

CONTESTS FILED BY ROOSEVELT CALLED BLUFFS BY MONDELL

Wyoming Man, Who Served on Committee on Credentials, Analyzes Work of Convention.

CRY OF FRAUD WITHOUT BASIS

No Delegate Improperly Deprived of His Seat.

CONTESTS ARE PURE FICTION

Started with Intention of Furnishing Excuse for Steal.

PURE PIRACY NOW PROPOSED

Attempt Being Made to Capture State Republican Organizations and at Same Time Repudiate Party and Candidates.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Specific details of the claims of the Roosevelt managers that their candidate had been improperly deprived of delegates in the Chicago convention in the contested cases, brought either before the national or credentials committee, was made in a speech delivered in the house today by Representative Mondell of Wyoming, who was a member of the credentials committee. He characterized the contests as "mere bluffs," without shadow of substantiation.

"The claim that Colonel Roosevelt had denied the nomination at Chicago through the larceny of delegates," Mr. Mondell said, "was not only expected to contribute directly to the third party movement, but was expected to contribute even more potently by furnishing indirectly the excuse for the most impudent and revolutionary plan of political larceny ever conceived. It is proposed to steal the livery and secure the benefits of republican state organizations, while at the same time repudiating the party and candidates. It is difficult to conceive a more shameless proposal of pure piracy than this."

Contests Pure Fiction.
"As admitted by the Roosevelt managers themselves, they started out deliberately at the beginning of the pre-convention campaign to create contests," said Mr. Mondell. "A large number of these contests were pure fiction, the contesting delegations claiming to be elected at conventions, which, if held at all, were held a month or two after the regular conventions. Many of the contests which arose at the time conventions were held were the result of prearranged bolts based on the filisteist pretext."

"The proposition that electors on the republican ticket shall cast their vote for the candidate of a third party has its alleged excuse in downright and persistent perversion on which rotten foundation it lays its proposal of treacherous larceny."

Roosevelt Will Sound Keynote.
CHICAGO, July 24.—One part of the program for the national progressive party convention was settled today with the announcement that Colonel Theodore Roosevelt would address the delegates in a keynote speech at the Coliseum the evening of the first day's session, August 5. It was pointed out that the speech would follow the address of President Taft accepting the republican nomination August 1 and would precede Governor Wilson's acceptance speech August 7.

The colonel's friends say he will have, therefore, an excellent opportunity to contrast his position and principles with the views of both old party nominees.

Chauncey Dewey was selected today by the advisory committee as sergeant-at-arms of the national convention.

Oklahoma Progressives Organize.
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., July 24.—The progressive party of Oklahoma was launched at a state convention here today. All the policies favored by Colonel Roosevelt were endorsed and delegates instructed to vote for him for the presidential nominee were elected.

Captain Frank Frantz of Bartlesville called the convention to order and A. A. Davidson of Muskogee was made chairman.

The convention was composed exclusively of white delegates.

MUTE CONVICT PUZZLES CALIFORNIA ALIENISTS

SACRAMENTO, Cal., July 24.—Even the other test left alienists absolutely undecided today whether Charles Carson, a convict in Folsom penitentiary, had been stricken dumb, or is shamming. He has not spoken a word for two years and ten months.

The common effect of ether is to loosen the tongue while the subject is coming under or out of its effects.

It was expected that Carson would lose voluntary control of his vocal organs and reply to questions put to him by the physicians, but no sound escaped his lips. Carson was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1904 for assault and robbery. Two years later he was given death sentence for his share in a murderous jail break. He is a South Carolinian.

Omaha Man to Marry.
CHICAGO, July 24.—(Special Telegram.)—James A. Williams of Omaha, was licensed here today to marry Mrs. May Bradley of Chicago.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair; cooler east portion, warmer west portion.
For Iowa—Fair; cooler east portion.
Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour	Degree
6 a. m.	77
7 a. m.	78
8 a. m.	78
9 a. m.	79
10 a. m.	79
11 a. m.	81
12 m.	82
1 p. m.	82
2 p. m.	82
3 p. m.	84
4 p. m.	86
5 p. m.	87
6 p. m.	87
7 p. m.	87
8 p. m.	87

FIGHT AT BULL MOOSE MEET

Strenuous Proceedings at Yeiser's "Mass Convention."

DELEGATES NAMES ARE READ

Dr. Henry Operates Steam Roller—Republicans Later Name Same Delegates as Were Chosen Last Saturday.

