

ENGLISH ELECTION DEC. 14

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Almost before the ink was dry on the Foch armistice paper, the spokesmen at Westminster for Lloyd George were announcing from Parliament that a general election would be held in Great Britain on Dec. 14th.

The election will be held under conditions new to the nation. Plans had been made for it long before. In the heat of four years of war, when the empire was hanging in the balance, a number of important legislative measures were enacted by Parliament, including the latest reform bill.

It has been determined already that the Lloyd George government shall stand together—a coalition government of Liberal, Unionist and Labor—at the election, and if successful, for the reconstruction period.

Mr. Balfour will uphold the government on the hustings; so will Mr. Coyne, Laborite, a member of the administration, Lord Curzon and Winston Churchill will speak from the same platform.

The issue is not war—it is war reconstruction; and this means to Lloyd George, reconstruction of Europe and of Great Britain. Recently he appeared at a conference of the Liberal party leaders and explained broadly the policies of the government for the immediate future, and asked a vote of confidence, which was given him by unanimous vote, although up until that moment

it was claimed that the Asquith faction had control of the party machinery.

At the same time Mr. George was addressing the Liberals, his chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Bonar Law, was speaking to Unionist leaders on the same theme and after listening to him it was determined that the Unionist party would abide by the government in the campaign election.

The prevailing opinion in England is that the George government will have a clear working majority in the next Parliament, and that the present Cabinet will continue until after the peace treaties have been signed at least.

Opposed to Lloyd George will be Arthur Henderson, head of the British Labor party. But of late Mr. George has been cutting the ground from under Mr. Henderson's feet. A recent address by the premier went almost as far as the Henderson program in internationalism. So in international politics it is a question of degrees between the two.

The premier is heartily in favor of a league of nations to guarantee peace. A league of nations seems essential if the powers are to reduce their armaments, and make up war's losses. Reconstruction itself would require state aid and labor, that had done so much and well during the war.

The Henderson program was full-filled many weeks ago. It sticks closely to internationalism undiluted—international Socialism through labor more than international good feeling among governments. He takes several steps in advance of his opponent. He is also for state Socialism in the extreme.

Of course, the Irish question is in the foreground as usual, but it is in an entirely new form. The Nationalist party of Redmond and Dillon is going to its political grave next month. The Sinn Fein movement has given it its quietus. And the Sinn Fein party has taken added strength and hope from the "self-determination talk" rife in so many countries.

It is generally conceded that the Sinn Fein party will sweep all of Ireland, except the north part, this time, and that the Nationalist party will have barely enough to fill a jaunting car. Those who are opposed to the Sinn Fein movement will doubtless uphold the Unionist party in Ireland.

The Irish party in England and Scotland will support the Henderson party, while the Sinn Fein outfit are for separation and a republic. John Bull's experiences in four and a half years may cause him to tighten his reins on "Neo-Fenianism."

THE LAST OF THE CAESARS

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Pomp and pageantry have always enthralled the human mind. The lust for power of one kind or another of it. If we lack the power ourselves we admire it in others.

It is this predilection which makes the pages of history glow for us. Indeed, it has made history—for what has history been, until a comparatively recent date, but a chronicle of kings and queens, their armors and their battles, their rise and their fall?

Hence it follows that it is not by the sword alone that tyrants have ruled. Their trappings, splendid courts, ostentatious ceremonies, symbolic revels, splendid equipages, the flourish of trumpets, the evolutions of troops and ships, salves of prosperity and boom of cannon—all these have bound and enthralled the imagination of their subjects, making their bodies pliant to the rulers' will.

Nor is it only the ignorant and the crude who are thus enthralled, for the pages of history record the shameful servility to royalty of men distinguished for intellectual achievements. But the price, the terrific price of the despot's dastard is the infidelity which men attach to their deity, unvarying, untenuous, like a law of nature. Let the monarch stub his toe and fall, and let his subjects leap upon him like wolves upon a wounded stag.

Nicholas, Ferdinand, Karl and Wilhelm failed. The first was done to death by his erstwhile serfs; the others are fugitives, and any hour may flash to the four corners of the earth the tidings that they, too, have tasted the assassin's steel.

Wilhelm, prematurely old and bent, has sought refuge in Holland. He failed. Events as uncontrollable

as the whirlwind's wrath stripped him of his pseudo divinity, and he fled from his throne as from a nest of scorpions, with only a little group of parasites left to make him obnoxious. "My Army!" Gone. "My Navy!" Gone. "My subjects!" Gone. Power, pomp, adulation and honor—all gone.

This cataclysmic crash of empires, this flying assunder in four short years of the gigantic accretions of centuries, is a solemn thing to contemplate. Its moral significance is writ large. No institution reared up on the bondage of men, either of soul or body, can endure. The seeds of destruction are planted with its corner stone.

