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Roosevelt Sweeps Pennsylvania
Taft "Machine" Is Utterly Routed
Result Staggering To President

Altho Colonel Was Almost Without Organization in State His Forces Carried at Least 65 of the 76 Delegates and Control State Convention—Democrats Lined Up Solidly Behind Woodrow Wilson.

PHILADELPHIA, April 14.—(Can. Press.)—Col. Roosevelt's sweeping victory in Pennsylvania at Saturday's primary election kept growing to-day as the returns continued to come in. Incomplete returns give the former president 65 of the state's 76 delegates in the Republican national convention. The Roosevelt supporters are claiming 67, and later returns may carry the figures to that total. Col. Roosevelt won 53 of the 64 district national delegates, and his followers elected enough delegates to the state convention to give them control of that body. The state convention will name 112 delegates at large.

Gov. Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey, who had no organized opposition, will have 74 of the 76 delegates from Pennsylvania in the Democratic national convention. In the eleventh congressional district the two Democratic national delegates elected are favorable to Gov. Judson Harmon but they are not pledged.

Politicians look upon the triumph of Col. Roosevelt with astonishment. The supporters of the former president were without a state organization or without an organization in many of the 32 congressional districts.

Machine Loses Control.

The regular Republican organization, headed by U. S. Senator Boise Penrose, which has withstood the fury of many a political storm, received a crushing defeat in the loss of control of the state convention. It is the first time in the present generation that it has lost control of that body.

The significance of the Roosevelt victory can be realized when it is remembered that the delegates in control of the state convention have the power to select the state chairman and, under the party rules, the delegation to the national convention elects the national committeeman. At present Senator Penrose holds both positions.

It was said by a prominent member of the state committee to-night that some of the Roosevelt delegates elected to the state convention are regular organization men, who, while voting for Roosevelt delegates, will stand by the state organization otherwise.

Some of the leaders of the Republican organization refrained from personally entering the primary as candidates for district national delegates, as it had been expected they would be selected as delegates at large. Among those understood to have been looked upon as the likely delegates were Senators Penrose and Oliver, Gov. Tener, Secretary of State Robert McAfee, and State Senator James P. McNichol, the leader of the party organization in Philadelphia.

Backed by Reform Element.

The vote polled was light. In some districts it did not go much over 50 per cent. of the total vote cast at the last general election. Col. Roosevelt received his heaviest vote from the reform element of the state, represented by the Keystone party, which since it was organized about two years ago, has opposed the regular Republicans at every election and succeeded in electing a reform mayor in Philadelphia last year.

Another element of strength of the Roosevelt forces was the 170,000 idle anthracite miners in the northeastern counties of the state, where the former president ran strong.

In Philadelphia President Taft's adherents captured three of the six districts and split the delegation in another, giving the president seven delegates to Roosevelt's five. John Wanamaker and E. T. Stotesbury, were elected as Taft delegates in the second district. Edgar F. Smith, provost of the University of Pennsylvania, a Taft delegate, went down to defeat, but Wm. D. Lewis, dean of the law department of the university was a Roosevelt winner.

In Allegheny County, which includes Pittsburg, Col. Roosevelt captured all the eight delegates in the four districts. Among them is Wm. Flynn, who has fought the regular state organization for years.

In the congressional district where Gifford Pinchot has his home, the Roosevelt national delegate won, but Mr. Pinchot's home county, Pike, sent

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TAFT TAKING THE COUNT

The result of the Republican primaries in Pennsylvania is a Roosevelt victory no less sweeping than his recent popular triumph in Illinois. With a powerful machine of federal and state officers at his command, President Taft was hopelessly beaten. The returns indicate that Colonel Roosevelt has secured at least 65 of the 76 delegates who will represent Pennsylvania at the national convention. The politicians are said to be dumfounded, as well they may be, by this uprising of the people.

The primary plan which entitles every member of the party to a voice in the selection of the official candidate puts an end to the domination of the party boss and reduces the ward heelers and professional politicians to the level of insignificance which they should occupy in public affairs.

