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LIBERAL MAJORITY AT NOON THIRTEEN

Both Leaders in Alberta Say They Will Gain More

RETURNS NOT COMPLETE

Liberals Say That 300 Ballots Are Tied up By Opponents In Edmonton and They May Elect MacKay There

(Canadian Press)

Edmonton, Alb., April 18 —With two seats to hear from and two elections deferred, this morning's figures indicate that the Sifton government has a majority of thirteen seats in the Alberta legislature. The figures at noon are:—Liberals, 32; Conservatives, 19; one independent Liberal. Two seats, Pembina and Clearwater, northwest of Edmonton, are yet unheard from, and two elections, Peace River and Athabasca, are deferred.

May be Changes—

Several constituencies are doubtful and full figures may change the results one way or the other. Premier Sifton says that final returns will give him forty members, while the leader of the opposition says the number of Liberals elected may be reduced.

Features of the election were the defeat of Premier Sifton in Macleod, of Hon. G. R. Mitchell, in Medicine Hat, and the probable defeat of Attorney-General Cross in Edson. Messrs. Sifton and Cross were elected in Vermilion and Edmonton, however, but Mr. Mitchell is left without a seat. Another notable feature of the contest is the defeat of ex-Premier Rutherford in South Edmonton, where he stood very strongly in the past, by a young and previously untried opponent. H. S. Crawford. Rutherford entered the contest as an independent Liberal, opposed to Premier Sifton, who had replaced him.

Returns show George P. Smith, of Camrose, had the biggest majority in the province, with 1,400. Hon. A. J. McLean has about 1,000 in Taber. Other ministers elected are:—Hon. Duncan Mitchell, Charles Stewart and J. R. Boyle, Calgary, as in the last election, went straight Conservatives, returning three opposition members. It is the first time that Conservatives have secured a foothold in Edmonton and the next house will have A. E. Ewing and H. S. Crawford from this city. A. G. Mackay, late of Ontario, though only a new comer to the city, put up a hard fight. Liberals say that there are 300 ballots tied up by Conservatives in Edmonton and when these are counted, he may be elected as the second Edmonton member over Mr. Ewing.

Rather unexpectedly ex-Premier Rutherford was beaten by 350 in South Edmonton which is the old seat of Strathcona renamed.

Hon. A. G. MacKay, ex-opposition leader of Ontario, would have been taken into the Sifton government if he had run second instead of third in Edmonton, where Mr. Ewing, Conservative, captured the junior seat.

Medicine Hat, Alb., April 18—Pingle, Liberal, has a majority of 150 in Red Cliff, eight polls to hear from .

Calgary, Alb., April 18—High River, complete returns give Stanley, Conservative, fifty majority. Hon Duncan Marshall, liberal, wins in Olds by 45 majority.

Liberals Elected

Final returns in Edmonton are:—Cross, 5,163; Ewing, 4,971; Mackay, 4,804; Griesbach, 4,413.

Grouard, J. L. Cote, 94 majority.

Sturgeon, Hon. J. R. Boyle, 135 majority.

Beaver River, Wilfrid Gariepy, substantial majority.

St. Paul, E. E. Lessard, 47 majority.

Alexandra, V. C. Lyster, 10 majority, eight polls to hear from.

Vermilion, Hon. A. L. Sifton, 150 majority.

Victoria, Frank Walker, conceded.

Edmonton, Hon. C. W. Cross, 100 majority over Ewing.

St. Albert, Lucien Boudreau, 240 majority.

Lac Ste Anne, Peter Gunn, 40 majority.

Leduc, S. F. Tobin, 45 majority.

Wetaskiwin, Charles Olin, 200 majority.

Ponoka, Dr. Campbell, conceded.

Camrose, George P. Smith, 1,400 majority.

Sedgewick, Hon. Chas. A. Stewart, 400 majority.

Tribstone, J. G. Turgeon, 11 majority, polls to hear from.

Stettler, R. L. Shaw, 30 majority.

Lacombe, W. F. Puffer, 150 majority.

