

VICTORY FOR SUFFRAGISTS IS ABOUT TO DAWN, SAYS THEIR PLUCKY LITTLE CHIEF

Mrs. Emeline Pankhurst Appeals to The Advertiser as "a Matronly Little Woman"—Talks With Enthusiasm of Great Advances.

BLAMES LONDON MEN BECAUSE ALL THE WOMEN DID NOT VOTE

"We Don't Like To Be Dressed as Children—We Simply Desire to Improve Conditions"—Claims Rioting Is Justified.

Militant suffragists are not the dangerous and fire-eating mortals the dispatches paint them. That is, if Mrs. Emeline Pankhurst, the leader of the movement, is any criterion by which to judge.

She is at the Tecumseh House today, and when seen by The Advertiser, talked freely of the movement. One expected to see a Juno-like, masculine woman with a firm jaw, and a punch concealed in each hand. One's vision of even suffragists might become distorted by reading the accounts of the fearful movement.

One could hardly believe that the little woman who introduced herself to the reporter was the leader of the militant suffragists, those determined women who are driving political parties to despair, and creating world-wide sensations.

A Motherly Little Woman. Mrs. Pankhurst does not look more than four feet six inches. Her steel grey hair is arranged in a coiffure suitable to a lady of middle life. Clad in plain blue, there is no suggestion of affectation or dressing for effect. Just a plain, motherly little woman with a mission—one who believes in her work as she believes in her life, a dreamer, in truth, with a great desire to do good in the world.

One could scarcely bring himself to imagine that she, at the head of the suffragists, had stormed Parliament, and made the greatest Government in the world grope. Yet she did it, more's the wonder. And she will continue to do, she is certain, until the women of England and other countries are given that which they most desire—the ballot. Not that in itself the ballot is the summa bonum of a woman's existence, but it means emancipation, the possibility of a woman expressing herself in making the laws that shall govern her and her children.

Is 1912 Their Year? She chatted quietly, enthusiastically, optimistically of the future, and declared that the day for which she and the others had fought was about to dawn. Victory had been won, they would soon enjoy the fruits of it.

Mrs. Pankhurst is just completing a tour of Canada and the United States to tell the women of America what the movement means. She has been greeted with immense audiences across the continent, and is looking with interest to her trip home, when she will again enter the thick of the battle for the ballot.

All Women Are Roused. "You know, the woman's movement is worldwide. In every nation, Persia, Turkey, the United States, everywhere they are bestirring themselves. They are claiming their rights. It is proper and fit that the movement should reach its highest point in England, where conditions are such as demand that something be done. We want to raise the status of woman everywhere, and we do not think that any better way could be found than by claiming the ballot. It means emancipation."

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The reporter admitted that he could blame Mrs. Pankhurst for absolutely nothing. With her grip of problems, social and otherwise, she would be certain to wield an influence for good everywhere.

The interviewer pointed out that in London, with 2,500 more women than men, and hundreds of them in possession of the franchise, there was not any stampede of female voters on election days to the polls.

"The men are quite to blame in this," she answered. "There is no effort to get out the women's vote—they are not valued as they should be. Just as soon as the politicians view the woman's vote as something worth going after, then it will be brought, and when women become a political force, there will be plenty of them at the polls."

As to the Government. The Asquith Government is not one of the divinely ordained institutions, in Mrs. Pankhurst's mind. And it is all due to the question of votes. "The only opposition we have comes from a few people in high places," she continued. "The common people are with us. They do not heckle us any

more, nor disturb our meetings. As soon as some of the members of the Government see us coming they turn the police loose, and you know the rest."

A desire to know what induced the women to adopt the militant tactic brought out the response that such a step was necessary.

"For half a century we went along, patiently agitating," she said. "We got nowhere. Then we copied from the men. They become impatient when they do not get what they want. Sometimes they become riotous, and they do all sorts of things. They flood their opposition with ballots. We are trying every means to get the ballot, constitutional and unconstitutional, and we are bound to succeed. The battle is about won."

