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BOSTON ELECTIONS

John F. Fitzgerald, Democrat, has been elected mayor of Boston by a very large majority over Louis A. Frothingham, Republican, who in turn was far ahead of Henry S. Dewey, the independent candidate. There was a fourth candidate, James A. Watson, whose vote was utterly insignificant.

NO COAL STRIKE

It is hoped that the statement made this week, that there will be no strike in the anthracite coal regions next spring, is true. The fear of such an event has been in the public mind for months, and it was not unreasonably to expect that operators were combining to fight the miners to a finish. Such a struggle would not immediately connected with the coal strike. The Engineering and Mining Journal, in its last issue, states that more new work is in progress now in the anthracite coal country than for many years past. Not only are improvements being made in existing mines but some new ones are being opened and some old ones re-opened after years of abandonment. The successful re-working of these has been made possible by new and more systematic methods of mining. It is expected that within a year or so the output of the anthracite mines will be considerably increased. A strike would paralyze the industry and inflict loss that could not be made up to either operators or miners, although the latter and the consuming public would be by far the greater sufferers.

MOVEMENT OF MONEY

The loss of cash by New York banks to the interior of the country last week was the largest on record for this time of year, and explains the financial stringency. The Wall Street Journal says: "It is not unusual for the banks to lose cash to the interior early in December, and when there have been no losses the gains have often been only nominal, but the loss of \$1,915,000 to the interior last week was the largest on record for this time, being more than twice as much as in the corresponding week of 1904. The great activity in business all over the country is one cause of the delay in the return of currency to New York. The congested condition of railway traffic is another cause. Currency is returning very slowly from the south because of the success of the Cotton Planters' Association in holding the price of cotton for a higher price. Interior banks must take care of their customers first and only send cash to New York when they cannot use it to advantage at home."

CANADA AND THE MONROE DOCTRINE

There are some Canadians--and not all of them are imperialists--who will be inclined to view some recent utterances of Mr. Edward Farrer as anti-Canadian in spirit. The men of little faith in Canada have almost disappeared. But there are plenty of Americans with more faith in Canada than many Canadians enjoy. In the west the old-liner is frequently the chief croaker. In the east we are sometimes seized to take occasion by the "Supper at the Star" for example, to prove to observe that Toronto has special capabilities for carrying a steel-making plant second to none on this continent, and were to develop a new department of industrial activity: could not the province be developed into an enterprizing city which the citizens, as citizens could have a practical interest and pride? "This is no time to propound a cut and dried scheme for a city publicly department. The principle has been put into operation. With the Dominion government being the largest Canadian advertiser for immigrants there cannot be room for many doubting Thomases. If the government were to look into something for the incomes to do. Indeed, the example has been set by many municipalities in the old country. Backport and Scarborough, for instance, have publicity departments, which attract visitors from the newspapers. Of course, there is no essential difference between attracting holiday-makers and attracting machinery, except that machinery is the more permanent, valuable asset."

ONE VIEW OF M. WITTE

At a time when M. Witte is so much in the public eye, and is courageously facing a situation that is almost intolerable, and which must soon change for better or worse, it is interesting to learn how he is regarded by his critics. Mr. Peter Struve, a leading Liberal, who is the owner of a paper published just across the frontier, he could not be published in Russia, has this to say of M. Witte: "Count Witte is a clever, experienced man, but, unfortunately, he lacks all the necessary knowledge of the historical perspective which should come of an intimate connection with events of the time or which may come from political education. 'Count Witte is a professional imperialist, with deeply rooted bureaucratic ideas and instincts. In revolutionary times only such men as are progressive and understand Liberalism can be expected to govern. Count Witte appears in the present business of perhaps bitter repression to leave all to the police genius of M. Danilov and to be himself paying a waiting game. 'What is he waiting for? That he is waiting for a social reaction which will enable him to depend upon a tamed and obedient duma to protect the country from all extremes on bureaucratic lines is not credible. Such an idea would be so hopeless that Count Witte must see it. 'It is much more likely that Count Witte has a view to do something for the peasants, according to the recent manifesto, and to satisfy them, while intentionally neglecting the workmen and, indeed, encouraging them by strikes, commercial disorganization and disputes, to exhaust themselves. 'Then, with the help of the duma, the exhausted country could once again be brought under bureaucratic domination. To his enlightened mind it appears quite clear. His plan is apparently psychological and historically faultless built. He has, but one fault--he has not an atom of statesmanlike ideas. 'He is nothing but a stock exchange speculator in regard to the social feeling and the material interests of a section of the people. But the Russian revolution is no stock exchange, for political scrip and the broker's mind cannot either grasp or measure its great depth. 'What, for instance, will happen when at the expected period the social fabric is not exhausted, when the peasants are found not to be satisfied with general aims, when discord in the army spreads? 'It will be merely the irony of fate. Count Witte, by his action, has betrayed the interests of the manifesto of November, 1905, and its constitutional meaning. 'Count Witte is full of plans, but they are General Kurapatkin, and they never came off. Nor will the premier's. He is trying the impossibility of sailing between two winds. The time is coming when statesmanlike plans will have to be taken to save Russia, and for that the democratic constitutional party is planning, waiting and watching."

