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CONFIDENT AND ENTHUSIASTIC

Ontario Liberals Will Enter Fede al Election Campaign Determined to Win.

Toronto, Sept. 10.—Confidence in the strength of Liberalism, coupled with a determination to leave no stone unturned to secure a victory for the cause in the coming elections, was the dominant note at the fourth annual meeting of the General Reform Association of Ontario, held in the Temple building today.

"We enter the approaching Federal election contest with confidence and enthusiasm," was the inspiring declaration of President Mowat at the outset of the proceedings, and the same spirit of healthy optimism was reflected in an encouraging message from the minister of railways, who, unfortunately, was unable, through indisposition, to take part in the meeting, and in all the speeches that were delivered in the course of a three hours' session.

"The outlook is most encouraging," wrote Hon. Mr. Graham, "and every indication points to an increase rather than a decrease in the strength of Liberalism. Let every man do his duty, and victory is assured." These and similar sentiments expressed evoked a response which demonstrated beyond doubt that Liberals of Ontario have been roused to a sense of their power, and that the contest which they have entered upon will be waged with the utmost vigor and enthusiasm.

Not only was the attendance the largest that has taken part in any meeting of the association, over one hundred delegates being present, but it was the most representative, those present including over a dozen members of the Dominion parliament, several senators, a number of members of the Ontario Legislature and candidates, besides office-bearers in the various local associations.

Steamship Manager Dead.

San Francisco, Sept. 8—D Stubbs, general manager of the tal and Oriental Steamship Comp its organization, brother of J. C. traffic director of the Harriman l and of Dr. J. E. Stubbs, President Nevada State University, is dea here after a short illness d attack of pneumonia.

For Governor of Connecticut.

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 9 gressman Lilley was this m nominated for governor by th publican state convention by a vote of 492. Lake received 133, and Woodruff 42 votes. There were 577 votes in the convention.

Paymaster Robbed in Russia.

Kharkov, Russia, Sept. 9—A band of highwaymen today attacked and robbed a railroad paymaster of the amount of the monthly pay-roll while he was proceedings from the bank to the railroad station. Police and soldier were rushed to the scene and opened fire on the robbers, who began to retire, at the same time returning the fire. Three men, including one of the robbers, were killed. The others got away.

Another Experimental Farm.

Vancouver, B.C., Sept. 9—Dr. Saunders, director of the government experimental farms, has just concluded a tour of Vancouver Island with the object of selecting a site for an experimental farm

Serious Bush Fires.

Sherbrooke, Que., Sept. 10—Bush fires near St. Elie d'Oxford caused several thousand dollars loss. Fletcher's mills were destroyed there.

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FIVE CHILDREN SUFFOCATED.

In Fire in New Brighton Farm House —Neighbors Save Furniture.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 9—Five children of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Burdett, living on a farm near New Brighton, outside the city limits, were suffocated in a fire that attacked their home at a late hour last night. The parents were away on a visit at the time and neighbors, under the impression that the children were also absent, devoted their attention to rescuing the furniture. While the neighbors were busy hauling furniture out from the home the parents returned and not until then did the neighbors know that the children were inside. The father and mother rushed with the children out of the house only to find that life in the five little bodies was extinct. The ages of the children ranked from 5 to 12.

Suicided by Drinking Ink.

Vancouver, B.C., Sept. 9—A young rancher named Quinn, committed suicide at Kamloops by drinking a bottle of ink and swallowing camphor. He was despondent from loneliness on his ranch.

PASSENGERS DELAYED TWO DAYS BY TIE-UP

On the C.P.R. As a Result of the Burning of a Bridge at Winston, Near Schreiber — Forest Fires Raging in Vicinity of Port Arthur and Fort William.

Port Arthur, Ont., Sept. 9.—None of the passengers held up here by the latest tie-up on the C.P.R. will be able to get out to the east before tomorrow afternoon, when the steamer Huronic sails. It was a most inopportune time for such an accident, as it is the only day of the week upon which no boats depart for the lower lake ports. A load of bridge timber was taken down to the burned bridge today. It will be quite as big a job to make the repairs as at Hemlo, and it will be at least two days before traffic can again be resumed.

Burned Bridge at Winston.

The bridge burned today was at nston siding, a short distance this e of Schreiber. It was discovered on, at six a.m. the first section of 96 ran into it before it could be oped. The engine and two cars t over. Engineer Nice, Schreiber, Engineer Smith, Fort William, was with him as pilot, were the d, the former severely and the r slightly. The fireman escaped. as are being held until late to- t or to-morrow.

