

ELECTORS CROWD THEATRE AT WOODSTOCK AND HEAR SPEECHES FOR MELVILLE

Speakers Greeted With Hearty Applause and Their Points Were Driven Home in a Logical Manner—Mr. Melville Spoke of Canada's Prosperity and Showed Present Gov't Stood for the Square Deal for All—Colonel Melville Fearlessly Attacked Class Legislation of the Farmer.

(Staff Correspondent.) Woodstock, Oct. 24.—A rousing meeting in the interest of Lieut.-Col. W. W. Melville as representative of Carleton-Victoria in the House of Commons was held in the Hayden-Gibson theatre here tonight. Col. Melville himself addressed the electors and was followed by Hon. Arthur Meighen, Hon. General, and Hon. G. D. Robertson, Minister of Labor.

The theatre was crowded, every available seat being occupied and many standing in rear of hall. The women were out in force and showed a keen interest in the various questions under discussion. The speakers were greeted with hearty applause and their points were driven home in a clear and logical manner.

Hon. Mr. Meighen made a fine impression, and his remarks were given the closest attention. The proceeding was entrusted at one point by Mrs. Minnie Isabel Adney, who wished to be a candidate, taking part. She mounted the platform and made accusations against both candidates.

as we should. As a result much information has got about considering the government. We had to do many things in order not to lose our country disgraced. We do not worry about what the people say so long as the country held in the right. My experience has been that 80 per cent. of the people desire to do right as they see it.

"The Union government was elected to see that Canada did its share in the great war. Is there one person ashamed of the part Canada played in the war? Everything was done that a country could do to hold our place and bring credit here.

"The men who went over there have the credit, and do not give it to those who remained at home.

Plains, Thursday, October 23.—(By The A. P.)—A lively movement of Allied war credits stationed in Adriatic ports is in progress. The Associated Press correspondent was informed today by an American naval commander that the movement was probably connected with the Prime minister.

Miners' Conference Failed To Reach An Agreement

Conference Breaks Up and 500,000 Miners Will Quit Work on the Eve of Winter

Washington, D. C., Oct. 24.—The last government effort to avert the coal strikes set for November 1, failed utterly tonight, and half a million miners will quit work on the very eve of winter, with the nation's busy run going dangerously low.

Even an appeal from President Wilson, sick in bed at the White House, was not enough to bring peace to a conference that was torn and on the breaking point half a dozen times during the day. Charges and counter charges flew thick and fast as the group of operators and miners flopped out of the meeting which began somewhat hopefully four days ago.

While the operators announced that they had accepted the President's offer to wipe the slate clean and negotiate a new wage agreement, the miners charged that the operators had bolted without the consent of Secretary of Labor Wilson, who was the storm center of an extraordinary fight to save the country untold distress and suffering.

Surrounded by a score of miners, John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, hurried from the hall and halted long enough to announce that the strikers ordered after a full day of the present month.

The industrial boarding plan of Secretary Wilson, which met with favor among the delegates, provides for boards of employers and employees in each industry with a general board of appeals and as a final resort, in case of disputes, an umpire chosen by the parties to the dispute, or from

PARLIAMENT TO PROROGUE LAST OF NEXT WEEK

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KEEN INTEREST IN BY-ELECTIONS

Government Expects to Carry Carleton-Victoria Although Expect Vote to be Very Close.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 24.—The session is in its dying days. Tonight scores of members left for their homes and prorogation is expected by the end of next week. The Grand Trunk purchase agreement made substantial progress through its committee stage in the commons today, and will be sent to the Senate on Monday night.

In the Upper House it is expected that it will receive strong opposition, and it is likely that a number of government supporters will come out against it. Its passage, however, is practically assured.

Keen interest is being manifested in the by-elections on Monday. The government expects to carry Carleton and Carleton-Victoria although the vote is expected to be close in both ridings. The grand general candidate is expected to carry Assiniboia against Hon. W. R. Motherwell, the Liberal representative by an enormous majority, and the United Farmers are expected to capture Dimaria.

There is also a government candidate in either of these ridings. A house which contained barely a quorum approved the peace treaty with Austria tonight. Probably not a single member even as much as looked at the treaty, let alone study it.

ELECTORS OF CARLETON-VICTORIA RALLING AROUND STANDARD OF LT. COL. MELVILLE

All Concede a Substantial Majority for the Affable Colonel in the Election Monday—Soldiers Working for His Election—Women Coming to His Support—St. Stephen Soldier Makes Appeal in Behalf of Colonel Melville.

Special to The Standard Woodstock, N. B., Oct. 24.—The concentration of opinion in Carleton-Victoria is that Lt. Col. Melville will be elected to the House of Commons by a substantial majority. Everywhere throughout the constituency voters are



COL. MELVILLE Candidate in Victoria-Carleton Federal Bye-Election.

stands for those great principles for which Canadian manhood fought and bled on the fields of France and Flanders.

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On the other hand Mr. Caldwell is meeting with scant success although he has been in the field for more than a month his cause has gained but little. In some farming districts he has fair support, but the bank and file of voters have not been drawn to his ranks.

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St. Stephen, Oct. 24.—A word returned soldiers of Carleton-Victoria Country Monday in election day. Whom should we vote for? This is the first opportunity to see where we stand as Great War Veterans.