John O. Yeiser's bull moose gathering at Washington hall Tuesday night will go down in history as one of the most remarkable assemblies ever set before the public. Mr. Yeiser denominated the gathering a "mass convention of republicans," called for the specific purpose of naming a delegation to the state convention at Lincoln that should not be tainted with "boosism," and which should contain no man who is even suspected of favoring the re-election of President Taft. It went through as per Mr. Yeiser's carefully laid plans, but the program was extended somewhat and included, among other things, a free-for-all fight.

Proceeds with Program.
The Yeiser program started as soon as a handful of the trusted bull moosers had entered the hall. By actual count, ninety-two were present when Dr. W. O. Henry was chosen chairman of the meeting and proceeded with the reading of a short typewritten speech on the great achievements of the republican party. Dr. Henry proved himself an excellent steam roller engineer by refusing to call for the negative vote on any question. The Yeiser program called for a committee of three on order of business, a committee of five on selection of names of delegates and a committee of seven to name a new county committee. In less than fifteen minutes these committees were appointed, retired and returned with their reports, and the reports were declared adopted. The committee on delegates showed the greatest celerity in action of any, it requiring but three minutes to select the ninety-four names of the delegates and to honor eight others by naming them as alternates.

By the time the committee on delegates had returned with its list of names, neatly typewritten, the attendance at the mass meeting had swollen to about 300 and evidence of interruption was in sight. Dr. Henry had already neglected to call for the negative vote on two questions, and the clamor from the floor was becoming insistent. Dave Shanahan was endeavoring to secure recognition, but the chair could not see him. And here is where the fight started.

Young Goes After Shanahan.
Dr. George Young, former city veterinarian, undertook to squish Shanahan, and in a minute a dozen fights were going on in different parts of the hall. The committee started to read its list of delegates, but Yeiser stopped this by telling the chairman to declare the report adopted without reading. "This was done," Yeiser declared the meeting adjourned and left the stage while Yeiser was calling for the delegates present to assemble in a room below. Mr. Yeiser doesn't say how the delegates came to know they were selected, as the report had not been read, but he called them to meet, and says they did meet, although the meeting could not be discovered.

After the Yeiserites had left the hall order was quickly restored and the meeting was organized by the election of David Shanahan as chairman and M. J. Greevey as secretary. Then the delegates selected at the regular republican convention last Saturday were formally approved, as well as the resolutions adopted at that convention.

Henry Reads a Speech.
Dr. W. O. Henry was appointed chairman and Henry Genau was named secretary. Dr. Henry then read a speech from manuscript, recalling the history of the republican party since its inception in 1854, its fundamental principles and the record of the party for the last several years, which record he said had upheld the high principles of Lincoln and the party of Lincoln's time.

There was a lull in the meeting at this point and two collectors were appointed to raise \$25 to pay for the rent of the hall.

Chairman Henry then appointed, upon motion of C. D. Hutchison, a committee of three, consisting of J. L. Kaley, G. L. C. Klingbeil and L. J. Healey, to recommend an order of business. A committee was composed exclusively of white delegates.

End of Race in Naval Construction Far Off

PARIS, July 24.—That the world is not yet on the eve of the cessation of the struggle between Great Britain and Germany for naval supremacy is the prevalent opinion in France after careful study of the recent speech by Winston Spencer Churchill in the House of Commons.

The continuation of the rivalry between those two countries causes a note of regret here, but there is an inclination to believe that if it must go on France should learn a lesson from England's procedure and increase its navy.

The Matin, commenting on the subject, says it is in a position to declare that Italy and Austria at the instigation of Germany are about to build additional superdreadnaughts, in regard to which nothing has been permitted to transpire. Italy is to construct six of these vessels, each of 20,000 tons displacement and capable of steaming at a speed of twenty-five knots, while Austria is to build three, each of them displacing 20,000 tons. The newspaper continues:

"The fulfillment of this program will destroy the present naval equilibrium in the Mediterranean and give a big advantage to the triple alliance."

Oil Dock and Ship Are Burned

PHILADELPHIA, July 24.—Fire this morning destroyed the freight wharf of the Union Petroleum Oil company at Marcus Hook, Pa. The flames communicated to the British steamer Trinidad, which docked at the wharf. The fire almost completely wrecked the Trinidad. The loss aside from that sustained by the steamer is estimated at \$300,000.

TAYLOR CONSIDERS TREATY IS VOIDABLE

Writer on International Law Says Hay-Pauncefote Pact Not to Be Binded

AFFECTS CONTROL OF CANAL

United States Sovereign in Zone Under Nations' Law.

