

11 UNIONISTS AND 4 LIBERALS ELECTED BY ACCLAMINATION

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ONE UNIONIST WAS TOO LATE

P. E. Glazebrook Was Not in Time to File His Nomination Papers This Morning.

[Associated Press.]

London, Dec. 2.—The nucleus of the new House of Commons was formed today by the unopposed nomination and consequent return of eleven Unionists and four Liberals. All were members of the last House, so there has been no transfer of seats from one party to the other.

The Unionists elected include Joseph Chamberlain, Birmingham; A. J. Balfour, city of London; George Wyndham, Dover, and J. S. Harcourt, Banbury, Liverpool; while Thomas Burt, long the representative of the miners in Morpeth, came back on the Liberal slate.

A Liberal Walk-Over. A. A. Haworth had an expected walk-over in South Manchester, the Unionist candidate, P. K. Glazebrook, turning up six minutes after the time for filing nominations had expired.

Mr. Glazebrook explained that he had thought that the hours for filing nominations were from 12 to 2 o'clock but his protest was disallowed, and Haworth declared elected.

Tomorrow will see 70 polls. The constituencies are so scattered throughout the United Kingdom that the results should furnish a fair index of the feeling of the country.

Thirty-six of these seats formerly were held by Conservatives, 26 by Unionists, and 8 by Liberals.

In many cases the majorities were so small that the verdict of January last may easily be reversed.

One Unionist forecast is a net gain of 30 seats, and Unionist optimists see the possibility of anti-government landslide. However, the confidence of the Liberals in a return to power with an undiminished coalition majority, is unshaken.

Here's Another Guess. There has been a steady decline in the stock exchange price of coalition stocks since the opening of the electoral campaign. Starting at 120 as the probable majority for the coalition of parties, the figure gradually has dropped until it now ranges in the neighborhood of 60.

If the brokers are well inspired the chances that the present struggle will settle the great constitutional questions now before the country seem remote.

Should Premier Asquith and his Nationalist and Liberal allies be returned to power with anything like so reduced a majority as here indicated it is freely predicted that the premier will resign. In that case A. J. Balfour, Opposition leader, and prime minister in 1902-05, presumably would be invited by King George to form a new cabinet, and everything would be again thrown into the melting pot as the only course open to Balfour would be another appeal to the country.

Old campaigners think that a sudden push, such as would be made by a turn-over in seats at tomorrow's elections, might easily start a landslide, and if this occurs the indications are that it is more likely to be in favor of unionism than radicalism.

LONDON POLLS SATURDAY. London, Dec. 1.—In the London polls Saturday, the following were elected: Chamberlain, North, McManis (Lib.), Goldsmith (Con.), Peckham, Richardson (Lib.), Gooch (Con.), Dulwich, Spicer (Lib.), Hall (Con.), Croydon, Lord (Lib.), Ian Malcolm (Con.), Haggerston, Chancellor (Lib.), Rupert Guinness (Con.), Hoxton, Addison (Lib.), Francis (Con.), Walworth, Dawes (Lib.), Bellair (Con.), West Newington, Norton (Lib.), Brookes (Con.), West Ham, North, Masterman (Lib.), Wild (Con.), West Ham, South, Thorne (Lib.), Cart (Con.).

UNCONTESTED SEATS. London, Dec. 2.—According to the latest reports from the constituencies there will be ninety-eight seats likely to be uncontested. Among them are:

Unionist Seats. ASTON MANOR, Birmingham; BIRMINGHAM, Bordesley, Edgbaston, North, West; BURY ST. EDMUNDS, Cambridgeshire; CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY, DOVER; LIVERPOOL, Everton; OXFORD UNIVERSITY, BERRKS; Wokingham; BUCKS—Aylesbury, Wycombe; CUMBERLAND—Penrith; DORSET—South-west; HAMPSHIRE—North or Basingstoke; HAMPSHIRE—South or Fareham; West or Andover, New Forest, East or Petersfield.

KENT—South or Ashford, Isle of Thanet, East or St. Augustine's; LANCAIRE—North or Blackpool, S.W. Bolton, S.W. Ormskirk, S.W. Wigan; LINCOLNSHIRE—Stamford; MIDDLESEX—Harrow; SHROPSHIRE—Ludlow; SOMERSET—West or Wellington; STAFFORDSHIRE—Kingswinford, Handsforth; SUFFOLK—Sudbury.

