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DISCUSSES THE TORY VICTORY

T. P. O'Connor Writes on the Unionist Win in Ayrshire.

London, Dec. 23—(By T. P. O'Connor). The election in Ayrshire ending in a Tory victory, as I feared, is a bad blow to the government, especially as it follows two other defeats.

Everybody on the Liberal side was against forcing such an election in a safe constituency, but the claims of the office seekers were impossible to resist and thus an electoral disaster was almost invited. The result will certainly be to encourage still further the palpable increase in the courage of the opposition and harden the fight next year against home rule.

There is the consolation that the seat always is passing from one side to the other and usually is represented by a Tory and the majority is small. The renewed courage of the opposition is partly due to its successes in bye-elections which have now raised the Tories to the most numerous single party in the House of Commons, though the coalition still retains a majority of more than a hundred.

Another factor is the substitution of Bonar Law for A. J. Balfour. Though Law is intellectually inferior to Balfour, his clear convictions in favor of tariff protection represents the main bod. of the Tory opinion and therefore it relieved the internal dissensions which made Balfour's leadership impossible and kept his party in a constant state of division and irritation.

No Reason for Serious Fear.

But there is no reason for serious apprehensions for next year. The bye-elections exercise always a powerful but a transient influence on such morbidly sensitive plants as the House of Commons.

The serious part, however, of this bye-election is, it is first since the passage of the Lloyd George insurance act and will confirm the uneasy feeling common among many Liberals that the measure, though profoundly beneficient, cannot get into working order or bring good returns for some years hence.

In the meantime the employers and the employees will have to contribute. For this reason the yellow Tory press is concentrating its entire attack on the government on the insurance act and the Daily Mail, which has a good nose for the passing whim of the foolish section of the people, devotes columns daily to unscrupulous and mendacious attacks on the act and on Lloyd George.

Another interesting result of the loss of Ayrshire is the effect on the future fortunes of Lloyd George, who at this moment is more prominently before the public eyes than any other politician. He is loved and hated with equal fury.

National Testimonial.

His own countrymen are preparing a national testimonial, while on the other hand many Tories ,even well bred women, express open regret that the ruffian who assaulted him the other day did not kill him.

Everybody acknowledges his unqualified force of character, his tenacity of courage, and the adroitness with which he carried his bill, and everybody confesses he is the only man in public life who could do it, but if the bill results in serious electioneering losses, his fame, now at its zenith, may diminish. But he has too much courage to remain down more than a short time and he retains the strongest chance of reaching the premiership if Asquith should drop out in the next few years.

The Ayrshire election caused a small break in the general indifference to all politics which comes to England at Christmas time when turkeys and toys occupy more attention than the gravest affairs of state.

New Meat Supply.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 22.—Reindeer meat from Alaska may be a food common to the American table in the near future. This opinion was expressed today by William F. Lopp, in charge of the government's reindeer service, who has just returned from a tour of inspection through Alaska on behalf of the United States Bureau of Education. "A commercial shipment of reindeer meat, the first made into this country, has just been received at Seattle," said Mr. Loop. "In 25 years thence, at the present rate of increase, there should be three million prime beef reindeer in Alaska, on which the people of this country can depend for much of their flesh diet. In taste, reindeer is a cross between mutton and beef, but more palatable than either."

Fatal Fires in New York.

New York, N.Y., Dec. 22.—Two fatal fires occurred early tonight. One burst out in a seven-storey terminal warehouse at 13th avenue and 25th street. Later a charred body, found near the freight elevator, was identified as that of "Gus" Roth, a varnisher. The fire caused a loss of $50,000. Mrs. Mary Lawrence was fatally burned in her apartments in a down-town building, when a fire in the house was extinguished.

THE CORONATION OF ST. CATHERINES—A three hundred thousand dollar Rubens painting, which has been purchased by a well known New York connoisseur—presumably Pierpont Morgan—and will be mounted and unveiled in one of the Fifth avenue mansions for Christmas Day—It was painted in 1633 for the altar of the Church of St. Barnabas, in Malines, France—Rubens got less than a thousand dollars for his work—Later it was sold by monks for about a thousand florins and a few casks of wine— The last owner of the painting was the Duke of Rutland, who "needed the money."

