

TAFT TAKES THE FIRST ROUND OF THE NOMINATION BATTLE; ROOT TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

Senator From New York in Control of Convention, Being Elected By 558 to 502 After Tumultuous Session of Many Hours.

STEAM ROLLER WORKS BEAUTIFULLY; TIME AND TALK DEFEAT THE COLONEL

Threatened Riot Did Not Materialize and There Was No Necessity to Call in the Police—Harsh Language a Feature of Bitter Speeches.

Special to The London Advertiser and The Toronto Star By H. F. Gadsby.

Chicago, Ill., June 19.—The twelve thousand people who sat seven hours in the Coliseum yesterday expecting bloodshed are due to get rain checks or their money back. The riot did not come off for two reasons, because the terrible Theodore got cold feet, and because the Taft machine threw cold water on it, drowned it out with two hours of talk, and a four hours' voting contest that kept the audience busy talking.

The original Roosevelt plan was a sort of massacre of St. Bartholomew, which Governor Hadley or Senator Borah was to start by scragging the chairman, Victor Rosewater, after which the western rough riders would bolt in with the gun play and the colored troops with their razors. The two hundred and fifty police were all set for this. They threw a cordon of six-forties around the speakers' platform. They kept everybody in the aisles moving. They allowed no suspicious-looking people, not even newspaper reporters, near the delegates or the alternates.

NO CHANCE FOR RIOT.

There was no chance for murder to clot in any part of the building. All that happened was words, words, words. The speeches went round and round smoothly like a roller skate. From the time that the speaker was on the stage, because it was short and clear, and had carrying power, to the keynote speech, which was in R. flat, because it stated nothing but platitudes, the thing went as merrily as a June wedding. Only by a great effort of the mind could one picture the bull moose bellowing and gnashing his teeth in the hotel a few blocks away, so decorous and ineffectual were the hostile proceedings.

HAIR-SPLITTING.

A score of lawyers, disingenuous as state governors and delegates, split hairs about his own purpose, twisted facts, and talked law, order, and constitutional liberty. What do you think of that for a good, healthy disturbance? Give me a Bourassa-Lemieux joint meeting in sleepy old Quebec. As a matter of fact nothing occurred that Victor Rosewater could not have met single-handed.

ROSEWATER'S POWER.

You must understand Victor Rosewater's position. He is chairman of the national committee. Also he is temporary chairman of the convention until his elected substitute comes along and takes over the job. He is also, so to speak, the box that the real cheese comes out of. Victor Rosewater is as usual as his name. He is a little man, with a head of hair. We have three boy wonders at the piano who we are all the same way. His voice is thin, and when he roars the sucking dove has it on him at least five points in the sun-bass. His rulings cannot be heard three rows away, so he makes use of a deputy with a megaphone. Victor is so small that you get him with a microscope, and when you get him you crack him on your nail. When he pounds with the gavel it sounds like baby playing with the tack hammer.

RULED FOR TAFT.

Victor Rosewater is a politician reported by Nebraska. After yesterday he goes back in the dump, but while he lasted he acted stoutly throughout. He gave all of his rulings for Taft. He ruled that Governor Hadley's motion, to substitute the Roosevelt list of delegates, was out of order; also Representative Watson's, of Indiana, to lay Governor Hadley's motion on the table. In short, wherever the Roosevelt forces took up a strategic point there was Victor Rosewater occupying it before them, with the steam-roller at his back. From the time he presented the name of Elihu Root as temporary chairman to the time he ruled the delegates over to that tall, lean, forty-year-old gentleman, the little man's courage encountered no real test. He looked just as pleased as at 7 p.m., when the shouting was over, as he did when the convention had a picture taken six hours before.

TIME AND TALK WON.