Forest Fires Threaten City.

Forest fires are threatening houses on the outskirts of the city in different directions and called out the whole of the fire brigade in two detachments this afternoon. They succeeded in blocking the avenues of danger but before they could return a serious conflagration threatened within the city, when fire started in the Commercial Hotel. A call was sent to the departments to return, but the Commercial blaze was extinguished with the chemical engines. A big fire can be seen tonight burning on Thunder Cape, eighteen miles distant. It threatens the famous deserted village of Silver Isle, which has been a summer resort since the suspension of mining operations there a quarter of a century ago. There is no one there now to fight the flames except Captain Cross, caretaker of the mine, and his family.

Within Two Miles of Fort William.

Fort William Ont., September 9.—Heavy bush fires which have been burning in the timber limits west of the city for the last week crept up within two miles of the city limits but it is not expected that there will be any danger as the fire is on the other side of the river. Last night the ashes from the fire were falling all over the city like a miniature snow storm.

FEDERAL ELECTIONS NOV. 3.

Unofficial Announcement Gives This as Date—Gibson Governor of Ontario.

Ottawa, Sept. 9—It is positively asserted here today that the government has definitely decided on Tuesday, November 3rd, as the date of the general elections. A well informed politician who makes this statement adds that a formal announcement will be made before Sir Wilfrid Laurier leaves on his Ontario tour, unless the premier should decide to make it himself at a meeting at Niagara on Sept. 15th.

At a meeting of the cabinet council today a formal order in council was put through appointing Lieut. Col. Gibson, of Hamilton, governor of Ontario.

CALGARY CITY COMMISSION.

Four Men Nominated for Two Positions To Be Filled.

Calgary, Sept. 9—Only four names were put in at the nomination for civic commissioners today. Two are to be elected who will act with the mayor as commissioners. The nominations are: Aldermen A. G. Graves, W. H. Manarly, J. Cardell of the C.P.R. and S. J. Clarke, ex-alderman.

Surrenders Crown Domains.

London, Sept. 9—A Daily News special from Constantinople says that the sultan has announced his intention of surrendering the crown domains to the treasury. The revenues from this are about two million yearly. It will serve as a guarantee for the treasury and another loan from payments of debts and the civil list, amounting to ten millions.

HEAVY PROPERTY LOSS FROM FIRES

Raging in the Vicinity of Port Arthur—Lumber Camps Destroyed

Port Arthur, Ont., Sept. 10.—The forest fires which have been burning in various sections for several days are now beginning to cause property loss. The tie camp owned by Geo. Mooring, on Pigeon river, was destroyed yesterday with a complete outfit at a loss of $5,000. One camp owned by the Pigeon River Lumber Company, and located on Arrow river, was totally destroyed, while another owned by the same company, was partially destroyed at a loss of about $10,000. The equipment was included in the loss in both cases.

Four men were left to take care of the Pigeon River Company's camps but were unable to block the progress of the flames and saved only the horses. The Thunder Bay Contracting Co. has sent a fire tug with a hose out to protect its camps. The fire on Thunder Cape is still burning and the Silver Islet buildings are believed from here to be in great danger. The city is shrouded in smoke.

No. 96 the C.P.R. train which ran into the burning bridge near Schreiber yesterday morning is returning today with some of the baggage and passengers from the other side o fthe bridge. Passengers for the east who had left Winnipeg before the accident were placed on board the Northern Navigation steamer Huronic this noon for the Soo where they will take the C.P.R. to continue their trip. No word has been received here yet as to when the burned bridge may be expected to be in commission again, but it is expected a two or three days' tie-up will be unavoidable.

FRANCE IS OUTSPOKEN.

In Condemnation of Germany's Attitude in Morocco.

Paris, Sept. 10.—Le Temps in an outspoken editorial, declares that the only explanation of Mulai Hafid's delay in responding to his proclamation as sultan at Tangier, August 23, is that he is awaiting counsel of Germany. Le Tempss repudiates the German semi-official statement that the mission of Dr. Vassel, German consul, who reached Fez yesterday, is non-political. Le Temps says that when Dr. Vassel departed for Fez, it had authoritative information that the principal object of his journey was to warn Mulai Hafid against El Menebhi, former minister of war, because the latter had visited the French and Spanish legations at Tangiers.

A REBUFF FOR McBRIDE.

Geo. H. Cowan is the Nominee of Conservatives in Vancouver.

