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PROGRESSIVE PARTY LAUNCHED WITH BIG FLOOD OF ENTHUSIASM HARMONY IS PREVAILING NOTE

Big Crowd of Delegates in Fine Fighting Fettle Show Confidence in Successful Outcome of Roosevelt's Leadership—Women Delegates Much in Evidence—Beveridge, Indiana, Enunciates General Principles.

CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—(Can. Press.)—The first session of the first convention of the new national progressive party, of which Col. Theodore Roosevelt is sponsor, was held in the Coliseum to-day, and while the sitting was attended by all the usual ceremonies of a national political gathering, the actual proceedings were suggestive of a love feast.

Not a dissenting voice was raised during the session. The question of negro representation from the south had caused friction earlier in the day in the national committee, but there was no echo of this fight on the floor of the convention. The delegates were at times explosive in their enthusiasm. Many of the state delegations came into the hall singing and shouting in their delight at the birth of the new party and three hours later left the building in the same happy frame of mind.

Altho greenhands were supposed to be at the helm, the machinery of the convention worked smoothly and efficiently. There was no roll call of delegates, but the delegate section of the floor, arranged in the same manner as the Republican National Convention a few weeks ago and accommodating nearly 1100 people, was entirely filled. The alternate section also had its full quota.

Leaders in High Glee.

There was not the same crush of spectators to-day as at the Republican gathering. But when the proceedings began the galleries had few empty seats. The convention leaders were enthusiastic over the showing made in the Coliseum to-day and made the claim that no better looking, more substantial set of delegates was ever seen upon the floor of a national political convention.

Work of the national committee on contested delegate cases caused a delay of nearly an hour in the assembling of the convention. During the wait the delegates amused themselves with songs and yells composed for the occasion, while a band up near the flag

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DAYS OF CORRUPT BOSSES AND CROOK FINANCIERS WHO STAND BEHIND NEWSPAPERS ARE OVER

"Channels of Information Have Been Choked By Government in Effort to Prevent People Knowing What We Stand For," Says T.R.—Johnson for Vice-President.

CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—(Can. Press.)—Col. Theodore Roosevelt arrived at 8.30 a.m. He was given an enthusiastic welcome and hurried to headquarters in the Congress Hotel. The crowd cheered as the colonel stepped from the train. He was received by a delegation of progressives headed by George W. Perkins and Governor Johnson of California.

The streets along the route were lined with crowds, and as the colonel swept past, cheer after cheer was raised.

Standing in his automobile in front of the hotel, Col. Roosevelt said:

"I am very pleased to be with you in Chicago again, and this time at the birth of a party and not at a death of one. I am convinced that the people will not stand for the convention of seven weeks ago, especially as it was against the interests of the people. By November, the men nominated at that convention will not be a factor in the race.

"The days of the corrupt political bosses and the crooked financier who stands behind the bosses and the newspaper-owned boss and financiers, are over.

"The channels of information have been choked by the opponent of popular government in the effort to prevent the people from finding out what we stand for. I intend to see that the facts are known and that the people understand what this movement really is, and decide for themselves what their government shall be."

With the arrival of Col. Roosevelt on the scene the talk of Gov. Hiram Johnson of California for vice-president seemed to receive a new impetus. Col. Roosevelt, it was said, regarded Gov. Johnson as a great campaigner, and while the party might not need his added strength on the ticket in California, his services in the campaign would be invaluable elsewhere.

Both Col. Roosevelt and Gov. Johnson are said to have given first consideration to the advisability of naming a southern Democrat for second place on the ticket, in the hope of winning votes in that section of the country. The leaders, it is said, have not been able to agree upon a southern man, however, and there was a strong belief to-day that Gov. Johnson eventually would be chosen.

Roosevelt Holds Whiphand.

There appeared to be no question to-day among the delegates but that Col. Roosevelt would get whatever he wanted at their hands. His nomination has been depended upon to give the new party an auspicious start, and if he desires to run on a platform based on the speech which he asserts may be termed an "anarchistic" one, the progressives here are more than anxious to give it to him.

Col. Roosevelt will make his confession of faith at the convention Tuesday afternoon, following the formalities of permanent organization.