The militant wing is now having some trouble in England, and at this time Mrs. Pankhurst is anxious to be at home to be in the thick of it.

She will tell London women how what has been ridiculously termed the "Shrieking Sisterhood" behave in England this afternoon and evening.

GOVT. BY COMMISSION CANNOT BE SECURED

Unless Premier Whitney Consents to Passage of a General Law for Province.

The citizens are speculating today as to the effect of the overwhelming vote on commission form of government.

At the present time, there is no machinery in the province to allow any city to be governed in that manner.

It will be remembered that last year a deputation from the Ontario Municipalities' Union waited on Sir James Whitney and asked him to submit a bill to allow cities to be governed in this way. The Premier informed them that such would not be done, as he would positively refuse to allow any individual municipality to adopt the system. He did promise, however, to investigate the proposition, and if possible bring down a general law applicable to all municipalities.

"I do not know that the vote yesterday will have any effect," said ex-Mayor Beattie. "There is no machinery whereby we can have commission government in London. It may have the effect of inducing the Government to hurry in obtaining the information promised to the Municipalities' Union if that is secured at once, the Government may bring down a general law. I doubt it, however."

It is understood, however, that Ald. Richter will use the vote of yesterday at the next convention of the Ontario Municipalities' Union to bring the Government to see the necessity of inducing a Government measure at once to allow commission government.

Again Returned to Water Board

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MILITARY BALL GRAND SUCCESS

Event In Armories One of the Most Fashionable Ever Held In City.

Drill Hall Is Divided Wall of Palms and Guns Make Striking Effect—Masses of Evergreens Displayed.

The military ball, which was held in the armories last evening, under the auspices of Lieut.-Col. Campbell and the officers of the Seventh Regiment Fusiliers, proved to be one of the most successful and fashionable events held in this city for several years.

Several hundred couples were in attendance, and the attractively decorated ballroom, together with the unusually beautiful costumes of the ladies, presented a veritable fairy-world of music, gallantry and beauty.

To Capt. W. R. Brown, the honorary treasurer, Lieut. T. C. Wright, honoree, and the various committees of officers, a great deal of credit is due for the entire success of the affair. Among those present were a large number of the best-known military men of London and Western Ontario.

Decorations Attractive. Seldom have more beautiful decorations been seen in London.

The drill hall was divided by a wall of palms into a ballroom and dining-room. The ballroom was decorated with red, white and green streamers, flags and bunting. Around the walls the waistcoating was massed with evergreens, above which were hung shields and green drapings at intervals. The windows were artistically curtained with long flowing ribbons of green, closely hung together. White and red streamers and bunting predominated in the dome of the hall, above the ball room and over the dining-room hung an elaborate lattice-work of white and red ribbons.

The Company's Quarters. The eight company armories were all attractively decorated with evergreens, flags and bunting. One in particular was favorably commented upon here at the ballroom by Mr. Victor Blackwell, and exhibited a tent arranged as upon the field of battle, with all the camp effects and guns and accoutrements of war arranged about.

The rest and lounging rooms of the gallery were also tastefully arranged and decorated, and card rooms were (Continued on Page Seven.)

FOURTEEN PERSONS HURT IN WRECK ON WABASH

Passenger Train Leaves Track Sleepers Crashing Into Railway Station.

[Canadian Press.]

St. Peters, Mo., Jan. 2.—Wabash passenger train No. 1, from St. Louis to Kansas City, left the track at the station here at 11 o'clock last night, and from ten to fourteen persons were injured. All but two coaches turned over and eight of them were burned. One of the sleepers crashed into the little station here, and toppled it over.

The wreckage caught fire, and the station was burned. No one was in the place at the time, and all passengers are said to have escaped from the coaches which turned over. The engineer and fireman are the most seriously hurt. Many of the passengers are said to have miraculously escaped serious injury.