REFERS TO WARALLEL INSTANCE

Russia Repudiated Portions of the Treaty of Paris.

BASIC CONDITIONS ARE CHANGED

Agreement Can Be Declared Void Because Situation It Was Intended to Cover No Longer Exists.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Hannis Taylor, former minister to Spain and a writer on international law, published an open letter here today, contending that the Hay-Pauncefote treaty is voidable because of the situation arising out of Panama's ceding the Canal zone to the United States.

"There is no room for hair-splitting on that point," writes Mr. Taylor. "Within the canal zone the United States is sovereign for all the purposes of international law. Under that law it is well settled that a treaty becomes voidable, not void, whenever a change has taken place in the fundamental conditions existing at the time it was made."

The writer quotes Hall, the English authority on international law, in support of that contention.

Parallel Case Cited.
Mr. Taylor refers to Russia's repudiation in 1870 of certain portions of the treaty of Paris, relating to the Black Sea, and contends it set a precedent upon which the United States may act.

In conclusion the writer contends in part: "We must take the firm stand under the well-defined principle of international law as punctuated by the Russian precedent of 1870, that after there has been an essential change in the conditions existing at the time the treaty was made, it becomes voidable. In that way we can justify the question out of the domain of international arbitration where we could never obtain a fair hearing, into the domain of diplomatic negotiation with Great Britain where we will be sure to receive fair and friendly consideration."

Reparation Case is Still Being Heard

Evidence before the examiner for the Interstate Commerce commission is still being taken to decide whether the lumber mill owners of the south or the lumber buyers of this state are entitled to the reparation for the excessive freight rates the railroads charged on southern pine from 1908 to 1910. Dozens of representatives of the southern mills have been heard and the testimony of Nebraska lumber dealers is now being taken.

E. H. Howland, representing the Boyer-Van Kuran Lumber company of Omaha has been on the witness stand. He exhibited the bills of lading for the lumber the company received from the southern mills during those years and duplicate copies of the expense bills. He testified that the freight had been paid by the lumber dealers here and had been taken out of the invoice in remitting to the mill operators of the south. This is in effect the testimony of all who have taken the stand, but the question still hinges largely on whether or not the mill men raised their invoices sufficiently on the lumber to cover the extra 1 1/2 cents the railroads were charging for freight during the two years in which the commission has said the freight rate was too high.

Lawyer and Clerk Are Shot by Client

NEW YORK, July 24.—Joseph Fretzsch, a lawyer, and his clerk, Norman Bergh, were shot by a man named Conway, a former client of Fretzsch in the lawyer's office in Park Row today. The shooting followed a dispute over a law case in which Fretzsch acted as Conway's counsel. Conway was arrested. Conway, it is said entered the law office and without a word of warning, pulled a revolver and started firing. The first shot struck Fretzsch in the abdomen and he fell unconscious to the floor. The second shot struck Bergh in the hip. The third shot went wild. Fretzsch and Bergh were taken to a hospital where it was said Fretzsch will die.

Fretzsch died at the hospital. After Conway was arrested, it was discovered that he also was wounded and the police believe that his wound was self-inflicted.

Darrow Case is Again Continued

LOS ANGELES, July 24.—A further continuance was taken in the bribery trial of Clarence S. Darrow today because of the illness of Juror Leavitt. The defense has abandoned all hope of closing its case this week.

Judge Hutton indicated today that he was in favor of waiting for the recovery of the juror several days if necessary, although he announced from the bench that Leavitt's physicians promised to have the juror in court tomorrow.

A mistrial under sensational circumstances is said to be imminent in the case of Clarence S. Darrow for alleged jury bribing. Attorneys for the defense are said to have charged in a conference with Judge Hutton today that the illness of Juror L. A. Leavitt was feigned and asked for an immediate investigation by the court.

Belgium to Have Big Strike.
BRUSSELS, Belgium, July 24.—A general strike in favor of electoral reform has been fixed for the spring. It is calculated that the men will be able to hold out for six weeks.



From the Indianapolis News.

IOWA PROGRESSIVES MEET

Adopt Platform and Form Full State Organization.

RANDALL SOUNDS THE KEYNOTE

Committees Name Delegates and Alternates to the Chicago Convention and Electors-at-Large.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
DES MOINES, Ia., July 24.—(Special Telegram.)—The progressive state convention closed at 3 o'clock, having formally launched a new party for this state, pledged to devote itself to national issues and the support of Roosevelt for president and not to interfere in local political affairs.