PEACE CONFERENCE IN CHINA MAY FAIL

Government Circles in Pekin Believe That Shanghai Conference Cannot Effect Settlement—Premier Yuan Shi Kai Is Now A Refusal of a Republic.

Pekin, Dec. 25.—In government circles here there seems to be little doubt that the conference at Shanghai between representatives of the imperial government and the revolutionary party will prove a failure. The belief prevails that the revolutionaries are preparing to advance to the north by way of Pukow, which is in their possession.

Peking, Dec. 22—Yuan Shi Kai, the premier, evidently still remains steadfast in his decision not to accept a Republican form of government for China as the price of peace within the Empire. Members of the premier's entourage reiterated today that Yuan never will advise the abdication of the Emperor, and thereby become a traitor. They say that if the formation of a Republic is unavoidable he will resign as prime minister.

It had been suspected that Tang Shao Yi the representative of Yuan and the imperial government at the Shanghai peace conference, and Yuan were playing a prearranger game. It is the intention gradually to shear the Manchus of power and thereby prevent a Manchu rising in Peking, but the fact that Tang has telegraphed his friends here, asking them to endeavor to persuade Yuan of the necessity to accept a republic seemingly indicates that Tang and the premier are not in accord.

Were Self-Deceived.

After many conferences prior to his departure for Shanghai, Tang evidently believed that Yuan had been won over to the republican idea, while on the other hand, Yuan thought Tang had been brought around to see the necessity for the continuance of the monarchy. Members of Yuan's entourage declare that in these beliefs each man was self deceived.

Though no members of the foreign legations will venture a prediction on the outcome of the situation, there is a feeling that an agreement is possible between Yuan and a number of the rebel provinces, perhaps not immediately, but after several renewed armistices. Yuan, it is thought, may offer the last concession possible, namely the retirement of the Empress Dowager and the appointment of a Chinese regency to effect peace.

Replacing Disloyal Officials

The premier has steadily been replacing officials and army officers through the northern provinces with trusted men loyal to himself. He believes he could regain and retain the rebel provinces if money were obtainable. A quartette of bankers is willing to support him but up to the present time the legations have disagreed regarding a loan. The British legation desires the monarchy continued but is receiving serious protests from business interests in the south which dread a boycot of their goods. The American legation and also that of Japan advocate supporting Yuan Shi Kai financially.

Should a definite breach come with an imperial government in the north and a republic in the south, Yuan possibly could obtain money, though in fear of a boycot by the republican provinces the legations have stated that all loans must be for the peaceful administrations of the country only. The government is continuing its so-called patriotic campaign.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 25—The fifth annual Burlington road race was run today over a course of 11 1-4 miles. Jim Corkery, I.C.A.C., Toronto, was first; R. O'Brien, I.C.A.C., second, and Gus Gressel, Buffalo, third. Corkery's time was 1.04.31.

NOW BELIEVED THAT KINGSTON IS MURDERED

Two Trappers Who Were Suspected of Having Mistaken Surveyor for a Deer Were Closely Examined But Unshaken in Their Evidence.

Mistatim, Sask., Dec. 23—"That Kenneth Kingston was killed on Thursday, Dec. 14th, by a wound from a bullet fired by some one unknown," was the verdict rendered late last night by the coroners jury. The post-mortem examination showed that the deceased had been shot in the back, the bullet passing through his body and tearing the lungs badly. There being no sign of any struggle where the body was found would indicate that death was instantaneous and that the deceased was shot at the spot where the body was found.

However, this is not generally believed, there being a suspicion that the body may have been placed on the trail by other parties. The two trappers who found the body were the only men suspected of having possibly shot Kingston in mistake for a deer, but after bein gsubjected to a most severe examination by the police and afterwards by the coroner and jury, it has been impossible to shake their testimony or to find any evidence against them.

