

ONE SEAT REMAINS TO BE HEARD FROM

Unionists Have Chance of Capturing Wick Burghs, Making Majority Same as in Last House.

Most Remarkable Election in British Political History Ends With No Relative Gains.

London, Dec. 19.—With the final balloting today, the general election has come to a close. Today's results are not yet known, but these last three seats were formerly held by a Liberal, a Nationalist and an Independent Nationalist.

The standing of the parties tonight is as follows: Government Coalition, Liberals, 270; Laborites, 43; Nationalists, 72; Independent Nationalists, 10. Total 395.

Opposition. Unionists, 272. Coalition majority 123.

The return of the Nationalists and the Independent Nationalists in the constituencies yet remaining to be heard from is considered certain, but there is a possibility of a change in Wick Burghs in Scotland, which was represented in the last parliament by a Liberal, R. Munro.

The Liberal majority in this district in the January election was 125, and it is considered doubtful if the Unionists can overcome this.

The elections have been the most remarkable in the history of British politics and have upset entirely the calculations of the Unionists who had seriously expected to gain not less than twenty seats. On the contrary, the Unionists have not only gained nothing, but are likely in the end to suffer a net loss of one.

A brief period of quiescence is expected to follow the final announcement tomorrow and after that the government leaders will endeavor to carry out their plans for curtailing the power of the Lords and carrying into effect other important measures in the new parliament.

MONCTON TEACHER IN HARNESS 40 YEARS

Miss Barton Retires After Honorable Career—Natural Gas Pipe Tenders To Be Called For.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Dec. 19.—Miss Barton retires from the teaching profession this week, after forty years service, thirty-two of which have been spent in Moncton and eight in the United States. Miss Barton, who was a member of the Victoria school staff, has been presented by fellow teachers with a handsome gold brooch with diamond setting.

That the work of bringing natural gas into Moncton as well as the construction of the street railway will be commenced early next spring is now assured. A portion of the right of way from the gas wells has been already secured with a view to distributing pipes, and tenders for poles and pipes will be called for within a few days.

Dr. Henderson, president of the company, is now in England, and it is understood instructions have been received from him that work is to be proceeded with as stated.

AMERICANS AT LONDON BALL

London, Dec. 19.—The London branch of the American Navy League gave a reception and ball at the Savoy Hotel tonight to the officers of the American battleships. Several hundred members of the American colony attended.

Frederick Flak, president of the league, received the guests who included the American Ambassador, Whitelaw Reid; Commander Edward Simpson, naval attaché of the American embassy; Captain S. A. Croman, military attaché; Rear Admiral Chas. E. Vreeland, commanding the 2d division of the United States Atlantic fleet; Rear Admiral Thomas B. Howard, commanding the fourth division and Rear Admiral Edward D. Taft, commanding the 1st division.

The company for the most part consisted of officers in full uniform and young ladies.

WAR ETHERAN DEAD.

Janesville, Wis., Dec. 19.—Col. W. B. Britton, one of the last commanders of the Eighth Wisconsin Regiment, known as the "old Abe" regiment in the Civil war, which saw service around Vicksburg, and in the march to the sea with Sherman, died here today.

STRIKERS AT WINNIPEG ARE VIOLENT

Successful Attempt Made To Derail Cars On Suburban Lines And Crews Pelted With Coal—Strike Breakers Imported By Company.

Special to The Standard. Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—Strike disorders resembling the siege of the street railway strike of four years ago last summer broke out this evening. A string of twelve of the largest cars was sent out about six o'clock to Westport to bring the Canadian Pacific Railway employees to the city. There are four hundred men employed at the shops and complaints were made to the company that effort had been made to bring this large class of machinists to their homes so the company made an extra endeavor to show their capability. When the cars arrived at the shop's substation, they waited patiently for passengers, but all the employees passed them walking home.

After a few minutes wait the street car crews decided that a trap had been set for them and made up their minds to start back empty. All went well for half an hour, when the first car ran bump into a big obstruction in the street. The second car, which was second car went off the track in some mysterious way. While the crews were holding a council of war in the station, the victors became black with anger. The crews had barely time to escape to the cars and hide under the seats when a fusillade of coal started. This bombardment continued until every pane of glass was broken and the cars in other ways split and rendered useless for service.

