the effect that Roosevelt intended to visit the convention at 4 o'clock brought the announcement from Taft Floor Leader Watson that no objection would be raised to the colonel's

addressing the convention. The visit was not made.

A conference of two members of each Roosevelt delegation with the colonel was held at the Congress hotel during the afternoon. Here another statement from Roosevelt was read to the delegates, and they were left to determine their course of action.

Efforts by Missourians to start a boom for Hadley were noted during the morning. Hadley badges made their appearance, and other moves in the direction of forwarding his candidacy were noted. Talk of Hughes was also revived.

The committee on permanent organization decided to report in favor of making the temporary organization permanent, without waiting for a report from the committee on credentials.

The subcommittee of the committee on resolutions began its consideration of three platforms submitted, and is working out a tentative draft, to be submitted to the full committee.

Attendance at the convention was the largest of the three days. At the opening session fully 14,000 people were crowded into the Coliseum; and many of them did not leave their seats during the recess. Chief McWeeny of the Chicago police force took charge of the police service, and many complaints were made against the methods he adopted.

SELECT PARKER FOR CHAIRMAN

Bryan's Fight Against Former Judge for Temporary Officer Proves Failure.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS HIM
Opposition Vote Divided Among Henry of Texas, Kern of Indiana, O'Gorman of New York and James.

BALTIMORE, June 20.—Former Judge Alton B. Parker today was recommended for temporary chairman of the democratic national convention, which meets here next week by the committee of arrangements. Opposition was made to Judge Parker.

The vote follows: Judge Parker, 8; Representative Henry of Texas, 2; Senator Kern of Indiana, 1; Senator-elect O'Gorman of New York, 1; Senator-elect Ollie James of Kentucky, 3.

The committee debated the question whether it would make the nomination unanimous. Judge Parker was declared elected, having received the plurality vote.

Tracy Woodson of Kentucky was unanimously chosen temporary secretary and John O. Martin of St. Louis temporary sergeant-at-arms. The committee was still in session at 3:30 p. m.

Bryan is for Bell.
Theodore A. Bell of California, a friend of Colonel Bryan, was talked about today as likely to be named as permanent chairman of the convention.

Just what candidates, if any, the Clark and Wilson forces will put forward for temporary chairman was not learned. Suggestions were made that the Wilson people would seek to have either Senator Culberson of Texas, or Congressman Henry, also of Texas, named and that the Clark leaders were looking to Senator-elect Ollie James of Kentucky to lead their fight for the honors of temporary chairman. Senator O'Gorman of New York sent word that his name must not be presented for the position.

Some of the national committeemen favoring Parker are outspoken against the opposition of Mr. Bryan, and declared that if the question of whether Mr. Bryan was to control the convention or not was to come it would be better decided now than later.

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California Men Say They Will Not Act With Thieves

CHICAGO, June 20.—The California delegation met this morning and prepared a resolution announcing its withdrawal from the convention. The delegates said they would not be bound by the action "of a lot of thieves."

"Ohio is not expected to join a bolt if one occurs. Arthur L. Garford, chairman, authorized a statement that the delegation was responsible only to the people and that they were commissioned to represent the state in the regular convention, not in any other body.

Hadley Badges in Evidence Around Headquarters

CHICAGO, June 20.—"Hadley for president" badges made their appearance around the Missouri headquarters today. Their source was not traceable, but evidently record time was made in their manufacture, inspired by the ovation given the Missouri executive in the convention yesterday.

Flinn Resigns from National Committee

CHICAGO, June 20.—William Flinn, new national committeeman from Pennsylvania and one of Colonel Roosevelt's chief lieutenants in the nomination fight, resigned today a statement that he had left the regular republican organization after an all night conference with Roosevelt leaders.

"I am done with that committee," he said. "That's all there is to it."

H. G. Wasson a Flinn lieutenant, has been chosen as his successor.

SESSIONS LAST FIVE MINUTES

Another Remarkable Outburst Follows Adjournment for Day by Convention.

RAINSTORM RAGES OUTSIDE
Police Prepare for Possible Attempt at Stampede or Bolting Convention Within Coliseum, but None Develops.

BULLETIN.
CHICAGO, June 20.—James E. Watson of Indiana, floor leader for the Taft forces in the convention, announced at 2 p. m. that the credentials committee would not be ready to report at 4 o'clock and that when the convention reconvened at that hour it would be only to adjourn until tomorrow.

Relative to a report that Colonel Roosevelt would appear at the convention at 4 o'clock and attempt to address the delegates, Mr. Watson said that if the colonel appeared he would be given an opportunity to speak and the convention would adjourn immediately thereafter.

