

TAFT THE CANDIDATE.

Chosen by Republicans by an Overwhelming Vote.

The Allies Nowhere When the Vote Was Called.

Selection Made Unanimous Amid Great Cheering.

Chicago despatch: At 5 o'clock this afternoon Secretary of War William H. Taft was nominated by the Republican convention for President of the United States by the following vote: Taft 702, Fairbanks 40, Cannon 58, Foraker 16, Lafollette 25, Hughes 67, Roosevelt 3, Knox 68, General Woodford, of New York, as quickly as Senator Lodge, permanent chairman of the convention, announced the ballot, and as quickly as the cheering which greeted Taft's nomination ended, hopped upon his chair and said:

At the request of Governor Hughes, and under the instructions of the united New York delegation, I move that the nomination of William H. Taft for the Presidency now be made unanimous.

Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, and William O. Emery, of Georgia, the colored delegate who seconded the nomination of Foraker, also seconded the nomination of Secretary Taft. The nomination was made unanimous. The convention then adjourned at 11 a. m. Tomorrow, when the candidate for Vice-President will be nominated.

As tired and fretful as most of the delegates were, they wanted to go on and nominate the candidate for Vice-President, so they could start for their homes to-night. But the managers of the convention decreed otherwise.

The distinctive features of the session to-day were two uproarious efforts to stampede the convention for Roosevelt, and the oversight by Governor Hughes' name was not formally presented in nomination.

The storm to stampede the convention for Roosevelt came from the galleries. The 980 delegates sat as if nailed.

Great is Uncle Joe.

Probably no convention hall in the world was hotter than this one when, at 12.45 p. m., Henry Sherman Boutell, of the Ninth District of Illinois, climbed aboard the platform to nominate Uncle Joe, otherwise the Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, Speaker of the House of Representatives, for President. That great audience, numbering to-day nearly 20,000 persons, was in a grand awe.

The hear people enjoyed it, and the fat folks swore under their breath. The average delegate and the average visitor, man or woman, used up handkerchiefs by the score. Little Mr. Boutell, Uncle Joe's glorifier, is small enough to fit in your pocket. He is of the lean kind. In speaking of the capabilities and availabilities of Uncle Joe, Mr. Boutell did not turn a hair. His collar and linen were as matchless as the virtues which he declared Uncle Joe possessed. In Mr. Boutell's glowing words Uncle Joe was almost too good for earth, and yet not quite good enough for heaven.

Boutell mentioned all the renowned Republicans of that party, ending with President Roosevelt. At the mention of the President's name there were wild howls from the galleries, which turned into continuous applause from nearly all parts of the convention. It made the Taft people nervous, so much so that ex-Governor Myron Herrick, of Ohio, sitting at the head of the delegation, ten feet from Mr. Boutell, cried: "Go on, Boutell, go on." And Mr. Boutell resumed his speech, which had been interrupted by the Roosevelt demonstration.

The Nomination of Taft.

Fairbanks and Hughes were successively nominated. Then followed Ohio, the Buckeye State, to bring forward Secretary Taft, and when Molloy called the name of the State there was a burst of cheers that could have been heard a block away. It was spontaneous and voluminous. It was direct, crashing and thunderous.

When Theodore Burton came forward, he had to stand on the platform three and a half minutes before he could begin his speech for Taft. The delegates created the tremendous scene for the War Secretary. The galleries were quiet. The delegates, in their howls and yells, and cries of all kinds, gave the first enthusiastic demonstration for Taft that has been witnessed here.

When Burton ended there was a scene that lasted 24 minutes. Texas floated a standard, to which was tacked a pair of trousers, with a huge girl, with this legend: "As pants the hart for cooling stream, so Texas pants for Taft." The Ohio men were upon their chairs waving flags and a great blue silk banner, labeled "Our Candidate." The hand far down the convention hall began to play, but its tones were like whispers, because of the din. The New Yorkers were all up and cheering for Taft. The galleries remained silent.

