

ROOSEVELT PLANS A COUP WHEN CONVENTION OPENS AND RIOTING MAY FOLLOW

The Rough Rider Proposes to Grab the Temporary Chairmanship, Have Himself Nominated and Walk Out of Hall With Supporters.

"COLORED BROTHER" HOLDS BALANCE AND SEEMS TO BE WITH COLONEL

Borah and Perkins, Chief Ropers-In for the President, Hold Secret Conferences With Delegates and Binding Them in Black and White to Support Candidates.

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

Chicago, Ill., June 18.—If it all comes as per schedule Theodore Roosevelt will by six o'clock tonight have been nominated after a fashion, by the regular Republican convention at Chicago assembled. Whether Wm. Taft is nominated afterwards by a convention from which the insurgents have withdrawn, Roosevelt cares not a curse. He came to Chicago to become a candidate, and this is how he purposes to get about it.

When the Taft national steam-rolling Republican committee presents Elihu Root as temporary chairman of the convention, a Roosevelt delegate will move that the name of Senator Borah is substituted. This will force a roll call of the delegates and a Roosevelt booster from Alabama. The alphabetical head of the list of the states will challenge the right of the Taft steam-roller delegates from that state to vote. This will open up the whole question of credentials. All the fat will be in the fire in a few minutes.

BOLD TACTICS.

If these tactics succeed in gaining for Roosevelt the mastery of the gavel, that is the temporary and permanent chairmanships of the whole convention, and the mastery of the credentials committee, then the convention will be his and he will be nominated on the first ballot. The prediction is that the nomination will follow so quickly on Senator Borah's grabbing the gavel that it will make everybody's head swim. Before Elihu Root has a chance to open his mouth, to keynote some big Roosevelt, Governor Hadley, perhaps, will step forward and say, "I nominate Theodore Roosevelt for President of the United States in the name of the people." Having said it and been acclaimed the Roosevelt faction will blow out with a great noise through the ten exits of the Coliseum, leaving the deliberated remainder of the convention to piffle along as it likes. The Roosevelt crowd can pull this off it will please most of the visitors and then we can all go home.

WHAT WILL TAFT DO?

But the printer will please make that a large upper case "But." What will the Taft people be doing while the Roosevelt lightning is working all these ways-stations?

Well, Victor Roosevelt, in his thin, piping voice, will be declaring everything out of order. In spite of Victor's scream they will probably get as far as the nomination part of it when a colored delegate will draw his razor and a western man will pull his gun, and then the rough house will begin. Strong Arm Bill Flinn will urge the Roosevelt cohorts on. The convention hall is full of chairs, thousands of chairs, each chair a deadly weapon to break a head or poke an eye out. The best guessers are foretelling bloodshed. When the Rough Rider gets through with the Chicagoans who Oliver Cromwell's little stunt of turning parliament out of doors will look like a garden party for the kindergarten class. It is confidentially expected that the police ambulances will have something to do. All the country can hope is that the events of the day will not bring out these early morning forebodings.

GORY PLANS DISMAY.

There are patriots, even in the Roosevelt camp, who look on these gory plans with dismay. Although it is sweet and becoming to die for one's native land, one does not select by preference a Republican convention as the spot to die in. The innocent bystander in the Coliseum will be flat on the floor when the shooting begins. It is no great honor, as the Republican party bulks just now, to be winged by either wing of it. As the battle will rage over and around the heads of the newspaper men who are right in the foreground between the two armies, nobody will believe that the rough house will be a garden party. Joking aside, many good Republicans who are not necessarily admirers of William Taft, are disgusted with the woman of the Theodore Roosevelt which turns the national convention into a bear garden. The darkey delegate from South Carolina was not far wrong when he remarked that it all depended on the "colored moment." As a matter of fact their rough-house tactics are a confession of weakness on Roosevelt's part. If he has, as he says he has, enough delegates to win in the regular way, what is the need of all this ruck? If he has the votes what reason for the coup d'état? It looks as if he and his friends wanted to be able to say afterwards, "Well, we did our damndest."

REPUBLICAN PARTY DONE FOR.