BIG GAME AND LICENSE FEES

There is no danger that New Brunswick will lose its enviable position as a hunting country, now that the government has put in force an advanced policy and the good results of that policy have become apparent. Changes with respect to license fees, the length of the open season, and other regulations may, and no doubt will, be made from time to time as circumstances warrant. The campaign began last evening at the Tourist Association meeting may or may not prove convincing to the government which is accurately informed as to the number of moose and deer in evidence from year to year and the number of sportsmen who seek our hunting grounds. No doubt the higher license fee exercises a deterrent effect for several reasons, but that in itself decides nothing. The revenue from this source will one day be much greater than at present, but for the last season it has been satisfactory. The number of sportsmen visiting the province is said to be smaller than during the previous year, and of course the license fee itself is but a small part of the money these visitors spend in the province. The income of the guides may be less under the high license.

NOTE AND COMMENT

At Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, last week, a \$40 acre farm was sold for \$19,000, or at the price of \$40 per acre. The farm is under good cultivation, but this is certainly a good price. The Regina correspondent of the Toronto Globe predicts that Premier Scott will carry fifteen or sixteen seats in Saskatchewan and that nine or ten will be the outside figure for Mr. Haultain.

SASKATCHEWAN

Premature announcement of a victory for Mr. Haultain in Saskatchewan was made yesterday by several journals which guessed or hoped by the Scott administration. Even last evening a few constituencies remained in doubt, but it was conceded that Mr. Scott had captured thirteen seats for Mr. Haultain's ten, and would be sure of a slight margin at least. The campaign was an exciting one and, as the returns pour, the fighting was close, much closer, indeed, than was generally expected in eastern Canada. Mr. Haultain had a good record at his back, and Mr. Scott had captured thirteen seats for Mr. Haultain's ten, and would be sure of a slight margin at least. The campaign was an exciting one and, as the returns pour, the fighting was close, much closer, indeed, than was generally expected in eastern Canada. Mr. Haultain had a good record at his back, and Mr. Scott had captured thirteen seats for Mr. Haultain's ten, and would be sure of a slight margin at least.

THE GREAT XMAS CLOTHING SALE

It has been a regular custom with us to run off all our winter stock of clothing at greatly reduced prices just before the Christmas season. But this year we have decided to make the sale before Christmas, when the people want the goods. It will start next Saturday, December 16th, and if prices count, this will be the most interesting clothing event yet held in St. John. REMEMBER THE PLACE  
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The York County Loan Company is described by the Toronto Globe as between Scylla and Charibdis. Does the Globe mean to intimate that the shareholders are between the devil and the deep sea? It is too early yet to say.  
Seven master plumbers at Toronto who pleaded guilty to being in the combination have been fined from \$250 to \$500 each. The Toronto Globe can now print more biting things than its famous pen is able to do, and is not in contempt of court either.--Montreal Gazette.  
The Montreal Gazette mentions a dozen casualties that happened in the St. Lawrence during the season of navigation just closed. The list includes the grounding of two Allan liners and the stranding of another, the stranding of two Leyland liners, a tramp steamer and a coal steamer, and several collisions. The record was, and one of the worst for many years, and has emphasized the need of government action to improve the conditions.  
Canada's relation to the present British political situation is estimated in this issue by a Toronto contemporary: "For Canada the British situation is pretty hopeful. The Liberal cabinet is strong and more democratic--and therefore more colonial--than any which has ever ruled in Downing street. Its legislation is bound to differ more and more from the still surviving spirit of government which made family compact possible in Canada and gave to a few noble houses the fat places of the empire as their perquisites. Its wish to preserve free trade need frighten nobody. The colonial idea of imperial prosperity is all dead."