

TORY TREATMENT OF LABOR PARTY

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ing in the interests of labor long before Mr. Johnson took a part in it. Dr. Hall, although he respected him, was not a labor man.

Premier McBride had not shown any favor to Victoria. He had discriminated against the city because it did not return supporters of his government. This was too petty for a premier of British Columbia. The province should have larger men than that. The lands and works department had been conducted in anything but a satisfactory way. Within two days of the announcement of the election Mr. Grey had to pack up his bag and get out. Charles Wilson, the attorney-general, had last session resigned, and yet this was kept a secret until the House rose. The reasons for this were kept from the legislature. Charles Wilson had not been able to face his old constituency of Vancouver, but had gone to the hills of Cariboo, where he would be snowed under.

There had been enough evidence of irregularities against the lands and works department to defeat the government.

On the question of better terms, Mr. McNeven referred to the fact that the premier went to Ottawa to get an election cry to becloud the electors concerning the record of the government. The premier was using his best endeavor now to hold the seats formerly represented by Conservatives in the House, but he would fall.

On the conclusion of the speech by Mr. McNeven, Mr. Greenwood asked some questions respecting the subject of legislation dealing with fortnightly payments.

Mr. McNeven said he was glad this point had been raised. The bill to provide for fortnightly payment of wages was one of those measures which had been killed by the McBride government.

Mr. McNeven said he had lent his aid to this bill. He remembered that during the time it was before the House, a deputation had waited upon the government and the four members from Victoria opposed that bill. H. B. Thomson, who was to-day running as a Conservative candidate, headed the deputation and did all in his power to prevent this bill going through.

Mr. McNeven said that the premier said at that time it was "You need not fear, Mr. Thomson, that bill will never do you any harm."

This explanation called for loud applause from those present, who were not surprised Mr. Thomson's plea at the present time for the labor vote.

RICHARD HALL.

Richard Hall speaking for the Liberal ticket paid a compliment to the different candidates. The Liberals were going to be returned to power at this election. It would not be fair to Victoria to return men who were not supporters of the government of J. A. Macdonald. He would like to see representatives returned who would support a Liberal government which would be actuated by principles similar to the Federal government, which had given prosperity to Canada and made her a nation.

The Liberal government would reduce taxation in spite of increased expenditure on public works. The opening of the new sections of the country by the G. T. P. would result in increased revenues.

Premier McBride tried to make a quarrel between the people of British Columbia and Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The local government had done nothing in the way of legislation for the benefit of the people of the province. Had Premier McBride acted properly at Ottawa he would have got better terms. He had not acted fairly by the province of British Columbia. J. A. Macdonald would if elected get better terms than he got in one way in another. If it was not for increased subsidies it would be by increased expenditures on public works in the province.

The government doubled the taxes of the farmers and then told them to run their schools as best they could. The government called that home rule, but he (Mr. Hall) called it cruelty. The exacting of extortionate taxes from

these poor farmers was blood money. The Liberals would not retain power at the dictation of foreign elements. Before the Liberals would submit to that they would come back again to the people.

He knew of no measures really in the interests of workingmen which he and his colleagues had not voted for. The workingmen had nothing to fear from the Liberal party. The Liberals in the Dominion government had when asked to do so excluded the Chinese. These people were not needed here. He preferred to have white men and women coming in.

The Dominion government had assisted in making the conditions of working men more comfortable. The Labor department at Ottawa had sent Mr. Mackenzie King to use his influence in bringing the strike at Fernie to a close.

Mr. Hall saw no objection to the principle of fortnightly payments. He never had trouble with his employees.

R. L. DRURY.

R. L. Drury spoke very briefly as it was necessary for the candidates to get back to the city to attend a committee meeting. He said the four Liberal representatives had worked conscientiously in the interests of the city since the Yukon election. They had taken an interest in all things pertaining to the city, which came up before the Dominion government. They had constantly sought the Yukon since Mr. McInnes became governor than ever before.

With respect to the School Act and the remarks of Mr. Jay that salaries had been increased, Mr. Drury said that in Cowichan some of the teachers were getting only \$40, the sum allowed by the government. Such salaries were never known of before in Cowichan.

Mr. Drury pointed out that the government had not the voters lists prepared. The lists according to the act should have been formed on Monday night after November 25th. The government instead of having these printed and ready before election had neglected it and had them formed out to Conservative papers. The lists were not yet to be obtained in many instances.