SURREY—Kingston, Wimbledon; WARWICKSHIRE—Tamworth; WORCESTERSHIRE—Bewdley, East, South or Evesham.

WORKER TELLS OF WINNIPEG CONDITIONS

A Salvation Army Man Gives Sensational Account of His Work.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Winnipeg, Dec. 1.—The feature of today's inquiry into conditions in Winnipeg was the story of Adjutant McIlheney, of the Salvation Army. For fifteen months Adjutant McIlheney said he and Mrs. McIlheney had been doing work in the segregated district, and found it absolutely impossible in the great majority of cases to get girls away. If any girls wanted to come they were won over to stay in various ways. Very often they were made drunk so as to prevent them leaving. Many had been taught the use of drugs, and took dope constantly. Some of the girls were threatened with exposure and arrest if they left. Adjutant McIlheney said he had taken one girl to his own home and offered to have her come and give evidence at the investigation.

The inquiry adjourned until Saturday, when Dr. Shearer will be heard.

RAILROAD RATE WAR HAS BEEN AVERTED

Michigan Central and Pan Handle Forced to Raise By Less Favored Routes.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—First-class passenger fares between Chicago and New York over both the Michigan Central and the Pan Handle will be \$20 after Jan. 15, according to advances received here late today, subsequent to a secret meeting in New York between representatives of those roads and of the Erie, Washash and Grand Trunk. This lays to rest the profitable competition.

This action by the two routes, which heretofore have enjoyed a differential rate of \$19 for the Michigan Central and \$18 for the Pan Handle, followed open threats of another cut instigated by the Erie, Washash and Grand Trunk, such as the Erie used two years ago to straighten out the complicated emigrant rate situation.

HOUSE TO ADJOURN. Holidays Will Start on Dec. 16 and Return Is Not Fixed.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Dec. 2.—It has been arranged that the House of Commons will adjourn for the holidays on Friday, Dec. 16. The adjournment will last until the holidays till Jan. 11.

ONE DEATH FROM FIRE AT WESTON

Excitement Attending Removal Was Too Much for Charles Gormoun.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Dec. 2.—It transpires that the fire at Weston Sanatorium yesterday was partially responsible for the death of Charles Gormoun. The patient was excited by the excitement of removal caused his death a few hours later.

TO SAVE ANIMALS. Government Passes Stringent Order to Prevent Spread of Disease.

[Associated Press.] Washington, Dec. 2.—A special order has been issued by the United States secretary of agriculture prohibiting the landing at any of the ports of the United States of any territories or dependencies of horses, asses, mules, sheep, goats and swine from any of the countries of Asia and Africa.

The order is the most sweeping of the kind ever promulgated. It was issued because of the prevalence in Africa and Asia of contagious diseases dangerous and communicable to live stock. The diseases named in the order are foot and mouth disease, affecting horses, sheep, goats and swine; and rinder pest, affecting sheep and swine.

By the terms of the order the prohibition becomes effective at once.

YORKSHIRE—N. Riding, Richmond; DENBIGHSHIRE—W. Riding, S. Morley; UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREW'S STIRLING; WIGTOWNSHIRE—Liberal Seats.

MORPETH, SOUTH SHIELDS, CORKWALL—Mid or St. Austell; DUNDEE—Mid; NORTHUMBRIA—Wansbeck; YORKSHIRE—W. Riding, N. Shipley; YORKSHIRE—W. Riding, N. Sowerby; YORKSHIRE—W. Riding, S. Barnsby; YORKSHIRE—W. Riding, S. Morley; YORKSHIRE—W. Riding, S. Holm.

CARMARTHEN—District; SWANSEA—District; ANGLESEY; CARMARTHEN—North or Arfon; CARMARTHEN—South or Eifion; CARMARTHEN—West; FLINTSHIRE; MERIONETHSHIRE; MONTGOMERYSHIRE; FALKIRK—Burgis; HAWICK—Burgis; CATHNESSHIRE; CATHNESSHIRE; CLACKMANNAN and KINROSS; ELGIN and NAIRN; INVERNESSHIRE; KINCARDINESHIRE; LANARK—Northeast; LANARK—South; WEST Lothian; ROSS and CROMARTY; SURREY—Kingston, Wimbledon; WARWICKSHIRE—Tamworth; WORCESTERSHIRE—Bewdley, East, South or Evesham.

