

The Attacks Failed

Manitoba School Question and Dispatch of Troops Used Against Liberals.

The Conservatives Thought That in These They Had Strong Cards.

Montreal Star Says Sir Charles Tupper Has Bidden Adieu to Political Life.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Nov. 9.—M. E. Bernier, minister of inland revenue, who returned to Quebec from a tour of inspection of the province, says that two issues of attack made against the government in that province were the Manitoba school question and the sending of troops to South Africa. The Conservatives asked the electors to condemn the government because of its school settlement and because Sir Wilfrid Laurier sent the troops. The vote shows that Quebecers chose the sending of the contingent, chairman, Conservative, who voted against it in the House being defeated, and Monnet and Bourassa's majorities being reduced.

The Will of the People.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, Nov. 9.—The Mail and Empire, St. John, N. B., correspondent says: "Sir Charles and Sir Herbert Tupper had a short conversation with Hon. G. E. Foster yesterday, during which the leader expressed a desire to consult friends before deciding his future course, but said he would prefer to retire from active politics and take a rest."

Mr. Foster is also understood to have expressed a desire to retire and enjoy the freedom of private life, if he can be allowed to do it, but expresses a willingness to lend a hand anywhere he can be of use.

Congratulating Sir Wilfrid.

Quebec, Nov. 9.—Sir Wilfrid remained here all day yesterday and was the recipient of many congratulations from all over the Dominion. When asked for an interview regarding the result, the premier declined to talk at present. He left for the West last night.

Montreal, Nov. 9.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier reached the city this morning. He is spending the day quietly with his friends. Still in Doubt.

Winnipeg, Nov. 9.—In Provencer, Manitoba, Liberal, has been elected by a majority. Marquette is still in doubt, but Rochie, Conservative, is likely elected. Assiniboia East is claimed by Douglas, Liberal.

In Selkirk, McCreary and Haslam tie with several polls on Lake Winnipeg to hear from, which will likely give McCreary a majority.

May Be a Recount.

Kingston, Ont., Nov. 9.—A recount will probably be asked for in Lennox County by the Liberals. It has been found that some twenty-eight votes cast for Dr. Kennard, Liberal candidate, were thrown out because they were marked opposite the line with the word "In the electoral district of Lennox." Voters evidently confounding the name of the county with that of the candidate.

Talk of Protests.

Toronto, Nov. 9.—Protests are talked of in West Huron, Bothwell and North Grey, by Conservatives, and in Lincoln and Niagara, North Wellington and South Grey, by Liberals.

Independent Conservative Returned.

Bowmanville, Nov. 9.—Corrected returns give Thornton, Independent Conservative, 61 of a majority in West Durham.

Declined to Talk.

Montreal, Nov. 9.—Sir Charles Tupper left here today for British Columbia, where he will address meetings in the interest of the Conservative candidates in Yale-Cariboo and Burrard constituencies. Prior to leaving for the Coast he declined to be interviewed.

"Adieu to Political Life."

Montreal, Nov. 9.—The Star, Conservative, says: "Sir Charles Tupper said adieu to political life this afternoon."

MANY BUILDINGS DESTROYED.

Hundreds of People Rendered Homeless by Fire.

(Associated Press.)

New Orleans, Nov. 9.—Upwards of 75 houses have been destroyed by fire at night. The fire broke out shortly after midnight, and a heavy gale blew the flames from the Louisville and Nashville depot to the beach. The small fire department was powerless to stay the flames and many houses were torn down to check the spread of the conflagration.

The Catholic church, convent and schools, newspaper offices, many business houses and residences have been consumed.

Hundreds have been rendered homeless. The losses will probably exceed \$200,000.

STEAMER FOUNDERED.

Only One of Crew Saved—Clung to Keel of Life Boat.

(Associated Press.)

Bristol, Eng., Nov. 9.—The steamer City of Vienna, from Dublin for Bristol, foundered on Wednesday night in St. George's Channel. Only one of the crew, a fireman, was saved. He clung to the keel of a life boat for twenty-seven hours.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.

Government Asked to Send Representative and Troops to Inaugural Ceremonies.

(Associated Press.)

Ottawa, Nov. 9.—The government has been asked to send a representative and troops to the inauguration of the Commonwealth of Australia next spring.