One of Roosevelt's own field marshals, I am not at liberty to quote his name, told me that the Republican party was done for anyway. Between the two, Taft and Roosevelt, but mostly Roosevelt, the mischief has been accomplished. "Suppose they are both nominated," said my informant, "What is the use?" Roosevelt could not carry more than ten states and Taft could not carry more than six. "If Roosevelt cannot carry more than ten states he is not as big a man as he feels. He is not even big enough to start a third party with any hope of success." If Taft cannot carry more than ten states out of forty-eight, the chances look mighty good for a Democratic President, which is probably the best thing the people can do. They have a Democratic Congress already.

INSIDE POLICIES.

Colonel Roosevelt came to Chicago late Saturday afternoon, and has played inside policies ever since. He has been the big boss among bosses. Thanks to good advertising he came in with a hurrah, the people lining the streets to see the god in the car. He has no lack of courage. Indeed that is his great fault. It makes him believe he can win when the odds are against him. Rooms had been reserved for him at the very stars fight against hotel, where he could ride the whirlwind and direct the storm in person. He went to church Sunday morning. The rest of his time he spent issuing bulletins, making speeches, in which his enemies are called thugs, liars, blackguards and in routine delegates, the two chief ropers being Perkins and Flinn, who are old hands at the game.

Last night he had an uplift meeting in the Auditorium Theatre, at which four thousand people were present out of twenty-five thousand who had applied for seats. All the old ideals were proclaimed again with new trombone finishes. Meanwhile the practical work was not neglected.

PRACTICAL WORK.

The practical work is summed up in these figures: Delegates instructed for Taft, 457; instructed for Roosevelt, 431; instructed for LaFollette, 36; instructed for Cummins, 12; instructed for other, 155. These were the figures that went about it two ways, somehow or other to change. They went to them singly and secretly to a room in the Congress Hotel, where Perkins and Flinn used arguments with them and made them sign their names in black and white to their conversions. If you believe the cynics, these signatures are as good as a draft on the bank when the goods are delivered.

There was little use talking to the Cummins and LaFollette delegates, who are dark horses to the last dark minute, but some of the instructed delegates were open to reason, and the colored brethren were brought into the fold in considerable numbers. Light penetrated their darkness to such an extent that they blazed out in night suits and sapphire coats, and Taft detectives tried to find out where they got their easy money. Such effective revival work was done that at last accounts Roosevelt had enough to land Senator Borah, the temporary chairmanship, and Taft's paper majority in the convention.

WHY SHOULD HE WORRY?

And just here the question arises, if Roosevelt has what he says, why should he bother about seats for two hundred and thirty-three steam-rollered delegates that he doesn't need? What is the answer? Well, figures cannot lie but liars can figure. For the first time in the history of the Republican party the colored brother is the balance of power. It was the Republican party that set the colored man free. It is now up to the colored man to rescue the Republican party in its hour of danger by coming out for Theodore Roosevelt. The colored brethren, sixty-six in number, in all tints, from moment of peril, is the prize package of the convention. By sticking together the colored, rather can nominate either Taft or Roosevelt. If beginning hating, bullying can do it the colored brother is going to be for Roosevelt. The colored relies on the colored brother to change his luck. As the balance of power the colored brother realizes his importance. Although greatness has been thrust upon him he measures up to it. He takes up the biggest part of the sidewalk, and has a full, proud, pouting mouth that would trip a goat.

WILL ROOSEVELT PLAY SAMSON?



BELIEVES DOCTOR TO BE INNOCENT

Remarkable Article Appears in a Port Huron Paper Regarding Macgregor Case.

A NEW TRIAL IS ASKED

Huron County Was Not the Place to Have Cool Judgment Brought to Bear Upon the Case.

