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SAW-OFF CONFAB PEACE IN SIGHT

Difficulty in Way of Settlement of Election Protests is Determination of Two of the Losers.

T. N. Phelan, Mr. Robinette's law partner, assured The World last night that the petition to contest Mr. Bristol's election in Centre Toronto would be filed this morning at 11 o'clock.

Many citizens who had never seen a saw-off, and some citizens who have in their time seen many of them, assembled yesterday at the King Edward, where the executions were advertised to take place.

Among those present were Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, the attorney-general of Canada, whose duty it is to prosecute anybody who violates the act which bears his name; Hon. George P. Graham, who sits at the council table with his majesty's representative to resist any affront to "our sovereign lord the King, his crown and dignity"; J. R. Stratton, ex-minister of the crown; W. S. Calvert, M.P.; C. M. Brown and the indispensable Alex Smith. But the attendance was not confined to supporters of the government, Sam Barker, M. P., chief of the opposition in Ontario (R. L. Borden being absent); Richard Blain, M.P.; Dr. J. D. Reid, M.P.; Gerald White, M.P., and Peter White jr., representing George Gordon, M.P., were also present.

It was a waiting game all day long. The reporters divided themselves into squads, some calling upon Mr. Carstairs, the Conservative organizer; some calling upon Mr. Inwood, the Liberal organizer, and others patiently trailing Messrs. Graham and Barker, who were supposed to be the "kingpins" in the big game.

On both sides there was a general consensus of opinion that the best thing to do was to "wipe off the slate." It would have been "wiped off" yesterday but for Centre Toronto and South Ontario. Mr. Robinette has blood in his eye, and Peter Christie has put up his ante of $1000.

A prominent figure upon the streets all day yesterday was J. R. Stratton, who read aloud, to the amusement of those who cared to hear, the charge in a Toronto morning newspaper, that he had fled to a foreign country to avoid service upon him of the writ to contest his election as member for West Peterboro.

A prominent M.P. stated to The World at noon yesterday: "The whole matter is hung up till to-morrow, when the Liberals will hear from Ottawa. No petition will be filled till then on either side."

Peter White jr. sized up the situation thus: "We are trying to settle in two days' time what heretofore has always taken from three to four weeks."

The general impression last night was that if Peter Christie and Tom Robinette would lie down there would be no contests in Ontario.

A despatch from Berlin says it has been definitely decided to protest the election of W. L. Mackenzie King, while Mr. King at Ottawa last night said he had received definite word to the contrary. A Hamilton despatch says the Liberals will attack the election of Mayor Stewart and Sam Barker.

Papers were filed yesterday against Liberals in Quebec County and Frontiniere, Que.

SAYS PEOPLE DECLARED AGAINST PROTECTION

Montreal Witness Protests Against Conservatives Going to Congress.

MONTREAL, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—The Daily Witness publishes a strong leader this evening against the Board of Trade appointing H. B. Ames, M.P., George E. Drummond, R. Wilson Smith, and Lieut.-Col. Jeffry Burland to the congress of the Chambers of the Empire meeting in Sydney, Australia, next year, on the ground that they are all Conservative protectionists.

"Personally," The Witness says, "they will do credit to the city, but as the farmers of the country have pronounced in favor of eliminating the protective system from politics, the delegation is a bad one."

DRUMMOND OPPOSED.

Issues Statement Against Lease of Mexican Light Company.

MONTREAL, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Sir George Drummond, president of the Bank of Montreal, has issued a strong statement against the proposed lease of the Mexican Light, Heat & Power Co. by the Mexican Tramway Company. He says:

"My opinion of this proposed lease is in no way modified by reflections. It is not, in my opinion, in the interest of the Mexican Light, Heat & Power Co. to accept it or any modification of it."

May Find Diamonds In North Ontario

OTTAWA, Dec. 4—(Special)—Dr. H. M. Ami of the geological survey says it is quite possible that there is truth in the statement that diamonds have been found in the vicinity of Cochrane, New Ontario.