BRYAN ON ELECTION.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 8.—Mr. Bryan tonight gave out the following statement concerning the election:

"The result was a surprise to me, and the magnitude of the Republican victory was a surprise to our opponents, as well as to those who voted our ticket. It is impossible to analyze the returns until they are more complete; but, speaking generally, we have gained in the larger cities, and have lost in the smaller cities and in the country."

"The Republicans were able to secure tickets or passes for all their voters who were away from home, and this gave them considerable advantage. We have no way of knowing at this time how much money was spent in the purchase of votes and in colonization. But while these would account for some of the Republican gains, they would not account for the widespread increase in the Republican vote. The prosperity argument was probably the most potent one used by the Republicans. They compared present conditions with the panic times of '93 and '96, and this argument had wrought with those who did not stop to consider the reasons for the change. The appeal to stand by the president while the war is on had a great deal of influence upon those who did not realize that a war against a doctrine of self-government in the Philippines must react upon us in this country. We have made an honest fight upon an honest platform, and, having done our duty as we saw it, we have nothing to regret."

"We were defeated, but not discouraged. The fight must go on. I am sure that the Republican policies will be repudiated by the people when the tendency of these policies is fully understood. The contest between plutocracy and democracy cannot end until one or the other is completely triumphant."

Had Narrow Escape

Dewet Was Wounded in Fight With Knox's Force at Rensburg Drift.

Steyn Advises Boers to Continue Fight—Talks of Intervention by Germany.

Pretoria, Nov. 7.—According to surrendered burghers Mr. Steyn, after a council of war with Gen. Botha and Gen. Delarey, addressed the burghers with great passion, urging them to continue the war. He told them he was going south and hoped to return with 5,000 men, assuring them that he knew that Germany had delivered an ultimatum to Great Britain demanding the retrocession of the republics.

Dewet was Wounded.

Pretoria (undated).—By rail to Charles town, Natal, Nov. 7.—Gen. Dewet has been wounded in a leg in a fight with the troops of Gen. Knox at Rensburg Drift. According to native reports, the Boer commando narrowly escaped capture.

Mr. Courtney's Protest.

London, Nov. 9.—The Times this morning gives prominence to a two-column letter from Mr. Leonard Courtney, who represented the Bodmin division of Cornwall in the late parliament, protesting against the burning of buildings on farms of the burghers and other harsh measures adopted against the Boers.

Referring editorially to Mr. Courtney's argument, the Times justifies the measures taken by Lord Roberts as necessary, and as "no worse than the means employed by other European nations in similar circumstances."

ARBITRATION COURT.

(Associated Press.) New York, Nov. 9.—A special dispatch to the Herald from the Hague says: "P. M. C. Asser, F. B. Coninck, Liefsting Jonkheer, A. F. Desaverin, Lohman Jonkheer, and G. L. M. H. Ruys De Beenenbrouck have been appointed the Dutch members of the permanent arbitration court at the Hague."

NEWFOUNDLAND ELECTION.

St. John's, Nfld., Nov. 8.—The polls have closed in all the districts throughout the island for the provincial general election to-day. No disorders have been reported, but intense excitement prevails. Both sides claim victory, but the betting odds are in favor of the Bond government.

THREE MINERS KILLED.

(Associated Press.) Pottsville, Pa., Nov. 9.—A terrific explosion occurred to-day in Buck mountain colliery near Mahanoy city. Three men in the mine were killed.

THE TAGAL REBELLION.

United States Will Conduct Operations on a Large Scale.

(Associated Press.) New York, Nov. 9.—According to a special dispatch from Washington to the Tribune, the operations to crush the Tagal rebellion, which are about to be begun and prosecuted with extreme energy, are to be of a thoroughly comprehensive character, the plan of campaign having been prepared by General MacArthur last month after a council of officers. The plan has received the unqualified approval of the war department without material modifications.

It involves extensive naval co-operation, including all the regular warships on the station as well as the numerous gunboats purchased from the Spanish fleet, which are to be distributed in Manila, each with a larger vessel as flagship.

Admiral Remy, in the flagship Brooklyn, has just returned from Manila to Manila to assume personal charge of the operations of the fleet. The American fleet is to be concentrated in the Philippines, and in conjunction with General MacArthur, to attack the rebels.

