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Bridges Asks Unpledged N.H. G.O.P. Convention Delegation But Assures Knox of Support

Sound GOP Battle Cry

Governor Warns National Picture May Change Before Party Leaders Meet to Select a Stand-Bearer

Moses Candidate for National Convention

Scores Attend Meeting at Hampton Beach; Major Murphy, Who Seeks Governorship, Present

By LEON W. ANDERSON
HAMPTON BEACH, Aug. 14.—Governor Bridges today called for an unpledged delegation from New Hampshire to the Republican national convention next summer.



GOVERNOR BRIDGES



SEN. GEORGE H. MOSES

job," he continued, "and I am going to make a strong bid for it. I will not, however, so as a pledged candidate, but I will give him my wholehearted support if he is a candidate."

pledged to any candidate. New Hampshire will be the first state to hold a Presidential primary next spring.

would Not Pledge Delegation

"Before that time considerable water will go over the dam and the national picture may be vastly changed," Mr. Bridges said. "I am, therefore, in favor of sending from New Hampshire an unpledged delegation."

Governor Bridges said the Republican party's chances of success were dependent upon "the transfer of a constructive program" and selection of the proper candidate for President.

"From the information at my command today, gathered from reports from the entire country," he said, "it appears that a former citizen of New Hampshire, a very prominent figure in our business and civic life, may be a candidate for the Presidency. This nomination for the Presidency is a much needed leadership in the nation and is, at a personal sacrifice, carrying all members of the nation."

"That distinguished gentleman with us today is the person of Colonel Frank Knox, of Illinois, formerly of New Hampshire. Should Colonel Knox eventually become an actual candidate for the Presidency, he is first that New Hampshire will have friendly interest in her former citizen."

I believe he may be one of the better support of New Hampshire delegation.

Borrow Democratic Planks

Colonel Knox in his speech at the 1932 Democratic National



FRANK KNOX

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Prominent At Cleveland



Gov. H. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, left, and former U. S. Senator George H. Moses, also of New Hampshire, applauding a speech at the Republican National Convention.

Granite State Cohorts Won Nomination for Col. Knox; Overcame All Obstacles

Bridges Hailed for Thorough Job in Nominating Publisher

BY ARTHUR DEMOULPIED.
CLEVELAND, O., June 12.—New Hampshire is being given full credit for the nomination of Col. Frank Knox as the vice presidential nomi-

through the country, sent the word to his supporters that he would not run if Colonel Knox was being considered. In fact, he persisted that his strength would go to Knox and that he would nominate the Chicago publisher.

The governor talked with Colonel Knox by telephone and was told that the publisher would not allow his name to be presented to the convention without an endorsement from Governor Landon. The Chicago man was in Cleveland throughout the night but received no word from the Landon forces.

N. H. Delegation Leave For

Bridges Cast State Vote Was Called to 984 Ballots.

movement, although expressed belief that it would fail.

Governor Bridges prepared himself to nominate Knox and the assurance of the Alabama delegation that it would pass in favor of Hampshire.

Forceful and Brief

When the first state delegation was called, the New Hampshire executive was right at the Chairman Snell to nominate one. He did a remarkable first of all he was brief, was forceful, making such a statement that for many adjournment there was answer telephone calls his address.

Reports began to filter through Hampshire groups that nominations would support Mr. members gained confidence began to take the expressed their preference Chicago publisher.

Then came the first the election. U. S. Senator Vandenberg asked to withdraw from the grounds that he effective on the floor

