

200 MINERS KILLED IN ALBERTA EXPLOSION

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LIBERAL CANDIDATE WILL BE NAMED AT CONVENTION

Adjourned Meeting in Hyman Hall This Evening Will Likely See Nomination of Dr. W. J. Stevenson—Enthusiastic Support Promised by Moral Reformers.

In Hyman Hall tonight, the adjourned convention of the Liberal party will be held. In all probability, Dr. W. J. Stevenson will be nominated to contest the seat, and while other names may be proposed, it is expected that the honor will be tendered to Dr. Stevenson unanimously.

Dr. Stevenson has agreed to accept the nomination on the condition that the convention is unanimous, and there is every prospect that Liberalism will put up the strongest battle in its history in this city.

Dr. Stevenson stands firmly on the "Abolish the Bar" platform of Mr. Rowell, and his record will make him an ideal candidate.

The committees in charge of the convention are anxious to have one of the largest attendances in the history of the party. Much enthusiasm has been manifested over the proposal to contest the seat on the temperance issue solely and men are taking an active part in the campaign who have not been in politics for years.

Many moral reformers have approached Dr. Stevenson and assured him of their support, if the seat was to be contested. The churches of the city will in all probability give him valuable aid.

Every Liberal and moral reformer who is interested in the present campaign should be in attendance at Hyman Hall tonight.

MEDIATION LIABLE TO BREAK DOWN IS PRESENT PROSPECT

Opposite Views as to Suitable Type for Provisional President the Main Stumbling-Block.

[Canadian Press.]
"Nagana, Falls, Ont., June 19.—The American and Huerta delegates hold firmly to the opposite views expressed by them in public statements, explaining the type of man desired by each side for provisional president of Mexico. Having gone on record before the world, the prospect is that neither side will give way, and that the deadlock will result in a complete breakdown of mediation.

"Word was received today from Minister Nason, of Argentina, that he would not return until tomorrow from his trip to New Haven and Cambridge, where he received honorary degrees. The conference that was to have been held today was, therefore, postponed until tomorrow.

It may be determined then whether any common ground remains for an agreement. Only the abandonment then whether any common ground remains for an agreement. Only the abandonment of the mediation discussion on the type of man and the continuance of the search for an individual acceptable to all parties can return the situation from its hopeless state toward the channel of possible solution.

The mediators, as a last resort, will submit a list of five names. There is a faint hope that one of these will be acceptable.

A controversy has developed between the American and Huerta delegates as to how the elections for president, to be conducted by the provisional government, should be supervised.

Many Answer United States.
The Mexican delegates were in conference early today, discussing whether they should issue another statement in answer to the American delegates' utterance of the last night. The most striking thing about the document issued by Justice Lamar, with the consent and approval of President Wilson and Secretary Bryan, is its unflinching argument for a constitutional control of the Government.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to eight o'clock last night: Highest, 84; lowest, 63.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 65; lowest, 59.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOL.

Toronto, June 19—8 a.m.

Forecast: Fresh to strong winds, mostly southerly; cooler; clearing tonight.

Saturday—Fair and cool.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	60	48	Cloudy
Calgary	60	44	Clear
Winnipeg	60	36	Clear
Port Arthur	60	38	Cloudy
Perry Sound	60	48	Clear
Toronto	84	63	Cloudy
Ottawa	80	60	Cloudy
Montreal	82	60	Cloudy

Notes

General shallow depressions exist on the continent this morning, while another pronounced cool wave has spread from the northwest into the Upper Lake Region. Showers are occurring almost generally in Ontario, also in many portions of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

EXPLOSION IN HILLCREST MINE, ALBERTA, COST LIVES OF 200 MINERS AND PROBABLY MORE

Nearly Six Hundred in Mine and Number of Escapes Doubtful—Fifty Bodies Recovered and Some Living—Mine Is On Fire.

[Canadian Press.]

