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MR. BALFOUR BADLY BEATEN; OUSTED FROM EAST MANCHESTER

Former British Premier Goes Down Before the Liberal Candidate by Big Majority.

LOOKS LIKE A LANDSLIDE FOR BANNERMAN

Free Traders Winning All Along the Line in the British Elections —Sir Gilbert Parker Re-elected—Liberals Capture All Manchester Seats.

London, Jan. 14. — A. J. Balfour, the former prime minister, running in the Conservative interest, was defeated Saturday in the election for member of parliament for the east division of Manchester by T. G. Horridge, Liberal and free trader. The Liberal majority was 1,980

London, Jan. 14. — The following is a summary of the political situation at midnight:

Total seats in the Commons	670
Elections held	66
Liberals elected	39
Unionists	14
Laborites	6
Nationalists	7
In the last House for the same seats:	
Liberals	21
Unionists	36
Laborites	2
Nationalists	7

London, Jan. 14.—Mr. Balfour defeated, Mr. Winston Churchill triumphant, and 21 out of 26 seats taken from the Conservatives — these are the great outstanding facts in the Liberal free trade sweep with which the polling began on Saturday. The figures are even more astounding, for not only did the Conservatives fail to gain a single seat to offset their reported losses, but where they started, in 21 ridings, with majorities aggregating 17,369 in their favor, they finished with majorities aggregating 34,090 against them.

The voting covered 40 seats. The result analyzed shows that the Conservatives retained only 5 out of 26 seats. The Liberals added 17 to 12. Already Labor representatives have increased their holdings from 2 to 6. The Labor vote may be included with the Liberal vote as, with one exception, where Labor won there was no Liberal in the field. The Liberal majorities in seats formerly held were increased from 8,043 to 23,130, the average Liberal majority being 1,635.

Prominent among the victors were two Canadians. Sir Gilbert Parker again led the Unionist cause to success in the Gravesend campaign on the lines of advanced tariff reform. He had a three-cornered fight, with the result thus: Parker 3,102, Geary (Liberal) 1,413, MacPherson Labor) 873. At the last election on a straight party fight Parker's majority was 738.

Mr. Hamar Greenwood joins the ranks of Canadians in the Imperial Parliament, heading the poll as Liberal candidate in York City, which has a population of 100,000. He has been campaigning in the riding for about two years, and is reported to have had over a thousand canvassers on his behalf in the last few days. York City has two members. At the last election two Unionists were unopposed. The result this time is: Greenwood (Liberal) 6,413, Faher (Conservative) 6,108, Butcher (Conservative) 6,094, Stuart (Liberal) 4,573.

Cable Tells Story.

London, Jan. 15.—The Right Hon. Arthur James Balfour, ex-premier, was defeated in East Manchester today by 1,980, his majority at last election being 2,453. Winston Churchill, under-secretary of state for the colonies, was elected in Northwest Manchester by 1,241.

The Liberals carry all the six Manchester seats, the returns to date showing 11 Liberal gains and two Labor gains all by large majorities.

The gains were Ashton, Boston, South and North Salford, five divisions of Manchester, and Burnley.

The Liberals held their seats at Bury, Stafford, Scarboro, North Manchester and Stalybridge.

The Unionists held Dover, Darlington and Winchester. The Right Hon. George Wyndham, ex-secretary for Ireland, carried Dover by an increased majority.

Sir Gilbert Parker was re-elected at Gravesend by a majority of 1,669.

Hamar Greenwood, a Canadian candidate, heads the poll at York. This is a Liberal gain.

The Unionists have now lost twenty-four seats, including four to the Labor party.

By Acclamation.

London, Jan. 13.—The following are the candidates who were returned for the new British House of Commons by acclamation at today's nominations:

Liberals—
Sir J. Kitson, Yorkshire.
S. M. Evans, Mid-Glamorganshire.
George Lambert, Devon.
Thomas Richards, Monmouthshire
John Wilson, Durham.

