# NORRIS REFUSED TO RUN IN SOUTHWEST TORONTO

Nomination Was Unanimously Tendered and Laudatory Speeches Followed, But Choice of Conservative Convention Sprung Surprise - Adjourned Without Making Selection.

The Conservatives of Southwest Toronto marched up the hill with great alacrity last evening, basked for an hour or two in the sunrise of impending victory and then went down the hill again like they were on a toboggan slide.

The convention, without waiting to hear any speeches, or the nomination of candidates, suspended the rules and at once nominated James A. Norris president of the central Liberal-Conservative organization as their candidate for the legislature to succeed the late Hon. J. J. Foy. Many speeches were made praising the nominee and prophesying a triumphant election. Some of the speakers were Conservative members of the legislature and one by one they extended the right hand of fellowship to Mr. Norris as the member elect. Then, just as the crowd were getting ready to go home, Mr. Norris came forward and in a few faltering sentences declined to accept the nomination.

Declined With Thanks. Business and personal reasons which had unexpectedly arisen prevented him, he said, from accepting the proffered honor. Several delegates thought that Mr. Norris should be more specific and one or two suggested that the convention at once proceed to select anyther one or two suggested that the conven-tion at once proceed to select another candidate. Tom Rooney of ward six, urged counsels of patience and sug-gested that Mr. Norris might after all

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The convention was well attended and farily filed the large Templars' Hall at the corner of Queen and Dovercourt. The delegates for wards four and five were assigned to searts on the ground floor, while the inner furbulent delegates from ward six were ensonced in the gallery. J. R. L. Starr, vice-president of the central organization, presided, as Mr. Norris, the president, who was slated to be the nominee, stayed in the background. Indeed, Mr. Norris was more or less in the background all of the evening. He did not appear until some time after nomination was made, and after the nominee, stayed in the background with mingled emotions to the foral tributes presented by Hon. Thomas Crawford, W. D. McPherson, A. E. Donovan, E. W. J. Owens, Tom Hook and other members of the legislature, who halled him as their future col. tributes presented by Hon. Thomas Crawford, W. D. McPherson, A. E. Denovan, E. W. J. Owens, Tom Hook and other members of the legislature, who halled him as their future colleague. And these gentlemen them-sbelves looked somewhat queer when they found the flowers they brought to the wedding were destined for use at

The Universal Grouch. When nominations were called for Fred Armstrong moved that the rules be suspended and that Mr. Norris be declared the nominee of the conven-tion. This motion was seconded by Mr. Somerville, who said everybody seemed to have a grouch. Some, he said, were grouchy on the weather, some on the hydro, some on prohibi-tion, some on the Hearst government, but in his opinion the only men entitled to have a grouch was the man in the to have a grouch was the man in the trenches. Those who remained at trenches. Those who remained at home should forget their disappointmerts and differences and rally to the The motion was carried on a stand-

ing vote by an overwheming majority, only perhaps a bare half dozen standing up to be recorded in the negative.

Oratorica: "east. Then followed the speeches of dis-inguished visitors. And it became evident from the start that a strong effort was to be made to unite the party on the bilingual issue. Rev. struck the key not when he declared that not only should French be stricken from the curriculum of the schools, but that it should not continue be used as an official language by the Supreme Court of Canada Dominion Parliament. The Rev. Capt. was in the full tide of his eloquence when Mr. Norris the nominee entered the hall and amid considerable cheer-ing ascended the platform. There was some uncertainty as to whether the Nova Scotia visitor should give way and permit the candidate to speak or continue with his own oration. The latter course being decided upon, Mr. Norris took a seat near the chairman but soon after withdrew to the wings. Every now and then the crowd yelled for Norris, but that gentleman merely stood by while some other orator ad-

vanced to the front. Mayor Church took occasion to say that the Hearst government was falling asleep at the switch on the hydro question, and criticized the Toronto members of the legislature as not beng on the job. His worship, however, declared that he had never voted for a Liberal, and never would, and declared that the nomination of Mr. Norris would put all the friends of hydro in line behind the Hearst gov-

It was observed that all the speak rassing issue of prohibition. The man that came nearest tackling it was Mr. Donovan, who said, and urged the crowd to mark his words, that the law was not of the Medes and Persian variety, and could be repealed. Mr. he said he did not envy the millionaire because no millionaire could enjoy a glass of beer more than he did. E. W. J. Owens, M.L.A., urged the Conservative party to put Mr. Norris overwhelming majority that the op position would not dare contest the riding at a future election. Mr. Norris, said, he knew to be a young man of ability and worthy to represent the pest interests of the people of south-

Honest Tom's" Admonition. Hon. Thos. Crawford said that while he came expecting a somewhat lively and Mrs. Godfrey and voung son were he came expecting a somewhat lively nomination meeting, he was not prepared for the unaminity of the canvention upon the one nominee. It augured well, he thought, for Mr. of the family.