Vancouver, B.C., Sept. 9—George H. Cowan was nominated by the Conservative convention on the first ballot here today. Cowan has been city solicitor for two years. He is regarded as a sort of a compromise candidate between the Tupper faction and that of the supporters of the provincial Conservative administration. For the latter Cowan's nomination cannot be regarded as a victory, as Wm. Tisdall was distinctly the man selected by the representatives of the McBride party in Vancouver.

The name of Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper was placed in nomination, but as he had not complied with the rules regarding acceptance in writing, his name was withdrawn.

HISGEN FLAYS OLD PARTIES.

Independence Party's Presidential Candidate is Aggressive.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 10—Before an enthusiastic audience that packed the Oddfellows' hall in this city tonight, Thomas L. Hisgen, independence party candidate for president, received an ovation which lasted several minutes as he proceeded with his address, in which he flayed the two old parties. He set forth in vivid language the principles of the new party and was cheered and cheered again. The rally was the first the new party held in this city. The audience was representative of the citizenship of Norfolk.

Runaway Caused Automobilist's Death

San Francisco, Sept. 10—Philip N. Lilienthal, president of the Anglo-Californian bank, lost his life yesterday afternoon while automobiling on Mission street near the intersection of Richmond avenue, when a horse frightened by the automobile swerved toward the machine and the shaft struck the occupant, throwing him into the road, causing injuries which resulted in his death a short time afterwards.

Barnard to Oppose Templeman.

Victoria, Sept. 9—G. H. Barnard was tonight nominated by the Conservatives. He received 423 votes as against J. L. Beckwith's 121, the only other name placed in nomination.

Will Re-Nominate Present Members.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 10—Official returns of seventy-five out of ninety counties in Nebraska indicate that all the present representatives in congress will be renominated.

Planks of Political Platforms.

Jefferson City, Sept. 10—Both the Republican and the Democratic party platforms favor an enforcement of the local option and liquor laws and denounce election frauds and favor a Lakes to the Gulf deep water way.

NOMINATIONS IN RENFREW.

Resolutions Passed Endorsing Federal and Local Governments.

Arnprior, Sept. 10—The South Renfrew Liberals at a convention here today nominated Thomas A. Low, a lumberman of Renfrew, as their candidate for the Federal house. To the surprise of many the convention turned down A. A. Wright, M.P. who has been the Federal member for this riding for eight years. The vote stood, Low 72, Wright 36. Out of the 116 delegates in attendance at the convention 108 were entitled to credential tickets. The usual endorsations of the Laurier government and of Leader MacKak's provincial administration were passed, the resolution declaring that Premier Laurier should be returned to complete the construction of the National Transcontinental railway. Dr. McCormick, Renfrew, and F. E. Thompson, barrister, Arnprior, were nominated, but withdrew.

In North Renfrew.

Ottawa, Sept. 10—At a Liberal convention for North Renfrew, held at Pembroke, Henry Barr was nominated to oppose Gerald White, M.P., at the Federal elections. He received 65 votes on the first ballot as against 28 for Moffett, and 22 for O'Meara, his opponents. The nomination was made unanimous.

POLICE DISPERSE HOSTILE STRIKERS

Who Attempt Demonstration Against C.P.R. Strike Breakers at Angus Shops in Montreal—Bell Hardy Says English Mechanics Were Brought in Under False Pretences.

Montreal, Sept. 9.—Another hostile demonstration by strikers against the returning workmen from the Angus shops was attempted this afternoon, but was again prevented by the energetic action of the police. It had been rumored that the C. P. R. strikers were planning a demonstration, and the laborers' special leaving the works was supplied with plenty of police. As soon as it cleared from the shops a crowd of about a hundred strikers gathered around the train. The crew at once stopped the engine and fifty police with drawn clubs got off. The crowd at once broke for the nearest streets and were chased a quarter of a mile by the police, who had no chance to make a show, so anxious were the strikers to get away.

Secured By Misrepresentation.

Mr. Bell Hardy, chairman of the strikers' committee this evening, issued a statement to the effect that the majority of the mechanics recently brought from Great Britain by the C. P. R. had been brought out under false pretences, not having been informed that a strike was on. He further stated that nine or ten had left the shops and were being cared for by the strikers while eighteen blacksmiths were still at the shops, but had refused to work as strikebreakers. He produced affidavits signed by five of the strikebreakers to this effect. Mr. Hardy stated the unions were taking steps to lay the matter before the labor bureau and were also securing legal advice as to what steps should be taken to enforce the law. When shown these statements the officials of the C.P.R. refused to say anything, declaring that they were mere strikers' entaries such as they have been circulating for a long time. As to the British mechanics, it was declared that the majority were working well and the fact of a few breaking away signified nothing, since there were thousands more in England eager for a chance to get steady employment.

