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IT SETTLES A FLAG MATTER

Decision From British Government on Matter of Proper Flag For Use in Canada

Ottawa, June 7—There has been some controversy in the capital as to the actual flag of Canada. The matter is settled by the following despatch received from the secretary of state for the colonies, by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught:

"Sir:—

"I have the honor to transmit to Your Royal Highness a copy of a letter in regard to the flag which should be used by private persons who are British subjects. I should be glad if you would be good enough to cause the public to be informed that the Union flag is the national flag of Canada, as of all other parts of His Majesty's dominions, and may be flown on land by all British subjects and that the red ensign with the arms of the Dominion of Canada in the flag is intended to be used only by Canadian merchant vessels.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your Royal Highness' most obedient, humble servant:

L. HARCOURT."

NORTH SHORE WOMEN HAVE A THOUSAND MILE TRIP BY AUTO

And They Get on Very Well Without a Man — Commodore Stewart's Fine New Yacht

Chatham, N. B., June 7—(Special) — Mrs. H. B. McDonald, Mrs. G. H. Lounsbury ,Mrs. John Robinson, Jr., and Mrs. John Russell, arrived in Chatham yesterday afternoon after a trip of 1,000 miles through New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. They say they never spent a pleasanter two weeks. The ladies were entirely alone and the car was handled and driven for the entire trip by Mrs. McDonald.

The run from Moncton to Chatham, ninety-eight miles, was made in five and one-half hours, though the roads were not exactly as smooth as billiard tables, as any one knows who has had the necessity to travel upon them lately. Another feature of the trip was the fact that in the 1,000 miles travelled the only mishap to the car was a puncture. Mrs. McDonald is very proud of the car and all the ladies are, no doubt, very proud of the demonstration of the fact that mere man is not a necessity to the pleasure and success of an auto trip.

J. L. Stewart accompanied by Dr. Beverly Sproul, of Campbellton; Gabriel Forest and Chas. Arbour, of Bonaventure, arrived yesterday afternoon in his fine new yacht recently purchased from Doctor Sproul. They left Campbellton on Wednesday of last week and encountered very severe and trying weather, but the yacht proved to be a good sea boat. During the worst of the weather they lay to in harbors en route. The new yacht is called the Viking, and forty feet over all, 11.6 beam, and is of the centre board type. The Viking is said to be very fast.

OFFICIAL FIGURES CONFIRM LIBERAL SWEEP IN ALBERTA

Calgary, June 7—The official count in the Claresholm bye-election gives McKenzie, provincial secretary, a majority of fourteen.

Lethbridge, Alb., June 7—The official count gives Martin Woolf, Liberal, 139 majority.

Edmonton, Alb., June 7—Official declaration in Edmonton shows, Cross, majority 556. In Sedgewick Stewart has a majority of 1,060. Blair loses his deposit. Sturgeon declaration will be on Monday.

GAVE UP LIFE TO SAVE YOUNG WOMAN; NO CHANCE FOR BOTH

Grand Mere, Que., June 7—After placing Miss Madeline Smith on an upturned canoe, from which they had been thrown, Ira Holt, of Buffalo, let go his hold on the frail craft because it would not support two, and was drowned in the St. Maurice river last evening.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES

Ottawa, June 7—Cape Breton coal is likely to be used in the House of Commons and government departmental buildings for the first time this coming winter.

Budapest, Hungary, June 7—Count Tisza, president of the lower house, had a very narow escape from assassination in the Diet this morning. He was fired upon three times by Deputy Kovac, who then shot himself probably with fatal effect.

London, June 7—Edward Wilding one of the architects employed in building the Titanic told Lord Mersey at today's inquiry into the disaster that if the Titanic had struck the icebergs head on instead of striking a glancing blow she would have been brought safely to harbor but every man in the firemen's quarters would have been killed.

THE WEATHER

Maritime Probabilities—Fresh to strong northwesterly winds; fair and cool today and on Saturday.

BOSTON ELEVATED SERVICE DISRUPTED

Strike of Several Thousand Employes Was Begun This Morning—Montreal Factories May be Tied Up

Boston, June 7—Violence marked the beginning of a strike of several thousand of the employes of the Boston Elevated Railway at daylight. Those who refused to work demand recognition of a recently formed union. The company's reply is that they have treated the men unusually well for many years, and refuse to deal with them other than individually.

