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PENNSYLVANIA IS STRONG FOR TEDDY

Roosevelt Wins Sweeping Victory in The Preliminary Elections

Taft wasn't in it
Republicans Nearly Unanimous For the Ex-President—Woodrow Wilson Seems to Be Favorite for Democratic Nomination

Philadelphia, April 14.—Col. Roosevelt had a sweeping victory in Pennsylvania in Saturday's preliminary election and his lead kept growing today as the returns continued to come in. Incomplete returns from every district give the former president 45 of the state's 76 delegates in the republican national convention. The Roosevelt supporters are claiming 70 and later returns may carry the figures to that total. Col. Roosevelt won 53 of the 64 district national delegates and his followers elected enough delegates to the state convention to give them control of that body. The state convention will name 12 delegates at large.

Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey, who had no organized opposition will have 74 of the 76 delegates from Pennsylvania in the Democratic national convention. In the 11th Congressional district the two Democratic national delegates are favorable to Judson Harmon, but they are not pledged.

Politicians look upon the triumph of Col. Roosevelt with astonishment. The supporters of the former president were without a state organization in many of the 32 Congressional districts. The regular republican organization headed by United States Senator Boies Penrose, which has withstood the fury of many a political storm, received a crushing defeat in the loss of control of the state convention. It is the first time in the present generation that it has lost control of that body.

The significance of the Roosevelt victory can be realized when it is remembered that the delegates in control of that state convention have the power to select the state chairman and under the party rules the delegation to the national convention elects the national committee. At present Senator Penrose holds both positions.

PROMINENT FRENCHMAN PASSES AWAY

Henri Brisson, President of the Chamber of Deputies Dies.

Has Had Long and Notable Career in Politics of Country—Several Times Candidate for President.

Paris, April 14.—Henri Brisson, president of the Chamber of Deputies, died today. He was born at Bourges July 31, 1835.

Henri Brisson was on several occasions defeated in the election for the presidency of the republic. In 1884 he stood second in the poll, receiving 185 votes to M. Casimir Perier's 451. He was first elected as representative of the Seine in the assembly in 1871, having been prior to that Deputy Mayor of Paris.

At the general elections in February 1876 he was elected for the tenth arrondissement of Paris to the new chamber. He was elected vice-president three years later and was named president of the budget commission. He succeeded M. Gambetta as president of the chamber in 1881 and accepted the office of premier in the fall of the Ferry cabinet in 1885, but that a few months gave place to M. De Freycinet.

In the elections of 1888 he was the only republican candidate elected in Paris on the first ballot. For many years his republicanism was of a spartan nature. He lived in a bare flat that the Duke would have admired. He was never known to take a cab, always riding on the outside of omnibuses. He was a striking embodiment in France of what has been called the non-conformist conscience. His special mission was to preside over commissions of inquiry, especially when scandals were to be investigated with inflexible severity. He served as president of the Panama commission.

When the Mellin cabinet fell in 1890 after M. M. Peytral, Sarrien and Ribot had failed to form a cabinet, M. Brisson was commissioned by the president to undertake this duty. He formed the cabinet of 280 to 284. M. Brisson declined to do, and the subsequent vote of confidence in the government was lost by 286 to 284. M. Brisson and his colleagues immediately resigned. This fell a government which was noted for its determined effort to free the nation from an aggressive militarism.

DO YOU KNOW ALL THE DETAILS OF THE STANDARD'S \$6,000 PRIZE OFFER?

If You Do Not, Send in Your Name or That of a Friend, Using Nomination Blank Good For 1000 Votes

Proposal of The Standard to Give Twenty-six Prizes, Including Automobiles, Pianos, Diamonds and Gold Watches, Enthusiastically Received—Ten per cent. Cash Commission Paid to Non-winners of Prizes.

The magnitude and immensity of The Standard's great subscription campaign, in which 25 prizes aggregating over \$6,000 in value, are to be given away, has caught the fancy of the people of the Province of New Brunswick, in which the prizes are to be distributed. It is indicated by the keen, inclusive inquiries that are being received by the contest department. This gigantic enterprise has met with an appreciation that is most gratifying to The Standard. It is developing an interest on the part of friends and subscribers that augurs well for the large number of contestants who have signified their intention of making the race for the most valuable list of prizes ever offered by a New Brunswick newspaper in a similar undertaking.

