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ROOSEVELT IS IN OPEN AT LAST SAYS HE'LL ACCEPT NOMINATION IN RACE FOR PRESIDENCY OF U.S.

Senate Reading Room—
 March 12—1912

Replying to the Request of Seven
 Republican Governors That
 He Enter Arena, the Colonel
 Burns His Bridges Behind Him
 —Stands Always by Principle
 That People Must Rule.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—(Can. Press.)
 "I will accept the nomination
 for president if it is tendered me
 and I will adhere to this decision
 until the convention has expressed
 its preference," is Col. Theodore
 Roosevelt's reply to the letter of
 seven Republican governors asking
 him to stand for nomination.

The much awaited reply was given
 out to-night at Col. Roosevelt's offices
 here during his absence on a trip to
 Boston. It was unexpectedly brief, but
 definite. It follows:

"Gentlemen: I deeply appreciate
 your letter, and I realize to the full the
 heavy responsibility it puts on me, ex-
 pressing as it does the carefully con-
 sidered convictions of the men elected
 by popular vote to stand as the heads
 of government in their several states.

Must Represent Whole People.

"I absolutely agree with you that
 this matter is not one to be decided
 with any reference to the personal
 preferences or interests of any man,
 but purely from the standpoint of the
 interests of the people as a whole. I
 will accept the nomination for presi-
 dent if it is tendered to me and I will
 adhere to this decision until the con-
 vention has expressed its preference.

One of the chief principles for which
 I have stood and for which I now
 stand and which I have always en-
 deavored and always shall endeavor
 to reduce to action, is the genuine rule
 of the people; and, therefore, I hope that
 so far as possible, the people may be
 given the chance, thru direct primaries,
 to express their preference as to who
 shall be the nominee of the Republican
 presidential convention.

"Very Truly Yours,
 Theodore Roosevelt."

The seven governors assembled at
 Chicago two weeks ago and drafted a
 letter to Col. Roosevelt asserting that
 there was a popular demand for him
 to be president again and urging him
 to declare himself as to whether he
 would accept the Republican nomi-
 nation "if it came unbidden and un-
 sought." For two weeks Col. Roosevelt
 considered the letter, indicating plainly
 that he had no intention of making a
 hasty reply.

The governors who signed the letter
 were: William Glasscock of West
 Virginia, Chester H. Aldrich of Ne-

HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL WILL HAVE WARM SESSION

Aldermen Will Oppose the Proposal to Raise
 Salaries of Controllers From \$1200 to
 \$1500 a Year, Because the Recommendation
 Came From the Controllers Themselves—
 Firemen Are Dissatisfied and City Laborers
 Need More.

(By Staff Correspondents.)

HAMILTON, Monday, Feb. 25.—Judging
 from present indications to-night's city
 council meeting will be about the
 warmest session the city fathers have
 held for a long time. Several of the
 aldermen are strongly opposed to two
 items in the board of control report,
 and declare that they will make things
 interesting for the controllers when the
 report comes up for consideration.

The biggest fight of the evening will
 probably develop over the question of
 minimum wage for city laborers. Ald.
 Littlewood and Bird have been agitat-
 ing for an increase from 20 to 25 cents
 an hour for this class of city employees,
 and a bylaw sponsored by them was
 introduced at the last council meeting.
 The matter was referred to the board of
 control, and that body has recommend-
 ed an increase to 22 cents an hour. The
 aldermen say they are determined to
 fight for the figure proposed by them,
 and argue, in support of their action,
 that a man cannot live decently on less
 than 25 cents an hour. It is said that
 there are enough aldermen opposed to
 the board of control's recommendation,
 and in favor of the 25 cents an hour
 wage, to defeat the controllers on the
 stand they have taken.

Another recommendation of the board
 of control which has created consider-
 able discussion on the streets and which
 it is said will be strenuously opposed
 by the aldermen, is the proposal to
 boost the controllers' salaries from \$1200
 to \$1500 a year. The objection to this

AS TO JAMES PLINY



OLD MAN ONTARIO: That's so, Wesley, he's no Chesterfield to talk; but he's a whale to work.

A FORTY MILE CITY THE CENTRE OF CANADA

The greatest city by far in Canada will be when Hamilton and Toronto grow together—thirty-nine miles from city hall to city hall. And they are coming together soon.