TOM LONGBOAT QUITS IN WORLD'S MARATHON

Finn Wins Ten Yards Ahead of Holmer With Fred Cameron in Third Place.

[Canadian Press.]

Edinburgh, Scotland, Jan. 2.—Kolehmainen, a native of Finland, won the professional marathon solo race of 26 miles, 385 yards and the championship of the world at the Powder Hall athletic grounds here today. His time was 2 hours, 32 minutes, 56.1-2 seconds. Hans Holmer, who won the race last year in the record time of 2 hours, 32 minutes, 21 seconds, was second, ten yards behind. There were nineteen competitors, including Tom Longboat, the Indian runner, who dropped out of the race at the sixteenth mile, when he was leading by three hundred yards.

Fred Cameron, of Amherst, Nova Scotia, was third.

PEOPLE DECLARE IN FAVOR OF COMMISSION GOVERNMENT AND FOR GARBAGE DISPOSAL

Vote of Three to One Scored On Plebiscite, Securing Majority of 2,912—Incinerator Scheme Secures Small Majority—Storm Sewer and North Midland Plan Defeated.

Commission Form of Government.		Bylaw Defeated—Storm Sewers.	
For.	Against.	For.	Against.
Ward 1	1,387	Ward 1	332
Ward 2	736	Ward 2	223
Ward 3	1,078	Ward 3	302
Ward 4	1,377	Ward 4	412
Total	4,588	Total	1,269
Majority for, 2,912.	1,388	Majority against, 1,093.	2,278

Garbage Disposal Bylaw.

For.	Against.
Ward 1	474
Ward 2	342
Ward 3	416
Ward 4	651
Total	1,883
Majority for, 67.	1,816

West London Bridge.

For.	Against.
Ward 1	644
Ward 2	477
Ward 3	225
Ward 4	577
Total	2,123
Majority for, 527.	1,596

North Midland Bylaw.

For.	Against.
Ward 1	605
Ward 2	465
Ward 3	545
Ward 4	785
Total	2,398
Majority for, 1,653.	1,345

The vote in favor of the bylaws was somewhat surprising. That three of the four should be acceptable to the people was quite unexpected for at the city hall. The West London bridge and the garbage disposal bylaws had rather pronounced majorities, but the incinerator plan had a small plurality. The members of the board of health are more than delighted with the result in the latter instance, and will commence at once to prepare plans for the new garbage incinerator.

The storm sewer bylaw received fairly good support. It had few friends at court, although some system is recognized as a necessity. City Engineer Wright had not time to prepare plans or a topographical map in time for the electors to see exactly what was needed, or probably a favorable ballot would have been given.

Decisive Vote for Commission. The plebiscite form of government received a great indorsement, the vote being three to one in favor.

WEST MISSOURI COUNCIL WILL ISSUE DEBENTURES

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Jan. 2.—A rebuke to a municipal council which presumed to limit the expenditure of a school board has been handed out by Mr. Justice Middleton today in a judgment whereby he directs the township council of West Nisour, Missour, to issue debentures to raise \$7,000 to provide for the provision of a continuation school. The order is made on the application of the continuation school board.

TOOK CARBOLIC WHILE DESPONDENT

Cherry Street Lady Driven to Desperate Act Through Recent Illness.

NO DOCTORS TO BE HAD Suffers for Nearly an Hour Before Relieved by Death—Found Impossible to Secure Medical Aid.

While suffering from a temporary fit of despondency, Mrs. C. A. Wilson, of Cherry street, wife of a cutter at Greene, Swift & Co., ended her life on today at the home of her friends, Mrs. J. J. Meyers, at 40 Dundas street, West London, by swallowing the contents of an ounce vial of carbolic acid.

Mrs. Wilson had been in ill-health for some time, and was a patient at Victoria Hospital only a short time ago, when suffering from an attack of pneumonia. Both the deceased and her husband came to this country from England.

