

# Twenty Names May Be Recorded on First Ballot

## CANDIDATES FOR GOP NOMINATION NEAR DEADLOCK

Trend of Situation Shows Lowden, Wood and Johnson Advancing Toward Bitter Struggle.

Chicago, June 7.—Its old-time leaders unhorsed and its favorites for the presidency deadlocked, the republican party will begin its national convention tomorrow under conditions certainly unparalleled in recent political history.

Unbossed and largely unorganized, delegates were asking one another tonight, in what direction they were straying and when a master would arise to lead them out of the wilderness of their own indecision.

In the noisy turmoil of convention eve, the only definable trend seemed to be driving Wood, Lowden and Johnson into a deadlock fight which it was recognized might destroy them all. The old-timers, reflecting that it is but a step from a deadlocked convention to a stamped convention, wondered what might happen next.

Many were recalling the Chicago convention of 1880 when the favorites were all deserted after a deadlock of 35 ballots and James A. Garfield, who had won the convention by a nominating speech, was nominated.

### Talk of Dark Horse.

Talk of a dark horse, in which some of the more experienced practical politicians joined tonight, for the first time began to revolve with an increasing frankness about the disclosures of the senate's investigation of campaign expenditures. At many conferences those who advocate a dark horse predicted that in the end no man whose name was involved at all in the evidence of the investigating committee could be put before the country as the party's choice.

In the main, however, the leaders and near leaders caucused and conferred and brought forth nothing. Even those who held the whip hand over a few delegates here, and there seemed unable to get together with the other greater and lesser potent dictators of party policy. The result was a foggy picture of the possibilities.

It became apparent that unless there came a dramatic and unexpected change, the first ballot Wednesday of Thursday will record between 15 and 20 candidates, with scarcely more than half enough votes to nominate in the Wood, Lowden and Johnson forces.

### Nobody Sure of Outcome.

To what extent managers for the three candidates hold their delegates in line after an unsuccessful test of strength is a subject of controversy. There are those who contradict the claims of the Wood, Lowden and Johnson whips that their organizations are cohesive enough to stand the strain of a failure to nominate on an early ballot.

In any case, no one pretends to be sure just what will happen after a roll call or two. The guess of some veterans is that votes will swirl and bunch and scatter again like sands of the sea. And those who hope for a stamped convention counted on to turn loose every variety of spell-binding emotional whirlwind.

It is a situation which gave the bosses of other days many a good laugh in their sleeves as today's developments moved in feverish circles. Those of the old-time, out-of-date school who are here at all remained largely to themselves, however, hoping for the best but shaking their heads sadly at the memory of steam rollers used and wires pulled in the times when a leader could be sure of his ground.

The new leaders, however, including Will H. Hays, the national chairman, declared their entire satisfaction with the absence of the old methods. At last, said Mr. Hays, the country was seeing what it had stridently demanded, a convention absolutely unbossed and acting for itself. He predicted that the outcome would be beneficial to the party's standing.

One effect of the prospective deadlock was to add impetus today to the movement to make temporary organization permanent. Sentiment among delegates is strongly against prolonging the convention into next week and it was argued that if Senator Lodge, temporary chairman, were elected to serve also as permanent chairman, formalities might be greatly shortened.

There also was feeling among some delegates against setting up for the critical period of balloting, a permanent organization which might be elected after a fight and thus might feel obligated to one group or another. Managers for some candidates said they hoped for an agreement continuing Senator Lodge as chairman.

### No Decision Reached.

On all hands it was declared, however, no decision had been reached. Friends of Senator McCormick of Illinois and of former Senator Beveridge of Indiana, brought forward for the permanent chairmanship, continued their campaigns. The movement to shorten the convention found strong support among western delegates, who have become greatly concerned over prospective congestion of railway passenger traffic west of Chicago next week. In addition to the advance guard of the democratic national convention, it was pointed out, thousands will be going to Portland for the meeting of the Mystic Shrine. Already reservations on westbound trains are said to be at a premium.

To make the temporary organiza-

## Named Sergeant-at-Arms at the Chicago National Convention



Col. Edward P. Thayer, of Indiana, republican national committeeman, who has been appointed sergeant-at-arms for the national convention which opens at Chicago June 8.

tion permanent would be to run counter to the usual custom, but it was argued that having gone so far in upsetting precedents the party need not stop for so small a matter. Certainly, say experienced ones, the kind of convention now about to begin will be a novel thing. The big men of past campaigns, they say, would turn over in their graves if they could see a great party gathering going into session without even one boss and with a whole collection of presidential aspirants in the convention city.

