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CHARLOTTE OPPOSITION HOLD BIG CONVENTION

Clarke, Grimmer and Hartt, the Present Members, and Dr. Taylor Chosen as Candidates

Delegates Present from All Sections of the County, Including the Islands--Speeches Made by the Standard-bearers, G. W. Ganong, M. P., and J. D. Hazen, and Great Enthusiasm Prevalent--Party Willing to Run a Pure Election--Bauquet Given Mr. Ganong Followed.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

St. Stephen, N. B., Dec. 12--One of the largest political conventions ever held in this town met in Watson's hall tonight.

Every parish in the county was represented.

Col. J. D. Chipman was chosen chairman and H. M. Webber, secretary. J. D. Chipman stated that the convention showed that it was fully alive to the duties of the hour.

It was called upon to nominate four men to contest election, when it is called. He understood a greater number of delegates would have been present if the government had kept the roads in better condition.

Conservative convention but one opposed to the present government. Delegates were chosen one to every fifty voters with regard to Liberals or Conservatives.

The credentials committee appointed was: J. W. Richardson, Harry Smith, Milltown; E. F. DeWolfe, St. Andrews; McVan Condon, St. George; D. H. Haney, Deer Island; Dr. J. M. Deacon, nominated F. C. Murchie, of Milltown, as a candidate on the ticket; I. Feed, nominated G. J. Clarke and W. C. H. Grimmer; Thos. Wren nominated T. A. Hartt; and N. Meeting nominated Dr. Henry Taylor, St. George.

Mr. Murchie was satisfied with the ticket nominated, for he felt that the county would be well represented by these gentlemen and he would ask that his name be withdrawn and in a neat speech said that if his services were needed at some future time he would be glad to serve his party.

Candidates Accepted. G. J. Clarke was well received. He stated that the opposition party is on the high way to victory and that the voters were now determined to have an honest, economical and straightforward government.

T. A. Hartt, of St. Andrews, thanked the convention for the honor done him in their renewed confidence. The enthusiasm shown here tonight was but an earnest of the feeling all over the province.

W. C. H. Grimmer said: "I accept the candidature for I feel in this way you are expressing your approval of what I have done." He reviewed the acts passed which had been brought about by the opposition and spoke of secret ballot and other acts.

In the absence of Dr. Taylor, who was a strong one and felt assured that Charlotte county would elect it. He inquired of the delegates as to the situation in the window at the close of the meeting.

M. McMonagle said he had been a supporter of the local government but the men now conducting the government at Fredericton were not the men he cared to see conducting the affairs of the county.

D. Hazen was received with three cheers and a tiger. He arraigned the government for its mismanagement and instanced many cases. He spoke of the strong support given him by the members from this county.

The meeting closed with cheers for Hazen, Ganong, the candidates and the king.

List of Delegates. The list of delegates to the convention was as follows: St. Stephen--(Queens ward)--E. G. Troom, James Murray, W. J. Commins, W. S. Stevens, Joseph McVay.

Kings ward--A. I. Feed, J. R. McClure, R. W. Whitlock, Robert Hewett, W. W. Jackson.

Dukes ward--F. M. Murchie, W. A. Dinmore, Sam McCurdy, A. A. Laffin, J. B. Polley.

Parish of St. Stephen--John A. Grant, John McCormick.

St. Croix--John Trenholm, Samuel Reid, Joseph Greenlaw, Frank Thomas.

St. Patrick--Archib. Canon, Mr. McQuilough, Frank Foster, Charles Groom, Dumbarton--Henry Emerson, Bradley Greenlaw, C. D. Goodill, Thomas Maguire, Irvine Goss.

Campobello--W. C. Osborne, James R. Brown, William Mathews, Obadiah Anon, Alva Brown, Edward Rice, Burden Brown, Abraham Mathews.

Elmsville--Peter H. McCullum, William Reid, Charles W. Groom, Herbert Erskine, James E. Monahan.

Oak Bay--W. R. Simpson, W. O. Gaice, Jon, A. J. Sloan, Charles Leland, John Webber, Henry A. Wilson.

Baillie--Alex. Gibson, William Quaid, Samuel Milligan, John Pinkerton, Edward Dickson.

Lepraux--Wilson Mawhinney, Jones Stafford, Charles Hanson.