The government had formed out the lists to papers in British Columbia controlled by cabinet ministers and other Conservative members at 10 cents a line. In one instance this was again turned over to another office at 5 cents a line and the first office obtained a clear profit without any work of 5 cents a line.

Mr. Drury also referred to the scandal in connection with the transfer of voters as instanced in the case of the disfranchisement of Liberals who applied to be removed from Victoria to Comox. A letter had been written at the instance of Premier McBride to the attorney-general instructing him to send a ruling on the question of transfers which altered a former ruling and deprived Liberals of their votes.

The meeting closed with cheers for the Liberal candidates.

TWO HORSES KILLED.

Collided With Street Car While Drawing Engine to Fire.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 24.—The academy of music at Ninth and D streets, Northwest, was almost completely gutted by a fire of unknown origin which broke out early to-day. A number of offices were located in the building and also the Spencerian business college. The loss is estimated at between \$40,000 and \$50,000. Two horses drawing an engine were killed in collision with a street car while on the way to the fire.

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SMITH CURTIS, Who Will Redeem Similkameen.

INDIANS BURNED TO DEATH.

Five Prisoners Perished in Agency Jail on the Umatilla Reservation.

Five started in the jail at the agency on the Umatilla reservation, Oregon, the other morning, but was not discovered until the building was a mass of flames and before assistance could be given five Indians were burned to death. When the alarm was given there was confusion among the employees and the Indians, all forgetting at the time that there were men in the jail. Attempts were made to chop the door down to liberate the unfortunate Indians, but were unsuccessful. The bodies of four were found huddled together in one corner, burned to a crisp. The body of the fifth Indian was found in another corner and identified by his wife by the ring he wore. When it became known that the Indians had been burned to death, there was wild excitement among the women and children and employees had great difficulty in establishing quiet at the agency. Indian police and white assistants in restoring order.

The five men were arrested and locked up by the Indian police on charges of drunkenness. Before leaving the police searched the prisoners and say they found no matches on their persons. As no fire has burned in the stove since Christmas the origin of the fire is a mystery. The only plausible solution offered is that one of the Indians lighted a cigarette and carelessly threw a match upon one of the sleeping prisoners, setting fire to his clothing.

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CHOOSING JURY FOR THAW CASE

COUNSEL PLEASED WITH PROGRESS MADE

Hearing May Begin on Tuesday--Prisoner Takes Great Interest in Proceedings.

New York, Jan. 25.—District Attorney Jerome and counsel for the defence in the trial of Harry K. Thaw, charged with the murder of S. White, express themselves as gratified at the progress made in the selection of the jury. Five men were in the box when the court adjourned yesterday, and as the examination of jurors so far developed is not nearly so severe as was expected, the prospects are good that additional jurors will be obtained to-day. Some of these connected with the case predicted that the jury will be completed by Monday night, and that the trial will begin on Tuesday.

Thaw himself took more interest in the proceedings yesterday, and two additional jurors would have been secured had it not been for his interference. A spokesman had proved acceptable to the district attorney and to Clifford Partridge, leading counsel for Thaw. Then there was a sudden gathering of heads over the table, at the end of which was Harry Thaw. The juror was about to be sworn when this occurred and Mr. Partridge stopped proceedings to hear what Thaw had to say. Then the conference ended, and the prospective jurymen were challenged for cause.

Thaw seemed pleased with the day's work. As he entered the Tombs he said to the keeper: "We got three in the last half hour, and they are good men I think."

The district attorney kept hammering on the "unwritten law" and a possible deviation from the written law governing the criminally insane. Yesterday afternoon he added another feature to his plan of examination asking the talemans if they were capable of withholding assents to their own emotions and feelings, and if they thought they could pass on the prisoner's case coldly and calmly.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Quarterly Business Meeting Was Held Last Night--Satisfactory State of Finances.

The quarterly business meeting of the Calvary Baptist church took place on Friday. The pastor, Rev. Fred T. Tapscott, occupied the chair, and gratifying reports were submitted from the various departments of the church.