The street railway service and the elevated road were being operated on about half time at eight a.m. today and up to that hour five arrests had been made for assaults on motormen.

Although the strike had been theatened for a week or more, it burst a little after four a.m., with a suddenness that surprised not only the company officials, but the police of Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Somerville, Everett, Chelsea, Medford, and Malden.

The men had been discussing the matter nearly all night at a mass meeting, and as daylight was breaking, it was decided to take a vote. As soon as it was seen that those in favor of going out were in the majority, the gathering of nearly 2,000 men began cheering, and a rush was made for the first early morning cars. The first one was met in Tremont street, 100 yards from the hall. The car was stopped, the trolley yanked from the wire, the windows were smashed, and the motorman and conductor badly beaten. Several passengers were rushed out of the car and, although none were injured, all seemed relieved when they gained the street.

A few minutes later word of the strike had reached the vicinity of the north station and there two other cars were stopped, windows smashed, some of the gearing disabled and several passengers were slightly injured by flying glass. Several arrests were made at this point.

A crowd in the form of a parade coming from the direction of strike headquarters, encircled several cars in Adams Square about six o'clock, and more violence ensued. Two arrests were made there.

It was announced during the forenoon, that the actual vote in favor of a strike was 1389 to 8.

The strike committee assert that up to the time of calling the strike today, 3200 men had signed union papers and had paid their initiation fee. At the same time, the company issued a statement that 3500 employes were still loyal, and that every effort would be made to keep the car system in operation. Four hours after the strike began, cars were running on nearly all lines but with about half the usual frequency.

Montreal, June 7—The threatened general strike of garment workers which, if it devlopes, will tie up scores of manufactories, is still hanging fire. The workers leaders, this morning declared that if their demands were not granted by tomorrow they would call out the employes of all of the large firms in the city.

It was asserted by the union leaders that fifteen of the smaller shops have acceded to the demands of the men, which include an increase in pay, shorter hours, and the abolishment of the sub-contract system.

The garment workers in one firm disregarded the orders of their leaders and started a strike on their own account yesterday afternoon. It was charged by a prominent clothing manufacturer yesterday that the threatened strike was founded on a conspiracy of the United States union to make certain that no Canadian shall cross into the United States to interfere in case of a strike there.

DRAWS $130 FROM BANK ONLY TO LOSE IT ON WAY HOME

Mrs. Connolly Wanted it to Pay for Work Being Done on Her House

Having a crew of carpenters at work repairing her house, Mrs. Connolly, an elderly woman living in Moore street, left her home this morning and drew a part of her savings, about $130, from one of the local banks, for the purpose of paying some bills connected with the improvements. She started homeward with the money and on her way dropped into a fruit store in Mill street, where she purchased a dozen of bananas. When she reached home she was without the cash she had withdrawn from the bank, and was at a loss to know what had become of it.

The fruit dealer said to Detective Killen, who enquired into the matter, that the woman had given him only a half dollar and he had made change for her. He had not known of her having any other money with her. Mrs. Connolly is naturally worried about her loss.

PROVINCIAL LABOR FEDERATION PLAN

J. J. Donovan to Act for St. John Council — Labor Fair in Old Home Week

At a meeting of the Trades and Labor Council last evening J. J. Donovan was appointed a delegate to confer with the councils in Moncton and Fredericton regarding the formation of a provincial federation of labor. He will probably visit those two cities next week.

The council also voted financial assistance to the plumbers on strike in Fredericton and the striking clothing workers in Toronto. It was also decided to conduct a big labor fair in one of the rinks here during Old Home Week.

NEWSPAPER MEN AND DUTY ON TYPESETTING MACHINES

Ottawa, June 7—With more than 150 members in attendance, the fifty-fourth annual meeting of the Canadian Press Association convened yesterday at the New Chateau Laurier. In the gathering are most of the prominent newspaper and trade magazine publishers in Ontario and Quebec, as well as a sprinkling from the far east and west.

A discussion which was not on the programme developed when President Young (Cornwall Freeholder), announced the appointment of a committee to wait on the government to request the removal of the duty on typesetting machines and parts of printing presses.