Hamilton is one of the few cities that grow rather slowly to the west; Toronto slowly to the east. But a change is coming fast. Hamilton's best side is to the east, the soon the Ambitious City will be at Burlington—even if it has to come round by the Beach!

Toronto is fast lapping up Mimico, Port Credit, 13 miles on the way to Hamilton. Oakville in a year or so will be the home of more Torontonians than Oakvillians. There is less than fifteen miles between the outposts. Did you ever see Los Angeles?

The farms between the two cities are growing into an average value of \$500 an acre. They'll soon be \$1000. The finest residential sites of a high-class are between Bronte and the Beach.

What is wanted is a cent a mile commutation rate on the steam roads. But the electric radial and the motor car alone will do the trick of making it one hive of settlement, of homes, of great houses, of industries in bricks, in potteries, in gardens, orchards, manufactures.

It is to be the scene of the most marvelous development in Canada in the next ten years. And now that the Canadian Northern is building from Hamilton to the Niagara, the three great railways of Canada will be all in this favored district competing for its traffic.

And we are to have ocean steamships in Lake Ontario!

If the Mountain will not come to Toronto, Toronto will go to the Mountain! And be glad!

The greatest manufacturing industries on the large scale, on the stupendous scale, will be in this favored district. Their market will be all Canada, all Ontario, all the great West! And the trade in this district, within the district, will be of a most surprising character! There will be no cause of jealousy—for the gain will be beneficial equally to all the parts!

The gardens, orchards, farms and factories of Hamilton and neighborhood will have an enormous run of customers at this end of the line. Toronto business men will benefit therefrom not more than the business men of Hamilton. There will be no Toronto, no Hamilton. There will be One.

Ontario is to be the greatest province or state in all North America and the greatest hive of business, of happy homes, of a smiling garden country, two millions of happy people, will be around this end of Lake Ontario in less than a dozen years.

Cheap transportation, as we said, is the only essential and it is coming—even if we have to start a public ownership line and a department of railways under the Ontario Government!

We have all the energy of the Niagara River and the finest "drops" from the upper to the lower level for developing power. But let us keep this power for the public in order to work out so great a destiny!

There can be no diversity of interest, no clash; good fellowship and pride in a common lot will work it out.

The World believes in this great and immediate future and will help it along. We are glad to do a little in the leadership of this great twentieth century civic uplift.

Get Big Eyes and you'll all be able to see it and to do your part in it. It is a great national drama and we are all to be the actors. The World will try to play the part of the morning paper of this enchanting settlement!

Hurrah for the Great Half-moon of the Greater Canada that is now unfolding in the Townships of Scarborough, York, Etobicoke, Toronto, Trafalgar, Nelson, the Flamboros, Ancaster, Barton, Saltfleet, and their cities, towns, villages, all linked up in one. The capital of Canada with great buildings, monuments, palaces, driveways, the centre of the Dominion in art, law and manners, may soon be at that most delectable location on that mountain slope that looks down on Waterdown, the Beach and the curved shore of the lake that is as beautiful as anything in America!

No man dare dream what all this means and how near it is at hand.

All that The World claims for itself is that it sees it! You see it, too!

DO NOT TRUST YOURSELF HE SAYS

Hamilton Minister States He Has Seen a Good Many Young Men Try to Walk the Way of Folly and History Has Repeated Itself in All Such Cases.

(By Staff Correspondents.)

HUNDREDS of people were unable to gain admittance to the Gospel Tabernacle last night, to hear Rev. P. W. Philpot preach on "Unheeded Danger Signals." The pastor took as his text Psalms xlix, 13: "This their way, is their folly; yet their posterity approve their sayings." "This is surely a very serious charge the psalmist makes against society," said Rev. Mr. Philpot. "The complaint is that while we learn from those who have gone before in things that are secular, we close our eyes to their moral failures and spiritual weaknesses. Bible and profane history are replete with examples of failure. Those examples are spiritual red-flags, warning us of rocks and shoals where men become wrecks. Why do men permit themselves to be deceived and walk a path so fatal? I think it is because we lack consciousness of sin, and are too easy with sin. We take it too lightly. We need a quickening of conscience as to wrong doing. It has ever been the aim of Satan to gloss over, and in the theatre and the popular novel are his principal agents in this work. They would lead us to believe that the sin is real life instead of death." The preacher cautioned young men not to presume on their cleverness to save them from falling. "Don't trust yourself, you are no better than your father," admonished Mr. Philpot. "In my 16 years in this city I have seen a good many young men try to walk the way of folly, and history has repeated itself. They have fallen where others fell."