The president regards himself, by virtue of his office, as the titular head of the Republican party. His humiliating defeats in the great Republican states, such as Illinois and Pennsylvania, must convince him that the party desires a new leader, and that his renomination has now become impossible. His sense of personal dignity, as well as his appreciation of the prestige which should surround his high office, will incline him to withdraw from the contest and to avoid the risk of encountering the further mortification attending similar reverses in other states.

With Mr. Taft eliminated, Colonel Roosevelt's nomination would be certain. His opponent, in all likelihood, would be William J. Bryan, and a progressive president will be assured to the country whoever should prove the ultimate choice of the electors.

The surprising thing in the Illinois and Pennsylvania primaries is not the popularity of Roosevelt—tho that is as surprising as the weakness of Taft is surprising—but the surprising thing is that the people are rising in their might against that moss-covered institution, the convention, the machine and the machine candidate. If the people of Canada had a say in the selection of their candidates—and they will, we imagine, hereafter—there would be a very different class of men at Ottawa and at Queen's Park. Progressive men would have a show. As an illustration, not three of the eight Conservatives who sit in the Queen's Park for Toronto would ever be there if they had to go to a public primary that selected candidates.

One of the greatest instruments for the regeneration of the politics of the United States is the primary applied to candidates, and we see it now working in that direction in Illinois, Pennsylvania, etc. It can't come too soon in Canada, either.

"Titanic" Strikes Iceberg
"Virginian" Goes to Aid
1300 Passengers in Peril

White Star Liner, Which is Largest Vessel Afloat, Sends Wireless Message to Cape Race—"Virginian" Can Accommodate 900 of "Titanic's" Passengers if Necessary—C. M. Hays is Among Those on Board.

MONTREAL, April 14.—(Can. Press.) The Allan line office here to-night received a wireless message from the captain of the company's steamship Virginian stating that he had been in wireless communication with the White Star liner Titanic, which had been in collision with an iceberg and requested assistance. The Virginian's captain reported that he was on his way to the Titanic.

The Virginian sailed from Halifax this morning, and at the time the wireless message was sent, she is reckoned to have been about abeam of Cape Race. She has 900 passengers on board, but can accommodate 900 more of the Titanic's passengers.

As she is not far from Halifax the remainder will not have to endure any great amount of discomfort.

The message from the Virginian's captain was sent by wireless to Cape Race, and thence by cable to Halifax, and then by wire to Montreal. The Allan line officials here expect to hear further news at any moment.

Had 1300 Passengers.

The White Star liner Titanic, the largest vessel afloat, left Southampton April 10 on her maiden voyage for New York. She is a vessel of 46,328 tons, is 882 feet 6 inches long and displaces 66,000 tons.

The Titanic when she left Southampton had about 1300 passengers on board, of whom 350 were in the first cabin. Among these latter are F. D. Millet, the artist and president of the Consolidated American Academy at Rome; Major Archibald Butt, military aide to President Taft; C. M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk Railway; J. Bruce Ismay, chairman and managing director of the White Star Line; Henry B. Harris, the American theatrical manager; W. T. Stead; Mrs.

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Turkey Asked To Fix Terms

So Says Despatch From Rome, But Constantinople Tells Different Story.

ROME, April 14.—(Can. Press.)—For a month past the powers have been trying to reach an agreement among themselves as to how Turkey could be best approached with reference to a settlement of the war with Italy. The powers had already asked Italy on what conditions she would be ready to make peace. The Italian conditions did not prove acceptable to Turkey, to which government they were communicated unofficially. It became evident to the powers that an official presentation of these conditions to Turkey would be a waste of time. They therefore decided to adopt a new course and ask Turkey on what conditions she would be ready to discuss a cessation of hostilities.

LOUIS WILBER DEAD.

(By Staff Correspondents.)

HAMILTON, Monday, April 15.—Louis Wilber, colored, died at the city hospital last night after a lingering illness of six weeks. He was 50 years of age and none of his relatives can be located. The funeral will be held from Green's undertaking rooms today at 2 p.m. to Hamilton Cemetery.

Flew With Passenger Over English Channel

Prevost Made Aerial Journey From Paris to Eastchurch in Twenty-five Minutes.