Unionists—
Rt. Hon. J. Gilbert Talbot, Oxford University.
Sir W. Reynell Anson, Bt., Oxford University.
Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Henry Carson. Dublin University.
James Henry M. Campbell, K. C., Dublin University
Gustavus Wilhelm Wolff, East Belfast.

Free Trade Unionists—
Hon. Frederick W. Lambton, Durham.

Nationalists—
Augustine Roche, Cork.
William O'Brien, Cork.
Green.
Joseph P. Nannetti, Dublin, College
Patrick O'Brien, Kilkenny.
John Edward Redmond, Waterford.
Ald. Michael Joyce, Limerick.

Free Fight at Birmingham.

London, Jan. 13.—The elections thus far have not been marked by any serious collisions. The free traders at Birmingham, who attempted to engage in an anti-Chamberlain demonstration this afternoon, were roughly handled. A mob of tariff reformers effectually prevented the delivery of speeches, tried to duck the leaders of free traders in a fountain and ultimately routed them. A strong body of police intervened and prevented serious fighting, which at one time threatened to be the outcome of the political warfare.

The Last Election.

The position of the parties after the last election in 1900, when the Conservative ministry was in power, was as follows:

England—Ministerialists 339, oppositionists 126; ministerial majority, 213.
Wales—Ministerialists 4, oppositionists 26; opposition majority, 22.
Scotland—Ministerialists 38, oppositionists 34; ministerial majority, 4.
Ireland—Ministerialists 21, oppositionists 82; opposition majority, 61.

The two parties were thus made up: Of ministerialists, 402 (Conservatives 334, Liberal Unionists 68); opposition, 268 (Liberals 185, Nationalists 82, Socialist 1). The Labor Party included nine Liberals, one Socialist and three Nationalists. On Nov. 15, 1904, the ministerialists, as the result of by-elections, numbered only 385, and the opposition 285. Before dissolution the majority of 100 had declined to about 70.

The 670 members of the British House of Commons are distributed as follows:

England—Counties 234, boroughs 226, universities 5.
Wales—Counties 19, boroughs 11,
Scotland—Counties 39, boroughs 31, universities 2.
Ireland—Counties 85, boroughs 16, universities 2.

England and Wales have one member for every 11,400 electors, Scotland one for every 10,666, Ireland one for every 6,783.

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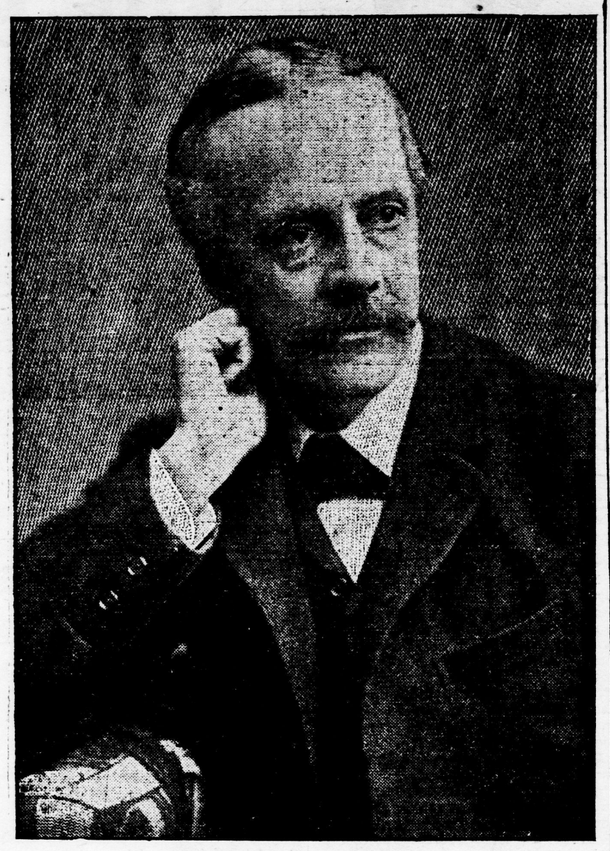
Burned to the Water's Edge.

Detroit, Jan. 15.—The steamer Hattie was burned to the water's edge at Courtright, Ont., today. She was temporarily on the ferry route between Courtright and St. Clair, Mich. Her regular run was between Detroit and Wolfe.