Scott's Ridge--John McLeod, George Colwell, William Forsyth, John F. Weatherly.

St. Andrews--P. G. Hanson, Thomas Burton, Arthur McFarlane, G. R. Greenlaw, L. McKee, Thomas R. Wren, B. F. DeWolfe.

Grand Manan--George A. Lahey, Chas. Green, Frank Johnson, George Griffin, Thomas Redmore, Calvin Scott, James Etalbrooks.

Milltown--J. M. Deacon, M. D. W. H. Laughlin, M. D., P. Coughlin, D. McInnis, F. C. Murchie, A. W. Jackson, J. B. Haley, William Watson, Ralph Burns, H. W. Smith, Charles Kirk, A. Burne, West Isles--J. K. Fountain, R. McNeill, J. D. Welsh.

Penfield--J. J. Justain, H. C. Trynor, Penny Trynor, James Boyd.

NEW KING ASSUMES THE RULE OF SWEDEN



THE NEW KING OSCAR II. THE NEW QUEEN. THE NEW KING OF SWEDEN.

THOUGHT RUSSIAN FLEET INVINCIBLE

Whole Plan of Japanese War Built on That, Declares Kurapatkin

Port Arthur's Defence Impossible on That Account--Alexieff's Order That "Fock's Chief Task Was to Retreat at Proper Time" Caused Merriment at Stoesse's Trial.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 12--In the Stoesse court martial trial today the conduct of General Fock, who is charged with responsibility for the defeat at Nanshan and the subsequent retreat to Port Arthur, was also reviewed by the court, and the evidence of General Kurapatkin was helpful to this officer as well.

General Kurapatkin declined to answer several questions on the ground that to do so would make known military secrets, but he did say that the whole plan of the war was based upon the supposed invincibility of the Russian fleet and that the original scheme for the defence of Port Arthur could not be carried out successfully after the squadron had been crippled by the "treacherous opening attack of the Japanese."

According to the indictment, General Fock's retreat from Nanshan jeopardized the fortress, but General Stoesse produced orders from General Kurapatkin and Viceroy Alexieff justifying Fock's retreat, and he obtained the admission from General Kurapatkin that the position was untenable without the assistance of the fleet. Over the fleet General Stoesse had no authority.

The name of former Viceroy Alexieff who has declined to appear as a witness, was mentioned continually today in an unfavorable light, and a ripple of merriment was provoked by a phrase in one of his orders saying: "The chief task of Fock is to retreat at the proper time."

General Kurapatkin did not conceal his animosity toward the former viceroy, and declared that Alexieff had forbidden him to visit the fortress before the siege.

The trial today was attended by Vice-Admiral Doubaouff and General Kaubars, who was commander of the Russian second army. The appearance of General Kaubars, who was accompanied by an adjutant from Odessa, caused a sensation in the court, for it was his first meeting face to face with General Kurapatkin since the publication of the latter book, which attributed to General Kaubars a large share of the blame for the failure of the Russian army in Manchuria. The two generals saluted in a stiff military fashion, but avoided speaking.

GOT SIX YEARS FOR MAKING GOOD HALF DOLLARS

New York, Dec. 12--Herman Henze, who made silver half-dollars so well that only experts could distinguish his product from that of the mint, was sentenced today to six years at Sing Sing prison and to pay the government \$250 in real money.

Henze's method was to melt up Mexican silver dollars and re-mould the bullion into counterfeiters of United States fifty cent pieces. About 200 of these practically perfect in weight, ratio and workmanship are said to have been passed when secret service agents interfered. The counterfeiters admitted having made the coins and set up the defense that his money was as good as the government's and consequently that none had been defrauded.

He was making money, he said, with which to build an airship, as he was certain that he had solved the problem of aerial navigation.

Henze came east from San Francisco and began business in a cottage on the outskirts of Suffern (N. Y.). The curiosity which led a party of boys to peep through a window of the cottage recently proved his undoing.

SENATE REFORM UP AT LIBERAL CAUCUS

Ottawa, Dec. 12--(Special)--The first Liberal caucus of the session was held today. Mr. Mackenzie (Bruce) presided. Like all first caucuses, it resolved itself into a sort of a family gathering, at which affairs in general were discussed. It is understood that senate reform was one of the subjects brought forward.