ELECTION RETURNS.

Toronto, Nov. 8.—Gould, Liberal, is elector in Ontario West by 800 majority. Ottawa, Nov. 8.—McNeill, Conservative, has been elected in North Bruce, Ontario, with a majority of 25 over Campbell, Liberal. McKinnon (Liberal), defeats Martin, Conservative, the old member in East Queen's P. E. I. Winnipeg, Nov. 8.—Sifton's majority over Macdonald is about 800.

Mr. Morrison's Majority.

New Westminster, Nov. 9.—The final figures for Westminster district are as follows: Morrison, Liberal, 1,774; Dewdney, 1,633.

Vancouver Island District.

Returns from the West Coast are as follows: San Juan—Smith, 8; Wolley, 1; Sloan, 0. Clayquod—Smith, 20; Sloan, 6; Wolley, 5. Ucluelet—Smith, 3; Sloan, 5; Wolley, 5.

Canada and The States

American Officials Think Time Opportune For Settling Various Disputes.

Feeling at Washington That Dominion Should Make First Move in Matter.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Nov. 9.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: "As a result of the continuance in power of President McKinley and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, it is expected that another attempt will shortly be made to bring about a complete settlement of the questions in dispute with Canada."

"Officials of the administration say that the president and Secretary Hay would be glad to have the questions disposed of, but it is felt here that Canada should make the preliminary move, looking to their reconsideration."

"The Alaskan boundary line has only been temporarily determined, and the president would prefer that it be finally and forever fixed."

"Special Reciprocity Commissioner Kasson is extremely anxious to negotiate a reciprocity treaty with Great Britain relating to Canada, because such a treaty will settle many points affecting the products of the two countries and will be mutually beneficial. The fisheries question is also likely to be a source of trouble, and it is deemed important that it should be terminated in a manner satisfactory to both nations."

"Officials of the navy are especially desirous that the two countries shall determine the size of the naval force each will maintain on the great lakes. Several years ago congress authorized the construction of a gunboat for the lakes and the board of construction prepared the design for the vessel. Pending the modification of the Rush-Bagot agreement of 1818, the president designed that the contract for the vessel be not awarded."

BLOWING A GALE.

(Associated Press.) New York, Nov. 9.—A severe storm began last night all over New York state, and continues to-day with the wind rising to a gale. It is also much colder today, and in Northern New York snow storms are reported. On the coast the wind became so high that the marine observer in the Sandy Hook tower was forced to leave his post because the building swayed so much that he feared that it would collapse. Some time earlier in the day an unknown sloop, lying in the horseshoe side Sand Hook, dragged her anchor, and was driven upon the beach. All telegraphic service out of New York was badly crippled by the storm, and telegraph and press dispatches moved very slowly.

NANAIMO VACANCY.

Mr. Sloan Will Run for Seat in the Provincial House—Reception for Mr. Ralph Smith.

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, Nov. 9.—Win. Sloan will contest the seat in the Provincial House vacated by Ralph Smith. He declares he is not in the least discouraged. Ralph Smith's friends and supporters will tender him a grand reception in the opera house to-morrow night, when he will deliver an address.

Returns are not yet all in from the districts, but so far Clive Phillips Wolley leads in the districts, though about 300 behind Sloan. Sloan is now 20 behind Wolley on the total.

RIOTS IN PORTO RICO.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Nov. 8.—Official returns of Tuesday's election from the various parts of the island show, as was anticipated and forecasted, the election by the Republicans of house delegates and of Senator Federico Degetau as commissioner to congress. Only 151 federal votes went to the polls, the total Republican vote being about 58,000.

The only disturbance reported occurred last evening, when some 20 Republicans of San Juan, who were celebrating the victory, visited Rio Piedras, a federal town, where they were met on the outskirts by the federalists with the mayor and police. Shots were exchanged and one person was killed and two wounded. There was some rioting in the town throughout the night. Police reinforcements were sent there this evening to prevent threatened disorders.

CONFERENCE PROHIBITED.

(Associated Press.) London, Nov. 9.—A dispatch to the Standard from Constantinople says that Turkish interference went to the length, on Wednesday, of forbidding the American legation to hold a conference with the American legation at Constantinople. The prohibition was not, after a threat had been made to attend the conference.