## DECLINED NOMINATION



James Norris, unanimous choice to contest Southwest Toronto for Conservatives, refused for "business and personal reasons" to run.

Norris' chances at the polls. The nominee was a man the riding could well be proud of, and it behooved the Conservatives of Southwest Toronto to put aside all schisms and indifferences and get together and boost Norris' majority to the skies. If there were some things upon which many Conservatives could not see eye to eye with the government, he urged it upon them not telet that stand in the way of supporting the government.

Appeal for Unity.

W. D. McPherson, M.L.A., said that when you find a large conyention meeting which, without a protesting voice, elects its nominee, there was but little chance for the opposition resistering a victory. Do not, he urged them, let some people who are interested, side-track you on some important quessions upon which we all may not agree. There is hope in some quarters, he said, that these questions will divide the ridding and defeat the Conservative candidate. It is impossible in a city like Toronto to legislate to suit everybody. The best any government could hope to accomplish was to please the majority. When he brought in the billingual issue the crowd cheered him to the echo. Conservatives, he said, that these questions will divide the ridding and defeat the Conservative and date. It is impossible in a city like Toronto to legislate to suit everybody. The best any government could hope to accomplish was to please the majority. When he brought in the billingual issue the crowd cheered him to the echo. Conservatives, he said, stood for one language in Ontario and that was English.

Thomas Hook, M.L.A., predicted a larger majority for Mr. Norris than than that accorded the late Hon. Mr. Foy.

a Tory of the Tories when the bilingual question was an issue. There should be but one language in Canada, he de-clared, and that British. He hoped clared, and that British. He hoped within a few years to see French wiped out of all Canadian schools. No race or creed had any right to demand of an English-speaking country that their language be a part of the curriculum of the public schools.

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aunched into an extended criticism of the government in general and Toronto members in particular. There should be more hydro, he said, and hydro radials should not be dropped because of the war. There was no life to the Toronto members when local measures were before the house. He was a Whitney Conservative and believed Whitney Conservative and believed a little criticism would do the government good. He accused the government of delaying the Chippewa development work, and demanded of them a re formation of the Ontario Railway Board.

Donovan's Entreaty.

A. E. Donovan, Brockville, said that any difference of opinion in the party over major questions was meat to the

over major questions was meat to the opposition. In fact, it was tenderloin steak. True the government had had reverses as for instance North Perth. It didn't matter to any great extent, and it wouldn't matter to any great extent, and it wouldn't matter very much if one more riding went over to the opposition. "Only for God's sake don't lose this one," he entreated. The prohibition law wasn't a statute of the Medes and Persians and could be repealed. And he admitted liking a glass of beer as well as many millionaire in the province.

Ovation for Norris.

Then, after the crowd had made re-peated calls for him, Mr. Norris adanced to the platform, and the crowd broke into the strains of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow". After thanking them kindly for the honor bestowed upon him, he said that purely business reasons would prevent him from standing for election. He was very much afraid another convention would have

"Mr. Chairman," called a delegate, think we are entitled to some further explanation from Mr. Norris as to why he cannot stand."

"Sit down!" roared the crowd. The delegate proceeded to argue the oint, and Tom Rooney interrupted, saying that Mr. Norris had given his reasons, which were purely personal. He moved the adojurnment,

"I move in amendment that we elect another candidate now," the turbulent delegate hastened to interject.

Again the cries of "Sit down," an another argument as to whether he would be seated or remain on his feet,
"I am capable of handling this
meeting," shouted the chairman over
the din of voices, and when he put the motion to adjourn it was carried unanimously. Seen by The World after the meet-

ing, Mr. Norris again declined to say just what prevented him from standing for election. "If I can arrange my business," he said, "I may change my nind and accept the nomination."

### THREE PERSONS DROWNED.

BEAVERTON, Ont., July 31.—Three persons were drowned in the Black River, yesterday afternoon about nine miles south of Beaverton, when Mr. and Mrs. David Godfrey, their daughter, young son and niece were rowing into Black River. The boat upset, Mr.

## **ALLIES OPEN YEAR** WITHINITIATIV

'Tide Has Turned," Declares Sir Douglas Haig on Situation.