He believes that it would be an excellent thing if a geologist was appointed to follow the construction of the Transcontinental Railway. He thought it would be the means of making many valuable new discoveries of mineral.

What Hard Times Cost.

ALBANY, N.Y., Dec. 4.—According to reports submitted to the state board of charities, it is estimated that the business depression of the past year involved an increase in the expenditure on the part of the state for charitable purposes of over $3,000,000, a sum largely in excess of that of other years.

Police Count Squirrel Tails

Gotham Amused at Attempts of Officers to Tie Strings to Appendages of Little Animals.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The most difficult census ever undertaken is now being carried on in Central Park—a counting of the squirrels which live there. The undertaking is made necessary to determine whether the Central Park squirrels are becoming extinct. At one time these little animals, always a source of amusement to visitors, became so numerous that it became necessary to thin them out with a shotgun.

Of late, however, their numbers have been decreasing. The automobile is held accountable for at least four deaths a day since squirrels are being constantly run over. It is also stated that race suicide is becoming as common among these animals as it is among the fashionable residents around Central Park, chiefly because of the fact that the squirrels are so plentifully supplied with candy and peanuts that they lay up nothing for the winter.

Whatever the cause, however, a dozen policemen have been given the job of taking the squirrels' census, compared to which putting salt on sparrows' tails is a simple feat. Each policeman is furnished with a pocketful of nuts and another pocketful of colored strings. With the former he is to entice the squirrel so that he can tie one of the latter about his tail to avoid double counting. The men detailed for this peculiar employment have had to put up with a great many gibes from their fellow-cops, especially since it was learned as a result of their labors that the squirrel population was somewhere between 761 and 41,208, the two extreme figures turned in.

LEMIEUX TO PARIS TO HELP FIELDING

Ottawa Hopes That Commercial Treaty Will Be Ratified by French Senate.

OTTAWA, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Before Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux returns to Canada he will go to France to join Hon. W. S. Fielding and assist the minister of finance in his negotiations with the French Government over the treaty of commerce arranged a year ago.

It is claimed in Ottawa that there is every reason to hope that this treaty will be ratified by the French senate after the Christmas recess.

ARBITRATION HELPS MINING INTERESTS

President Lewis Says It's Better to Keep Third Party Out.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 4.—Arbitration was the theme at to-night's session of the American Mining Congress.

President T. L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America made the opening address, taking the stand that arbitration, in which a third party or outsider had to be utilized, was unsatisfactory and failed to bring about a permanent settlement, but that arbitration, in which employer and employe got together and between themselves adjusted their differences, has done more for the betterment of the mining industry than any other.

The congress to-day adopted a resolution opposing the free importation of zinc ores into this country, and urging a duty sufficiently high to protect American producers.

FAULTY JUSTICE.

Investigation Into Action of Kenora Police Magistrate.

KENORA, Dec. 4.—(Special.) — The enquiry into several cases of faulty administration of justice by Police Magistrate Moore opened here to-day, being conducted by J. W. Mallon, inspector of legal offices.

The first case was the recent case in which John Russell, whilst sergeant of police, was convicted of stealing $11 from a prisoner. He was tried first on November 19th by the magistrate, the information being purposely made out for nine dollars so as to allow a summary trial and Russell was fined $20 and costs. Subsequently Inspector Rogers of the criminal investigation department came up here from Toronto and brought about a second trial with the result that Russell appeared before Judge Chapple at the district court and was sentenced to four years in Stony Mountain. Police Magistrate Moore was suspended.

This morning the evidence of Chief of Police Morden, P. E. MacKenzie, crown attorney; Inspector Rogers and Magistrate Moore himself was taken. In the afternoon other cases in which bad administration of justice is alleged were gone on with. The enquiry is adjourned until to-morrow.

TO MODIFY EMBARGO.

Department of Agriculture to Permit Importation of Skins.

