

### WEST TO TRY GROUP POLITICS

Agrarians Putting up a Hot Campaign in the Medicine Hat Election

ALL CANADA INTERESTED Group Idea for Economy Purposes Is Said to be Popular and May Win

MEDICINE HAT, Alta., May 21.—Group political action for economy purposes is becoming the chief issue in the Federal by-election to be held here June 27. H. W. Wood, president of the Alberta Grain Growers and father of class movement among agrarians in Western Canada, is in the constituency to preach his policies on the platform in support of Gardner, Grain Grower candidate, Col. Nelson Spencer, Government nominee, and his committee of 1,000 handling his campaign, have accepted the gauntlet to offset the group propagandists, who are conducting a most formidable campaign.

GROUP IDEAS MAY WIN. The group of the farmers' groups in North Dakota is being widely publicized through the constituency, showing the wreck of banks and other industries over the time by the class movement. But it is a fight that ought to interest all Canada, and the group with these ideas may win. They have 188 seats in the constituency, which about corresponds to the number of polls. They are conducting a hurrah campaign boasting that they will win the former Cabinet Minister's seat and wreck the Government. The riding is 190 by 75 miles in extent, making it a Herculean task for the Government candidate, but Col. Spencer is putting scores of speakers into the rural districts in high power automobiles. Some of them are farmers, and not a few members of the Grain Growers who oppose class economy political action. Dead walls in every direction are carrying huge posters of both sides, proclaiming the merits of their cause.

BUSINESS SUPPORTS GOVERNMENT. The Dominion Labor party has endorsed the farmer, but it is believed the Liberals will refuse to make a nomination or endorse Gardner. A. L. Sifton was elected by a nearly ten to one vote, but the result this time will be very close both sides admit. Rural towns and villages are supporting the Government, with the north end of the constituency favoring the Farmer, and the farmers in south evenly divided. Business men of Medicine Hat feel very strongly over the situation into which the political middle has thrust this city, but are working energetically to the end that sound government shall not be defeated by the element favorable to classes and groups.

### PICTON

Mr. W. E. Kelly, London, spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kelly. Mr. Harry Blackley and son, Master Clean, spent a few days in Ottawa this week. Mr. Gerald Clapp has returned from Syracuse and expects to take a position in Belleville. Miss Gladys Kingston left for Toronto with her uncle, Mr. J. L. B. Spencer, on Wednesday and will spend some time in the city visiting friends. Mr. and Mrs. Alva Morrison motored down from Wellington on Sunday and were the guests of Mrs. Gilbert Reid. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anderson, Mrs. Stewart and Miss Gardner motored from Toronto and spent the week end the guests of Miss Bety Ferris and Mr. Fred Ferris. Mr. W. D. Knight and children, Cornwall, came to town last Thursday and is visiting at the home of Mrs. A. G. Knight, Barker St., and with Mrs. F. T. Knight, East Main. Mr. L. A. Marlin, M.A., of St. Mary's Ont., has been engaged as science specialist at Picton Collegiate beginning with the fall term. Mr. H. C. Kinnee B.A., of the Picton Collegiate staff, has secured a position on the Humboldt Collegiate, Toronto, duties to begin on September 1st. Mrs. S. J. Vanclief has bought Mrs. Finley Ketchum's residence on Queen street. Mrs. Ketchum came down from Toronto to make the transfer. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Dingman are now sojourning at Glen Island for the summer, after a pleasant winter spent at their Florida home, Winterhaven, Florida. Mr. John Carson, Cressy, has a freak colt. It has only one ear. The spot where the other should be is completely skinned over with no place for an ear. Otherwise the colt, which is a Percheron, is quite normal. The ear it possesses is unusually large for a colt. Some men fail to make a hit because they aim too high.

### DUMBELLS' SUCCESS REAL; NO SHOW HAS SO STIRRED TIRED NEW YORK FOR YEARS

NEW YORK, May 23.—By Canadian Press.—The Canadians have begun to attempt more difficult work and, I may say with the greatest possible success. A popular thing was for some of the members to camouflage themselves as women and to take the parts of women. These camouflages were most successfully carried out. In this art of camouflage the fellows were helped largely by the assistance of some of the leading actresses in London who sent over some of their finest dresses. Amongst 100,000 men such as constituted the Canadian forces they were bound to discover men with great talent for entertainment, and during the closing months of the war each division had a most excellent concert troupe, quite the equal if not the superior of many of the entertainment troupes found in the larger cities. The concert party of the third division was known as the "Dumbells," because the dumbbell was the distinguishing mark of that division. During the war they played in London for several weeks and made a great name for themselves amongst the London theatre-going public. Since the war the organization has kept together and have attached to themselves some of the best artists of the other companies. For the past two years they have been touring Canada and seem to be as popular as ever. The leading lady, who was a young soldier named Hamilton, takes the part of a lady, so well that many people leave the theatre thoroughly convinced that she is a female. He is "Marjorie" to all Canadian soldiers.

