

TAFT NAMED FOR PRESIDENT SHERMAN IS RUNNING MATE ROOSEVELT IS ROLLED FLAT

With Bigger Majority Than Was Expected
President Was Given Nomination by
Republican Party on First Ballot.

MR. TAFT SECURES 561 VOTES COLONEL SENDS FINAL MESSAGE

Demonstration Started for Roosevelt Peters Out Without Doing
Any Damage—Missouri Delegates Remain Silent
During Taking of Ballot.

Special to The London Advertiser and The Toronto Star By H. F. Gadsby.

Chicago, Ill., June 23.—All Saturday the Taft steam-roller raced with the Sabbath. Once in a while it got snarled up with a challenging delegate or a roll call. Twice it ran over a bun moose that somehow or other got on the track. But taking the run as a whole it made express time and landed William Howard Taft, Republican candidate for President at 9:30 p.m.

TAFT 561.

Two hours after that the steam-roller train crew were belshazzaring at the Congress Hotel. The Taft bosses had counted on 560 votes on the first ballot. They had bettered their guess by one. The record was Taft 561, Roosevelt 107, La Follette 41, Cummings 17. Present but not voting 344, absent 8. It was, therefore, an occasion for feasting.

LOTS OF FUN.

The steam-roller was greatly assisted in making its schedule by the active encouragement of the onlookers, who rubbed their straw hats together to make a puffing noise, shouted "Toot, toot," and "All aboard," at the proper interval, and sang "Merrily, We Roll Along," as the engine of destruction buried the mangled remains of the Roosevelt delegates to one side. Everybody got a lot of grim fun out of it.

PARTY SUICIDE.

The roller had a lovely day for the trip, clear sunny weather, and a moonlight night. It seems sad that nature should have been so gay when the Republican party was committing suicide, the national committee was receiving its death blow, and Col. Theodore Roosevelt was getting butted violently in the rear. But, of course, everybody did not look at it that way, and the joy riding was unconfined.

CLEVER MR. ROOT.

Great credit is due to the driver of the steam-roller, Chairman Root, who is one of the cleverest men in the United States. He is far too clever to be President, so that is why they made him chairman of the national committee. Chairman Root is so clever that the people would no more trust him than the French say, would have trusted Talleyrand to be emperor. Whenever the steam-roller stuck Chairman Root was there with the axle grease. When he thought angry Roosevelt delegates would feel better for saying something he let them say it, even if he had to strain the rules. When the people wanted to stop and hurrah he let them hurrah, sometimes for twenty minutes. Anxious as he was to make time, he never irritated the passengers by crowding them in the middle of a demonstration.

CONCEDED LITTLE POINTS.

Being the engineer of a steam-roller he knew the advantages of letting off steam. He conceded all the little points, but never faltered on the big ones. He never ran the steam-roller into a siding, except to make speed getting back to the main line.

Some five hundred newspaper men took part in the steam-roller excursion, mostly as visitors working to get the story. The star performers were there to be funny six days at a stretch, and succeeding more or less. Plain and fancy reporting was done to the extent of two million words a night, that being the average sent over the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Lines.

BRYAN AS REPORTER.

The reporter who attracted the most attention was William Jennings Bryan, who was doing a stunt for Chicago newspapers. A glorious sight he was sitting there with the press medals of all the conventions at which he had been a candidate displayed on his breast. Well, if he did not have them pinned on he should have had. Bill Bryan was an inspiration to every reporter present, symbolizing as he did the chance a newspaperman has of becoming President, the same chance that Horace Greeley had, and others I could mention. Bill Bryan left in the middle of the afternoon for Baltimore to run the convention there. He regards the meeting at Chicago as a mere overture to the big show at Baltimore, where he has the same kind of a fight on his hands as Roosevelt had here. Personally speaking, I believe that Bill Bryan is a better candidate than he is a reporter. As a Presidential candidate Continued on Page Nine.

BRING A FRIEND TO HEAR ROWELL IN QUEEN'S PARK, DOMINION DAY

West Will Be Well Represented
at the Big Rally,
July 1.

