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W. F. TODD CHOSEN IN CHARLOTTE

Only Name Before Liberal Convention at St. Stephen

CANDIDATE ACCEPTS

Pugsley Present and Predicts That Laurier Government Will Be Returned to Power--Intends Speaking in Many New Brunswick Places.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

St. Stephen, N. B., Aug. 31.—A large and enthusiastic Liberal convention was convened in Watson's Hall this afternoon at 3 o'clock. N. Marks Mills was called to the chair and Fred B. Hill was chosen secretary.

A credential committee composed of W. W. Clarke, John O'Brien and A. B. O'Neill reported that out of 123 delegates, who were entitled to seats in the convention, 119 were present, the only party not having a delegate present was the Glendon. At this point Dr. Pugsley entered the hall and was heartily received.

On the suggestion of the chairman the convention proceeded to organize a Liberal association for the county, and a committee of five was appointed to draft a constitution which, when submitted, provided for a president, three vice-presidents and secretary. Dr. Pugsley was elected president, the three vice-presidents are, Mayor Lawrence, St. George, R. E. Armstrong, St. Andrews; J. E. Gaskill, Grand Sarnia; Fred B. Hill, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Pugsley, who was called upon to address the convention, was greeted with a warm welcome. He said it was most gratifying to him to see such hearty response to the call for this convention. He showed the very great interest taken in this county in the Liberal cause, but interest in the Liberal cause, he said, meant interest in our great country. Dr. Pugsley also stated that he would not tell the convention exactly when the election would be held, but that it would probably come like a thief in the night, and he was taking the proper course by getting

Dr. Pugsley paid a glowing tribute to Wilfrid Laurier, who has been the head of affairs of the country for eleven years and in whom the country had implicit trust, who is the idol of the French people and who, in his own words, is a "man of the people."

He then compared the policy of the "conservative" government since 1896 and the Liberal government since that time. He then gave the list of grants he had to get for public works in this county. He scored the opposition for opposing the passing of the bill and said that the rules which allowed such a debate in parliament have got to be changed.

In closing Dr. Pugsley stated that whoever the candidate might be he would do all in his power to have him elected. In his last conversation with Sir Wilfrid he spoke with the greatest confidence in regard to the result of the coming election. Dr. Pugsley was loudly cheered.

The convention then proceeded to elect a candidate.

W. F. Todd Chosen. W. F. Todd was nominated by George Brown of Campbellton, and Richard Campbell and others seconded the nomination. He was unanimously carried to the nomination and addressed the convention. He stated that if he consulted town feelings in the matter he would accept, but he felt that he should be true to the bidding of the convention. He said, "we must remember that we are interested in the greatest thing ever done in this country and I will give you my best work and whatever ability I possess will be devoted to your interests."

A public meeting was held in Watson's hall evening. Chairman R. E. Armstrong, St. Andrews, briefly addressed the meeting. Addressing the delegates, he said, "I have been very much pleased to see you here, and I am sure that you will do your best to elect W. F. Todd."

After Conference With Company's Officials They Accept Five Per Cent Increase, Although They Asked More.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Toronto, Aug. 31.—Representatives of Grand Trunk trainmen who have been in Montreal for some time conferring with the officials regarding wages and length of their runs, returned home fairly well satisfied with the result of their conference. They say, "We did not get all we wanted, but with the depression in business we are content for the present with what we did receive."

The increase will amount to five per cent for 400 men.

R. L. Borden at Halifax. Halifax, N. S., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Borden arrived by the ocean liner tonight from Ottawa where they remain till Friday. Then they will proceed to Grand Pre, where Mr. Borden's mother resides. On Monday afternoon he will address a meeting at Bridgewater, the first of his Nova Scotia tour.

place this county in a few months under the Liberal flag, where she belongs." The meeting closed with three cheers for the king and candidate. After the close of the meeting the delegates were tendered a banquet at the Windsor Hotel.

\$50,000 FIRE AT MONTREAL

Big Storage Warehouse in Heart of the City Badly Damaged

PREVENTED BIG LOSS

Hundreds of Firemen and Company's Employees, by Great Efforts, Prevented Flames from Reaching Ammonia Plant--Large Lot of Perishable Products Deluged by Water.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Montreal, Aug. 31.—Fifty thousand dollars damage was caused this evening by a fire which broke out in the cold storage warehouses of Gunn, Langlois & Company, on St. Amable street, in the heart of the congested district.