The authorities at Ottawa have taken up the case and the inquest by no means ends it.

PASTOR CRITICIZES GIVING

Toronto Clergyman Says Modern Spirit Not That of First Christmas.

Toronto, Dec. 22—Rev. W. H. Hincks roudly denounced modern Christmas gift giving to the large congregation which filled the Broadway tabernacle last night

Basing his discourse on the biblical story of the first Christmas and the spontaneous and heartfelt tributes of the eastern worshippers of the infant Christ, Dr. Hincks reasoned that the lapse of centuries had tended to strip Christmas giving of its true flavor. It was generally approaching the spirit of twentieth century commercialism and was being robbed of the atmosphere of worship.

"Deliver me," he exclaimed, "from the modern nervous prostration which goes forth to buy, groaning at every stop. This is an intolerable burden—it is neither Christian nor are they gifts. It is intolerable extortion—don't send me one of those."

Galt Pastor Dead.

Galt, Dec. 22—Rev. W. J. Crothers, M.L.A., D.D., died from heart disease at his home in Preston this morning. Dr. Crothers was pastor of the Methodist church. Dr. Crothers entered the Methodist ministry in 1887, when he joined the Montreal conference. In this conference he spent the greater portion of his useful life, but came to Hamilton conference from Peterboro four and one-half years ago to take the pastorate of St. Paul's church last July. Last year he came to Preston, but owing to ill health he made a trip to the old country, returning to his work about six weeks ago.

KAISER TRIES TO MAKE PEACE

Unsuccessful Attempts to Secure Mediation of the Pope.

Rome, Dec. 24—An effort on the part of the kaiser to enlist the aid of the Pope to persuade Italy to meet Turkey half way in the peace proposals which Germany is urging at Constantinople has met with failure. In submitting the proposition the Prussian minister at the Vatican hinted that a word from the Pope might influence the King of Italy. The minister is credited with being greatly astonished when the Pope shook his head and refused to co-operate in the scheme.

Cannot Do Anything.

"I am sorry but I cannot do anything, as the wires of the Vatican telephone are not connected with those of the Quirinal," he said.

"But your holiness knows," said the minister, "that wireless telephones have been invented?"

"Yes," said the Pope, again shaking his head, "but none has been installed at the Vatican."

The Kaiser's appeal to the Pope is interpretated as showing that the personal relations of Emperor William and King Victor Emmanuel are less cordial than heretofore. The best official information is that Italy has determined to remain passive and await Turkeys' expected overtures for peace.

Italy Wants to End War.

Italy, although anxious to end the war, is afraid advances on its own part would be interpreted as being due to inability to continue the struggle. The officials claim that the government has refrained from enlarging the sphere of hostilities and abandoned the proposed naval action on the understanding that the powers would persuade Turkey to sue for peace.

They content that the failure of the powers to act does not mean that an amicable settlement is impossible soon. They are hopeful that the kaiser and others will induce Turkey to propose peace, but they insist that the advances must come direct from Constantinople.

WHEN TOO LATE REGRET RECIPROCITY DEFEATED

Manitoba Farmers Hauling Their Grain Over the International Line, Paying Duty and Then Getting Better Prices Than in Canada.

Thief River Falls, Minn., Dec. 22—Farmers for some distance on the Canadian side of the international border are hauling their grain into this state. They are paying 30 cents a bushel duty and are then making from one to ten cents profit above what they receive in their own province of Manitoba.

They say it was a mistake to defeat reciprocity and if another opportunity were given them they would favor it. They have also discovered that most of their needs can be supplied at much lower prices on this side of the line than on the other. There is a difference of almost 40 cents in price on barley and this in favor of the Minnesota farmer.

It takes about 600 bushels of barley to buy a certain gang plough in Minnesota while it takes 1400 bushels of the same grain to secure the same piece of machinery in Winnipeg.

