

ROOSEVELT AT TOP OF VARIED CAREER

Review of Life of Democratic Nominee Shows How He Reached Point

After 22 years of political life, Franklin Delano Roosevelt reached the top rung in the ladder of his political party after touching the steps upon which his illustrious cousin, the late president "T. R." reached the top, says an Associated Press review of the career of the Democratic nominee for president.

Theodore Roosevelt attained the presidency after schooling in the governorship of New York, the post of assistant secretary of the navy and the vice presidency. He was a republican.

Franklin is the nominee for the presidency at the hands of the democrats after eight years as assistant secretary of the navy, an unsuccessful candidacy for the vice presidency, and four years as governor of New York.

The candidate descended from a long line of Dutch patroons, began his political career as a state senator from the rock-ribbed republican county of Dutchess, seat of his country estate. It was 1910 and he was a young lawyer with the ink of his diplomas from Harvard and Columbia scarcely dry on the parchment.

Surprises Friends

John E. Mack, who nominated him for the presidency in Chicago, induced Franklin to seek that state senate post, and nominated him at a senatorial district convention. The tall, robust son of James Roosevelt, wealthy farmer and railroad man, conducted a campaign in a new contrivance of the day, the automobile. He rattled through the countryside, buttonholing farmers over barbed wire fences and talking to cross-road gatherings at nights. He won, to the surprise of his neighbors and the amazed republicans.

In Albany he quickly gained attention by leading a fight on William F. "Blue Eyed Billy" Sheehan, who was Tammany Hall's candidate for the United States senatorship. Sheehan, was particularly adept at raising and distributing money for campaign purposes. Roosevelt disapproved of his tactics. Gathering a group around him he deadlocked the election. Sheehan was shelved.

Roosevelt, enthused by the doctrines of Woodrow Wilson, enlisted in his cause and was an active worker for his presidential nomination at Baltimore in 1912. Josephus Daniels, the North Carolina publisher, liked the energetic young New Yorker and upon the party victory took him into the navy department.

Was for Smith

Roosevelt at the 1920 convention in San Francisco seconded the presidential nomination of Alfred E. Smith. Thus began the political alliance that endured until early this year when Smith went into the lists against Roosevelt for the presidential nomination. In 1924 Roosevelt nominated Smith for the presidency, and directed his candidacy against William Gibbs McAdoo, who handled the proceedings here that nominated Roosevelt. Again in 1928 Roosevelt nominated Smith and during the campaign spoke in his behalf.

Infantile paralysis attacked Roosevelt in 1921 and left him unable to walk without assistance. For seven years he fought the ravages of the disease. In 1928 he listened to the entreaties of Smith, John J. Raskob, the democratic chairman, and Herbert H. Lehman, now the lieutenant governor, and ran for governor. "Al" was beaten but "Frank" was victorious. From that time on he was a potential candidate for the presidency.

Theodore Roosevelt was his fifth cousin. Franklin married Alla Elea-

nor, the only daughter of Theodore's brother. She is his own sixth cousin. They have five children, Mrs. Curtis Dall, James, Elliott, Franklin, Jr., and John. Mrs. Dall, James and Franklin, Jr., attended the convention with his parents. There are several grandchildren.

Roosevelt is 50 now. He is tall, weighs about 190 pounds, and has the long nose and broad smile of the Roosevelts. His eyes are gray and deep set. He is an animated conversationalist. He still wears

braces on his legs to steady muscles handicapped by infantile paralysis, but can discard them if he so desires. He walks with the aid of a cane.

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