The fire broke out just as the staff was leaving at 6 o'clock, and a double alarm was given, calling out 375 firemen from the central division. The warehouse staff was divided into two gangs to aid the firemen, and owing to their assistance the losses were kept to a minimum, there being over \$500,000 worth of cheese, butter, eggs and other perishable goods in the two warehouses.

The fire broke out in the top story, close to the ammonia tanks and condenser and a stiff fight was had keeping the flames away from these, as if they had reached here they would have exploded and probably wrecked the building. The fire was out in an hour and a half, the flames having been confined to the section of the building where they started.

Most of the damage was caused to the stock by water, Messrs. Gunn & Company estimating their losses at between \$30,000 and \$40,000. The building was damaged to the extent of from \$15,000 to \$20,000. The losses are fully covered by the Norwich Union, Western and Lloyd's Insurance Companies.

Owing to the perishable nature of the stock meeting of insurance adjusters has been called for half past six tomorrow morning, so that a good start can be secured on salvage operations.

C. P. R. DENIES STORY OF TRAINMEN TAKING A HAND IN STRIKE

Say They Have Schedules With the Other Unions--Claim to Be Filling Vacant Places Rapidly.

(C. P. R. Press.)

Montreal, Aug. 31.—No truth whatever in the reports that meetings of conductors, engineers, and other organizations of the C. P. R. have been or are being held here in Toronto, to take any action regarding the settlement of the strike. These statements all emanate from the same source, and are sent broadcast to delude the striking workmen and those not fully posted on the actual existing conditions. Strikers should know that a strike cannot be declared without an arbitration under the Lemieux Act.

Reports that the Government will interfere are contradicted by Hon. Mr. Graham, minister of railways. The fact, arbitration has already been resorted to, and the decision given was rejected by the men. The strike followed this rejection. The company waited two weeks to give the strikers an opportunity of returning to work. When they failed to do so the company proceeded to fill the vacancies, and will continue to do so until the strike is ended.

The staffs are completed, a process which is now progressing most satisfactorily to the company. It is understood that the Railway Company has schedules with all the other unions, and these advised the company that their position will be neutral in the present difficulties.

G. T. R. TRAINMEN GET HIGHER PAY

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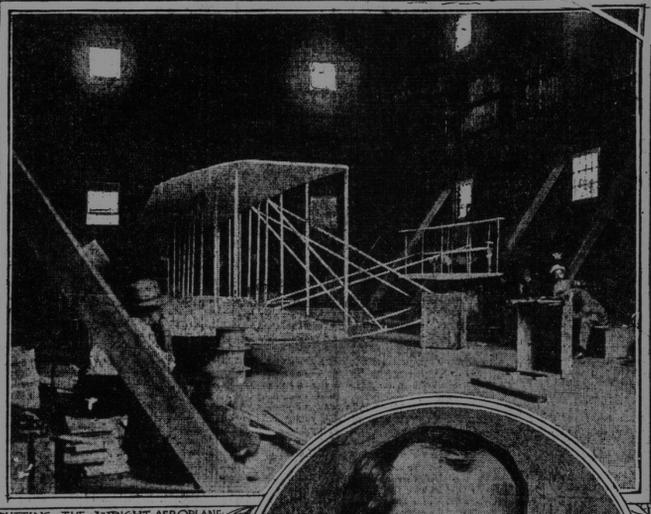
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DARING AERONAUT PLANS FLIGHT, DOVER TO CALAIS



PUTTING THE WRIGHT AEROPLANE TOGETHER AT PORT MYER

Lemans, Aug. 31.—The gales which prevailed here for the past few days have decreased considerably and Wilber Wright, the American aeronaut, resumed his flights this morning. A slight accident, however, resulted in the ascensions being temporarily abandoned. While taking the machine out from its shed, Wright's assistant damaged the steel band of the rudder, but nevertheless Mr. Wright decided to make a flight. Upon being launched the machine did not act properly, the airship moving obliquely instead of horizontally, and after maneuvering for twenty seconds, Wright stopped the motor. On account of the erratic rudder the aeroplane landed violently after the power had been shut off and several rods were damaged. Mr. Wright was not injured and immediately started to repair the damage caused by the shock. It is rumored here that Mr. Wright will shortly try to fly from Calais to Dover and perhaps to London.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE AT COGNAC BADLY DAMAGED BY FIRE

Structure Partially Destroyed and Communication Between Buctouche and Shediac is Cut Off.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Moncton, N. B., Aug. 31.—The highway bridge at Cognac on the main road from Shediac to Buctouche, was partially destroyed by fire, which broke out between 12:00 and 1:00 o'clock today. A new steel span is being erected at that point and the part of the bridge burned is an abutment and two spans on the south end of the bridge.