Time, as we know, heals all wounds but those of love, and it was time, assisted by a flood of rhetoric, that the Taft men used to put the Roosevelt men out. To begin with, Victor Rosewater gave the rival Taft and Roosevelt orators twenty minutes a shift, forty minutes in all, to each out the standing of the delegates. The forty minutes, with indignance, stretched an hour, and then some. Much straw was chopped, but nothing developed, except Governor Hadley's claim of ninety tainted delegates, which is some few less than the two hundred and thirty-three Colonel Roosevelt has been yelling about. Governor Hadley, who is from Missouri, waved his long arms and shook his long hair, and almost jerked himself to pieces with his disavowing adjectives. So did others, but they said nothing to change Victor Rosewater's mind. (Continued on Page Nine.)

SEVENTEEN THOUSAND ACRES BOUGHT FOR FRUIT FARMING

Syndicate Is Taking Up Options on Immense Tract Near Vienna, and Plans to Bring English and American Settlers Here.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Vienna, June 19.—One of the biggest real estate development deals that has been known in Elgin County is nearing completion. Options on seventeen thousand acres of farm lands were taken some time ago. Now the options are being taken up and the money is being paid over to the farmers. All the papers are made out to Mrs. McGraw, of Toronto. Many of the farmers now are not anxious to sell, but have to, owing to their having given options and are going to be greatly inconvenienced. All though nothing definite can be learned as to the details of the deal, it is to be subdivided and set out as fruit lands, and that a big development scheme, by which large numbers of English and American farmers will be brought here, is under way.

BUSINESSMEN ARE ASKED TO MEET BRITISH VISITORS

Are Requested To Be at Board of Trade Rooms Friday Morning.

Complete arrangements have been made for entertaining the British manufacturers who will be in the city on Friday morning, to spend a few hours inspecting the industrial plants here.

At 9 o'clock sharp the board of trade and reception committee will meet them with autos, and will show them all over the city. At 11 o'clock they will be taken to the board of trade rooms, where they will be met by the members of the board and others interested in their visit.

"We want every businessman, who

possibly can attend to be present at the board of trade rooms at 11 o'clock," said Mr. J. Grant Henderson, commissioner of industries. "This will be the only opportunity of meeting the visitors, and obtaining at first hand all the information possible to receive. The invitation is open to all, and I hope to see a large number present on this occasion."

EVERLYN TO WITNESS.

White Plains, N. Y., June 19.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw appeared in court here today ready to take the stand for the state to testify against her husband, Harry K. Thaw, who is fighting for his release from the Criminal Insane Asylum for the Criminal Insane. She was heavily veiled, and as she took her seat in the court room she gazed at Thaw, but no sign of recognition passed between them.

A BOGUS BILL.

Niagara Falls, June 19.—Warnings have been sent out to the banks here about bogus Canadian bills. It is understood the bills bear the stamp of a bank long since defunct.

LONDON ACTOR TAKES BRIDE

Mr. Arthur Holman, Now With Springbank Theatre, Was Wedded in Petrolea.

ROMANCE OF THE STAGE

Groom Who Married Miss Margery Foster, Is a Son of Mr. Arthur Holman, of This City.

Mr. Arthur Holman, the well-known young London actor, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Holman, is being congratulated on the announcement of his marriage to Miss Margery Foster, of Boston. The affair has been kept very quiet, and the story is just now leaking out.

Mr. Holman and Miss Foster, who was here in April with the "Get-Rich-Quick-Waitingford" Company, both joined the Standard Stock Company, now playing at Springbank, after the regular season closed.

Prior to the engagement at Springbank, the company went on a short tour of Western Ontario, to visit. When in Petrolea about a month ago the young couple slipped quietly to the residence of Rev. (Dr.) McNair, Presbyterian minister there, and were quietly married.

The marriage is the consummation of an interesting romance, the young couple having met a year or two ago on the road. Every effort has been made to keep the matter a secret, but some of their friends allowed the story to leak out.

Mr. Holman would neither deny nor affirm the report, declaring that he had nothing whatever to say on the matter. Mr. Arthur Holman is a son of Mr. Allie Holman, of this city.

TAKE CORNERS FOR SECOND ROUND

Republican National Convention Is Today Given Over to a Debate.

GOV. HADLEY VS. WATSON

Champions for Taft and Roosevelt Will Argue Over Unseating of Delegates.

