

Socialists Ten Ahead Of Last Year's Standing

Big Land Deal in Port Mann and Montreal

Cold Spell Most Prolonged on Record

CONSERVATIVE-CLERICAL COALITION BADLY SHAKEN

But Will Be Strongest Factor in New German Reichstag—Second Ballot Necessary in 189 Constituencies—Socialists Make Many Gains.

BERLIN, Jan. 13.—Unofficial returns of the result of the polling for the elections to the Reichstag have been received from all of the 397 constituencies, but owing to discrepancies in the tabulations it is still difficult to make any definite prediction of the complexion of the new Reichstag as there are 189 constituencies in which a second ballot will be necessary.

The Conservative-clerical coalition, which has had uncontrolled domination of the imperial parliament since the fall of Prince Von Buelow has been badly shaken on this occasion. Its absolute majority is probably a thing of the past, but the combination of the two powerful parties must still be reckoned with as the strongest factor in the Reichstag.

The socialists have run up the number of their elected members already to 64, or according to some reports to 66, of whom 26 wrested their seats from members of other parties, and the socialists are also concerned in 122 second ballots. They need only to hold their own in the rebalots in order to return to the Reichstag as strong numerically as they were in 1903 when their representation reached high water mark.

The National Liberals and the radicals have paid the major portion of the bill for the socialist feat at the first ballots, but the Conservatives and centrists will pay the remainder of the reckoning at the second ballots. In 106 of these the Conservatives and clericals face an adverse majority of radicals, Liberals and socialists and many of the seats will be lost to them if the three more democratic parties combine as they probably will do in most cases.

NOTED PASTOR DEAD.

PARIS, Jan. 13.—The Rev. John B. Morgan, D.D., who had for nearly 30 years been rector of the American Church of the Holy Trinity, on the Avenue de L'Alma, died suddenly this morning.

WILLIE BELL ASKED CLERGY TO RESCUE MYTHICAL FRIEND

Collected \$4.80 to Pay Fine for Trivial Offence, But Was Ensnared by Suspicious Pastor and Johnny-on-the-Spot Inspector.

Staff Inspector George Kennedy of the morality department beat his alleged messenger to his goal Saturday afternoon and, as a result, a trusting clergyman was saved from his own tender heart and preserved whole in his pocket, which was in danger of being emptied of \$4.80, to rescue a wholly imaginary young man from the toils of the law. Incidentally W. J. Bell, aged 20 years, 65 Bathurst-st., whose regular occupation is that of a tinsmith, but who has been taking excursions into fraud as a side line, is locked up charged with obtaining money from several city clergymen by false pretences.

Poincare To Form Ministry

PARIS, Jan. 13.—M. Poincare, who was tendered the premiership yesterday, called upon President Fallieres early to-day and announced his acceptance of the invitation to form the new ministry.

FIVE DROWNED IN AUTOMOBILE

Machine Went Thru Ice of Artificial Stream, and Occupants Were Trapped Under Buttoned Top.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 13.—Dashing thru the darkness in zero weather two men and three women were drowned early to-day with the automobile in which they were riding on the ice covering an artificial stream of water used by a power plant outside of this city.

The men were Donald Reed, son of former Supreme Court Justice Alfred Reed, and Chester A. Vanelef, an automobile salesman. Frederick M. Foster, a third man in the party, who was running the automobile, escaped drowning, but is suffering from exposure. Foster managed to escape from the machine, after it had broken thru the ice and ran nearly a mile to secure help.

The women are well known. One of them was Margaret Landall, and another's name is Mulvey or Mulvey. The third is believed to have been Anna Hazel.

Foster, who is at a road house about a mile from the scene of the accident, refused to give the names of the women. It is believed that they had been invited to take a ride as far as Washington Crossing, N. J., a distance of six or seven miles.

A visit to the scene of the accident shows that the auto instead of taking the sharp bend in the road, plowed straight forward and plunged into the water. The top was up and the curtains were buttoned to keep out the cold and this, it is believed, prevented the riders from making their escape.

McDevitt figured after his night on Broadway that he would at least have money for ham and eggs for breakfast to-day and the price of a return trip in an ordinary day coach to Wilkesbarre.

Election Recount Not Bothering Tom Church

Majority of Council Think it a Joke—Ex-Controller Spence Has Some Ulterior Motive.

"I feel just the way my actions manifest," said ex-Controller Spence, when asked about the controllership recount which is to take place before Justice Winchester on Monday morning at 10 o'clock. "I applied for the recount yesterday, and feel that I have good grounds for doing so."

Many of the council take the recount as a joke, while others feel that Mr. Spence is more than entitled to a just investigation of the recent elections, and that he should be given every assistance.

The viaduct bylaw recount has the endorsement of the entire council, and many express the opinion that the final result will find a substantial majority in favor of it. One well-known member of the board of control said yesterday: "I am sure that the viaduct will carry, and if it should happen that a majority is found on the opposite side, it will do much to stimulate the supporters of it to greater efforts at the next elections."