Strikers Stand Firm.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 9.—It is unlikely that any of the English mechanics who were imported by the C. P. R. and who arrived in Montreal yesterday will be sent to work here. Local officials say that they have all the mechanics they want. The strikers are taking matters quietly and the day patrol of special detectives throughout the company's yards has been called off. Not one of the men who went out at the beginning of the trouble has applied for his old position.

HONOR FOR CANADIAN.

Dr. Rutherford Elected President of American Veterinary Association.

Ottawa, Sept. 10—Dr. J. Rutherford, veterinary director general and live stock commissioner for the Dominion department of agriculture, has been elected president of the American Veterinary association, now in convention in Philadelphia. This is the largest and most influential body of its kind in the world and it is the first time a Canadian has been elected to the presidency of it.

Want to Purchase Ottawa Church.

Ottawa, Sept. 10—The C. Ross company, of Ottawa, has offered $115,000 for the Dominion Methodist church, which is situated at the back of their premises. The offer is under consideration. The congregation has been located there for half a century though the present building is more modern.

Wreck of the Halifax Express.

Moncton, N.B., Sept. 7—Number 2 express from Halifax was wrecked a few miles west from here this morning by colliding with a work train. Several cars were badly wrecked. The loss will be several thousand dollars. Passengers were shaken up but not seriously injured.

INVOKE AID OF OBSOLETE LAW

Protestants Threaten Bloodshed if Catholic Procession is Held in London.

London, Sept. 10.—Peculiar complications are faced by the government and the city authorities as a result of the formal request made to King Edward by a number of Protestant societies asking that the Roman Catholic procession on Sunday be forbidden. It was claimed by the Protestant societies, which already had protested to the King against the proposed reception of Cardinal Vannutelli, that the procession might result in riot and bloodshed. The over-zealous officiousness of the Protestant societies is deplored by the large majority of the public and newspapers as needlessly involving the home office in a dilemma.

Is Law Not Obsolete?

It comes as a surprise to most people that the suggested Roman Catholic procession is against the letter of the law which emancipated the Catholics in 1829. If not obsolete, this section of the law has fallen into the background, and but for the action of the Protestant societies no objection would have been taken to the procession, especially as it will be held in Catholic quarters of London.

The King has formally acknowledged the receipt of the request which the Protestant societies sent to him asking him to instruct the home office to forbid the procession, and Herbert J. Gladstone, secretary of state for the home office, is now faced by the disagreeable alternative of either refusing to allow the parade to take place, or issuing orders to the police to protect the processionists, which, under the circumstances as set forth by the Protestant societies, would be tantamount to committing a further breach of the law.

The Eucharist conference will open formally to-day, but the reception by the prelates of the Pope's legate at Westminster cathedral last night brought all the delegates and visiting clergy together.

Delegates Are Hissed.

London, Sept. 9.—Every Catholic church in London was crowded this morning at the services preliminary to the opening of the nineteenth annual international Eucharist congress the first ever held in a Protestant country. Of nine cardinals in attendance Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore, is the most prominent, with the exception of Cardinal Vannutelli, Papal Delegate and president of the congress. It is reported to-day that the latter contemplates a visit to America soon. Cardinal Gibbons is a guest of the Duke of Norfolk.

The anti-Catholic feeling engendered by a protest of the Protestant alliance is manifesting itself on every hand. Whenever any church dignitaries appear on the streets there are hisses and hooting from Protestant radicals. The authorities are apprehensive lest the feeling develop into a demonstration that will forever disgrace the Empire and heavy police guards have been ordered for every outdoor feature of the congress. A feature of the week will be Saturday's procession of 14,000 children from London and provincial Roman Catholic schools. Intense interest is manifested in the Byzantine liturgy to be celebrated at the cathedral, which is sanctioned by the Holy See and still in use in Asia Minor, Bulgaria and Macedonia. It has never been exemplified in the West.

DAVIS PLACED UNDER ARREST.