LONDON, April 13.—Maurice Prevost flew from Paris to Eastchurch to-day, 250 miles, in six hours, carrying a passenger. At Eastchurch, 42 miles from London, are the Royal Aero Club's flying grounds. The passenger was Lawrence Santoni.

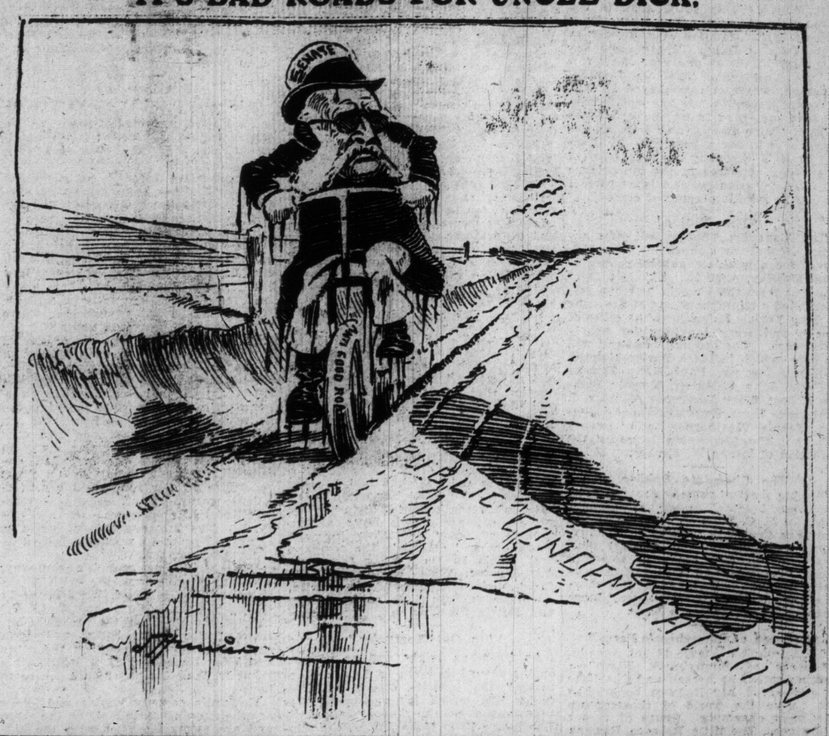
The crossing of the English Channel occupied 25 minutes, and the whole flight was made at an altitude of over 2000 feet.

Taft's Threat to Mexico

WASHINGTON, April 14.—(Can. Press.)—The Mexican Government was notified today that the U. S. will hold Mexico and the Mexican people "responsible for all wanton or illegal acts sacrificing or endangering American life or damaging American property or interests."

A similar notification has been sent to Gen. Orozco, chief of the insurrecto forces.

IT'S BAD ROADS FOR UNCLE DICK.



TORONTO MEN FOR MEETING

Nine Representatives of Board of Trade Chosen to Attend Empire Conference at London.

June 10 has been announced as the date for the holding of the eighth congress of the chambers of congress of the empire in London, Eng. It will last over a period of three or four days. The Toronto Board of Trade have named nine delegates who will attend. They are: President G. T. Somers, Secretary F. G. Morley, Noel Marshall, W. G. Gundy, W. F. Cockshutt, Hon. A. E. Kemp, John S. Ellis, J. C. Douglas, and J. D. Ivey.

Resolutions in favor of preferential trade within the empire, against the taxation of commercial travelers as between different parts of the empire, and favoring the all red cable line will be among the resolutions introduced by the Canadian delegation.

YOUNG GIRL SHOT HERSELF

Annie Taylor Was Examining a Revolver When it Went Off and She May Die.

While playing with a loaded revolver about 8 o'clock last night, Annie Taylor, aged 14 years, of 43 Simcoe-st., shot herself and now lies in St. Michael's Hospital in a dying condition. The bullet entered her breast just above the heart, and her chances of recovery are very slight.