The total net receipts from all sources amounted to \$31.45, being an increase of \$5.53 over the preceding quarter. Of this amount the sum of \$31.45 was received through the weekly offerings at the Sunday services. The sum of \$46.78 was received for the mission funds. The total balance on hand in the various departments of the church on December 31st was \$168.83. During the quarter there have been five names added to the membership roll. On a recommendation from the executive, a committee was appointed to report on the advisability of the church maintaining its own missionaries in the home and foreign fields, thus bringing the organization into closer and more sympathetic touch with that work. Before adjournment it was decided to hold a social gathering of the members and friends of the congregation on the evening of Wednesday, February 13th next.

SENATOR'S SUDDEN DEATH.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 24.—United States Senator Russell A. Alger, of Michigan, died suddenly at his home in this city at 8:45 this morning.

At half-past eight the senator had a pleasant chat with Mrs. Alger in her room and then went down stairs. A few minutes later the senator suffered a recurrence of an old heart trouble and death came quickly.

The senator had not been feeling well for several days. His physician had advised him against going out at night. Mr. Alger had suffered for many years from disease of the heart.

SELECTING JURORS.

Five Chosen in Two Days in Case of Harry K. Thaw.

New York, Jan. 24.—After more than four hours of to-day's morning and afternoon sessions of the court had been spent in vain efforts to obtain a single juror for the trial of Harry K. Thaw for having killed Stanford White, and when counsel and spectators and the defendant himself were drowsy from the tedium of the proceedings, there was a sudden change in them. Within the last three-quarters of an hour three new jurors were accepted and sworn in. Thus when the court adjourned for the day five jurors had been accepted.

Twenty-three talemans had been examined without success when the unexpected happened and two talemans in succession proved acceptable to both District Attorney Jerome, representing the people, and the defendant's attorney. Then the names of five more talemans were drawn, but they were all quickly excused for one reason or another. Henry C. Harney, a piano dealer, about 55 years of age, was the thirty-first talemans to be called and he was quickly accepted.

The other jurors chosen to-day were: George Pfeif, probably 30 years of age, a dealer in machinists' supplies, and Arthur S. Campbell, 52 years of age, a superintendent of telegraph and telephone work. The two jurors selected on the first day of the trial were Deming R. Smith, a retired manufacturer, who will serve as foreman, and Charles H. Erick, a shipping agent. Each of the jurors is married and has a family.

The tedium with which the selection of jurors proceeded to-day makes it difficult to predict when the trial panel of twelve will be chosen. The order of the court that the jury must be kept together under the care of bailiffs has had the effect apparently of making many of the talemans reluctant to serve.

Mrs. Wm. Thaw, mother of the defendant, was not in court to-day. She was greatly fatigued by the long sessions of yesterday. She remained in her apartments to-day where she was attended by her daughter, the Countess of Yarmouth. The other members of her family, including their accustomed seats in court behind the defendant, Howard Nesbitt, a brother of Mrs. Thaw, were also in court, sitting well in the rear with the man who was Stanford White's secretary. Neither he nor his sister glanced at each other.

GAZETTE NOTICES.

Official Announcements Contained in the Current Issue of Government Organ.

(From Friday's Daily.)

This week's Gazette contains notice of the following appointments: Wm. J. Goepel, deputy commissioner of lands and works, to be a gold commissioner in and for the province of British Columbia.

The following license commissioners have been appointed for Comox license district: Charles Henry Tarbell, of Cumberland; James A. Carter, of Comox; chief license inspector, Constable J. Thomson, of Cumberland.

The following companies have been incorporated: Sash Lumber Company, capitalized at \$75,000; S. C. Smith Lumber Company, with a capitalization of \$100,000; Summerland Trust Company, with a capital stock of \$50,000; Vancouver-Prince Rupert Meat Company, capitalized at \$100,000; Vancouver Island Power Company, with a capitalization of \$75,000; Westholme Lumber Company, with a capital stock of \$25,000.

The Accident & Guarantee Company of Canada has been granted a license as an extra provincial company, with C. O. Julian, of Victoria, as attorney for the province.

The city of Vancouver has already taken the precaution to give notice of amendments which will be introduced at the coming session to their act of incorporation. It will be remembered that at the last session of the House the amendments offered were thrown out as the rule had not been complied with.

COMBINED MANOEUVRES.

British Navy to Co-operate With 50,000 Troops in Autumn.

The army council has already in preparation a great scheme for army manoeuvres in the autumn of this year, which promise to surpass in interest and extent anything of the kind attempted since the Salisbury Plain manoeuvres of 1888.

