

OLIVER RETURNED TO OFFICE IN B. C.: MAJORITY REDUCED

Liberals Win 24 Out of 47 Seats — Conservatives Win 15

MINISTERS RETURNED

Premier Oliver Leads — Farmers Fail to Elect a Single Candidate

Vancouver, Dec. 2.—The Oliver Government has been returned to office but with a greatly reduced majority in the British Columbia elections held yesterday. Returns received up to an early hour this morning assure election of 24 Liberals out of a house of 47 members. The Conservatives are conceded 15 seats while the remainder of the seats are distributed among Independent Liberals, Independents and Labor. There are two doubtful seats which the Liberals claim they will win. It is regarded as certain that the Government will have a safe working majority.

The Liberals are claiming Fort George where Major H. G. Perry is leading his opponents. Final returns are yet to be received from Atlin. The Liberals are also expected to wrest the sixth seat from Hon. W. J. Bowser, Conservative leader on the absentee vote. He is leading C. P. Dougherty, Liberal, by a few hundred.

Premier Oliver himself led the van of victory by carrying both Delta riding, his home constituency, and in Victoria, where he was returned at the head of the list.

All the Ministers carried their constituencies, although Hon. Dr. King, Minister of Works, experienced a close contest in Cranbrook, where Cavan, Conservative, is only a few votes behind the Minister.

In Vancouver, the Liberals have captured five out of six seats, Mrs. Ralph Smith heading the poll and Bowser leading for the sixth seat.

Joseph Martin K.C. who many predicted would secure one of the local seats did not run as well as expected and was 200 votes short. Labor captured South Vancouver and Fernie. A noticeable feature of the returns is the complete failure of the Farmers organization to secure representation in the Legislature.

Liberals, Vancouver (5), Victoria (3), Cariboo, Chilliwack, Columbia, Delta, Grand Forks, Greenwood, The Islands, Kamloops, Kelso, Nanaimo, New Westminster, North Okanagan, Revelstoke, Prince Rupert, Saanich and Cranbrook Total 24.

Conservatives—Vancouver (1), Victoria (1), Alberni, Dwydney, Esquimalt, Lillooet, Nelson, Omineca, Slocan, South Okanagan, Trail, Yale, total 15.

Doubtful—Atlin and Fort George, total 2.

Independent Liberals — Cowichan, North Vancouver, total 2.

Labor or Socialists—Fernie, South Vancouver, Comox, Newcastle, total 4.

WAR DECLARATION BY D'ANNUNZIO DOES NOT DISTURB

Italian Military Commanders — Sound of Cannon From Direction of Fiume

Trieste, Dec. 2.—The declaration that a state of war with Italy beginning Friday morning, was made yesterday by D'Annunzio, is not regarded in a serious light by the military commanders here. There is warlike activity in Fiume, however, and the sound of cannon and rifle fire may be heard along the Gulf of Quarnero which has been tranquil for more than 14 months. Snapper officers in D'Annunzio's army continue to abandon the post-soldier.

BURNABY DOES NOT KNOW FARM THAT WOULD RENT FOR 5 P. C. ON INVESTMENT

Toronto, Dec. 4.—Interest in the Tariff Commission's inquiry here was accentuated this afternoon when R. W. E. Burnaby, President of the United Farmers of Ontario and President of the Council of Agriculture, crossed swords with Sir Henry Drayton on two or three occasions. Pleading for a lower tariff, Mr. Burnaby said that he did not know of a farmer in Canada that would rent at a figure high enough to pay five per cent. on the investment.

"Agriculture in this part of Canada, at least," Mr. Burnaby said, "cannot compete with other industries on the Labor market. Apples were rotting on trees because of the scarcity of help."

MOST FAVORABLE REPORT ON TAX COLLECTIONS

In the report given Saturday in The Sun on tax collections for the year, some of the figures given in the second paragraph were transposed. The arrears at the beginning of the year amounted to \$412,817, while there has been \$116,786. The total amount to \$296,031, while the total of the current arrears totals \$293,341. The report on Saturday gave the total current arrears as \$623,341. The report of the tax collections which shows \$528,575 paid into the City Treasurer this year has drawn much favorable attention to the healthy financial condition of the city.

