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THE WEATHER. Fresh northwest wind, fine, cool; Thursday, light to moderate winds, fine and a little warmer.

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ENQUIRY INTO HODGINS CHARGES TO BE DROPPED

Unlikely That Charges of Graft in G.T.P. Construction Will be Pushed—Final Decision However Adjourned Until Tomorrow.

Ottawa, Ont., June 17 (Special).—As was expected the enquiry into the Hodgins charges failed to go on this morning. The final decision as to the course to be pursued, however, has been deferred till tomorrow.

Mr. S. Barker who was unable to be present yesterday, thereupon remarked, "Before we have had time to make up our minds."

HOW MARINE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WASTED MONEY; EXTRAVAGANCE A GRAFT

Government Paid \$100,000 Too Much for Fog Signals—Silverware Bought from Government "Friends" and Then put in Storage—Important Statement from Judge Cassels.

Ottawa, June 17 (Special).—The grave situation brought in connection with the Marine Department dealings with the government drew an important statement from Judge Cassels in the resumption of the enquiry this morning.

do the manufacturing and pay an allowance to the company on the basis of a 50 per cent. profit. All the government should have paid was \$25,000. Instead of that it had paid \$125,000. The judge concluded by asking the counsel to continue inquiry as soon as possible on this line, including the agreements with the Canadian Fog Signal Co.

Mr. Watson said the books produced were muddled. He promised to follow the judge's suggestion.

MR. FISHER INTRODUCES HIS CIVIL SERVICE BILL

If It Carries All Appointments to Canadian Civil Service Will be Made by Merit in Open Competitive Examination.

Ottawa, June 17 (Special).—Hon. Mr. Fisher today in the house introduced his civil service bill. It nominally places the entire service under control of a permanent commission of two who will fix the examination and recommend appointments and promotions as well as salary upon increase of salary.

under the operations of the act if deemed advisable. The change in classification includes considerable change in salaries the statutory increase will be \$50 a year, which may in special cases be increased to \$100. All promotions and all increases of salary are upon certificates of the commission.

FATHER KILLS HIS SON'S ASSAILANTS

Wealthy Wine Merchant in New Orleans Kills Three Men Who Attempted to Rob His Son.

New Orleans, June 17.—Pietro Giacini, a wealthy wine merchant, killed three Italian men who were attempting to force his son to give them a sum of money and his watch early to-day. The shooting occurred at the home of Giacini.

THE PLAGUE AT CARACAS

One Case of Bubonic Plague has Been Discovered in a Fashionable Cafe.

Caracas, June 17.—The dreaded plague has at last come to Caracas, which for a few months past has been hoping against hope that it might be spared from the scourge which had stricken the neighboring La Guayra. The city has awakened to the full knowledge that the disease is here and the fact that the case is that of an employee of the famous La India cafe, one of the finest in Caracas, did not tend to decrease the general alarm.

PASSENGERS LEFT BEHIND

More Than 1,000 Steerage Passengers Could not get Accommodation on European Steamer.

New York, June 17.—More than a thousand persons holding steerage tickets for European ports were left behind by the steamer Potsdam when she sailed to-day with her steerage accommodations filled to their capacity of 2,000.

MONCTON NEWS

Reported Wreck on Shipagan Coast—A Pretty Wedding—New Move in Imperial Coal Co. Affairs.

Moncton, N. B., June 17 (Special).—Word was received here yesterday of the reported wreck on the Shipagan Coast of the schooner Cultivator. Owing to the lack of communication no particulars could be obtained.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

Daughter of J. H. Crockett Married This Afternoon to William E. Trites.

Fredericton, June 17 (Special).—Salamanca, the residence of J. H. Crockett, managing director of the Gleaner, Ltd., was the scene of a pretty wedding this afternoon when his eldest daughter, Elsie M., became the wife of William E. Trites, B.Sc., son of Contractor A. E. Trites, of Salisbury.

MR. DAVIS CLAIMS HE WAS TAKEN ILL

Fredericton Man Declares he Did Not Try to Leap from Suspension Bridge

R. P. Davis, who with James MacRae of Fredericton, was a caller at the Times office this morning, denied absolutely the recently published report that he attempted to jump from the suspension bridge and end his life. He also contradicted the report that he had borrowed \$75 from Mr. MacRae.

THEY DROVE TOO FAST

Wm. H. Coleman Fined \$8 for Furious Driving on Suspension Bridge—Another Case Set Aside.

