# "Strategists and Seers in Orgy of Surmise as Nominating Hour Approaches," Says Blythe

# "CITIZEN FIXIT" IN WILDERNESS OF GUESSWORK

Lost in Maze of Politics at Chicago, Says Samuel G. Blythe

HUGHES AGAINST FIELD

Dy SAMUEL G. BLYTHE

Copyright, 1916, by the Central Press Associa CHICAGO. June 2.—The rumor factories worked incessantly last night and until the convention met this morning. Their output was incredible in quantity and equally incredible in quality. The convention crowds, including the professional element made up of leaders and delegates, the voluntary and authorized advisors and strattelsts, the seers, prophets, diviners and vaticinators, the fringe skirters and bysamders, was in such a highly combustible condition because of the days and days of inconclusive speculation that preceded this last orgy of authority that a mere spark of conjecture developed almost instantly into a prairie fire of absolute, airtight inside information as to exactly what is to happen.

The rumors ranged in fantastic process sion from the definite statement on the alleged authority of the close Roosevelt con-tingent that the Colonel would be in Chitingent that the Colonel would be in Chi-cago on Saturday morning to advocate the nomination of William H. Taft on the broadly sympathetic ground of forgiving and forgetting, to the determination on the part of the Republican convention con-trollers to name T. Coleman du Pont because he looks so distinguished in a plus hat looks so distinguished in a plug hat.

SITUATION BUILT TO ORDER. Every political "Citizen Fixit" of the thousands now in Chicago had a hand in it, and the thing resolved itself finally into a cort of saturnalia of surmise that grew wilder and wilder as the convention hour sproached this morning. It was a situation built to order for excited hypothesis, elaborated suspicion and just plain, ordinary political lying. Every man desired to appear wiser than his fellows, and if he had none of the inside information that was so casy to procure, made up a little inside in-formation for himself and peddled that.

Meantime the leaders, tae near-leaders and a few of the exulted, led, fussed back and forth, in and out of conference and the result of it all was, and is, that the convention reached the nominating stage today with the situation intrinsically unchanged. It is still Hughes against the field and will be unless Mr. Hughes does or says something to make himself an im-

COLONEL ALWAYS IN THE RACE. It has been Hughes against the field duce the start, and Colonel Theodore Roosevelt has been always in the field. The prominence the Colonel attained in the conjectures and the crowd conclusions has been due to his own distinguished characteristics, not to his demonstrated superior-ity in the fight. So far as this Republican convention is concerned, the Colonel has always been in the ruck, trailing with the favorite sons, and Hughes has always been the favorite.

There is to be an oratorical debauch at the convention today. A few favorite sons are to be placed in nomination by a few are to be placed in nomination by a lew silver-tongued orators and seconded by arators who are similarly argentiferous in a lingual way. Then, perchance, a ballot will be taken. If the Hughes people have their 350 votes on the first ballot, they have enough, no doubt, to prevent an adjournment afterwards, and can force the convention to succeeding and successive convention to succeeding and successive ballots. Wherefore, there may be a result.

MANIPULATORS BUSY. there will be more manipulating and maneuvers. Meantime, the Weeks men say they will show a surprising strength; so do the Fairbanks men, and the Burton men, the Root men and the men of various other aspirants. There was talk that even the Honorable Henry Cabot Lodge would be the compromise candidate. And so it went.

There is but one fact in the wilderness of fancy. That one fact is that Charles Evans Hughes is the leading candidate as the spellbinders begin to snatch mighty pines from the forested sides of the eternal hills, and dipping them in the liquid fire of the everlasting stars, write the names of their favorite ones across whatever in the way of empyrean has been provided the local committee at the Collseum on Wabash

CONFERENCE MAY BLOW UP. . No loophole is left, for the issue was quarely presented. A substitute platform, declaring for neutrality in German terms and against the export of munitions, with no declaration for preparedness, was of-fared and put to vote. It received the same three votes; one that of its proposer, a La Foliette Government-ownership man from Wisconsin, one that of a negro, and one unidentified.

Harmony is still unreached and the conference may blow up. The signs, however, are the other way. The chief obstacles are rigtous insistence of the extreme Progressives on nominating Rooseveit and the silence of Justice Hughes, from whom the extreme and moderate Progressives alike demand a statement of where he stands on Americanism and preparadoes.

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But the temper of both parties is milder; the proposal for a conference was received by the Republicans with unmistakable joy, despite all the trucument talk in which they have indulged, and this joy was reflected among the Progressives when at last they began to be convinced that the Republicans were not trying to trick them into a bogus conference. The misunderstanding on both sides all along has been of incredible extent.

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It was the Colonel himself who brought the Progressive storm to an end. The dispatch from Oysier Bay, in which he expressed his willingness to address the Republican convention, was announced just when the fury of suspicion and hatred was at its height. The storm was stilled; if Receveit himself had enough confidence in Republican fair play to make such a statement might it not be that Perkins and the ther Rooseveit lieutenants were not, after all such blind guides? And the invitation to the Republicans was extended.