BANDANNA AS PARTY TOKEN

Moose Head Emblem Put to Route by Gag Handkerchiefs Worn by Delegates.

CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—(Can. Press.)—The red bandana handkerchief, as an emblem of the new party, to-day almost supplanted the moose head. Nearly every delegate wore a bandana knotted about his neck or his hat band. Street dealers drove a large trade in the handkerchiefs, selling all qualities from cotton to silk.

"Buy a 'Roosevelt battle flag,'" shouted the vendors at every downtown street corner, and the crowds responded with liberal purchases.

Women as well as men wore the new party emblem and milliners already are besieged with orders to trim hats with the gaudy handkerchiefs.

MERSEY REPORT BEARS FRUIT

BELFAST, Aug. 5.—(Can. Press.)—The White Star Co. has issued orders that the third steamer of the Olympic class under construction here shall be provided with a double skin, rising well above the water-line. This is in accordance with the suggestions in the Mersey report.

Lord Strathcona 92 To-day

LONDON, Aug. 5.—(Can. Press)—Three nonogenarian peers celebrate their birthdays this week. The Earl of Wemyss, who has lived under six sovereigns, having been born in the reign of George III., was 95 yesterday; Lord Strathcona will be 92 to-morrow (Tuesday), and on Wednesday Lord Nelson, the "Father of the House of Lords," begins his 90th year.

All three are still vigorous, Lord Strathcona holding that hard work has kept him young.

Western Farmers Will Have $75,000,000 More to Spend

W. P. Hinton, General Passenger Agent of the Grand Trunk Pacific, Says This Year's Crop Will Greatly Exceed Last Year's—Western Branch Complete by End of 1914.

OTTAWA, Aug. 5.—(Can. Press).—Such good progress is being made with construction work on the Grand Trunk Pacific that it is expected the line will be completed thru from Winnipeg to Prince Rupert by the end of 1914. This is the report brought east by W. P. Hinton, general passenger agent of the Grand Trunk Pacific, who is on a visit to his Ottawa home. There is at present a gap of 300 miles between the western end of the steel in the Yellowhead Pass and the eastern end of the completed line from Prince Arthur. On this gap no serious engineering difficulties are presented.

The Grand Trunk Pacific will do its share in moving this season's grain crop, which, Mr. Hinton says, will be double that of three years ago. He estimates that the western farmers should have $75,000,000 more to spend from this year's crop than they had from the yield of last year. The Grand Trunk Pacific is not only increasing its freight equipment, but has added three million bushels capacity to its elevator at the head of the great lakes.

More Disclosures As To Conditions In Eating Houses

Dirty Methods in Scores of Kitchens That Would Nauseate the Customers If They Could But See Them—Many Open Practices That Should Cease.

Everybody in town is talking about the disclosures made in yesterday's issue of The World relative to the sad state of affairs in Toronto restaurants. Letters are coming in on every delivery commending the good work begun and telling of the disgraceful conditions in local eating houses.

One man had this to say yesterday to a reporter. He stated that next door to his place of business on Yonge-street was a restaurant owned and run by a foreigner. In the first place the premises the restaurateur occupied were not properly adapted to his line of business. They were too small. The refrigerator, where the meats were kept, was but four feet long by two feet wide and two feet high. This sized box would not hold nearly all the meat required, so it was found necessary to keep much of it lying about. A common place for its disposal was on a bench outside the rear of the building. Here the flies, beetles and bugs indulged in a saturnalia of gormandizing. What they could not eat they mucked in. These meats were cooked and later served to customers.

Rain Falls on Meat.

The help in this place was above the average in dirtiness, so this man avers. Here is something he himself saw one of the employes doing: Peeling potatoes with gloves on; the very gloves he had used just a few minutes before to pick up garbage with in the back yard. Ofttimes the meat is hung outside the building, just underneath the eave-troughs. When it rains the leakage from these eaves saturates this meat. That does not matter, tho. The proprietor considers that once this meat

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SIGHTSEERS BARELY MISS DEATH PLUNGE

Heavy Touring Car With Twenty Visitors Aboard Tears Down Huntley Street, Swerving From Side to Side, and Ends by Demolishing High Board Fence.