Sent to Hospital. Then the rioters retired and the men crawled out from under the seats bruised and battered. A hurry call was sent for the police and detachment arrived, but too late to see any service, except to convey several of the crew to the hospital who had bruises attended to and cuts sewed up. Now there are fully 250 strike-breakers in the city and the company promises a complete service tomorrow, but as the trades and labor council issued a statement today favorable to the strikers there is every indication that the unions are back of the men and that only the military can bring this strike to an end. The company if it attempts to run cars after dark outside the main street lines is bound to meet with opposition and as the days go by the sympathizers will grow bolder.

Sixty strike-breakers who arrived last night from Toronto were put to work running cars this morning. The company claims they are experienced workmen and with the help of the students the company gave a fairly good service today. Manager Phillips states that he has now 500 applications from men anxious to obtain regular employment. He in Moncton and eight in the United States. Miss Barton, who was a member of the Victoria school staff, has been presented by fellow teachers with a handsome gold brooch with diamond setting.

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ELECTION GRAFT ON MIQUELON CHARGED

Believed That Ballot Boxes Were Stolen To Prevent Majority Coming Into Power—Call To Arms Issued.

Fort de France, Mid., Dec. 19.—Charges of graft in connection with yesterday's elections in the several cantons are made. After the polls were closed the ballot boxes were brought into this city by government officials and placed under protection as was thought for safe keeping. However, during the night, the office in which they had been locked up, was entered and the boxes rifled.

There is great popular indignation. Deputy Lagrosilliere and his friends have issued a call to arms, as it is alleged that the destruction of or tampering with the ballots will result in an election victory for the minority.

EARL HAGENBACK IS STILL LIVING

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 19.—The reported death of Earl Hagenback, the "wild animal king," at his home near Hamburg, Germany, is not true, according to a private cablegram received here today by Alfred Bode, of Cincinnati. The cablegram said that William Hagenback, a brother of Earl, had passed away. The message was signed by Lorenz Hagenback, a son of Earl.

GAS EXPLOSION SHOOK CITY TO FOUNDATIONS

No Traces of Dynamite Found in Wrecked Grand Central Station—Runaway Car Snapped Gas Main and Electric Spark Ignited Accumulation in Power House.

Thirteen Killed Outright While 98 are in Hospitals—Property Loss at Least Half a Million—Terrible Scenes Enacted in Vicinity—Searching Inquiry Into Cause Being Made.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 19.—The very heart and backbone of Manhattan Island were shaken to-day by a terrific explosion of illuminating gas in the auxiliary power house of the Grand Central station. Nine persons, two of them women, are known to have been killed, 125 were injured and property was damaged to the extent of \$500,000.

Four workmen, who are missing, are believed also to have perished. Of the 125 injured, 98 were removed to hospitals, of which 8 may die. An investigation by the police, the district attorney's office and the coroner's office is under way. Transit ceased entirely for some hours, and was discontinued for the remainder of the day, but the new station itself, now in process of construction was not damaged.

The Dead. Nicolò Galucci, laborer. Patrick Jordan, laborer. E. B. Livermore, Pullman car inspector. C. McMarrow, stenographer. Edith Omer, stenographer. Mary B. Pope. Charles Roberts, expressman. Frank Stagg, watchman. John Ryan, laborer.

The injured include laborers and other employees of the railroad, pedestrians, bystanders and others in the vicinity of the accident. A passing surface car carrying seven passengers was lifted from its tracks and hurled into an automobile running alongside. The car was overturned and the passengers killed outright, but the chauffeur of the motor car was only cut and bruised.

Of the nearly 100 in the hospitals, the following are most seriously injured: Unidentified woman, fractured skull; Michael Ryan, fractured skull; internal injuries; Yetta Abrahamson, fractured skull and internal injuries; Theresa Letman, fractured skull and shoulder; John Smith, injuries to the head; Francis Kelly, policeman, burned and bruised; John Cunningham, burned and bruised; unidentified man, internal injuries.