Acadia, J. A. McCall, substantial majority.

Bow Valleys, George Lane, majority in every poll.

Carston, Martin Woolf, 41 majority, two polls to hear from.

Claresholm, W. Moffatt, substantial majority.

Cochrane, Hon. C. W. Fisher, 100 majority.

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service.

Synopsis—The moderate depression mentioned yesterday now covers the northern portion of Ontario, while pressure is highest in the northwest states. Fine weather still prevails generally in Canada.

Mfld Tomorrow

Maritime—Moderate to fresh south to southwest winds, fine and milder today and on Saturday.

FIRES IN TWO OTHER PLACES ARE TOLD OF

Dufferin Hotel Lavatory and a North End Saloon—Preliminary Hearing Begun in McFarlane Case

The wide-spread interest that the public is taking in the alleged firebug case was manifested by a large number of persons who gathered in the police court this morning to hear the preliminary examination of William P. McFarlane, arrested on Monday last on suspicion of setting several fires in the city. Some time before he was brought in, the standing room outside the rail was taxed. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., conducted the prosecution, and L. A. Conlon appeared for the defendant. Commissioner McLellan and Chief Clark were in court.

After several witnesses for the prosecution were heard, Magistrate Ritchie adjourned the hearing until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

McFarlane was brought into court and given a seat beside his counsel and the examination of witnesses began about 10.15 o'clock. The first witnesse was Armstrong Clifford. He said that he saw the defendant in Sydney street outside the court house on last Monday afternoon between 3.20 and 3.30 o'clock, walking from the main entrance of the court house towards the judge's door. He wore a brown coat with a brown fur collar, similar to the one he was wearing in court. "About ten minutes to four," said the witness, "I was in the sheriff's office when I heard the chemical engine going out to a fire. I ran downstairs and on the way down smelled paper burning. I went in to No. 2 Engine house and from there to the Market building, where there was a fire. I returned to the court house and on entering noticed that the smell of smoke was stronger and I started to investigate. On entering the old city court room, I noticed the room was full of smoke and found a lot of old municipal reports in the drawer of a table, partly burned. I saw remains of a fire under the judge's desk on the floor and also under the desk used by constables."

Mr. Baxter—"When did you next see the defendant?"

Witness—"In the guard room after his arrest.'

Mr. Baxter—"How long have you known the defendant?"

Witness —"About twenty-one years, in fact, I went to school with him."

Mr. Baxter—"What is your opinion of the prisoner's condition mentally?"

Witness— "He always appeared to be bright in school. I have never known him to be otherwise."

Cross-examined by Mr. Conlon, the witness said that there was only one entrance to the city court room and the door was usually kept locked.

Mr. Conlon—"Are there not a great number of people pass in and out of the court house daily?"

Witness—"Yes."

Mr. Conlon—"And are not some of the jail prisoners taken into the building and into the city court room for cleaning purposes?"

Witness—"Yes."

Mr. Conlon—"Are they ever left in there alone?"

Witness—"They are usually under guard.

To Mr. Baxter, the witness said that there were none of the prisoners in the court house that day. The defendant had always spoken to the witness when passing him in the street but on last Monday when they met near the King square, the witness spoke to the defendant, bidding him the time of day, but received no response.

To Mr. Conlon, the witness said that he thought the defendant's action unusual, although he had experienced the same thing before when he had spoken to persons and received no response.

F. C. Gates was the next witness. He said that he was a real estate broker and that he was in the office of the St. John Sign Co. on last Monday afternoon between two and two thirty o'clock. He was standing, leaning against a counter on which there were a box of envelopes, a newspaper and several snap-shots. A man came in and stood behind him and he saw him reach across the counter to take the box of envelopes. He looked around at the man and then went into the room at the back of the store and came out and saw the man, whom he had seen reaching for the envelopes, going out the door and along Union street.

The defendant was then asked to put his cap on and stand up.

Mr. Baxter—"Is this the man you saw in the store and afterwards go out into Union street?"

Witness—"I think it is the same man."