JUST ESCAPED DEEP GULLY

Swaying and swerving down the grade on Huntley-st., toward the ravine bridge yesterday afternoon, a big Dominion sightseeing motor with twenty visitors aboard, almost went into a ravine and the passengers missed by a few feet instant death.

Just above Elm-ave. the driver lost control of his car. It swung suddenly to the east side of the street, and just avoiding the trees as quickly lurched to the opposite side.

The screaming passengers had one horrified glimpse of a steep gully 45 feet deep. They all but plunged over its edge, but the driver by some mysterious means, steered the fast going car back to the other side of the street. And then, with a clear field, it plunged westward, climbed a foot high curb on a tangent as the frightened passengers held their breath, and then still right side up, the heavy car tore into the five foot fence of Mrs. Baird's house at the corner of Elm-ave. and Huntley-st., and smased the boards into palings.

If the car had continued southward a hundred yards on its career, it might have plunged into the Rosedale ravine.

The passengers took away pieces of Mrs. Baird's fence as souvenirs of Toronto.

FOUND BURGLAR HIDDEN IN TRUNK

Policeman and W. W. Hart of Roxton Road Search House on Advice of Neighbors, With Startling Success.

The watchfulness of the neighbors of Wilson W. Hart of 180 Roxton-road yesterday afternoon defeated the objects of a would-be burglar and ended in hisultimate capture.

It also led to the discovery of the burglar in a peculiar place, and one that is the favorite for burglars only in moving pictures.

While Mr. Hart and his family were absent from the house yesterday afternoon the neighbors noticed a strange man acting suspiciously around the back of the house, and on Mr. Hart's return told him of this. On investigating he found one of the back cellar windows had been forced open. He at once called in P. C. Green (79), who was passing at the time, and the two men entered the cellar together. When they got there, however, nothing was to be seen of the burglar.

The policeman was just about to leave the cellar when he noticed the lid of an old trunk lift up and down about an inch. This was immediately investigated and the burglar was found crouching in the trunk.

When taken to the police station the man gave his name as Frederick Allan, and his address as 104 Hamburg-avenue. He is a man about 25 years of age.

Suffragettes at Chicago

CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—(Can. Press)—Several hundred women suffrage enthusiasts, carrying "Votes for Women" banners, and headed by a military band, paraded thru Michigan-avenue from the Art Institute to Fourteenth-street, and thence to the Coliseum at noon.

The procession attracted large crowds along the line of march, and at many points the women marchers were cheered noisily.

As the parade passed Col. Roosevelt's hotel there was a lively interchange of greetings.

New York Police Raising $50,000 For Becker Defence

Money Is Collected by System Which Is Also To Be Subject of Enquiry by District Attorney—Collectors und Lawyers Disagree.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—A police fund of $50,000 is being raised for the defence of Charles Becker, the police lieutenant charged with instigating the murder of Herman Rosenthal, according to the information in the hands of District Attorney Whitman to-night.

The money is being collected, it is said, by the so-called system which, aside from the murder case, is to be the subject of a separate investigation by the district attorney, who believes there is a corrupt alliance between the "system" and the gambling fraternity founded on graft and blackmail.

The information came to the prosecutor to-day in connection with the arraignment of Becker to answer the indictment against him. During five hours of legal procedure, which included the withdrawal by Becker for the purpose of offering motions to invalidate the indictment, the prisoner was represented by three lawyers, one of whom entered the case and mysteriously withdrew, while the status of the other two seemed doubtful in their own minds when the proceedings were over. It was said that the lawyers engaged by Becker were not satisfactory to the collectors of the defence fund, who, the district attorney heard, have practically engaged a prominent criminal lawyer to defend the lieutenant, superseding the prisoner's own personal choice.