THE BRITANNIA MINE.

(Special to the Times.) Vancouver, Nov. 9.—It is understood that the Scott Valentine syndicate has asked for extension of time to make the third payment of \$5,000 on the Britannia mine at Howe Sound. In the meantime a new syndicate of Victoria people and Americans is after the property with a large deposit now ready in the Bank of Montreal at Victoria.

BOUGHT THE AIRSHIP.

(Associated Press.) New York, Nov. 9.—The German government has bought Count Zeppelin's airship for military purposes at a high price, says a Geneva dispatch to the World. The ship is to be removed to Berlin shortly and further experiments will be carried on there. The Kaiser is interested in the invention. It is mainly through his influence that the purchase was made.

They Have Been Executed

Four Leading Officials of Pao Ting Fu Pay Penalty for Crimes.

Reports of Death of Empress Dowager are Still in Circulation.

(Associated Press.)

Peking, Nov. 6, via Shanghai, Nov. 9.—Four of the leading officials of Pao Ting Fu, including Ting Yan, the acting viceroy of Pe Chih, and Kusi Hang, were executed on November 5th under sentence imposed by the tribunal of the allies.

Renewed reports of the death of the Empress Dowager are in circulation, but they lack verification and are discredited.

Chinese Surrendered.

London, Nov. 9.—A special from Tien Tsin, dated November 7th, says a detachment of Italian troops, returning to Peking, intercepted three battalions of Chinese near Kuo An Hsian. The latter surrendered without firing a shot.

French Protest.

Rome, Nov. 9.—The Tribune's Peking correspondent cables, under the date of Nov. 4th, "The French commanders have protested against the Italians and Germans attacking the Chinese near Pao Ting Fu, in which the Chinese there are under French protection."

A French zouave, having killed an Italian sailor, by mistake, the Italian troops were greatly excited, but the officers succeeded in calming them."

Victoria Cross Hero.

London, Nov. 9.—The Victoria Cross has been conferred on Midshipman Basil J. D. Guy, of the battleship Barfleur, the flagship of the second in command of the British China station, for his heroic attempt to save the man McLeod during the fight in Tien Tsin on July 13th.

Midshipman Guy entered the navy on July 15th, 1898.

China Yellow Book.

Paris, Nov. 9.—The China yellow book, the contents of which are enumerated by the Figaro to-day, contains an account of the events that occurred from July, 1899, to October, 1900, including the diary of Mr. Pichon, French minister to China, of the siege of Peking, a resume of negotiations, most of the details of which, however, are already fully known, and a quantity of correspondence showing that the revolution was foreseen by M. Pichon at the beginning of the year.

ENGLAND'S PREMIERS.

Peculiarities of Their Terms, With an Especial Comparison of Gladstone's and Salisbury's.

Lord Salisbury is seventy, and he has been stricken with great sorrow since he last appeared to the country, but there is some probability that he will break all the Premier's records for the Queen's reign.

With the exception of Lord Rosebery, he is the only man now living who has been Prime Minister of England, and it is curious to note that while Lord Salisbury may soon hold the record for the longest Premiership in the Victorian era, Lord Rosebery holds it for the shortest.

Mr. Gladstone and Lord Salisbury will figure as the great Prime Ministers of the last half of the nineteenth century. The careers of Gladstone, usually associated with some of the most remarkable records in English politics, but Lord Salisbury has already broken many of them, and appears to be well on the way to break them all.

The Prime Minister was six months behind the "G. O. M." when his government dissolved on Tuesday, but if he is Premier when parliament meets next spring he will have passed the Gladstonian record and become the record Premier of the Queen's reign.

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Salisbury coming second, with 152. The members of the Gladstone cabinets, the curious may be interested to know, total up to sixty-three, against Lord Salisbury's fifty-two.

Lord Salisbury has held together the biggest cabinet of the reign, with nineteen members, for a much longer period than Mr. Gladstone's longest Premiership. Mr. Gladstone's longest stretch of office was five years and seventy-four days; Lord Salisbury's has so far been six years and fifteen days. The late parliament existed just five days longer than Mr. Gladstone's longest ministry.