Calgary, June 19.—Probably one of the worst mining disasters in the history of the Crow's Nest Pass district occurred this morning, when 200 men met their doom in the Hillcrest mine. Details of the calamity are still very meagre, but from official stories given out at the Canadian Pacific Railway offices here, that is the estimate of the number of dead.

Up to noon, 50 bodies were reported recovered, but as there were 500 or 600 men at work underground at the time, there is considerable ground for the fear that the death list will reach a higher figure than at present anticipated.

Immediately following the receipt of the news of the explosion, a rescue car was rushed from Blairmore, while a special was immediately arranged for and left Calgary at 1:30 for the scene, carrying doctors, nurses, medical supplies and newspapermen. As black smoke is issuing from the pit mouth, it is believed the situation below is very serious.

SOME SAVED.

Calgary, June 19.—The latest report from Hillcrest says 35 have been brought to the surface, of whom three are dead. Little hope is entertained of saving any more men, as the mine is reported on fire.

ANOTHER REPORT.

Calgary, Alta., June 19.—Two hundred men are believed to have been trapped and killed as the result of an explosion in Hillcrest collieries mine at Hillcrest, near Frank, on the Crow's Nest line, this morning. About 600 men went into the mine this morning before the explosion occurred. More than 400 men escaped, but 200 were left, and it is said there is no hope for them.

FIFTY BODIES RECOVERED.

Calgary, June 19.—It is reported 50 bodies have been recovered up to noon, from the Hillcrest mine, and it is believed fully 200 are dead.

MR. ROWELL INDORSES CANDIDATE IN LONDON FOR LIBERAL PARTY

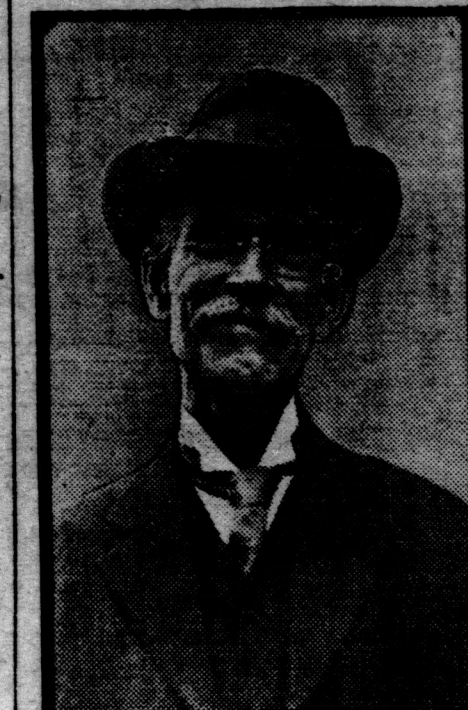
Canard Is Sent Out From Toronto, But Given Authoritative Denial—Untrue Statement That Liberal Leader Favored Acclamation.

A Canadian Press dispatch received by The Advertiser today states that a delegation of London Liberals was in Toronto today interviewing Mr. Rowell as to the advisability of running a candidate in London. The dispatch continues that "it is understood that the decision was reached to allow Mr. Beck an acclamation."

The Advertiser was in communication with a member of the delegation that interviewed Mr. Rowell, and it was stated positively that Mr. Rowell approved of the running of a candidate in London. The Canadian Press dispatch is evidently a colored dispatch from a Conservative source.

Later in the afternoon, after the receipt of the dispatch, The Advertiser was again informed from Toronto that there was absolutely nothing in the statement that Mr. Rowell had asked to pull off the candidate in London. He has fully indorsed the views of the London Liberals.

ON TOUR OF STATES FOR HEALTH UPLIFT HE VISITS LONDON



DR. CHARLES V. CHAPIN, as he looked when snapped by an Advertiser camera this morning.

WILL RECOMMEND ONTARIO'S LAWS OF HEALTH BOARDS

Special American Investigator Pleased With Provincial Rules.

SCORES STATE POLITICS

In Interview Dr. Chapin Refers to Its Curse in Health Matters.