HAMILTON MAY HAVE PHONE SYSTEM

Municipal Undertaking When Present Franchise Expires Is Within the Range of Possibilities—Proposition For Automatic System Will Be Laid Before City Council.

(By Staff Correspondents.)

HAMILTON, Ont., Monday, Feb. 25.—A municipal telephone system for Hamilton, when the Bell Company's franchise expires, is within the range of possibilities. A gentleman interested in the proposition called on Mayor Lees last week and submitted a plan for a municipal plant, using automatic telephones, which, he said, would save subscribers at least half the rates which are at present charged by the Bell people. One of the attractive features of the automatic system is said to be that the cost of operation is not increased with the increase in the number of subscribers, as is the case with the switchboard system. The automatic system is said to be operating most satisfactorily in Brantford, where it has 600 subscribers, while the Bell Company is said to have a hundred subscribers in Hamilton. Mayor Lees, while not committing himself, was rather favorably impressed with the information supplied by his caller, but told the gentleman that the city was not at present in a position to take the matter up. It is probable that the interested company will bring the matter formally before the city officials within a short time.

GOD'S CALL IS PERSONAL ONE

Rev. Dr. Pethic Says All Belong to Christ and Should Be in His Service.

(By Staff Correspondents.)

HAMILTON, Ont., Monday, Feb. 25.—Rev. Dr. Harry Pethic preached an eloquent sermon on "The Personal Call" at the James street Baptist Church yesterday morning. At the close of the services he was warmly congratulated by a large number of his congregation on the strength of the sermon.

"The call of God means something," said the preacher. "It is not every one who hears it. The select ones are not common, but uncommon. They are indeed sons. God's call is a personal call. He wants your attention. He wants your service, and you have no right to refuse Him. You are His. You are not your own. Remember, it is not great talents that God blesses, as much as great likeness to Jesus Christ. The most common of us all under God, may be the most valuable. If you are not a constructive worker, you can perhaps, like the common laborer, dig around the roots of things, loosening the soil of life."

PREACHES AT PITTSBURG.

HAMILTON, Ont., Monday, Feb. 25.—Rev. P. W. Philpot, pastor of Gospel Tabernacle, will preach in Carnegie Hall, Pittsburg, next Sunday night at the opening there of the annual convention of the Christian Missionary Alliance of America. The convention will continue for five days.

Good Morning, Hamilton!

Fifty-five per cent, measures the increase of population in one decade according to the Dominion census returns for the ambitious City of Hamilton. This young giant, which promises to be one of the leading industrial centres of Canada, now possesses a population of 81,568, and if they keep up the same ratio of increase for the next ten years Hamilton will be well along towards the 200,000 population mark.

The foregoing is merely incidental to what we are going to say. This enormous increase in population and prestige demands that Hamilton should have what is essential to a city's success, viz, a MORNING PAPER of its own.

The World enters the field, and presents to the citizens of Hamilton "their own Morning paper."

The World is grateful for the patronage and support given this newspaper in the past, and that support gives us confidence that the new venture will be accorded a greater measure of success, and one that will justify this departure. Hamilton news and happenings will all be recorded in full, and every event of public interest will be faithfully chronicled. Impartial and unbiased comment on civic affairs will be given, and everything done towards giving Hamilton what it is entitled to, A METROPOLITAN MORNING NEWSPAPER.

EUROPE STIRRED BY SHELLING OF BEIRUT

England and France Despatch Cruisers to Protect Interests and in Vienna Italy's Aggressiveness is Bitterly Resented—Turkish Torpedo Boats Destroyed.

BEIRUT, Feb. 25.—(Can. Press.)—Martial law was proclaimed here today, although all is quiet within the town. Not less than sixty persons were killed and one hundred wounded during the bombardment by the Italian warships on Saturday. The arrival of the Italians early on Saturday was followed by an immediate demand for the surrender or the destruction of the two Turkish torpedo boats lying in the harbor.

The demand was promptly refused, and after a short delay the Italians opened fire, the shells causing great damage. Three torpedoes finally destroyed the Turkish vessels. The Turks fought bravely but were at a great disadvantage, as they were unable to manoeuvre their vessels and their guns were of small calibre.