John W. Hart, who has thus far represented Becker, was the lawyer who conducted the public part of to-day's legal proceedings. After withdrawing his client's plea of "not guilty," he made one motion to dismiss the indictment on the ground that it was irregular, and another to review the grand jury minutes and take evidence to show whether the ground for the indictment was sufficient. Judge Mulqueen refused to hear arguments on the motion to-day, and set the case over until Wednesday. Hart in his application to inspect the jury minutes held that the evidence produced was not legal in that it was testimony of accomplices in the alleged crime, namely, "Jack" Rose, "Bridgie" Webber and Harry Vallon.

Crowded Court.

But the fact that Becker was to appear for arraignment attracted an immense crowd to the criminal courts building, in the hope of getting a glimpse of the man who is the central figure in New York's greatest police scandal. Among them were recognized many gamblers and characters of the underworld and plainclothesmen and policemen circulated thru the building and guarded the entrance of the court-room, ready to forestall possible violence. The crowd eventually became so dense that corridors were cleared and only persons having business were admitted to the court.

Becker, looking somewhat pale from his week of prison life, walked from the Tombs across the Bridge of Sighs to the court-room with a firm step and maintained a self-possessed but grave demeanor during the proceedings.

Altho the district attorney says that he has evidence in his possession that he could use in pressing a charge of extortion against the lieutenant in connection with his relations with gamblers as head of the "strong arm" squad, the prosecutor said to-night that he proposed to press only the murder charge at the present; that he would not hasten the trial until his evidence to support the latter was in shape. If the argument of Attorney Hart should prevail to quash the present indictment, it would be easy to supersede it with another indictment, Mr. Whitman said, on the additional evidence he had collected.

Search Continues.

While the police are searching the Catskills for "Gyp the Blood" and "Lefty Louie," two of the alleged real murderers of Rosenthal, private detectives employed by the district attorney are looking for them in Boston. Mr. Whitman on his visit there on Saturday was told by his men that "Lefty Louie" had been seen there recently and that they hoped to capture him soon.

The district attorney had a voluntary witness before him to-day, who accused two policemen of failing to arrest the two missing men when he pointed them out to the officers of West 42nd-st. two days ago. The man said he knew them both, but that the policemen refused to leave their fixed posts to arrest them. Both policemen, McMahon and Philbin, admitted that the witness had pointed two men out to them as "Gyp the Blood" and "Lefty Louie," but declared that they did not dare to leave their fixed posts for fear of being fined.

PASSENGERS IN NIGHT ATTIRE LEAP FROM BURNING SLEEPER

Gasoline Tank Explodes on Car of Ottawa Train as Crew Are Filling Tank at Union Station—Several Lose All in Hurried Departure.

When a gasoline tank attached to a sleeping car of the C. P. Ottawa train, No. 34, exploded at about 11.20 o'clock last night at the Union Station, the John McLean party of Philadelphia, who had retired in the sleeper, were forced to hurriedly vacate their berths in night attire to escape death from fire.

Much of their clothing and some hand bags were left behind in their escape, and were either destroyed by the flames or damaged by water.

The McLean party had arrived from Philadelphia last night and made connection with the Ottawa train, which was scheduled to leave Toronto for Ottawa at 11.30. There were about 20 in the party. The train was made up about an hour before it was due to depart and the people who occupied one of the sleepers had retired for the night.

Lamp Fires Gasoline.

The train crew were filling the tank under the car with gasoline to supply the lamps. The hose connected with the main running under the yard tracks leaked. One of the crew was passing with a lighted lantern, when the escaping gas fumes were lighted by the lamp.

An explosion followed.

Flames flared up from the gas tank and in a moment the car itself had caught fire. The explosion broke windows. The noise of the breaking glass awakened the sleeping party. They quickly jumped from their berths and made a hurried exit, snatching whatever was handy.

An alarm was sent in to the fire department and the downtown sections responded. Chief Thompson was there to direct his men. After 30 minutes' continuous labor the fire was extinguished, but the car was bady damaged. The contretemps caused train No. 34 to be delayed 45 minutes, the passengers being immediately provided with accommodation in another sleeper. A few moments after the fire broke out the burning car was shunted on to a siding.

None of the party were injured in any way, altho all were badly frightened. The company will make good any loss they sustained.

BRITISH SUGAR REFINERS REBEL.