ST. JOHN DELEGATION SEES OTTAWA MINISTERS

Present Their Scheme for Government Assistance to West Side Works

New Brunswick Members Accompany Civic Officials and Urge the Justice of the City's Claims--Are Told to Put Their Request in Writing, and They Will See Premier Today.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Ottawa, Dec. 12--The St. John civic delegation, headed by Mayor Sears, arrived this afternoon. They had an interview with the maritime ministers, Sir Frederick Borden, Hon. W. S. Fielding and Hon. Dr. Pugsley. The delegation was accompanied by Messrs. Emmerson, Fougere, Ferguson and Reid, who strongly urged the ministers to concede the request of the city of St. John, put forward by the delegates.

The delegation in a word wants the government to come to the aid of the city in making harbor improvement and accommodation, as will meet the rapid increase in business through the port. The delegates showed, the talk being carried on in an informal way, that the city has expended from \$1,000,000 to \$1,200,000 in cash on the west side improvements and this is for the benefit of Canadian trade, generally. Besides this large expenditure there had been remission of dues.

The delegation particularly asked that the government would make an extension to the new wharves which the city is now building so as to provide two additional berths. It was proposed to convey the title of the property to the government and that the work should then be carried out as a government undertaking, the only proviso being that the wharfage rates to steamers should not be less than the schedule arranged by the city. The delegation urged that the extra wharf accommodation should be provided for this season, so that the work could be completed and ready for next winter's business.

The ministers asked the delegates to present their application in writing and the whole matter would receive the careful consideration of the government.

Tonight the delegation had a conference with the minister of public works in the New Brunswick room at the commons, when the subject was further discussed. Tomorrow the visit of D. McNeill, vice-president and general manager, of the New Brunswick Central, and some of the other ministers. The delegation are so far satisfied with the progress made and are hopeful, before leaving the capital, that the government will see the necessity of carrying out the proposed harbor improvements.

SHAUGHNESSY SILENT ABOUT REPORTED BOSTON & MAINE PURCHASE

Recent Conferences With New York Central Officials Lead Color to the Story.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Montreal, Dec. 12--The report that the C. P. R. has practically completed a deal which will give it the control of the Boston & Maine is the railway sensation of the hour.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, when asked today as to what truth there was in the reports connecting the C. P. R. with the transaction, would make no announcement on the subject. He would neither confirm nor deny the statement that had been made, nor would he discuss the matter at the present stage.

Other officials of the Canadian Pacific regarded the culmination of a transaction of the character indicated as far from improbable. The visit of D. McNeill, vice-president and general manager, to New York this week, and the conference with prominent New York Central officials, in Mr. McNeill's office here last week, are connected with the matter, and are held to indicate a perfect understanding between the two systems with regard to their respective policies in Massachusetts.

With the Boston & Albany controlled by the New York Central, and the Boston & Maine under the direction of the C. P. R., the two roads would have an immense influence over the New England traffic.

Say C. P. R. is Dickerer. (Associated Press.)

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 12--It is stated on high railroad authority here that negotiations between the Canadian Pacific and the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad companies are still proceeding with the Canadian Pacific a favoring party to the purchase of the Boston & Maine holdings of the New Haven. Apart, however, from any question of the attitude of the federal government or the state of Massachusetts, the trolleys of the New Haven company, are regarded as a serious obstacle to the carrying through of the sale.

What, however, is considered an important matter is that another large railroad interest has approached the New Haven management with a suggestion of the sale to it of the Boston & Maine shares. The whole matter has not advanced to a point where it will be more than discussed at tomorrow's meeting of the New York, New Haven & Hartford directors.

An officer of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company today called attention to the fact that should the New Haven company decide to sell hereafter to any railroad interest, that the 110,000 shares presently controlling the Boston & Maine road will never hereafter be separated and will go in a block to any interest which may acquire it.

BUNDLE OF HAY IN CARLETON COUNTY COURT

St. John Man, Sued, Takes the Fodder to Prove it Caused Dyspepsia to Horses.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 12--(Special)--The only case before the county court today was that of John W. Bohan, of Bath, against Edmund S. Dibblee, of St. John. H. B. Carvell, K. C., for the plaintiff; H. H. Pickett for the defendant.