This is not the longest Salisbury parliament. It was five years and seventy-nine days on the day it expired—ten months younger than the 1886-92 government. There have been five longer parliaments during the reign, though only three administrations have run on into the seventh year. Lord Salisbury is the only one of the Queen's Prime Ministers who have been bold enough to dissolve in September, and there have been only two other dissolutions after July, both following upon extensions of the franchise.

The office of Prime Minister is responsible enough in these days, but it has been relieved of many of its terrors since the days of the Stuarts. An odd little pamphlet, which appeared about the middle of last century sums up the fate of thirty-one Prime Ministers of England in this way:

Died by the Halter 3
Ditto by the Axe 10
Ditto by Sturdy Beggars 3
Ditto, untimely, by private hands 2
Ditto in Imprisonment 4
Ditto in exile 4
Ditto penitent 1
Saved by sacrificing their Master 1

The office is safer now. One Prime Minister has been murdered this century, and another—out of office—was killed by falling from his horse; but the terrors of the old days are gone, and Lord Salisbury may contemplate a fourth period of office without any anxiety as to his fate.—London Express.

The Guilty Chinese

Earl Li Says It Is Useless to Expect Court to Execute Them.

He Despairs of a Settlement of the Difficulties—Atrocities by Germans.

London, Nov. 9.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express, says: "Li Hung Chang telegraphs that he is despondent of a settlement and that it is useless to expect the Chinese court to consent to the execution of Yu Hsien or Tung Fu Hsiang. He declares that it is equally vain to attempt to induce the powers to moderate their demands, and that therefore the court is preparing for a further fight to the province of Sze Chuan, with an imperial army of 11,000."

Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Hobart Seymour, K. C. B., in command of the China station since 1897, who is to be succeeded by Vice-Admiral Sir Henry Holdsworth Rawson, has been appointed a further fight to the province of Sze Chuan, with an imperial army of 11,000."

Reports of Atrocities. Berlin, Nov. 8.—The papers continue to print letters from German soldiers in China, showing terrible atrocities committed by German troops. A letter printed to-day describes the capture of a certain village. "Bayonets were fixed on our lieutenant was commanded to shoot down or bayonet everybody in sight. During the night many Chinese were killed, including a woman and child."

Count Cassini on Annexation. Washington, Nov. 8.—Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, said to-day, in regard to the reported annexation of territory in Tien Tsin by the Russian government, that he felt very sure no such thing had been taken. He touched upon the possibility of a Russian concession similar to the British and French allotments having been made, but dismissed the report that Russia had summarily taken possession of the territory referred to as entirely improbable.

Interesting Discovery. St. Petersburg, Nov. 8.—Landed men of the city are planning an expedition to examine the immense number of manuscripts at Mukden discovered by Russian troops, among them being ancient Greek and Roman documents, supposed to have been taken by the Mongolians on their retreat from the Occident. They are believed to be of great historical value.

RUSSIAN CROPS. London, Nov. 8.—The preliminary official report of the Russian crops received here materially conflicts with the rumors of the alleged failure of the Russian cereals, which have been circulating for some weeks. According to the report referred to, the wheat crop is 45,150,000 quarters; rice, 97,250,000 quarters; oats, 82,000,000 quarters; and barley, 25,250,000 quarters. This is the best wheat crop since 1898.

ORIGIN OF DIXIE'S LAND. The original song, "Dixie's Land," was composed in 1859 by Daniel Emmett as a "walk-around" by Bryant's minstrels. Mr. Emmett frequently heard the performers in a "dixie" make the remark, "I wish I was in Dixie," as soon as the Northern climate began to be too severe for the "lure" which they followed. This expression suggested the song, "Dixie's Land." It made a hit at once in New York, and was rapidly carried to all parts of the Union by numerous bands of wandering minstrels.

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More Heavy Fighting

Defeat of Boers, Who Lost Twenty-Three Killed and Thirty Wounded.

One Hundred Prisoners Were Taken and Seven of Their Guns Captured.

Three British Officers and Four Men Killed—Burghers Get Little Rest.

(Associated Press.)

Bothaville, Nov. 9.—There has been heavy fighting since November 6th, resulting in the defeat of the Boers, who lost 23 killed, 30 wounded and 100 taken prisoners. Seven of their guns were captured.

The British lost three officers and four men killed.

Giving Boers No Rest.

Pretoria, Nov. 8.—During the