FOE ADMITS DEFEAT

Captured German Officers Confess Disillusionment Re British Army.

When night came he listened to the eports of his subordinates, made plans for the morrow and gave direc-

Characteristically Scotch, with the hardy constitution of the Scot, keeping up his exercises and insistent on fair allowance of sleep, he seems as

the Germans.
"In relation to our own losses, they have been severe in the instance of some units, whose steadiness in the face of a most galling fire has insured reliance on the others under a similar test. I may say that the total for the month of July to date, in the midst of a continuous effensive, has been less than five times the total in June, when we were in our trenches.

"But you have been able to see these things for yourself as a correspondent. Your pass will take you into the front line at Pozieres or Delville wood, to any headquarters, from that of a battalion to that of any army or when talion to that of any army, or wherever you please."

"The British soldier, used to think ing for himself, recognized the stub-born task before him, but the German, docile in his obedience and taking his superiors without question, was led to believe that the offensive of our new army, which was not taught by their kind of discipline and was therefore inefficient, could not be formidable. When we followed the breach in their first line with a breach in their second. first line with a breach in their second, the shock of our success was accordingly the greater to their minds. For the first time German officers, who were taken, admitted that Germany was beaten. One of them, who was on his way to England and had on his way to England and had glimpses of our reserve camps in France, said that he had been told that the British had only a fringe of troops on the front line, and once our attack was repulsed they could go thru to the coast and end the war." hru to the coast and end the war." Finally, in expressing the situation. Sir Douglas indulged in a Scotch phrase: "Facts are chiels that winna

the allies' year. No less than France, now that we are ready, we shall give all the strength there is in us to drive the invader from her soil and that of Belgium. England will not achieve her full strength on land, however, until next summer.
"All those who believe that our cause is the cause of civilization may

### French Repulse Attack

PARIS, via London, July 31, 11.59 .m.—The war office communication made public tonight says:
"North of the Somme the Germans today continued their counter-attacks in the Hem Wood and on the Monacu Farm. All their attacks were repulsed with enemy losses, and we maintained the captured positions. "On the right bank of the Meuse the artillery duels continue violent in the sectors of the Thiaumont Wood and

"There is nothing to report from the rest of the front. "During Sunday night one of our ai squadrons bombarded military factories at Thionville and the stations o Conflans and Audun-le-Roman as well as bivouacs in the region of Etain."

# ABOUT SIXTY THOUSAND

LONDON. July 31.—British ensual ties reported in the month of July in all the war areas total 7,084 officers and 52,591 men.

(Continued from Page One). of shell smoke and confusion into which the infantry charged over a six een-mile front

tions of customary brevity, and some-times with pithy homily.

Then Sir Douglas Haig referred to character of the German army

and British army as revealed by the fighting of the last four weeks.

ding," and continued:
"The third year of the war will be

rest assured that this army has no thought except to go on delivering that victory by force of arms which will ensure an enduring peace."

INFANTRY. Two a.m. List

# INFANTRY.

ENGINERS.



# New Prices August 1, 1916

The following prices for Ford cars will be effective on and after August 1st, 1916

Chassis \$45000 Runabout 47500 Touring Car 49500 Couplet 69500 Town Car 78000 Sedan 89000

f. o. b, Ford, Ontario

These prices are positively guaranteed against any reduction before August 1st, 1917, but there is no guarantee against an advance in price at any time.

Ford Motor Company of Canada Limited Ford, Ontario

## CANADIAN **CASUALTIES**

Midnight List

INFANTRY. Killed in action—Lieut. Egerton B. Baines, Royce avenue branch, B.N.A. Bank, Toronto; 487432, Harry Ross, 67 Parkway avenue, Toronto; A38098, Joseph Willamson, Edmonton: 427772, Wm. R. Wright, Kenilworth, Hamilton, Ont. Died of wounds—167129, Pioneer Wm. J. Whylde, Ashfield, N.S. Previously reported missing, now unofficially prisoner of war—425570, Ernest Albert Koons, Minitonas, Man. Seriously III—150560, Norman Robbins, Bangor, Me.