Prospective candidates and friends who intend nominating someone are asked to make sure in which district the candidate resides. Candidates whose names appear in the published list which will appear shortly, from a district other than that in which they reside, are asked to write to the contest department and have a correction made immediately. The reason that candidates who permit their names to be published as from any district other than that in which they reside are not eligible to a prize in this contest, is that the contest department, during the early days of all such mammoth enterprises there are sure to be a number of mistakes made, and the desire of The Standard is to reduce them to a minimum.

Send in Nominations Blank. All that is necessary to enter is to fill out the nomination blank printed in this issue and send it to the contest manager of The Standard, St. John, N. B. Votes can be obtained by clipping and sending the daily vote coupon which will be found on page two of every issue of The Standard and by securing subscriptions to the Standard and Semi-Weekly Standard. Securing vote coupons issued on the Standard is the most effective method of piling up thousands of votes to be applied on the big prizes. But the daily vote coupon should not be overlooked. Every vote coupon clipped from The Standard is good for the number of votes printed thereon if it is sent to this office before the date of expiration printed on the coupon. The daily coupons to be counted, must be properly filled in, the name, address and district number must be carefully and plainly written. The ballots must be trimmed a uniform size and sent to the contest manager, leaving ragged edges. Pasten them together in some convenient manner and send them in to the contest department.

Opportunity Knocks Often. It has been said that opportunity knocks but once. Every man's door but in these days of transcontinental trips in aeroplanes, the dawning of each new day brings fresh opportunity. The Standard's great prize offer in every territory in such a manner that no matter where a contestant may live, he need not the usual twenty-five dollars good and welfare (or) that has been customary in the past. Almost all restrictions have been thrown out by the Immigration Department as far as these ports are concerned.

Providing the entrant is in good physical condition, has a paper promising him work on construction, or expresses his intention of engaging therein, and possesses a ticket to his destination, he need have no fear of being turned back by the government officials. It is expected that a steady stream from the lake ports to Port William of railway workers will set in with the opening of navigation and there will be no dearth of laborers.

TO CONSERVE FRESHETS ON ST. JOHN RIVER

Commission Suggests Series of Dams to Regulate the Flow.

American Lumbermen Delay Canadian Logs Until Water is too Low for Driving and Remedy is Sought.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, April 14.—Regulation of the St. John river in such a way as to obviate the trouble experienced each year between Canadian and American lumbermen is provided for in a report by an international joint commission which for the past two years has been investigating the subject. The report is now about completed.

The commission consisted of Messrs. Barnhill and Keefe of St. John, N. B., and Messrs. Murrell and Keegan of Maine. S. J. Chaplin was the Canadian expert and H. S. Ferguson that of the United States. The St. John river is an international stream from its source to a short distance above Grand Falls, N. B., and from there down it is Canadian. The Canadian lumbermen have claimed that the American logs, by which they kept back the log driving until they separated their own logs, by which time the river levels were so low that the Canadian logs could not be floated down and the operation of the mills was held up.

The commission will suggest the construction of a series of storage dams and reservoirs to regulate the flow on much the same lines as are being carried out on the Pacific coast. The spring freshets will be conserved and released gradually so as to sustain at a uniform level the river's flow. This will obviate the trouble that has been experienced and which in 1903 was the cause of a pitched battle between United States and Canadian lumbermen.

There will be about twenty dams and the cost will be under a million dollars.

FIVE CHILDREN DIE WITHIN SINGLE DAY

Authorities Baffled By Strange Series of Fatalities.

DUE TO POISONING

Decayed Fish May Have Been Responsible for Loss to Prince Edward Is and Family—Rigid Investigation Instituted.

Special to The Standard. Charlottetown, April 14.—The death of five children of Patrick McGee, St. Marys Road, 14 miles from Montserrat, all within 24 hours, has created a great mystery and authorities are puzzling over the strange affair. After an investigation which lasted for nearly 12 hours before the coroner, Dr. Allan of Cardigan, no definite conclusion can be arrived at. The jury heard the evidence of Patrick McGee, his wife, Robert McCarron and Dr. Fraser who attended the children. Their verdict was that death was due to some form of poisoning but that a post mortem examination was necessary to determine the cause of the poisoning. A post mortem was then held on the bodies of the five children, a year old children. Dark spots on the intestines and the interior of the stomach clearly pointed to poisoning. The organs will be forwarded to Montreal for analysis.

McGee and his wife testified that on Thursday the family numbering seven, partook of herring, bread and tea for dinner. They ate part of the fish each. In the evening McGee was away and the rest of the family had cornmeal porridge for supper. Through the night the children all became ill with pain in the head, stomach and breast, vomiting continually.

