

CONSERVATIVES WIN IN ALBERTA

Four Seats Held by Liberals in Provincial Legislature are Captured by Opposition in Bye-Elections

SEVERE REVERSE FOR GOVERNMENT

Great Majority for Conservative in Calgary—Preparations at Halifax for Banquet to New Ministers

That Alberta—as well as British Columbia, Ontario, Manitoba and the Dominion—is shortly to be the scene of a political landslide, signifying a strong Conservative government into power, is indicated by telegrams of yesterday. One of these, from Calgary, summarizes the situation eloquently in succinctly in these words:

"Tweedie sweeps Calgary with over eleven hundred majority. Out of four bye-elections, we have the possible, sweeping all four. Premier Sifton's fate is sealed."

Victory Complete
CALGARY, Nov. 2.—The elections of four Alberta constituencies in which by-elections were held yesterday have administered a crushing defeat to the Sifton government by returning four Conservatives, the government forces expected to break even at the very least, and some of the more sanguine Liberals even hoped for a clean sweep.

T. M. Tweedie, Conservative, simply swept Calgary, carrying the city by a majority of over 1,100, though the vote was a very tight one. If Tweedie's majority had been much larger his opponent, T. J. Skinner, would have lost his deposit.

In Gleichen Harold W. Ritzel, the Conservative candidate for the constituency of the Duke of Sutherland, who cannot alter the result. His opponent, J. P. McArthur, of Irricana, did very badly in many of the rural polls, where he had expected to pull through with big majorities. Ritzel pulled a tremendous vote in Sunnyside, Hillhurst and Riverside.

Lethbridge has returned Dr. T. J. Stewart, Conservative, over S. J. Shephard, Liberal. While detailed figures from Lethbridge are not yet available, Stewart's majority is placed at 182. Detailed figures for Pincher Creek are being, but the election of John Kemmings, Conservative, over John Ross, Liberal, is conceded.

The election of four Conservatives yesterday reduces the majority of the Sifton government to a mere pittance. The Conservatives now have seven members, and with twelve Liberal independents, who are still after Sifton's fall, will present a solid front in the House. The government has but 22 followers, not counting the speaker, so that Sifton's majority in the House will be reduced to two.

Halifax Banquet
HALIFAX, N.S., Nov. 1.—Hon. R. L. Borden and several of his colleagues arrived in the city this evening. With the Prime Minister were Ministers Dochow, Hazen, Monk, Nantel, Pelletier, Dochow and Foster. They were met at the railway station by a committee of about one hundred, who cheered the party as they alighted from the train.

The trip from Montreal was without striking incident. At River du Loup a big crowd was at the station when the train pulled in, and they called for Hon. Mr. Borden, who made a short speech in French. Hon. Mr. Foster also spoke briefly in French. More extended remarks in that language were made by Hon. Messrs. Nantel and Pelletier.

The banquet tomorrow will be by odds the biggest thing of its kind ever seen in Nova Scotia. Eight hundred tickets have been sold. There will be three toasts at the banquet—"The King," "Borden," and "The Members of Borden's Cabinet."

At 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon Mr. Borden will be the guest of the Canadian club at luncheon. He will go for an excursion around the harbor and he will inspect the railway terminals. At 2 o'clock he will present fifty certificates to the members of St. John's Ambulance corps and at night will attend the banquet.

LOS ANGELES VOTE

Socialist Candidate For Mayor Has Large Minority, But Is Far Short of Majority

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 1.—Official complete returns from yesterday's primary show that the efforts of the socialists to capture the majority at that election, thus obviating the necessity of going to the polls again on December 6 with the city contest, failed. According to the complete returns, Mayor Alexander and Job Harriman will contest at the regular election for the office of mayor. These returns show the primary vote to have been as follows:

Harriman, 29,157; Alexander, 16,780; Muehle, 8,168; Gregory, 327; Becker, 59; Harriman's plurality, 2,367. His vote fell short 5,188 of a majority over all which was necessary for election. All of the socialist candidates for the city council, and all except two of their candidates for the board of education, will have their names on the regular ticket. The socialist candidates for city auditor and city assessor will have to contest with the opposition at the regular polls, while it seems certain from returns now in that the candidate of the good government organization for city attorney, John W. Shenk, will be the only one to show a majority.