THE LADY, A SLIP AND THE SABLE MUFF

An Adventure That Befell a Young Lady On Blackfriars Bridge.

To the slippery condition of the sidewalks are due many falls these days, although no serious injuries have been reported as yet. In some cases the sudden tumbles have produced a humorous side, and a case of this kind was witnessed on the Blackfriars bridge last evening. A young lady was hurrying across carrying a large sable muff, about half way over her foot suddenly shot from beneath her and she landed heavily on the sidewalk. In falling she had thrown up her hands in an effort to grab the bridge railing, but missed it and losing her hold the muff it fell into the river and set sail for Saunby's dam.

Market Clerk Maker, who lives nearby, was notified and this morning he caught the fund near the bridge and soon restored to its owner, to her unbounded delight.

NEW REFERENCE ROOM OPENED IN LIBRARY

Comfortable and Roomy Quarters For Those Who Would Consult Books.

The new reference room at the public library was opened last evening, and the improvement is quite noticeable, as for the first time those who consult any of the 5,000 volumes have a comfortable, well-lighted, perfectly-ventilated hall.

The floor space totals over 2,000 square feet, the room being the apartment formerly known as the reading-room. This department has now been removed to the second floor. Every book in the library is available in the reference section, a special system having been adopted. All fragmentary material, such as government reports, Hansards, and the like, will be filed and indexed under a new method a special printed index for all magazines is revised each month.

Greater efforts are being taken to care for matters of interest to mechanics, and a special draughting table has been provided. The public and Western schools, the Collegiate and the University of Toronto, as well as well looked after, all matters of educational interest being carefully tabulated.

Another feature is the inauguration of a department relating to municipal affairs. Charters and all important documents of the most prominent cities will be supplied.

The furniture is very suitable, eight large double bookcases, five oak tables, and the draughting table being included in the new equipment. Each table has four green shaded electric lamps, and the entire room is illuminated by large gas arc lights.

Librarian Carson and his staff have the department very well arranged. The librarian's report presented at the regular meeting of the library board last evening contains some interesting figures relative to the circulation of the month.

There are now a total of 6,062 readers, 1,070 of whom hold second cards. During November the library issued, the classification being as follows: Miscellaneous, 231; philosophy, 31; religion, 151; psychology, 24; natural science, 239; useful arts, 260; fine arts, 154; literature, 526; history, 275; travel, 415; biography, 231; reference, 2,361; juvenile literature, 1,199; and fiction, 5,593.

The committee's recommendation that the librarian be given power to furnish the McClary Company's library with lists of books for purchase, and that he be given permission to loan in quantities, the books selected from the lists by the board, was adopted. The books to be charged to the McClary library, and returned at the expiration of the regular term of two years.

Accounts totalling \$1,659.90 were passed but unless extraordinary expenditures are made in the future the board will have a surplus of \$500.

THE CITY LIGHTING IMPROVED LAST NIGHT

Two Hundred Candle Power Lamps May Not Be Used as First Intended.

There was some improvement in the lighting of the city last night as compared with the night before.

Wednesday, when Niagara power was first turned on, the Tungsten lamps made a poor showing, and there were many complaints in consequence. Last night another test was made, and the result was much more satisfactory.

The downtown district was well illumined. The temporary system was in operation, and the efficiency of the Tungsten lamps increased twofold.

The water commissioners were seriously considering replacing the 60-candlepower lamps with those of 100-candlepower as the result of Wednesday night's trial, but since last night's test it is likely that the present system will be left intact until such a time as it is declared inadequate.

Mr. Beck, when seen by The Advertiser stated that while he had no desire to criticize the present lighting system, he was of the opinion that it could be improved. He considered it very much superior to the service given to the citizens by the London Electric Company.

It is Mr. Beck's opinion that a light on every pole with the increase in candlepower to be made gradually by the commissioners would be a move in the right direction. Toronto, it is said, will be the best-lighted city in America, and the member for London thinks that this city should rival the Queen City in this respect. He thought it a good investment and a good advertisement for London.

NEW TYPEWRITING RECORD. St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 2.—H. O. Blaisdell, the world's champion typist, established a new world's ten-minute record last night. He wrote 1,144 words in that time and made only eleven errors.

SIDE OF A DITCH CAVES IN BURYING A MAN AT WORK

Alfred Edwards, a Sewer Digger, Painfully Injured When Ton of Loose Earth Topped Upon Him On Wellington Street.