The Sunday News, of Port Huron, Mich., under date of June 16, has an article in regard to the trial and conviction of Dr. Robert A. Macgregor, in the Sparling case, and it appears that the opinion of the writer is shared by very many people who are conversant with the facts in regard to the trial. The News says:

A jury in Bad Axe, Huron County, Michigan, U. S. A., has declared that Mr. Macgregor is guilty of murder of one of the Sparlings, and during the trial it would not have been proper for all newspapers to criticize the jury, the jury of the people that were judging the case. Now the trial is over. A verdict has been reached, a life destroyed, and the good wife's heart broken, while a father, mother and brother are suffering. It is not surprising that the doctor himself or more, the doctor says he is innocent, and if he is, life imprisonment will not be so hard for him, but as long as Dr. Macgregor is in prison there is one whose heart will never cease to beat for him until the end of her time. We are not prepared to say that the doctor is innocent or guilty. We never knew the man or saw him but once. He doesn't look like a fiend to us, although we are willing to admit that with the suspicious case around him he made many fool remarks that were used to advantage by the prosecutor. The prosecutor of Huron County, like all prosecutors, merely go in to convict where really they ought to act as attorney for both sides. During that trial there was a young man from Port Huron, one of the most level-headed and one of the most brilliant young men in our congressional district. He was there every day. He heard all the evidence and he realized that the atmosphere around Bad Axe was polluted with a desire to convict Macgregor. In a small place, especially in the country, people are given to chewing gossip, exaggerating, until they make a mountain out of a mole hill, and the more they agitate the more certain they are to be wrong.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE.
Forecasts.

Moderate to fresh westerly to north-westerly winds; fine today and on Wednesday, with no decided change in temperature.

Stations	High	Low	Weather
LONDON	57	48	Fine
Victoria	56	48	Clear
Calgary	72	44	Clear
Winnipeg	64	40	Fair
Port Arthur	64	42	Clear
Port Huron	64	46	Fair
Toronto	73	46	Cloudy
Ottawa	70	48	Cloudy
Montreal	70	52	Fair
Quebec	70	52	Fair
Father Point	64	46	Fair

Temperatures.

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

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Calgary 72 44 Clear

Winnipeg 64 40 Fair

Port Arthur 64 42 Clear

Port Huron 64 46 Fair

Toronto 73 46 Cloudy

Ottawa 70 48 Cloudy

Montreal 70 52 Fair

Quebec 70 52 Fair

Father Point 64 46 Fair

Weather Notes.

A pronounced high pressure area now centered in the Northwest States dominates the weather in Canada generally, which latter is now everywhere fine, with no indications of a change.

BRITISH MANUFACTURERS TO VISIT INDUSTRIES OF LONDON

Arrive in London on Friday Morning and Will Be Shown Around.

Arrangements have been completed for the entertainment of the British manufacturers who will arrive in the city on Friday morning.

LONDON WILL MOVE TO ANNEX DISTRICT TO EAST OF CITY

Matter of Taking In Pottersburg Has Not Been Decided.

At the next meeting of the city council a proposition for the annexation of the manufacturing district east of the city will be discussed, and in all probability will be carried through. The fact of Pottersburg has not yet been decided, but it is generally understood that this will be the basis of agreement.

"We have the manufacturing district signed up," said Ald. Spittal, "all the manufacturers have signed their willingness to come in, and have attached their signatures to the petition. There are some sites we will get yet, although we have a number in this neighborhood now. If Pottersburg desires to come in, this is the time. While I have little information on this at the present time, I have hopes that they will join with us. I think the proposition will be mutually helpful to the both of us."

FOUR-YEAR-OLD BOY EMPTIED A SCHOOL

Lad Pulled Fire Alarm Bell and Didn't Know What He Was Doing.

"KIDDIES" BUZZED OUT

It Took But Three Minutes to Clear the Building, Showing Fire Drill To Be Excellent.

The four-year-old son of Mr. Ed. Atkins, 514 Maitland street, created some excitement at the Princess Avenue School on Monday, and incidentally emptied the school in record time.

The youngster did not go to school, but thought he would like to investigate matters. In his ramblings he wandered into the Princess Avenue School while it was in session. He spied a rope hanging down, and thought this would be an excellent thing to play with. He grasped it, and pulled several times.

In a moment the children came buzzing out of the rooms like bees from a hive, and in a very short time every room was emptied, the youngster joining the throng.

He had rung the fire alarm bell, and the splendid fire drill, taught by Principal Bryant, was shown to be most effective.