LONDON, Aug. 5.—(C.A.P.)—The proposed withdrawal of Great Britain from the Brussels Sugar Convention is being resolutely resisted by British refiners. An influential deputation representing Liverpool, London, Glasgow and Greenock has been appointed to wait upon the government.

MINISTERS CAN'T COME BEFORE SEPTEMBER.

LONDON, Aug. 5.—(C.A.P.)—The Chronicle states that the question of an official visit of the British Cabinet to Canada stands over until Hon. R. L. Borden's return. Therefore, it can't take place until September at the earliest.

LEATHER PRICES TO GO UP

MONTREAL, Aug. 5.—(Can. Press.)—At a meeting of the tanners' section of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, in the board of trade building today, it was decided to advance the price of leather ten per cent. The date on which the increase will become effective has not yet been announced, but will be in the near future.

THOUSANDS HAVE A GLORIOUS DAY IN FITTING WAY

Crowds Enjoyed Gay Holiday at Lakeside Resorts, on Boats Plying Across Ontario, at Baseball, Lacrosse and Other Athletic Events—Street Car Service Inadequate.

Holiday Crowds.

Toronto Islands	50,000
Baseball	16,000
Dufferin Park	8,000
Lacrosse, Scarboro Beach	8,000
Bond Lake and district	6,000
Long Branch	5,000
Scarboro Bluffs and Highland Creek	6,000
Across the lake	8,500
Lambton Mills and Weston	4,000
Cricket at Varsity	1,000
Scarboro Beach	8,000

King's weather prevailed in Toronto and its environs thruout yesterday and many thousands of Toronto's citizens, as well as large numbers of visitors, availed themselves of such a splendid opportunity to participate in the pleasures that were offered in the many amusement resorts and parks that surround the city. A light rain fell at noon, but lasted only a short while.

All day long on the routes leading to the Bay and Yonge-streets wharves were seen continuous streams of humanity, wending their respective ways to embark either on Lol Solman's island liners or the R. and O. Navigation Co.'s more palatial steamboats. Centre Island Park reminded the visitor of a beehive in the height of a honey gathering season.

The crush at Hanlan's Point was well night unbearable, and the side shows did a roaring trade, especially the new feature, which takes the form of a trip thru Venice. Streams of people could be seen waiting their turn to take a long-anticipated trip on the racer dips, the scenic railway or the rainbow dips.

The lake boats did a capacity business and each boat set off and returned on its scheduled trips with a full complement of passengers. At the Union Station, more than the usual holiday crowd passed thru the gates, and every train left on its east or westward journey jammed to the doors.

Inadequate Service.

The Toronto Street Railway once more demonstrated its inability to cope with an holiday crowd, for people were kept standing at the different intersections along King and Queen-streets going east, because as each successive

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SPY SCARE IN GERMANY

Three Arrests of Germans Alleged to Have Furnished Information to England and France.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—(Can. Press.)—A cable from Kiel to-day says:

Germany is in the grip of another spy scare to-day. Following yesterday's arrest in Eckernafoerde of five Englishmen just landed from Copenhagen and suspected of spying on the Kaiser's coast fortifications, a German sergeant, a corporal and a private were arrested to-day accused of furnishing military information to England and France.

From the Englishmen, who had crossed from the Danish capital in a cutter, it is said that many photographs and notes were taken. The men were sent to jail at Metz, where they will be tried.

Germany has punished eighteen foreigners or Germans said to be in foreign employ in little more than two years on charges of spying.

HOT SPELL HELPS CROPS

WINNIPEG, Aug. 5.—(Can. Press.)—A general improvement in crop prospects to-day is the result of 48 hours of hot, dry weather all over the prairie provinces. Showers prevail in Manitoba, but otherwise crop conditions are ideal.

Straw Hat Weather to Continue.

It was a big day in Toronto yesterday. Good summer weather most of the time made a record outing. Probabilities point to a very warm spell, when a new summer straw or panama weave will look all the goods. The Dineen Sale of Summer Hats at 140 Yonge-st., where there are some wonderful values in both lines, should prove an attraction to the wise ones, for next season these hats will be as proper and stylish as they are to-day. This is especially true of the panama. All Dineen stock at less than half price.