The approach destroyed was part of the old wooden bridge and connected the new span with the shore. For a time it was feared the fire would spread to the village of Cognac. A large force of men were soon on the spot fighting the flames, which were confined to the bridge.

The fire caused considerable new work on the bridge. The new pier and two spans of the approach will have to be rebuilt and it will be some time before communication can be re-established. In the meantime a temporary bridge or ferry will have to be provided. The origin of the fire is unknown.

MARITIME PROVINCES PRIZE WINNERS AT D. R. A. MATCHES

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Ottawa, Aug. 31.—The D. R. A. matches opened today on the Rockcliffe ranges, with an attendance of 500 competitors, of whom 100 are using the Ross rifle. The weather was bright and hot, with some light wind difficulties.

Five matches were fired--The Bankers, the President's, MacDougall, Tyro and Cadets. The Bankers was won by Major Hutchison, Ottawa, who took \$20, with a possible score of 35, made with the Ross rifle. Among the Maritime Province prize winners were Private McLean, Capt. Black, Pte. McArthur and A. McCallum, Tyro; Major McRobbie, St. John; Lt. Boer, who won \$5 each in the Tyros of this match. Corp. McInnes, P. E. Island, and Lt. Murray won \$4 each.

The President's rapid fire match was won by Pte. Clifford, 10th Toronto; Maj. Jones, 82nd P. E. Island, won \$8; Pte. Haystead, Halifax; Corp. McInnes, P. E. Island; and Sergt. Steek, 78th, won \$8 each. Lt. Smith, Woodstock; Lt. Creel, Capt. Gladwin, St. John; Sergt. Moore, P. E. I.; Corp. McNutt won \$1.50. The MacDougall match, 200 and 600 yards, was won by Sergt. Wellford, of Winnipeg, with a score of 68. Major Jones, P. E. I., and Private Haystead, Halifax; Mr. Ohand, P. E. I., scored 60 points and won \$10 each; Mr. Johnson, P. E. I.; Capt. Forbes, 73rd, Chatham; Sergt. Steek, Pte. McCallum, Pte. McLean, Tyro, \$5 each; Corporal McNutt, and Lt. Murray, \$4 each.

AGED NOVA SCOTIA MAN SUFFOCATED

Charles E. Cossaboom of Smith's Cove Found Dead in His Room

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Digby, N. S., Aug. 31.—Charles E. Cossaboom, aged 80 years, was found dead in his room at the home of his son, Kelsey Cossaboom, in Smith's Cove, this morning. His death was due to suffocation from smoke caused by the explosion of a kerosene oil lamp.

An inquest was held before Coroner Lovitt, of Bear River, and a verdict returned in accordance with the facts. He is survived by three sons, Kelsey, of Smith's Cove; William, proprietor of the Harborview Hotel, and Bernard, of Digby; also three daughters, Mrs. H. H. Woodman, of Smith's Cove; Mrs. James Norton, of New York, and Mrs. Brenton, of Massachusetts.

R. Abramson, of the firm of Abramson & Hazleton, who transfers the D. A. R. freight on the Digby pier, was struck with a piece of machinery and badly injured this afternoon. The doctors think he will recover. Mr. Abramson is a member of the Digby town council and a very enthusiastic Oddfellow, having recently returned from attending the annual session of the Grand Lodge at Charlottetown, P. E. I. He has many friends throughout the Maritime Provinces.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO BE NAMED TOMORROW

Appointments Made to House of Commons Staff.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Ottawa, Aug. 31.—(Special.)—The internal economy commission of the house of commons met today and made the following appointments consequent upon the death of F. A. McCord, law clerk. A. H. O'Brien, to be law clerk; Dr. J. K. Foran, an assistant law clerk; A. S. Troop, of Halifax, to be secretary of the law branch.

H. St. Louis, K. C., of Montreal, was appointed to the translation staff in succession to Tesser, promoted to be secretary of the public works department. The civil service commission will be appointed on Wednesday. It is said that Louis Laverigne, M. P., for Athabasca, will be one of the commissioners.

THREE NEW YORK CARPENTERS HURLED TO THEIR DEATH

Wire Cable Broke and They Fall to Skyline Eighty Feet Below and One Broke Through.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

New York, N. Y., Aug. 31.—Three carpenters working on a temporary scaffold suspended on wire cables under the dome of the old custom house building on Wall street, now being remodelled for the National City Bank, were hurled through the air to a skyline eighty feet below late today when one of the supporting cables parted.

