

## CONSERVATIVES VICTORIOUS IN TWO BYE-ELECTIONS

### MEXICAN REBELS FAIL IN ATTACK ON TAMPICO

Federal Gunboats and Field Artillery Drove Back Northern Army.

HUERTA SAYS HE CAN PUT MILLION MEN IN FIELD.

Eight Hundred Killed in Fighting at Tampico—U. S. Warships Caring for Refugees—Villa's Wholesale Looting.

Mexico City, Dec. 14.—The rebels have failed in their attack on Tampico, and have withdrawn some distance from the city.

Official messages reaching here today fully corroborated the war office report of the rebel defeat yesterday as a result of a heavy and sustained bombardment by two gunboats and federal field artillery. They do not, however, bear out the idea of a rout.

That the rebel loss was very great is also emphasized in these advices, which add that the huzzards which inhabit the Mexican coast and which for generations have been protected by law, floated today over the battle fields in numbers so great as to present the appearance of low-lying black clouds.

According to the federal report eight hundred rebels were killed before they could get out of range, and this would mean many other hundreds wounded and probably left behind.

Reports reaching here do not indicate that the property loss as a result of the fighting has been large.

Official news was made today that Huerta's forces expressed surprise at the alleged interference of Rear Admiral Fletcher with federal gunboats; nor did the government ever receive corroboration of the report that the American commander-in-chief had issued an order that could be interpreted as interference.

The Wheeling got under way Friday evening and took aboard the refugees who had assembled on the Tacoma. A pilot refused his services, fearing the rebels. Commander Kiltelle, of the Wheeling, proceeded down the river, anchoring near the Chester.

In all the Wheeling gathered together 299 persons. Her decks were crowded, crowded, many of the refugees being women and children.

#### Huerta Has Million Men.

Mexico City, Dec. 14.—Replying to a letter to the Frankfurter Zeitung, President Huerta said that if it should be necessary he could put into the field immediately 1,000,000 men, 500,000 of whom are armed.

This statement, he explained as follows:

"Without counting the 150,000 men of the national army, the government in agreement with various states of the republic, has organized an armed force for the local service of 10,000 men each state. Also the government has organized with 52,000 farmers that they keep ten armed workmen each for their own protection.

"Thus, then the government counts up the number of armed men aggregating seven hundred and some thousand, without taking into consideration the reserves, which amount to a total of 200,000, could be organized if peace of the country should be disturbed."

President Huerta's reply to a question regarding the state of Mexico's international relations was:

"I can simply say that we are at peace with all the world. If there is one great people has withdrawn its good and important friendship, it is not we who are to blame."

#### Awful Scenes At Tampico

Vera Cruz, Dec. 14.—The transfer of American refugees to the battle ships during the incessant fighting at Tampico was attended with considerable difficulty.

Rear Admiral Fletcher's temporary flagship, the Teacoma, was run alongside the custom's dock. The scout cruiser Chester proceeded one mile below.

The Mexican gunboat Bravo was at the head of the river below the city, firing westward over the town. The rebel General Aguilar crossed below the Bravo from Tuxtepec with 2,000 men and heavy guns. He controlled the mouth of the river and attacked the Bravo from behind sweeping the river banks with rifle fire. Sharpshooting burst over the outskirts of the town, and stray shots killed and wounded civilians. Bodies could be seen hanging from telegraph poles.

The situation became so dangerous to non-combatants that Rear Admiral Fletcher decided to send the refugees to the battle ships lying off La Barra, Vera Cruz, Texas, Dec. 13.—Stories of wholesale looting by General Villa's rebel army on its entrance into Chihuahua, of the despoiling of church treasures, of the robbery of Spanish priests and nuns, of the confiscation of property, and demands for exorbitant sums of money, were brought here today with the arrival of nearly 500 citizens of Spain, who had been banished from Mexico by the rebels.

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### DALHOUSIE MAN ARRESTED IN MONTREAL

Charged with Giving Worthless Cheques in Payment for Foxes.

HELD BY JUDGE IN \$13,000 BAIL.

Walter Baker Alleged to Have Purchased Animals from Traders and Gave Valueless Paper.

Montreal, Dec. 14.—A case involving many things from real black foxes (technically known as silver foxes) to alleged "phony" cheques beginning in the wilds of Saguenay and culminating in Montreal, came before Judge Leet Saturday and was remanded until the 19th inst. for enquire.