WEEK'S BANK CLEARINGS. Large Increases Noted in All the Principal Canadian Cities

	Dec. 21, 1911	Dec. 22, '09
Montreal	$61,971,236	$40,848,439
Toronto	41,501,921	36,134,362
Winnipeg	31,265,141	23,490,407
Vancouver	12,898,220	10,107,102
Ottawa	5,729,956	8,098,306
Calgary	3,266,974	3,883,993
Quebec	3,159,304	2,973,498
Victoria	2,970,[illegible]	2,588,325
Hamilton	2,268,075	2,217,945
Halifax	2,179,331	1,598,822
St. John	1,738,469	1,513,355
Edmonton	**3,846,344**	**1,961,295**
London	1,634,874	1,397,001
Regina	1,894,284	1,236,415
Brandon	750,783	628,681
Lethbridge	733,976	631,292
Saskatoon	2,130,224	1,013,522
Totals	173,038,267	136,114,577
Brantford	623,491	
Moosejaw	1,156,587	
Fort William	788,958	

Persian Commended in London.

London, Dec.23—The London morning newspapers generally consider that Persia's acquiesance in the Russian ultimatum acted wisely and averted thereby Russian occupation of Teheran. The Times in an editorial congratulates the Persian cabinet. It says the cabinet needed no little courage to follow so unpopular, if sensible a course and adds: "We trust that the Russian government will show its appreciation by making the settlement as little unpalatable as may be to Persian pride and that both Russia and England will do their best to promote Persian interests, for after all, neither of the two powers is entirely free from responsibility in the recent unsatisfactory developments."

Run Down By Train

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 25—Archibald Thompson, of Watertown, was killed and his wife badly injured last night by being run down by a Grand Trunk train while walking on the tracks.

THERE WAS REASON FOR HIS SILENCE.

The Tall and Aggressive Man—"Excuse me, but I'm in a hurry. You've had that telephone for twenty minutes and you haven't said a word."
The Short and Meek One—"Sir, I 'm talking to my wife."

1298 ANIMALS IN THE THREE DOMINION PARKS

Herd of Buffalo Numbers 1,101—Elk, Moose and Deer Comprise the Bulk of the Remainder—All Are in Fine Condition for Winter—Ample Feed for Them.

Twelve hundred and ninety-eight animals, in excellent condition and apparently enjoying all there is in life for them, are browsing about the Dominion parks in Wainwright, Lamont and Banff. From buffalo down to angora goats, including ten different kinds of animals, the best of reports have been received by the office of the Dominion parks commissioner, Howard Douglas.

Of the 1,298 animals in the three Dominion parks there are 1,101 buffalo, 59 elk, 37 moose, 14 antelope, 69 deer, 3 mountain sheep, 2 Persian sheep, 3 four-horned sheep, 9 Angora goats and 1 mountain goat.

Ten moose were transferred from Banff to Lamont on December 18.

There is ample feed for the animals and more than enough to carry them through the winter, even if the cold weather should be longer protracted than usual at the tail-end of the season.

Howard Douglas, commissioner of Dominion parks, leaves at 3 oclock this afternoon for Revelstoke, where he will spend Christmas with his daughter. Commissioner Douglas expects to return next Thursday, and a day or so later will leave for Ottawa.

BRAVE FIGHT AT BIG ODDS.

Mexican Cavalryman Defeated Twenty Mutiners Single-Handed.

Mexico City, Dec. 22—Crouched behind a pillar in the corner of the court yard of the barracks in Cauautitlan, state of Mexico, Lieut. Celferino Munoz, of the Tenth cavalry, yesterday won a fight with twenty mutinous troopers, in which he killed three, wounded several and escaped unhurt.

The men had been drinking and made a rush for the barrack doors shouting "Viva la liberta." Lieut. Munoz ordered them to quarters, whereupon they opened fire on him.

Springing behind the pillar he took shots with his revolver, and thoroughly cowed those he did not hit.

Mexico City, Dec. 26—A special despatch to El Imparcial, from Washington, says that the United States war department has received reports confirming the statement that General Reyes is in Mexico organizing a revolution.