SERIOUS MIX IN REFERENDUM NOW CLAIMED

Misunderstanding on the Part of Returning Officers May Cause Another Vote on Liquor Question.

ONTARIO FACTIONS QUITE AROUSED

President of Liberty League Says One Returning Officer Counted Votes Wrong.

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 24.—Serious misunderstanding on the part of the deputy returning officers as to the way in which referendum votes should have been counted is alleged by the Citizens' Liberty League and it is said that a re-vote may be demanded by the league. J. B. Bell, of the Liberty League, claims that certain deputy returning officers wrongly counted ballots, not understanding whether "for" meant "yes" or "no," and he says one Toronto deputy returning officer counted about five hundred votes wrongly because of his confused idea as to what these answers on the ballots meant.

Appearing at the Ontario chief election clerk for Ontario, pointing out that whereas the members of the League were entitled to their rights and privileges of candidates during the taking of the referendum vote, the officers had not recognized this right. Mr. Bell's letter to Dimont concluded as follows:

"Will you kindly arrange to have the returning officer for each electoral district in Ontario forward to us a statement showing the total number of 'no' and 'yes' ballots spoiled or rejected in each place or polling station, and a grand total showing the number of 'no' or 'yes' in the different electoral districts of Ontario."

Rev. Ben Spence had no direct statement to make with regard to the Liberty League's protest. "A poor loser is a poor sport," he remarked.

MILITARY DRILLS OF GERMANS HAVE BEEN PROHIBITED

Drills of Military Nature in Public Schools of Occupied Area Foreign to Treaty Requirements.

Mayence, Germany, Thursday, Oct. 9.—(By the Associated Press.) Military drills in the public schools of the occupied area of Germany have been prohibited. At a recent meeting in Mayence of the Inter-Allied committee on the administration of the territories recently occupied, it was adopted in bidding drills of a military nature in the public schools of the zones occupied by the Allied troops until such time as the subject of disarmament of Germany, and the ratification of the Treaty of Peace, may be taken up and decided definitely by the Inter-Allied commission.

Also pointed out that the Illinois branch proposed that the aid of the farmers be enlisted, and that assessments aggregating one fourth of the net earnings of organized workers be made until the objectives of this drive be accomplished.

Decision to issue a call for a meeting of the International Union chiefly was reached by the federation's executive council Tuesday night, but the announcement was withheld. At that time labor officials had become convinced that the National Industrial Conference would be unable to reach any basis for the establishment of industrial peace. It was on the following day that Mr. Gompers, in withdrawing organized labor's representatives from the conference, warned the employers' group that when they met in conference again with the spokesmen for union labor they would be glad to talk collective bargaining.

PRES. WILSON FAILS TO SAVE FROM DISSOLUTION THE GREAT INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE

The Public Group, the Last Remaining Element of the Body, Finally Adjourned Last Night—Conference Called to Find Some Common Ground for Cooperation Between Labor and Capital on the Outcome of Which Some Strikes Were Held in Abeyance.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 24.—With a standing list of twenty named by the President.

Several public representatives were not present at the final session of the National Industrial Conference.

Despite two attempts by Mr. Wilson to save from dissolution the gathering, tonight's adjournment brought to a formal close the conference, called by the executive, to find some common ground for cooperation between labor and capital on the outcome of which were held in abeyance strikes affecting the entire industrial life of the nation.

The report of the public representatives declining to assume the task for which the original gathering was called, was transmitted to the White House through the chairman, Bernard M. Baruch in the form of a thousand word letter. No information was forthcoming from the White House as to the President's next move to bring industrial peace to the country.

AUSTRIA BUDGET LAID BEFORE THE NAT'L ASSEMBLY

The Financial Plan Contained Nothing Novel and is Based Largely on Foreign Credits.

Vienna, Thursday, Oct. 23.—(By The A. P.)—The Minister of Finance, Dr. Hoesch, laid the budget before the National Assembly this evening. This contained nothing novel and is based largely on foreign credits, an issue of bank notes and generally increased taxation, both direct and indirect, together with the imposition of a compulsory contribution upon wealth.

LEON TROTSKY TAKES CHARGE AT PETROGRAD

Mentrel, Oct. 24.—Believed to be a victim of poisoning, C. A. Fletcher, 23 years of age, a returned soldier, died yesterday at the Drummond Street Hospital. According to the information given by the police, the victim was taken by two friends to a house on St. Herbert street, occupied by a family which moved there on Saturday. After a friendly talk, a social glass of beer was taken, following which, according to the story told to the police by the tenants, Fletcher was seen to absorb a white powder and shortly afterwards became unconscious. The family notified the police and because the man was a returned soldier, he was removed to the Drummond Street Hospital for observation, where he died without regaining consciousness.

Call Conference of Heads of the 112 International Unions Affiliated With the American Federation of Labor—Will Make Plans to "More Effectively Fight Out the Life and Death Struggle of the Workers" — Gompers Warns Employers.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 24.—What may prove one of the greatest industrial battles in history was believed by some observers here to be forecast by the announcement today of Samuel Gompers, that a conference of the heads of the 112 International Unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor would be held in Washington "in the near future," to discuss present and impending disputes.