Deen than the Progressive extremists and many of the moderates were still inflamed and suspicious; they expected a humiliating initial or a counter proposition that would quietal a trick. Then came over the telephone the news that the Republicans had many and enthusiastically accepted the companion of the result of the receiver of the receiver that there is danger the Republicans may turn some trick on them to be a supplied to the nomination of the receiver of the result of the receiver of the supplicans of the receiver of the supplicans and so they are saying that if the Resulticans would consent to the nomination of the first of the Republicans did of the supplicans with but that is apportant. The Republican delegation of the supplicans with but that is apportant. The Republican delegation of the supplicant with but that is apportant. The Republican delegation of the supplicant of the Conference Com-

FAIRBANKS STILL IN LEAD FOR SECOND PLACE ON TICKET

Cummins, Burton and Works Also Considered for Vice Presidency

CHICAGO, June 9. - Charles W. Fairbanks, of Indiana, is still the man most discussed as likely to receive the Republican nomination for Vice President. Mr. Pairbanks boom for the presidential nomnation is still much alive, but wherever his name is wentlened it is generally coupled with the vice presidential nomina-

Most of the important Republican leaders here are for him, if Justice Hughes is nominated for President, while the Progressives would accept him if Roosevelt should be him or not, turned his back on him and ominated.

Mr. Fairbanks has said he does not want the vice presidency again, but the feeling under the surface is that he would take the

\* Friends of Senator Cummins, of Iowa, are putting out the suggestion that he would be available for the place. A vice presi-dential lightning rod is also being erected in favor of another Iowan, Senator Ken

A good-sized boom for Senator Burton for Vice President is getting under way. It will probably not come well out into the open, however, until the Senator's chances for the presidential nomination are settled. Senator Works, of California, would like to get the nomination

Another aspirant and, perhaps, the most active is ex-Senator Burkett, of Nebraska, His managers say he already has a majority of the delegates lined up for him

#### PENROSE FORMALLY ELECTED NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN

Succeeds Henry G. Wasson, Who Held Place Four Years

CHICAGO, III., June 9. United States cenator Boles Penrose late yesterday afterpoon was formally elected by the Republican National Convention as the member of the Republican National Committee to succeed Henry G. Wasson, of Pittsburgh, a Progressive, who has occu-pled the position four years.

United States Senator George T. Oliver. of Pittsburgh, placed Senator Penrose in nomination when the rollicall of States was made. Senator Penrose was nominated national committeeman by the State in Philadelphia last week.

#### WICKERSHAM VISITS HUGHES: POLITICAL TALK IS AVOIDED

Merely Social Call, Says Ex-Attorney General

WASHINGTON, June 9 .- Justice Hughes remained in his study nearly all of yester-day continuing work on court opinions to be handed down Monday. be handed down Monday.

He talked for a half hour late in the afternoon with George W. Wickersham, of New York, former Attorney General, who, however, said he went to the Hughes home

merely for a social call and "carefully woolded mentioning politica."

At the Hughes home the same explanadon was given.

## BRUMBAUGH SNUBBED BY JOHN WANAMAKER

Governor Tries to Shake Hands With Merchant, Who Turns Aside

CHICAGO, Ill., June 9 .- Governor Brumbaugh was snubbed by John Wanamaker also a delegate to the Republican National Convention, when the former walked into the Coliseum yesterday and pleasantly spoke to Mr. Wanamaker, proffering his hand. Mr. Wanamaker, whether he saw talked to another person, his companior in the first row.

The incident was seen by the delegates seated in the second row and by the cor-respondents in the press section overlooking he seats of the Pennsylvania delegates.

Governor Brumbaugh's face flushed as he urned away. He was closely associated with Mr. Wanamaker as Superintendent of ublic Schools in Philadelphia. It is known that Mr. Wanamaker has expressed him-se a unfriendly to the Governor since the bitter political dispute in Pennsylvania politics and is as opposed to him now as he was loyal to him when he was a member of the Board of Education.

The action of Mr. Wanamaker caused the Pennsylvania delegates to discuss the snub and comment upon its significance. It was reported that Mr. Wanamaker said he had known Doctor Brumbaugh as Superintendent of Schools, but did not know him as Governor.

now him as Governor. Mr. Wanamaker was asked about the ucident. He refused to explain his action, and said: "You must not say anything about it. I forbid it." He did not deny that he had refused to

ccept the proffered hand of the Gov-Governor Brumbaugh did not appear at the second session at 4 o'clock. Messages were wired to the convention hall that he had been hurt in an automobile accident.

This proved untrue. Another incident of interest to Pennsylvania in the proceedings was the report of the rule and its adoption, which would give the National Committee authority to unseat Henry G. Wasson, or any committee-man, who acted as he did four years ago. The rule provides that a national commit-teeman who does not loyally support the candidate of the party and is active secretly or openly in another party cannot retain his sent on the committee.

There was a similar rule in effect and strengthened it. use used his influence to have the rule

A canvass of the Pennsylvania delegation made today resulted as follows: Hughes, 3: Roosevelt, 7; Knox, 32; Brum baugh, 34. On this showing Senator Pen rose, on the first ballot at least, will be successful in getting more votes fo Knox than Brumbaugh will get.