The Man Who Shot Dr. Rustin Is In Custody—Omaha Death Compact.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 10.—Charles Edward Davis was late this afternoon placed under arrest in connection with the Rustin murder mystery. This is the first arrest that has been made although more than a week has elapsed since Rustin was found by his wife sitting in the chair in his porch dying from a bullet wound. The revolver from which the fatal shot was fired has not been recovered. Davis is the famous "other man," with whom Mrs. Rice testified Rustin had a compact to give him enough poison to kill himself and in return the other man was to shoot and kill Rustin before taking the poison. He was released on $5,000 bail, furnished by his brother, vice-president of the Merchants National Bank of Omaha. The coroner's jury believed that Davis knew more of Rustin's death than he was willing to tell.

Indications to-day are that Rustin died a useless death, as most of the insurance policies, to secure the money for which he died, have lapsed and are no longer in force. Only one day before he died one policy of $1,000 lapsed because of non-payment dues. Rustin had told the insurance agent to call at his office on the following day, and he would make a reinstatement application. This came too late. A number of other policies have lapsed in the same way. One policy of $22,000 is in force, but beyond this those in charge of his affairs have been unable to discover any insurance which will be paid to the widow.

The belief among Omaha medical men is that Rustin and Davis were both crazed by the use of morphine and other drugs, and that each was a suicidal maniac, or rather that while Davis was crazed with suicidal mania Rustin was crazy upon the subject of having himself killed by some one.

SMALLPOX IN SASKATCHEWAN.

Quarantine for Disease in Halbrite and Also in Maple Creek.

Regina, Sask., Sept. 10—Smallpox quarantine has been declared in two different districts of the province. At Halbrite in the south end, there are thirteen cases of the disease under quarantine and at Maple Creek there is also quarantine enforced, the parties affected with the disease there being in destitute circumstances and depending upon the government for sustenance. The government is undertaking to provide vaccine and doctors, and will pay cost of same in cases where patients are unable to do so. Dr. Seymour, provincial health officer, has issued a warning statement that smallpov is a preventable disease and can absolutely be prevented by successful vaccination.

A Coal Discovery.

Victoria, B.C., Sept. 10.—A coal discovery is reported near the Bamfield Cable station. The outcroppings were found on the surface. Quite a rush is reported from West Coast points to the discovery.

WETASKIWIN MURDER MYSTERY UNSOLVED

Coroner's Jury Brings in Verdict of Death at the Hands of an Unknown Party—Mounted Police Are Working on the Case—Suicide Theory Has Been Exploded.

Wetaskiwin, Sept. 10.—The people of Wetaskiwin are greatly agitated over what appears to have been a shocking murder which occurred here on Monday just as the morning train from Strathcona was pulling out about 9.30 o'clock. The mystery is no nearer solution, as the result of the coroner's inquest, which brought in a verdict of death at the hands of some unknown party.

The family named Duce, of which the murdered boy was a member, live in a shack to the south of the city on the Weller property.

According to the story told, all the family except three children, Billy aged 17, and two others, were away from home on the holiday, and these three were playing outside. Billy, in the course of time, ran to the house for something and others ran to the window, and the twelve year old boy peeped in and saw his brother lying prostrate on the floor, and a man standing with his back to the window looking at a revolver. They were very much frightened and ran quite a distance away, and soon saw a man emerging from the house and disappearing into the brush nearby.

It is a fact that there was $500 in the house hidden in a trunk, but the money was apparently untouched. The children gave the alarm, and the neighbors went to the house to make an investigation. The boy was shot through the temple and only lived about half an hour. The case was soon reported to the authorities and investigations are being made. An inquest was held, conducted by the coroner, Dr. Robertson. The doctor has declared that the supposition that the boy shot himself is quite unfounded as the bullet went in too straight to have been self-inflicted. The boy had a gun—32 calibre—which he had loaded some time before, filling the four chambers. He went shooting only discharging two, and then put his revolver on a shelf. It was found just as he had left it, so the supposition that it was a case of suicide has been abandoned.

Nothing definite was decided at the inquest. Sergeant Phillips and several other officers are busy working on the case, and it is believed that in a few days at the outside the mystery will be cleared and the culprit brought to justice.

Chinese Crusade Against Opium.

Pekin, Sept. 1.—The Chinese government has taken the first action under the regulations inflicting punishment for the sale of opium. To-day the government sentenced a morphine seller of Pekin to banishment for ten years for dealing in the drug. The limit of three months allowed for the Metropolitan officials to record the fact that they had ceased using opium, has passed without a single man coming forward to sign the pledge.

Detroit Confectionar Killed by Burglars.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 9—Daniel Walser, confectioner at 765 Woodward avenue, was fatally shot by burglars late last night at his store. Neighbors heard the shots, saw two men run away and afterwards found Walser lying unconscious on the sidewalk in front of his open door. Walser had been sleeping alone in a living room at the rear of the store, and a broken showcase and other damage gave evidence of a terrific struggle. Walser died on the way to Harper Hospital. He was shot once through the chest and once in the shoulder.