Walter L. Baker, who formerly kept a hotel at Dalhousie, N. B., saw the possibilities of profit in going to the wilderness and buying black foxes to be sold to those who ran fox ranches.

In Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick the business is a thriving one. Baker is alleged to have gone into Saguenay county and thereabouts and purchased the animals caught by trappers and in the hands of traders. There were no banks in the woods, and people do not carry belts full of gold coin, except in the time of his death, early in the summer of this year. Hon. Alex. Morris represented it from 1867 until his death in 1872.

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The Conservative candidate, Mr. Morrison's opponent in the second election was Dr. Miles. Liberal, Walter Burston was arrested in St. James charged with perjury. Aside from this incident the election was quiet.

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### NEWCASTLE MAN IS SEVERELY INJURED

Son of Hon. John Morrissy Had Leg Fractured when Horse Balked — Thrown Against Telephone Post.

Special to The Standard.

Newcastle, Dec. 14.—John T. Morrissy, son of the Minister of Public Works, had his leg crushed and broken and an artery severed in an accident this afternoon. On coming out of Morrissy's drug store and getting into his sleigh his horse bolted before he had control of the reins; he was thrown out against a telephone post on the opposite corner and jammed between the sleigh and post, the sleigh being smashed.

The injured man was taken to Dr. McCreath's a few doors away, and then in the doctor's automobile to his own home. His leg was very badly cut from knee to ankle, the bone not being only broken but partly laid bare. He lost a great deal of blood and suffered very severely. He is doing as well as can be expected.

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### CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATES CARRY McDONALD AND SOUTH LANARK WITH BIG MAJORITY

Results Express Unquestionably Popular Sentiment on Borden Naval Policy.

ARTHUR HAWKES LOSES HIS DEPOSIT.

Exponent of "Canada First" Idea Secures Only Seventy Votes — Bigger Vote Than in Last Election.

Perth, Dec. 14.—Dr. A. E. Hanna, of Perth, was elected Saturday to represent the riding of South Lanark in the Dominion House of Commons. The fight was a three-cornered one, Col. J. M. Balderson, Perth, independent Conservative, and Arthur Hawkes, of Perth, Canada First, entering the contest with the nominee of the Conservative Association, Dr. Hanna ran 135 votes ahead of Col. Balderson. Mr. Hawkes only received seventy votes in the whole riding and loses his deposit.

The vote by townships stood:

Township	Hanna	Balderson	Hawkes	Haggart (Cons.)	McKin (Lib)
Bathurst	239	206	7	235	153
Beckwith	114	146	12	187	61
Northburgess	91	56	5	43	91
Drummond	212	204	8	217	113
N'th Elmsley	118	74	4	112	40
Montague	190	219	1	235	79
Perth	366	242	9	371	175
St. Sherbrooke	83	5	125	21	1
Smith's Falls	404	542	19	792	308
Totals	1907	1772	70	2233	1007

Total vote polled yesterday, 3,704, out of a possible 5,035, which is considerably larger than at the last general election, when it was 3,300, the Liberal candidate at that time losing his deposit.

The riding has been Conservative since confederation. Hon. John Haggart, representing it from 1872 until the time of his death, early in the summer of this year. Hon. Alex. Morris represented it from 1867 until his death in 1872.

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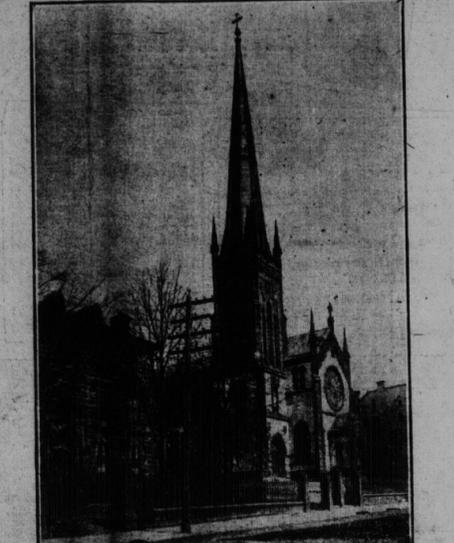
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### Picturesque and Beautiful New Brunswick



Cathedral, St. John.

### TELLS REASON EAST INDIANS FOR STEALING MONA LISA OF MUCH WORRY

Vincenzo Perri Wished to Restore Masterpiece to His own Country—No Desire for Pecuniary Gain.