All Are Lost.

New York, Jan. 15. — A Buenos Ayres dispatch to the Herald says: The bark Octavia was wrecked off the coast of the Province of Buenos Ayres. The American vice-consul at Bahia Blanca, Daniel Meyer, was aboard the vessel. The details are unknown. Probably all are lost.

GOES DOWN TO DEFEAT



EX-PREMIER BALFOUR
Overwhelmed by Liberal Candidate in Contest for East Manchester.

Grand Trunk Will Open Negotiations Very Soon

Treasurer Says Company Will Deal Fairly With City ---L. and P. S. Needs Improvements.

Railway matters were the chief topic of discussion around the city hall today.

Mr. Frank Scott, treasurer of the Grand Trunk Railway, had a chat with Ald. Garratt, chairman of the railway committee of the city council, and also with a number of other aldermen and the mayor.

Though Mr. Scott said nothing of the matter at the meeting of the shareholders, it is a well-known fact that the Grand Trunk feels disappointed that it was not allowed by the city to take a seat on the London and Port Stanley Railway board.

Some time ago the Grand Trunk Railway wrote the city, pointing out that as the company owns well on to 3,000 shares in the L. and P. S., it would only be fair to the G. T. R. to give Mr. Scott a seat on the directorate.

The city council, however, settled the matter with but little consideration, evidently feeling that the Grand Trunk has no right to meddle in the affairs of the L. and P. S. R. There are two sides to the question, however. The Grand Trunk is largely interested in the road, and controls a large number of shares. It is the opinion, consequently, that it would have been an act of courtesy to the Grand Trunk to name Mr. Scott a director, while no harm could come to the city, as the city's control of the road is assured so long as it holds the shares and bonds now controlled by it.

However, Mr. Scott made no complaint to the shareholders or the directors, though he stated to The Advertiser that it might have proven a good thing for the city to have a Grand Trunk man on the board, as the city would have always been assured of close personal contact with the company.

Mr. Scott, by the way, is a brother-in-law of Rev. Dyson Hague, rector of the Memorial Church, and he spent last night with that gentleman. He remarked that London is a very prosperous city, instancing the fact that today Rev. Mr. Hague told him that his parish here is an ideal one, all being contented, and none being in actual want.

"I feel that London is proportionately the most prosperous city in the whole of Canada," said Mr. Scott, "and it will be the policy of the Grand Trunk to help along its prosperity, for the greater London's progress, the greater will be the business of the Grand Trunk in London.

"Any negotiations the company may have with the city will be conducted on a basis fair to the city and the company. The Grand Trunk will not be found looking for anything that is not in the interests of the citizens. We contemplate large improvements, and I believe these matters will shortly be taken up with the city by General Manager McGuigan. Then it will be found that the Grand Trunk intends to deal fairly by all and to do its best for London, which will mean that it

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DYNAMITE SET IN CZAR'S PATH

Police Find Explosive Arranged to Explode as the Emperor Passes.

New York, Jan. 15.—A St. Petersburg dispatch to the World says that for fear of an attempt on his life, the Czar will not come to St. Petersburg from Tsarskoe-Selo next Friday to take part in the annual ceremony of blessing the waters at the festival of the Epiphany. A quantity of dynamite, packed in two large boxes, was found today hidden under the snow at the point where the Neva River is joined by the Ustiscora River.

In the boxes were electric batteries and ingenious contrivances to cause an explosion whose force would have been disastrous for a short distance. Short wires ran in three directions from the boxes. The mine was planted near the Pallisen paper manfactory, many of the employes of which were very violent during the recent strikes and rioting.

The secret police are convinced, that had they not found the dynamite, it would have exploded when the Czar, accompanied by his kinsmen and the highest prelates and nobles, approached the Neva for the solemn ceremony of blessing the waters.

Field's Case Hopeless.