The scheme is one which will exercise about 50,000 troops, and will require the co-operation of the navy. Briefly put, the official idea is to embark a large force at Southampton, convey them to Plymouth, where, after a naval attack on the defenses there, they will be landed as a hostile army.

The defenses of the south coast will develop upon a large army, which will be in position some distance inland. The home army will probably consist of the Aldershot army corps and be commanded by Sir John French.

STUART HENDERSON, Liberal Candidate, Yale.

LAST YEAR'S IMMIGRATION

OVER TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND NEWCOMERS

Prince Edward Island Will Appeal to the Throne--Hockey Player Charged With Assault.

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—The total immigration into Canada during the year 1906 was 216,915 for the year; in 1905 it was 144,618, an increase of 71,297 or 49 per cent. The immigration was made up as follows: British, 88,277; Continental, 53,874; United States, 63,761. Immigration into Canada for the six months from July to December, inclusive, was 109,463, or 50 per cent. of the total for the same period of the last fiscal year, showing an increase of 26,830. Immigration coming via ocean ports was 67,463, and from the United States 24,961.

Rink Destroyed.

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—Hildeau Rink on Laurier avenue, was burned to the ground this morning. The caretaker went back for something, and had to jump from the burning building into a fireman's net. The loss is \$13,000, with \$6,000 insurance.

Will Appeal.

Charlottetown, Jan. 25.—During the coming session of the legislature an appeal will be made to the throne asking that the Dominion be asked to carry out the terms of confederation, or falling in this to separate.

Eye-Election.

Montreal, Jan. 25.—Ernest Gault a Conservative candidate, was elected in St. Antoine division yesterday by a majority of 869 over Percy C. Ryan, filling the vacancy in the legislature caused by the death of C. B. Carter.

Warrants Issued.

Montreal, Jan. 25.—Warrants have been issued for the arrest of three Ottawa players, Alfred and Harry Smith and Baldy Spittal, for brutally assaulting several Vancouver players in a recent hockey match. "I think," said High Constable Clin Mars, "that those who know that warrants are out for them, they will come down to Montreal to-morrow morning so that the warrants may be served upon them and they may be arraigned and held arranged for their appearance later on."

Short of Funds.

Toronto, Jan. 25.—The Presbyterian funds for schools for the church fall \$394,000 short of the required amount. Divorces in France.

Paris, Jan. 25.—The chamber of deputies to-day adopted the bill providing for the automatic granting of decrees of divorce if each party persists in a suit for three years. It was charged that the measure meant the disintegration of society as it would make the family tie practically dissolvable at will.

COL BLAKE ENDS LIFE.

He Organized an Irish Brigade For Volunteer Service in Boer Army.

New York, Jan. 24.—Col. Blake, who organized an Irish brigade for volunteer service in the Boer army in the war against Great Britain, committed suicide to-day in a Harlem boarding house, by inhaling illuminating gas. Col. Blake had been lecturing in several night schools recently, but he had not been prosperous, and yesterday he told the landlady of the boarding house where he had lived for several months, that he was very much discouraged for the future. Prior to the Boer war Col. Blake was a mining engineer in South Africa. He was about fifty years old. Col. Blake is survived by a widow, who lives at Fall River, Mass., and two sons.

New York, Jan. 24.—With the temperature at one degree above zero at 8 a. m., this was the coldest day of the winter and one of the coldest days in a number of years in this city. Reports from up state districts say that all cold weather records were broken by a drop as low as forty degrees below zero.

FRANK HIGGINS.

The next speaker was Mr. Higgins. He regarded the forthcoming not as a question of politics. It was the most important duty to turn out the grafters.

Mr. Higgins then proceeded to the Kallen Island scandal. He said acres of land on one of the townships in Canada, sold to road for \$1 an acre. Quarter townsite was reserved by law, not the more than the forestry government, for the act under was done was passed in 1896.

Moreover this quarter which secured was the worst part of it.

What did the poor ignorant do for his land? He got \$7.50 an acre as all we get is \$1.50 an acre. The way in which the deal through was the enormity. The agent after refusing to deal with Mr. P. gave the land to a band of inter-tribe and female. Why not? The government must be receiving a rake-off.

Mr. Higgins referred to the agent's treatment of the South soldiers. These men were entitled to acres of good land. When the for land in Kallen Island they were refused then because that agent wished to give it to its boss.