And the same is equally true of the life of each of us, however humble our sphere. The immutable laws of God show no large or small, no high or low; but deal out reward or punishment alike to all.

DRUGS STILL

The price of drugs, which during the period of the war soared higher than for any other class of commodity, is still far above normal. In some cases the cost of standard drugs increased ten-fold, notably camphor, which from 45 cents a pound rose to \$4.50; and phenacetin rose from 70 cents a pound to \$4.50. It is expected that with a good crop of herbs, from which many drugs are manufactured, in Canada, and the lifting of the embargo by the Government, a return to somewhat normal conditions will follow. This influenza epidemic has resulted in a shortage of the kind of supplies used in fighting the disease.

Currie Was Presented With a Gold Medal

Replicas Will Be Distributed Among Men Who Captured Mons.

France, Dec. 5.—With the Canadian Corps.—Before leaving Mons, which the Canadians captured just before the armistice, was signed, Sir Arthur Currie, the Commander of the Canadian Corps, was presented by the city with a medal in gold especially struck in his honour and inscribed, as a souvenir of the liberation of the city by the Canadian corps. Replicas will be distributed among the troops who took part.

The men of the First Division were given a great reception upon their entry into the city of Nivelles, on their march to Germany. Leave was granted to the men for visits to Waterloo and the historic battlefields in the neighborhood and considerable contingents of Canadians attended the official entry of the King and Queen of the Belgians into Brussels.

The public plans of the demobilization of the Canadian army have not been received with enthusiasm by the men, who hoped and believed that they would have an opportunity of returning to their homes as soldiers of units with which they have so long been associated.

"Instead of this," one western soldier put it, "we are to return, not as soldiers at all, but as a mob of farmers or bakers or clerks, which our country apparently wants to get rid of as quickly as possible. I and thousands like me, wanted to march into our own home town with our regimental flag waving and band playing the fighting battalion march that won fame on every field from Ypres to Cambrai, where the Canadian arms have been engaged."

Capt. Hodge, M.C., Dies in Hospital

The following is taken from the Vancouver Daily Sun of October 30: Capt. Harry E. Hodge, M.C., a returned officer of the First Contingent, died at the General Hospital last night after a short illness. In his death another of the soldiers who made Canada famous in the early days of the war has gone and the thinning ranks of the First Contingent has lost one of its most brilliant officers.

Captain Hodge went over as a lieutenant with the original 2nd Battalion in 1914 and took part in the early fighting in the Ypres salient. At the second battle of Ypres, where the Hun used the first gas in the war, Captain Hodge was in charge of a machine gun crew and, after all his men were killed, he held his post firing into the masses of the enemy with such effect that he completely held up their advance at that point. After the battle, by official count, there were no fewer than 675 German bodies in front of the machine gun emplacement held by Captain Hodge. For this he was recommended for the French Legion of Honor, mentioned in despatches and promoted to the rank of captain on the field, as well as being personally congratulated by Premier Lloyd George on one of the latter's tours of the front.

He was wounded in this engagement and returned to Canada, but as soon as he was fit again, returned to the front and took part in the Somme battles of 1916, winning the Military Cross and the personal thanks on parade of General Byng. Wounded again, he was sent to England, and for some time was military officer in the Shorncliffe area for the Canadians. For the second time he was returned to Canada and this time was placed on the reserve of officers and retired to civilian life. The presentation of the Military Cross was delayed for some time and when Captain Hodge received it he was living in Bellingham, Washington. Permission was obtained to present the decoration to him there and it was done by the senior officer in the military district. The presentation on American soil was the first ever made to a Canadian officer and excited great interest at the time.

For the past six months Captain Hodge had been working as an electrician in the Squamish, and it was there that he contracted the influenza that resulted in his death. He was hurried to the General Hospital as soon as possible but the dreaded disease had taken an acute form and he died in a very few days.

A Lindsay citizen, who was in Toronto last week, saw a copy of the circular and it is just as they and blood curdling as is reported.—Lindsay Post.

Frankford Continuatio School Examination

EXAMINATIONS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER.

Form I.—Maximum 700. Eva Morrow... 76 per cent. Agnes Sullivan... 62 Roy Rosborough... 58 Hugh Sine... 53 Jessie Whitton... 53 Florence Hearn... 51 Fleeta Habbie... 49 Wilts O'Malley... 48

Form II.—Maximum 750. Maggie Peel... 72 per cent. Thelma Buell... 67 Thelma Lowery... 65 Sylvia Bull... 60 Ross Snider... 60 Vera Bush... 60 Roy Pollard... 59 Helen Windover... 52 Carman Pettet... 48 Olyver Reid... 43 Raymond Mikel... 40

Form III.—Maximum 600. Myrtle Bark... 78 per cent. Kathleen Simmons... 78 Katie Sullivan... 76 Hazel Fox... 72 Mary Peel... 65 Silbourn Theod... 61 Arthur Osterhout... 44 J. M. Bell, Principal.