The witness said the reason that he took particular notice to the man was that he was poorly clad and he wondered what he would want at an auction. He saw the defendant going down Union street towards Sydney street. The last he saw of him that day was in Charlotte street going towards the market.

J. C. Berrie

John C. Berrie, manufacturers' agent testified, "I was in the St. John Sign Co's place of business from about 2.20 o'clock until the sale was over about four o'clock. I could not say that I saw the prisoner there. I came into the outer office and saw a newspaper burning on the counter and a match burning under the papers. When I came out I saw a man going out of the door wearing a brown coat. A box of envelopes was lying on the corridor near the newspapers with a few envelopes loosened from the box. I put the cover on the box, extinguished the paper fire with the box and put out the match with my hand. Mr. Gates came over and spoke to me and together we went outside and Gates pointed out to

—Photo by Reid's Studio.

WILLIAM P. McFARLANE

me a man wearing a brown coat. He was in Union street and I think it was the same man I saw go out of the store.

To Mr. Conlon the witness said, "There were quite a number of persons in the store at the time, mostly men. Some of them might have been smoking. I do not think that it would have been discourteous to smoke there."

Mr. Conlon, "Did you report the matter to anyone in authority.?"

Witness, "Yes, I reported it to the regular bartender when he returned."

Mr. Conlon, "Did you report the matter to the police?"

Witness, "No, I thought that it might have been an accident."

William Cox, of No. 1 Hook and Ladder Company, said that he heard the alarm for the fire in the Market building on last Monday. "It was rung in," he said, "at 3.48 o'clock. About one minute before the alarm was rung we received a telephone message at the station and the alarm rang while one of the firemen was at the telephone."

The case was then postponed until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Cross-examined by Mr. Conlon, the witness said that there were quite a number of people present at the auction, mostly men. There were two or three women there.

Mr. Conlon—"You say that you wondered what this man, who was so poorly dressed, would want at the auction; do you think that there are people who attend auctions and do not buy?"

Witness—"I do not think so."

Mr. Conlon—"Did you ever go to an auction sale when you did not go to buy?"

Witness—"I think I did."

To Mr. Conlon, the witness said that he had lived in the city about 11 years and that previously he had lived in the State of Maine. He said he was not acquainted with the defendant.

To Mr. Baxter, the witness said that the remains of the fire was a charred newspaper in the outer office near where the witness was standing.

To Mr. Conlon, he said that he was no nearer the box of envelopes and the newspaper than the defendant.

Fire in Dufferin

Wilfrid E. McGuire, sworn, said, "I am a clerk in the Dufferin Hotel and was there on Monday afternoon between 2.30 and 4.30 o'clock and saw a man answering the discription of the defendant, wearing a brown coat with a brown fur collar and a cap, come in the front door and pass the desk towards the back of the office, where are situated the cloak room, barber shop, bar and lavatory. Soon after noticing the prisoner come in I detected the smell of smoke coming from the lavatory and went in with two of the bell boys, but could find no sign of any fire. I sent one of the boys to the cellar, but there was no fire down there. When I came back to the hotel the next morning, I found that the paint on the wall in one of the closets of the lavatory was blistered.

Mr. Conlon—"Is the lavatory not used by quite a number of people every day?"

Witness—"It is."

Mr. Conlon—"Is the lavatory supposed to be for the use of the guests of the hotel only?"

Witness—"No, it is a public lavatory."

Mr. Conlon—"What was there about the man that called your attention to him when he entered the hotel."

Witness—"The fact that he was wearing an overcoat with a fur collar on it on such a fine warm day."

The witness identified the defendant as the man.

To Mr. Conlon, the witness said that he could not remember exactly the time that the prisoner had entered the hotel nor the

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SERIOUS FIRES FIGURE IN ELECTION DAY PROCEEDINGS IN ALBERTA

Calgary, Alb., April 18—The morning Albertan newspaper office is burning. The fire which was discovered about 1.40 this morning, originated in MacLeod's clothing store adjoining quarters occupied by the newspaper. The Albertan building will likely be destroyed although it is possible that the fire may be checked before reaching the composing room, which contains a battery of six Mergenthalers.