### Hughes As Dark Horse.

Upwards of a dozen of those considered possibilities for the nomination now are here, although most of them had said they had no intention of coming. Senator Johnson made no such announcement, however, when he followed the example set by Col. Roosevelt in 1912 and opened his own convention headquarters, other candidates declared they could not afford to remain away.

In the dark horse and favorite son talk today there was again mention of Charles E. Hughes along with Senator Harding of Ohio, Governor Sproul of Pennsylvania, Governor Coolidge of Massachusetts and others.

Tomorrow the convention is expected to do no more than elect a temporary organization, hear Senator Lodge's keynote speech as temporary chairman, appoint routine committees and then adjourn to permit committee work. Some leaders thought if the temporary officers were made permanent, shortening the first day, balloting might begin late Wednesday; the general belief, however, was that the first roll call was far more likely to come Thursday.

## SMALLER CROWDS AT CHICAGO THAN IN FORMER YEARS

Better Accommodations for Convention Visitors Than in 1912 and 1916.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Lensed Wire. Chicago, June 7.—Delegates, welcoming committee, hotel and railroad men today faced the not un-comforting fact that the crowd brought to Chicago by the republican national convention of 1920 will not be as large as the crowds that came here in 1916 and 1912.

This means better accommodations for visitors than could have been expected. Does it mean also another rap at the "dry" law? First of the facts, as they appeared today, the hotels are crowded, of course, but they are not so "snowed under" as they feared. Most of them have attained this pitch of perfection by chasing out the habitual guests.

The railroads also are crowded but the figures are handled do not compare with those of the good old days. The first estimate of many railroads as to the incoming convention crowds were 150,000. Later this figure was cut to 40,000. In the old times, it was pointed out, Garry Herrmann or some one like him, would bring into Chicago a marching club of 900 men strong. New York would often do the same, and so would a political seething-pot like Indiana.

This year about the largest train-load was New York's with 254 men on board. Pennsylvania came in with but 115 souls on board Little Maine pushed these big fellows close with 68.

What's the reason for the falling off? Nine out of 10 politicians will tell you it's because the unusual convention attendants know that they cannot get anything to drink unless on the hip or in the bathroom. And they do not expect to have the old rip-roaring sort of a good time. Therefore they stay at home.

## Johnson Growing Stronger Every Minute, Borah Says

Chicago, June 7.—Johnson is getting stronger every minute, Wood and Lowden are out of it, Senator Borah of Idaho declared Monday afternoon. "Would you defend Charles Evans Hughes for 'second choice' in case Johnson's chances were not so good?" Borah was asked. "Yes, I would," he replied, "provided, of course, he would accept the kind of a league of nations plank I favor. I believe he is the kind of a man who would keep his word if he promised to carry out an 'American' league plank."

## JOHNSON MAKES PLEA IN FAVOR OF HIS NOMINATION

Urges "Head Up, Eyes Open Policy" — Declares High Cost of Living Main Issue in Campaign.

(Continued From First Page.) We found not a union of the free peoples of the world, but we found the perpetuation of the old imperialism.

### Humanity Shackled.

"Peoples were forgotten. Rulers remained supreme. Progress was precluded. Every existing injustice was perpetuated. "Instead of a pact to prevent war, we were given a league to maintain the present existing power. Instead of that which would enable humanity to expand and grow, to progress and to prosper, we found humanity shackled, and the world put in a strait jacket, imposed for all the years to come.

"Instead of disarmament, everywhere were increased armaments. The hopes of those who had earnestly wished and fervently prayed, were blighted and betrayed. The document represented the triumph of cynical old-world diplomacy, the defeat of new world liberalism."

Declaring he had fought "for the absolute right of the American people to meet this issue," Senator Johnson added: "We would never be selfish or ungenerous with the rest of the world. In the future as in the past we would ever respond to humanity's call and civilization's cry. All that we insist upon is that when crises occur, when the time arrives, the American people shall determine whether they act, and how to act, and no European nation shall determine it for them. We want our independence of action un-fettered, our freedom untouched, our sovereignty unimpeached. We want to lead our own lives in our own way. We want, in short, to be just Americans again."

Senator Johnson began his address with a reference to the history of the last few years, the war, and the situation precipitated upon the nation.