Trenton

Mrs. Patten gave four tables of bridge Thursday at her home.

Mr. R. Livingston leaves to day for Portland, Maine.

Mrs. W. P. Saunders, of Colborne, arrived in town Saturday.

Mr. Robt Whyte, B.A., was a visitor to Belleville Saturday.

Mr. Ewan McLean has returned to town after several months absence with the troops.

Capt. H. C. Charlton Sallsbury, R.C.N.V.R., arrived in town today from Parry Sound, on his way to Sydney, N.S. During his stay he is the guest of his sisters, the Misses Amy and Kate Sallsbury, Dundas street.

Miss E. Barford left for Ottawa Saturday.

Mr. Leonard Barry left for Oshawa Saturday noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Parron left for a few days visit at Toronto Saturday.

Miss E. K. Matthews left for Kingston Saturday.

Trenton has purchased a new fire machine costing over \$5,000.00.

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Barclay are guests of the Vanderbilt hotel, New York City.

Miss Thompson, of Perth, arrived in town Saturday.

Mrs. Morton Murdoch has leased a very fine apartment on Indian road, Toronto.

Mrs. Fortune has returned from Toronto.

Mrs. A. L. Rogers was hostess to a 4 o'clock tea Wednesday.

Mrs. (Dr.) H. M. Caverly was hostess to tea Saturday at her new home, Dundas street.

Prices Were a Little Higher

Fair Sized Market Today—Fowl Quite Plentiful

Today's market was not of very large proportions and prices were somewhat higher in most lines. Fresh eggs brought 60c to 65c per dozen and butter 52c to 55c per lb. Chickens were plentiful at 21 each, and upwards. Ducks sold at \$1.25 to \$1.50 each. Turkeys were high at \$3 and upwards.

Potatoes ranged from \$1.75 to \$2 per bag. A few sold at 1.50 but better quality brought \$1.80 to \$2. Apples were fairly plentiful. Oats wholesale at 80c, barley \$1.05 to \$1.08, buckwheat \$1.25 to \$1.35.

Hay was not offered today. Meats are practically unchanged. Eggs sell at \$17.50 liveweight. Hens are worth 13c per pound.

Obsequies

The funeral of the late Mrs. Hetty McCarthy took place this morning from her late residence, Stratton St. to St. Michael's Church, Rev. Father Killeen celebrating requiem mass. The interment was made in St. James Cemetery. Father McNeill officiating. The bearers were Messrs John McCarthy, Charles McCarthy, Jeremiah McCarthy, T. Daly, D. Deacon and T. Manley.

Presentation to Popular Organizer

Victory Loan Canvasers Give Send-Off to Mr. W. B. Evans—Happy Gathering Last Night—Receives Cabinet of Silver

At the Royal Cafe last night there gathered canvassers from Belleville and representatives of the canvassers of Hastings County from outside the city to do honor to Mr. W. B. Evans, official organizer for Hastings county of the Victory Loan campaign of 1918. Mr. Mark Sprague was elected to the chair, and after a generous repast, well-merited tributes of regard and affection were aimed at Mr. W. B. Evans, the guest of the evening. Mr. Mark Sprague paid tribute to the sterling qualities on behalf of the canvassers of Hastings County and the city of Belleville. He spoke particularly of the encouragement, received at all times from Mr. Evans and his unflinching good nature and patience.

Mr. Harry Ackerman, on behalf of the headquarters staff, paid his tribute to Mr. Evans. Two years now Mr. Evans has been associated with the city of Belleville and the county of Hastings, and his presence here has endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. Mr. Ackerman, being secretary of the Hastings County Victory Loan Committee and thereby associated with him, knew better than anyone else the competence and disposition of the guest and, Mr. Ackerman, the longer we knew him, the better we liked him.

Mr. R. W. Evans was first of the Belleville canvassers to speak, and he as well as the speakers following spoke particularly of the fairness of Mr. Evans's decisions, although in many cases he did not receive the benefit of the decision he knew they were fair.

Mr. Geo. Reid, official canvasser for Thurlow, who carried his Twp. through, with his associate, Mr. Denyes, in such grand style first to speak on behalf of the out-of-town canvassers. Mr. Reid said that Mr. Evans was always in favour of fair play and with men of that kind at the helm, canvassers not only in the district, but outside could be sure of fair treatment at the headquarters of Hastings County Victory Loan committee.

Mr. W. L. Doyle spoke on behalf of the publicity committee, of Hastings county, expressing enjoyment from their association for the past two years with Mr. Evans in Belleville.