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Previously reported wounded, now on
duty—Lleut. Sydney Herbert Griffin, 49
Garnock avenue, Toronto.
Wounded—408757, James Cullen, Sault
Ste, Marie, Ont.: 171072, Clarence C.
Douglas, 309 Metton street, North Toronto; 429560, Andrew Fraser, New Westminster, B.C.: 157594, Walter John Higgins, 1604 East Gerrard street, Toronto;
Lieut. George R. Inglis, Niagara Falls,
Ont.: 54172. Wm. Martin, Ireland: 412570,
R. J. Laffrey, England.
Previously reported missing, now on
duty—47041, Alex. Robertson, Truro, N.S.
Dangerously III—Lieut. Maurice A. M.
Marsden. Vancouver.
Woundsd—121624, George Ainsworth,
Valleyfield, Que.: 445041. Charles W.
Arsenault. Bathurst. N.B.: 141627. Thos.
Boulton, St. Catharines; 69039, Corp. Fred
Breau, Covedale, N.B.: 67539, Fenwick
Colpitts, Luty, N.B.: 402070, Arthur
Franks. Galt, Ont.; 467565, Edgar F. Goldthwaite, Summerside, P.E.I.: 150091,
George T. Gostick. Kildonan, Man.;
438666, James W. Gowland, Vancouver;
460079, George W. Hall, Norwood, Man.;
73991. Corp. James Martin, Saskatoon;
466863. Charles N. York, Meaford; 65541.
Sergt. Edgar T. Lane, Montreal; 101443,
Joseph H. Mair, Chipman, Alb.: 303076,
Gunner Edwin M. Putnam, Montreal.

### MOUNTED RIFLES.

Killed in action—Lieut. Alex. H. Bos-tock, Monte Creek, B.C. Wounded, believed missing—19223. John T. Blayney, 999 West Queen street, To-FOLLOWS HER SOLDIER

ronto.

Previously missing, now died whitst prisoner of war-106589, Charles J. Mann Thomson. Indian Head, Sask.

Unofficially prisoner of war-106476, Byron I. Parry., Druid. Sask.; 106552, Lance-Corp. Alfred H. P. Simmonds, Keatley, Sask.

Seriously ill-116792, Wm. E. Davis, Victoria, B.C., Wounded—Capt. Wm. W. Foster, Victoria, B.C.; 171545, Glibert G. Troke, 5 Battenberg avenue, Toronto; 159034, Arthur Brown, England; 124476, J. Effichell, Ireland.

ARTILLERY. Died-86752, Driver R. A. Hopkinson

Dead-77348, Edmund Fitton, Wales.

Wounded—144205. Richard Mathews, Westboro, Ont.: 486803. Thomas Thom-son, Ottawa; 18230, John Perrow, Scot-land.

Nanaimo, B.C.; Lieut, Andrew M. Rob- IS BETWEEN F. REGAN

MEDCIAL SERVICES, Died—255, Clarence W. Curtise, Dau-hin, Man. Wounded—33968, Robert Dalzell, Ire-nd.

ARTILLERY. Wounded—300628, Gunner Adam H. Lleyers, 861 Euclid avenue, Toronto; 43043, Baddler James Valois, Lachine,

ARMY SERVICE CORPS. Died-4577, Patrick J. Ennis, Winnieg; 154684, Evan J. Blenkison, England

INFANTRY. Killed in action—56045, Lance-Corp. Charles J. Tolmie, Scotland. Wounded—440951, Edwin C. Allen, England; 55786, Wm. A. Berry, Scotland; 466118, Alfonse C. Jordan, Ireland. MOUNTED RIFLES.

Wounded—117590, Chas. W. Turner England; 400653, Norman. Bohannan Ergland; 7792, Geo. Kempster, England. ENGINEERS.

Killed in action—18018, Sapper Thomas Burns. Scotland. Wounded—503208, Sapper Thomas Holmes, Scotland. INFANTRY.

Missing—100211, ohn C. Gibson. England; 460057. John W. Evans, Wales. Wounded—460279, Wm. Davidson. Ireland: 424271. Wm. Ferrier, Scotland; 437539. Thomas Heaps, England; Lieut. Wm. C. Meyerstein, England. Lieut. Wm. C. Meyerstein, England. Killed in action—105621, Wm. J. P. Brown, England: 105520, Chas. Craik, Scotland; 267, Sgt. Ernest W. Johns, England: 147866, John Shannon. Ireland; 460920, Andrew Bowie Hunter, Scotland; 422324, James Ryan, England. Wounded and missing—81262, Corp. Ralph Fletcher, England: A22644, Joseph Lawson. Scotland; 492, Hugh G. Scott, Wounded—A24065. Albert McGuire, England: A24194, Sgt. Harry Marchant, England.

