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A CLOSE CALL

Scott Government Narrowly Escapes Defeat

LIBERAL MAJORITY SMALL

GOVERNMENT CLAIMS 22 SEATS WHILE OPPOSITION HAS CARRIED 18—CHANGE OF TWO RIDINGS MAY MAKE RESULT A TIE.

(Special to The Daily News.)

REGINA, Aug. 15.—Returns received here up to 2 a.m. today indicated that the government had carried 22 seats and the opposition 18 in the general elections for the province, which were held yesterday. Owing to the great extent of territory covered, it is not easy to obtain definite information with regard to several of the constituencies and it may be several days before the final result is known. Sufficient information is now available to demonstrate that the Scott government, which sought a renewal of confidence, has had an extremely close call, and it is by no means out of the woods. A change of two ridings would make the result a tie and as some of the majorities were small, this is by no means unlikely. On the other hand there is a possibility that complete figures will show gains for the government which would, in that event, be in a comparatively safe position.

The contest was vigorously conducted and in some ridings there was much bitterness. Particularly was this the case in Regina, where charges of graft made by premier Scott, against H. W. Laird, the provincial rights candidate, resulted in a criminal action which is now before the courts. The government made its campaign largely on the strength of generous promises of additional railways within the province and this item carried some weight with electors in rural districts, who think that local administrations can transform the railway situation by a wave of the hand. The opposition made a great fight, and there is no doubt that it came out with the approval of the electors. The aggressive tactics of two governments, fortified by a well oiled election machinery, and a host of officials and other "workers" prevented a clear expression of opinion, and to this combination Mr. Haultain, the opposition leader, attributed the failure to dislodge the Scott administration.

The returns tell the old story of liberal strength in the new districts, where the activity of the government officials was particularly noticeable. The recent redistribution provided for 41 seats, as against 25 in the last house, and a majority of the new ridings were carried by the government. The old districts gave renewed evidence of their confidence in the Haultain policy, and the opposition made gains there.

The defeat of the minister of agriculture, Hon. W. R. Motherwell, in North Qu'Appelle, was a feature, and the decisive victory of J. F. Boie, liberal candidate, in Regina, over Mr. Laird, who admitted the issue of the whole election is very close and they are not at all confident of the ultimate outcome.

The government supporters here carried the following constituencies: South Battleford, Cenoza, Cannington, Duck Lake, Estevan, Francis, Humboldt, Kinistone, Redberry, Rosthern, Regina city, Saskatoon city, Saskatoon county, Salford, Swift Current, Vonda, Milestone, Moosomin, Hanley, Touchwood, Waldens and Yorkton; total 22.

The opposition carried North Battleford, Last Mountain, Lloydminster, Moose Jaw city, Moose Jaw county, Moose Mountain, Maple Creek, Prince Albert city, Prince Albert county, Pelly, Pelly county, Pelly, South Qu'Appelle, North Qu'Appelle, Regina county, Souris, Weyburn, Arm river and Pelly; total 18.

The result by constituencies is as follows: Arm River—B. J. Bott, con.; G. A. Scott, lib.

Battleford—H. Dewar, con.; S. Simpson, lib.

Canoza—W. Johnson, con.; J. D. Robertson, lib.

Cannington—Peter McClellan, con.; J. D. Stewart, lib.

Duck Lake—Frank Turcotte, con.; Hon. A. Hargreaves, lib.

Turgeon, attorney general, elected. Estevan—H. Yardley, con.; G. Bell, lib.

Humboldt—Dr. McNeil, con.; Dr. McNeil, lib.

Kinistone—G. H. Johnson, con.; T. Sanderson, lib.

Maple Creek—D. J. Wylie, con.; W. R. Abbott, lib.

Weyburn—J. A. Calder, lib.