While engaged in digging a sewer leading into the new apartment house on Wellington street, this afternoon about 2 o'clock, Alfred Edwards, of 541 Quebec street, was badly injured through one side of the bank caving in on top of him. Edwards was working with two other men at the time, and had reached a depth of about ten feet when without warning the right bank toppled in. The other men escaped but Edwards' was directly underneath, and was pinned to the bottom with over a ton of loose dirt. He was quickly released, and carried into the basement of the Alexandria apartment house, and Dr. Moorhouse summoned. It was found that the injured man was suffering from a badly strained back and several bruises about the legs. He was unable to walk, and was later removed to his home.

CITY'S OFFER TO BE REFUSED IS STRONG RUMOR OF STREET

London Electric Directors Reported as Taking View That Citizens Will Not Pass Bylaw Sanctioning Purchase of Plant.

It was stated to The Advertiser today that the London Electric Company will not accept the offer made by the city for its poles, plant and wires. The directors came from a friends of the company in London.

According to the story the company believes that now that Niagara power has been used to light the streets, the city will not vote to buy out the company, and that any bylaw that is submitted will be defeated.

Toronto Directors Object. Again, it is said that the city's cheapskaping methods have angered the Toronto directors, who feel that there is still a chance to fight the municipality and get a better price. If the company is able to show that it can remain in the field for some years it is argued that both the city and the voters will be more inclined to grant better terms to the London Electric.

A feature that is manifesting itself in the city is the growing tendency of the city to buy out the company, and thereby wiping out competition. Businessmen who now have motors in use are beginning to realize that in order to use Niagara current they must change their equipment, and this will, of course, mean a large expenditure in many instances.

What the city tries to buy motors so as to sell them at cost, but it is understood the manufacturers would give no reduction, and only two bids were received, both being for the same figure.

Thus any concern in London could buy a motor for the same price that the city could purchase a thousand of them.

"What the company will do with the \$100,000 offer," said Manager Hunt, "is a matter for the majority of the shareholders to decide. Personally I may say I will go with the majority. I do not know what the majority will do."

Today Mr. Hunt received a letter from President Matthews, of Toronto, in which he stated that the directors are not in favor of the city's proposition to buy out the company, and that they will be able to submit the city's proposition to them until Saturday.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IS ON LOOKS LIKE RECORD BREAKER

An Army of Gift-Buyers Invading the Stores Big and Little—Local Shops Surpassing All Previous Records For Beauty and Variety of Stock

Shop, shop, shop. Christmas time is with us once more, and an army of shoppers has invaded the gaily-decorated stores that light up with color and beauty the crowded thoroughfares of the city. The London retail stores were never more attractively decorated. The windows are veritable fairylands in miniature.

"How is the Christmas trade?" a well-known merchant was asked this morning. "Never was better," was the response. "The season has opened with a rush that promises to take us nearly on our feet. We thought we had all the stock needed for the holiday trade, but some of our lines are nearly exhausted already. People are buying a better class of goods than ever. There is a surprising demand for fancy dress goods that we can scarcely account for."

Many Pretty Windows. Some of the displays are arranged with remarkable artistic effect. Many of London's stores employ expert dressers who give their entire time to this work, and one cannot fail to note the local improvement in window trimming in the last few years. Even the smaller stores have reached a high mark in this kind of advertising. It has come to be one of the fine arts and why should it not be? Here for instance is "My lady's parlor," particularly inviting, enchanting and beautiful, with its soft drapings of shell pink, with here and there faint touches of lavender. On the bonnet table are arranged the latest things in jewel boxes, pin-trays, trinket holders, dainty fans, manicure sets, and other little accessories that appeal to the feminine fancy. In another window is shown the very latest in Paris gowns, bewitching creations, that make mere man feel like a creature of a baser order.

"Yes," said a salesman in the toy department of a large store, "people are shopping early this year. The newspapers have succeeded in educating the people to the advantages of doing one's Christmas shopping early. Goods are always more or less damaged the last week before Christmas, and there is not the same variety to select from."

A striking feature of the "toytowns" and "toylands," are the aviation toys. There are flying tops, balloons which glide along invisible wires, monoplane that unaided shoot up into the air, and about when suspended from the ceiling.

"Business," said a leading jeweller, "is fairly humming this year," and he pointed to a room in the rear which was filled with small parcels of goods, which have already been purchased and laid away for Christmas gifts.