# HUSBAND TO THE GRAVE

J. Hemmings, conductor on the Clair avenue civic car line, residing at Lansdowne avenue, Earlscourt, is in receipt of a letter from a relative in Sittingbourne, Kent, England, in which the following incident is narrated: "The funeral took place yesterday in

"The funeral took place yesterday in Borden churchyard of the widow of Pte. George Webb of the 24th Battalion, Royal Victorian Rifles. Canadian Expeditionary of Force, who was killed in France, leaving four little children."

Pte. Webb. with his wife, came to Canada and took up his residence in Eariscourt, six years ago, enlisting in the Canadian forces at the outbreak of war. His wife, with her little family, followed him to England, taking up her residence His wife, with her little family, followed him to England, taking up her residence with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Apps, Victoria road, Sittingbourne.

When news of her husband's death was received she became seriously ill, and was taken to St. Thomas' Hospital, London, where she passed away.

## GERMANS TO GROW TOBACCO.

COPENHAGEN-Serbia's "Military Government" intends to encourage to-bacco plantation in the whole of Serbia says a Hungarian paper. Pris-Wounded—Lieut. Wm. D. Powell, Ot-awa; 64057, Sapper Urbain Columbin, many to assist in the cultivation.

Either One Likely to Be the Choice of the Liberal Convention.

The Liberal Association of Wards 4 and 5 decided at its meeting in the Liberal Association rooms at 36 Toronto street last night to enter the fight at

street last night to enter the fight at the coming election and several names of likely candidates were mentioned. The choice will likely be between Frank Hegan and Louis Gurofsky.

It was decided that the executive of the ward association be instructed to send in a list of three delegates from each polling sub-division in the riding, who will constitute the delegates for the convention to be held on Tuesday, August 8. A number of speeches were delivered to the effect that a candidate should be brought in as the government got into power on the liquor question and then brought in prohibition without a mandate from the people.

The names of Frank Regan and Louis Gurofsky will be recommended to the convention as possible candidates. A further meeting of the executive will be held next Friday to make final arrangements for the convention.

### PROF. WRONG'S SON REPORTED MISSING

for the convention.

Hon. Edward Blake, and was born in Toronto in 1892.

He was educated at Ridley College, St. the was educated at Ridley College, St. the was educated for Toronto in 1910, graduated from that institution in 1914. He was a student of law at Osgoode Hall. He obtained a commission in Oxford, Since November, 1915, he has been at the front in France, and on July 23 was in a successful attack on the enemy's parapet. parapet.

His mother, Mrs. E. F. Blake, lives in Prince Arthur avenue.

EARLY MORNING FIRE.

Early this morning fire broke out in the rear of the home of Mrs. Robert Killmaster, 342 Kingswood avenue, and did \$2000 damage. The home was insured for \$4000. The cause of the fire

# AND LOUIS GUROFSKY CONDITIONS FAVOR GOOD WHEAT CROP

Yield Will Be Eighty Per Cent. of Last

Year. LITTLE DAMAGE SEEN

Fifteen Days More of Warm Weather Required for Harvest.

Special to The Toronto World.

WINNIPEG, Man., July 31.—After careful inspection and enquiries regarding the three prairie provinces, Morley Donaldson, vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific, estimates that the wheat will be 80 per cent. vesting operations will be well under way in Manitoba and eastern Saskatchewan between Aug. 13 and 20, and about. Septhe weather conditions continue favorable.

"With fifteen days as

REPORTED MISSING

Enlisted in Lancashire Fusiliers
When the War Broke Out.

Harold Verschoyle Wrong, reported missing, is the second son of Prof. George M. Wrong, and a grandson of the late Hon. Edward Blake, and was in Toronto in 1891, and educated find the scholarship at matriculation in the scholarship at matriculation in the officers' raining corps of Oxford tensant in Lancashire Fusiliers, 15th since Nov. 19. He was reported missing by the war office since July 6, All. Dut one of the grandsons of the scholarship at matriculation in the scholarship at matriculation in the officers' raining corps of Oxford tensant in Lancashire Fusiliers, 15th since Nov. 19. He was reported missing by the war office since July 6, All. Dut one of the grandsons of Hpn. Edward Blake are on active service, and the exception was rejected because of a weak heart.

LIEUT. G. E. BLAKE HAS

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SOLDIERS FOR HARVEST.

CAMP HUGHES, July 31.—Applications are being made to O.C.'s of the various units for harvest leave and it is and cipated that the camp will be depleted by something like 60 per cent. The move isn't a popular one with the commanding officers, as they feel that it will interfere seriously with the training of their battalions and that much of the work that has already been done will have to be gone over again with the men who take harvest leave.

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