H. B. Donley, of the Simcoe Reformer, and E. Norman Smith (Ottawa Free Press), opposed the idea. "It is a peculiar thing for us to ask this," said Mr. Smith, "in view of the fact that the people of Canada turned down this very thing as on the reciprocity schedule, typesetting machines were on the free list."

A formal motion to interview the government carried.

The committee called on Hon. W. T. White who expressed no definite promise but gave his sympathy to the movement.

ONE TERM HAS BEEN ENOUGH FOR THE TORY LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City Liberal Candidates Find a Marked Turning Against The Administration

The hearty reception given the Liberal candidates in their canvass of the city indicates the extent of the opposition to the present administration and gives promise of a large majority for the Liberal candidates. Messrs. Knowlton, Foster, Mahoney and Kierstead are making a thorough canvass of the city. They have covered the south end and are working through the east end of the city. Everywhere they have gone they have received the most friendly greeting and the most sincere promises of support.

While the revulsion of feeling against the tory government has been unmistakable, even the candidates have been surprised to find how many adherents the government has lost and how many of the electors are eager for a change. One term seems to have been all that was needed to show the weakness and uselessness of the present administration.

NEW YORK WOMEN GO ON THE RAMPAGE

Their Grievance is High Price of Meat and They Conduct Wrecking Expedition

New York, June 7—Women pledged to a war on high prices of staple goods started a campaign of violence in Brooklyn yesterday, directing their attacks against meat ships. In Dekalb avenue, the plate glass door of one shop was shattered, while 500 men screamed approval. In three or four other shops, militant housewives attacked customers, knocking from their hands parcels of meat and trampling upon it in the street.

Dealers were warned against continuing to offer meat for sale. Eight shops obeyed.

SYDNEY MEN BLOW OUT GAS IN ROOM IN MONTREAL; MAY DIE

Montreal, June 7—Two colored men, Fitze Cook, twenty-two years of age, and Henry Webster, twenty-four years of age, overcome by gas in their room last evening, were in a precarious condition today in the general hospital. They are coal miners, and came here on Sunday from Sydney, C.B. When they went to their room they blow out the gas.

MOTOR CYCLIST, GOING AT FEARFUL PACE, IS KILLED

Salt Lake City, Utah., June 7—Henry Potter, an amateur motor cycle rider, was killed in a fall from his machine in a three mile race at the motordrome here last night. He was riding near the top of track when the machine collided with a pole, throwing the rider into the arena. He was travelling about sixty-five miles an hour.

TORY GHOULS

When a man has died by his own hand the mantle of charity and silence may well be laid upon a tragedy so pathetic and so pitiful. To do otherwise is to harrow needlessly the hearts of those bereaved, and to offend against the majesty of death.

What, therefore, can be said of a tory meeting which applauds a speaker who is guilty of this very offense? At the Borden Club smoker last night, Mr. W. H. Harrison, according to the Standard, said that under the old government "an official shot himself because he was about $13,000 behind in his accounts."

Even the grave is not a safe refuge from tory bitterness and brutality.

But who is Mr. Harrison, who speaks? He is an employe of the Flemming government drawing $1,200 per year. He is a paid official of the government in whose behalf he takes the platform. If he were a Liberal he would be called an offensive partisan, whose head would be demanded by the Borden Club as a warning to all office holders who take an active part in politics.

Mr. Harrison said the campaign would be a merry one for the government party, and then, to excite the merriment of the Borden Club, he repaired to a graveyard for his inspiration. All the ghouls are expected to vote the tory ticket. The Liberals do not object.

BALL OF 100 YEARS AGO

English Society Leaders Live Again in 1812—The Famous Dance Before Battle of Waterloo

London, June 7—The Royal Albert Hall was the scene, last night and early this morning, of the greatest function of the season, the "Ball of a Hundred Years Ago."

All the notable figures of English society were present and the splendor of the costumes and the loveliness of the setting never had been surpassed in any spectacle in London. The ball was under the special patronage of the king and queen, and members of all the most famous families in England appeared in the guise of their ancestors of a century ago.