Harry S. New expressed the belief this afternoon that the convention would be unable to finish its work this week, and would have to adjourn over Sunday.

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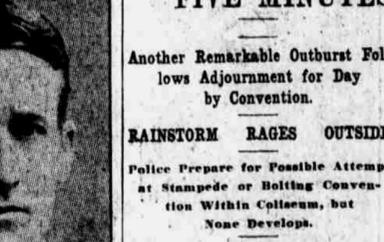
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FLOOR MANAGER AT CONVENTION FOR ROOSEVELT FORCES.



GOVERNOR HERBERT S. HADLEY OF MISSOURI.

REPORT IS DENIED BY TAFT

President Says He Has Not Authorized Release of Delegates.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—A report from Chicago reached the White House today saying President Taft had authorized Senator Crane to release the Taft delegates to the national republican convention following Colonel Roosevelt's reported action in releasing his.

President Taft immediately denied the report, and after he had talked with Senator Crane over the long distance telephone White House officials announced that Senator Crane had denied having made any such statement.

It was said the president's conversation with Senator Crane had strengthened his determination not to agree to any compromise.

Taft Little Disturbed.
The tenseness of the situation in Chicago was reflected today at the White House, although President Taft himself was apparently little disturbed. He declined, however, to see newspaper men and officials announced that there would be no statement from him until the situation was clarified. This was taken to indicate that new moves in the game in which the president is the central figure may be expected at any time.

The members of the cabinet discussed politics with the president as long as he was willing to talk on that subject. One of them flatly asserted there would be no compromise. He contradicted the report that a third man might receive Taft's support.

New York Booms Sherman for the Vice Presidency

CHICAGO, June 20.—The New York delegation planned last night to come out today in a strong demonstration for Vice President Sherman for renomination.

The boom has been kept in abeyance since the convention opened, but with the developments of the night looking more favorable for the nomination of President Taft, from their point of view, they decided that today was the logical time to bring forth their candidate for the "running mate" job.

So far Governor Mead of Vermont has been the only active candidate for second position on the Taft ticket. The passive interest of Mr. Sherman regarding the nomination is said to be accounted for by his knowledge that the New York delegation had his candidacy in hand.

This is said to have been admitted when the delegation refused to vote for national committeeman. It being planned to give the place to Vice President Sherman, should he fail of renomination, Governor Mead's friends laid last night that 176 delegates had pledged themselves to him should Taft get the nomination.

TAFT MEN WIN IN THE ALABAMA CONTEST CASE

St. Clair of Idaho and Cady of Wisconsin, Members of Committee Vote with Majority.

COLONEL LOSES ANOTHER ROUND

Roosevelt Delegates Return and Take Part in Proceedings.

PROTEST IS FILED BY SACKETT

Served on All Contestants.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE URGES HASTE

Malby Denies that Steam Roller Methods Will Be Employed.

FAIRNESS TO BE THE ONE RULE

Taft Men Contend They Can Show that Attempt Was Made to Illegally Secure Re-election.

CONVENTION HALL, CHICAGO, June 20.—A motion to seat the two Roosevelt delegates from the Ninth Alabama district was defeated, 34 to 14. C. St. Clair of Idaho, known as a Roosevelt man, and S. H. Cady of Wisconsin, voted against the Roosevelt delegates.

Those voting for the Roosevelt delegates were: Illinois, R. R. McCormick; Kansas, Ralph Harris; Maine, Jesse M. Libby; Minnesota, Hugh T. Halbert; Nebraska, H. E. Sackett; New Jersey, J. Boyd Avis; Missouri, Jesse Tollerton; North Carolina, C. H. Cowles; North Dakota, W. S. Lander; Ohio, John J. Sullivan; Oklahoma, Daniel Norton; Oregon, A. V. Swift; Pennsylvania, Lex N. Mitchell; West Virginia, Harry Shaw.

The Roosevelt members absent were Francis J. Heney, California; E. G. Carrington, Jr., Maryland; S. X. Way, South Dakota.

The committee then seated the two Taft delegates from the Ninth district by a record vote of 34 to 12. The committee then recessed until 2:30 o'clock.

The motion to seat the Taft delegates was made by Estabrook of New Hampshire and the substitute motion to seat the Roosevelt men by Avis of New Jersey.

No exhibition of feeling accompanied the defeat of the Roosevelt resolution.

J. A. Tollerton of Missouri said he has listened to more than two hours of argument without being able to decide how to vote. He later asked permission to register his vote for the Roosevelt contestants.

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