Then came a march of the standards. Arkansas led off. Grasping the standard of the State, an Arkansas delegate began the march around the enclosure where the delegates were seated. Missouri followed, and then in quick succession came Oklahoma and North Carolina, and then Governor Herrick, grasping the Ohio standard, joined the parade, and behind him came Virginia, Minnesota, Kansas, Connecticut, Washington, Alabama and Iowa. South Carolina joined in, so did West Virginia, Tennessee, the Philippines, Mississippi, Porto Rico, Idaho, Arizona, Hawaii, Wyoming, Nebraska, Nevada and there was an indescribable medley of shouts, cheers and tumultuous plaudits. As the march of

the standards proceeded, the swelling cries became a rhythmic union of "Taft, Taft, Big Bill Taft." Great bunches of pink peonies were thrust into the arms of the marchers. They waved the standards aloft, and swung the peonies above their heads, and continued to refrain "Taft, Taft, Big Bill Taft."

The band, high up in the loft, began to play Julia Ward Howe's "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," and a great swelling chorus took up the patriotic hymn. Enthusiastic admirers of Taft brought in a picture, a tremendous one, and so big was it that Senator Lodge ordered it to be taken out again. It encumbered the scene. It was grotesque to a certain extent in a scene which, while volcanic, was still brilliant in color.

There were cries of "Sit down, sit down," but it was impossible to end the scene. The band switched to "Marching Through Georgia," and other patriotic airs, and the tumult was even louder. All this went on for 24 minutes.

The tumult dying away from exhaustion, and because of the great strokes of Chairman Lodge, George A. Knight, of California, big voiced, big framed, in one of his spread eagle speeches which have been heard from California to Maine, seconded the nomination of Taft.

Attempted Roosevelt Stampede.

The call of States for nominations over, there was a real effort to stampede for Roosevelt. It was started by John A. Seibert, of Springfield, Ill. Fastened to the handle of an umbrella was a picture of Roosevelt, which Seibert raised aloft. He was immediately behind Senator Lodge on the platform. He was in a splendid position to face that great assemblage. As he waved the picture of Roosevelt slowly up and down, just as Mrs. Carson Lake waved her sunshade in the effort to stampede for Blaine in the Minneapolis convention in 1892, there were cries all over the convention for Roosevelt. The refrain, "Four, four, four years more," was taken up and swelled and resounded until a great American flag bearing the picture of Roosevelt was brought in the gallery just behind Senator Lodge. This awakened more shouts, more yells, more cries for Roosevelt. It was pandemonium let loose. But the delegates sat there as if they were nailed to their chairs. The Wisconsin men were the only exception. Senator Crane and ex-Governor Herrick, as the din rose in volume, climbed upon the platform and begged Senator Lodge to stop the demonstration, if possible. John Molloy, the bassoon-voiced secretary of the convention, attempted to start the roll call. He could not be heard ten feet from the platform. The volume of sound was tremendous. The President, through the audiphones, could hear it away off in Washington. At times the demonstration sounded like the boom of crashing breakers on the ocean. But it was lasting too long for the comfort of many in the convention. Senator Lodge, grasping his gavel firmly and pounding it with all his might, declared "The call of States for nominations has been ended. The States will now vote on the various candidates." He was not heard five feet from where he spoke. Molloy, grabbing a megaphone rushed out to the edge of the platform and roared through it: "Alabama. You could not hear what Alabama said; you couldn't hear what anybody said. Senator Lodge rushed out to where Molloy was and cried: "Keep it up; keep it up. This has got to stop." So Molloy roared through the megaphone again for Alabama to answer. But Alabama could not be heard, and the chairman of the delegation had to go to the platform and announce the vote of the State for Taft. At this Molloy announced through the megaphone Alabama's vote, and the Ohio delegates began to shout. They howled for "Taft, Taft, Taft," and Herrick cried: "Give it up. Give them some of their own medicine."

Powell Clayton, of Arkansas, had to go to the platform and announce the vote of the State for Taft and Molloy roared the vote through his megaphone. The Ohioans repeated the tactics and as the megaphone business was repeated for California and Delaware and down to Georgia, the chairman of the delegations being compelled to go to the platform to announce the votes of those States, the delegates had got into singing cheers and these rolling plaudits had a quieting effect on the Roosevelt stampede in the gallery. By the time Idaho was reached the Ohio tactics in sending volley against volley had practically quelled the Roosevelt tumult. But it broke out again instantly and all told lasted 24 minutes.

Convention Hall, Chicago, despatch: Congressman James S. Sherman, of New York, was nominated for Vice-President of the United States by the Republican National Convention on the first ballot. The total vote was: Sherman 816, Murphy 77, Guild 75, Fairbanks 1, Sheldon 10, Absent 1. The convention adjourned sine die, at 11.47 a. m.

BOYS SCALP TORN OFF.