A series of brilliant quadrilles represented the court, society, the government, and navy and army clubs in 1842, the year made memorable by Napoleon's Russian campaign, the peninsular war, and the war between Russia and Turkey.

The Duchess of Richmond's famous dance before the battle of Waterloo was danced again. The Countess of March appeared as the Duchess of Richmond in a dress which was a reproduction of that worn by the Duchess of Richmond at the famous ball. For this quadrille Sir Charles Hartopp represented Napoleon, and Lord Harding was Wellington.

ST. JOHN MEN ARE AMONG GRADUATES

Boston, June 7—The following are among the graduates of the Newton Theological Institution, (Baptist). George Frederick Bolster, Gibson, N. B.; Clifford Todd Clarke, St. John; Edmand Hillyer Cochrane, Petitcodiac; Percy Raymond Hayden, Jordan Falls, N. S.; George Coleman Foster Kierstead, St. John; Frank Leslie Orchard, Fredericton; Amos Allan Rideout, Fredericton; Frank Connors Rideout, Middle Simonds, N. B.; Owen Evans Rutledge, Kintore, Ont.; Gordon Chester Warren, North River, P. E. I.

HOME AFTER MEETINGS OF THE PRESBYTERIAL

The local delegates to the St. John Presbyterial meeting in Shediac returned to the city last evening, well pleased with the meeting. Those who came home last night were Mesdames James Ross, L. A. McLean, A. R. Melrose, R. A. Jamieson, James Sterling, J. H. McVicar, Miss Jeanet Sinclair, of Carleton, and Mrs. James McMurray, of Rothesay. There were 39 delegates present and they heard excellent papers, among them one by Miss Cora Sinclair, of West St. John, on China; one by Mrs. Joseph Semple, of this city, on Intermediate Mission Band Work, and one by Master James Sterling on How to Interest the Boys.

Miss McDougall, formerly on the teaching staff of the Victoria school in this city, but now in Shediac, took an active port in the discussion on deaconess work.

PRIZE FIGHT BILL PASSED

Phoenix, Ariz., June 7—In a test vote in the assembly yesterday, the bill legalizing 25 round prize fights was carried by a majority of three votes. The measure has already passed the senate and will come up for final consideration in the house today.

The Conservative ticket (in St. John city) "is not as strong as a judicious selection of candidates for nomination would have made."
—St. John Globe.

GOMEZ CALLS THE PEOPLE TO ARMS

Cuban President Sees Country Absorbed by United States Unless Rebellion is Put Down

Havana, June 7—The gravity of the situation in Cuba was emphasized by the issuance, late last night, of a proclamation by President Gomez to the Cuban people, urging them to arm and organize in the face of the national peril. The president expresses the hope that congress today will vote a credit for the extraordinary military preparations, this in addition to the $1,000,000 already voted.

He calls upon the Cuban people to rally to the support of the government, and to take up arms in the cause of civilization and their nationality against the onslaughts of barbarous hordes.

Because he feels certain that if the Cuban uprising is not controlled within a short time, American intervention and resulting loss of Cuban independence, are inevitable, President Gomez informed his intimates today that he proposes to take the field himself, and call to the country to support him in wiping out the rebellion in the Oriente.

SECRETARY OF TEMPERANCE FEDERATION SHOWS UP TACTICS OF THE STANDARD

St. John, N. B., June 7, 1912.

To the Editor of The Times, Sir:—

In this morning's Standard a false and altogether misleading statement was made regarding the meeting of the Temperance Federation last night. In the first place the meeting unanimously endorsed the candidature of J. W. Kierstead, there being no desire to bring out an independent candidate. The meeting was well attended, men of both political parties being present, who expressed their active support for the only candidate to pledge himself for our cause.

The feeling of the meeting was very optimistic and encouraging reports of hearty co-operation in the campaign were received from many churches and city temperance organizations.

It is therefore to be regretted that the Standard should circulate such misleading reports of a meeting of an organization which has for its object the advancement of the greatest moral issue in this city.

Very truly yours,

J. N. RILEY,

Secretary of the St. John County Temperance Federation.