Mr. Bohan claims that Mr. Dibblee owes him \$306.86 for hay, straw and potatoes supplied early in June, less \$150 paid by draft.

Mr. Dibblee claims that the quantity was short and of an inferior kind and to bear out the latter statement he had in court a bundle weighing 150 pounds which he received by express from St. John before it arrived from Bohan to the defendant, a sample of hay which Mr. Pickett claimed that had given dyspepsia to many of the horses in St. John. The plaintiff put on the stand John W. Bohan, Joseph Ritchie and George S. Ritchie.

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GOLDFIELD OPERATORS THREATENED WITH ARREST

Striking Miners Allege They Have Violated Conspiracy Law

First Day of Open Shop a Failure--Owners Charge Intimidation of Their Workmen--Troops on the Ground Waiting for Disorder.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 12--Officials of the Mine Owners' Association have reported to Governor Sparks that instances of intimidation of men who went to work in the mines this morning are known to them and details will be placed in his hands. More than half of the men who had reported for work at the Nevada Goldfield Reduction Company's plant were induced to quit. The superintendent reports that men who have been with him for a year and a half and who remained loyal through previous strikes, have gone out today, leaving him unable to resume operations.

General Funston arrived at 12:30, and was driven direct to the hotel, where he went at once into conference with Governor Sparks. General Funston stated to the governor that he would remain here until the labor situation had cleared up and there was no longer danger of trouble.

General Funston says he is determined to take control of the camp under martial law upon the first outbreak of serious violence.

W. H. Bryant, attorney for the Mine Owners' Association, states that he is aware of the intention of the men to attempt the arrest of mine owners and officials of the association for violation of the state law prohibiting an agreement requiring the joining of or withdrawal from labor organizations, but says that he is prepared to prove the law unconstitutional and that it has been tested and declared void in the cases of members of the Industrial Workers of the World.

Governor Sparks told General Funston that, in his opinion, the presence of troops here had prevented serious trouble so far, and that he considered it imperative that they be kept here. He advised that there be no declaration of martial law at present, but asserted that such action may be necessary at any time.

Deputy sheriffs and constables and detectives employed by the Mine Owners' Association are patrolling all of the mines and preventing union pickets or others from approaching nearer than the side lines. The regulars are not taking any part in guarding the mines.

Officers of the Miners' Union Association assert that not more than twenty men are at work on Combination Hill, and that most of them are "plants" of the union, which have been sent to procure work under the agreement required by the Mine Owners' Association in order that the arrest of Kingfield and the officers of the association may be effected under the provisions of a statute passed on the statute books of Nevada on March 17, 1903, which provides that it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to make an agreement with any person for employment which requires that the person employed shall sign an agreement to withdraw from any labor organization which he may have joined.

Arrests under this law will be made either tonight or in the morning.

TORONTO SENDING 400 TO SWELL C. P. R. EMPRESS PASSENGER LIST

Toronto, Dec. 12--(Special)--Four hundred passengers left here about noon today by C. P. R. for St. John, to transfer to the steamer for Europe. Two hundred Chicago went on the regular Grand Trunk train via Portland.

JEROME ASKED TO PROSECUTE MONTGOMERY OF HAMILTON BANK

New York, Dec. 12--Attorney General Jackson today called the attention of District Attorney Jerome to the affairs of the Hamilton Bank, International Trust Company and the Excelsior Insurance Company and declared that acts of a criminal nature appeared to have been committed therein.

In the case of the Hamilton Bank, Mr. Jackson sent to Mr. Jerome a copy of the report of the receiver of the bank in which he set forth certain overdrafts alleged to have been made by William R. Montgomery, vice-president, which Mr. Jackson said appeared to be in violation of the penal code.

Mr. Jackson did not define the grounds of complaint in the case of the International Trust Company, but declared that perjury and perhaps other criminal offenses appeared to have been committed in the organization of the Excelsior Fire Insurance Company.

SHOE FACTORY RESUMES FULL TIME

Brockton, Mass., Dec. 12--The shoe factories of the George E. Keith Company, in Campello, Middleboro and North Adams, which have been in operation but six hours daily for nearly a month, have been ordered to resume a full time schedule. The factories employ upwards of 3,000 hands.

The Churchill and Alden factory has also resumed operations on a full time schedule. This concern employs about 1,200 hands.