Medicine Hat, Alb., April 18—During the height of the election excitement, just as a large parade left the Conservative committee rooms, a large fire broke out in the rear of Birnie's hardware store. An oil and gasoline shed took fire and made the firemen's job a very dangerous one. One fireman was severely burned, being covered with blazing gasoline. The building will be a total loss.

CONFESSES TO MANY MURDERS

"Kid Carter," Boston Pugilist, Killed Mildred Donovan

IS CONVICTED IN ANOTHER CASE

"What Do You Think of That," He Asks as He Speaks From Dock After Being Sentenced To Prison For Life

(Canadian Press)

Boston, April 18.—"I killed Mildred Donovan. That was only one of the many murders I committed. That is all I have to say. What do you think of that?"

This confession was uttered from the dock in the superior criminal court yesterday by Wm. B. Jennings, known in the prize ring as "Young Kid Carter," just after he had been found guilty of killing William H. MacPherson, a bar-tender, on New Year's Day, and had been sentenced to imprisonment for life.

Mrs. Mildred Donovan, of Revere, whom Jennings described in a statement made after court adjourned, as "a pal who would do anything for me," met her death on New Year's Eve. Jennings said yesterday that he invited her for a walk and near Holy Cross Cemetery in the Linden section of Malden, strangled her. Her body was found there the next day.

"I killed her because I was afraid she would squeal about some of my crimes," Jennings declared.

SIXTY-FIVE DOCTORS IN BELLEVUE ARE ON THE SICK LIST

Think Their Chicken Salad Lunchen of Last Night Was Bob Veal

New York, April 18—The list of patients at Bellevue Hospital today includes sixty-five physicians, the entire staff of interns at the institution. One after another the doctors became painfully ill last night after indulgence in a chicken salad luncheon. The physicians believe the salad was made of "bob veal" and they have diagonsed their cases as ptomaine poisoning.

FIRE DRIVES EDITORS, REPORTERS AND THE PRINTERS TO STREET

New York, April 18—The editorial and mechanical staffs of the New York American were forced to flee from their building near Brooklyn bridge terminal at press time early today by a threatening fire. The blaze originated in the engine room from an explosion and caused $50,000 loss.

DOUBLE FUNERAL; HUSBAND AND WIFE

A touching spectacle was presented this morning when the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. George Stack were taken from their home in Germain street. The double funeral was conducted to St. John the Baptist church, where Very Rev. W. F. Chapman, V. G., officiated at the services. The funeral was attended by many friends. There had been a constant stream of sympathetic callers at the saddened home. High mass of requiem was sung by Father Chapman after which the bodies were taken to the new Catholic cemetery and laid side by side in their last resting place.

Many friends this afternoon attended the funeral of Mrs. Arthur P. Hazen, conducted from 36 Orange street to St. Paul's church, where Rev. E. B. Hooper officiated at the services. Interment was made in Fernhill. A large number of floral tributes were received for there was general sorrow because of her death.

The funeral of Mrs. Eliza Blair was held this afternoon from her home in Spring street to Fernhill. Rev. Gordon Dickie conducted services.

FINAL ACT IN BALKAN WAR SOON TO BE STAGED

Vienna, Austria, April 18—The Balkan allies will today or at the latest tomorrow notify the European powers of their acceptance of the peace proposals, according to the "Neue Frie Presse." Bulgria, Servia and Greece at the same time will telegraph to King Nicholas of Montenegro urging upon him the advisability of following their example.

Cettinje, April 18—King Nicholas of Montenegro, it is understood, is preparing a proclamation explaining to his subjects that, as the Servian troops have been withdrawn, he finds himself compelled to abandon the siege of the Turkish fortress of Scutari.

HOME FOR BURIAL.

The body of Mrs. Susanna Farren was brought to the city on the Boston train this morning, accompanied by her nephew and niece, and was taken to the residence of her sister, Mrs. James Morrison, 14 Cliff street, from where the funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 8.30 o'clock.