The first to die was Baby Thomas, aged 5, at 9 Friday morning. Louis, aged 18 and Bridget, aged 8 died Tuesday after midnight. Patsy, aged 15, George aged 8 at 8.30 a. m. Saturday.

Dr. Fraser first arrived Friday afternoon after the baby had died. He worked over the children 12 hours and was relieved later by another doctor but nothing could be done. The parents declare there was no poison of any kind about the house.

It was thought that the herring eaten at dinner may have been decomposed, but the fish remaining in the barrel seemed sound. The family had been using them for eight days before with no bad effect. The parents had partook of the same fish as the children, were not ill. The mother vomited, having sickened at the sight of the vomit put up by the children, when the woman was all alone attending them during the night.

Must Learn English in the Schools

Ontario Children Must Commence Study Early in Course.

Sir James Whitney States Government's Policy on Separate School Question in Closing Hours of Legislature.

Toronto, April 14.—The legislature concluded its business for the session at noon yesterday. In the closing hour Sir James Whitney made a statement of the government's policy regarding bi-lingual schools. The government will insist that instruction in English shall commence at once upon a child entering school, the use of French as the language of instruction and of communication to vary according to local conditions upon the report of the supervising inspector, but in no case to continue beyond the end of the first form, which means the first two years of the child's attendance at school.

Additional inspection will be provided so that every school shall be visited by a supervising inspector to observe and test the progress made and enforce the carrying out of the instructions. The state aid will be made conditional upon the employment of teachers capable of giving instruction in English, and where necessary to give further financial aid towards the part of such teachers.

Mr. Howells's comment was brief. He intimated that the government should take steps to ensure an adequate supply of teachers capable of giving instruction in both languages.

Several French Canadian members attempted to speak, but were ruled out of order. The session declared adjourned. Final prorogation takes place Tuesday.

WOMAN DIES IN CAMPBELL IS BURNING HOUSE FOUND GUILTY

School Teacher Found With Clothing in Flames and Succumbs in Few Minutes—Building Destroyed.

Verdict Against Quebec Man Charged with Obtaining Credit Under False Pretences Returned by Jury.

EIGHT HUNDRED PASSENGERS HELD

Vancouver, April 14.—Eight hundred passengers, most of them Chinese, will spend two weeks in quarantine at William Head. They arrived on the Canadian Pacific steamer Montserrat, on which only one Chinese had struck an iceberg and had requested assistance; he is now on way to Seattle.

NEWS OF DAY IN MONCTON

Gaskin Enquiry Adjourned—Special Wrecked Near Salt Springs—Central Railway Traffic Delayed.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, April 14.—The Gaskin inquiry has been adjourned till next Friday. Bryce Scott, chief electrician and Special Police Agent Tingley of the Intercolonial, were the principal witnesses on Saturday, their evidence being in line of that of Comptroller Shannon on Friday.

GOVERNMENT LETS DOWN BARS AGAINST RAILWAY WORKERS

Port William, Ont., April 13.—United States citizens and foreigners living over the international boundary, who are trained railroad construction workers and desire to come to Canada this year to engage in work on the great transcontinental lines, will not need the usual twenty-five dollars good and welfare (or) that has been customary in the past. Almost all restrictions have been thrown out by the Immigration Department as far as these ports are concerned.

HALIFAX CLERGY DECLINE VISIT OF PURITY LEAGUE

Special to The Standard. Halifax, April 14.—A majority of the ministers of Halifax decided to decline an offer for a meeting in this city of the World's Purity League. This caused some adverse comment. It replied to this Rev. Dr. J. W. MacMillan today read a statement from the pulpit of St. Matthew's church.

SIR JOHN HARE ARRIVES TO JUDGE COMPETITION

Ottawa, April 14.—Sir John Hare, the eminent British actor arrived here on Saturday on his second visit to Canada, the first as an actor in 1896 and now as judge of the Earl Grey amateur dramatic competition, which he believes should be a great stimulus towards the nationalization of the drama.

BISHOP TO LEAVE FOR TORONTO TO ATTEND MEETING

Special to The Standard. Charlottetown, April 14.—His Lordship Bishop Richardson was the preacher at St. Mary's church at the 11 o'clock service this morning. He delivered a very forceful sermon on the "Power of the Resurrection," basing his remarks on a passage of St. Paul's epistle to the Thimotheans. In a very eloquent and scholarly discourse the bishop showed what the resurrection meant to the world.

TITANIC IN TROUBLE

Montreal, April 14.—Allan line officials tonight received a wireless from the captain of the Virginian saying that the White Star liner Titanic had struck an iceberg and had requested assistance; he is now on way to Seattle.