Alfred Lomas Crushed by Elevator at the Toronto News Office.

Toronto despatch: Alfred James Lomas, the eight-year-old son of James A. Lomas, 112 Yonge street, met with a painful accident at the News office about six o'clock last evening. The boy was playing near the elevator and did not notice it descending, and was caught beneath it. His head was crushed against a box, and the entire back portion of the scalp torn off. His face was also bruised. He was removed in the police ambulance to the Sick Children's Hospital, where 30 stitches were put in his wounds. He is in a precarious condition.

WILL BE BROUGHT BACK.

Joseph Garskowitz Must Stand Trial in Toronto for Fraud.

Toronto, June 22.—It has been decided by the provincial authorities that Joseph Garskowitz, of Applebaum, who is wanted in Toronto for obtaining \$200 by fraud from Louis Rotenstein, 183 York street, will be brought back to Toronto to stand his trial. Garskowitz sailed from Montreal for Liverpool on the Tunisian on June 9, and a cable has been sent to Liverpool asking for his arrest.

6,065 AT THE NIAGARA CAMP.

Largest Number In 36 Years Now Under Canvas.

Accidents Have Been Few and of a Minor Nature.

Niagara Camp despatch: Figures compiled by the D. A. A. G., Lieut.-Col. Gallows, show that there is a total attendance of 6,065 of all ranks at the military camp here, and this number is the largest since 1872. The infantry, of course, make up 60 per cent. of the whole. The figures are: Headquarters staff 30, 1st Squadron R. C. D. 97, 1st Cavalry brigade 1,245, 2nd Artillery brigade 318, No. 2 Section R. C. D. 16, No. 2 Field Company, C. E. 111, No. 2 R. C. B. 73, 3rd Infantry Brigade 1,058, 4th Infantry Brigade 1,273, 5th Infantry brigade 1,329, No. 2 Section Signal Corps 76, No. 2 Co., C. A. S. C. 80, No. 12 Co., C. A. S. C. 65, No. 2 Section C. O. Co. 78, No. 10 Field Ambulance 78, No. 11 Field Ambulance 78, No. 12 Field Ambulance 78, No. 13 Field Ambulance 89. Total 6,065. Yesterday's operations consisted of routine drill for the infantry and cavalry, while regiments took their turns on the range all day long. The field ambulances were quite busy with minor accidents during the day and there 14 or 15 men under care in the hospital tents. Most of the injuries consisted of kicks from horses, broken fingers, sore feet from the first day's marching. Pte. Pellam, from Amherstburg, had his wrist broken while dismounting, and will be laid up for some time. Gen. Cotton, camp commander, Col. Clarence Denison and Major Elmady, of the cavalry brigade, rode down through the newly-acquired camp site on the lake shore to the north and decided to use 50 acres to the west for cavalry manoeuvring. This will be the first time the new grounds have been used, as the department took possession on June 1st last. The tract consists of 350 acres of farming land, partly wooded, containing several fine grapevine yards. There are five farm houses with barns on the property, and they bear a decorated appearance, while the fences are decorated with signs forbidding trespassers. It is likely that the buildings can be utilized for military purposes. An incident of the day was a visit of inspection paid by the council of Ontario County to the 34th Regiment. The members of the men in the regiment had had two or three camps' training and they are able to execute movements somewhat advanced from the elementary stages. Under Col. Henderson's command they formed a hollow square around the council group and gave three hearty cheers for them. Then they marched past in review order. The council was headed by Col. Panwell, who preceded Col. Henderson as head of the regiment. Lieut.-Col. Hall inspected the cavalry horses yesterday, and rejected 23 out of the entire number, 1,038. Seven were found unfit in the Governor-General's Body Guard, ten in the 2nd Dragoons, five in the 1st Hussars and six in the 9th Miasaguch Horse. Gen. Otter will go through camp to-day. Arrangements are in progress for the sham fight, which will be probably held on Thursday next, with the military tattoo on the same evening. Friday will be review day and the wind-up. Lieut. Gilman, R. C. D., will act as assistant musketry instructor in place of Capt. H. N. Rorke. Baseball and football leagues have been organized among the different regiments, and schedules have been drawn up for a series of games to be played off in the evenings. The games will begin next week.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Hill Goes to Electric Chair Week of July 26th.