Mind Deranged. While no definite information could be obtained, friends declared that Mrs. Wilson had become temporarily deranged, and that she had attempted to commit suicide on previous occasions. Yesterday she returned from St. Thomas, accompanied by her sister, whom she left at home this morning to attend to household duties, while she left to do some shopping in the business section.

Before returning to West London, Mrs. Wilson called at B. A. Mitchell's drug store and purchased an ounce of carbolic acid. The usual strict precautions were taken by the clerk, who questioned the customer as to what she desired the poison for. Mrs. Wilson stated that she wanted the acid for the purpose of washing out a cut, and also took a quantity of olive oil with her. The sale was recorded and Mrs. Wilson affixed her correct name and address.

Appeared Downcast. From there she proceeded to the home of Mrs. Meyers, a friend, at 40 Dundas street, West London. On her arrival she appeared very downcast, and while she did not state the cause of her trouble, she broke down and wept. Mrs. Meyers prepared a cup of tea for her and talked for a while.

Shortly after 11 o'clock Mrs. Meyers had occasion to go into the kitchen, and on returning to the dining-room noticed that her visitor lay in her chair and appeared to be in great agony. The odor of carbolic acid gave some intimation of what had occurred, but despite the fact that she was still conscious she made no statement. Mrs. Meyers hastily called Mrs. O. C. Burningham, of 38 Dundas street, and P. C. Harpur, who was passing by, and also arrived on the scene within a few minutes. The officer had some knowledge of the principles of first aid and gave what antidotes he found available.

The patient was in very bad shape, however, and while the woman lived from 11:30, when she took the acid, until 12:20, no means of conveying her to the hospital could be obtained. Neither had she any form of medical attendance.

Her husband was called from his employment, and her sister and family.

Weather Notes. Meteorological Office, Toronto, Jan. 1.—The disturbance which was last night over the lake region has moved eastward to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, accompanied by light snowfalls in Quebec and snow in the Maritime Provinces. The weather has turned colder in Ontario and continues quite cold in the west. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 26-36; Calgary, zero-14; Edmonton, 2-10; Battleford, 22 below zero; Moosejaw, 23 below zero; Qu'Appelle, 26 below zero; Winnipeg, 22 below zero; Port Arthur, 4 below zero; Parry Sound, 10-18; London, 20-25; Toronto, 23-31; Ottawa, 8-30; Montreal, 12-30; Quebec, 8-23; St. John, 22-54; Halifax, 20-44.

THE WEATHER. TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD. Forecasts. Toronto, Jan. 2.—3 a.m. Fair and cold today and on Wednesday.

Temperatures. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock this morning:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	35	22	Cloudy
Calgary	14	-6	Cloudy
Winnipeg	0	-28	Fair
Parry Sound	15	10	Snow
Toronto	32	18	Cloudy
Ottawa	30	2	Fair
Montreal	28	8	Snow
Quebec	25	-6	Cloudy
Father Point	26	4	Cloudy

Minus (—) means below zero.

Cold weather prevails throughout Canada, with continued very low temperatures in the Western Provinces. Light snowfalls are reported from the Georgian Bay region and the Ottawa and St. Lawrence valleys.

"NEW BLOOD" PREDOMINATES IN CITY COUNCIL FOR 1912 GRAHAM ELECTED MAYOR

Citizens Bury Practically All the Old Timers—Three Men Are the Survivors From Last Year's Board.

TWO BYLAWS FAIL TO CARRY STORM SEWER AND NORTH MIDLAND

W. E. Robinson Heads the Poll With Splendid Vote—Messrs Chapman and Pocock Returned By Large Majorities.

FOR MAYOR.
C. M. R. Graham.
FOR WATER COMMISSIONERS.
Philip Pocock.
FOR ALDERMEN.