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GENEROUS PENSION PLAN OF TELEPHONE COMPANY

Minimum of $25 and Maximum of $100 May Be Enjoyed by New England Employes

Boston, June 7—A minimum pension of $25 a month and a maximum of $100 a month are the principal features of a new pension system that the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company will put into operation on July 1. It will differ from most pension plans in that it will be noncontributory, the employes who will benefit by the system not being called upon to make any contribution toward its maintenance.

After twenty years' service an employe may be pensioned for disability at the age of sixty, or when five years older may be retired on pension at his own volition. At the age of seventy retirement will be compulsory, unless the company's directors decide otherwise.

The plan provides that employes in service from twenty to twenty-five years shall receive a pension equal to one per cent of their average salary for ten years preceding retirement, multiplied by the number of years of their service. Those in service twenty five to thirty five years will receive one and one half per cent additional for each year over twenty-five, while those serving the company thirty five to forty years will receive two per cent additional for each year above thirty five. Those retired after forty years' service are to receive half pay. In every case the minimum pension will be $25 a month.

Under this plan leaves of absence, suspensions or dismissals followed by reinstatement inside of a year or temporary layoffs on account of reduction of force are not to be considered as interrupting the continuity of service. After being retired on pensions those who choose to engage in other employment not prejudicial to the company's interests may do so. All pension cases are to be passed upon by a pension committee, which will comprise General Manager F. A. Houston as chairman, Recorder E. A. Wilkie as secretary, C. T. Keller, general commercial superintendent; G. H. Dresser, general superintendent of plant and E. W. Longley, general auditor.

MIDNIGHT SEARCH AT SEA FOR LOST FIREMAN

Montreal, June 7—Searching in mid-Atlantic at midnight for a missing seaman was the startling experience of the "Fishpool" an ocean freighter that docked here yesterday. The lost man was shipped as a fireman from West Hartlepool. Thursday night he went on duty at eight o'clock. Two hours later he could not be found.

Captain J. Forest, swung the "Fishpool" around and retraced his route through the dense fog and blackness of midnight, but the sea and the night refused to reveal the whereabouts of the sailor.

J. A. SANIDON OF I. C. R. IS DROWNED

Montreal, June 7—J. A. Saindon, a member of the secret service of the I. C. R. was drowned in the Little Metis River, yesterday.

Aviator Fatally Injured

Hamburg, June 7—A German aviator, Cottliab Rost, was mortally injured while making an aeroplane flight yesterday.

CHAUFFEUR CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER

One Toronto Woman Struck and Killed and Another Badly Injured

Toronto, June 7—That Miss Lillian Stein died as a result of injuries received by being thrown from the sidewalk into an excavation and crushed and otherwise injured by an automobile in charge of Philip Kauffman, who was guilty of negligence, was the verdict reached by a coroner's jury early this morning.

Miss Jennie Weinstein, the second victim of the accident, is still in Grace hospital with fractured arm and internal injuries

Kauffman is charged with manslaughter and criminal negligence.

WANT FERRY TOLLS FOR TRAINS REDUCED

A request for a rearrangement of the ferry tolls for teams was presented to the civic commissioners today. The delegation which was headed by ex-Alderman W. E. Scully, included representatives of the Union Ice Company, A. C. Smith & Co., the St. John Milling Company, Ltd., L. C. Prime & Co., and C. E. Colwell. They protested against the present rates and asked for a reduction to the old scale. They were promised consideration.

F. Condon, of the I. C. R. offices, Moncton, met the commissioners to discuss safeguarding pedestrians on the Wall and Stanley street bridges, and also the matter of drainage along the I. C. R. tracks between Stanley street and Gilbert's Lane.

The commissioners met Mr. Condon again at 2 o'clock at the I. C. R. to make a personal investigation.

ROOSEVELT AND TAFT

Chicago, June 7—The prospects that Colonel Roosevelt may come to Chicago next week to personally direct his campaign for the nomination, held political attention when the day opened, to the exclusion of republican national committee affairs.

Columbus, Ohio, June 7—The name of President Taft will be presented to the Chicago convention by Warren G. Harding former governor of Ohio.

MASONIC PRESENTATION

A very interesting ceremony took place at a meeting of Carleton Royal Arch Chapter of Masons last night, when Senator J. V. Ellis presented to the chapter several staves which formerly belonged to the chapter and which had gone through the great St. John Fire. They were in excellent state of preservation. J. Herbert Crockett, high priest, accepted the gift on behalf of the chapter and thanked Senator Ellis for his thoughtfuincess. Speeches were made by J. Twining Hartt, Dr. T. D. Walker, J. Herbert Crockett and others. During the evening several new members were initiated.