Dr. Bryant was positive there was a fire, and made a thorough investigation. However, there was no trace of a blaze, and it was only after an investigation of an hour did he find the true cause of the alarm. In any event, it proved efficacy of the fire drill, as every youngster was out on the street in three minutes after the alarm.

At 9 o'clock they will be met by a deputation from the city council and automobile ride around the city visiting the various industries and the like.

At 1 o'clock they will all be brought to the board of trade rooms, where the visitors will meet the retailers, wholesalers, manufacturers and businessmen for an hour's conference. The Britishers will leave for Bradford at 12:05 o'clock.

"They have not much time to remain here," said Mr. Henderson. "We will give them all the attention they deserve, and do the best we can to make their stay here profitable."

STRUCK POLACK WITH PITCHER

Police Investigating a Row in a House on Adelaide Street.

MAN'S HEAD WAS SPLIT

Injured Foreigner Had His Wounds Dressed at Victoria Hospital, and Left Institution.

The police department is investigating a row among Polacks which occurred late Saturday night at 84 Adelaide street, and it is possible that arrests will be made charging a couple of men with assaulting a comrade. The injured man, whose name it was found impossible to spell with the letters available in the English alphabet, was treated at Victoria Hospital, where it was found necessary to sew up a scalp wound.

It was at first reported that knives had been used in the fracas, and this appears to be borne out by the fact that the man who laid the complaint has also a long gash on the side of his hand that could not very well have been inflicted excepting with a penknife.

It is not known what caused the row, but late at night the police were called to quell a disturbance. A huge water pitcher had been used with telling effect, and this, it is claimed, had split the Polack's head.

TERRIBLE TEDDY AND BIG BILL COME TO GRIPS IN CHICAGO

Republican National Convention for Selection of Presidential Candidate Opened Today at Noon—Opposing Forces Outline Programme Following Final Conferences.

[Canadian Press.]
Chicago, June 18.—The Republican national convention was called to order at exactly 12:02 o'clock.

Convention Hall, Chicago, June 18.—For the first time in the history of Republican national conventions no picture of the President hangs in the Coliseum, where today 1,078 delegates from the states and territories of the United States met to name a candidate for president and vice-president and to formulate a party platform.

Rough iron-work, arched overhead, is hidden beneath red, white and blue bunting, and the galleries are marked by lines of mountain laurel draped about triangular shields and more flags, except over the main entrance, where a rug of royal purple velvet marks the box of Chairman Frederick Upham, of the local committee on arrangements and his Chicago aides.

Handling the News.
The chairman's table stands about a third of the way from the south end of the Coliseum on a dais. Back of it are the seats of the national committee and the space for the "workers" and those who helped to finance the gathering.

At one side are grouped places for the newspapers. In a basement, in addition, the newspapers have great, spacious rooms, where a hundred telegraph operators or reporters may work for each association or paper, and adjoining, two hundred operators of the telegraph companies, attended by 500 messenger boys, all ready to add to the news reports or convey other information abroad.

At 10:15 a.m. the band in the Coliseum

began to play "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," and the people began to stream into the Coliseum.

Soon after 11 o'clock the delegates were coming into the hall in large numbers. The body of delegates' seats were rapidly filling.

Cheered the Women.
A big "mat in the ring" mounted on a tall pole, was carried into the hall by one of the Texas delegates. It attracted no little attention as it was carried up the centre aisle to the foot of the platform and placed beside the Texas stand. California came in at 11:32. The two women in the delegation were roundly cheered.

McGovern for Chairman.
Senator McGovern announced shortly before the convention assembled that Governor McGovern of Wisconsin, and not himself, would be Roosevelt's candidate for temporary chairman. This decision was reached at a conference which Col. Roosevelt had with his leaders before they left for the Coliseum.

Final Conferences.
Prior to the meeting of the convention, the leaders of the Taft and Roosevelt forces held their last conference, and mapped out their final plans of campaign for the day.

As they started for the Coliseum it was the announced purpose of the Roosevelt forces to delay the temporary organization of the convention as long as they could. They carried with them two propositions. One was the original plan of a substitute roll for the temporary roll reported by the (Continued on Page Eleven.)