The girl lived with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Osborne, who keeps a rooming house, at 43 Simcoe-st. The Osbornes were packing their household goods preparatory to having them removed to Mr. Osborne's pressing and cleaning shop at 161 York-st. to-day. While lifting some wearing apparel from a drawer, Annie Taylor found a revolver. It is said that she pulled the trigger a couple of times, but there was no response. Then she began examining it, and in doing so pulled the trigger again. This time the trigger hit a loaded shell. The girl sank to the floor.

She was immediately removed in the police ambulance to the hospital. At an early hour this morning she was reported as being in a precarious condition.

BIG STORE FOR VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 14.—The Hudson Bay Co. commissioner announces the construction of a million and a half dollar store will be commenced immediately. It will be a ten-storey modern building.

A WIDER TERAULAY-STREET.

As The World pointed out in its Sunday edition, the city council will likely be willing to favor a wider Teraulay-street if public opinion, as expressed by the board of trade and leading citizens is in favor of it. The council will hear their views anyway. So let the advocates of a wider street speak out.

The city could, under existing legislation, expropriate the whole of the property on both sides, as easily as a strip of ten feet; and resell it later on at a sum sufficient to retire any bonds issued for the purpose, and have a substantial surplus to put into a tube railway underneath!

That would be up-to-date city policy. It's what they do in old-fashioned England and Scotland every week in the year!

GAVE GOLD WATCH FOR VALUABLE PROPERTY

Dr. Coleridge Traded His Timepiece 20 Years Ago for 1600 Feet on Soudan Ave., Which He Has Just Sold for $18,000, and Present Owner Can Get More.

Twenty years ago Dr. Coleridge of Ingersoll gave a gold watch, an inexpensive one at that, for 1600 feet of land on Soudan-avenue. The owner got tired carrying them and was quite willing to take $25 for the bunch, but as the doctor's watch was just what he wanted, the doctor got the lots.

Last week Dr. Coleridge sold the property for $11 a foot, or nearly $18,000. And the man who bought them, a local operator, has had a half dozen chances to sell them again at $15 a foot. The lots are on the south side of Soudan-avenue, and run right to Bayview, in fact, three of them front on Bayview-avenue. They are just opposite some of the best land in the Leaside deal.

FRENCH-CANADIANS MUST ASSERT INDEPENDENCE.

KINGSTON, April 14.—(Special.)—"Is the use of French a right or a favor?" was the subject taken by Prof. J. M. Lanos of the Royal Military College in addressing three hundred French-Canadians of this city. French-Canadians were free men, he declared, and meant to be, and they would do as others intended to do, worship, speak and vote as they please.

NO MEDIATION IN TRIPOLI YET.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 14.—(Can. Press.)—The statement emanating from St. Petersburg that the powers had made proposals of mediation to Constantinople, with a view to bringing to an end the war between Turkey and Italy, is incorrect. Altho all the ambassadors here have received the text of an identical note to be submitted to the Porte, none as yet has been submitted. It is stated that the ambassadors will take the projected steps separately on April 16.

JUNK THEFTS INVESTIGATED

Tons of Metal Stolen and Employes Involved Will Soon Be Brought to Justice.

Extensive thefts of old copper and brass have been going on from the city hydro-electric commission for some time back and employes have been discharged right and left. This was discovered about the time that Joseph Rosenthal was murdered, when he was lured to the transformer station at the foot of Strachan-avenue, on the pretext of securing a quantity of such scrap.

An investigation is now being prosecuted to detect the employes who have been engaging in this form of "high grading," which is said to be being carried on in all concerns whose operation entails the constant passing of worn metals.

Tons of this stuff has been properly sold by the purchasing agent of the commission, and the money turned into the coffers of the commission, but other tons of it have been sold to the junk dealers, for which no money has been so turned in, and the sales have been made by those not entitled to sell.

GOT NO MONEY BEAT A WOMAN

Morris Rich, Arrested on a Charge of Procuring, Had Money and Fine Clothes.

Morris Rich of 95 Walton-st. is in custody charged with procuring. He was arrested yesterday on the corner of Agnes and Teraulay-sts. by Detectives Twigg and Taylor.