"The great question now for the republican party to decide is whether it shall, as in the early days of its existence, boldly and courageously inspired by heaven-born hopes and aspirations, with head high, eyes clear, and hands clean, meet the test, or whether shall hesitate and falter, and timidly hide within the shadow of privilege," he said.

"Every thoughtful member of the republican party, all who earnestly desire its success, would have it avoid the pitfalls which the peculiar times present. There are some, now times, who would make it the party of the few; some who would make it wholly subservient to power. Learning nothing from the lessons of the past, there are those who would disregard the voices of the great majority of the rank and file of the party and impress upon it their own arbitrary will. These individuals abetted by a 'kept press,' affect to view with contempt the expressed preference of members of the party and in disdain of the mass of the party, would substitute their desires and decisions for those of the great majority. These individuals are fortunately few, but sometimes they are in position of power.

### Would Kill History.

"In their swollen arrogance, depending upon the 'kept press' for their justification, they would read out of the republican party those who have written its glorious history, the plain people of Lincoln. They fondly hug the delusion that they and their puppets may act in defiance of the rank and file. These few, and the members of the press acting with them, are our real enemies. I deny their right to draw the line in the republican party against just common folks. I deny the right of any men to set at naught their expressed will.

"Avoiding the pitfalls, victory is within our grasp. After eight years of high-sounding phrases and actions, wholly at variance, the American people recognize the rescue and regeneration of their government. Under democratic leadership they have blindly grouped in a mental mystic maze.

"This is no year for the anemic politician. The first great problem, the high cost of living, cannot be by a single remedy, cured immediately. The difficulty has not been with the law, but with the administration of the law.

"When these laws shall be impartially administered, when, with like diligence their penalties shall be visited, not only upon the little profiteer of the village, but the big and powerful profiteer of the city, then some measure of relief will be afforded."

### Alabamans Will Go to Johnson on Second Ballot

Chicago, June 7.—Fourteen Alabama delegates appeared at Johnson headquarters this afternoon and announced that nine of their delegates would vote for Johnson on the first ballot and five would vote for Lowden. Following the first ballot, it was declared that the delegation would stand as a unit for the California senator.

It was also reported at Johnson headquarters that Oklahoma also had a meeting arranged with the senator and next the plan of several of the delegates of that state to align with the Californian.

A conference between Senator William E. Borah and James E. Watson of Indiana today brought out the report that Indiana would swing to Johnson.

In Ceylon property descends from mother to daughter instead of from father to son, with the result that virtually every woman in the country is a land owner.

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## Substantial Progress In Drafting Platform

(Continued From First Page.) tually all leaders among the membership.

For the committee chairmanship, Senator Watson of Indiana and Ogden L. Mills of New York were the only open candidates.

The national board of farm organizations today virtually completed the agricultural planks it will ask to have included. One would exact a party pledge for agricultural representation in the cabinet and federal commissions. Other planks asked for are:

A pledge that farmers shall have "full, free and unquestioned right of co-operative marketing of products and purchase of supplies and protection against discrimination." Effective national control over the packers and other industries engaged in the manufacturing, transportation and distribution of farm products and supplies.

Legislation to check the "evils of farm tenancy," the perpetuation and strengthening of the federal farm loan system, the improvement of farm loan facilities and the inauguration of a system for co-operative personal credit, provision to accord agriculture the same consideration in tariff legislation as is accorded to other interests; conservation of coal, oil, waterpower and protection of commercial timberlands; repeal of laws restricting rights of free speech, free press and peaceable assemblies, and opposition to compulsory military training.

## NEBRASKANS, LED BY RICHARDS, TO VOTE FOR HIRAM

All But Three of State's Delegates Officially Announce They Will Support Johnson.

(Continued From First Page.) and occupy the vantage places. When they are eliminated then the "dark horse" talk will take on serious meaning. Now the ouija board says Lowden, Wood or Johnson.

### Nebraskans Register.

The formal opening of the Nebraska headquarters was celebrated at 11 o'clock when Robert Smith gave an artistic touch to the room by placing a large vase of flowers on the table in the center and announcing that the "register is now open for every Nebraskan past, present or future to inscribe his name thereon."

Today's arrivals were: Omaha—Gould Dietz, C. N. Dietz, William G. Ure, Mrs. Ure, Norris Brown, John Caldwell, Robert Stout, Rev. John Albert Williams, G. Backhoff, C. T. Neal, F. W. Shottwell, Charles F. McGrew, N. P.