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THE HARVEST

Good Reports Are Heard on All Sides

HEAVY DEMAND FOR LABOR

MEN ARE BEING RUSHED INTO THE PRAIRIES—GRAIN AND PRODUCE EXCHANGE AND THE C.P.R. STRIKE—CLERGYMAN IN SERIOUS TROUBLE.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 14.—Rev Victor Henning faced a serious charge in the police court this morning, a case of having carnal knowledge of a girl under the age of 14. There was a reward out a few days ago for this man, but this morning he gave himself up to the police. He has been a resident in the city for some time and was in charge of a North End church. The plaintiff in the case is a member of his church.

Five thousand harvesters and farm laborers are being rushed into the C.P.R. special excursions. There are five trains. Farmers throughout the country have been anxiously awaiting word of what the C.P.R. would do about the C.P.R. special excursions. There are five trains. Farmers throughout the country have been anxiously awaiting word of what the C.P.R. would do about the C.P.R. special excursions.

At the immigration office there has been a big demand for help, but the men that came in tonight are being disposed of entirely by the C.P.R. The provincial immigration agency finds that they cannot get enough men to meet the demands from Manitoba farmers. The enquiries have exceeded all expectations and every effort is being made by this office to supply all needs. Consequently reduced rates to any point on the Canadian Northern railway are being offered to all harvesters.

"We are sending out from 500 to 600 harvesters every day," said J. Bruce Walker, commissioner of immigration, this morning. The immigration department has arranged with both the C.P.R. and G.N.R. for a special rate of one cent per mile for harvesters and as a result of the cheap rates many are going from the city.

Some of the wheat received today from the prairie provinces is reported to do not show any effect. At some points where frost was reported even garden stuff does not show damage, and it is felt that owing to the adverse conditions of the wheat no damage can result. The weather today has been most favorable, harvesting is progressing in a very satisfactory manner and by Monday will be fairly general. Samples of new wheat which have been tested by millers, reveal a most excellent quality.

At a well attended meeting of the Winnipeg grain and produce exchange in Winnipeg this morning the following resolution was unanimously passed: "That the Winnipeg Grain and Produce exchange committee be authorized to place under arrest charged with non-payment of their bills, and to prosecute the same, any person who is found to be in arrears with the exchange."

George Joseph was placed under arrest charged with personation in taking the surplus voting. A man named Garry was placed under arrest charged with illegally voting on the ground of non-residence. Both were arrested on warrants sworn out by provincial rangers.

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MADE GOOD FLIGHT

New Balloon Answers Easily the Will of the Pilot

BERLIN, Aug. 14.—The new Parvaldir dirigible balloon which is constructed on the flexible system, made a flight over the city today that lasted for 2 hours and 20 minutes. The start was made at Tegel. Various manoeuvres against and with a moderate wind, were carried out at an altitude ranging from 600 to 1000 feet. The dirigible showed excellent stability and answered to the will of the pilot easily. The ship turned and landed at the same spot from which it set out.

CIVIL SERVICE

William Foran of Ottawa Appointed Secretary of New Board (Special to The Daily News.)

OTTAWA, Aug. 14.—William Foran is to be appointed secretary of the board of civil service commissioners. For some years he has been secretary of the board of civil service examiners. He is an alderman of Ottawa, and well known in athletic circles. He was born in Ottawa in 1871.

ORIENTALISTS

Fifteenth International Congress Opens at Copenhagen

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 14.—The crown prince Christian, acting on behalf of king Frederick, today welcomed to Denmark the 300 delegates who are now in the city for the 15th international congress of orientologists. The leading delegates from each state extended the congratulations of their country to king Frederick and the Danish people.

Fire at Missoula

SPOKANE, Aug. 14.—The fire at Missoula, Mont., today destroyed the Heuser-Busch hotel and 12 saloons, causing a loss of \$80,000. The property was insured for \$40,000. The fire was caused on all night in the hotel from an overturned lamp.

Premier's Movements

TORONTO, Aug. 14.—It is learned that Mr. Wilfrid Laurier will tour Ontario before making a trip to the Pacific coast.