OTTAWA, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—As a result of representations made to the department of agriculture by representatives of the Canadian railways, some minor modifications have been made in the regulations recently issued owing to the prevalence of the foot and mouth disease in the United States.

These changes, which pertain to the transportation of skins, do not in any way involve relaxing the precautionary measures adopted by the government.

U. S. Cruiser Floated.

NEWPORT, R.I., Dec. 4.—The United States cruiser Yankee, which has been aground on Hen and Chicken Shoals, in Buzzard's Bay for the last ten weeks, has been floated successfully.

SUFFRAGISTS RAISE STORM

Threatened With Eviction From New York Meeting, Hold Their Own Pow-Wow Outside.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—New York was a storm centre to-day of argument for and against woman suffrage and in the very vortex of the whirling winds there remained suspended, as it were, a letter on the subject from the president of the United States.

The storm, centred in the meeting of the national league for the civic education of women in the Berkeley Theatre, where the subject of "universal suffrage for women" was considered. The organization is opposed to woman suffrage.

Dr. Lyman Abbott was the principal speaker, and it was he that presented a letter from President Roosevelt. The letter was interpreted in various ways by the auditors and Dr. Abbott was often interrupted by applause and by shouts of disapproval.

A climax came when a score or more suffragists united in denunciation of the attitude of conservatism, which the president had taken in his letter. The shouts of the suffragists leaders became so troublesome that a few policemen were asked to seek out the offenders. They were threatened with ejectment, and finally the disturbance was quieted.

At the conclusion of the lecture, however, the suffragists withdrew to the sidewalk where an indignation meeting was held. Mrs. Berman Wells, who said she had just come from England after spending three weeks in Holloway jail for trying to break into the house of commons, was one of the leaders of the outside meetings.

At the meeting proper the theatre was well filled. Richard Watson Gilder presided and said that the members of the society did not believe that women should be burdened with politics.

President Butler of Columbia University spoke in sympathy with the league's work and read a letter from Secretary of State Root.

WHAT KIND OF SKATES?

Perplexing Problem Has Arisen Out of Enigmatic Notice Card.

"Skates ground."

This is the legend which appears in bold letters on a card pasted on the door of the "license reduction" committee room at 713 Yonge-street.

The import of the message has puzzled not a few passers-by during the past week or so. Do the words convey the plain meaning that the steel blades used in skimming over icy surfaces may be treated to a sharpening process within, or does a more subtle significance lurk within them? In other words do they make covert allusion to that condition of the faculties popularly termed a "skate"?

The problem is not easy, altho it has been remarked that some of the members of the council behind the movement may have "axes to grind."

WINTER CARNIVAL.

Despite Opposition Montreal Will Hold Show Feb. 10 to 20.

MONTREAL, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—At a meeting to-night it was decided to hold a winter carnival in Montreal, Feb. 10 to 20.

It was determined to hold the carnival despite the opposition of railways and the Board of Trade who contended that the ice palace advertising hurts immigration.

Merchants and hotelmen say that Canada has outgrown such prejudices and they have already subscribed $10,000 for the celebration. Ed. Sheppard, president of the arena, was made chairman of the committee to conduct the event, which is intended to be made a more elaborate affair than was held in Montreal 18 years ago.

It was decided to have an ice palace.

POPE RECOVERED.

Able to Work Several Hours on Pontifical Affairs.

ROME, Dec. 4.—The Correspondenza Romana, a Vatican organ, asserts that, contrary to reports in circulation that Pope Pius has suffered a relapse and again has been obliged to take to his bed, the pontiff has practically recovered from his recent indisposition, and to-day descended from the third floor of the Vatican, where his private apartment is, to his official quarters on the second floor.

There he received Cardinal Merry del Val, the papal secretary of state, and the pontiff and the cardinal worked together for several hours on pontifical affairs.

DENNA DIES OF WOUNDS.

Millroy, Who Ran Amuck in Kenora, Faces Murder Charge.