During the fighting in the harbor a mob looted the government arsenal and seized rifles and ammunition. One shell burst close to an American building, but injured no one. All the Americans in the city are safe.

BRITISH CRUISER LEAVES FOR BEIRUT.

MALTA, Feb. 25.—(Can. Press.)—British armored cruiser Lancaster left here today under sealed orders, presumably to protect British interests at Beirut.

Expel Italians From Syria.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Turkey has decided upon the expulsion of all Italians in Syria, according to a special dispatch from Constantinople. The order

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ROSS—GRIFFITH WEDDING

Fashionable Marriage Takes Place in Hamilton To-Day.

HAMILTON, Ont., Monday, Feb. 25.—The marriage of Major W. L. Ross, K.C., to Mrs. Florence Griffith will take place this morning at Centenary Church. Rev. Dr. J. V. Smith, pastor of the church, will officiate. The wedding will be a quiet affair, and only a few of the personal friends and relatives of the contracting parties will be present. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and bridegroom will leave on their honeymoon tour and will be absent from the city about a month.

DAVID'S WOES NOT OVER

Mrs. Cullen of Halifax Want \$20,000 Balm for Outraged Dignity.

MONTREAL, Feb. 25.—(Special.)—Mrs. Elizabeth Cullen, the Halifax lady who was a very prominent figure in the McNeill law suit two years since, wants \$20,000 from David Russell, who the plaintiff claims, hurt her feelings by calling the Blue Nose lady names over the telephone, and who would not say he was sorry to Madame Cullen's lawyers.

Mrs. Cullen, who is a friend of the Carringtons, called on Mr. Russell and tendered her services in that great cause celebre with the Pinkerton Detective Agency, but Dave, supposing that she was in league with his enemies, told her so to language which Mrs. Cullen considers to have been unparliamentary. Hence the present action.

GAMBLING CHARGED

Hamilton Police Raided Place on King St. and Arrested Several Men.

(By Staff Correspondents.)

HAMILTON, Monday, Feb. 25.—Another bunch of alleged gamblers were taken into custody last night in a raid made by the police, headed by Sergeant Cuck-shanks, on the premises at 22 West King-street. Those arrested were: Richard Balls, 62 West Main-street; Wm. Quinn, 115 Broadbalt-street; Wm. Conroy, 23 Charles-street, and Thomas Hammond, who is alleged to be the keeper of the place. The others are charged with gambling with cards on the Lord's Day. All were released on bail last night.

POWER PLANTS TO ENLARGE.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—Not only will the Electrical Development Company spend three millions in increasing the plant, but the Canadian Niagara-Ontario Power Co. will expend millions more in enlarging their plants, practically doubling the capacity. Contracts have been awarded for the greater part of the work.

NIAGARA FALLS WANTS C. N. R.

NIAGARA FALLS, Feb. 25.—(Special.)—The city will make an official effort to have the Canadian Northern build to the Falls over the Thorold route. Mayor Cole and the majority of the aldermen believe this route would be more advantageous to the city than the St. Catharines route.

TWO FAMILIES IN THE YIN HOOLE.

Jaff, Toronto: Florida: In far more evens and long more ideas along the beach. Fed like a school of dolphins. Things are fine. Hotels great, but big per. Some \$20 per. Toronto would be a good city if it had a lot of things, but I agree that we must go slow in getting them. Anyway, they can wait till I get back. Amusement and tubes and such can await fairly well Robert Jones's convenience. Count on Tommy Church. Some others in the council will talk for the so-called progressive policy, but they will let before anything is done. Tommy Church now thinks that the Progressives means what you and I think it means. But Tommy can shake hands with the people. That's what he does for them. He thinks Toronto is too big now. Come on down to the palace and be a dolphin. Norman's the man for a conservative Toronto. It's a matter of deep concern to him and to me that Toronto outlive every other city in America last year.

John Florida: Toronto: Maister Flemmin's still fished that the sharks'll get 30 when 30 are in swimmin'. Has a car. In plain Tammar Church into the Glob's shore catchem. His Wootley's dog gran'. He's a guy careful. There's a great guy for houses here, but let the people double up, two families to the '310 hoole. Maister Hanna goes to sleep motor cars runnin' faster than four wheels an hour. That'll be gran' for Maister Flemmin'. The Tel's don't ask an ask an as doctie as Mary's wee bit lambs. Jaff.