New York, Jan. 15.—It was admitted at the Holland House, where he is a patient, ill with pneumonia, this morning, that hope for the ultimate recovery of Marshall Field, the Chicago merchant, had been generally abandoned. The physicians in attendance, however, refused to commit themselves beyond the statement that Mr. Field's condition was less favorable than yesterday.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Colder.

London, Monday, Jan. 15.
Sun rises..7:48 a.m. Moon rises..10:45 p.m.
Sun sets...5:06 p.m. Moon sets...10:48 a.m.
Toronto, Jan. 14—8 p.m.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 56 below—52 below; Atlin, 24 below—20 below; Victoria, 38—40; Edmonton, 10 below—zero; Calgary, 6—10; Winnipeg, 14—22; Port Arthur, 22—32; Parry Sound, 24—30; Toronto, 30—37; Ottawa, 14—26; Montreal, 16—24; Quebec, 14—22; Halifax, 22—26.

FORECASTS.

Monday, Jan. 15—8 a.m.

Today—Strong winds and gales, easterly to southerly, with rain.

Tuesday—Strong westerly winds; turning colder, with local snowfalls and flurries.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	— 4	2	Rain
Winnipeg	0	10	Rain
Parry Sound	36	38	Rain
Toronto	10	36	Rain
Ottawa	20	20	Rain

The sign — indicates below zero.

WEATHER NOTES.

Light falls of snow and rain have occurred in Ontario and snowfalls in the Northwest Provinces. The outlook is for much colder weather in the Northwest, and a change to colder in Ontario on Tuesday.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Saturday were: Highest, 33°; lowest, 20° above. Sunday: Highest, 35.5°; lowest, 27° above.

Latest Returns From the British Polls.

London, Jan. 15. — The announcement this afternoon of the re-election of Sir George Doughly, Unionist, for Great Grimsby, with a majority of 2,800, an increase of 550 over the result of the last contest, in 1898, proved a welcome pick-me-up to the Unionists, who were somewhat panicky after Saturday's landslide.

A number of unopposed returns were made this morning, the most notable being Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman in Sterling district; Timothy M. Healy, Irish Nationalist, North Louth, and Joseph Devlin, Irish Nationalist, North Kilkenny.

Including today's returns, the result of the elections is as follows:

Liberals	45
Unionists	16
Irish Nationalists	12
Laborites	7

CHICAGO AROUSED.

Murder of Mrs. Hollister Starts Storm of Protest From Pulpit.

Chicago, Jan. 15. — Protests, loud and insistent, came from Chicago pulpits yesterday against the lawless conditions which were held responsible for the murder of Mrs. Franklin C. Hollister. This crime, added to the killing of three other women within a few months, roused the ministers and congregations to demand that better protection be given by the police to women.

Mayor Dunne, who returned during the day from Denver, joined in the appeal, saying that the city needed more policemen. He declared it to be the duty of the council to provide the means for putting a large enough force of policemen out to cover the city thoroughly.

Richard Ivens, the father of the murderer, began to work up a defense for his son. His plea will be insanity. He said the young man had acted queerly.

BAR SUNDAY PAPERS

Ministerial Alliance Does Not Want Them Admitted Until Monday.

At the regular meeting of the Ministerial Alliance this morning, in the Y. M. C. A. rooms, the subject of Sunday papers was again discussed.

The committee which has been working energetically in the matter was instructed to continue its work. It will memorialize the Government in the endeavor to have Sunday papers stopped from entering Canada until after the Sabbath of each week.

Rev. D. E. Martin, of the Hamilton Road Methodist Church, gave a very interesting and instructive synopsis of Prof. Cole's book, "The Religion of a Mature Mind."

Rev. Dr. Somerville, of Owen Sound, was a visitor, and gave a short address.

Rev. Dr. McCrae, of Westminster, caleld the attention of the alliance to the petitions now being circulated against any Sabbath law.

Rev. D. S. Hamilton presided.

PRINTERS COMPROMISE

Trouble at Hamilton Settled After Conference With Bosses.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Hamilton, Jan. 15.—The printers in the three newspaper offices here went on strike at 11 o'clock this morning, when the publishers refused to grant their demand for a $2 increase. The Spectator ordered its job hands to go to the newsroom to get out the paper, and every man donned his coat and walked out. The publishers and representative of the union had a long conference at 8 o'clock, in which the bosses offered to submit the matter to arbitration. The printers absolutely refused to hear of this, and immediately ordered the men out.

Shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon the proprietors and printers effected a compromise, and the men agreed to work this afternoon.

NAVY TO HAVE CHARGE

Men From the Canada Will Accompany Late Ministe's Body.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa Jan. 15. — The funeral of the late Raymond Prefontaine will be in charge of the Canadian navy. The Dominion is expected to arrive at Halifax early on the 22nd. A naval salute of one-minute guns will be fired from the time the body leaves the ship until it reaches the wharf. Seventeen one-minute guns will be fired from the citadel, and the cruiser Canada will also join in firing a salute. Twenty men from the Canada will take charge of the remains at Halifax, and will remain in charge until the body is interred at Montreal. There will be 100 men from the military at Halifax and 100 at Montreal. The two officers and twenty sailors from the Canada will haul the body on a gun carriage from the Dominion to the special train at Halifax, and will do the same thing at Montreal.

LONDON'S LINE TO THE LAKE PAID CITY $18,175 IN 1905

Statement Presented at First Meeting of New Board of Directors---Officers Chosen for the Year.

The shareholders of the London and Port Stanley Railway met in the mayor's office in the city hall today. Mayor Judd represented the shares held by the city, while Mr. Frank Scott, treasurer of the Grand Trunk Railway, Montreal, which owns nearly 8,000 shares in the road, represented that road. Thus the meeting was made up of the mayor, Mr. Scott and City Clerk Baker. The city controlling the vote, its voting power being on something like 9,000 shares and bonds, Mayor Judd declared the following directors elected: Ald. Matthews, Wyatt, Gillean, Cooper, Booth, Greenlees and Garratt, President Arthur White, of the board of trade, ex-Ald. Stevely and Mayor Judd.

Subsequently a meeting of the directors was held in the same office, at which officers were elected and reports read. Mayor Judd was chosen president, Ald. Gillean vice-president, and City Clerk Baker secretary.

The financial report showed the receipts to be $18,174 16, made up as follows: L. E. and D. R. R., rental, $10,000; interest as rental, $2,596 60; percentage on earnings, part of 1903, $889 84; on 1904 earnings, $4,687 72.

The expenditure totaled $18,174 16, the money received having been handed over to the city.

The general report stated, that thanks to the vigorous efforts of the board, an evening train had been put on to the Port, leaving London at 6:30. The Pere Marquette had also put the fare at 30 cents, in vogue every day during the picnic season. The better handling of freight by the company had also proven very satisfactory. Nothing further had been done in regard to the switch on Bathurst street, which is now used by the G. T. R., though the P. M. has demanded that it be turned over to it.

The roadbed, buildings, etc., had been inspected during the year, and all had been found in a satisfactory condition. But the bridges over the Thames and Kettle Creek are not strong enough, and should be strengthened, so as to avoid a possible loss of coal freight traffic.

The complaint re the erection of a coal chute on the line of the L. and P. S., had been looked into, and the matter had been satisfactorily arranged.

The board considered at length the matter of strengthening the bridges over Kettle Creek and the Thames. It appeared to be the opinion of the directors that the city has spent enough money on the line, and that it is up to the company to strengthen the bridges. Finally it was decided to write the company to put the bridges in shape at once, so that the road will be safe for both passenger and freight traffic.

In the meantime the different coal shippers will be asked the average weight of cars hauled over the Pere Marquette, and the company will also be asked the weight of their cars and locomotives, so that the city may know exactly whether new bridges are needed.

The meeting then adjourned.

FOUR PERSONS BURNED TO DEATH; AWFUL TRAGEDY ON WESTERN FARM

Portage la Prairie, Jan. 14.—One of the most horrible tragedies in the history of the west occurred four and a half miles east of here this morning, when three children and an aged aunt of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Brazil lost their lives in a holocaust which destroyed their residence and other farm buildings, with all their contents, including seven horses, seed grain and farming equipment, leaving them almost destitute as well as heartbroken. The origin of the disastrous fire is quite unknown, as Mr. Brazil had been reading until midnight and had then retired.