"People are buying a better class of books," said a bookseller, "and they are buying more than in previous years. There is a particularly strong demand for fine sets of standard authors. Light fiction is no longer the only thing wanted."

"Christmas and Christmas gifts" are the subjects which everyone is discussing, on the street cars, on the streets, in the shops, and cafes, everywhere in fact.

London and the district of which London is the centre, have enjoyed an unusually prosperous year, and as a result the Christmas shopping of this Yuletide promises to easily eclipse in its size and activity all previous years in London.

HEAVILY FINED. Game Warden Made Important Seizure of Furs in New Ontario.

[Special to The Advertiser.] North Bay, Dec. 2.—Game Warden Parks and Provincial Officer McPhee seized a large consignment of muskrat and bear skins shipped from Latchford to Toronto. Colin Campbell, of the former place, was fined \$40 and costs for making illegal shipments. Robert Freck, of the Cobalt Fur Company, was fined \$35 and costs. Joseph Berton, of Cobalt, was fined \$200 and costs. He had a big bunch of beaver skins, muskrats and other furs.

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WEATHER NOTES. The pressure is highest just west of the Great Lakes, and lowest over the Maritime Provinces. The temperature continues low in the Western Provinces, and has fallen considerably in Ontario and Quebec.

LAURIER WINS ON NAVAL POLICY

Majority of Conservatives Voted For Mr. Monk's Amendment.

LIBERAL MAJ. IS INTACT

End of the Nine-Days' Debate on the Great Question Took Place at an Early Hour This Morning.

After a debate lasting nine days, the first division of the present parliamentary session took place about 2 o'clock this morning.

The first cast was submitted was Mr. Borden's amendment to that of Mr. Monk, regretting that the Government had given no indication of its intention of submitting the naval question to the people.

Six Nationalists voted for the Government. The vote was: LIBERALS, 126. CONSERVATIVES, 70.

The second division occurred immediately afterwards, on Monk's amendment to refer the whole question of participation in imperial armament to a plebiscite. The Conservatives voted for the Monk amendment, with the exception of Mr. Foster, who voted for the Liberal amendment, and Alphonse Verreille, (Lib.), Col. Sam Hughes also voted with the Government on the Monk amendment. The vote: CONSERVATIVES and NATIONALISTS, 126. LIBERALS, 120.

Those who did not vote included: Chisholm (Huron), Sharpe (Lisgar), Macdonnell, Foster, Bristol, Wallace, Claire.

Ottawa, Dec. 1.—The debate on the address, which has produced nine days of oratory, and which has in the main centred around the Opposition's attempt to draw some political comfort and party capital from the result of the Nationalist anti-navy and anti-imperial victory in Drummond-Arthurs, came to a close at an early hour this morning. The result of the vote was an emphatic and unqualified Liberal majority against the two Opposition amendments—that of Mr. Monk and his little band of Quebec Nationalists urging a plebiscite of the electors on the navy question, and that of Mr. Borden and his followers in the English-speaking provinces urging the same thing to the accomplishment of imperialistic frills and pretensions of loyalty.

The Closing Speeches. Of the concluding speeches today, that of Mr. Foster, the original champion of a Canadian navy, was the most illuminating and instructive of all the preceding Opposition attempts to justify their boxing of the corner on the naval question. For nearly three hours the member for North Toronto labored with all the force of language and casuistry at his command to revivify the contention that he was shopping early this year. The newspapers have succeeded in educating the people to the advantages of doing one's Christmas shopping early. Goods are always more or less damaged the last week before Christmas, and there is not the same variety to select from.

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MISTAKEN SIGNALS. Caused Fatal Collision Between a Tug and Big Steamer.

[G. N. W.] Saint Ste. Marie, Dec. 2.—Mistaken signals is the cause assigned by the captain of the C. P. R. steamer Athabasca for the collision in which his steamer sank the tug General off the foot of Little Island St. Mary's passage Wednesday, with the loss of three lives. The captain says: "The night was dark. The tug General was sighted when a mile away. I gave a blast. This was unheeded, and another blast was blown. At this time the two vessels were plainly visible to one another. The General was headed for my starboard quarter. I signalled to inform that I would steer a straight course. A few moments after the helm was put hard over to the General, and an attempt was made to cross my bows and by my port side. With a crash the vessels met, and two minutes later the General sank. The bodies of the drowned men have not yet been recovered."