Controller Church says that he will be guided by his colleagues as to whether he should sit on the board while the recount is on or not. He would prefer not to do so, but the city solicitor says it is legal and usual. He will not have counsel on the recount, but will attend himself and use his own brilliant legal efforts.

Many say that Mr. Spence has something else besides the recount on his mind, as he is a man who does not go into things blindly, but one who knows where he stands before entering into anything of this description.

PASSING OF CAILLAUX NOT CAUSE FOR REGRET

Leaves Office a Discredited Man—Poincare After Big Men For French Cabinet.

Senator Raymond Poincare is endeavoring to induce such prominent men as Leon Bourgeois, Theophile Delcasse, Aristide Briand and Alexandre Miller and all former ministers to become members of his cabinet.

Leon Bourgeois has already agreed to accept a portfolio and he will go probably either to the ministry of foreign affairs or to the ministry of the interior.

Louis Lucien Klotz and Albert Francois Lebrun are likely to retain the portfolios they held in the last cabinet, those of minister of finance and minister of the colonies respectively.

The passing of Premier Caillaux hardly calls forth a single word of regret even from those newspapers, which have been hitherto his most faithful supporters. This is indicative of the state of the public mind which generally holds that M. Caillaux leaves office a discredited man.

NOT VICTORIES BUT REVERSES

Private Letters From Italian Soldiers Shed New Light on Some Fights—Regiments All Nearly Wiped Out.

ROME, Jan. 13.—Letters from Italian officers and men serving with the invading army in Tripoli and Cyrenaica received by their friends in Italy describe in detail the extremely unpleasant and position of the Italian troops at the front.

Fights which have been claimed as Italian victories in official despatches from the commander-in-chief of the Italian expedition are said by these correspondents to have been reverses.

The Italians appear to be suffering more severely in the vicinity of Derna than at other points. The troops who are engaged in protecting the engineers employed in the construction of aqueducts to bring water into the town have frequent furious engagements with the Turks and Arab allies. Detachments of the latter make harassing attacks on the Italian outposts day after day.

One Italian officer writing to his father says that the Italian army has lost a large number of men in these engagements which are terribly harassing to the Italian troops.

Another letter from a private in the Italian army says that in one battle regiments of Grenadiers and Bersaglieri were nearly wiped out of existence.

Still another letter says that the Italians on one occasion ran out of ammunition while the Turks and Arabs were well supplied and succeeded in killing and wounding 100 of the Italian soldiers many of whom were mere boys who in their delirium cried for their mothers.

The Blue-street viaduct and the filling-in of the hollow on Yonge-street at Mount Pleasant corner (consequent upon the annexation of North Toronto) are the two great road improvements that will give Toronto the bigger and wider aspect and forever free the city from the limitations that the Don and the Don ravines have imposed on this city for now over 120 years.

Recall the Sherbourne-street bridge that made Rosedale in the twinkling of an eye; look at Over-the-Don where when the Queen-street and Gerard-street bridges were built!

Now that the Blue-street bridge, the last and biggest one, is about to be built, a revolution will be sprung up on either side of Danforth-avenue, and the whole of Scarborough township will for the first time be in living bonds with Toronto. WATCH SCARBORO!

Two Cents a Mile and Cheaper Sleepers Win Out

New York American: Notwithstanding the continued assertions of railroad officers that two-cent passenger rates would put the transportation lines out of business, earnings of five of the largest systems affected show substantial increases.

In twelve months, which is certainly ample time for a test, the Santa Fe's net passenger earnings increased more than \$2,000,000, the Illinois Central's \$1,092,000, the Rock Island's \$500,000, the Burlington's something more than \$175,000 and the Northwestern's jumped \$687,000.

A large part of the Santa Fe's passenger business is in Kansas, a two-cent state. The Illinois Central gets a big part of its traffic in Illinois and Iowa, both two-cent states, while the Rock Island Burlington money comes from Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska, all two-cent states. The reports also showed an increase in the number of passengers traveling one mile.

Another contribution is in Pullman patronage. For some time after the prices of upper berths of this company were reduced it was said that there was no increase in use; that the public was apathetic on sleeping car charges. The reverse is true, as it is shown that something over 1,000,000 more berths were sold last year than the year before.

It is not quite clear how any of these railroads would have much chance before a legislature or a court in an effort to prove two-cent passenger fares combative or in any way damaging. The contention of the railroad managers is that they would have gained more under a three-cent rate. This self-evident truth could, of course, be applied to any line of business.

Two-cent fares have increased travel and increased earnings.

REGINA MAN MAKES BIG DEAL IN CANADIAN NORTHERN LANDS IN PORT MANN AND MONTREAL

William McBain of Regina Gets Control of Enormous Quantity of Land for \$2,500,000—Terminal City Will Make Big Strides in Next Few Years.

Right on top of the gigantic land deal of J. E. Hansen, a day or two ago dealt with by the C.N.R., came the announcement on Saturday afternoon of another land purchase in Port Mann and Montreal, involving an expenditure of \$2,500,000. William McBain of Regina is the man who has got control of this enormous amount of real estate.