They are now going to invade New York and I give positive assurance that any one who patronizes them will be more than compensated for doing so. I would like if the influence of Canadians in New York might be used to make a success of the venture there. I would like every member of the Canadian Club and the Canadian Society to see the show, and I am sure they would go again and encourage their friends to do likewise. Will you please take what steps you can to give the "Dumbells" a good send-off. You will not be sorry for doing so. Will you see that the president of the Canadian Society receives a copy of this letter, which I am enclosing. Signed, Arthur Currie.

FEZ MUST GO SAYS TURKISH FASHION NOTE. CONSTANTINOPLE, May 23.—The National Assembly in Ankara, has decided that the fez is no longer to be the National headdress of the Turk. By unanimous vote it was agreed that the "kalpak" should replace it, as the uniform covering for the head of all troops, officials and Turkish subjects generally. The principal argument in favor of this reform, which eliminates one of the most characteristic and picturesque features of Turkish attire, was an economical one. The Turks have never been able to manufacture fezes that compared in price or quality with those manufactured abroad, especially in Austria, where there were several large factories which turned out millions of these articles. The "kalpak" can be manufactured in Turkey, but it can hardly be considered an improvement on the old fez. It is made of black cloth or felt, and is much the same shape as the fez only flatter and broader, and it does not taper. Neither is really a very practical form of head-gear, because they are warm, and afford little protection against rain and none from the glare of the sun. The fez was bright and lent color to any assembly. Its successor is sombre, uninteresting and on the whole rather depressing.

GEN. GONZALES DEAD; NOTED MEXICAN KILLER. MEXICO CITY, May 23.—General Pedro A. Gonzales, famous in Mexico as the founder of the mounted police called Rurales, under Porfirio Diaz, died in this city recently at the age of 84. He had been a soldier since childhood, and prior to rendering valuable aid to President Diaz through the formation of the Rurales he was head of the cavalry units of the republic. Newspapers commenting on the death of General Gonzales assert that one of the surest means for establishing and maintaining peace in Mexico will be the return of the Rurales who, in the old days, roamed the country much like the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Homer Lambert, charged with bigamy in St. Thomas, was sentenced to only three months in jail as his second wife is alleged to have tried out a couple of other husbands.

### BABY PILGRIMS FOR NEWYORKERS

Fifteen British Infants are being Brought Over to Rich American Homes

SOCIETY ARRANGES TRIAL Foundlings Will Later be Listed in Social Register if it is Expected

NEW YORK, May 23.—Plymouth Rock history will repeat itself today with some variations, when 15 English baby pilgrims—each less than a year old—land here upon an America as bewildering to them perhaps as to their ancestors who climbed out of the good ship Mayflower on the New England coast. These infant adventures, however, are not undertaken from the aftermath of a storm-tossed voyage, for they have been tenderly swaddled in blankets by nurses who will care for them until they are adopted in sumptuous homes of New York society. Through the influence of the National Adoption Society of England and the American Committee of that organization, these foundlings within a few years will be listed in the social register, instead of fighting an uphill battle in London slums.

A number of governmental immigration regulations had to be abrogated to allow the infants to take domestic refuge in America. Through the Department of Labor the literacy test at Ellis Island was eliminated, there being no mention of baby talk in the literacy law, and members of the committee deposited bonds against the likelihood of their becoming public charges. The chairman of the American Committee of the adoption society is Miss Clara B. Spence, of New York, who has been instrumental in obtaining homes for several hundred foundlings. Other members of the committee are Miss Charlotte Baker, Bishop T. Manning, of the Episcopal Diocese of New York; Dr. and Mrs. Henry Dwight Chapin and Miss Josephine Plows-Day, an English woman who has been associated with the London headquarters of the society.

### RECORD RUN OF SHOW ENDS AFTER 1200 NIGHTS

PARIS, May 23.—With the disappearance of "Phi-Phi," a light musical comedy from the stage of the Theatre Bouffes Parisiens, what is believed to be a record run here for consecutive performances was brought to a close. "Phi-Phi" was put on November 1918, "Armistice Night," and was produced nine times a week regularly ever since with extra matinees on holidays, making a total of more than 1,200 performances up to the end of April when it was withdrawn. Nine out of ten of the musical critics who viewed the show on opening night, pronounced it a failure and predicted that it would be taken off before the New Year 1919. California Tourists. Brookville.—A party of from 35 to 40 Californians under the direction of Rev. J. W. Landy, pastor of the Howard, Presbyterian church, San Francisco, will spend two hours among the islands near Gananoque on May 31, according to word received by the Grand Trunk officials. They will arrive on train No. 18 and will proceed to New York on train No. 14. A civic reception will be given the visitors.