Little Valley, June 22.—Murder in the first degree and sentence of death at Auburn Prison, the week commencing July 26th, was the verdict and sentence in the Percy Hill murder case, which terminated to-night. The jury was charged by Justice Pond and retired at 4.25, returning just one hour later. The clerk asked the jury if they had agreed on a verdict and they reported "Yes," all eyes turned toward the prisoner. Except for a slight flushing of the face there was not the least sign of anxiety or excitement, and when the foreman answered "Guilty as charged," Hill never stirred, apparently utterly indifferent. Justice Pond at once asked the prisoner to come forward for sentence. As he stood before the bar his face paled slightly, but he answered the questions regarding his birth and habits, in a perfectly steady voice and replied to the judge that he had nothing to say as to why sentence should be pronounced against him. As Judge Pond sentenced him to death, Hill never moved a muscle, and was by far the coolest man in the court room. As sentence was pronounced, Mrs. Hancock, mother of the murdered girl, sobbed aloud, and was taken from the court room. Sheriff Ames will take Hill to Auburn Friday morning.

BALLOON RACE.

Under War Conditions Great Success in Germany.

Bochum, Prussia, June 22.—The long distance balloon race, under conditions of war, has resulted very successfully. There were four starters, the participants being aeronauts who had not previously competed in a race in the air. Two of the balloons reached Jaroschin, near the Russian frontier, a distance of 450 miles, in fifteen hours; another descended at Goerlitz, a distance of 350 miles. The fourth balloon failed to comply with the conditions, which exacted that three persons occupy the basket of each balloon. One of them should be a majority of the crew, the airship released during the voyage, the airship released without refilling and proceeding on its journey, which must end within 24 hours.

DID HE CONFESS?

BAILIFF'S STARTLING EVIDENCE AT TILLSONBURG INQUIRY.

Testified that, While He Was Watching the Fire, Buckborough Told Him He Had Started the Fire to Get Even With Mero, the Proprietor.

Tillsonburg despatch: "I done it. I told him I would get even with him." This is the statement which may convict Chester Buckborough of setting fire to the Queen's Hotel on May 20th, causing the death of three persons and injuring many more. The confession was reported at some length, outlining the definite being adduced against the accused than that he had been heard to say on more than one occasion that he would get even with John Mero, the proprietor of the Queen's Hotel, and that Mero stated he saw the accused in the hall of the hotel after the alarm of fire had been given. That evidence was probably enough to necessitate the commitment of the prisoner for trial, but when Chas. Crossitt, bailiff of the district Division Court, made his dramatic statement there could be no doubt as to what action the Magistrate would be compelled to take. Crossitt in his evidence told how he happened to pass along the street while the hotel was still burning. Naturally he was interested and stopped to watch what was doing. Chance placed him next to Buckborough, now a prisoner, charged with a crime, which, if he committed it, is one of the most dastardly in the dark history of crime. Crossitt related his brief conversation with Buckborough. He said: "I said to Buckborough, 'It's a pretty sad thing,' and he said 'I done it. I told him (this with an oath), that I'd get even with him.'"

NO TRACE OF THEM.

Eloping Couple Left St. Stephen, N. B., for Montreal on Wednesday.

St. John, N. B., June 22.—All the efforts to locate David McEwan and his bride, who left St. Stephen yesterday, en route to Montreal, have failed. Before leaving St. Stephen Mrs. McEwan left word with her hostess that if her parents, Governor and Mrs. Tweedie, inquired of her future plans she would be in Montreal for a few days, and would then sail for Scotland, where she and her husband would make their future home. McEwan came out from Scotland last summer in the tugboat of the Government's importation of horses. He is a son of a Scottish farmer and is an expert with the bagpipes. Governor and Mrs. Tweedie left for their home in Chatham to-day.

CHANGES IN C.P.R.

Mr. C. Murphy to be Superintendent of Eastern Division.

Montreal, June 22.—Important changes are being made in C. P. R. circles. Mr. H. P. Timmerman, General Superintendent of the Eastern Division, is about to be replaced in that office by Mr. Charles Murphy. The official circular announcing this change has not yet been issued, and, in the meantime, the only statement made in the matter is that Mr. Timmerman has been assigned to other duties. Mr. Timmerman was formerly Superintendent of the Ontario Division, with headquarters at Toronto. In November, 1906, he was transferred to Montreal to take the position from which he is now retiring. Mr. James Osborne, then Superintendent of the Eastern Division, went to Toronto to take his place. Mr. Charles Murphy, the new General Superintendent of the Eastern Division, is looked upon as one of the most capable and popular men among the C. P. R. officials. He has been connected with the company for many years. He was formerly Superintendent in charge of the Ontario Division, with headquarters at London, Ont., but for the last six months or so he has been relieving other Superintendents in various parts of the system.