Dr. Charles V. Chapin, of Providence, R. I., who has been named by the Council on Public Health and Instruction of the American Medical Association to tour the states in the interest of public health, came to London yesterday, and was in conference with Dr. H. W. Hill, of the Public Health Institute. Dr. Hill is an old acquaintance.

While he is here ostensibly to renew an old friendship, Dr. Chapin is making special inquiry of the Ontario system of supervision over local health boards. It is some system of this kind he will recommend to the American Medical Association when he completes his tour.

"I have been much impressed with the influence of politics in public health matters," said Dr. Chapin at his hotel today. "I am disgusted with the manner in which some states use their public health voice to pay off political debts. Over in

ONE MORE DAY IN WHICH TO REGISTER

Voters Not On Revised Lists Have Until Tomorrow Night to Sign Up.

STEADY INCREASE SHOWN

Predicted There Will Be a Rush Tomorrow by Those Who Delayed Registering.

Citizens of London who are entitled to vote in the provincial elections and who are not on the revised voting list have only one more day in which to register. Their names must be on the supplementary lists by 10 o'clock tomorrow night if they wish to have their voice in the issue now before the electors.

Up to last night the total registrations numbered 683, but the registrars are confident that this number will be doubled by the time registration closes. The booths are not open today.

The last day of registration invariably sees a rush of last-minute voters, and especially this is likely to be the case when the last day is a Saturday and a half-holiday.

Local registrations for the provincial election, June 23, totalled 328 on Thursday, as against 234 on Wednesday and only 123 on Tuesday.

The following are the comparative figures for yesterday and Wednesday at the various subdivisions:
Thursday—Subdivision one, 37; two, 43; three, 77; four, 43; five, 38; six, 39; seven, 49. Total, 326.

Wednesday—Subdivision one, 23; two, 43; three, 44; four, 37; five, 26; six, 28; seven, 33. Total, 234.

IN RECEIVER'S HANDS.

[Canadian Press.]
Chicago, Ill., June 19.—The La Salle Street Trust and Savings Bank, which was closed by a state bank examiner last week, was placed in the hands of a receiver today.

EMPRESS APPARENTLY DOOMED AS STORSTAD DREW OUT OF GAP

Evidence Shows More Than Two of Watertight Compartments Were Then Filled—Sailor on Alden Saw the Liner Steering Badly, Tells Commission.

[Canadian Press.]

Quebec, June 19.—Inferences that the moment the collier Storstad drew away from the gap she made in the side of the Empress of Ireland, the liner was doomed, as it would appear at the present time that more than two of her watertight compartments were filled, were drawn from the remarks of Lord Mersey and evidence of engineers taken at this morning's session of the Dominion commission inquiring into the catastrophe in the St. Lawrence River on May 29.

Lord Mersey took the leading part in examining the witnesses as to how the watertight bulkheads were operated, where the water came in and in what quantities and as to how long it was before it reached to the top of the watertight compartments.

C. S. Haight, of counsel for the Storstad's owners, returned to the question of the Empress' steering gear, the effectiveness of which was brought into prominence yesterday by the evidence of the witness, Galway, who had contended that the Empress' wheel jammed on the night of the disaster for three minutes, before they reached Father Point. He carefully examined George O'Donovan, whose business on the Empress it was to inspect the steering apparatus.

Further evidence promised on the alleged misbehavior of the Empress in the river on the night of May 28, was supplied by Odin Sabje, a member of the crew of the steamer Alden, who swore that he noticed the liner was steering badly as he passed her.

Mutual Apologies.
The morning session of the Empress of Ireland wreck inquiry was opened today by mutual explanations and apologies from C. S. Haight, of counsel

for the Storstad's owners, and Lord Mersey.
Mr. Haight said that he desired to dissociate himself from any remarks he might have made yesterday which gave the impression that he thought the counsel of the C. P. R. had been desirous of spiriting away witnesses or suppressing evidence. He did not believe he was anxious to do any such thing, and was most anxious to make this explanation to the court.