The Dominion Day Rowell meeting committee in its advertisement today offers the suggestion that all Liberals of London write to some friend or friends in Western Ontario and invite them to spend the holiday in London, drawing attention to the announcement of the opening of the midsummer campaign to "Abolish the Bar."

The forthcoming meeting at Queen's Park is attracting the attention of those interested in the subject from as far north as Bruce County, and that evening.

UNKNOWN PARTIES SEEK PRICE ON LONDON STREET RAILWAY

It Is Announced that Certain People Are Seeking for an Option
on Road—Mr. Beck Professes Ignorance—Are Mackenzie
& Mann the Men Behind the Guns?

The Advertiser was informed today that negotiations are now going on in Cleveland, at the head offices of the company, for the purchase of the London Street Railway.

The local directors are aware of the fact that a deal is being negotiated, but they do not know any more.

While the road here is becoming a better proposition year by year, it is known that President Everett is willing to sell provided he gets a fair price.

Hon. Adam Beck was called up over long distance and was asked if he knew who was negotiating for the railway, but he professed to be in ignorance. It is said, however, that certain brokers acting for Mr. Beck are again securing an option, or are endeavoring to do so, in order that a price for the railway may be included in the report which Mr. Beck's engineers are now working upon, and which is said to be complete in everything except in regard to the

price the street railway people will take for the line.

Some time ago Mr. Beck, for the city, had an option on the system at 150, but as this was deemed too high, it was allowed to lapse.

In well informed circles in London it is said that while it has been the opinion of the engineers that the road is only worth par value, owing to the fact that it will come back into the city's hands in 1925 at its physical value only, with no allowance for a franchise, which will then have expired, it is considered by the city and its advisers that London, in order to get the line now, and operate it by Niagara power, could afford to pay 125 for the stock.

Is it Mackenzie & Mann?

Around the city hall there was a disposition to believe that the people who bought the London Electric Company, presumably Mackenzie & Mann, are now the parties who are seeking a price on the London Street Railway.

SWEET MUSIC TO HIS EARS

CONVENTION HALL BALTIMORE



LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE WILL DISCUSS SEVENTH REGIMENT

Departure for Camp on Sunday
Is To Be Investigated
at Once.

As soon as possible the members of the Lord's Day Alliance will meet to discuss the matter of the Seventh Regiment going to Goderich on Sunday, Rev. J. G. Stuart, of Knox Presbyterian Church, South London, is at camp at the present time. He is expected home tomorrow evening, and as soon as he arrives Rev. G. N. Hazen, of the Centennial Methodist Church, will confer with him and they will decide upon whether

a meeting is to be called or not to discuss the matter and pass a resolution.

Rev. G. N. Hazen is the vice-president of the local branch of the alliance. When asked by The Advertiser this afternoon as to what was likely to be done, he said he could say nothing until after he had conferred with the president.

WHITE, GREAT SOLDIER SUCCUMBS TO DEATH

Hero of Afghan War and Was
in Command at
Ladysmith.

[Canadian Press.]
London, June 24.—Field Marshal Sir George Stuart White, governor of Chelsea Hospital, London's home for aged soldiers, and one of the most distinguished soldiers in the British army, died today in his seventy-seventh year.

Sir George White, who was an Irishman, having been born in County Antrim in 1835, passed through a strenuous life as a soldier fighting Britain's battles in all parts of the world. He went through the terrible hardships of the Indian mutiny in 1857 as a young officer, taking part in many engagements with the rebels.

It was during the Afghan War in 1879-80 that he made his fame and won the rare distinction of the Victoria Cross "for valor." At the battle of Charasiah he led two companies of his regiment, the Gordon Highlanders, up a steep mountain to attack the strongly posted Afghan fanatics. When his men halted exhausted, he seized a rifle, advanced alone and shot the Afghan general dead. He accompanied Lord Roberts on his march to Kandahar and in the final charge he rode straight up to the muzzles of the Afghan's cannon, captured one with his own hands, and assured the British victory. He afterwards participated in the Soudanese expedition in 1885 for the relief of General Gordon and the same year in the Burmese war. In 1897 when he was commander-in-chief in Natal he defended Ladysmith against the Boer besiegers for 119 days. After the Boer War he was appointed governor of the fortress of Gibraltar.