Chicago, Ill., June 19.—Temporary Chairman Root called the convention to order at 11:15 a.m.

Soon after Chairman Root had arrived on the platform he was flanked on one side by Governor Hadley the Roosevelt leader, and on the other by James Watson, of the Taft forces. As a preliminary to the day's expected hostilities all three shook hands and retired to their corners.

Governors Hadley and Watson arranged for an equal division of the three hours' debate that was to be given on the Roosevelt proposition to substitute a roll containing 92 Roosevelt delegates in place of 92 Taft followers seated by the national committee.

No Compromise.

"There is nothing to this compromise talk and will not be until we settle this question of organization," said Senator Penrose, of the Taft forces, when he arrived at the Coliseum. "We will have none of this foot-jerk Hadley's proposition to reject the legal roll that we had yesterday."

After the prayer, Senator Root announced that an agreement had been reached between Watson and Hadley that the three hours' debate would be divided, he admitted. Hadley opened the debate, arguing to unseat 92 contested Taft delegates.

Governor Hadley, of Missouri, opened the debate in an attempt to "murder" the temporary roll of 92 delegates contested by the Roosevelt faction, but seated by the national committee.

It seems likely that the debate and the vote on the question would last all the afternoon.

AEROPLANES COLLIDE KILLING TWO OFFICERS

A Tragic Affair on the Flying Ground of the French Army.

[Canadian Press.]

Douai, France, June 19.—Captain Dubois and Lieutenant Albert Pelgman, both officers in the French army and trained aviators, met death this morning when the biplanes they were piloting around the military flying grounds collided with terrible force in midair.

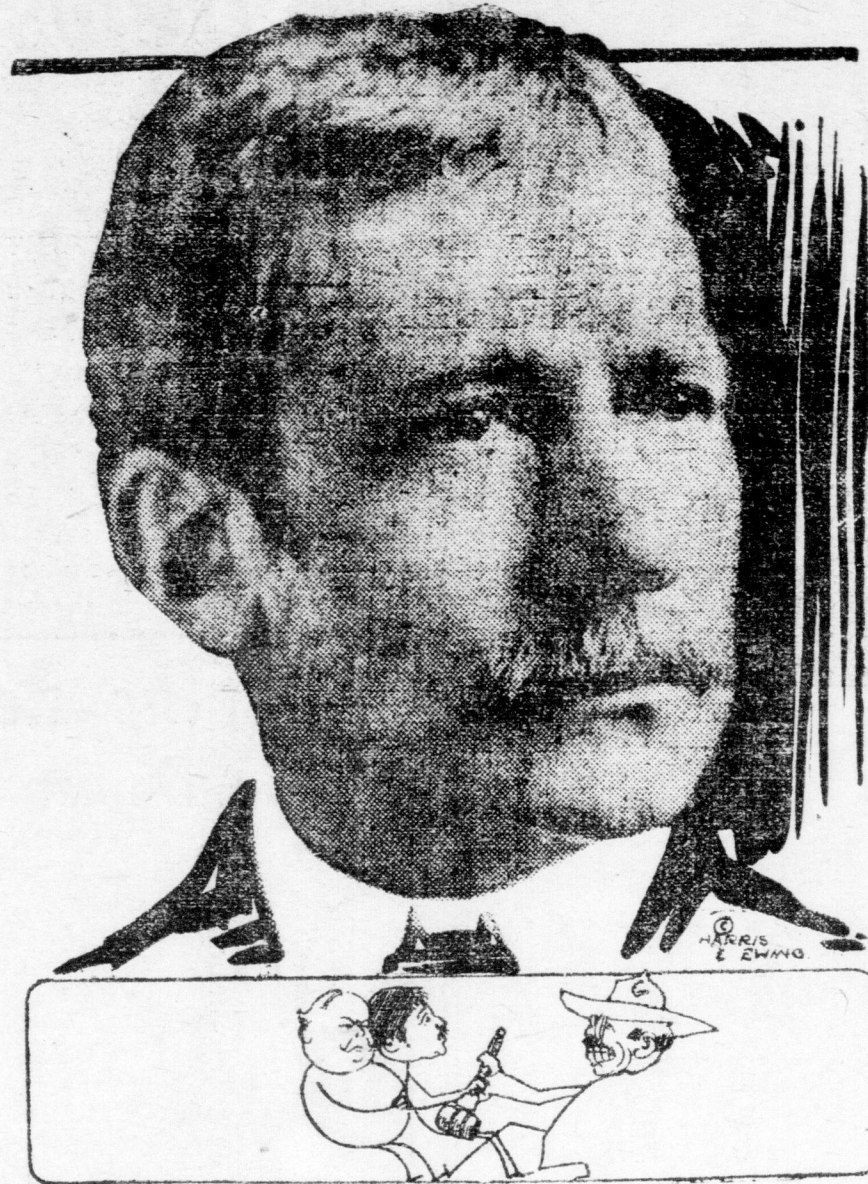
The two officers, who were close friends, were unable to perceive each other while flying through the early morning haze, which was very dense in the vicinity of the aerodrome, where they started practicing soon after daybreak. As they turned a curve their machines collided with an awful impact as they crashed to the ground, where they were smashed into a mass of wreckage.