All From Gas. For some hours it was believed that dynamite alone could have wrought such instantaneous and pulverizing havoc, but later in the afternoon Fire Chief Croker said he was convinced that the whole catastrophe was due to a mixture of air and illuminating gas, used in lighting railroad cars, touched off by an electric spark. The gas had accumulated in the auxiliary power house from broken pipe, snuffed off by a runaway passenger car.

The force of the explosion ran north and south for two miles along the rocky ridge that the track bones of the island, and east and west laterally for a mile. Foundations were jarred, walls were shaken out of plumb, windows were blown in, the thousand, ceiling came crashing down on the heads of those beneath and the pavements were littered with pulverized glass that topped the shoe-soles.

The full amount of the property damage is as yet unavailable and may exceed the rough and conservative estimate of \$500,000. The loss to the New York Central Railroad Company includes the physical damage done to the power house, which was utterly wrecked; the delay to construction work and the damage done to cars standing near the power house. The loss to shop keepers and property owners in the vicinity will spread over a wide range of items.

Christmas displays were blown backward into the shops, sucked in to the street or cut to ribbons by flying glass. Whole fronts of buildings were left without a window, sightless masks.

As nearly as can be determined, this is how the accident occurred: A train load of empty passenger cars, hauled by an electric motor, in charge of Albert Beagwart got out of control of the brakes, crashed into a steel and concrete buffet post, snapped the post off and rammed a pile of lumber behind the post into a two and one-half inch gas main, connecting with the taps from which the tanks of the passenger cars are charged at 250 pounds to the square inch. By the testimony of the motor man, and that of John J. Quinn, a brick layer working on the main power house, adjoining the auxiliary house, the time of the break in the pipe was approximately at a few moments after eight o'clock. Two clocks stopped by the jar fixing the time of the explosion itself at 8.22. In the interval, the broken main had simple time to pour high pressure gas into the lower levels of the auxiliary power house. When workmen set to clearing away the strewn lumber, it is assumed, that one of them dropped a steel tool across the third rail; there was a flash of electricity, and the great reservoir of accumulated gas exploded. What happened then will never be adequately told.

In the roof of the fire house No. 2, directly across the street from the power house, lifted like a magic carpet. A shower of glass, bricks, mortar and splintered timbers began to rain down on the pavements. In an instant, the streets were filled with the shock of the detonation and by the rush of air. Black robed priests from St. Patrick's Cathedral, nearby, and white coated ambulance surgeons passed each other on kindred errands of consolation and comfort.

Two Currents of Air. Persons who retained some connected idea of their impressions of these moments say that there seem to have been two distinct air currents—one pushed outward by the force of the explosion itself, and the other a rebounding cushion of air compressed against the confining walls. A practical illustration of how this occurred in the experience of a little girl in a candy store a block away from the power house.

When the explosion came the plate glass front of the shop door was driven inward, pushing the child before it with an impalpable hand, but before she could reach the rear wall the confined air, bounding outward again, hurled her into the street unhurt.

BRIDGE TENDER ACCEPTED.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—The tender of the Dominion Company, of Montreal, and the Canadian Bridge Company, of Walkerville, constituting the St. Lawrence Bridge Company, to construct the Quebec Bridge for \$13,000,000, it is authoritatively learned here, has been recommended for approval by the Dominion government by the commissioners.

PASSING OF MR. BRODEUR

Minister of Marine and Fisheries Likely To Be Shelved in a Few Days Despite Denial.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 19.—It was announced today from Liberal sources that L. P. Brodeur is about to vacate the office of minister of marine and fisheries to become a judge of the supreme court of Quebec in succession to Sir Louis Jetté who is retiring. Later in the day Mr. Brodeur issued a denial, but was informed Liberals here adhere to the belief that a few days will see the minister out of the cabinet and on the bench.