Andrew O'Malley was dead when picked up. Charles Clark died a few minutes later. The third man, James Graham, received a fracture of the skull and internal injuries and was taken to a hospital in a dying condition.

The scaffolding which fell was suspended by inch cables of steel which hung from the dome of the building. The workmen, moving about on the scaffold, caused the cables to vibrate and one of the wire ropes which touched a projection was sawed partly through by the vibrations and snapped.

KAISER SEES NO WAR CLOUD IN EUROPE

Peace Assured by Consciences of Statesmen and the German Army and Navy.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Strasbourg, Aug. 31.—The Kaiser proposing a toast at a banquet here last night, said: "I rejoice to be able to declare my deepest convictions that the peace of Europe is not in danger. It rests on too solid foundations to be easily upset by the incidents and calumnies provoked by envious and evilly disposed individuals."

"In the first place, firm security rests in the conscience of princes and statesmen who know and feel that they are responsible to God for the lives and prosperity of the peoples entrusted to their leadership."

POLICE DEADLOCK BROKEN AT LAST

Fredericton's Force Will Get Salaries That Have Been Hung Up

A CLOSE VOTE

Mayor Saved the Day for Chief and His Men--No Money for Days Officers Were on Duty Outside the City--Ald. Farrell Protests Against Catholic Discrimination.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 31.—The city council met this evening and spent several hours wrangling over police commission matters. A resolution was carried on the casting vote of the mayor, fixing the salary of the chief of police at \$55 per month, and that of three patrolmen at \$45 per month.

The debate on the resolution was a very animated one, and Ald. Farrell complained that Roman Catholics had been ignored in appointment of police commission and also in the appointment of police officers. An amendment that the salary of the chief of police be \$45.83, and that of patrolmen be \$41.66, was voted down by the casting vote of the mayor.

The salaries of the police for July and August were passed, but it was decided to dock the salaries of Chief of Police Wither and Officer Foss, for time spent in making arrests for offences committed in Sunbury and Queens counties. The council will meet in monthly session tomorrow afternoon.

By agreement among the aldermen, the action taken in committee this evening will be ratified by the meeting tomorrow. A local syndicate has purchased from Kent Co. parties the thoroughbred trotting stallion Karlow Lance. He is a blood bay six years old standing fifteen hands high and is registered in the American Trotting record. The purchase price was in the vicinity of \$1,000.

The city council will meet in regular monthly session tomorrow when an effort will be made to break the deadlock which has existed over the police commission. As three aldermen are going to Halifax to attend the exhibition it likely that the meeting will be held in the afternoon.

The season for duck, snipe and woodcock shooting opens tomorrow. Birds are reported quite plentiful in this section. Liberals of Sunbury will hold a grand picnic at Wyaiss on Wednesday afternoon. The provincial normal school will open tomorrow morning with a record breaking attendance. A number of students have already arrived.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard More, of Khar-toum, Egypt, arrived here Saturday to visit Mrs. More's father, John J. McKim. They will accompany him on a hunting trip to the Upsalquitch.

RUSH FOR DOCK LANDS IN THE WEST

Thousands of Acres, Forfeited by Fanatics, Thrown Open for Settlement Again.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Winnipeg, Aug. 31.—All the Donkhorst lands, on which these fanatics refused to perform homestead duties, thousands of acres were thrown open to settlement in Alberta and Saskatchewan provinces this morning, besides which the new pre-emption law passed at the last session of parliament went into effect. This gives a privilege to all settlers to enter for a second homestead.

Barricades and chutes were erected around land offices to prevent a rush that would demoralize business. Many applicants are standing in line to secure valuable holdings.

WILL FOLLOW JEROME'S ADVICE IN TRIAL OF HAINS BROTHERS

New York, N. Y., Aug. 31.—After a conference with District Attorney William T. Jerome, in regard to the plan of prosecution to be adopted in the trial of Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., and his brother, T. Jenkins Hains, charged with the killing of William E. Annis on August 15, District Attorney Im G. Darren, of Queens County, said that he was going to be largely governed in his preparation of the case by Mr. Jerome. Mr. Darren said he would do this because of the similarity between the case of Harry K. Thaw, the prosecution of which Mr. Jerome directed and that of the Hains brothers.

"I do not think there is a lawyer in the United States better qualified than Mr. Jerome," said Mr. Darren, "and I shall take advantage of his aid."

STANFIELD DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF CORRUPT ACTS IN ELECTION

Halifax, Aug. 31.—(Special.)—John Stanfield, M. P., has issued a statement, denying knowledge of any corrupt practices in Colchester elections and saying if anything is proven at the trial of Bayne, showing that he, Stanfield, profited by his acts or any other corrupt acts, he would resign.