Lieut. Pelgman was taken dead from among the debris, but Capt. Dubois was still living, although his injuries were of such a serious nature that he died within an hour.

EX-MAYOR IMPROVED COMING HOME TUESDAY

Mr. F. G. Rumball Is Now Able to Walk in Rochester.

Ex-Mayor F. G. Rumball, who underwent a serious operation in the hospital at Rochester, Minn., at the hands of Mayo brothers, the celebrated surgeons, is improving rapidly, and is now able to walk about. It is expected that he will return to the city next Tuesday.



SENATOR ELIHU ROOT.

New York standpatter, old friend of Roosevelt's, who was elected temporary chairman of the Republican convention as a Taft man.

Playgrounds Meeting On Saturday Night

There will be a public meeting in the Auditorium on Saturday night to discuss the campaign for funds for the Playgrounds Movement.

The particular purpose is to obtain the assistance of canvassers who will collect funds for the purchase of equipment for the playgrounds. All ladies are invited, and the various Mothers' Clubs are requested to bring as many of their members as possible, in order that the organization may be perfected.

The funds for the association are increasing. Mr. George S. Gibbons and Mr. W. J. Hill, of the Home Bank, are receiving donations daily, and it is expected that \$1,000 will be gathered in by this evening. Already \$852 has been subscribed.

TRAVERS DECLARES NESBITT AIDED IN THE DECEPTION

Preliminary Hearing of the Ex-President Now Being Heard at Toronto.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, June 19.—An important statement made by W. R. Travers at the continuation of the preliminary hearing of the charges against Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, of making false returns of the Farmers' Bank to the Government, was that the special returns made on the demand of the deputy minister of finance was correct as far as it went, but that about \$50,000 in shareholders' notes had been left off, with the knowledge and consent of Dr. Nesbitt. This had been done with a view to throwing the finance department off the scene in the event of their having been apprised of the loan from the Trusts and Guarantee company.

Many Objections.

The entire proceedings were punctuated with objections of H. H. Dewart, K. C., counsel for Dr. Nesbitt, to the line of questioning pursued by G. Tate Blackstock, K. C., crown prosecutor. A notable objection was to the admission of the special return, which Mr. Dewart contended was not a special return in the meaning of the banking act, as it had not been made on the form required by law. He contended that it should rather be considered as a document asked for by the Minister of Finance for his own private information.

Mr. Blackstock finished the examination of Travers shortly before one o'clock, and Mr. Dewart took the witness in hand, and sought to show that Dr. Nesbitt had not the intimate knowledge of the manipulation of notes which the bank had that Travers would have the court believe.

Travers contended that W. H. Hunter, K. C., had been called on for the suggestion of Dr. Nesbitt regarding the special returns asked for, and said he thought they could prepare one which would satisfy the Government. (Continued on Page Eleven.)

