

OFFERS WAGER AGAINST PARTY

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MORE DEFECTIONS ARE REPORTED

Ministers Fielding, Paterson and Graham Slated for Defeat—All Provinces Against Government's Policy

MONTREAL, Sept. 13.—"They got the wrong end of the stick," laughingly said James Carruthers today in discussing the story published here by the Liberal press to the effect that while Mr. Carruthers opposed reciprocity, he had placed \$1500 that Sir Wilfrid Laurier would be returned to power.

Mr. Carruthers, who is as well known in the west as in Montreal, is a sturdy opponent of reciprocity. He was well known for his advocacy of the Liberal principles, but he now says: "This is the time when men should get away from the party and say 'yes' or 'no'."

At the last election Mr. Carruthers won a handsome wager on the Liberal victory from the late Robert McElghen, the latter contributing a goodly sum to local charities as the result of the Liberal return.

In Every Province The great campaign is nearly over and the Liberal party is being beaten in almost every province from British Columbia to Prince Edward Island.

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the county in the local legislature, during the disastrous annexation repeal regime of W. S. Fielding, was asked later whether a letter which came to hand this morning leaves little doubt in his mind that Mr. Fielding is about at the end of his tether. Yes, I look for the defeat of the finance minister a week from Thursday.

Mr. Bourassa Stood for Label. Henri Bourassa today entered an action for \$10,000 damages against Mr. L. A. Rivet, the Liberal candidate in Hochelaga, for alleged defamatory libel. The suit is a result of certain statements said to have been made by Mr. Rivet in the course of a campaign speech to the effect that Mr. Bourassa was being subsidized to the extent of \$50,000 by Conservatives and Orangemen of Ontario, this sum being supposedly devoted to the interests of "Le Devoir," the official organ of the French Nationalists. These statements were given publicly in the press, and so far Mr. Rivet has published no retraction.

Mr. Brunet this morning announced that he had definitely withdrawn as the Liberal candidate in Stanstead county. This means that a three-cornered fight is avoided. Mr. C. A. Lovell, the retiring member, has been nominated by the Liberals and Mr. C. A. Faive by the opposition.

MONTMAGNY, Que., Sept. 13.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier came here today to support the candidature of Hon. Dr. Beaudry, who is running in the two divisions of Montserrat and Beauce, a special election. Liberal campaign is being waged here, as the Conservative candidate, D. O. L'Esperance, has been nursing the constituency for the past three years, and Armand Lavergne, Henri Bourassa's right hand man, is the representative of the division in the provincial house. The feature event of the day was the first display of open opposition to the premier's marine policy to occur at one of his Quebec meetings. Not only was there a crowd of young men at the corner on the route of the premier's procession to the meeting place who cried "has La Marine" as he went past, but the Nationalists also made their presence felt, hanging a huge steamer, bearing the same words, across one of the poles where Sir Wilfrid could not see it on his way to the gathering.

Rumor had also got abroad that Messrs. Armand Lavergne and D. O. L'Esperance were to be permitted to appear on the platform with the Liberal speakers, and sections of the crowd showed audible disappointment when they found that the joint debate was not to take place.

Sir Wilfrid spent the greater part of his address in a savage thrust at his opponents. Macdonald, Chapin and other members of the great Conservative party, he said, had advocated reciprocity. "I say said Conservative party, and I salute them," he repeated, raising his hat to their memory, then quickly replacing it, he said, "but the present Conservative leaders, what are they? Only pygmies."

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PORTLAND, Maine, Sept. 13.—So close was the vote in Monday's special election on the question of repeal of the constitutional prohibition amendment that even tonight when most of the first unofficial returns had been received by mail reports from town clerks, the result still is in doubt.

The secretary of state's reports tonight show an apparent majority of 158 for repeal. An error discovered in the report given officially by the clerk of the town of Limestone contributed largely to the uncertainty as to the outcome of the election. It was discovered that in reporting the vote in the town, the clerk returned to the Associated Press over his signature: "For repeal 157, against 155." To the secretary of state he reported just the reverse: for repeal 155, against 157.

Figures furnished by Secretary of State Davis from Augusta tonight, as compiled from mail returns from all but 18 cities and towns in the state, and with the 13 supplied from press returns, show an apparent majority for repeal of 155 votes. Of the 13 towns supplied by press returns, four were received by mail from the clerks and nine are the early figures, which it has not since been possible to verify. The figures of the total vote as furnished from the office of the secretary of state, include 13 towns supplied to Mr. Davis from press returns are: For repeal 60,528; against repeal 60,470.

Between the Associated Press returns as revised almost completely by postal card reports from town and city clerks, and the figures of the secretary of state, there is a marked discrepancy, the press returns indicating at a late hour tonight a majority of 347 against repeal. The total vote as indicated by the Associated Press returns: For repeal 60,241; against repeal 60,583.

In view of the closeness of the vote it was believed tonight that an official canvass by the governor and council would definitely determine the result.

Governor Goes Home. SPRING LAKE, N. J., Sept. 13.—Governor Palumbo of Maine, who abruptly tonight his stay at the conference of governors and left for Augusta, Me., to get in close touch with the situation there, resulting from the recent election to decide the fate of prohibition in the state constitution. He said he probably would call an early meeting of the board of canvassers to determine definitely the vote.