Mr. Hinchie, of Tremadine spoke for himself as well as Sergt-Major Gerald Spafford, who was unable to be present. The encouragement received from Mr. Evans, said Mr. Hinchie, throughout the campaign was particularly responsible for the magnificent success that they had achieved in Tremadine. No matter at what time they called up or at what place in Tremadine during the campaign, the answer of cheerfulness and encouragement always came back over the wires, which was an incentive to go back to work. It was due to this that they were able to report such a magnificent result from the old Twp.

Mr. A. S. White, R. W. White, W. D. Woodley, Charles Bonisteel, Aid. Whalen and Walter Lingham also spoke on behalf of the Belleville canvassers.

Mr. W. B. Deacon, county chairman, next spoke on behalf of the executive committee, conveying the regrets of the outside canvassers for their inability to be present. Letters of glowing tribute to Mr. Evans were read. The Trenton delegation phoned their regrets at the last moment. Mr. Deacon particularly wished Mr. Evans to convey to his wife the good wishes of the canvassers and citizens of Belleville and Hastings county.

After this Mr. Mark Sprague presented Mr. Evans with a cabinet of silver. Mr. Evans replied most feelingly to the tributes that had been paid. When he had come to the supper he had expected to have some oysters as an associate of the canvassers but it was a surprise for him to be the guest. He thanked, from the bottom of his heart, the canvassers of Hastings county for the magnificent present and for the kind wishes that had been spoken. From the start, said Mr. Evans, I have had the co-operation of the men of Belleville and Hastings county. I will take away nothing but the best of feeling for the good old city and Hastings county. The co-operation was marvellous. At first we were under a heavy handicap, but the returns afterwards were most gratifying. He was proud to receive the present now. Always he would be glad to see anyone from Belleville in Toronto at any time, and any information or assistance that he could give them in Toronto would be given.

After the singing of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow" the meeting broke up.

HAROLD

The flu has left Harold very nicely having cost no deaths.

Our Cheese and Butter factory has closed on Monday, November 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Heath spent Sunday in Trenton.

Mr. and Mrs. David Cotton spent an evening at Mr. John West's.

Mr. C. F. Lloyd and Mr. C. R. Rannels have brought a fine bunch of colts off the island.

Mr. B. Cotton is spending a few days in Toronto.

Word was received of the death of Mr. J. Danford, of Peterboro. He had spent four years at Harold and his sudden death was a shock to his friends.

Mr. N. Fleming spent the week-

end with Mr. A. D. Rannels, and Mr. Wm. Rannels, post master of Harold, has bought the groceries from Mr. Thos. McCann and is running a good business.

Cut in Two While Crossing Tracks

Sarna, Dec. 2.—Charles Rigny, 70 years old, 103 Alfred street, was instantly killed while crossing the G. T. E. tracks toward the end of Russell street on his way home from work. The body was not found until 7 o'clock, and no one saw the accident. The body was completely cut in two, and otherwise badly mangled, and was found lying under a freight car between the front and rear trucks.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Insurance, Buildings & Chattels, W. H. Harrison, W. B. Adams, Frank Insurance, E. I. Thomas, Robert Bogie, Real Estate, Fraser Atlesworth, Frank Baalim, Barrister, Solicitor, Money to Loan, Assayers, Belleville Assay Office, Florists, Out Flowers, Wedding and Funerals, Designs, Cuffs, Night Phone 178.

ESTABLISH SUGGEST

Board of Trade will in Belleville

The Board of Trade adopted a resolution to suggest a committee to suggest the office of mayor for the city of Belleville for 1919. There is opposition to the motion what there was, was some thought the election on dangerous territory province of the board. Some council resented the position and one challenged three members of board of trade to stand themselves as candidates for the office. A future that awaits an election was behind the movement mentioned by those present.

Fishing Situation

The question of a campaign was taken up. "I don't see why we can't catch the Bay of Quinte a cold storage would be a great asset to the fish market." Col. Ponton referred, answering a complaint, "It is impossible for me to catch fish, and I can't consume one half of the week. I am told there are white fish that were one week. The trouble with it is that the people catch the fish and carry kind of the matter was left in the hands of the executive.

Housing Problem

The Great War Veterans and Prince Edward branch of the board met a number of veterans regarding town and a housing scheme. The Veterans were asked the board at the next meeting. "It is a live question, and it is not going to subside. It has been used by Mr. H. F. Ketcheson to keep the Board of Trade out of the matter, and we must deal with it before it is too late. Unsettled conditions in Europe. People should not live in certain houses. No man can build a will return a gross revenue per cent," declared Mr. W. "Take your taxes one per cent depreciation, no mention of insurance."

POAUC of Farm S will be W. H. HO on Monday at 1