Becomes Out and Out Tory.

Vancouver, B.C., Sept. 9—The World newspaper, until recently the Liberal organ in this city, came out today flat-footed in favor of the election of Geo. Cowan, one of the candidates before the Conservative convention tonight.

Plague Spreading in Russia.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 10—Asiatic cholera has spread far eastward. Siberia and Irkutsk have been officially included in the cholera zone. The plague appears to have reached its climax in the Volga region.

ARE FIGHTING FOR THEIR EXISTENCE

Virginia and Eveleth, Minn., Threatened by Forest Fires—Village of Marble is Saved.

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 10—Virginia and Eveleth are now threatened by forest fires and the citizens of both places spent yesterday fighting to save their homes and property, if not their lives. The wind, which, during the earlier hours of the day, sent the flames roaring towards Nashwauk and Buhl, turned about noon and at 6 o'clock last night the fires were within half a mile of Eveleth and threatened to consume the city. Yesterday's features of the great battle of a number of the Messaba range towns against the encroachments of the forest fires, was the fight of the people of the new town of Marble, on the Alborn branch of the Duluth, Messaba and Northern railway, put up.

It is a village of 600 inhabitants and the town is surrounded with timber and underbrush and when the wall of flames burst through the woods from the southeast the town was right in the track of the devouring element. Had the village been taken unawares the place would now be a heap of ashes, but the destruction of Chisholm has put every range town on its guard and fire fighting apparatus is kept constantly on hand. The people of Marble had considered themselves outside of the fire scene on the range, but new fires are springing up here and there all the time and yesterday it was Marble's turn to fight for existence. Of the population of Marble there are about 400 men and 200 women and children.

When it was seen that the fire was sure to sweep the town away unless checked in some manner, an alarm was sent out to the headquarters of the Duluth, Messaba and Northern road. Several engines and a string of box cars were sent to the village at once. The engines were for the purpose of helping to fight the fire and the cars were to bring the people away if they had to flee. The men of the community all turned out to fight. The schools were dismissed and the danger was passed before six o'clock.

One hundred and fifty thousand ties owned by the Detroit Tie company, were burned near Susie Island, on the north shore of Lake Superior, Grand Marais is still on the map and the chances are the fight to save the city will be successful.

Welcome Rain Fell.

Hibbing, Minn., Sept. 10—Last night rain in sufficient quantities to halt the spread of the forest fires fell at certain points on the Messaba range. At Eveleth, while the city is not in immediate danger the fires are apt to rekindle and sweep the town, the same as was done at Virginia.

GOVERNOR HASKELL DEFENDS OCTOPUS

Oklahoma's Governor Declares Standard Oil Company is a Desirable Citizen, and is Entitled to Protection of Laws of State—He Takes Action Against Attorney-General West.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 10.—The Prairie Oil and Gas Company, an adjunct of the Standard Oil Company, has been seeking to extend its pipe line from the state of Kansas through Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana to the Gulf, avoiding Texas, which refused to do business with the Standard Oil Co., and its allies. Attorney-General Charles West, of Oklahoma, is endeavoring to prevent the Prairie Oil and Gas Co. from building the pipe lines, and some weeks ago instituted injunction proceedings to stop the work.

Governor Haskell held a conference immediately with the official of the company and agreed with them that extending their pipe lines through Oklahoma was a good thing and signed a statement declaring the Standard Oil Company was a desirable citizen and entitled to the protection of the laws of the state. He assured the company that the attorney-general had no authority to proceed against it.

Governor Haskell brought a counter restraining order against Attorney General West, and has enjoined him from pressing his suit against the Prairie Oil and Gas Co. Now the attorney-General is preparing to bring suit in the district court to test the constitutionality of the law giving the governor authority in the matter. West declares if he loses his contention in the district court he will appeal to the Federal court, and says he will surely win the point. Both West and Haskell are Democrats, Haskell being the National Democratic campaign treasurer.

The Marine Inquiry.

Montreal, Sept. 9—Messrs. U. P. Boucher and G. P. Merwin, were chief witness a before Judge Cassels in the marine enquiry today. Boucher, who is agent of the marine department, gave lengthy evidence regarding the keeping of accounts and it transpires that the departmental accounts and his own private accounts are pretty much mixed up in one book. Merwin had just taken the stand when the session adjourned.