HON. DR. PUGSLEY TURNS TABLES

The Government Not so Anxious To Transact Public Business—Congratulations to Hon. O. Turgeon

(Special To Times)

Ottawa, April 18 — There were lively times in the house between three and four o'clock this morning after Hon. Mr. Pugsley had insisted upon the house going on with the public business instead of adjourning. The house had been moved into supply in the afternoon to enable the opposition to discuss the charges against Hon. Robert Rogers in connection with western lands, and continued until 2 a.m. when the vote was taken.

Then the government wished to adjourn, but Dr. Pugsley protested that the opposition had been accused of obstructing public business and now when the house was in committee of supply, the government wished to adjourn without passing a single item. The result was distinct victory for opposition, for the government took up civil service estimates and continued for nearly two hours. The neat way the tables were reversed upon the government has occasioned much comment.

Mr. Turgeon Congratulated

Hon. O. Turgeon, M.P., for Gloucester, received a great reception this morning from the Liberal members assembled in caucus because of the news that his son Grey Turgeon has been elected for the riding of Ridstone in Alberta. Mr. Turgeon was opposed by a strong candidate and the first news gave his opponent the seat. Later returns, however, elected Mr. Turgeon.

Another French-Acadian from New Brunswick, Hector Landry, son of Judge Landry, was a Conservative candidate and was not so fortunate, being defeated by Boudreau, formerly of Quebec.

Mr. Turgeon, M.P., for Gloucester has now one son attorney-general of Saskatchewan and another in the Alberta house. Later telegrams say there will be forty liberals and sixteen tories in the Alberta legislature.

Fredericton, April 18—Several former New Brunswickers were candidates in elections yesterday in Alberta. Hon. Charles R. Mitchell, defeated in Medicine Hat, is a native of Newcastle, and Newton Spencer, his successful opponent, belongs to Bloomfield Ridge, York Co. Hector Landry is a son of Judge Landry. Mr. Turgeon is a son of O. Turgeon, M. P. for Gloucester. Rev. S. B. Hillops, elected in Calgary, is a native of Andover.

GOVERNMENT MAJORITY WHITEWASHES ROGERS

Censure Motion Defeated 95 to 56—Hon. Dr. Pugsley Moves House Into Supply

(Special To Times)

Ottawa, April 18—The transactions of Hon. Robert Rogers with reference to the Prince Albert land matter were given an airing in the House of Commons today. Hon. Mr. Oliver gave an outline of the deal, whereby S. J. Donaldson, chief Conservative whip in Saskatchewan, was allowed to take up on script which cost practically nothing, seventy-three acres of land in the city of Prince Albert, estimated to be worth at least $374,000. The land had previously been held as a government reserve, and no notice had been made public that the reserve was to be opened. Mr. Oliver charged graft in connection with the deal. The debate was lively and continued all day.

Parliament divided upon Hon. Mr. Oliver's motion of censure on Mr. Rogers at 2.15 this morning. The resolution was rejected on the straight party vote of 95 to 56, a government majority of 39. All the Nationalists voted with the government.

The house then, at the suggestion of Hon. Dr. Pugsley, went into committee of supply.

THE POPE'S HEALTH

Rome, April 18—The exhaustion of the Pope is undoubtedly augmenting and according to those about him, he may die at any time or may even linger on for months.

Rome, April 18—Today's morning bulletin issued by Professor Marchiafava and Doctor Marci, after the usual consultation at the Pope's bedside was as follows:

"There is further amelioration of the Pontiff's catarrhal trouble and bronchial affection. His general condition is also more satisfactory today. His temperature this morning was 97."

Several Cardinals including Cardinal Dimede Falconio, have inquired personally or sent to Cardinal Merry Del Val, the papal secretary of state, to ask about the exact condition of the Pope. All have received as a reply the physicians' bulletins which Cardinal Merry Del Val says speak for themselves. He adds that the amelioration in the Pope's health, although slow, makes constant progress and he therefore hopes for a speedy recovery of the Pontiff.