EX-ALD. CARROTHERS ILL WITH PLEURO-PNEUMONIA

Condition Is Very Serious But Refuses to Have Daughter's Wedding Postponed.

Ex-Ald. R. A. Carrothers, a member of the board of health, is lying very seriously ill at his home, 333 Horton street, suffering from an attack of pleuro-pneumonia.

For some days his condition has been critical, and as his daughter, Miss Carrie Edna Carrothers, was to be married to Mr. Frank Oreston McLean, it was suggested that the wedding be deferred. Mr. Carrothers, however, requested that the ceremony be not postponed on his account, and it was performed by Rev. C. R. Gunne, rector of Christ Church, at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Carrothers is a little easier this afternoon, but his condition is very serious, and fears are entertained for his recovery.

650 PEOPLE LEFT FOR DETROIT ON THE GROCERS' EXCURSION

Big Crowd Off For an Outing In the City of the Straits.

A crowd of 650 people left London for Detroit, via the G. T. R., on the grocers' excursion, this morning, the reputation of storekeepers as "good fellows" on their annual outing attracting a large number.

As usual, a supply of picnic lunches and eminently respectable drinks were loaded up and were distributed gratis among those on the train. While the tickets are good till to-



EX-ALD. ROBT. A. CROTHERS.

special late tonight. Practically all of the grocery stores are closed today, while some of the bakers and confectioners also went along.

ART GEM FOR SONG.

New York, June 19.—A London cable says: Dr. Rode, the German art expert, claims to have discovered another art gem sold by England for a few shillings. He expresses the opinion that a picture recently purchased by a German at a London sale as a copy of an early Rembrandt is the original portrait of Rembrandt's father. That in the London National Gallery, he says, is only a copy.

MR. PELLETER ILL.

Quebec, June 19.—Hon. L. P. Pelletier, postmaster-general, is in Quebec, confined to his bed through illness.

MEN OF THE 26TH REGIMENT STANDING LONG MARCH WELL

SAVAGE ATTACK ON DAVID LLOYD GEORGE

Band of Suffragettes Assail the Chancellor and Wreck His Silk Hat.

[Canadian Press.]

London, June 19.—A savage attack on David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, was made today by a small band of suffragettes outside of Caxton Hall in the Westminster district, but beyond knocking off the chancellor's silk hat the women did no damage. A number of detectives, who were following the minister, seized and held the militant suffragettes while Mr. Lloyd George jumped into a taxicab and drove off. The women were then released.

MR. CALVERT TO BE HEARD BY COURT

Former Liberal Whip Requests Chance to Explain That He Is Not Mentioned By Travers.

INSINUATIONS WERE MADE

Repudiates Any Connection With Farmers' Bank Case and Will Disprove the Impression Created.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, June 19.—W. S. Calvert, ex-M.P., and for some time whip of the Liberal party in the House of Commons, has had his attention called to an item appearing in some of the Toronto papers, to the effect that evidence had been given before Sir William Meredith in the Farmers' Bank inquiry, that Travers had given evidence that he had paid \$3,000 to a man whose name commenced with "C" who was a former prominent member of the House of Commons, but was not now a member of the House of Commons, but a prominent businessman, and that some people believed the item referred to W. S. Calvert, ex-M.P.

Mr. Calvert has applied to Sir William Meredith for liberty to appear in court and explain that he knew nothing whatever of any such transaction, and that if Travers gave the money to anyone, it was not to him, and that in justice, the name of the person to whom the money was given should be stated, so that the public will not infer by reason of the initial given, that the money was paid by him. Mr. Calvert's application will be granted, and he will appear in court to explain that the impression created by the published reports has no foundation in fact so far as he is concerned. No doubt Mr. Calvert's application will be granted, as it is only a simple act of justice towards him.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—WARMER.

Forecast. Moderate winds, generally fair today and on Thursday, with a little higher temperature.