Lord Mersey said he was pleased Mr. Haight had given him the opportunity to state that he considered Mr. Haight's conduct of his part of the case hitherto as irreproachable. His lordship said that maybe he had become heated yesterday because he did not like one of Mr. Haight's witnesses, but Mr. Haight must not attribute any remarks he might have made as aimed as himself personally.

Butler Aspinall, K. C., accepted the explanations gracefully on behalf of R. Holden, associated with him in handling the case for the C. P. R.

Evidence Lacking.
Lord Mersey wanted evidence from the engine room to learn if possible how many watertight compartments had been laid open to the sea when the ships hit. There was evidence, he thought, that the ship could float with two open. He had thought a day or two ago that the explanation of the disaster was that two compartments had been broken in by the stem of the Storstad and that as

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KIDNAPPED MINISTER IS NOT HERE SAY POLICE

Detroit Papers Allege Rev. Mr. Patmont Was Seen on the Streets of London.

Detroit papers are carrying the sensational story that Rev. Louis Patmont, the Illinois pastor supposed to have been kidnapped from Detroit this week by the liquor interests of St. Lewis, has been seen in this city. According to special

advice received by The Advertiser, special dispatches have been sent from London, reporting the presence of the missing minister, for whom a nationwide search of the United States has been made. In this city.

Police here laugh at the story and brand it as a "fake."

Patmont has been a famous figure in Illinois and Michigan for some time. He was the pastor of a Christian Church near Danville, Ill., and took a prominent part in the "dry" campaign waged there. He suddenly disappeared, and on his re-appearance claimed to have been kidnapped by liquor interests. For some time he has been sheltered in Detroit, when he disappeared again last week.

ONTARIO GETS \$280,888 OF AGRICULTURAL GRANT

Her Share of Aid Given by the Federal Government—Its Disposition.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, June 19.—The disposition of Ontario's share of the \$800,000 grant from the Federal Government for agricultural aid to the provinces has been decided upon. Ontario's share amounts to \$280,888 and will be appropriated by the province as follows:

District representatives \$100,000. Ontario agriculture in the public and high schools, to be available for grants and for travelling and living expenses of teachers and others in attendance at the short courses or other educational gatherings in addition to service expenses and equipment of education, \$135,000. Educational work in connection with marketing of farm products, including organization of cooperative societies, etc., \$1,000. Buildings at Ontario Agriculture College, including completion of buildings under construction, \$72,000. Stock and seed judging short courses and institute lecture work, \$7,500. Women's Institute work, including courses in sewing, cooking, etc., \$7,500. Short courses for fall fairs and crop judges, including travelling and living expenses, \$1,500. Drainage work, \$4,000. Demonstration and instruction in vegetable growing, \$2,500. Demonstration work on soils, \$5,000. Demonstration of fruit, \$7,500. Demonstration and instruction on livestock and poultry, \$4,500. Work in beekeeping, \$1,000. Lectures on horticulture, \$500. Miscellaneous, \$1,868.83.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian congregation must now look for another successor to Rev. Dr. J. J. Ross. Rev. Dr. C. McGregor, the unanimous choice of the special committee, to whom a call was extended some time ago, has officially notified Rev. T. H. Mitchell, interim moderator of the St. Andrew's church, that he will not accept.

This morning A. G. Calder, secretary of the special committee appointed to consider a successor to Dr. Ross, received a telegram from Mr. Mitchell, now on his holidays, that Mr. McGregor had notified him that he would remain in the special service work as an associate of Rev. Dr. Shearer.

Asked whether Mr. McGregor's refusal to accept the call meant that one would be extended to Rev. Dr. Pidgeon, of Vancouver, Mr. Calder replied that he did not know.

"We will have to start all over again to secure a pastor," he said. "I do not know who will be called."

Liberals! Attend the Convention in Hyman Hall Tonight—Liberals!