Mrs. Brazil's aunt, Miss Quinn, was an old lady, 70 years of age, and an invalid, and before she could be aroused her room was all aflame, and she may never have been aroused from her last sleep. Kathleen, the eldest daughter, lost her life in a noble attempt to save her little sister, Frances, aged 4, whom she attempted to dress before taking her out in the bitter cold. So rapidly did the fire spread, however, that all escape was barred by the flames in a moment, and both met their horrible fate together.

Celia, a little baby, 2 years old, met death under particularly sad circumstances and most distressing to the grief-stricken mother. Mrs. Brazil was carrying her in her arms, intending to force an upstairs window and leap to safety, but unfortunately in doing this she slipped and fell, and the infant dropped from her grasp into the flames, making their fourth victim. The names of the dead are: Kathleen, aged 15; Frances, aged 4, and Celia, 18 months, and Miss Quinn.

Unless a smouldering spark in the ash barrel kindled the flames, incendiarism is the only explanation of its origin. The financial loss will total over $4,000, upon which there is $1,000 insurance. Members of the family who escaped suffered terribly from the cold, being clad only in the thinnest of night clothes, and the grief-stricken mother is so overcome from the shock and suffering that her mental powers are almost lost. Mr. and Mrs. Brazil came to this district from Toronto six years ago, and many relatives reside in the east.

ROBS AT PISTOL POINT

A Desperado Terrorizes the Business Section of Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 14.—About 6 o'clock last evening, when Main street north was in its most crowded condition with shoppers and pedestrians, the business section was terrorized by a desperado, who held up at least six people at the point of a revolver and relieved them of sums ranging from 25 cents to $15. Though the police were notified by the victims, the robber was not captured, and the theory of the officers is that he boarded a freight train and left the city.

PHILLIPS WANTS TO KNOW

Head of York Loan Will Ask for Particulars of Charge.

Toronto, Jan. 13.—Mr. Joseph Phillips, president of the York County Loan and Savings Company, will apply on Monday to the high court, through his counsel, to have the crown attorney give particulars of the charges against him. He desires these particulars before he elects how he shall be tried and pleads.

Many Pacific Islands Swept Into the Ocean

Work of a Hurricane, the News of Which Has Just Reached the Civilized World.

London, Jan. 14.—One of the worst hurricanes that have ever overwhelmed any of the Pacific island, struck the Marshall group on June 30 last. It was the same storm that did considerable damage to the eastern islands of the Caroline group, farther west; but there the storm had partly spent its force, while some of the Marshall Islands were subjected to its utmost violence.

Some of the little islands were fairly blown or washed into the sea; all the sand covering the coral rock foundations being swept away both above and below the water surface; so that today sailing vessels may pass over spots where inhabited islands stood a few months ago. News from the Marshall group comes only about twice a year and the particulars of this calamity have only been just received.

These atolls are some 50 in number. They came under the German flag in 1885.

They are long, narrow reefs, rising above foundations of coral reef arranged in the form of circles or atolls, as they are called, the area within the atolls being occupied by lagoons with shallow depth of water. Some of the atolls are from 30 to 60 miles in diameter. Here and there the coral reef on which they stand sinks under the water surface so as to permit the passage of small vessels into the lagoons. Every atoll has several of these passages.

The little islands are rarely over 350 feet wide and do not rise more than from seven to fifteen feet above the surface of the sea. The sides of the big ocean liners would tower high above them. They are sparsely populated with Kanakas, who are dying out for they are succumbing rapidly to diseases which the whites have introduced.

The smaller, uninhabited islands, grow only a little scrub on the masses of sand which have been piled up above the reef in the course of centuries and form the only soil. It is astonishing to see the cocoa palm flourishing in this pure sand. The trees bear from 60 to 100 cocoanuts a year and are the sole wealth of the islands.

Entirely Washed Away.

Within the memory of the natives the

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