There was a good attendance, much speech making, some enthusiasm for a complete organization formed for work. A telegram from Roosevelt, extending congratulations and declaring for entire new party, aroused much applause.

The resolutions adopted denounce the Chicago convention, also the Baltimore convention, and declare for the primary system and other reforms. A strong woman suffrage plank was inserted, but the convention refused to adopt the suggestion as to the recall. A plank declaring for the direct election of postmasters by their constituencies, was adopted with three affirmative cheers. There was no negative vote.

The convention chose a full set of delegates to the national convention at Chicago, headed by Judge John L. Stevens of Boone, organized a working state central committee and provided for congressional, district and county organization.

A. D. Pugh, a Des Moines socialist, created considerable excitement by appearing before the convention on a proxy of one of the regular delegates and demanding that the platform declare for the recall. The proposition was quickly referred to a committee, upon the motion of Judge Stevens.

Telegram from T. R.
The first Roosevelt enthusiasm broke loose a few minutes after the convention opened with a telegram from Colonel Roosevelt congratulating Iowa progressives was read. The colonel referred to the Chicago convention, which he condemned in emphatic terms and pointed out the necessity for a new party.

Dr. Charles Talmage of Boston, led the delegates into another burst of enthusiasm for Roosevelt when he criticized Governor B. F. Carroll for the latter's recent defense of the Chicago convention. "This is a warm convention," declared Dr. Talmage. "It is going to be a warm (Continued on Second Page.)"

The National Capital

Wednesday, July 24, 1912.

The Senate.
Convened at 11 a. m.
Resumed consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill.
Senator Cummins presented a substitute for the democratic wool tariff revision bill.

Passed sundry civil appropriation bill, carrying approximately \$116,000,000.
Passed joint resolution directing Secretary of War to investigate claims of Americans growing out of Mexican revolution.
Passed military academy appropriation bill.

The House.
Convened at noon.
Considered legislation on the unanimous consent calendar.
Interstate Commerce Commissioner Clements gave interstate commerce committee his views of proposed legislation affecting commission.
Agriculture committee recommended \$5,000 appropriation to fight army worm in south.

Cummins Introduces Substitute Wool Bill

WASHINGTON, July 24.—A substitute for the democratic wool tariff bill was presented to the senate today by Mr. Cummins of Iowa. It would generally reduce the rates of the present law, but not so far as the house bill. A vote on the democratic bill will be taken in the senate before adjournment tomorrow.

Senator Cummins declared he had no assurances of support either from the regular republicans or the democrats. "I do not even look for the support of all the progressives," he said.

HEAVY DAMAGE BY FLOOD

Two Dams in Wisconsin River Near Wausau Break.

THREE BRIDGES WASHED AWAY

All Electric Motors in Wausau, Including the Street Car Service, Are Out of Commission.

WAUSAU, Wis., July 24.—Flood damage estimated at \$100,000 to \$200,000 was wrought today from the breaking of two dams on the Wisconsin river north of Wausau. Three bridges in this city were washed out and a fourth was partly destroyed. All electric power, including street car service, has been put out of commission.

The dams which were swept away are known as the Tomahawk and Brookway structures. The flood made inroads on the water works plant and out of the city's supply.

A large volume of water swept down the river front covering the streets of Wausau near the river, surrounding the city hall. Business is demoralized.

The railroad bridges are the only ones intact here and these are held in place by cars loaded with logs. At noon the water, then several feet above normal, continued to rise.

No loss of life has yet been reported. Part of the cofferdam at Rothchild, six miles north, was dynamited later, causing the flood to recede very materially. It is expected normal conditions in Wausau will be restored by tomorrow.

Yacht is Sunk by Steamer Near Gotham

NEW YORK, July 24.—The steamer Old Colony of the Metropolitan Steamship line, while turning the Battery on its way from Boston to this city this morning, crashed into the yacht Idler, which soon sank. The passengers and crew on board the Idler were taken off by tug.

One of the passengers of the Idler, Mrs. Julia M. Skidmore, of Brooklyn, was seriously injured. Others of the yacht's passengers suffered from shock and were attended by physicians. Mrs. Skidmore was thrown into the water by the collision and was picked up by one of the Idler's lifeboats. There were fourteen persons on board the yacht, four women, and two children and a crew of eight. After the yacht was struck the Old Colony continued on its way to its dock.

Auto Hose Wagon Hits Traction Car

CHICAGO, July 24.—Lieutenant Frank C. Hearing of the fire department was instantly killed and several firemen were probably fatally injured this afternoon in a collision between an automobile hose wagon and a street car near the northern limits of the city.