WAS UNGRATEFUL. [G. N. W. Dispatch.] Toronto, Dec. 2.—Alexander Grey, of Hamilton, whose pathetic appearance and tatters aroused much sympathy among officials at yesterday morning's court, has proven quite unworthy of all aid. Ensign Nordell, of the Salvation Army, who had taken the vagrant in an effort to start him afresh in life, said in the police court this morning that although an order for four meals, two nights' lodging, and a complete set of clothing was given him, the man was too lazy even to walk to the headquarters to collect the order. The magistrate imposed a fine of \$10 and costs, or 4 months in jail.

MURDER TRIAL. Man Accused of Killing Little Girl Very Nervous in Box.

[By Associated Press.] Louisville, Ky., Dec. 2.—Joseph Wendling, charged with the murder of eight-year-old Anna Keller, went on the stand today for cross-examination. He seemed nervous, and for a time it appeared he would be unable even to reply to the questions asked by the prosecution. He repeatedly gulped down a drink of water.

Wendling was unable to explain why he had left Louisville. He admitted that the position he had held at St. John's Church was better than he had after he suddenly departed from the city and confessed his wife's statement that their relationship was a happy one while he was working here.

"Are these yours?" asked Commonwealth's Attorney Huffaker, holding up a bloodstained shirt. Wendling replied: "They are," stammered Wendling in reply. He said he had worn them years ago, when he was a truck driver, and former in France, but declared he could not account for the blood stains.

The trial was found in the cellar with the body of the Keller child.

South London Liberal.

The weekly match will be held in the rooms, corner of Craig street and the Wortley road, this evening. All invited. Excellent prizes will be given.

DOCTORS PUZZLED BY THESE CASES

Infantile Paralysis Patients in Hospital No Better.

THOUGH LONG TREATED

Physicians Say the Cases Are the Most Peculiar They Have Ever Handled.

The case of the eight patients, who are in Victoria Hospital suffering from infantile paralysis, is creating an unusual amount of interest among physicians of the city. Although most of the patients have been in for nearly two months, a physician in attendance stated to The Advertiser that there is practically no change to be noted in their condition.

"The cases are most peculiar," said the physician to The Advertiser this afternoon. "The disease is a very difficult one to treat. We have been doing everything we can for the patients, and yet they do not respond to the treatment. We cannot say that they are worse, but they are not any better. We haven't an idea how long they will remain paralyzed."

Among the patients are a South London man and his wife. These are the only adult cases, all the others being children. The cases are kept strictly isolated.

ISMAILIANS ENTERTAINED THE ARAB PATROL

The Local Shriners Attended Brilliant Ceremonial at the Bison City.

The Arab Patrol of Mocha Temple visited Buffalo Thursday, and were handsomely entertained by the Ismailians.

The party, 40 strong, left London at noon by the Michigan Central Railroad. Mr. J. Foy, Toronto, travelling passenger agent, and Mr. S. H. Palmer, district passenger agent, were in charge of the party. Nothing was left undone that would minister to the comfort of the nobles during the trip.

On arrival at the Mocha Temple, the Arab patrol was met by the Ismailians. The party was in charge of Noble Darch, and they presented a ratty and soldierlike appearance. They were accompanied by the Ismailians from London, St. Thomas, Aymer, Springfield, Hagersville and other points within the jurisdiction of the Forest City.

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The ceremonial session was a splendid affair. Visiting nobles from practically every city in the United States were present, and old-timers say that the affair was one of the most brilliant ever handled by any shrine in America.

Given a Flag. One of the pleasing features of the occasion was the presentation of a very fine flag for the Mocha Temple Arab patrol to Ismailia Temple. Past illustrious Potentate A. L. Davis made the presentation, and in doing so made a very fine speech. The gift evoked great enthusiasm, the nobles rising and cheering for many minutes. Illustrious Potentate Dr. W. Alexander officially accepted the gift.

At the conclusion of the session the Mocha Temple Shriners were escorted to their train by the Arab Patrol. The party was in charge of Past Illustrious Potentate A. L. Davis and Chief Rhaban C. W. McGuire.

A number of Buffalo Shriners will be in the city on Dec. 5, when Mocha Temple holds their ceremonial session.

PAPAL DECREE. Rome, Dec. 2.—The official bulletin of the Holy See today publishes a papal decree forbidding ecclesiastics to occupy administrative positions in the army or navy, or to resign within four months of the date of the decree.

ELECTED OFFICERS.