KENORA, Dec. 4.—Richard Denna, one of the four men shot in a shanty died at 9 o'clock this morning. A murder charge will now be made against Millroy, who showed not the slightest emotion on being told of the death.

Several further arrests have been made in connection with the mysterious affair.

MAYES IS IN EARNEST.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Dec. 4.—C. S. Mayes, dredging contractor, has issued writs against George McAvity, claiming damages of $50,000. This action arises out of government contracts in St. John harbor, and is an echo of the recent political campaign.

Killed by Falling Tree.

NORTH BAY, Dec. 4.—Gordon Wright of Ivanhoe, aged 22, was crushed and instantly killed by a falling tree.

TWO INDIGNANT OLD SUBSCRIBERS

MR. SIFTON. O, I say, Sir Fred, this won't do, y' know. Here's our family paper been forbidden the use of the mails.

Note.—By an order signed by the Acting Deputy Postmaster-General, dated at Ottawa on Monday last, all postmasters in Canada are prohibited from handling The Calgary Eye-Opener. —*The Globe, Dec. 3.*

AGE OF FLIGHT AT HAND BRITAIN MUST GET BUSY

Says in War Flying Machines Will Be Used to Bombard English Towns.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Sir Hiram Maxim took the British nation to task for its small interest in aerial machines in a lecture before the Society of Arts. He reproached England for being behind other firstclass European countries in progress toward a solution of this form of locomotion.

"Does any one doubt for a moment," said he, "that in case we find ourselves at war with a continental power flying machines will be used for bombarding English towns both on the coast and inland? The City of London within a year's time can be attacked without our enemy needing to fear the boasted British fleet.

"A French engineer of international renown tells me that by this time next year there will be plenty of machines on the market capable of crossing and recrossing the channel several times at night and in darkness without stopping," he continued.

"There is only one way of combating this danger and that is by constructing machines ourselves. Our achievements in this line thus far are insignificant because we lack the imagination of the French and the Americans. They bekin by believing, we by doubting."

Sir Hiram went on to say that he thought the Wright aeroplane a rough and imperfect piece of mechanism, but if equipped with a trustworthy motor it could be made much more serviceable.

Other speakers seconded Sir Hiram's warning that it is full time for England to wake up unless she wants to find herself at the mercy of the continental military fliers.

CLOSED FOR REPAIRS.

Soo Rail Mill Will Reopen at an Early Date.

Referring to the recent despatch from Sault Ste. Marie that the rail mill of the Algoma Steel Company, Limited, had shut down and would remain closed until Jan. 1 next, Charles D. Warren, president of the company, said yesterday that the mill would reopen at an early date, as soon as a few necessary repairs and adjustments to the plant had been made.

Appeal for Poor Children

Wanted, 500 dollars.
Wanted, 500 pairs of shoes.
Wanted, 500 pairs of stockings.
Wanted, 500 pairs pants.

Poor Bairns' Banquet and Christmas Trees.

Massey Hall, Christmas.
No money spent on dolls, monkeys or teddy-bears.
See particulars in Sunday World and Monday's daily paper.

All subscriptions sent to The World office, or 288 Yonge-street, will be duly acknowledged.
J. M. Wilkinson.

Don't wait till New Year to send Christmas gifts. Do it now.

STOP HOSPITAL GRANT OR MAKE OPEN-DOOR RULE

Association of Physicians Passes Resolution—How Present System Works.

About a dozen members of the Association of Physicians and Surgeons met in the Central Y.M.C.A. parlors last night to consider the city's $200,000 hospital grant bylaw.

Dr. E. Herbert Adams presided. He said that the association was not opposed to a grant of $50,000 each to the St. Michael's, Grace, Western and Hospital for Incurables, but to their being conducted as close corporations. The members of the hospital staff had a great advantage over other members of the profession.

Dr. John Fraser said that he had corresponded with the hospitals and their rules practically excluded all physicians and surgeons attending their patients if sent to the hospitals.