DUCHESS CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

Montreal, June 7—An unofficial statement made by one of the governor-general's staff this morning declared that the Duchess of Connaught was still improving.

TWELVE KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Havoc Among Troops and Workmen When Ammunition Factory in Austria Blows Up

Vienna, June 7—Twelve soldiers and workmen were killed and 100 or more injured by an explosion at the Woellersdorf ammunition factory at Weiner Neustadt, an important manufacturing town thirty miles distant from Vienna.

Some 400 pounds of powder exploded with a report heard for thirty miles.

FIVE THOUSAND AMERICAN SOLDIERS BEING SENT TO CUBA

Washington, June 7—The general staff of the United States army today, issued preparatory orders for the despatch of a military expedition of 5,000 troops to Cuba.

MR. CARVELL IS TO SPEAK IN FAIRVILLE

F. B. Carvell, M. P., will address a meeting in Fairville on Wednesday night next in the interests of the Liberal candidates in St. John county. Mr. Carvell's reputation as a platform speaker is sufficient to guarantee a crowded house.

FREDERICTON NEWS

Fredericton, N. B., June 7—(Special) — At the closing exercises of the Normal School this morning the programme included an address by Principal Bridges; lesson in teaching by Miss Grace Young, Miss Irene Dixon, Miss Elsie Mills, and readings by Ruth Green, George Perry, Miss Stewart and Miss Robichaud. There were also songs and choruses by the schools.

The governor-general's silver and bronze medals were presented by Doctor Carter to Misses Hattie Milner and Irene Dixon. Dr. Philip Cox presented ex-Governor Tweedie's cash prize to Misses Hilda Stewart and Mabel Wood. Doctor Carter and Doctor Cox made brief addresses and there was also an address by Chancellor Jones.

Rafting operations at the booms were resumed yesterday with about 300 men employed.

IN NORTHUMBERLAND

Chatham, N. B., June 7—Despite all talk to the contrary, there will be opposition in this county and the people will be given a chance to express their disapproval of the acts of the government. The opposition in this county has developed greatly during the last few years.

PERSONALS

Ernest Clark left last evening on a trip to New York and Pihaledlphia.

Mrs. T. B. Roberts returned last evening to her home in Blissville after a pleasant visit to friends in the city.

Robert Barbour, who has been ill for some time, is rapidly recovering.

Miss Martin, librarian of the Free Public Library, is leaving today for England on a two months' vacation trip. She will be accompanied by her mother.

The engagement of Lady Evelyn Grey, youngest daughter of Earl and Countess Grey, to Lawrence Jones, son of Sir Lawrence John Jones, barrister, of Fakenham is announced.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Foster (nee Frink) returned to the city this morning after a honeymoon trip to American cities.

Hon. Mr. McLeod came to the city today from Fredericton.

Militia Officers Exonerated

Niagara on the Lake, Ont., June 7—A board of enquiry appointed to investigate statements that liquor was being used in officers' messes, contrary to the regulations returned a verdict giving the camp a clean sheet.

Hundred Thousand Strikers

Brussels, June 7—The agitation among the laboring classes in the Walloon provinces continues. There are now 100,000 men on strike but the energetic measures by the authorities are beginning to have their effect.

NOT THE PLACE FOR IT.

One of the steam rollers owned by the city was taken to Waterloo street yesterday and left standing over night on the crossing near the head of Richmond street. For convenience sake possibly, it was located so that part of it was on either side of the asphalt crossing so that people crossing the street would have to use the roadway.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of William Hartin took place this afternoon from his late home in St. Patrick street. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. O. Raymond and interment was in Cedar Hill.

STARS WIN.

The Fairville Stars defeated the Fairville Methodists by a score of 8 to 1 last evening. M. Keefe and M. Mullin formed the winners' battery.

The St. John Globe is not a Liberal newspaper, as the tory press asserts. The Globe is receiving patronage from two tory governments, and fighting in the tory ranks in this campaign.