Florence, Dec. 13.—Vincenzo Perri, from whom Leonardo Da Vinci's masterpiece, Mona Lisa, was recovered yesterday, declared absolutely to the police today that he had no accomplices, either direct or indirect, in the theft of the painting from the Louvre. Nobody knew of his plan before its execution; nobody saw him when he abstracted the picture, and nobody knew that he had the picture in his possession.

"I did not take the painting through a desire for gain," he said, "but wished to accomplish a good and holy work by returning to my country one of the many treasures stolen from it."

While working in the Louvre, he said, he was overcome with shame on hearing visitors indicate the best works as Italian. One day he took his oath: "I will be unworthy of Italy if I do not return to her one of these masterpieces."

When he could delay no longer, he found that he could accomplish his design without great difficulty, as he was already known by those employed about the building. After the theft he was questioned by the police, but his frankness and his request that they search his room disarmed suspicion.

When Dr. Ricci was again asked today if he was absolutely certain that this was the genuine "Mona Lisa," he replied: "I only wish that the French experts would consider it a copy, then it would remain in Italy."

Situation in Africa and Western Canada May Cause Trouble for Great Britain in East Indies.

London, Dec. 14.—The British and Indian governments are very seriously concerned over recent occurrences in South Africa arising out of what the East Indians consider discriminatory legislation against them. An effort is being made to minimize the seriousness of the situation which was accompanied by a general strike of thousands of East Indians in Natal and riots in which several were killed. The influence of the government has been sufficient to induce the press of the country to print nothing but favorable news and comments, while a very careful supervision of news in regard to the suppression of disturbances in South Africa is made before its appearance in the Indian papers.

Viscount Hardinge, viceroy of India, has tried to pour oil on the troubled waters by expressing his sympathy with the East Indians in South Africa and asking for a thorough investigation by the imperial authorities and the Marquis of Crewe, secretary of India, in reply to a deputation of Indians has likewise expressed himself in favor of investigation.

The news that Canada, at the instigation of British Columbia, has been in negotiation with the imperial authorities with a view to further legislation to restrict the immigration of Indians to the Pacific province, has also caused a great deal of alarm among those who know the seriousness of the situation.

### HISTORIC BUILDING AT YARMOUTH BURNED

Old St. Judan Hall Destroyed By Fire Saturday — Was Erected Nearly a Century Ago.

Halifax, Dec. 14.—Fire last night destroyed the old St. Judan Hall at Yarmouth, one of the historic buildings of the town. It was erected in 1825, and was at one time used by the Methodist congregation as a place of worship.

### COAL LADEN VESSEL ABANDONED BY CREW

The Charles Lulling Struck Foul Ground — Revenue Cutter Acushnet Unable to Pull Her Off.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Dec. 14.—The Boston schooner Charles Lulling, with 300 tons of coal from New York for Falmouth, was abandoned by her crew tonight on Middle Ground shoal. She was loading badly.

The schooner fouled a mooring last night and before she could get clear dragged her anchor and went to the shoal. The revenue cutter Acushnet, tried unsuccessfully to pull her off.

The Charles Lulling was built in Mantoloking, Wis., in 1874.

### SUFFRAGETTES APPEAL TO KING IN THEATRE

### NO HOPE OF SAVING BIG THOMSON LINER

Efforts to Refloat Str. Cervona Stranded on Rocks Off Beaver Cove Point Prove Futile.

Montreal, Dec. 14.—From the latest reports to hand, there no longer seems to be any hope of refloating the Thomson liner Cervona, which stranded last Friday on the rocks off Beaver Cove Point, Renewes Head.

Captain Stooke wired the Montreal agents of the line, the Robert Reford Co., Saturday that the weather had become stormy, and that in consequence the Cervona was bumping badly on the rocks among which she had stranded. As soon as this was known, hope of the ultimate salvaging of the freighter was virtually abandoned, as it is well known that the coast from Cape Race to Renewes Head is a bad one, even under the most favorable conditions.

### TAKE UP QUESTION OF RAILWAY RATES FOR CARRYING PARCELS POST

Hon. Mr. Pelletier and Sir Thomas Shaughnessy Confer—Companies Ask Six Millions a Year.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—A further conference with reference to the rates to be charged by the railways for carrying the parcels post took place Saturday afternoon between the Hon. L. P. Pelletier and Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, but the postmaster general stated subsequently that he was not in a position to make an announcement as yet.