Successor Chairman Butler
NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—William Schimpf was today appointed chairman of the American Automobile association to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Samuel M. Butler, who was killed in an accident during the Glidden tour.

May Establish A Colony Here
The Duke of Sutherland, who is in charge of the colonization of the province, is reported to have made heavy purchases of land in various sections of the interior. Mr. F. Carter Cotton of Vancouver, formerly a member of the local legislature, is said to be the provincial agent of the duke.

Already the Duke of Sutherland, who is one of the largest landowners in the British Isles, has established a colonization tract in Alberta. The land is given to the tenant now located on his vast estates in the Old Country at the lowest possible rate and they are given of course, require to be cleared, but in a term of years in which to pay for the same. In Alberta this land does not, this province the situation is different. Here some considerable time will necessarily be spent in the work of clearing the land, and for a period it is supposed the relations between the settlers and the owners of the land will be similar to those which now obtain on the estates of the Duke in Scotland, but ultimately it is intended that settlers shall own their holdings outright.

As corroborative of the report that the Duke intends to purchase land in the vicinity of Royal Oak for the purpose indicated, it may be mentioned that during his recent stay in this city he paid a visit to that locality and expressed himself as charmed with the beauty of the spot, which he pronounced in every way suitable for the purpose.

Married to Prince
UNIONTOWN, Pa., Nov. 1.—Miss Gerald Fitzgerald, daughter of Mrs. L. J. Nichols of this city, was married today at the house of her mother to Prince Victor of Thurn and Taxis in the presence of the family and a few friends. The prince and princess will reside in Europe. Prince Victor of Thurn and Taxis is a son of the late Prince and Princess Eugen.

Juryman Intoxicated
REDDING, Cal., Nov. 1.—The trial of Daniel Fleming of Oakland, a former Southern Pacific employee, for the alleged murder of George William of Tacoma, suffered a rude interruption today when it was discovered that Juror Herman Rickard gave visible evidence of intoxication. Court at once adjourned in the midst of the opening statement for the prosecution to allow Rickard time to "sleep it off." When court reconvened after noon Rickard seemed fully recovered.

HANKOW TAKEN BY IMPERIALISTS

Report to War Office at Peking of City's Capture and Massacre of the Population by Troops

YUAN SHI KAI APPOINTED PREMIER

Expectation that Hostilities Will Be Suspended and Negotiations with Rebels Will Be Resumed

PEKING, Nov. 1.—The war office has received a report that the imperialists have captured Hankow and massacred many of the population.

PEKING, Nov. 1.—The appointment of Yuan Shi Kai today as premier of China will be followed by a cessation of hostilities on the part of the imperialists and the opening of negotiations with General Li Yuan Heng, leader of the revolutionists at Hankow. An imperial edict providing for important administrative changes also accepts the resignation of the ministers, but until Yuan Shi Kai returns to Peking, Prince Ching will continue to perform the duties of premier and the present cabinet will remain in office.

All the ministers attended a secret session of the national assembly today, which, it is understood, virtually agreed to the demands of the disaffected Manchou troops. A member of the war department was appointed to confer with the troops and express the assembly's views.

The assembly also discussed the recent loan for which arrangements had been made with a Belgian and French syndicate. The ministers explained that the loan was needed for carrying on field operations. The assembly also discussed the recent loan for which arrangements had been made with a Belgian and French syndicate. The ministers explained that the loan was needed for carrying on field operations. The assembly also discussed the recent loan for which arrangements had been made with a Belgian and French syndicate. The ministers explained that the loan was needed for carrying on field operations.

FIRE DESTROYS PART OF MANILA

Chinese District of City is Swept by Flames, Causing Property Loss of Over Million Dollars

SOLDIERS CALLED TO ASSIST FIREMEN

MANILA, Nov. 2.—The Chinese district was swept by fire today with a loss of over \$1,000,000. At one point the flames threatened to destroy the commercial centre of the city, and the Twentieth Infantry, with General Punston in charge, was called out to assist the firemen.

The work of the soldiers saved the day, and the fire was under control early in the afternoon.

FATAL MISTAKE

New Jersey Hunter Kills Two Men and Seriously Injures Third with Charge of Buckshot

MAY'S LANDING, N. J., Nov. 1.—Eager to have a shot at a deer which he supposed was coming down an unused road in the gloom of the early dawn today, Charles Norcross of Ionia, N. J., fired into a party of four other hunters, killing two and seriously wounding a third.