The information was laid by Catharine Greswold, a young woman whom Rich is said to have brought here from Montreal several weeks ago. It is alleged that she has been giving him about $35 a week. A few days ago Rich went to Chicago, went broke and communicated with the young woman and asked her to forward him some money. This she refused to do.

Rich returned to Toronto, and it is said that when he found the woman, he beat her cruelly. Then she laid the charge which brought about his arrest. When placed in custody he had in his possession about $53, and wore clothes of the latest pattern.

BIG JUTE STRIKE SETTLED.

LONDON, April 14.—A prolonged strike of the jute trade at Dundee, affecting 20,000 workers, has been settled. A concession of 2 1-2 per cent. advance in wages has been granted the operatives.

NEW ROYAL BOX FOR SPRING MEETING

Ontario Jockey Club Will Enlarge Accommodation for Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Party — New York Society at Opening—Will Not Sell Property Yet.

Secretary Fraser of the Ontario Jockey Club has given orders for the construction of a new royal box for the club house, for the accommodation of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Princess Patricia and the government house party from Ottawa, who are to be here for the whole of the spring meet, which opens on May 13, King's Plate day.

The new royal box will be on a larger and more imposing scale than the former viceregal one, which has already been removed.

Three or four New York millionaire horsemen are expected at the opening, including President A. Belmont of the New York Club, President Wilson of the Saratoga Racing Association, and Thos. Clyde. Their horses will be well represented in the open stake events. New York society, which came within the charmed circle during the visit of the governor-general to New York, will also be represented.

Rumors that Woodbine Park would be sub-divided for building lots this season have been set at rest. According to reliable information the O.J.C. authorities regard the present prices for land as close in as the Woodbine as comparatively insignificant in view of the rapid development and building up of the vicinity. They are confident of a substantial enhancement of present values.

CHORUS OF PRAISE FOR HOME RULE.

LONDON, April 14.—(Can. Press.)—The government whip to-night issued a long list of telegrams which John Redmond, leader of the Nationalist party, has received from the colonies and the United States, approving the home rule bill. They include messages from the premiers of South Africa, the Australian and Canadian colonial ministers, several former ministers, Cardinal Gibbons, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, and a host of American governors, judges, prelates, mayors and public leaders.

JOHN GOES ON THE JOB.

John, Toronto:

I'm aff on a bit trip. Take charge o' th' Glob' when I'm awa'. Haud up my preeciples as I handed up th' government in th' senate at Ottawa. Your auld freen' an' faither in journalism. Jaff.

Jaff, Down South:

Toronto: Just got back home, an' will take charge of The Globe while you are away for a rest-out after your titanic labors in the senate at Ottawa backing Borden's bills. I will see that The Globe swats the tubes, the viaduct and upholds Robert John, and will use to its full capacity the O.K. rubber stamp with your name attached that you left me. I'll first give Jim Whitney a hand-out in The Globe for his bilingual cowardice. I will also blame a lot of it on Billy Maclean. He is a watch dog that I always hold responsible for anything that happens in the next township! I will do my best for Little York and the Landmarks, of which I consider you the most eminent specimen. You will have to stand the charge of $25 per at any good American hotel in the south. But never mind—gather the rosebuds while you may. I will give the land butchers a swat in The Globe. The subdivision of farms to relieve city congestion means a bigger Toronto and no self-respecting landmark will ever stand for that. I regard any increase in the circulation of The Tely as a contradiction of my dearest conviction. I do not want any new subscribers or any new advertisements. They are evidence of Toronto's growth, and sooner than admit that I'd refuse both! Go it, old man, when you've got the chance.

John.

THE TELEGRAM'S INSPIRATION.

The above from The Telegram shows that Sir Wilfrid got into trouble in federal politics by taking the advice of The Globe and The Star. Did it ever strike The Telegram that some of its policy in regard to civic affairs is an echo of the two little men on this side of the jackass.

SCARED OUT OF THEIR BOOTS

In regard to temperance reform both Sir James and Mr. Rowell "make a dab at it."

In regard to bilingual schools it's a side-step and a runaway with their hair on end.