MRS. JAMES DUFFIN.
West Nisour Lady, Who Celebrated
Her Ninetieth Birthday Recently.

PLANS UNDER WAY FOR NEW PARTY

Governor Johnson of California
Elected Chairman of Roosevelt's
Organization.

WILL SOUND DEMOCRATS

Judge Lindsey Going to the Baltimore
Convention for the Colonel.

[Canadian Press.]
Chicago, June 24.—Another climax in the victory of President Taft in the Republican convention was expected to come today with the meeting of the new national committee.

It was given out as practically certain that Charles D. Hilles, personal secretary to the President, would be selected as chairman of the committee.

Members of the committee who are allied with Col. Roosevelt, would, it was believed, resign. Mr. Hilles, forecasting that this would be the result, busied himself in the consideration of men of political power in their home states to fill the places of the Roosevelt men.

It was said from Roosevelt quarters that the representatives of the ex-president would probably attend the session and force the Taft men to take action.

The plan discussed by the Roosevelt men was to present and enter a "silent protest" of the same variety as that presented at the convention.

Roosevelt's Plans.
Chicago, June 24.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt planned to leave for Oyster Bay today, where he announced he would seek some rest and then take up the work of further perfecting the non-partisan political body, which he will lead.

Governor Johnson, of California, who has been selected chairman of the new organization, prepared to leave for his home. Governor Johnson was authorized to appoint a committee of seven to draw up a plan for permanent organization, but he announced that his appointments would not be made public for several days.

It is not believed that any member of this committee has been definitely decided upon, as it was the opinion of Colonel Roosevelt that, owing to the multitude of complexities entering into the formation of the new party, several days of close study would be required, it being desired to give Democrats and Republicans a chance to make true progressive representation on the committee.

Judge B. B. Lindsey, of Denver, announced that he would probably go to Baltimore during the Democratic convention to study the situation there and sound Democratic leaders regarding the new party.

It was said early today that the city in which the national convention of the new party will be held might be announced before the departure of Mr. Roosevelt.

IS MANCHESTER HALL TO BE DUPLICATED HERE?

Ald. Wright Had a Look at a
Building That Cost \$7,500,-
000 in England.

A citizen today handed a copy of the Manchester Guardian to Mayor Graham, in which that paper reported that a delegation from London, Ontario, had gone to Manchester, England, to see the city hall there, and after due deliberation the Manchester hall was to be accepted as the model for the new structure to be erected in this city.

As Manchester's city hall cost £1,500,000 sterling, it is not likely that this city will copy it.

It appears that Ald. W. D. I. Wright visited Manchester and had a talk there with civic officials on city hall matters.

HYDE PARK MAN WAS KILLED ON G. T. R. AT COVE BRIDGE

Andrew Ballagh Struck by Locomotive No. 1007, in Charge
of Engineer McAteer—Mangled Remains Found
Shortly After Daylight on Sunday Morning.

Andrew Ballagh, a farm laborer employed by Mr. Dickie, of Hyde Park, was instantly killed by engine No. 1007 in charge of Engineer McAteer and Conductor Whitmore of this city running light to Glenora between the city limits and the Cove Bridge early yesterday morning, his mangled and decapitated remains being discovered by J. Eyre, a sectionman of Hyde Park after daylight.

The body was brought to the undertaker's parlors of Smith, Son & Clark yesterday morning and remained unidentified until today when his brother-in-law, Mr. D. McKennie, of 420 Rectory street, and also Mr. T. Cameron, of the Massey-Harris Company, who was acquainted with him, appeared.

Employed at Hyde Park.
Ballagh, who was about thirty years of age, and who formerly resided with his parents in Teeswater, was employed by Mr. Dickie at Hyde Park, but came into London on Friday to attend the Ringling circus. He remained around the city until late Saturday night, when he started for home.

He had spoken to a number of friends concerning his decision to get into a freight car and ride to Hyde Park, but it is not known whether or not he attempted this.