An investment of such magnitude would seem almost too risky for the ordinary man to think of, but Mr. Bain has spent a year in Montreal and on the Pacific coast looking over these propositions from every possible standpoint. He is enthusiastic over his purchase, and told The Sunday World on Saturday that he had made one of the best investments in his career.

"I have just purchased," said he, "\$2,500,000 worth of town lots at Port Mann on the Fraser River, B.C., and in the City of Montreal from the Canadian Northern Land Company thru Davidson and McRae, general agents. I have been purchasing lands from this firm for the last four or five years, my purchases probably aggregating in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000, and in coming to Toronto from time to time to close up these land sales my attention was called to the fact that property is selling at very low prices in the western cities."

Will Soon Be Big City. Mr. McBain says that nobody who makes an investigation such as he has done during the past few months will have any doubt of the prospects of Port Mann as one of the coming big cities of the Pacific coast. He has been out there for several months and the outlook from every standpoint is optimistic in the extreme.

"I think within a very few years," he remarked, "that Port Mann will have a population of twenty-five to thirty thousand people."

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Soo Corporation To Double Plant

Council Will Grant Concessions in Return for Employment of 500 More Hands.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., Jan. 13.—(Special).—At a largely attended joint meeting of the city council and the council of the board of trade last evening it was unanimously decided to grant concessions to the Lake Superior Paper Company to the extent of exemption from taxation for 20 years in return for the doubling of the plant now under construction and the employment of 500 more hands.

The doubling of the capacity to the 200 ton mill means the early construction of several subsidiary companies which can use by-products successfully.

12 BELOW ZERO WORST IS OVER SO CHEER UP

Longest Period of Continued Zero Weather on Record Gradually Breaking Up—Mercury Had Risen to 12 Above at Noon Saturday—Snow To-day.

Noon, Saturday, 12 above. The wise men at the weather office say they believe the backbone of one of the severest cold spells that have struck Toronto in a long time is broken.

"For this relief much thanks," say the people of Toronto. For the past eight days, with only one exception, the temperature has been continually below zero. At 7 o'clock Saturday morning it made the winter's record for coldness, sinking to 12 below, the lowest recorded at the weather office this winter. A few hours later, however, Old Sol appeared in the heavens in all his pristine beneficence, and shed his effulgent warmth over the city.

Effulgent is hardly the word, but at least the sun made things warm enough to shoot the mercury to 12 above at noon, which was certainly a most grateful change of all except the coal dealers, after the eight days of Alaskan climate.

Show To-day. "The people of Toronto may look for a higher temperature Sunday, with probably a light fall of snow," said Mr. Morley of the observatory, to The World Saturday afternoon. "Of course, it is not certain the mercury will rise any higher Sunday, but the indications seem to point that way."

"Saturday's record of 12 below is the coldest since 1904," he continued. "I have looked up the records for the past 25 years, and find that only in three periods during that time has Toronto experienced cold spells of as long duration and severity. In 1893, from Jan. 8 to 15 inclusive, the temperature ranged from zero to 18 below, never going above the cipher mark. In 1896, Feb. 4 to 9 inclusive, the range was a maximum of zero, with a minimum of 21 below. As late as 1894, Jan. 4 to 10 inclusive, the mercury hovered between zero and 15 below.

"At present it is very cold all over the continent. In some of the southern states there is a heavy frost, which is quite marked in Georgia. The temperature is away below zero at Winnipeg, but warmer weather is promised there, as here."

Pitiful Conditions. Conditions in the cheap lodging houses of the city are described as pitiful. Scores of men are huddled on the floors, and in the basements, and these unfortunate are grateful even to be out of the cold. The associated charities are doing valiant and kindly work among the city poor as are the Salvation Army, the city relief officer and all the missions.

Affected Trades. Mr. S. Arnold, secretary of the associated charities, says that the number of idle laborers seems to be greater than in past years. "During the bitter cold, weather of the past week," he said Saturday, "we have been deluged with petitions for help. Many of the unfortunate men are sailors and harvesters, and some of their cases are desperate indeed. A sailor or harvester can only find work in his trade from spring until fall and unless he is provident during the work season, he finds himself up against it when the winter sets in."

Coal Dealers. The cold snap has given the coal dealers about as busy a week as they have enjoyed in a long time, and the many orders being received has caused a delay in the deliveries. Many of the dealers cannot get enough wagons to tend to the business they are receiving. In many homes gas pipes are frozen, and the housewives have to tie themselves to the basement and cook the family meals over the furnace.

SUNDAY WEATHER

Higher temperature, with slight snowfalls.

Temperatures Saturday

Toronto, 7 a.m., 12 below; noon, 9 above. White River, 43 below. Cochrane, 35 below. Parry Sound, 36 below. Ottawa, 26 below. St. Thomas, 25 below. Hamilton, 9 below. New York, 4 below. Washington, zero. Chicago, 2 below. Tampa, Fla., 58 above.

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