Dr. Goodchild read a prepared circular which he suggested should be sent to the four hundred doctors in the Toronto district, calling on them to each pay $3 a month for ten years, aggregating $144,000 to some hospital which would give them the privileges of members of the hospital staff. Action on this was deferred.

Freeze Out Game.

Dr. Johnston said that the hospitals now prevent family physicians and surgeons attending their patients in hospitals, but they send collectors after patients with heavy fees. He knew of an instance where a man who only earned $6 a week was billed for $50 for a minor operation on his child. The mother, who took in laundry work, compromised it for $25.

Dr. John Noble said that under present circumstances he would vote against the grants, but if the hospitals would announce their willingness to open their doors to the profession he would support them. He moved a resolution expressing the opinion of the association that no grant should be made by the city council to any hospital, unless the said hospital permitted the attendance of his chosen physician or surgeon, upon any patient. This was adopted unanimously.

A committe, composed of Dr. Goodchild, Dr. Grimshaw and Dr. Fraser, was appointed to confer with the hospitals concerned with a view to securing the open door rule.

CONFERENCE SUCCESSFUL.

Pennsylvania Railway Reaches Agreement With Engineers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—A successful issue of the conference between representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and of the Pennsylvania Railroad lines west of Pittsburg and the board of mediation, consisting of Chairman Knapp of the Inter-state Commerce Commission, and Commissioner Neil was reached to-night.

An agreement proposed by the board of mediation was accepted by General Manager G. L. Peck of the Pennsylvania lines, and by the board of adjustment of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Lords Will Stay.

MONTREAL, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—The three judges gave their decision in favor of McGill against the Toronto University representatives in the debate on a resolution to abolish the house of lords. Toronto had the affirmative. Mr. Bourassa, M.L.A., announced the decision and congratulated both sides.

TORONTO TO MONTREAL "TELEPOST" IN SIGHT

New System of Communication That Will Make Talk Cheaper Still.

One million and a half dollars was the sum brought into this country yesterday from Chicago.

This lump of money was deposited with the Bank of Hamilton at Hamilton.

It is to be used by an independent telephone company already established in this city, with a charter covering rights to operate out of Toronto, and within two weeks construction work will be commenced between Montreal and Toronto.

The company is already formed and interested Chicago people are at present in the city. One of the party is a member of the firm of Marshall Field & Co. of Chicago, which has unlimited backing.

With this project is associated Eugene M. Beals of New York, who has the sole rights in Canada for the "Telepost," a system of telegraphing that will revolutionize business.

The system is not a new one. It has been established in the New England states, between Portland and Boston and New York.

It is a system of automatic rapid telegraphy that sends messages over a telephone wire (without disturbing simultaneous connections) at a speed of 1000 words a minute, automatically recording them at the delivery end.

The interests are consolidated. The money is in the Bank of Hamilton as a guarantee and the deal is completed.

It may mean a blow to the present existing telegraph companies and the Bell Telephone Company.

Mr. Beals left for Montreal in convention with the enterprise.

The men behind the movement are C. H. Sliman of New York and F. H. Stillman, president of the Watson-Stillman Company and president of the President Machinery Club of New York City.

After details have been arranged in Montreal, Mr. Beals will leave for Ottawa where it is confidently expected he will get the support of some well known men.

There are at present in the Dominion some 350 independent telephone companies organized with charters and it is only a question of time before these companies will begin to branch out in their respective domains.

The idea has been in existence longer than the public imagine and it looks as tho the next few months will witness some startling developments.

At a rate of 500 to 1000 words per circuit, the charges can be lowered to a point such as to compete with the ordinary post office service.

When a letter of 50 words filed in an office in Toronto can be dropped in an office in Montreal or at any other point within half a hour for 25cents, it will be easily seen that an enormous traffic will be speedily developed.

The money is here and results are expected in the next few weeks.