JAPANESE SEIZE SEA COAST AND CLOSE FRONTIER

According to Wireless Dispatch From Moscow—Some Doubt Truth of Report

London, Dec. 5.—A Moscow wireless message Saturday says that in revenge for the crushing by the Bolsheviks of the anti-Bolshevik bands of General Semenov, the Cossack leader, the Japanese have seized the sea coast, and closed the Manchurian frontier to the Russian Far Eastern Republic.

Recent dispatches from Harbin, Manchuria, stated that General Semenov, head of the Ussury Cossacks, and leader of the last surviving anti-Bolshevik Russian force in Siberia, had escaped to Japan via Manchuria after his forces had been defeated and dispersed at Manchuria station, on the boundary between Siberia and Manchuria.

Supported by Japanese Semenov formerly had his headquarters at Chita, Siberia, an important point on the trans-Siberian railway line, and even during the Kolchak regime operated independently against the Bolsheviks. It was generally believed that he was supplied by the Japanese, and that his ultimate design was to form a Far Eastern Empire friendly to Japan. When the Bolshevik regime was first begun in Russia and Siberia, Semenov began operations against it.

At first with a small troop of his Cossacks, which later grew into a large and well-armed force which dominated the railway from the Manchurian border to Lake Baikal.

There are two Russian Far Eastern republics at present, one with headquarters at Vladivostok and the other with its capital at Chita. The former is anti-Bolshevik, while the latter has adopted Communistic principles.

If Saturday's report is to be credited, the Japanese have taken proceedings against the Vladivostok republic, which was not responsible for Semenov's defeat. Emanating from Moscow, the dispatch will probably be taken with some reserve.

HAS ONE WEEK OF REAL ENJOYMENT

Fifteen-Year-Old Boy Steals \$4,300 and Spends \$700 in One Week

New York, Dec. 6.—Arrested here Saturday night, after he had bought a ticket for San Francisco, Elliott Michener, 15 years old, Philadelphia office boy, told police the story of a week's travel and adventure that followed his disappearance from the Baldwin Locomotive works Nov. 26th with \$4,300 of the company's money. Officers found \$3,600 of the money in his suitcase, and the rest, he told them, he had spent.

The \$700 that was missing had gone, he admitted, in the purchase of new clothes—suits with long trousers—for \$3 meals in the best hotels in Philadelphia, New York and Chicago, for \$1 tips to waiters and for berths in Pullman cars. There were movies also, and other entertainments.

He was helping pay off employees in the company's office when he took the money—"just drew a couple of years' salary in advance," he told the police.

TO HEAR ARGUMENTS IN EXPRESS RATES CASE, THEN RENDER JUDGMENT

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—The Railway Board has concluded taking evidence in connection with the application of Express companies for forty per cent. increase in rates. Argument by counsel will take place next week and judgment will subsequently be given.

JOSEPH GIBSON DEAD, WAS GREAT TEMPERANCE WORKER
Ingersoll, Dec. 3.—Joseph Gibson, 79 years old, postmaster here since 1882, and one of the most prominent temperance workers in Canada died here yesterday. He was a veteran of the civil war.

CHICAGO BIDDERS BOOST PRICE PAID AT BRANDON FAIR

Champion at International Only Sells For 50 lb. More Than Price Paid Here

CANADIAN STOCK EXCELS

Manitoba Stallion Placed Second in 4-Year-Old Percheron Class

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 2.—The event of the morning at the International Livestock Show was the sale of the grand champion steer, "Black Ruler," for \$2,380. He weighed 1,360 pounds and sold at \$1.75 per pound, only bringing five cents per pound more than the second prize steer at Brandon last Spring.

C. D. Roberts, Winnipeg, got second placing on his four-year-old Percheron stallion, "Monarch."

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 2.—Wednesday was Canada's day for championships at the big show. The following are some of the good things which she won in a fair fight and no favors: Grand champion for Clydesdale stallions; championship for American bred Clydesdale mares; reserve senior and reserve grand champion for Clydesdale mares; grand champion for Southdown sheep; sweepstakes grand champion for wheat for the continent of America; sweepstakes grand champion for oats for the continent of America; championship for Durham wheat for America.

Other notable events of the day were the election of Professor Cutler, of the University of Alberta, as President of the International Crop Movement Association and the purchase by the Alberta Government of an \$8,000 Percheron stallion.