The dead: Conrad Stelman, 28 years old, of Pleasantville, N. J.; John Yost, 32, Pleasantville.

The injured: William Jarvis, Pleasantville, is in jail here awaiting the action of the coroner.

According to Norcross' statement he was standing behind some underbrush at the side of the road when he heard a noise. Believing the sound came from a deer walking down the road he fired one charge of buckshot. Before he could lower his gun there was a shriek, and jumping out of the underbrush he was horrified to see three men lying in the road.

Miss Kruttschnitt to Wed
NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 1.—Miss Rebecca Kruttschnitt, daughter of Julius Kruttschnitt, vice-president of the Southern Pacific Lines, for the alleged murder of George William of Tacoma, suffered a rude interruption today when it was discovered that Juror Herman Rickard gave visible evidence of intoxication. Court at once adjourned in the midst of the opening statement for the prosecution to allow Rickard time to "sleep it off." When court reconvened after noon Rickard seemed fully recovered.

PLEA OF INSANITY

Frederick Babbage, Who Stole Letters in Victoria, Argues in Court on Charge of Theft

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 1.—A plea of temporary insanity was raised before Judge McInnes today in the case of Frederick Babbage, a former night-watchman for the McLennan-McFelye company, charged with the theft of goods from his employer.

The case, which started a few days ago, was adjourned by request of counsel for the defense, who wished to call relatives of his client from Victoria to give evidence on his behalf.

Mrs. Babbage, wife of the accused, said her husband was subject to insomnia, and as a result often acted strangely. An aunt of his, affected with the same trouble, had hanged herself, and his grandfather had shot his throat.

Cross-examined by Mr. McKay, crown counsel, Mrs. Babbage said that it was true that her husband had been sentenced two years ago to three years' imprisonment for stealing letters from the post office in Victoria, where he was employed, and he was now out on ticket of leave. The letters he took were of no value, and it could only be the act of a crazy man to steal them.

Some other relatives of the accused supported the statements of Mrs. Babbage. Judge McInnes said he would like to have further evidence as to the prisoner's sanity, and adjourned the case till Tuesday next, so that he might be examined by medical experts in the meantime.

MR. W. H. CULLIN KING'S PRINTER

Former Chief Clerk in Government Printing House, Succeeds Late Col. Wolfenden—Popular Appointment

Mr. W. H. Cullin, for upwards of twelve years a member of the Colonial and Commercial Press, and during the greater part of that period superintendent of the composing room of this newspaper, was by an order-in-council adopted at the protracted meeting of the provincial executive yesterday appointed to the responsible office of

IS SUSPECTED OF MANY CRIMES

Chicago Woman Under Police Surveillance Because of Peculiar Circumstances Attendant on Several Deaths

CHICAGO, Nov. 1.—Chicago police pursued today their investigation into the death of nearly a half score of relatives and acquaintances of Mrs. Lovell Vermilya, who died in a hospital, in the latter part of the year.

Nine deaths are included in the long list with which Mrs. Vermilya's name has been connected, including two husbands, two stepchildren, three children and two roomers at boarding houses she kept.

Pending the report of the toxicologists who are examining the viscera of the last of the persons whose deaths have occurred beneath Mrs. Vermilya's roof, the police have made no arrests. No positive evidence of crime has been uncovered.

The deaths which are being looked into follow:

Fred Brinkamp, first husband of Mrs. Vermilya, died on farm near Barrington, Illinois, after brief illness.

Charles Vermilya, second husband, died after six days' illness of gastritis, at Maplewood, Illinois.

Florence Brinkamp, four-year-old daughter, died at Barrington.

Corah Brinkamp, eight years of age, died at Barrington.

ITALY DENIES EVIL REPORTS

Premier Giolitti Indignantly Asserts That Stories of Massacre of Women and Children are False

ARAB TREACHERY IS REFERRED TO

Men Who had Surrendered and Been Well Treated Accused of Attacking Italians and Killing Wounded

ROME, Nov. 1.—The reports that have been published in European countries that the Italian troops at Tripoli have practiced extreme cruelties in the war against the Turks and Arabs, killing women and children, the aged and infirm, and non-combatants, have caused intense indignation throughout Italy. These reports have already been officially denied, but Premier Giolitti took occasion again tonight to emphasize the denial and to make a statement in behalf of the government and nation.