TO JUMP INTO NIAGARA.

Robinson Leach Will Leap From Steel Arch Bridge.

Niagara Falls, June 22.—Robinson Leach, of Chippewa, who is already famous for having braved the dangers of Niagara River, again announces that he will jump from the upper steel arch bridge on Dominion Day. His only safeguard will be a parachute. Up to yesterday his assertion was not regarded seriously in this city, but

NEXT MEETING IN HAMILTON.

Pates on Old Members Have Not Been Raised.

Most of the Leading Officers Were Re-elected.

London despatch: Grand Lodge of the Canadian Order of Oddfellows, concluded its labors yesterday. The good spirit which has characterized all the proceedings of the body throughout was maintained until the end, the convention closing by the members joining in the singing of the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne." By a considerable majority the meeting decided not to increase the rates to old members. Yesterday some amendments to the new constitution were made, the most important one affecting the representation of subordinate lodges at the meeting of the grand lodge. Under the old regulations any lodge having 50 members was entitled to send two representatives to grand lodge, and one for each additional 50 or fraction thereof, and more in the same proportion. The amendment necessitates the enrollment of 75 members before two representatives can be sent, and one for each additional 75. The election of officers resulted as follows: Grand Master—W. T. Junkin, Femeon Falls (acclamation). Deputy Grand Master—Wm. Irwin, St. Thomas. Grand Secretary—Robert Fleming, Toronto (acclamation). Grand Treasurer—P. G. M. W. H. Shaw, Toronto (acclamation). Grand Medical Referee—Dr. H. S. Brigham, Toronto, (acclamation). Grand Chaplain—Rev. J. Lindsay, Presbyterian minister, Evelyn, Ont. Grand Lodge Representatives—D. J. A. White, Lindsay, and Dr. A. Thompson, Galt. Grand Auditors—W. L. Young, Markham, and Charles Musson, Toronto. Committee on Laws—C. Bradford, Hamilton, and J. W. Boyd and R. Wray. Committee on Finance—J. S. Tice, Stirling, Ont., and C. H. Denton, Tillsonburg, Ont. The election of twelve district deputy grand masters was then held, the results as reported to the grand lodge showing the following appointments: Brighton district—Jas. Harris, Banockburn. Lindsay district—C. W. Hughan, Lindsay. Montreal district—Dr. Wm. Opzoomer, Montreal. Owen Sound district—E. W. Geddes, Hepworth. Chatham district—Solomon Manning, Highgate. Windsor district—George Hicks, Windsor. Galt district—Robt. Hammond, Galt. Toronto district—H. C. Cardinal, Toronto. Belleville district—A. Van Luven, Kingston. Hamilton district—Willot Hall, Dundas. St. Thomas district—G. A. Mason, Woodstock. Winnipeg district was left without a district master for the time being. The superintendent of organization, Bro. R. T. McNiehol, addressed the general lodge at some length, outlining the plan which it is intended to pursue this year for the advancement of the work of the order. It was decided to hold the next convention at Hamilton the third Tuesday in June, 1909.

GOT SIX MONTHS.

What Canadian Got For Running Away With Another Woman.

Detroit, Mich., June 22.—Frank Taggart, the Canadian from near Brantford, found guilty of bringing Mabelle Gwendoline Webb, a twenty year old English girl, into the United States in violation of a federal law, was sentenced to six months in the Detroit house of correction and to pay a fine of \$200. This sentence was much lighter than might have been imposed. Miss Webb and Mrs. Taggart were in court when sentence was passed, and all three showed great emotion. Taggart and the girl clung to each other both weeping, until separated by the court officials. Mrs. Taggart was almost overcome, and had to be assisted from the room. She upbraided the girl, who is her niece and had been visiting at the Taggart's previous to the elopement, for her perfidy. Miss Webb will be deported to England, and Taggart to Canada as soon as his sentence is served. The Taggarts were married in Toronto 14 years ago. Mrs. Taggart says her husband converted all his property into cash and left her penniless when he and Miss Webb eloped from Wilsonville.

ROBBED ITALIANS.