Alberta's Achievements
Alberta—The following are the achievements of Alberta for the day: Sweepstakes for oats: J. B. Lucas, of Cayley, Alberta, taking the five regions into which the continent of America is divided. There were 240 competitors in oats, so that this sweepstakes was a notable achievement. In addition Alberta won a number of placings in hard wheat. No Alberta livestock was judged to date, so there is nothing to report from that section.

Saskatchewan Has Proud Day
Saskatchewan—Dwellers in the middle West province will assuredly be purple with pride over today's achievements.

Starting with Clydesdales, "Wee Donald," a Canadian bred horse, owned by C. A. Weaver, Lloydminster, Sask., was first as aged stallion in a very strong class of 13 and was later made grand champion stallion of the breed. More than one competent United States breeder pronounced him the best draft stallion shown in the Chicago ring in years. He was in perfect fit and superbly shown and already more than one American breeder has made a bid for him. He is seven years old, his sire was "Hugo's Stamp" (Imp.), and his dam "Handsome Lass" (Imp.). He has not been in a show ring since he was four years old, until he appeared in the ring at Edmonton spring show of 1920.

Manitoba had a quieter day than her neighbors as the breeding Yorkshires were not judged and they had no other livestock in the show. However, the day was not uneventful as R. E. Gorman got first and E. E. Young second for Durham wheat and in hard Spring wheat E. E. Young was second and R. F. Gorman third, while the tenth placing on hard Spring wheat went to Smith. All these men are of Oak Lake. The winning sample of Durham wheat was a picture.

PROPOSE IMPORT DUTY ON CANADIAN WHEAT IN THE U. S.

Kansas Member of Congress Signs Bill to Protect U. S. Wheat Producers

Washington, Dec. 2.—An import duty of 35 cents a bushel on wheat is proposed in a bill which Representative Tinch of Kansas has drawn for introduction in the House of Representatives next Monday. Mr. Tinch said the measure was designed to protect wheat production from imports from Canada, Australia and other countries.

HENNEPIN GRAND JURY TO INVESTIGATE POLICE FORCE

Minneapolis, Dec. 6.—The Hennepin county grand jury has decided to investigate the local police department. A resolution adopted by the jury said crime was increasing in the city and that "many culprits are not being apprehended," and it decided to "investigate to determine whether the present available police officers of the city and deputy sheriffs of Hennepin county are being detailed to the best advantage for the protection of life and property."

WINSTON CHURCHILL MAY BE APPOINTED VICEROY OF INDIA

Allahabad, British India, Dec. 6.—According to the newspaper, Pioneer, Winston Spencer Churchill is to be appointed Viceroy of India. Mr. Churchill is at present Secretary of War in the British Cabinet.

Baron Chelmsford is the Viceroy and Governor-General of India. He was appointed in 1916.

CONSTITUTION ADOPTED BY GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION

General Meeting is to be Held in Brandon During Month of March

FIFTY DELEGATES

From Surrounding Municipalities in Attendance — Several Fine Addresses

At a meeting of the Brandon District Good Roads Association held Wednesday afternoon in the District Engineer's office, Smith Block, the following were appointed officers and a temporary executive committee was also chosen to act until March 1st, after which each Council will elect three members to the Association and one of these three representatives will be appointed to act on the executive: President—Reeve P. Coulter of Oakdale; Vice-President—Col. C. E. Ivens of Wallace; Secretary—Treasurer—G. W. Baldock of Brandon, Assistant District Engineer. Temporary executive—Reeve W. H. Donald Pipestone; Reeve A. P. Elder, Cornwallis and Reeve W. Robson, Sifton.

Clause by clause the constitution was taken up at this meeting and after some minor amendments had been made, was adopted. The general meeting of the Association will be held in March of each year in Brandon on a date probably to correspond with the holding of the Winter Fair in this city. The Association's membership fee for municipalities or clubs was fixed at \$20, the individual fee being \$2. All dues must be paid before February 21st. It was decided to issue a prize list with rules and regulations for a dragging competition to be held in this district annually. In this connection Mr. J. G. Nearing stated that the Western Motors, Limited, would present a handsome cup for competition.