JURY BRINGS IN FREAK VERDICT

Condemned H. W. Morris to Day's Retreat to Dungeon on Anniversary of Crime.

Geneva, Ills., Dec. 22—One of the most remarkable verdicts ever found by a jury in Illinois, it was learned today was brought in by the one which fixed the punishment of Henry W. Morris at life imprisonment for the murder of Mrs. Estelle Dumas, of Pontiac.

The verdict stipulated that on each anniversary of the slaying of Mrs. Dumas, the prisoner be placed in a dungeon and put on a bread and water diet. It was further stated that no board of pardons should ever parole the prisoner.

Judge Carnes told the jurors that the verdict could not be carried out and sent them back to bring in one differently worded.

One of the jurors said it was the opinion of members that hanging was too good for Morris.

Winnipeg Man Dying.

Winnipeg, Dec. 25.—Geo. Velie, a well-known wholesale liquor merchant, is dying tonight from heart complications. A noted heart specialist arrived from Chicago Saturday, but does not hold much hope.

FATHER COMMEAU'S STARTLING STATEMENT

St. Boniface Priest Explains How Catholic with Protestant Wife May Put Her Aside and be Secretly Married by a Regular Priest.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23—Rev. Father Commeau, resident priest of St. Mary's church here, has made the following statement to an evening paper in regard to the recent "Ne Temere" case at St. Boniface, when he refused to permit a Catholic woman to see her Pretestant husband unless they were married by the church.

"Suppose a Roman Catholic and a Protestant wish to get married. We will imagine the husband to be a Catholic. The parties are married by a Protestant minister. The moment the marriage is contracted the husband has forsaken the Catholic doctrine and can be no longer recognized as a true Catholic. The only way he can come back into the fold is by getting his legal wife to be married to him by a Catholic priest, according to the conditions of the Holy church, that is that she will not interfere with the practise of his doctrine, and the children be brought up in the Catholic faith. If the wife refuses and he insists on going back to the church the husband must take a vow never to live with her again."

"If, when reinstated as a Catholic, the man wishes to marry another woman, the ceremony to be performed by a Catholic priest, may he marry her?" asked the reporter.

"Well," was the reply, "we try to get the man to seek a state divorce first, because in the eyes of the law he is still married, and, while the church does not recognize it, we do not want to lay ourselves open to persecution. There is a way out and that is by having a secret marriage.

"Take this as an instance. I am sent away to a mission a long way up in the country. When I arrive a man comes to me and says: 'Father, I have committed a sin, for which I am truly repentant. Three years ago I was married to a Protestant woman by a Protestant minister. Later we separated. We did not get a divorce and now I am living with another woman. Will you marry us? I might say: 'I will run the risk and marry you in the eyes of God.' I then get two witnesses, whom I can trust never to reveal what has taken place and I marry the parties in secret. After this they can never part as there is no such thing as divorce in the Roman Catholic church. Then they are married in the eyes of God and the church, though perhaps not according to the law of the state. If the former wife should get to know of the second marriage I might be prosecuted. One never knows."

BRUISED FINGER CAUSES DEATH.

Toronto Man Victim of His Refusal to Allow Amputation.

Toronto, Dec. 22—Thomas Clair, Ashdale avenue, driver for Phippen brothers, died in agony yesterday, after having refused to have a finger amputated for blood poisoning.

Clair's horse ran away on Thursday last and one of the lines becoming caught around Clair's fingers lacerated one of them painfully.

The doctors at the General hospital after a consultation advised the amputation of the injured finger but Mr. Clair would not hear of the operation and went home, where he died within three days He leaves a wife and family

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 22.—Three boys are accused of having committed fifteen robberies in University Place, a suburb, in the last few month. The youngest of the trio was discovered robbing a residence and confessed his complicity with the other lads in former crimes.

PIRATES RAID BRITISH SHIP

The Chinese Pilot Purposely Ran the Steamer Ashore.