Fatally Stabbed One of the Men Who Resisted.

Fort Plain, N. Y., June 22.—Ten Italian laborers, who lived in a car on a siding of the West Shore Railroad, here, were held up by armed robbers at midnight and forced to hand over more than \$500 which they had received in wages yesterday. One of the Italians who resisted the desperadoes was probably fatally wounded, and an outsider who had been in the tunnel in the car and sought to frighten the robbers away was overpowered, bound, gagged and his pockets rifled. The robbers escaped with their booty, leaving no trace. The bandits forced an entrance at

TWO MURDERED.

DEATH IN A YUKON RIVER BOAT.

Three Scandinavians Left White Horse for Dawson, But Only One Reached the Yukon Capital.

White Horse, Yukon, June 22.—Major Snyder, of the Mounted Police, has received news of a murder on the river, a short distance below Selkirk. The telephone line from Dawson to White Horse is out of order, and the news came via Valdez and the United States cable. The message is as follows: "Ned Elfolst arrived in Dawson in boat No. 113 alone. He had been seen on the river with two others on the way down. The sound of shooting was heard by other small-boat passengers on the river bank below Selkirk." Inquiry by Major Wood as to who left here in boat No. 113 showed that Ned Elfolst, Emil Anderson and David Bergman left in the boat on May 16. The murder probably occurred five or six days later, as that time would be required to run from here to Selkirk. Whether the murder was for the purpose of robbery or the result of a quarrel is not known. The names indicate that all were Scandinavians, either Norwegians or Swedes, people not given to quietly obeying orders. The supposition is that the close intimacy of travelling for several days in a small boat engendered strife and had blood, which culminated in murder.

HORSE SHOW.

Americans Won Prizes at the Olympic in London.

London, June 22.—The international horse show opened its second annual exhibition yesterday at the Olympic, under the most promising conditions, and as was the case last year, the American exhibitors made an excellent showing, winning several of the most important prizes awarded. In the novice class for ponies, Young Mountaineer, owned by Grand View Farm, Lancaster, Pa., took first against a big field. The blue ribbon, for pairs of ponies over four years old, went to Miss Westcott and Miss Danahan, owned by W. J. Butterfield, of Plainfield, N. J. Walter Winan's Barney and Rip were second. Louis Winan's took first for pacers over 16 1/2 hands.

FOUNTAIN GROVE.

Manor House of Englishmen's Colony Burned Down.

Santa Rosa, Cal., June 22.—The Manor House, the central dwelling of the "Fountain Grove" colony, founded by Thomas Lake Harris, the English Mystic, was destroyed by fire caused by the explosion of a kerosene lamp yesterday. Harris came here from London early in the seventies and established the "Fountain Grove" colony, building a magnificent manor house, at a cost of \$40,000, for his residence, and a number of other buildings. He attracted disciples from all classes in different parts of the world.

PATENTS WITHIN THE EMPIRE.

Question of Uniformity of Laws Discussed in British Commons.

London, June 22.—In the House of Commons to-day, responding to Mr. Joynson-Hicks, who asked if proposals might not be made to the Canadian Government of a reciprocal character, affecting the validity of patents in both countries, Mr. Winston Churchill said a committee of the Imperial Conference, ascertain the views of the self-governing colonies on the question of the uniformity of patent law. In the meantime the Government could not approach any single colony. Comments were made on the fact that a lapse of twelve months sees nothing done to carry out the conference's resolution. The Morning Post points out that the method outlined by Mr. Churchill is dilatory and not called for by the conference.

BULLET THROUGH HIS BODY.

Man Puller Trigger With the Aid of an Umbrella.

Edmonton, Alta., June 22.—Richard Davies, aged 43 years, who came to Edmonton about four months ago from the Ottawa Valley, committed suicide yesterday. He accomplished his death by means of a long Enfield rifle, over which he bent and pulled the trigger by aid of an umbrella. Despite the fact that the bullet went clear through his body and left a gaping wound in his back, the unfortunate man lived for two hours, and was conscious a good part of the time.

MANITOBA'S TELEPHONES.

Control of System Now Vested in Commission.

Winnipeg, June 22.—Absolute control of the Government telephone system is now vested in the Commission, and all of the staff have been transferred to that office. The department, apparently, is now a mere sinecure, and the Minister and his staff are holidaying. It was a farce the way it was being run, anyway. There were men drawing high salaries who had hardly turned a hand for three months.

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