MRS. WILLIAMS TELLS HER STORY

Declares Highwayman Shot Roberts After Demanding Money of Him

INDIGNANT AT STORIES

Says Neither Husband or Brother Are Implicated -- Wounded Baltimore Banker, Still Fighting for Life, Refuses to Discuss Shooting.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 31.—Seated today in the drawing room of her home at Long Green, Baltimore county, Mrs. W. S. G. Williams, in the presence of her sister, Mrs. Sherlock Swann, wife of the president of the police board, described in detail the shooting of Charles B. Roberts, Jr., who was wounded on Wednesday night on the board walk at Atlantic City, while in her company. Mrs. Williams discussed the affair with the utmost candor.

"It was an attempt at robbery, pure and simple," she declared, "and Mr. Roberts was shot because he refused to comply with the demands of the man in a mask, who ordered him to give up his money."

"When the shooting occurred I had left my little daughter at the Hotel Brighton, not more than twenty minutes before Mr. Roberts was going along with me in the rolling chair. We got to a place where the boarding was rough and the chair bounded a good deal. I suggested that we turn back the chair was a covered one, and Mr. Roberts rapped on the glass and told the negro chairman to turn around. Just as he did so the chair stopped and a masked man thrust a pistol into the chair having first opened the window. The man then stepped out and ordered us to get out.

"I was seated on the side of the chair, toward the ocean and without a word, got out and held up both hands. Mr. Roberts followed me and as soon as he had emerged from the chair, the man told him to give up his money. I had a little chateleine bag attached to my waist, but the man made no effort to get it.

"When ordered to give up his money, Mr. Roberts declared that he would not do anything of the kind and started after the man. Mr. Roberts was much taller than the man who held us up. The latter, who wore a mask of some dark green material that came to his chin was small and emaciated. I should say he could not have been more than five feet seven inches tall. He wore the roughest kind of clothing, and, judging from his appearance, though, of course neither of us could see his face, he looked like a tramp.

Saw Roberts Shot. "I was scared and begged Mr. Roberts to give the man what money he had, but Mr. Roberts insisted, rushed at the man, who was covering him with a pistol, and stood a few paces off. As Mr. Roberts started forward to fire two shots in all, one of them taking effect. At the moment I did not know that Mr. Roberts was shot and doubt if he realized it. He looked at the man without pausing and the villain ran and escaped in the darkness."

"Did either you or Mr. Roberts recognize the voice of his assailant? Mrs. Williams was asked.

"She replied in an indignant negative: "If it had been anyone whom we knew well," she said, "do you not think we would have recognized the voice at once? If it had been my husband, as they have tried to insinuate, or my brother, it would have been impossible for either to have disguised his voice so that both Mr. Roberts and I would not recognize it. My husband, as has now been proven, was here at Long Green, and my brother, Tom De Ford, was in Chicago on a business trip. The names of other men—friends of mine and of my husband—have been dragged into this and very unjustly. Surely there was nothing unusual in my being on the board walk with Mr. Roberts, as it would be merely to recite the circumstances of the attack without giving substantial clue to work upon."

"It was said that we had endeavored to suppress the facts concerning the shooting of Mr. Roberts. There is nothing about the whole affair to be concealed. An attempt was made to hold up Mr. Roberts, and in resisting the robber, he was shot. Seeking to find another motive, which some newspapers have done, is unfair and cruel to a woman who has no redress. For these things once spoken, do inculpable harm."

Roberts Keeps Silent. Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 31.—Pending the outcome of the heroic fight for life that Chas. B. Roberts is making in the city hospital, the investigation into the baffling circumstances of the board walk shooting of last Wednesday night, seems to be at a standstill. The chance of securing a statement from Mr. Roberts, seen now to be remote. He has talked with relatives and his personal physician but to no one else and it is believed that if he should talk to the authorities at all, it would be merely to recite the circumstances of the attack without giving substantial clue to work upon.

Child Burned to Death. The bright little five-year-old daughter of Harry McConkey died on Saturday at Westfield Public Landing as the result of burns received the day previous. On Friday evening the mother after lighting a lamp, threw the match on the floor and left the room. The child picked up the burning match and her clothing caught fire. Her cries attracted the mother, who rushed to her aid and tried to smother the flames with a mat, but she suffocated. She died on Saturday.

Funeral took place at 11 o'clock on Sunday, conducted by Greenway. The parish sympathized with the two other children.