

**GUFFEY INCIDENT**  
**VERY SIGNIFICANT**

**Chief Interest of Today's Session  
Centered Around Decision**

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Is a Strong Undercurrent of Sentiment  
That May Eventually Turn

**FOURTEEN STATES JOIN  
GUFFEY IN PROTEST**

Convention Hall, Denver, July 8.—The committee on credentials, having decided to unseat 10 Guffey delegates from Pennsylvania, 14 states, including New York, will join in a protest.

Convention Hall, Denver, July 8, 1 p. m.—The Democratic national convention held a brief session today but will meet again tonight when stirring scenes and highly colored incidents are expected.

The delay was made necessary by the inability of the committee on credentials to have its report ready for the convention before 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The resolutions committee, too, was making slow progress, and it being certain that the delay must come at some time, it was decided that it should

the places today.

The chief interest of the day centered around the action of the credentials committee declaring against Col. James M. Guffey of Pennsylvania and the vigorous preparations made by the skilled and veteran politicians endeavor to organize his forces for a battle in the convention which he was determined to carry to the utmost. In this fight, New York for the first time gave an indication of where its colors will fly in any contest that may develop in company with thirteen other states, signed the minority credentials report. The aggregate voting strength of these states is 576, but that figure is not an exact statement of the votes that Guffey will be able to call to his side, as not all of them are in the committee on rules.

The vote in the committee on credentials on the Pennsylvania contest now 14 states including New York,

tion with Col. Guffy's forces. As the latter are anti-Bryan, the attitude of these 14 states was regarded as showing a significant under-current of sentiment. The 14 states voting with the Guffy forces were:

New York, New Jersey, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, Illinois, Ohio, Minnesota, Georgia, Louisiana, Kentucky, Maryland.

From the 14 states, the congressional committee is being prepared by Atty.-Gen. Straus of Maryland, and is said that the representatives of the 14 states who voted with Guffy will sign the minority report.

**GUFFY'S FORMAL PROTEST.**

Steps were taken to carry the contest to the floor of the convention, and Guffy issued the following formal protest:

"Pennsylvania's delegates came to

at the National Convention, under the leadership of Pennsylvania, and the election being ratified not alone by the commissioners of the district, but by the Pennsylvania State Health Department, Pennsylvania. Not a shadow of complaint was made as to any of these delegates.

The delegation was certified to the national committee by the chairman and secretary of the state central committee. Notice of the delegates in a few districts was given in the national committee. A subcommittee of the national committee was organized to make an absolute clearing given the contestants.

The sub-committee reported unanimously in favor of the certified delegates. The national committee as a body unanimously adopted the report of the sub-committee and this was the first of the rights of Pennsylvania in the preliminary organization of the code. Nothing could question their right to sit and participate in the business of the code. The delegates arrived prior to the meeting of the con-

tion caucused for the purpose of organization, 47 out of a total of 68 delegates attending.

I was made chairman of the delegation and members of the various committees for the convention were elected. I was elected member of the national committee. Notwithstanding all this regularity the temporary affairs of the national convention seemed to permit Pennsylvania's delegates to make a complete break with the convention, or on its committee, thereby disenfranchising the sovereignty of a great state."

**PREPARED TO FIGHT.**

Col. Guffy is prepared not only to contest for the supremacy of his delegates but he is preparing to attack on his own. His campaign pages being fully filled with a full complement of shots to meet the attack with

the force at his command. This thing is a fight, involving as it does a question of principle, is absorbing attention of delegates and is the topic of discussion.

which Senator Snoot is chairman. Senators Albert J. Beveridge, Indiana and Charles A. Culberson, Kansas; Representatives Charles F. Curti, J. R. White, Missouri; Prof. Henry S. Graves, Yale forest school; architect; William Irvine, ex-Gov. of Conn. C. Blanchard, Louisiana; James Pack, New Jersey; Gustav Gustafson, national leader of com. New York; Overton W. Price, post service, secretary.