The interesting side of the announcement is that it means two by-elections in Quebec on the naval issue. Dr. Beland's constituency of Beauce has been Liberal since 1887, the majorities of late have been, 1900, 1,257; 1904, 2,200; 1908, 3,899. In 1908 it was the record majority of the election. Rouville is a constituency which after a somewhat checkered history, was won by Mr. Brodeur in 1881 and has been held by him since then, the figures being, 1881, 62; 1886, 970; 1890, 1,887; 1894, 672; 1908, 3,028. The acclamation in 1908 was an accident, a delegate being taken of a flaw in the nomination papers of the Nationalist who had intended to oppose Mr. Brodeur.

GREEK GRAFTER AT NEW YORK

Army Officers who Confessed Share in Frauds Amounting to 4,000,000 Francs in the Hands of Immigration Men.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 19.—D. N. Botassi, the Greek consul general, called upon Commissioner of Immigration Williams today and conceded the jurisdiction of the commission over Nicholas Simopoulos, a Greek army officer, who arrived here Sunday on board the Greek steamer Themistocles Simopoulos is charged with complicity in an embezzlement of 4,000,000 francs from the Greek government and when the Themistocles came into port her captain refused to turn him over to the immigration officials saying that an army officer was subject to the order of the Greek government only.

Mr. Botassi said today that Simopoulos had admitted his identity and confessed his share in the alleged defalcation in which 21 army officers were concerned. The money was obtained, the consul said from stolen army stores.

DRANK POISON HE SNATCHED FROM GIRL

Charles Morback, a Sensational Suicide At Philadelphia—His Fiance Was Pretending To End Life.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 19.—Snatching a goblet of carbolic acid from the hands of his fiance as she stood threatening suicide, the result of a quarrel today, Charles Morback, 30 years of age, drank the contents himself and died a few minutes later.

Mary A. Kalk, the fiance and only witness of the affair, says she did not see the man drink the acid, and doubted that he did. "I was only pretending," she sobbed. Morback's body had been carried away. "I thought it would give him a shock that would stop the continual quarrelling that has made our engagement unhappy."

BANK PAYING UP. Boston, Dec. 19.—The First National Bank of Chelsea, which failed in 1906, will at once pay a dividend of 7 per cent. to creditors. The bank has previously paid 36 per cent.

FARMERS PRESS FOR RECOGNITION

FOSS MAKES STRONG PLEA AGAINST LODGE

Massachusetts Governor-Elect Not Looking For State Senatorship But Wants Change—Not a Question of Party Politics.

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 19.—Governor-elect Eugene N. Foss, opened his second series of meetings in his campaign against the re-election of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge here tonight, and in his opening reiterated his previous statements that he himself is not a candidate to replace the senior senator. "It isn't a question of whether a Republican or a Democrat shall fill this vacancy," said Mr. Foss. "It is purely a question as to whether the man shall measure up to the requirements of the times and the needs of the people."

Continuing, Mr. Foss recited "Progressive Movements," to which he declared Senator Lodge is opposed. He said in part: "I have suggested the names of several progressive Republicans either of whom would ably represent this commonwealth in the senate. There is no lack of material in either the Republican or Democratic party. I do not conceive that it is either my duty or my right to name Senator Lodge's successor, but only to give full publicity to the real verdict of the people, a verdict which has been largely concealed from the people themselves by the gerrymandered condition of our legislative districts."

Massachusetts at the last election started political house cleaning—and she proposes to keep it up until the job is done. All the old furnishings which were so dear to Mr. Lodge's heart, have been thrown out of the window, and there is no place for him. For this house belongs to the people and it is now being refurnished for them. Senator Lodge stands opposed to the direct primary, to the selection by the people of their own public servants; to the popular nomination of U. S. senators; the abolition of the caucus; the nomination convention; the initiative by which alone the people can directly enact desired legislation; to the recall; to the recall, the people can immediately displace an unworthy public servant. He has opposed all progressive legislation. By holding Massachusetts back politically, he has done the state irreparable wrong on industrial lines.