NEARLY EVERY POLE FOR FIFTY MILES IS MADE GALLOWS

El Paso, Texas, April 18—Bodies hang from nearly every telegraph pole along fifty miles of the Mexican Central Railway, below Chihuahua City, reported refugees here last night. Both the federals and insurgent troops are said to have participated in the execution of prisoners.

In a quarrel over the disposition of silver bullion stolen from a train last week, Juan Bozal, a former Orozco chief, was executed by order of Panche Villa, whose men held up the train west of Chihuahua City. Bozal had joined Vailia in an expedition against the federals.

THREE FIREMEN DIE

Buried By Wall in Candy Factory Fire Fight in Philadelphia

Philadelphia, April 18—Three firemen were killed and a dozen others seriously, some probably fatally, injured last night. They were buried beneath a wall at a fire which destroyed the five story candy factory of W. T. Scott. The dead men were Walter Costello, Henry King, and Charles Moritz. The damage to the factory will be $100,000.

TORONTO TO PAY 4 1-2 PER CENT. ON LOANS

Legislation Introduced — Bill To Authorize Purchase of Street Railway and Lighting Plant Gets Readings

Toronto, April 18—Hon. I. B. Lucas, acting provincial treasurer, introduced a bill into the legislature tonight to amend the law respecting provincial loans to enable the payment of 4½ per cent interest instead of 4 per cent. interest on the unissued portions as well as make a discount.

Mr. Lucas said that the present state of the money market made it inadvisable to issue 4 per cent loans as the discount brought the net proceeds considerably below par.

In connection with Mayor Hocken's proposition to acquire the assets and franchise of the Toronto Railway Company and the Toronto Electric Light Company, W. K. McNaught (North Toronto), last night introduced a bill in the legislature. The measure was given a first and second reading. Issue of debentures is provided for without the necessity of a vote of the rate payers.

Upon the city acquiring the railway and electric light systems it shall enjoy and exercise all the rights, powers and privileges possessed by the companies. The management of the street railway and electric light system shall be vested in a public utilities commission of not less than three and not more than five members.

THE BELGIAN STRIKE

Brussels, Belgium, April 18—Cessation of work by the printers will come tomorrow. The majority of the fifteen daily papers will be unable to publish, while the others will appear in reduced form.

Today's estimate of the number of strikers makes the total between 350,000 and 375,000 throughout the provinces where the organizers of the socialist trades.

Only in a few instances have disturbances occurred and those of a minor character.

Shipping has suffered some delay at Antwerp owing to lack of hands for loading freight. The street cleaners of the capital threaten today to quit work unless the government yields.

La Louviere, Belgium, April 18—The proprietor of the principal machine works here has taken over entire charge of the feeding of the children of 2,000 strikers from his own factory.

Liege, Belgium, April 18—Several hundred men who struck on Monday here have returned to work, but to counterbalance this a large number have laid down their tools in the neighboring district of Herve.

Herstal, Belgium, April 18—An inclination to return to work is shown by the employes of the government arsenal here. Of the 3,000 men employed, 1500 went back to their occupations today.

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE IN WINDSOR STATION

Montreal, April 18—A young man giving his name as Arthur Christian Swanson, of Rutland, Vt., was taken to the Royal Victoria Hospital last night with a fearfully gashed throat, the result of an attempt to commit suicide in the baggage room of the Windsor Station. Swanson recovered somewhat but would give no explanation for his act. Apparently he is a Swede.

THE "NANCY INCIDENT"

Paris, April 18, The official enquiry into the affair at Nancy, where it is said some German commercial travellers, who had hissed a burlesque of the German army in a theatre, were chased out of the town, has been concluded. The report has not been published, but it is said that no French army officer was present. The court will inflict punishment on the police officials and it is said an order will be sent to prevent the insulting of Germans in the future.