### THE DRAFT EVADERS.

St. John Telegraph. The United States Government is preparing for publication an official list of the draft evaders in the Great War. A Washington announcement says the war department would have published this list earlier had it not been revised it again and again so that no name may appear in the list which ought not to be there. In the checking-up process a large number of names originally included through error have been struck off, and the officials in charge are confident that the published roll will do no injustice to those whose names are given. The opinion has been expressed in certain quarters in the United States that from publishing these names, but the government has taken the stand that the draft evaders, now that the days of national emergency are over, should not be permitted to elink quietly back to their daily tasks, perhaps as one observer says, "even glorying in their desertion of their country." There would seem to be much reason in this. The men who rallied to the colors to defend the nation's honor no doubt feel that the government owes it to them to prepare and make public a list of the men who shirked their responsibilities and sought an inglorious retirement.

### FOUR CHINAMAN HELD FOR GAMBLING ON SUNDAY

Charged with gambling on the Lord's Day, four Chinamen, Lum Yick, Lum Yung Lang, Yook-Chuey and Lem John appeared in court today. In the absence of the Crown Attorney at Cobourg, the case was enlarged until Friday. Sgt. Harman, Sgt. Boyd and Constable Booth heard the rattle of the Chinese dominoes in Wong Bros. Laundry on Bridge Street east last evening and entered. It is alleged that money was changing hands. The Chinese claimed the game they were playing was not for money but is known as "ten." "No money put on the table," said one of the men. "Just fun," declared another. "Not play for money." "Nonsense," shouted Detective Trausch—"You speak good English." But he did not show any of his eloquence in English and the case was enlarged. The men were given bail.

### IRISH SUNDAY PASSES QUIETLY

Election Campaign in Ulster Freest for Years of Faction Fights OPPONENTS KEPT APART Unionists Attend Empire Day Services—Nationalists Meet in Public Square BELFAST, May 23.—The election campaign for the Ulster Parliament is proving the freest from faction fights of any election in recent years, and the fact that Saturday night and Sunday passed without serious disturbances leads even those who expected trouble to the belief that the danger is past. Feeling runs high, however, and passions are heated, but the careful police and military precautions up to the present have kept the factions apart. The Unionists, whose district is decorated with Union Jacks as never before with pictures of Sir Edward Carson and Sir James Craig displayed everywhere, today attended "Empire Day services" in their churches and chapels, while the Sinn Fein, whose colors had been freely hoisted, held a meeting in Smithfield square on the doorsteps of the police barracks, into which some of their members recently fired shots. The Nationalists held a big demonstration in Celtic Park. Sinn Fein Banned. London, May 23.—Another arson campaign, supposedly of Sinn Fein origin, occurred Saturday night, between 10 o'clock and midnight, when about thirty fires were started, mostly in farm buildings and haystacks, but in some instances motor garages and timber yards in the neighborhood of Jarrow, Wallsend, Stockton and Middlesbrough. Gas mains over the bridge between Jarrow and South Shields exploded, and temporarily depriving the towns of light. Some of the suspected incendiaries were fired at by farmers, and three arrests were made. The Valley Water Board's main outside of Stockton was blown up, causing serious floods. In most cases the fire damage was comparatively small, but an engineering plant and sawmill at Stockton were destroyed.

### BUSINESS FIRST AT CONFERENCE?

Colonial Premier's Are to Be Well Entertained Despite their "Wishes" TO VISIT CHEQUERS Lloyd George's Official County Residence Will be Open to "Colonials" LONDON, May 23.—Acting on the understood wishes of the overseas Premiers every official effort is being made to discourage undue festivities during the coming Conference of Imperial Premiers. Nevertheless, several elaborate functions have already been arranged and other less informal ones are to follow. The invitations include one from Lloyd George to visit Chequers, the official British Premier's residence. Another is from the Royal Colonial Institute for a dinner and reception. The Prince of Wales will be present. The Premiers will attend an Air Force exhibition of flying and bombing, a luncheon by Colonel Powhall, and dinners by the English-speaking Union, Empire Parliamentary Association, the League of Nations Unions and the British Imperial Chamber of Commerce. Preliminary Discussion. A Daily Telegraph editorial emphasizes the deep significance of the gathering and corrects the misunderstanding which some in Canada still hold that there is any intention to attempt to draft a new imperial constitution. The conference will confine itself to a preliminary discussion preparatory to the constitutional conference next year or later. The Telegraph adds: "We hope the deliberations will not become too much interrupted by festal ceremonies and functions. We are anxious to extend a hospitable welcome to our visitors, but after all they come here not to enjoy themselves but to do business."