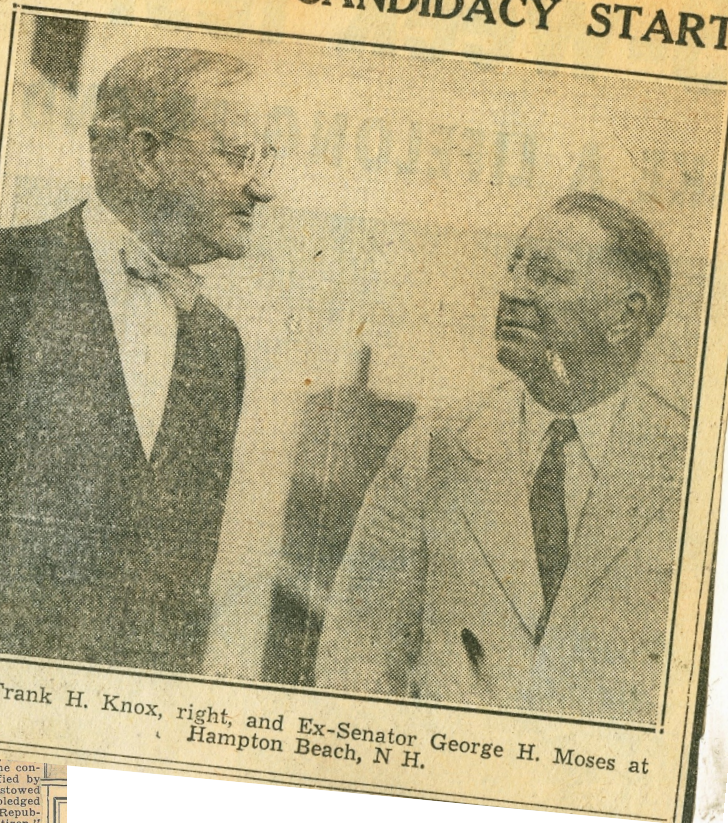
As the Knox vote former Senator Edw. Nice withdrew from the closely followed by New York.

Every candidate the roll call took suit Colonel Knox of the convention.

It was a marked man who took his presidential contest that party harmony more than personal ambition away from the seat of the convention, the Colonel was notified by telephone of the honor bestowed upon him. He had already pledged himself to the support of the Republican ticket as a "private citizen."

He reiterated this pledge as the party's selection of him for vice president. The Colonel was on his way to Chicago at the time, satisfied that he was not to receive the endorsement of the Landon forces.

THIS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY STARTS



Col. Frank H. Knox, right, and Ex-Senator George H. Moses at Hampton Beach, N. H.

Colonel Frank Knox, owner of the Manchester (NH) Union and Chicago Daily News, went to the 1936 Republican Convention in Cleveland seeking the party's nomination for president. New Hampshire Governor Styles Bridges was himself seeking the nomination as a "Favorite Son" candidate, with the backing of National Young Republicans. In the end, it was Knox who came away as the GOP choice for vice president, on the ticket with Kansas Governor Alf Landon. Bridges was credited with stepping aside and using his considerable influence with the youth delegates to boost Knox for the second spot once Landon became the nominee.

BRIDGES ALONE WON KNOX SECOND PLACE ON TICKET

New Hampshire Governor Found 'Door Open,' Acted Without Authority, He Says Here

The man of the hour in the selection of Col Frank Knox for second place on the Republican ticket was Gov H. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, who coolly and courageously threw away his own chance for the convention's choice and chose Col Knox on the spur of the moment when he learned to his surprise that Vandenberg did not have the nomination sewed up.

By JOHN D. MERRILL

Gov H. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire placed Col Knox in nomination for the Vice Presidency and made an excellent impression on the convention.

There were times during the session of the convention when it looked as though Gov Bridges himself might be nominated for second place on the national ticket. He is one of the few Republican Governors in the country and for many months he has taken such an active and prominent part in the Young Republican movement that he was looked on here as the favorite of the new Republican voters.

Gov Bridges Considered

He has a most agreeable personality and manners which commend him to all who come in contact with him. Only yesterday when the Landon leaders were disposed to turn their influence in the convention in favor of some one candidate for the Vice Presidency and let that fact become known to the delegates, Gov Bridges was one of four whom the Landon people selected for final consideration. When it became clear, however, that Col Knox would accept that nomination, Gov Bridges joined in the movement in the latter's behalf.