PLAN TO DESTROY LONDON PAPER

Sufragettes' Plot to Burn The Standard Building

MIGHT MEAN MURDER

Never Fewer Than 150 People There—Mrs. Pankhurst is Untamed—Latest Freak Has London Monument as Scene of Action

(Canadian Press)

London, April 18—The Standard has discovered a carefully engineered suffragette plot to fire its offices. Lithographed letters bearing the private address of a prominent supporter of the suffrage movement were sent out on Monday to militants inviting them to attend a private and confidential gathering, the object of which was to consider steps that might be taken to "bring about reprisals upon the Standard for its persistently hostile attitude to militancy."

The reprisals were setting fire to its printing and publishing offices. The crime was to be committed within a fortnight and rags soaked in petrol were to be used as fire balls.

The Standard points out that there are rarely fewer than 150 people in the building, whose lives would be placed in imminent peril by the perpetration of such an outrage. The building is in the busiest part of Fleet street. Like all printing offices, it has in store enormous quantities of inflammable material and a spark might speedily lead to a disastrous conflagration.

Mrs. Pankhurst Untamed

Mrs. Pankhurst has sent a message to the suffragettes newspapers to the effect that she is more determined than ever to keep up the fight. She says she will treat the government's "barbarous and insulting" license with the contempt it deserves. The suffragettes say that the officials have notified Pethick Lawrence, the former head of the paper, "Votes for Women," that unless he pays the sum recently assessed against him, costs in the government action because of his alleged incitement to window breaking in London, a petition in bankruptcy will be filed against him. aiatrtc%tf

Several militant suffragettes this morning took possession of "The Monument" which stands near the northern approach to London bridge and commemorates the great fire which destroyed the City of London in 1666. Ascending to the top most balcony they displayed two flags and an immense banner in the suffragette colors, on each of which was written in white letters on a black background: "Victory or death."

Having securely fastened the flags to the railings surrounding the balcony, the women locked themselves in, preventing the police from ascending the winding staircase of 345 steps.

They took up their positions inside the iron cage erected to prevent suicides and showered suffragette literature among the thousands of people who gathered at the foot. For a long time traffic was suspended in the immediate vicinity which is one of the busiest districts of London.

The suffragettes maintained their position on the monument for upwards of an hour. While they were "holding the fort," a heavy missile was thrown from the top of the monument narrowly missing spectators.

The police eventually requisitioned the services of a locksmith who forced the door at the bottom of the shaft.

When the police descended and appeared in the street escorting the women who had defied them so long, the spectators became so threatening in their attitude that the constables were compelled to take their prisoners back into the chamber at the base of the monument until reinforcements arrived. A force of upwards of 100 policemen was required to protect the women from the ugly rushes of the angry crowd.

Two women suspected of setting fire to Lady White's house, are reported to be Phyllis Brady and Millicent Dean, who were sentenced on April 12 to six weeks' imprisonment.

SAYS MURDER CONFESSION WAS ONLY "CHUCKING BLUFF"

College Graduate, Head of Auto Bandits, Confronted With Convict

New York April 18 — A murder and jewel robbery mystery of a year's standing may be solved, the police believe, through a sworn statement made by Geo. McVetty, a convicted burglar, who was brought to court yesterday to be sentenced.

The automobile bandits who looted the diamond shop of Jacob Jacobi, killing his nephew, Adolph Stern, as they fled, were never apprehended. McVetty declared yesterday that a cell-mate had confessed to him that he instigated the crime and carried it out with the aid of the two men and a hired chauffeur.

The cell mate whom McVetty named is Joseph Taylor, confessed leader of the band of automobile thieves that terrorized a business section of the city for several months. Taylor is a college graduate and former choir boy.

Taylor was brought from the Tombs and confronted with McVetty's statement. He said McVetty had quoted him correctly, but that he told of the Stern murder to the members of his gang as well as to McVetty "to throw a little nerve into them.' He was only "chucking a bluff," he said. The police are trying to verify from other sources Taylor's alleged complicity in the Stern murder.

Newspaper Man For Governor

Washington, April 18—Major J. F. A. Strong, of Juneau, has been selected as governor of Alaska to succeed Walter E. Clark, resigned. Major Strong is the editor and publisher of the Alaska Daily Empire at Juneau.