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William W. Wolff, contractor, of Glenside died at his home in Blckley avenue yesterday afternoon after an illness of several days. He was about 55 years of age. Mr. Wolff is survived by his widow and three hildren. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from his late home in Glenside.



"LEFT BOOMING ALONE" Impressions of the Brumbaugh presidential boom by Nelson Harding, cartoonist, in the Brooklyn Daily Engle.

#### WOMEN REJOICE OVER SUFFRAGE VICTORY

livered by prime movers of votes for women. Cheer after cheer went up when the decision of the Republicans and the Progresnives was announced.

"This is clear proof to the Democrats that the suffragists have a tremendous power," declared Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association. "It is the beginning of the end of the battle for the enfranchisement of women.

"We have been fighting for the adoption of the amendment to the Federal Constitution," declared Miss Elsle Hill, field sec-retary of the Congressional Union." "So you see the action is not just exactly what we want. It is a great step, however, in the direction of accomplishing woman suffrage, and we are glad that so great a political party as the Republican has recog-nized the power of the suffragists. It is a move in the right direction."

Miss Alice Paul, chairman of the Congressional Campaign Committee of the organization, declared: "We are happy that the Republicans have adopted the suffrage plank. It is a recognition of the cause and should hasten the realization of suffrage throughout the country."

## ITEM FOR ITEM, ALMOST, REPUBLICAN AND PROGRESSIVE PRINCIPLES AGREE

Details of Preparedness Differ Slightly, but Platforms of Two Parties Are Similar-Both for Tariff Commission and Strong Mexican Policy

ng for an agreement between the Repub-icans and Progressives today commented widely on what they regarded as the re-markable similarity between the platform adopted by the Republican convention in the Collecum and the Progressive platform

the two parties held but a single view. In some instances the Republican platform, which is the longer, goes farther than the Progressive; in some instances the Progressive platform is more extreme. In the main, however, the differences are not such as might not be reconciled

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Both declare for equal rights and protection of American citizens at home and abroad. Both declare for peace, so long as American rights are not invaded.

Both platforms are unmercifully critical of the Wilson Mexican policy; both demand strong dealing with the conditions existing

below the border.

On the question of defense there is a difference. Both platforms declare for the
adoption of a program of national preparedness which will be sufficient to maintain
the honor and integrity of the United
States.

States.

The Progressive platform is more specific on this issue than the Republican. The Progressive platform declares for universal military training. The Republican platform does not go quite so far.

"As the nation has always recognized and exercised the right to enforce compulsory military service in time of war." the Progressive platform says, "so should there be universal military training for that service during times of peace." at service during times of peace."
This is the way the Republican platform rents the subject:

We must have a sufficient and ef fective regular army and a provision for ample reserves, already drilled and dis-ciplined, who can be called at once to the colors when the hour of danger comes." As for the navy the Progressive platform

"A navy restored to at least second rank n hattle efficiency."

The Republicans want: "A navy s

strong and so well proportioned and equipped, so thoroughly ready and pre-pared, that no enemy can gain command of the sea and effect a landing in force on

other our Western or Eastern coasts." The Progressives want a regular arm; of 250,000 men. The Republicans want : regular army which is "sufficient and effec-

CHICAGO, June 9.-Those who are hop- | tive." Those who are seeking a common understanding between the two parties cannot see why a few thousand men in the

> regular army should stand in the way. On the questions of suffrage the Progresives say they are for the adoption of the principle, either by State or Federal action. The Republicans recognize the right of States to settle the question for themselves, indorsing, however, the cause in principle

On question of regulating business there is little difference in the platforms. Both of them declare in favor of a tariff complasion, the Republicans for a commission with complete power to gather and com-pile information for the use of Congress in all matters relating to the tariff," and the rogressives for a commission "with a view f intelligently and scientifically adjusting the tariff so as to build up rather than de-

stroy American industry."

Several questions of policy which are important but not at present overshadow. ng issues are treated in the Republican platform, but not in the Progressive. On these, it is declared, there would be an easy

#### GOETHALS MAY BE DARK HORSE IN REPUBLICAN RACE

Report of Canal Builder's Resignation Revives Talk

WASHINGTON, June 9.—Reports of the resignation of General George W. Goethals as Governor of the Panama Canal Zone to-



oom for the Panama Canal builder. It Is being said that he may yet prove to be an eleventh hour "dark horse" in the Republican National Convention should the gathering become hapelessly deadlocked over Hughes, Roosevelt and the favorite

Four years ago there was considerable talk to the effect that Goethals would make strong presidential candidate because of his great popularity won through management of what is recognized as the greatest engineering enterprise of modern timesthe building of the canal,

The principal objection held out against General Goethals was that many Amercans would object to a military man being President. Now political gossips here are saying that the public temper has so changed that a military man might prove more popular than a civilian as director of a preparedness program such as that adopted by both Republicans and Progres-



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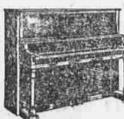
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