Gov Bridges, however, still has a chance to go to Washington soon, as he is a candidate for the United States Senate and his opponents in the primary will be Senator Henry W. Keyes of Haverhill, who is a candidate for a fourth term, and presumably Ex-Senator George H. Moses of Concord, who was one of the managers of Col Knox's campaign for the Presidential nomination. Gov Bridges may fail to win the Republican nomination for the Senate, or, if nominated, may be beaten in the November election, but most observers think he has a better chance of being nominated and elected to that body than he would have had for election if he had been picked as Gov Landon's running mate.

KNOX NAMED BY BRIDGES ON SPUR OF MOMENT

Convention Catches Spirit of Occasion and Gives Support

By HENRY E. FARNHAM

New York Young Republicans were particularly insistent that Governor Bridges should run as a vice-presidential candidate. They have met the young executive before and are highly pleased with his ability and his constructive thought. The group stood ready to provide the fireworks if Bridges received the nod from the Kansas presidential aspirant.

Nobody knew when Gov Bridges reached the platform that he was going to place Knox in nomination—not even Bridges himself, he told a Globe reporter yesterday. He had been warned not to place Knox' name in nomination by the chairman of the Illinois delegation who said that he would tell the convention that Knox had not given his

authorization. The convention was plastered with banners announcing Landon and Vandenberg. Choice of Vandenberg appeared to have already been decided.

Vice Presidency Open

"What's the story on the Vice Presidency?" Bridges asked John Hamilton, who was running the Republican show when he reached the platform.

"The door's wide open," Bridges says Hamilton told him, and the answer was disconcerting, because Bridges, like most delegates, thought that it was in the bag for Vandenberg.

If the friends of Bridges, had known this an hour earlier, the outcome of the Cleveland convention might have been different. The Young Republicans were with Bridges to a man. He had entire delegations pledged to him and large blocks of other delegates, but it was too late now to do any last minute campaigning for himself.

The door was wide open, he was told. He could not walk through, but he could usher Col Knox through it, and did. On the spur of the moment, he reached into his pocket, took out the notes on the speech with which he was to have seconded Knox' nomination for the Presidency, and transposed to into a speech nominating Knox for the Vice Presidency. Chairman Fletcher said afterwards it was the fastest piece of work he had ever seen in his experience.

Knox swept the convention and didn't know it. He had left Cleveland, a bit disappointed. Denied first place on the ticket, he would have been pleased to have second place, but it wasn't offered to him. He was motoring through Indiana and was told of his nomination by an attendant at a filling station where he stopped.

Nomination Is Dramatic

The nomination of Knox was dramatic, unexpected, and the choice of a New England Governor on the platform, quick witted enough to take advantage of a sudden situation, became the choice of the convention and a candidate for the second most important post within the gift of the convention.

"It was very clearly evident," said Gov Bridges yesterday at the Hotel Statler where he stopped to rest, "that the Landon forces had control of the convention from the beginning. When Knox, Vandenberg, Taft and Dickinson all withdrew and made possible the unanimous choice of Landon by acclamation, attention then centered upon the Vice Presidency. I went to the convention not as a candidate, but when I got there it developed that I had the support of the Young Republican organization all over the United States. In some delegations I had all the votes and in others I had some of the votes. A group of these supporters had opened headquarters for me, just as supporters for other candidates had opened headquarters for them.

"After Steiwer made his nomination address he was considered as a possible candidate, but he was so vulnerable because of his support of certain legislation that he fell into the background. One by one candidates for the Vice Presidency were eliminated until there were but three left, Vandenberg, Knox and Bridges.

Knox Awaited Landon

"I called Col Knox on the telephone and told him that if he was a candidate for Vice President I would apply all of my endeavors and the endeavors of my friends in his support and he told me over the phone that he would not be a candidate for the Vice Presidency unless he had word from Gov Landon or the Landon forces that they wanted him.

"Knox stayed in Cleveland that night, the next day and the next night, but never heard a word from Landon or the Landon forces. He left Cleveland, I suppose, a bit blue and disappointed, and started for Chicago. In the Landon camp, it appeared that they were alternately enthusiastic and then cold toward Knox.

