

# NORRIS REFUSED TO RUN IN SOUTHWEST TORONTO

### Nomination Was Unanimously Tended 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, basking 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 flattering 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 another candidate. From Rooney of ward six, urged counsel of patience and suggested that Mr. Norris might after all reconsider and accept the nomination.

The chairman, however, lost no time in putting the motion to adjourn and the convention thereupon adjourned without doing anything else.

**A Large Gathering.** The convention was well attended and fairly filled the large Templars' Hall at the corner of Queen and Devereux. The delegates for wards four and five were assigned to seats on the floor, while the members of the party were seated in the gallery. J. R. L. Starr, vice-president of the central organization, presided at the convention, the president, who was slated to be the nominee, stayed in the background. Indeed, Mr. Norris was not even in the background all of the evening. He did not appear until some time after nomination had been made, and after acknowledging and soon withdrew with mingled emotions to the front.

**The Universal Grouch.** When nominations were called for Fred Armstrong moved to be suspended and that Mr. Norris be declared the nominee of the convention. This motion was seconded by Mr. Somerville, who said everybody seemed to have a grouch. Some, he said, were grouching on the nomination, some on the Liberal government, some on the Hearst government, some on the Ontario government, some on the Ontario Railway Board.

**Donovan's Entrée.** A. E. Donovan, Brockville, said that any major question in the party would be referred to the government and that the government had had a right to make a North Perth. It didn't matter to any great extent if it wouldn't matter very much if it was not. "Only for God's sake don't let this one," he entreated. The proposition 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 millions in the province.

**Ovation for Norris.** Then, after the crowd had repeated calls for him, Mr. Norris addressed 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 pure business reasons would prevent him from running for election. He was very much to be held.

**French Repulse Attack.** PARIS, via London, July 31, 11.59 p.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 Moncourt Farm. All their attacks were repulsed with enemy losses, and we maintained the captured positions."

**THREE PERSONS DROWNED.** BEAVERTON, Ont., July 31.—Three persons were drowned in a Black River, yesterday afternoon about nine miles south of Beaverton, when Mr. Young, David Godfrey, their daughter, and a young man were rowing into Black River. The boat upset, Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey and young son were drowned. The two young ladies clung to the overturned boat until rescued. Miss Godfrey being the only survivor of the family.

# ALLIES OPEN YEAR WITH INITIATIVE

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

### FOE ADMITS DEFEAT

### Captured German Officers Confess Disillusionment Re British Army.

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of shell smoke and confusion into which the infantry charged over a sixteen-mile front.

When night came he listened to the reports of his subordinates, made plans for the morrow and gave directions with customary brevity, and sometimes with pitying homily.

Characteristically Scotch, with the hardy constitution of the Scot, keeping up his exercises and insisting on a fair allowance of sleep, he seems as fresh at the end of a month's battle as when the war began.

**However well trained in army, however able in general, however ample in arms and munitions,"** he said, "the supreme test of a war of this kind is its capacity, unit by unit, wherever heavy losses are inflicted, to replace the losses and to continue the war."

Wherever sacrifice of life was necessary, to the end these new army men have borne it without wailing and in a manner worthy the traditions of the Anglo-Saxon race.

When her navy had English safe from invasion, it was principle which led these men—ill volunteers—to fight on soil which is not their own. They realized the preparedness, discipline and automatic organization of the army for military action abhorrent to them."

**Turning to the map, he put his finger first on Pozieres, an open Delville Wood, where the British incessant struggle has gained precious high ground.**

"Here our men, after they had conquered the maze of trench fortifications which the Germans had been a year and a half in building, were fought under field conditions, digging counter-attacks and the stubbornness of the regulars at Ypres, continuing to advance, pitting their skill, courage and resources against those of an army with 40 years of preparation."

That confidence that as man to man, with equally good artillery support, they were superior to the Germans, has been justified.

"Had we gained less ground; had we not in conjunction with the French inflicted heavy losses on the enemy, then our own and had not given a vital blow to his morale, our offensive would have been worth little or nothing to our morale. Our men ask only to keep on attacking. They feel that they have taken the measure of the Germans."

"In relation to our own losses, they have been severe in the instance of some units, but the losses in the face of a most gallant fire, the reliance on the others under a similar fire, and the fact that the total for the month of July, the total of our continuous offensive, has been, in fact, five times the total in June, when we were on the defensive."

"But you have benches. These things for yourself as a correspondent. Your pen will take you into the front line at Pozieres. There is a wood, that is our headquarters, from that of battalion to that of an army, or wherever you may wish to go."

Then Sir Douglas Haig referred to the character of the German army and British army as revealed by the fighting of the last few weeks.

"The British soldier, under the leadership of his officers, has shown a stubbornness and a determination to fight which has not been met by the German army. He has shown a determination to fight which has not been met by the German army."

Previously reported missing, now officially prisoners of war—Ernest Albert Koons, Miltonas, Ont., seriously ill—156860, Norman Robbins, Beaverton, Ont.

Previously reported wounded, now officially prisoners of war—Herbert Griffin, 49 Garnock avenue, Toronto; Douglas, 309 Merion street, North Toronto; Andrew Fraser, New Westminister, B.C.; 157104, Walter John Higgins, 1604 East Gerrard street, Toronto; George E. Ingle, Niagara Falls, Ont.; 54172, Wm. Martin, Ireland; 423570, R. J. Laffrey, England.

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# 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

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# IS BETWEEN F. REGAN AND LOUIS GUROFSKY

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

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### Wounded—40279, Wm. Davidson, England; 40095, Norman Bohannon, England; 7792, Geo. Kemper, England.

### Wounded—14951, Edwin C. Allen, England; 14952, A. Berry, Scotland; 466115, Ailsone C. Jordan, Ireland.

### Wounded—13750, Chas. W. Turner, England; 40095, Norman Bohannon, England; 7792, Geo. Kemper, England.

### Wounded—30528, Sapper Thomas Holmes, Scotland.

### Wounded—10021, Chas. G. Gibson, England; 48057, John W. Evans, Wales.

### Wounded—42471, Wm. Davidson, Ireland; 42472, Wm. Ferrie, Scotland; Wm. C. Thomas Heaps, England; Lieut. Wm. C. Thomas Heaps, England; Lieut. Wm. C. Thomas Heaps, England.

### Wounded—10621, Wm. J. P. Brown, England; 10620, Chas. Crick, Scotland; 257, Sgt. Ernest W. Johns, England; 14746, John Shannan, Ireland; 46020, Andrew Bowie, Hunter, Scotland; 42234, James Ryan, England; Lieut. Ralph Fisher, England; 42244, Joseph Lawson, Scotland; 452, Hugh G. Scott, Ireland.

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# 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.

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