"He is opposed to free raw materials for our industries, he is opposed to a fair reduction of the duties on manufactured products, he has opposed the removal of the burdensome taxes from the mass of the people. He has opposed all direct taxation by which the wealth of the country shall pay its fair share of the expenses of government."

FEDORENKO WILL NOT BE MOLESTED

Czar's Police Have Expended \$50,000 In Vain Effort To Secure Extradition Of Political Refugees.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 19.—Swava Fedorenko, the alleged Russian political refugee, was released from custody this morning, and Edmund Howell, representing the Czar, announced that no further effort will be made to take Fedorenko back to Russia.

The case has been before the courts for the past four months, and the attempt of the Russian authorities to get Fedorenko for political crimes has cost over \$50,000.

FORTUNE FOR ELOPER

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—By the terms of the will of the late Robert Bult, the wealthy seed man of this city, Robert B. De Janon, his grand child, who disappeared from this city with a hotel waiter last December, and was found in Chicago, is given in trust the bulk of his estate which is valued at about \$50,000.

LOST HIS SIGHT.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 19.—Montreal specialists have pronounced the case of Ernest Carter of Sunny Brae, hopeless. The young man will never regain his sight. He was injured recently in the Amherst Foundry, his eyes being severely burned.

LEFT, 11,000,000.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 19.—Michael Cudaly, founder of the Cudahy firm of meat packers, left an estate worth \$11,000,000, according to the will which was filed today. Several hospitals and similar institutions are given specific sums and his widow and seven children are to receive annuities.

Take Up Matter Neglected by Laurier in His Reply to Delegation in Parliament.

Likely to Urge Changes in Cartwright's Elevator Bill—Also Discuss Meat Trade.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The executives of the grain growers' association of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, held a conference this afternoon with Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Richard Cartwright in respect to their proposal that the government should purchase and operate terminal elevators.

The meeting was held in Sir Richard Cartwright's office. When it was over there was another conference between Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sydney Fisher and the executives regarding the chilled meat and abattoir proposals of the farmers. Further conferences will take place on Tuesday as to these matters and also with Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Geo. F. Graham in respect to the Hudson Bay railway and amendments to the railway act proposed in the memorial submitted to Sir Wilfrid Laurier on Monday.

The executives were in session at the Russell House tonight, but to the representatives of the press who called upon them, it was stated that nothing would be given out until the conferences had been concluded. One of them intimated that the conference on the farmers' proposed cooperative chilled meat industry was fairly satisfactory.

At the meeting tonight the members of the executive made a close study of Sir Richard Cartwright's proposed bill dealing with the terminal elevators and they will doubtless urge some changes in it. It is when they meet the ministers again.

ARMY COMMANDER GOES ON FURLOUGH

Commissioner Coombs Lays Down Canadian Command In January Owing To Ill-Health.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Owing to ill health Commissioner Coombs, of the Salvation Army, has been granted a rest and will have a furlough commencing the middle of January. In the meantime Commissioner Rees will take up the work here, Commissioner Rees is a middle aged man, in Sweden and principal of the International Training College in London, England.

FARMERS BANK HAS SUSPENDED PAYMENT

Ontario Institution Goes On Rocks Through Unprofitable Investment—Bankers' Association Will Take Charge.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—The Farmer's Bank of Canada today failed to meet its balance at the clearing house, and this afternoon suspended payment. Officials of the Bankers' Association will at once take charge.

The bank has been in a precarious condition for some time, a case in the court at Lindsay having developed the fact that the larger part of its capital was tied up in a non-dividend paying issue.

GETS 25 YEARS FOR KILLING HIS FAMILY

Media, Pa., Dec. 19.—Twenty years imprisonment for the murder of his infant son, Earl, and five years additional for the shooting of his wife, was the sentence imposed here today upon Jos. D. Green. Green was found guilty of murder in the second degree last week and pleaded guilty to the shooting of his wife, who recovered from her injuries.

Mrs. Green was shot last September while holding the infant in her arms, and another bullet killed the baby. Green's defence was that he had been drinking and knew nothing of his action. His daughter Alice, who was also attacked by her father, escaped by jumping from a window. Green's children were the principal witnesses against him.