"When we arrived at the convention that day every seat was plastered with posters announcing 'Landon and Vandenberg,' and the word was passed around that Vandenberg had said he would accept the post if he were the first choice of the convention.

"I told all of my friends and supporters then that I was out of the picture and that if the Landon forces wanted Vandenberg they could have him and that we would fall in line. Then there were various discussions about Knox and I went down to the Illinois delegation and talked with Ed Hayes, formerly commander of the American Legion and Knox' national chairman on the delegation. I asked if they were going to put Knox in nomination and was told that there was no use. It was all Vandenberg. I said: 'I'm not quite satisfied with the way it's going and I think that Knox would stand a chance.'

No One Had Authority

"He told me that nobody was authorized to put Knox name in nomination and that it was done he would have to get up on the convention floor and say that it was unauthorized and that Knox was unaware that his name was being placed in nomination; that Illinois would naturally vote for him—but that it was obviously all Vandenberg.

"That was the impression throughout the whole convention. Even Senator Moses, whom I talked with, said it was all over. He said: 'I'm going to the hotel to take a rest. It's all Vandenberg. It's all over.' That was the general impression everywhere.

"When I went up to the platform, I met John Hamilton, who was running the show and I said: 'John, what's the story on the Vice Presidency?'

"I haven't had any official word," said John. 'The door is wide open. I'm going on in just one minute and ask that Kansas be the last state to vote.'

Had to Decide Quickly

"I knew that I had a decision to make and had to make it quickly. I knew that I could not get down on the floor and get organized myself. Besides, everybody was convinced that Vandenberg had it sewed up. The crowd was jammed and milling about the floor. Nothing could be done.

"I saw my chance to slip away and walked over to Chairman Fletcher and told him I would like the names of the chairmen of the Alabama and Arizona delegations. He looked up the names and I sent Thomas Cheeney to the chairman of the Arizona delegation and sent an official policeman to the Alabama

delegation for its chairman and asked them to place Knox in nomination, and when I made that decision, I was the only person in the world who knew that Knox was going to be nominated. Chairman Fletcher said later he never saw anything happen so quickly in his life.

"I had been prepared to second Knox's nomination for the Presidency and I had that speech in my pocket. I pulled it out, looked it over and spoke extemporaneously with the seconding speech for notes and placed the name of Knox in nomination.

Lined Up Votes Himself

"The Illinois crowd still thought it was in the bag for Vandenberg. When the roll call of delegations began, I started through them myself going from delegation to delegation picking up some support here and some there, telling my own supporters that I would like to have them vote for Knox and pretty soon it developed into a landslide. Then

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Incidentally, Gov Bridges of N seems to have emerged from the I convention as the outstanding man o New England.

we got in touch with the other candidates and made it unanimous. We had to use a little pressure in some quarters and others were very gracious about it.

"All this time Col Knox was unaware that his name was placed before the convention. Somebody heard it as a gas station and told him when he stopped there some place in Indiana. When he left Cleveland he thought his chance had come. He would have been happy to know it before he left Cleveland. I think he was a bit blue when he left. And I think he is an excellent choice."

GOV. BRIDGES MADE DECISION IN SPLIT SECOND

Tells Inside Story of Knox Stampede

ENROUTE FROM CLEVELAND, June 13 (AP) — While the New Hampshire delegation neared home today from the Republican National convention, Governor H. Styles Bridges disclosed the split-second decision that resulted in nomination of a vice-presidential candidate believed out of the race.

Grasping a fated moment at the final session of the convention the 38-year old governor who had been considered by the Landon forces as a running mate for the Kansas presidential nominee nominated Colonel Frank Knox for the vice president and saw the move grow into a landslide.

"One minute before I took the rostrum, no one knew but myself," said Bridges, "that I intended to nominate Knox."

He revealed the inner workings of the vice-presidential coup.

"The Landon camp had deliberated throughout the night," he said, "before deciding that Senator Vandenberg of Michigan should receive the Landon accolade."