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

Stations	High	Low	Weather
LONDON	62	44	Cloudy
Victoria	76	59	Fair
Calgary	80	52	Fair
Winnipeg	78	52	Gear
Port Arthur	76	52	Cloudy
Park Sound	68	44	Fair
Toronto	64	44	Fair
Ottawa	62	44	Clear
Montreal	60	44	Clear
Quebec	56	46	Clear
Father Point	50	46	Cloudy

Pressure remains high over the western portion of the continent.

Fine weather prevails in Canada, attended by warm conditions in the Western Provinces, and generally cool elsewhere.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNIONS WILL BE REPRESENTED

Strong Resolution Passed at County Convention to Abolish the Bar, and Members Are Asked to Attend the Rowell Meeting in London on Dominion Day.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Strathroy, June 18.—By a vote that was enthusiastic and unanimous the following resolutions were passed at the annual convention of the Middlesex Women's Christian Temperance Union here today:

"Resolved that we are in hearty sympathy with the advanced temperance legislation enacted at the recent session of the Ontario House. We believe these amendments to the license law will have a most salutary effect in compelling respect for the present law. We are glad that the Government has selected as Mr. Ayeart's successor a gentleman who commands the respect and confidence of the temperance people, and that licenses are being refused in places that have carried the local option law, but that have been done out of it by some technicality.

"But, having thus cordially professed our thanks for the good accomplished by those now in power, we would remind them and ourselves that our policy is not regulation but prohibition.

"To this end we would most heartily endorse the banish-the-bar movement of the Opposition. The W.C.T.U. was organized for the annihilation of

Of the 300 Soldiers Not One Compelled to Drop Out.

NOW NEARING GODERICH CAMP

Will Travel to Within Seven Miles of the Town Tonight.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Clinton, June 19.—The Twenty-Sixth Regiment camped a couple of miles from this town this morning after a strenuous march from Kippen.

The men are in excellent health, not a case of sickness being reported among the 307 soldiers in the regiment. They will march to within seven miles of Goderich tonight, and will report at the camp grounds there at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

The march of the regiment has been more like a triumphal procession than a serious war test. Everywhere along the line traversed by the Twenty-Sixth hundreds of people have cheered the officers and soldiers. At Hensall the reeve and deputy reeve met them, with many of the citizens, and the red-coated boys were given a rousing reception.

During the tramp through the streets of Exeter the boys were given rounds of cheers, and their smart appearance was most favorably commented on.

A Hearty Welcome.

Kippen was reached early in the evening. When the soldiers arrived at the camp grounds just outside the village limits, a thousand people were on hand to welcome them. The Twenty-Sixth Regiment Band gave a concert, which was greatly enjoyed by the citizens. The men were well treated by the farmers of the neighborhood, and every facility at their disposal was given to make the soldiers enjoy themselves.

The men retired early, tired after their long day's tramp, and were up bright and early this morning. At 7:45 o'clock they were on the march, and eight miles were covered before noon, the best half day's work yet accomplished. The men stood the grind in excellent fashion, and were fresh and bright when they settled down for their noon meal. Preparations for moving are already under way, and this afternoon they will be within easy striking distance of Goderich.

Men Stand the Test.

This is the third day of marching, the testing day for green soldiers, and the officers were very watchful to see if the men showed any ill-effects of the long hike. However, not a single man was compelled to drop out. Their test—a constant care of soldiers on the march—are in good condition, and have given no trouble. The men are in good spirits.

Mr. A. E. Somerville, of London, is accompanying the men, with his automobile, and has been in constant attendance on the troops. He has been of great service to the officers and men, and they are loud in their praise of his thoughtfulness.

"The men are standing the march in the shape," said Major H. J. McKay to The Advertiser representative. "The third day out is called testing day for green men, and it is on this day that ill-effects are supposed to manifest themselves. After a careful inspection every one of the 307 men are in line shape, and are ready to march at a moment's notice. We have been given loyal receptions all along the way, and the citizens are particularly pleased to see us. It has been a good experience for us all, and will do much good."

Seven Miles From Goderich. "Tonight we will camp within seven miles of Goderich, and on Thursday afternoon we will march into the city. The commanding officer and the other officers are more than satisfied with the progress made by the Twenty-Sixth."