NESBITT IN POLICE COURT FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING

Letter of Travers Shows How He Deceived Minister of Finance.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, June 18.—That Hon. W. S. Fielding when minister of finance asked assurance from W. R. Travers that the provincial directors of the Farmers' Bank had not put in money raised on subscribers' notes before issuing a certificate to the bank to do business, shown by a letter put in at police court this morning at the preliminary examination of Dr. Beattie Nesbitt on four charges of falsifying the returns.

26TH REGIMENT NEAR HENSALL; WILL BIVOUAC THERE TONIGHT

250 Men Are in Splendid Shape on the Long March.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Hensall, June 18.—The Twenty-sixth Regiment, which is on the march to Goderich, was within a few miles of Hensall late this afternoon, and advance parties had been sent ahead to make the bivouac here for the night.

A CHECK FOR \$475 FOR CHILDREN'S AID

Bequest to Local Society From Estate of Late R. P. Smith.

Inspector Sanders, of the Children's Aid Society, has received a check for \$475 from Mr. John Cowan, K. C., of Sarnia, executor of the will of the late Richard P. Smith, of Strathroy, to be used for purposes of the society.

It will be remembered that the will provided that \$500 should be given to the society, but the State of Michigan deducted \$25 for succession duties tax, and the society received but \$475. Mr. Smith's heirs are largely in the State of Michigan, and that is the reason the society had to pay the inheritance tax there.

The inspector desires to acknowledge the donation with thanks.

AUTOMOBILE HIT A TELEPHONE POLE

In the Smashup the "Devil Wagon" Got the Worst of It.

In trying to avoid a wagon at the corner of Wellington street and Queen's avenue this afternoon, the driver of an auto owned by Mr. Arthur White, of Geo. White & Sons, ran over the curb and struck a telephone pole. The front axle was bent slightly and one of the head lamps smashed, but the damage was not otherwise serious.

FOURTEEN DOMESTICS FROM THE OLD LAND

A Big Party Which Reached Montreal Was Speedily Reduced.

Major McGillivray, of the immigration department of the Salvation Army, arrived from Toronto on the noon train today, accompanied by fourteen domestics that have just arrived from the old country at Montreal. Upon their arrival at Toronto quite a number of the girls left the party to take positions in and near that city, and reduced the size of the party from 39 to 14.

Major McGillivray stated to The Advertiser that the demand for domestics is very great at this season in all sections of the country, due no doubt to the opening of summer resorts.

The 250 men are all in fine shape, and are enjoying the tramp immensely. Contrary to expectations, none of the soldiers are suffering from sore feet, and not one has been compelled to lay up through illness of any kind.

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REV. H. H. BINGHAM PLEASED WITH DECISION

Says It Upholds Contentions of the Protestant Ministers.

Protestant ministers in the city are highly pleased with the decision handed down by the supreme court of Canada with reference to the "one tenure" decree.

"I am pleased with the judgment," said Rev. H. H. Bingham. "I think it was very fair, and upholds the justice of our contention. I have not gone into the arguments regarding a uniform marriage law for the whole Dominion, but that may be a difficult thing to bring about, and may not accomplish what we desire. Our own decision is most just. It places ministers of all denominations on an equality of standing, and makes no distinction as to matter by what ministers they are formed. I think the privy council will uphold this decision."

MINISTER OF JUSTICE TO PRESENT THE CASE

Mr. Doherty Will Argue Marriage Case Before Privy Council.

[Canadian Press.]
Ottawa, Ont., June 18.—Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, will personally make arrangements when in England next month for the appeal to the Privy Council on behalf of the Canadian Government from the supreme court judgment of yesterday in the marriage case. It is expected that the appeal will be heard for hearing before the Privy Council next fall.

FOUR NEW CARS FOR LONDON AND LAKE ERIE

First Placed on the "Limited" Service to the Lakeside.

Four new cars, recently purchased by the London and Lake Erie Railway and Transportation Company for use between this city and Port Stanley, have been delivered, and the first will be placed in service today. The car will commence the "limited service" for the summer cottagers at Port Stanley tomorrow morning. The other three are now being wired up at St. Thomas, and will be ready for use in a short time. The new cars are larger, and have better equipment than those at present in service. They are also capable of higher speed.