Wednesday's meeting was a great success and augurs well for the future of the organization. Reeve Coulter, of Oakdale, presided and about fifty delegates from municipalities in the surrounding and adjoining districts were present including the Reeves of practically all the municipalities. Some of those who gave short addresses during the afternoon showing their keen interest in better roads included the Highway Commissioner McGillivray; A. C. Emery, Secretary-Treasurer Manitoba Motor League; J. G. Nearing, of Brandon; District Engineer H. R. Urie, of Minnedosa; Reeve Robson, M.L.A. for Greenwood and J. E. Bolvin.

TO DISCUSS TARIFF ON WHEAT IMPORTS TO UNITED STATES

Agricultural Committees of Senate and House to Consider Measures

EXTENSION OF CREDITS

And Time on Loans Are Possible Expedients to Effect Relief

Washington, Dec. 2.—Placing of a tariff on wheat imports is one of the subjects to be discussed by the Agricultural Committees of the Senate and House when they meet in joint session this afternoon, to consider relief measures for the agricultural situation. Further extension of credits to farmers and amendment of the Federal Farm Loan Act to permit short time loans on cattle and agricultural products, will also be discussed as possible expedients to effect relief. Restoration of trade relations with Russia it was said, also might be suggested.

CROWN COUNSEL SAYS COUNTLESS MURDERED MEN

Dublin, Dec. 3.—Crown Counsel, during the trial of Countess Markievicz yesterday, said that the defendant on one occasion murdered British officers and soldiers, and that on another occasion some one who arrested her was himself murdered.

GREEKS VOTE TO ASK CONSTANTINE TO ASCEND THRONE

Premier Rallis Declares "We Can Only Do What the People Want"

FINANCIAL AID

Great Britain Will Not Lend Financial Assistance if Constantine is King

Athens, Dec. 6.—Great Britain will extend no further financial aid to Greece in case former King Constantine returns to the throne, according to a note presented to the Greek Government yesterday. The French Minister also presented a note to the Government demanding the payment of outstanding loans. "We can only do what the people want" said Premier Rallis, in speaking of the two communications.

Returns from a plebiscite held yesterday to decide whether the Greek people would recall King Constantine indicate a majority of 500,000 in favor of the return of Constantine.

No Serious Incidents
Athens, Dec. 6.—The plebiscite held Sunday has shown an overwhelming majority in favor of the return of former King Constantine to the Greek throne. The voting closed at sundown.

There were no serious incidents. The Greek princes now in Athens voted in the morning. Balloting was not secret. Soldiers went to the voting polls in platoons, carrying photographs of Constantine. One voting place was in a cathedral where groups of boys were distributing ballots on which was written the name of Constantine for the affirmative or the voter wrote the equivalent for "no" if he wished to vote negatively. The slip of paper was then handed in and dropped in a box.

Constantine, Confident
Lucerne, Switz., Dec. 6.—Former King Constantine of Greece and his household were so confident that the plebiscite in Greece would result overwhelmingly in favor of Constantine's return that the day was robbed of the usual election day suspense. They admit, however, that if the Allies are in earnest it is possible Constantine, after returning to Athens, might find that the country's best interests necessitate his abdication.

Former Foreign Minister Streit, Constantine's chief adviser, said he believed such a contingency improbable.

Not Attended by Allied Note
Constantine and his family attended the usual orthodox Greek service in the Hotel Chapel Sunday morning and spent the day as though he was unaware of his fate, after three and one half years of exile, depended upon the Greek people's attitude.

Must Modify Sevres Treaty
Athens Dec. 6.—A note declaring, in effect, that the Sevres Treaty between the Allies and Turkey must be modified should former King Constantine return to the throne, was delivered informally to the Greek Government Saturday by the Jugo Slav minister.

Long sessions have been held by the cabinet during the past week, the ministers considering the Anglo-French attitude, instructions from Constantine, and also the financial situation of the country. Prior to the delivery of the joint Allied note on Friday night hope was expressed that drastic conditions would not be laid down by England, France and Italy, as they might irritate national feeling. The question of finance is the main disturbing factor in the situation the army alone costing 4,000,000 drachmas per day.

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In political circles it is stated the whole situation lay in the hands of Constantine, with any solution possible. The Venizelists were forecasting that he would abdicate in favor of his son, Prince George.