"If any reproach is admissible," he said, "it can only be on account of excess of humanitarianism. We have perhaps, through exaggerated scruples, spared the lives and property of the enemy, and in so doing have exposed ourselves to grave risks. This, however, we have been pleased to do, in proof that we are civilized and humane. Perhaps what is the bounty of the strong may be judged as weakness.

"Our soldiers, trained in the school of loyalty and accustomed to the upright-ness of the Abyssinians, who are open enemies or steadfast friends, did not expect that the Arabs, after they had sworn fealty and received grain and four and other concessions, would treacherously break their oaths and spontaneously turn their arms against the wounded. Among those heroic dead many were bravely killed by the enemy after they had fallen gravely wounded."

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CHINESE MAY CLASH

May City Officials Planning Demonstrations Which May Lead to Minor Civil War

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 1.—A hint of civil war in the Chinese quarters was forthcoming today in the direction of the Chinese Empire Association, which represents the constitutional party in the disrupted monarchy, that it proposed to hold a counter demonstration next Sunday, when the Young China Association, or the republican adherents, plan to celebrate rebel victories in an extensive manner. The constitutionalists are of the opinion that the surrender of the imperial government and its promise of reforms, backed by the return of Yuan Shi Kai to almost complete power, realize all they have striven for. The proposed counter demonstration, it was stated today, would be aimed against the continued spread of republican propaganda.

The Young China organization apparently was little disturbed by the announcement. Plans for the gathering on Sunday went ahead uninterrupted, and the celebration bids fair to be something unique in the history of the quarter.

MINERS GET CONCESSION

WINNIPEG, Man., Nov. 1.—At a conference at Lethbridge, Alberta, this afternoon the United Mine Workers of America was recognized when the operators of western Canada agreed to the check-off system. Final details of settlement of the strike are now being arranged. The seven mine strikes had cost the men and companies \$10,000,000.

GIRLS BURNED IN POWDER MILL

Flash Caused by Workman's Carelessness in Chehalis Plant Costs Eight Lives—Trapped by Flames

CHEHALIS, Wash., Nov. 1.—Fire which destroyed the powder factory of the Imperial Powder Company at Chehalis, Wash., today caused seven young women to lose their lives at once, and an eighth died tonight at the hospital. Only two girls escaped, though a dozen men were unhurt.

The dead: Vera Mulford, Tillie Raskback, Sadie Westfall, Eva Gilmore, Bertha Nagle, Ethel Tharp, Miss Ethel Henry.

Miss Bertha Crown was so severely burned that she died tonight. The cause of the fire is a mystery. One report is that a pot of paraffine in the mixing room was allowed to boil over by a careless workman, and that part of it ran into some powder. A flash followed, and soon the whole structure was ablaze. The girls were hurled down together, and owing to the rapid spread of the flames, could not escape from behind a counter where they were working. There was no explosion, the powder being of non-explosive character unless confined.

A flash started the fatal fire. Four of the company's buildings were destroyed together with equipment, and many tons of manufactured powder, entailing a financial loss of \$20,000 or more.

Tonight seven bodies are at the Chehalis morgue, but some of the relatives are able to identify them. One girl's father picked out the body of his daughter by a ring she had worn.

INTELLIGENT MAYOR

Chief Magistrate of Aymer, Que., Condemns That Smallpox Is Not Contagious or Infectious

OTTAWA, Nov. 1.—That smallpox is not contagious was the rather startling statement made by Mayor Charlier, of Aymer, when interviewed as to why proper precautions are not being taken in that town against the spread of the disease.

"In my opinion," stated the mayor, "there is no necessity for closing the schools, for the reason I don't think if persons catch it, they will catch it no matter what precautions are taken."

When told that the doctors of the town were of the opinion that something should be done at once to prevent further spread of the disease, the mayor said that he did not care what the doctors said, that even doctors were open to mistakes.

"I will back my opinion against theirs," he said.

PERIAN HOSTILITIES SUSPENDED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—The rigors of winter in Persia are so severe that campaigning is impossible, according to a report from the American legation at Teheran. Further hostilities between the government forces and the revolutionists in that country cannot be looked for until next spring.