The railway companies which now receive two millions a year for carrying the mails, ask now six million for the parcels post. The question of compensation for prospective loss of business by the railway controlled express companies is an unquestionable factor in the case. It is understood that things are shaping themselves favorably towards an agreement.

### PRESIDENT OF FRANCE MAY VISIT STATES

Matter Unofficially Discussed—Visit would Express Unity of Feeling Between Republics.

Paris, Dec. 13.—President Raymond Poincare has talked unofficially with Jean Jules Jusserand, French ambassador to the United States, Myron T. Herrick, United States ambassador to France, and others of the possibility of his paying a visit to the United States during his term of office.

The suggestion was first made to him privately by a friend, who inquired whether the president's visit to other countries ought not to include one to the United States, pointing out that the relations between the two countries always had been so agreeable and that the United States was the sole other republic among all the great powers.

The subject was also brought quite unofficially to the attention of President Wilson, who said it would give the government and the people of the United States a great deal of pleasure to entertain President and Madame Poincare.

The question was not raised whether

Address Speeches to Their Majesties During the Intermission.

AUDIENCE DROWNS REMARKS WITH HISSES.

Police and Militants Mix It In Wild Scene in London Streets — Women Trampled to Earth.

London, Eng., Dec. 13.—While King George and Queen Mary were attending the opera at Covent Garden this evening they were made the objects of a suffragette appeal. A party of suffragettes had obtained possession of a box opposite the Royal box. When the curtain went down on the first act they stood up and unfurled a banner on which was inscribed:

"Women are being tortured in Your Majesty's Prisons."

The suffragettes started to deliver speeches, addressing the King. What they said was inaudible, because their words were drowned by a volume of hisses from the audience. The King and Queen meanwhile were smiling.

The women's ineffectual efforts to make themselves heard occupied little more than a minute, because the management was on the lookout for some such disturbance and quickly ejected the women from the box. While they were leaving several suffragettes in the gallery threw down a lot of suffragette leaflets.

The demonstration was planned by the Women's Social and Political Union, and the speeches which the women did not get a chance to deliver appealed to the King to put an end to the present state of affairs, and bringing pressure to bear on the government to give women the vote.

London, Dec. 14.—The American suffragette, Miss Zelle Emerson, of Jackson, Mich., was the central figure of a furious scrimmage this evening between the police and suffragettes and their supporters in a Bow district. Miss Emerson and three men were arrested.

The suffragettes gathered for the purpose of demonstrating before the houses of the councillors who had deprived them of the use of Bow Baths as a meeting place. One hundred police, mounted and foot, quickly surrounded the demonstrators, and failing to dissuade them from their proposed action, charged the procession.

They seized Miss Emerson and men and women rushed to her rescue. A wild scene followed, and women and children were thrown to the ground and trampled in the semi-darkness. The shrieks of the frightened and terrified onlookers, but when the field was cleared the injured turned out not to be serious. The police captured many suffragette banners, which they tore to shreds.

### ELECTION CASE IS POSTPONED UNTIL DEC. 22

Judge Defers Hearing of Petition for Unseating of Liberal Candidate in South Bruce.

Valleyfield, Que., Dec. 13.—Because certain documents were missing when Judge Charbonneau took his seat at the court house here today, to consider the petition of the Hon. Sydney Fisher for the unseating of James Morris, the victor in the recent by-election, the case was postponed until Monday, December 22, both J. L. Laurendeau, K. C. who represented Mr. Morris, and L. Codebecq, for Mr. Fisher, agreeing to the postponement.

The proceedings today were purely formal, the objectors asking delay until the arrival of important documents, which are said to be in Ottawa. There was no argument.

### OVER FIFTY NEW POST OFFICES OPENED ON DECEMBER 1

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Fifty-three new post offices were opened in Canada on December 1. Eighty-seven were closed on the same date, of which seventy were discontinued owing to the inauguration of the rural free delivery system.

President Wilson could promise to pay a return visit to France, and President Wilson said he saw no likelihood of being able to do so.

No official discussion of this interesting suggestion has taken place, and it remains for the present under private consideration.

It is felt, however, at the Palace of the Elisees that such an exchange of visits might be an admirable way of showing the unity of the feeling and the good will existing between the two republics in somewhat the same way as the community of interests between monarchies is so often indicated by visits of royal personages.