Under Maine laws there are two sets of returns—one filed with the secretary of state and opened immediately; the other sealed and opened by the governor and council. The latter is authentic, but sometimes it takes two weeks to get complete returns.

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France's Answer to German Counter Proposals Said to be Direct and Explicit in its Terms

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Text to be Prepared for Transmission to Berlin Without Delay—Social Congress Objects to War

PARIS, Sept. 13.—A momentous meeting of the cabinet was held this afternoon to consider France's reply to Germany's counter proposals in the Moroccan negotiations. The meeting lasted three hours. The terms and rough draft of the document were laid before the ministers by Foreign Minister De Selves, and were discussed and scrutinized from every aspect.

Although the ministers formally refused to satisfy public curiosity by making a statement as to what passed at the historic council, it is said the cabinet accorded its full approval of the reply made by M. De Selves, which is no less explicit than that submitted by Germany.

The reply sets forth in the clearest possible manner France's position with regard to the question of principle raised by Germany, and pays particular attention to the necessity of maintaining commercial equality for all and of assuring to France of an absolutely free hand politically in Morocco.

The foreign minister will proceed to Rambouillet tomorrow to submit the decision of the cabinet to President Fallieres. He will then have drawn up the reply, which will be despatched from Paris without delay, and will be in the possession of the German government by the end of the week.

Objection to War. JENA, Germany, Sept. 13.—The social congress in session here yesterday and severe criticism today of the "sensational jingoism" which is attempting to drive Germany into war, adopted a resolution denouncing the present situation.

"The German working classes," says the resolution, "are utilizing every possible means to prevent a world-wide war, and the socialist congress demands the immediate calling together of the Reichstag so that the people's representatives may have an opportunity to express their opinions on machinations inimical to the people."

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Garrison Thought to be Able to Resist Attacks of Rebels—American War Vessels Are at Saikwan

PEKING, Sept. 13.—Latest advices received by the Chinese foreign board and the foreign legations indicate that Cheng Tu, capital of Szechuen province, is under siege, that most, if not all the missionaries are inside the walls, and that the city is garrisoned by 1,000 troops, which have had several engagements with the besieging forces.

A despatch from the prefect of Tau Chau, dated September 12, says that the troops were firing upon the rebels from the Cheng Tu walls, and that the besiegers had lost many men. The belief is held there that the garrison is capable of resisting the attacks of any number of organized rebels from the outside. Tau Chau is 75 miles from Cheng Tu.

The Canadian Methodist compound within the city has opened spaces around its own walls. It is believed that the foreigners have taken refuge within this compound, which is considered the strongest and the most easily defended. Peking missionaries who have been in former riots in Cheng Tu say that whatever Chinese troops were dispatched to guard the mission would be stationed outside the compound and would not be permitted to get within the gates.

Whether the foreigners and natives inside the walls are prepared to endure a siege is all-important, and it is probably from past experience that the missionaries have taken precautions against such a contingency. The missionaries however, have no weapons unless they have been supplied by the viceroys. Every effort is being made to communicate with Cheng Tu, but so far there has been no movement to relieve the city.

Foreigners here seem confident of the ability of the viceroys to suppress the rising. The southern section of Szechuen continues tranquil, although the natives sympathize with the opportunity of railway construction. All gatherings in Peking in sympathy with the revolutionary movement in Szechuen have been dispersed by the police.

A despatch from Kia Ting Fu, south of Cheng Tu, says that foreign missionaries at that station there have left for Yangtze. These include three men and their wives and a woman doctor. The foreign gunboats have been unable to proceed above Su Fu.

War Vessels in River. WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—The American squadron, headed by the cruiser New Orleans, which has been making its way up the Yangtze river from Shanghai to Nanking, has reached Saikwan, the port of Nanking, and Admiral Murdock has taken command of the expedition, transferring his flag for that purpose from the gunboat. It is reported also that the foreigners have gone to Chung King under escort. The situation is considered grave. The viceroys has about 2,000 troops at Cheng Tu and 4,000 altogether in the province. Reinforcements cannot reach Cheng Tu in less than a month.

Chinese Admiral in States. WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Full of regret because his sojourn in Washington of less than 24 hours would not permit visits to half the places which he desired to see, the Chinese Rear Admiral Ching Ping Kwang, left today for Beverly, Mass., where he will be received by President Taft tomorrow. Leaving Beverly tomorrow, Admiral Ching will call on Mayor Gaynor of New York Friday, and pay a visit to Governor's Island on Saturday. Ultimately he will go to England to take some training ship now under construction at an English shipyard.

NO CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT

Imperial Veterans of Victoria Pass Resolution Which Shows Their Attitude Towards Federal Authorities

At a representative meeting of No. 4 Company, Imperial Veterans Service of Canada, held in the city hall last evening, the following resolution was carried unanimously:

"Whereas the Federal government has session after session evaded and shuffled the question of the Fenian Raid Veterans claims, and whereas they have absolutely refused to take the matter up for discussion in the House of Commons, thereby refusing to carry out the promise made by the prime minister, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, to a deputation made from this company during his late visit to this city.

"Therefore, be it resolved that the Imperial Veterans of No. 24 Company wish to place themselves on record that they have no confidence in the said government and deal fairly with this important question."

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