## Dodge, Lyne D. Upham, Lincoln—Don L. Love, George Kline, Fred Wells, F. M. Melick, W. A. Selleck, Charles E. Matson, F. A. High, Governor McKelvie, C. H. Gustafson.

Wahoo—Mr. and Mrs. J. Pickett. Osceola—Cal Beebe and H. R. Campbell. Humboldt—O. A. Cooper, J. O. Shroyer.

Fremont—L. D. Richards. Alliance—Earl D. Mallory. Broken Bow—Horace Kennedy. Imperial—Dave Meeker. Wayne—A. R. Davis. Bloomington—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Miller. Beatrice—H. E. Sackett, Hastings—H. E. Stein. York—Charles Sandall. Central City—John C. Martin. Wymore—Adam McMullen. Tecumseh—Will F. Hitchcock, Jay C. Moore. Pawnee—M. L. Poteet. Blair—J. E. Lutz. Columbus—E. C. Bergman and Carl Kramer. Clinton—R. O. Lyon. Chadron—Dave Robinson. Tekamah—E. A. Brundage. Wayne—John T. Bressler, John T. Bressler, Jr. Hartington—Elmer F. Robinson. Orleans—A. J. Gardner.

### Others Who Are Here.

Col. C. L. Alexander of Hastings, who has served for a number of years on the staff of national commander of the G. A. R., and Mrs. Alexander, who have just returned from Biloxi, Miss., are attending the convention. W. F. Hitchcock, chief clerk of the house of representatives, of Sterling, is watching the convention for pointers, for Hitchcock has ambitions.

Vac Bureau of Omaha, who is making his sixth convention pilgrimage also is looking on at the pres-

## dent makers at work. Victor Rosewater, Mrs. Rosewater and son, Edward, who will be a page to the national chairman, are at the Congress for the convention.

A Ticket Famine. So many demands have been made on National Committeeman Howell for tickets that he decided today to postpone their delivery until tomorrow between the hours of 8 and 10 and daily thereafter. In the meantime, Mr. Howell is preparing his list of assistants, sergeant-at-arms and ushers for Nebraska, this being another way to get friends into the convention when seats are not available.

Governor McKelvie will give a dinner at the Athletic Club tomorrow night in honor of the Nebraska delegation. Mrs. Lulah Andrews, assistant secretary of the republican state central committee; Mrs. M. D. Canoner of Omaha, member of the Council of One Hundred, and Mrs. Elizabeth Olin Smith, a member of the state committee from the Twenty-eighth district, are doing splendid work in bringing discordant elements in the party together for harmony and success in 1920.

### Czecho-Slovaks In Canada

Enroute Home From Siberia. Vancouver, B. C., June 7.—Three thousand Czecho-Slovak troops, who fought under Admiral Kolchak in Siberia, arrived from Vladivostok Sunday on the steamship Ixion and were started for Montreal, whence they will sail for Trieste. A second transport with 3,000 Czecho-Slovaks is due in two weeks.

### English Marines in Ireland.

Dublin, June 7.—Ten boatsloads of marines were landed from a British warship at Mutton island to garrison the west coast.

## Fifth or Sixth Vote To See Showdown Is Opinion of Sproul

By WM. PHILLIPS SIMS. Chicago, June 7.—There will be a showdown in the convention by the fifth or sixth ballot. Everybody has a look-in, but the whole thing as I view it, will be over by Saturday.

In an exclusive interview, the first he has granted since his arrival here, Gov. Wm. C. Sproul, of Pennsylvania, thus concisely gave his opinion of the history-to-be of the G. O. P. caucus which begins at the Coliseum tomorrow.

"The nominating speeches will come about Thursday, I should say," he declared, "and also, very likely, the beginning of the balloting there will be a trial heat or two between the big fellows, then things will settle down and the others will have a chance.

"Everybody has been asking for an opinion free from bosses and now we have one. There is great confusion but I don't think but that it is a good thing."

"There seems to be an utter lack of leadership. Certainly there are no signs of the so-called republican old guard function anywhere. At least, they do not appear to be coordinating."

## Vacation Days

ARE out-of-door days with mornings spent at swimming, or golf, or tennis, with long, lazy afternoons in some shady place and an evening of intermittent dancing and motoring. To be attractively gowned is an important part of this pleasant programme, for only when she knows herself to be charming is a woman completely happy.

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