BULL MOOSERS PULL THROTTLE WIDE OPEN DOWN IN LANCASTER

Adopt Resolutions in County Convention, Leaving Off Mention of National Ticket.

TEST VOTE STANDS 368 TO 201

Pandemonium in Big Hall When Matter is Pending.

SECOND CONVENTION FOLLOWS

Regulars Name Delegates and Endorse National Ticket.

BURKETT TRIES TO POUR OIL

Former Senator Urges Action that Will Leave United Party, but Delegates Overrule Plea and Break Binding Ties.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, July 24.—(Special.)—The widest political gathering in the history of Lancaster county was pulled off this afternoon at the auditorium when the forces of the two factions of the republican party met in a county convention.

The fight began on the selection of a permanent chairman, George A. Adams representing the progressives and W. A. Selsick being the candidate of the Taft delegates. Confusion reigned throughout the taking of the ballot, which resulted in the selection of Adams by a vote of 329 to 238.

Another fight was precipitated when Attorney J. L. Caldwell moved that a committee on resolutions be selected, but Attorney C. C. Flansburg got the eye of the chairman and read a set of resolutions endorsing the state, congressional, senatorial and county tickets and leaving off the national ticket. Judge E. P. Holmes offered a substitute in the form of an endorsement of the whole republican ticket from the national down.

Burkett Counsels Caution.
Senator Burkett managed to get the eye of the chairman and made a speech for harmony and general get-together convention which would leave things in such a way that all republicans would be able to go out and work and vote as they believed best.

H. M. Bushnell assailed the republican national convention and talked against the substitute. The roll call on the substitute showed 266 for and 251 against. On a motion to adopt the resolutions offered by Flansburg, the vote was 268 for and 201 against.

On the roll call on the adoption of the latter, Judge Holmes explained his refusal to vote on the plea that he did not care to cast a vote in a convention that was not entirely republican.

Pandemonium broke loose several times and during the latter part of the convention all questions were decided on the side of the Taftites without regard to the amount of noise put up by the friends of President Taft.

One special thing which was shown in the work of the convention was that old and tried warrior of the republican party who had fought the battles of the party for years were steam rolled by men who have been openly fighting republican candidates during the last few years.

Regular Convention Meets.
When the Lancaster republican convention which was captured by the bull moosers this afternoon, adjourned, the regular republican delegates organized another, electing Judge E. P. Holmes chairman and L. P. Ludden secretary.

A committee was appointed to select fifty delegates to the state convention and two members of the state committee.

Among those in the state delegation are: E. J. Hainer, E. S. Strode, L. L. Lindsay, Crawford Kennedy, W. A. Selsick, E. P. Holmes, Victor Seymour, D. W. Mosley, A. W. Field and Mr. DeLong and E. J. Dally of Havelock. E. W. Brown was chosen chairman of the county committee and a complete organization was made.

F. A. Edgerton was re-elected a member of the state central committee.

Boyd County for Taft.
BUTTE, Neb., July 24.—(Special Telegram.)—The Boyd county republican convention instructed its delegates to the state convention to support President Taft. The Roosevelt men were unable to secure control of the convention and held a separate meeting and elected a contesting set of delegates to the state convention.

County Chairman W. F. Moler presided at the regular convention. The delegates to the state convention are Leo S. Legro, R. H. Harris, F. H. Soat, W. H. Moser, W. L. Hauppil, W. H. Thomas and J. W. Howell.

The following resolutions were adopted: Resolved, That the republicans of Boyd (Continued on Third Page.)

Dock Strikers Pray For Death of Official

LONDON, July 24.—Fifty thousand striking dockmen paraded through London this afternoon and at a meeting held subsequently on Tower Hill, a dramatic incident occurred.

Ben Tillett, a strike leader, after an address in denunciation of Lord Devonport, chairman of the port of London, asked the men to join him in prayer. Then he and the immense concourse, with bared heads, prayed:

"Oh, God, strike Lord Devonport dead." There was a sharp conflict this afternoon between the police and a number of strikers who were attempting to molest nonunion workers. Many heads were cracked.

ROCK ISLAND OFFICERS WILL FIGHT RECALL

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., July 24.—Counsel has been retained by Mayor H. M. Schriver and Commissioner Archie M. Hart to fight in the courts the legality of the recall petitions just filed against them. The attempt to recall Schriver and Hart is an echo of last spring's riots, in which two were killed. Mayor Schriver says that keepers of dives and disreputable saloons put out of business by him and Commissioner Hart are back of the recall petitions.

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