MONTREAL, Nov. 1.—Investigation into the United Shoe Machinery Company of New Jersey, ordered on complaint of Mayor Drouin of Quebec city that the company was acting in restraint of trade, has been held up by the government. Judge Lauradeau, the chairman of the investigation committee, was this morning notified to suspend all proceedings until the Hon. C. J. Doherty, the new minister of justice, has come to a decision about the case.

RAILWAY WRECK IN AUSTRALIA

Mail Train Loaded with Passengers Running Between Sydney and Melbourne Crashes into Freight Cars

THIRTY PEOPLE SERIOUSLY INJURED

Escape from Death is Considered Remarkable—Crash of Collision, Heard for Many Miles Around Scene

MELBOURNE, Nov. 1.—The mail train running between Sydney and this city's disaster shortly after midnight today, and although none of the passengers was killed thirty were seriously injured.

The train was crowded with passengers were on their way to this city to witness the race for the Melbourne cup, and many of them were asleep in their berths when the train, running at full speed, crashed into a stock train at Picton which was on its way to Sydney from Gulltown. The impact was terrific and the passengers were hurled in every direction. Three locomotives and three carriages were derailed and the crash was heard for miles around. It was seen only by a miracle that no one was killed outright. The goods train was badly damaged.

An extraordinary case of amnesia has occurred in this city. A policeman found a pretty young woman 32 years of age lying unconscious in one of the public parks and dressed in male attire. Recovering consciousness, the woman was unable to account for the condition she was in or to explain her masquerade.

CAUGHT BY AVALANCHE

Admiral's Adventure of Miners in San Bernardino Mountains Results of Lightning Shock

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Nov. 1.—To have the whole top of a mountain come tumbling down upon them while they were peacefully enjoying the eventide in their mining cabin home was the experience of William L. Holbrook and his brother Harold, in the San Bernardino range yesterday. William Holbrook, the elder of the brothers, arrived here today bringing Harold with him for surgical attention. The younger Holbrook was buried in the mass of earth and was dug out after two hours' hard work. He was badly injured, but his worst ailment, pharyngitis, seemed to be the shock he received. He is bordering on nervous prostration. Holbrook in describing his experience said:

"I thought the world was coming to an end. A mountain thunderstorm was raging above us and we could see and hear the flashes of lightning. Suddenly a bolt of lightning struck the peak of Copper mountain. So hard was the impact that an old abandoned powder chamber in one of the tunnels in the peak exploded. The shock caused thousands of tons of earth to shift, and the whole topography of the mountain was changed. The earth was split open from the tunnel to the main shaft, and even the ground where the superintendent's cabin stood gave way."

"The lightning turned the heavens into a lurid vista of fire and as the storm increased the peals of lightning were terrific. Suddenly, with a mighty roar, the whole top of the mountain came tumbling down upon our camp. My brother was caught and covered up, but I managed to get out. A few yards from us a great chasm opened up in the earth and two of the smaller buildings dropped into this hole."

RODGERS' FLIGHT

MARICOPA, Ariz., Nov. 1.—Aviator C. P. Rodgers, flying west on his transcontinental aeroplan voyage, arrived in Maricopa at 5 p. m. today, having made the flight from Wilcox, a distance of 180 miles. Rodgers left Wilcox at 11:05 this morning. He reached Tucson at 1 p. m., and after exchanging greetings with Robert G. Fowler, who is eastbound on the same kind of a voyage, left at 2:45 p. m. But seeing he could scarcely make Phoenix before night, Rodgers alighted here, and will resume his flight early tomorrow.

As the result of a drunken brawl on the Kamloops reservation, Peter Ignace and Narcisse Le Kemp are in the hospital with supposedly fatal injuries. The same two Indians were in the hospital last summer with very similar injuries similarly obtained.

The Kamloops reception and banquet to Hon. Martin Burrell has been postponed until the close of the session. While switching at Revelstoke a few days ago, Brakeman Spaulding of the C. P. R. fell underneath a train, his right arm and left leg being severed.

Officials of the Granby company state that the establishment of the new smelter at Goose bay will begin forthwith.

D. Collette, a teacher, and Albert Cerri, a mucker, both Austrians, were killed at Kitcolts last week by a mudslide.

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