W. E. Robinson, R. F. Blandford,
J. P. Moore, W. Spittal,
J. G. Richter, G. E. Rose,
H. Ashplant, T. J. Murphy,
W. D. I. Wright, E. H. Johnston,
W. G. Coles, B. W. Bennett.

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES.
Dr. W. J. Teasdale,
Rev. J. G. Inkster.

BYLAWS CARRIED.
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FOR MAYOR.
Elected.
C. M. R. Graham 3,333
Defeated.
W. J. Stevenson 1,848
R. C. Eckert 1,559
FOR WATER COMMISSION.
Elected.
J. H. Chapman 4,266
Philip Pocock 3,640
Defeated.
Joseph Lawrence 1,482
FOR ALDERMAN.
Elected.
W. E. Robinson 3,755
J. P. Moore 2,992
J. G. Richter 2,781
H. Ashplant 2,476
W. D. I. Wright 2,419
William Spittal 2,352
William G. Coles 2,293
R. F. Blandford 2,258
G. E. Rose 2,258
T. J. Murphy 2,241
E. H. Johnston 2,078
B. W. Bennett 2,042
Defeated.
F. G. Mitchell 2,007
A. J. Morgan 1,749

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES.
Elected.
Demis 3,152
Hunt 1,895
Teasdale 1,778
Inkster 1,481
Defeated.
Archer 1,324
Balfour 1,225
Fowler 1,001
Leonard 850
McBride 658
Coleridge 532
Barnard 491
Arnott 405
Macpherson 450
Cottam 403
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GIVES TWO MILLIONS TO FIGHT THE REBELS

Empress Dowager of the Chinese Anxious to Carry On the Campaign.

[By Canadian Press.]

Peking, Jan. 2.—The Empress Dowager, who is desirous of carrying out a campaign against the revolutionaries, advanced 3,000,000 taels (about \$2,300,000) this morning to Premier Yuan Shi Kai for that purpose. There are many indications that the northern troops are anxious to resume hostilities.

CHARGED WITH KILLING HER LITTLE SON

Woman Says Child Fell From Bridge Into Stream and Was Drowned.

Bath, Me., Jan. 2.—The alleged murder of her 3-year-old son, Howard Martin Keefe, Mrs. Mildred Keefe was placed on trial in the supreme court here today. The child's body was found in October last in a pool of water only a few inches deep connected with a pond on the Brunswick road. Mrs. Keefe asserted that while she was walking along the road with the little boy he fell over the bridge and was drowned. The medical examiner decided that the child's death resulted from some unknown cause, the nature of which he could not determine.

ADDRESSES ELECTORS

Mayor-Elect Graham Declares Slogan Is No Empty Promise.

Mayor-Elect Graham spoke briefly last evening, when the returns showed that his election was assured.

Mr. Graham stated that the time at which he spoke was the most joyous moment of his life, that he would do his best to prove that he merited the confidence which his supporters displayed, that he was tired after the campaign, and for that reason would make no attempt to make a prolonged address.

In concluding he declared that his slogan, "Build up London" was no idle campaign talk, and that within a year he would have something to show the electors.

COLDSTREAM MEETING. The Coldstream Women's Institute will hold its next meeting in the Foresters' Hall, Poplar Hill, on Jan. 9. There will be papers given on different subjects, and a good programme has been arranged.

Secures Big Vote For Water Board

Tabriz, Jan. 2.—The Russian court martial, sitting here to try the Persians captured during the recent fighting in the streets of this city, is exacting a heavy toll for the casualties suffered by the Russian troops. The officers composing the court martial are trying the prisoners in batches, and in nearly every case they are condemned to be summarily hanged, and their bodies displayed throughout the day in the public square.

Among those hanged are Shegat Ul Islam, the head of one of the religious sects, and the chief member of the local assembly Selk Salem.

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Commissioner J. H. Chapman.

THE RUSSIANS TAKING A TERRIBLE REVENGE

Persians Who Attacked Czar's Soldiers Being Tried and Executed in Batches.

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