Vancouver, Dec. 22—Details were brought by the Empress of Japan of the piracy of the British steamer Shulon and the murder of Chief Officer H. J. Nicholson after a gallant fight in which he and Captain Johnston killed six pirates. The Shulon from Kongmoon for Hong-Kong with 164 passengers had its officers' quarters riddled with bullets.

Chinese Pilot a Traitor.

The Chinese pilot who held the wheel was in league with the pirates, and while Captain Johnson slept and Chief Officer Nicholson kept the watch he ran the steamer ashore at Staunch Island. Nicholson awoke the captain but volleys came from the land. Then the fleet of small boats came on in the darkness and thirty pirates clambered over the rail. Captain Johnson ran to his cabin for his rifle, but found that his ammunition had been stolen. He then wriggled through a small porthole on the sheltered side of the steamer, fracturing two ribs, and armed with a revolver went after the pirates.

In the face of the fusilade of rifles, Chief Officer Nicholson ran to his cabin, seized a rifle and ammunition and joined the captain. Then there was a lull. The Chinese passengers took no part and only two were hit by stray bullets while lying in their bunks. Captain Johnston had but two bullets and he shot two pirates and made for shelter.

A Gallant Fight.

Nicholson, with a staunchion only, supporting an awning for shelter, faced a gang of pirates and brought four of them down when he was shot in the abdomen and left lying on the deck. Then the pirates went for the British engineer but he fought them off with a scalding jet of water. Leaving him, the pirates then looted the vessel. The passengers were lined up and robbed their luggage, it being piled in the sampans.

The bodies of dead pirates were thrown into the river ,and their comrades made off in their sampans. They got about $2,000.

The steamer Kwong Yuen was also pirated and some Chinese were killed. Trade is at a standstill on the West river which is now patrolled by British gunboats.

Winnipeg Council Claims Forfeit

Winnipeg, Dec. 22—The council today in committee decided to collect $800 of the $4,800 forfeit claimed against the Algoma Bridge company, of Minneapolis, for failure to complete the Louise bridge over the Red river at Elmwood, on time The enforcement is to maintain the validity of the forfeiture clause in the contract, though the city admits the company was not entirely to blame for the delay.

Winnipeg Woman Died Suddenly.

Winnipeg, Dec. 22—Mrs. James Wilson, wife of the assistant engineer of the general hospital, dropped dead of apoplexy at the corner of Sherbrooke and William streets, near her home, 757 William avenue She was accompanied by her husband at the time. She was 38 years of age and leaves two small children.

PATRICIDE REPRIEVED; MOTHER'S PLEA FOR HIM

Son Condemned to Die For Killing His Father Escapes Gallows Through Intercession of Aged and Sick Mother—Her Pathetic Letter.

London, Dec. 22—William Hammond a Yorkshire miner, forty years of age was recently sentenced to be hanged for the murder of his father, aged ninety. Petitions for a reprieve signed by 3,000 persons, were addressed to the Home Secretary, who a few days ago received a letter from the condemned man's mother, the wife of the murdered father, which is a poignant human document. The letter follows:

Dear Sir—I am heart-broken at the awful affair which caused the death of my husband. It is a very sad thing for a mother to see her son in the position he is today, for he had been a good lad to me and to my late husband.

He always worked hard and brought his money home every Saturday as regular as clockwork, and my husband did not work for 25 years.

I am sure you will agree with me, sir, when my lad helped keep him all this time, he could not be a bad lad. He was steady, respectable until this awful affair. I must tell you, sir, that my husband was very short-tempered and used to annoy him a lot; then, when he had some drink, I am sure he did not know what he was doing, for he had an accident some time since, and never was the same after.

I am sure, sir, you can imagine a mother's feelings for her son. It is a dreadful thing for me, and I am heartbroken—my husband gone and my poor lad in a condemned cell.

I am old, sir, and ill, but if I could only take his place and sacrifice my life for his, I would gladly do it. I have written you this letter, as I know you have a good heart and will listen to the pleading of a poor heart-broken mother to save my son's life. Yours truly. C. Hammond.

On Friday, Mr. McKenna, the new Home Secretary, decided to reprieve Hammond.