The word went out that Vandenberg, Knox and Bridges himself stood in that order of preference. From Landon lieutenants came the

report that Vandenberg would accept, if drafted.

There was no indication of opposition, Bridges said. Knox had left the city by automobile, considering himself out of the running. But as the session got under way, Vandenberg sent a message read from the floor that under no circumstances would he accept nomination.

Bridges rushed to John Hamilton, Landon's nominator and campaign manager, for an appraisal of the situation.

"In about one minute I'll say the door is wide open," he quoted Hamilton as saying.

Fired by the possibility confronting him, Bridges hastened to arrange that Alabama or Arizona yield to New Hampshire on the roll-call for nominations before Vandenberg's name could be placed in nomination.

"What do you hear about the Vice Presidency?" the reporter asked.

"Nothing coherent," said Mr. Gloom. "I hear that an endeavor was made to get the Landon people to support Mr. Bridges of New Hampshire, but it was feared that the Democrats might have something to say about Landon-Bridges falling down."

The banquet was served by the Ladies' circle of the Congregational church. Mrs. Eustis was chairman. Mrs. Barbara Edwards had charge of the dining room.

*Mr. Irwin, a Laconia businessman, was not a delegate, but attended as an interested Republican activist. He sent the above manuscript, with a note to Governor Bridges, who was running for the US Senate, which said in part: "In order for you to know what happened on that memorable morning, I am enclosing a copy of notes we made on the train coming home at the suggestion of John Meuhling (Knox's partner and Editor). "As for me, it was great. I was a stowaway and did not even belong on the floor, so I really broke the rules to get it started. I would not give up and will not until we make Frank Vice-President and Bridges U.S. Senator..." — *From the Styles Bridges Collection*

New Hampshire Delegation Back from Cleveland



AT NEW HAMPSHIRE HEADQUARTERS IN HOTEL STATLER, CLEVELAND

Front row, left to right, Virgil White of Ossipee, Richard F. Upton of Concord, Harvard Law student; Thomas P. Cheney Jr., National Committeeman Robert Burroughs of Manchester, Maj. Arthur DeMoupled, staff writer of Manchester Union Leader.

Second row, A. B. Jenks of Manchester, Congressman Charles W. Tobey, former Governor Huntley N. Spaulding, Governor H. Styles Bridges, Maj. Francis P. Murphy of Nashua, Attorney General Thomas P. Cheney, Charles D. Barnard of Manchester, Mrs. Lois Lyman Patten of Concord.

Third row, Foster Stearns of Hancock, Ebba M. Janson, city editor of the Laconia Evening Citizen; Maj. Basil Atwood of Barrington, member of the governor's staff; Atty. Robert P. Booth of Manchester, Charles Greenman of Hampton, Atty. Robert W. Upton of Concord, chairman of Republican State committee; Judge William J. Britton of Wolfeboro, former Councilor James C. MacLeod of Littleton, John A. Muchling, Manchester, publisher and partner of Col. Frank Knox, vice presidential nominee; George H. Rolfe of Concord and Sanbornton; Mrs. Nellie Day Parker, retiring national committeewoman; Mrs. Russell Simpson of Cleveland, formerly of Milford, Mrs. Francis P. Murphy.

Back row, Mrs. Frank Luce of Nashua, Chris A. Allen of Manchester, Atty. Conrad Snow, Sheriff George Golbath of Berlin, Ralph Mitchell of Freedom, executive secretary of the Republican State committee; Mayor Charles E. Carroll, Mrs. Esther Toland of Concord, national committeewoman; Senator Charles M. Dale of Portsmouth; C. M. Damon of Fitzwilliam, Frank Luce of Nashua, Mrs. George Currier of Derry.

(Among those absent when the picture was taken were former Senator George H. Moses who was a member of the resolutions committee which wrote the G. O. P. platform and Adj. Gen. Charles W. Howard of Concord who was ill in bed, both delegates, and Capt. Albert S. Baker of the Concord Monitor and Fred Dobens of the Nashua Telegraph).