NO CHANGE CONDITION FORMER GERMAN EMPRESS WHO IS CRITICALLY ILL

Doorn, Holland, Dec. 3.—There was little change Thursday in the condition of former Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany, who for several days has been critically ill. Rumors of her death have been in circulation, but inquiries at Doorn Castle elicited the statement that there was no truth in these reports.

AUSTRIA VOTED TO LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Geneva, Dec. 1.—Austria was unanimously voted a member of the League of Nations by the Commission for admission of new states here today. It is expected the Assembly of the League will ratify this action.

MANUFACTURERS AGAINST TINKERING WITH THE TARIFF

Ontario Division States it Would Be Disastrous to Change Policy

PRESENT FISCAL PLAN

Has Proven Its Worth in 40 Years — Good for Toronto

Toronto, Dec. 1.—"We respectfully submit that as the lowering or abolition of the tariff would have direct and disastrous results upon our employees, and ourselves first, and then later on other classes, that nothing should be done to disturb the fiscal system which has brought this country so far in safety and prosperity; and that measures of protection now afforded to the Canadian national development by the tariff should be continued." This was the contention of a statement presented at the opening of the Tariff Commission sitting here today, on behalf of the Ontario division of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association by R. S. Shaw, Chairman of the Division.

T. A. Hollinrake, chairman of the Toronto branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, said that Toronto produced 14 per cent of the goods manufactured in Canada, and 31 per cent of those manufactured in Ontario. "Therefore," said Hollinrake, "so far as the welfare of Toronto is concerned there should be no departure from the policy of protecting and encouraging the national development of the country which has been the fundamental principle of our fiscal arrangement for over forty years."

FUME ISOLATED: A STATE OF WAR

Came Into Effect Last Midnight — Blockade of Fiume Continues

Trieste, Dec. 3.—A state of war between the Kingdom of Italy and "republic Quarnero" at Fiume began at midnight, but up to a few minutes before that time there was no visible evidence that actual hostilities impended. The blockade of Fiume continues and the post-soldiers occupational forces there appear to be isolated.

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CARVELL DOUBTS ACCURACY OF THE FIGURES GIVEN

By Ontario Commission Which Declares 100 Pounds Milk Cost Farmers \$2.68

EIGHT-HOUR DAY

With Wages for Farmer and Members of Family, Basis of Calculation

Ottawa, Dec. 1.—Doubt as to the accuracy of the figures laid before the Railway Commission by witnesses at the adjourned express rates hearing, was expressed this morning by Hon. F. B. Carvell, who challenged the statements of M. H. Staples, an official of the United Farmers of Ontario, who quoted the report of the Ontario Government Commission to the effect that it cost the farmers \$2.68 to produce 100 pounds of milk which the farmer had to sell for \$2.33.

The farmers are no fools, declared the Chairman, they would not continue producing something which is losing money for them. Government commissions in making reports, figure the farmers' time on an 8-hour day basis, with full wages for farmer, his wife and family, whereas the farmer works a great many more hours daily and profits thereby.

BOLSHEVISM HAS NOT GAINED HOLD IN LITHUANIA

According to Statement by Dr. Joseph Puryckis, Minister of Foreign Affairs

London, Dec. 1.—Bolshevism has never gained a foothold in Lithuania, says Dr. Joseph Puryckis, the Lithuanian Minister for Foreign Affairs, who has arrived here to plead his country's cause before the British Government. Various attempts, he said, have been made to introduce it there by Russian emissaries, but he declared that there was no truth in rumors that a pro-Bolshevik dictatorship was contemplated in the new country on the Baltic.

"In my country there is not even a Communist party," said Dr. Puryckis. "Of the 112 members of our National Assembly, 59 are Christian Democrats; 29 belong to the Farmers' Union; 13 are Socialists, of a moderate type; six are Jews and three may be described as friendly to Poland, although they are adverse to a union of Lithuania with that country."

MILLION BARRELS APPLES SHIPPED FROM HALIFAX SO FAR THIS SEASON

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 6.—Over one million barrels of apples have been shipped from Halifax so far this season.

SILK KNITTED MUFFLERS

Through a very special purchase we are able to offer to our customers exceptional values in these beautiful Art Silk Mufflers.

This is one of the finest ranges of these goods we have ever shown and includes all the new bright colorings and stripes, as well as many pleasing effects in darker shades.

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