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TRAVELLING HOODLUMS

HARVESTERS FROM THE EAST IN A RIOT

NORTH BAY, Ont., Aug. 14.—Two excursion trains of harvesters from the prairie provinces were held at Chald river yesterday for about an hour waiting for orders, and during that time an hotel was looted, the proprietor carried outside, and over \$1000 worth of liquor and cigars were carried off. Even the cellar was ransacked and kegs of beer were stolen. On the train riotous scenes ensued, the water tanks emptied and filled with beer. Fighting broke out and one man had his nose broken and sustained other injuries. There was one policeman on each train but no attention was paid to him.

At McKie's station the travelling hoodlums amused themselves by wrecking the furniture in the station agent's house and otherwise misbehaving.

At North Bay the police force and a number of citizens prepared for them and as the first sign of disorder resulted in this put a damper on the hoodlumism.

THE SUNNY SOUTH

New Orleans Policeman Shot by Negro Pullman Car Cook

ADOPTED DOCTRINE

Count Okuma Not Seriously Regarded

Count Okuma is not seriously regarded as a serious threat to the American position in the Pacific. The Japanese newspapers represent that the recent speeches of count Okuma, attributing the naval expansion policy of the United States to the sudden rise of the Japanese to importance of a world power, is arousing intense indignation and has caused a complete recrudescence of anti-Japanese sentiment throughout America.

The newspaper is quoted as giving the views of Wu Ting Fang, Chinese minister to the United States, on the subject of an alliance, in which he threatens Japan with "an early evidence of the real power of the American navy."

American residents in Tokio and Yokohama and elsewhere throughout Japan are extremely indignant. They claim that the special despatches which exaggerate the tone of the New York newspapers and it is felt that it is particularly unfortunate that at this time any such news should be received.

The statement concerning the American navy and president Roosevelt's advocacy of its expansion was undoubtedly brought out by reports of congressman Hobson's speech in the democratic caucus in Washington, Aug. 14.

When count Okuma returned today to the city he said to the Associated Press that he was surprised to find that his utterances had been considered purposely offensive.

"It was only natural," he said, "in reviewing the world's politics to point out that Japan's rise above the horizon had caused the American navy to turn its attention toward the Pacific. It was undoubtedly true that some Americans talk unwisely concerning Japan, but never for an instant, have I desired or intended to reflect on the honor and courage of the American navy or its administration; but it is an uncontrollable fact that commercial considerations weigh materially with all older countries in their foreign policy. It becomes a question of war. No one will endeavor more earnestly than myself to cultivate cordial relations with America."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Chinese minister Wu Ting Fang smiled when he showed the Tokio despatch which referred to an interview with the Canadian press by him to a New York newspaper on the subject of an American anti-Chinese alliance. "No," he said, "of course I have never said that or anything like it. I can remember the occasion well enough. A correspondent of the New York newspaper came here and called my attention to the statement in the Tokio despatch. I was surprised to find that he was referring to me as a minister to say anything about it except that it was quite interesting. My country sent me here to transact diplomatic business and of course I have no right to express an outside opinion on international matters."

ADMIRAL SPERRY AND THE NEW ZEALANDERS

UNITED STATES FLEET DEPARTS FOR AUSTRALIA

ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO DIVORCE

Dangerous Tactics Used in a Suit for Divorce

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—Pleas of not guilty were made today to the grand jury indictment against Mrs. Benjamin T. Harry N. Mousler and Mrs. Edna Fleming, when they were arraigned in the court of general sessions charged with subornation of perjury. The charges are based on alleged attempts to induce Mabel MacCallan to give false evidence against Frank J. Gould in the suit for divorce brought against him by Mrs. Kely Gould. The accused were given leave to withdraw their plea by next Thursday.

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ISSUES TAKEN

Maxwell Smith on Lanigan's Statement

FRUIT LANDS PROFITABLE

HANDSOME RETURN CAN BE GOT EVEN IF \$500 AN ACRE WERE EXPENDED—COMPARISON IS FAVORABLE WHEN MADE WITH WHEAT LANDS.

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