### Bishop of Ontario Here for Confirmation of 36 at Christ Church

Thirty-six candidates were confirmed at Christ Church Sunday evening by the Right Rev. Dr. E. J. Bidwell, Bishop of the Diocese of Ontario. The bishop based his remarks on 1 Cor. 12: 17 and urged the newly confirmed to remain identified with the church and Christian activities during their entire lives. Of the class twenty-five were girls and women, eleven boys and men. A large congregation greeted the bishop on his visit. During the three years of the present Rector's incumbency over one hundred have been confirmed. The choir last evening rendered an anthem. Prof. Staples sang a tenor solo and obligato in "Seek Ye the Lord," by Roberts.

### TEAM FOR MONTREAL WILL PRACTICE TODAY

The B.H.S. team who will go to Montreal to compete in the interscholastic meet on Saturday, May 28, will turn out this afternoon at four o'clock for practice under direction of Mr. C. A. Keeber. The Belleville boys will compete in the following events—100 yards, 220 yards, quarter mile, half mile, mile, running high jump, running broad jump, shot put, pole vault and relay.

### Complain That Farmer Has Been Underpaid, Reason for the Inquiry

HOW TO GRADE WHEAT Mr. Justice Hyndman of Edmonton, Takes Charge of Police at Winnipeg WINNIPEG, May 23.—"I apprehend the reason for our existence is the complain that the producer of grain crops has not been receiving a just reward for his labor, or at least his fair share of the amount ultimately realized on the sale of his products," was the ex-parte statement of Mr. Justice J. D. Hyndman, chairman, at the opening session of the royal grain inquiry commission here today. "The board will take constant care, it is scarcely necessary to say," said the chairman, "to avoid doing any injustice to any person, however humble or powerful." The session was devoted entirely to examination of facts about the grading of wheat.

### OCEAN MAIL SERVICES

Str. Melita from Montreal on May 28, for United Kingdom. Str. Canada from Montreal, on June 4, for United Kingdom. Str. Grey County from Montreal on May 29th, for France. Str. Chateleur from Halifax on May 27 for Bermuda. Str. Can. Seigneur from Montreal on May 28 for Argentina. Str. Nevis from Halifax on June 1 for Jamaica. Str. Canadian Fisher from Montreal on June 14 for Bahamas. Str. Arabia Maru, from Victoria on May 28 for China and Japan. Str. Kashima Maru from Victoria on June 3 for China and Japan. Str. Makura from Vancouver on June 4th for Australia. Parcel post and specially addressed correspondence only. LECTURE TO BE DEDICATED A memorial lecture of oak will be dedicated in Christ Church next Sunday, the Rev. Dr. R. C. Blagrove of Peterboro conducting the ceremony. Dr. Blagrove will preach at the service both morning and evening. Long Distance Talk. Gananoque.—A resident of Gananoque conversed by long distance telephone with a friend in Britton, California, a distance of 3,200 miles. The talkers heard each other distinctly. The conversation lasted three minutes and cost \$16.75. There are 32 cases of measles in London.

### ENGLAND FIRM

Rev. Dr. Baker, College, Speer of S.

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Every nation has and makes its contribution to the world. Baker of Albert the Sons of England, and other at Victoria Avenue on Sunday morning great heritage to man," he said, "you are descended Bible, study your tom and you will tago you possess. "Does your sym man," he asked, religion in your home and in all life? "The League of of and unless the Christian sympath human brotherhood for the part that today! "I don't under is taking such an Silesia except that Germany to own a England is stand cool. She put he thousand men in saved Paris. Now Justice, Righteou we are debtors to merely a matter of Justice, - love, a humbly before God "Culture, we tastes, separate much of a true Christian beyond these differ "I'm so sorry th as she is, is not b her stand right b her Mother and o true to the Engl that we are all de last man on earth gets justice." Dr. Baker spoke and the future of national speaker and France are de poison of alcohol blood. But Briton the old empire sta British born and b the spirit and live tion and bring of the world's bette The parade was band. The juven the Victoria Day o

### Death of J. Pioneer o

James Boyd, of away on Saturday some duration. Ireland eighty-sh came to Canada a years, settling in was well-known country. Of late retired life. He gician in religion. Surviving are Boyd, of Allison daughters, Mrs. the Hon. Nelson R. E. Colling of MacPaul, of Wel two brothers. Mr years ago and Hicks, passed av ago. The funeral Wellington.

### Suffrage W Is'Call

Mrs. Flora Ma Was Well K and L TORONTO, Ma MacDonald Deau former president Suffrage Associat Whitman Fellow and widely know tured, died this m of Dr. J. P. Ca had been a guest. A pioneer wor suffrage, and an the subject, she in the interests o men in Canada. States. In recen had been especia efforts to perpetu Wait Whitman home at Bon Ech owa, became the Whitman fellowa is survived by on son.

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