

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

WILL H. HAYS
CHAIRMAN

19 West 44th Street
~~XXXX FIFTH AVENUE~~
NEW YORK CITY
April 14, 1920

Hon. R. H. Todd,
San Juan, Porto Rico.

My dear Mr. Todd:

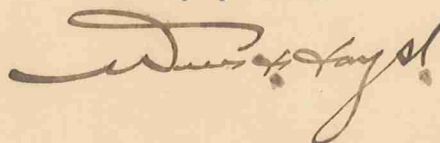
There were several members of the Committee here at the monthly informal meeting Monday, and matters were pretty thoroughly discussed. I am very hopeful that you can be at the meeting in Chicago on May 10th. That will, of course, be the last general meeting previous to the formally called regular meeting to hear contests, etc., immediately preceding the convention.

The matter has come up as to just when the formal pre-convention meeting should be held. It was the general opinion of those here Monday that probably we ought to be in session for two weeks, to give ample time for the hearing of the contests, etc. This was earnestly concurred in by Colonel Warren, who did not get to the meeting but who was here yesterday, and who sat continuously through all of the contests in the 1916 session. I would like to have your ideas in this regard. I think probably it is not necessary for us to determine now just when the formal pre-convention meeting should be held, rather leaving that decision to the time of the informal meeting on May 10th. However, from all the information I can gather it does seem that it would be wise for us to call the formal meeting two weeks ahead, say May 25th, at Chicago, and I think possibly we ought all rather to plan now to that end.

Mr. Hert is writing you today about the convention arrangements, the number of admissions, etc. The folks in charge of the matters have figured out as nearly as possible the exact number of seats of necessary occupation, such as delegates, press, etc., and then divide the balance. On the basis of the rule adopted by the Convention Committee at its March meeting, applied to every state alike, the best that can now be estimated is as he is forwarding to you today. There may possibly yet be some necessary changes because of omissions, etc., but I think it is safe for us all to figure on some such number as he has indicated. Each state's quota is of course in the hands of the Committeeman for distribution.

Hoping to see you in Chicago on the 10th, certainly on the 25th, and with very kindest regards and best wishes always, I am

Sincerely yours,



R. H. T.

The dope about tickets will probably be as follows:

National Committeeman	1
Delegates' seats	2
" extra seats	2
Alternates' seats	2
Spectators' seats	4
Sergeant-at-arms	3
Ushers	2
Doorkeeper	1
Total units of admission	17

As indicated in the letter just written, this is tentative yet, but I think it is figuring out on this basis.

Best wishes.

W. H. T.

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March 30, 1920

Dear Mr. Tod.

I assume there will probably be no very definite shaping of opinion before the May meeting of the Convention Committee as to who would

to but suited for tempo-
rary chairman of the
Committee, but it is a
matter, of course, that
we ought to think about.
It is a big question
and might possibly, and
could have very far-
reaching effect as a
means of real party pro-
mouement, evidence of
party harmony, etc. etc.--
I have absolutely no

suggestions in mind in
connection with the matter,
but I would like to hear
from you as to your own
ideas at some near date.

I am going to be
right here now, or at the
Washington or Chicago
headquarters all the time,
and I would like to hear
from you fully and often
about all phases of the
entire situation.

Things look good, but -

do not want to have
anything for granted.

Whenever there is a chance
for us to get together,
let us do it.

With my kindest
personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours

Wheatstays

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WE HAVE THREE NINETY FOUR ELECTORAL VOTES SURE WITHOUT COUNTING
KENTUCKY OR OKLAHOMA AND I THINK WE WILL GET BOTH OF THESE ~~STOP~~
WE HAVE A MAJORITY OF FOURTEEN IN SENATE WITHOUT COUNTING KENTUCKY
OREGON OR OKLAHOMA AND I THINK WE WILL GET ALL THREE OF THESE ~~STOP~~
IT IS A GREAT VICTORY AND I CONGRATULATE YOU THANKS AND BEST
WISHES ALWAYS

WILL H HAYS

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