At about 1 o'clock on Sunday morning engine No. 1007 was sent out light to Glenora to bring in one of the car shops excursion speake which was laid up on the road with a disabled engine, and it was on this trip that the fatality occurred. The crew was not aware of any trouble, but when an examination was made of the locomotive at the round-

house it was found that Ballagh had come to his death beneath the wheels of No. 1007.

Found the Body.
Mr. J. Eyre, a sectionman, in riding a bicycle along the company's right of way toward Hyde Park, noticed something between the eastbound and westbound tracks, and returning found a badly mangled body. He continued on to Hyde Park and wired his information back to the local offices.

Coroner Dr. McLaren went to the scene in a yard engine, and later ordered an inquest. The jury met yesterday afternoon at the morgue, and adjourned to hear the evidence at the police station on Friday evening next.

In the pockets were found a number of papers, a theatre program, and a newspaper, a street railway transfer punched on Friday afternoon on one of the lines passing the circus grounds, and a memorandum book containing the name of Andrew Ballagh, and 4 addresses: N. N. Hewitt, 361 Oxford street; 55 Thornion avenue, 420 Rectory street, and C. E. Bernard's auto show rooms, 347 Dundas street.

His left hand was also bandaged where he had recently suffered some injury.

Remains Identified.
This information attracted the attention of Mrs. McKennie, St. Thomas, a sister of Ballagh's, who telephoned to another sister, Mrs. McKennie, of 420 Rectory street, to investigate. In the meantime Dr. C. C. Ross, of Hyde Park, who had attended to Ballagh's injured hand, and Mr. T. Cameron, an implement agent who had been at the Dickie farm recently, also assisted in the identification.

Ballagh's parents are now dead, but at one time made their residence in Teeswater. His remains will be forwarded to that place for interment.

TWO-YEAR TERM FOR N. A. BLANEY

Convicted of Theft, Prisoner
Put Up a Strong Plea
For Mercy.

GOES TO KINGSTON "PEN"

Magistrate Sends Him to Place Where
Time Will Be Allowed Off For

Norman A. Blaney, who while in the employ of the Grand Trunk in this city in December last, stole a watch from Percy E. Perrin, of the G. T. R. depot ticket office staff, and in cash from Per. Perrin, the crossing watchman at Adelaide street, was this morning sentenced to two years in Kingston Penitentiary by Police Magistrate.

Blaney was undefended, but made a strong appeal to the magistrate for leniency, offering to make restitution, in so far as his earnings would permit. He had a long police record, however, and was not heard.

Another charge of theft laid by a local jeweler from whom he had purchased a watch on the installment plan was dismissed. John A. Nash, of the staff of the jewelry store, had interviewed Blaney while in jail, but before the hearing was laid, and had told him that he might make it easier for himself by giving some information as to what he had done with the watch he purchased. Blaney thereupon explained that he had pawned it in Toronto. Mr. Judd refused to admit this evidence through respect for the rights of the prisoner who was without counsel.

A Bad Record.
Blaney's record was, however, very bad. In 1908 he was then 22 years of age, he was in Toronto on three charges of theft, found guilty, and allowed to go on suspended sentence, in the following year he was again arrested and given 30 days in jail. A year later nine months was made the penalty for a similar offense, and what he served the full time, but in Kingston time is allowed off for good conduct, and the parole system is also applied.

THE WEATHER TOMORROW—DECIDEDLY WARM.

Light winds; fine and decidedly warm today and on Tuesday.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations	High	Low	Weather
LONDON	81.5	46	Cloudy
Calgary	84	58	Clear
Winnipeg	84	64	Fair
Park Asiniboia	84	64	Clear
Perry Sound	78	50	Clear
Toronto	80	52	Cloudy
Montreal	80	52	Cloudy
Ottawa	75	60	Clear
Quebec	80	58	Clear
Thunder Bay	68	52	Cloudy

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer up till 8 o'clock Sunday morning were 75.5 and 44.

Pressure is comparatively low in the Western Provinces, but over the continent generally it is above the normal.

Fine summer weather prevails throughout Canada.



SARNIA FIRE AT ITS HEIGHT.
An Explosion in One of the Big Oil Tanks Jeopardized Property Worth
Several Hundred Thousand Dollars.