Two Score Indicted.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Startling allegations were made to-day in the report of the special grand jury, which, after several weeks of delving into charges growing out of Chicago's first primaries returned 81 indictments against two score or more of politicians and other persons.

Billy Gray President.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—The London Conservative Association to-night elected William Gray president.

GRAHAM WILL START ENQUIRY

Minister of Railways and Canals to Take Cognizance of Numerous Wrecks on the Railways.

Hon. Geo. P. Graham, minister of railways, interviewed by The World at the Rossin House last night respecting the numerous railway accidents which have occurred of late, said:

"It hardly seems worth while to appoint a royal commission when we already have the railway commission. At the same time it must be admitted that the situation is alarming. In many cases the blame is traced to an employe, but the question remains: "is not the employe overworked? is not the system to blame?

"I intended at once to have a conference with the chairman of the railway commission, and the public may rest assured that within the next few days there will be set on foot a searching enquiry."

In this connection the minister added:

"I do not agree with The World in politics, but I am prepared to follow its suggestion that the service in Ontario is being discriminated against in favor of other localities. My friends and neighbors in Ontario need have no fear but that so far as I have the power, any such discrimination, if it does exist, will come to a speedy conclusion."

Board's Power Limited To Ordering Enquiry

OTTAWA, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—"The board may appoint such persons as it thinks fit to enquire into all matters and things which it deems likely to cause or prevent accidents, and the causes and the circumstances connected with any accident or casualty to life or property occurring on any railway, and into all particulars regarding thereto.

"The person or persons so appointed shall report fully in writing to the board his or their doings and opinions on matters respecting which he or they are appointed to investigate, and the board may act upon such report and may order the company to suspend or dismiss any employes of the company whom it may deem to have been negligent or wilful in respect of such accident."—Section 292, Chapter 37, of the Railway Act.

The above defines the powers of the board of railway commissioners, and to this The World was referred to-day when the question was asked of the commisisoners, what power the board had to order a general enquiry into causes of the railway wrecks which have, especially of late, caused dread and consternation thruout the Dominion.

One of the commissioners added that both general and particular enquiries into the causes of these accidents and reports upon them, and measures which should be adopted to prevent them, were being made all the time. Five men were constantly on the road investigating accidents and inspecting rolling stock in order to satisfy the commission that everything was being done to ensure the safety of employes and the public.

"But our power is limited to ordering the company to suspend or dismiss employes," he continued.

"What about taking criminal action against employes or companies?" The World asked.

"Of course, it is well known," was the reply, "we have gone further than ordering a company to suspend or dismiss guilty employes. When cases of inexcusable negligence have come up we have referred them to the attorney-general of the province in which the accident occurred. Then the attorney-general took action against the employes or the company."

BORDEN TO ISSUE CALL FOR PARTY CONFERENCE

Will Ask Conservatives to Express Choice for Leader Before Session Opens.

OTTAWA, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—It is understood that R. L. Borden will issue a circular letter to the Conservative members-elect of the new parliament, asking them to decide as to the leadership.

It is also stated that he will not appear in the house until this matter has been passed upon by the party.

It is not likely that anyone will oppose Mr. Borden, but there may be an effort made to postpone any action until the second session of the new parliament, so as to enable the Conservative members to consult their constituents before taking a vote.

King Appointed.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—(C.A.P.)—W. L. Mackenzie King has been appointed on the opium commission to meet at Shanghai, China, in February.

WEATHER FAIR AND COLDER.

Furlined Overcoats at Dineen's Are a Seasonable and Profitable Purchase.

Men's fur-lined overcoats have been a specialty at Dineen's for generations. Nowhere else on this continent is it possible to secure such sure value for your money. The prices ranged from $50 to $150. The best of workmanship and carefully selected material are features of the Dineen fur-lined overcoat. The automobile fur coat is something new. For anything at all in furs there is no better place to go than Dineen's, corner Yonge and Temperance-streets.