William H. Coleman of the White House lunch wagon, appeared in the police court this morning when he was fined \$8 for furious driving on the suspension bridge on Sunday last. When called upon to answer the charge, Mr. Coleman said that the horse became unmanageable. His honor observed that according to the law the fine for driving on the bridge faster than a walk was forty shillings and pointed out that a recent addition to the regulations provided that no automobile must pass over the bridge at a speed greater than a mile in fifteen minutes.

WILL START JUNE 20

Washington, June 16.—The battleship New Hampshire will leave New York June 20 for Quebec, where it is to be present during the tercentenary celebration of the founding of that city in July.

FIRE IN HARNES STORE

Lowiston, Me., June 16.—Fire which started tonight in the basement of Fogg & Merrick's harness and leather goods dealers, did damage to the extent of \$18,000. There is partial insurance.

ANOTHER RIVER STEAMER BURNED TO WATER'S EDGE

S. S. Aberdeen Burned at Her Wharf at Cole's Island Early this Morning—Crew of Eight Escaped—Loss Estimated at \$4,000.

Word was received this afternoon when the steamer Sincennes arrived at Indian town that the steamer Aberdeen which runs between this city and Cole's Island, Washedemoak, was burned to the water's edge while at her wharf at Cole's Island about 1 o'clock this morning.

THE CALL OF THE WEST

C. E. E. Usher Says 20,000 Men Will be Required to Handle the Crop.

Toronto, Ont., June 17 (Special).—Mr. C. E. E. Usher, assistant passenger traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Winnipeg, who is in the city, speaks most enthusiastically of the crop and business conditions in the West. From present prospects Mr. Usher believes that more than twenty thousand men would be required in the west this fall to handle the crop.

CIRCUIT COURT

Criminal Cases Taken up This Morning—Prisoners Guilty and Remanded for Sentence.

The case of the King vs. George and Mattie Lee, charged with stealing a pocket-book containing \$87 from Percy Barnett, was resumed in the circuit court before Judge White this morning and after hearing of evidence, both prisoners were convicted.

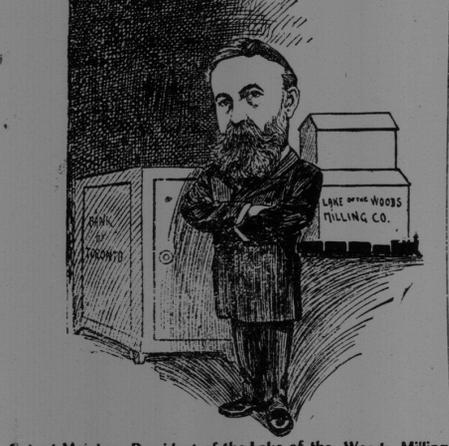
HE CHOKED SEGT. ROSS

And Now William Waugh Must Answer for his Fun in the Police Court.

William Waugh, aged 23 years, was this morning arrested on a charge of assaulting Sergeant Jacob Ross by setting him by the throat and choking him, on Monday of this week.

PROMINENT CANADIANS PICTURED IN CARTOONS

(By the Canadian Newspaper Cartoonist Association)



Robert Meighen, President of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, Director of the C. P. R. and a Prominent Canadian Business Man.

PROBATE COURT

In the estate of the late Sheriff Sturdee, passing of accounts by widow and son, executors.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

LILACS AND APPLE BLOOM. Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, laden with lilac bloom and apple blossoms, made the Times new reporter's den this morning.

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REPUBLICAN CONVENTION GETS DOWN TO BUSINESS

Chicago, June 17.—Down to business at last the Fourteenth Republican National Convention entered upon its second day with several important factors unsettled and with trouble enough in sight to make it practically certain that at least two days more must be consumed before nominations can be made and the work of the convention completed.

these of the national committee. The committee on rules and order business also had troubles of its own and adjourned until this morning with an unsettled controversy of importance on its hands. This was over the proposition to reduce the ratio of representation in future national conventions. The question is before the committee in the form of two resolutions, one by Representative Burke, of Pennsylvania, the other by Representative Parsons of New York, both of which it is argued by those opposed to them will have an important effect upon the status of the negro members of the Republican party in the south.

of the committee and the speech of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts as permanent chairman of the convention. If a compromise be reached today upon the disputed plank of the platform and if battles over the committee representatives do not extend over night there seems a fair prospect that tomorrow will be clear for the nominating speeches and that the close of the day may see the close of the convention. One of the most remarkable features of the convention so far has been the ideal weather. The early morning again gave promise of a pleasant day and cool after the fashion of mid-September.

This condition greatly refreshed the weary hours of the night committee sessions and in general has contributed to make the surroundings of the great convention more than usually comfortable.