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"No alliance with those revolutionists who would destroy our system of Government and haul down our flag, but on the contrary co-operation with that great body of labor which would reform abuses in a constitutional way." J. A. MACDONALD.

A COMPOSITE LABOR TICKET ONE BRANCH MADE CHOICE LAST NIGHT

Room Left For Socialists--C. E. Pooley Nominated For Esquimalt Over H. D. Helmecken

The first step towards nominating local candidates for the legislature was taken last evening when the local branch of the new Canadian Labor party held its convention in Labor hall and nominated two standard bearers. These selected were Dr. Ernest Hall and A. Johnson.

The Canadian Labor party, it will be remembered, was one of the results of the Trades and Labor Congress, which held its convention here some months ago. The decision then reached was that a labor ticket should be offered, but while the congress took the initiative steps looking to the organization of a party independent of the Trades and Labor union, those interested locally in the movement have sought to take advantage of the experience of the Labor party as organized in Great Britain, and which was explained fully to labor men here by J. R. Macdonald, M. P., in the Imperial house. According to the arrangements in the old Land the Socialists other than the most extreme allied with the trades unionist members to form a distinctly Labor party working together in the interests of the workmen.

This is now being attempted here. Two men have been nominated by the Canadian Labor party. This will leave the way clear to allow Socialists who also claim to work in the interests of labor to bring out candidates.

The Socialists are divided here. One wing known as the moderate Socialists advocate proceeding along an educational line. The most likely candidate to be named by this section is W. H. Marcon. The extreme Socialists may name J. C. Watters again. The Socialists have yet to meet for nominating purposes, but they will decide upon their course probably on Sunday.

The course followed by the Canadian Labor party appears to be one of conflict towards the Socialists. They have taken a course which leaves it possible to have what is claimed to be a purely labor ticket composed of trades unionists, moderate socialists and extreme socialists. Those who choose so to vote may cast their ballots for the whole ticket. If this course is followed elsewhere it is contended that a composite labor party may be formed in the House.

Following the action of the Nanaimo Independent Labor party in nominating a candidate to oppose J. H. Hawthornthwaite in that city is condemned and also the action of the Ladysmith labor party in proposing to follow the same course. The resolution passed at last night's meeting was as follows:

That this branch of the Canadian Labor party ask the provincial executive to draw the attention of the electorate to the fact that the Independent Labor party of Nanaimo and Ladysmith are not in any way connected with this organization.

Phil R. Smith, a prominent member of the Canadian Labor party, in explanation of this resolution, says that while the party to which he belongs does not wish to endorse the actions of J. H. Hawthornthwaite or Parker Williams, and while they are not in the confidence of Mr. Hawthornthwaite, yet it is felt that it is unwise to oppose a man who is essentially working in the interests of labor by another labor man who may look at the political situation somewhat differently.

Mr. Smith says that the Vancouver and New Westminster branches of the Canadian Labor party will likely put men in the field.

Mr. Pooley chosen.

The Esquimalt Liberal Conservative Association held its convention in the Lamson street school house last evening, and named C. E. Pooley, K. C., as their representative in the coming campaign. The convention was very well attended by Conservatives in the immediate neighborhood of the place of meeting, but there was not a very representative gathering for the whole constituency. Had the outlying sections of the riding been well represented it is questionable whether Mr.

Pooley would have received the endorsement of the meeting.

As it was the delegates from Happy Valley neighborhood came pledged to support H. Dallas Helmecken, K. C., and this they did. They were in the minority, however, and when the vote went in favor of Mr. Pooley, Mr. Helmecken, who was present, moved to make it unanimous. He also urged all to unite in support of Mr. Pooley, and to put down all opposition to him, and ensure his election.

Mr. Pooley having been duly nominated, accepted, and promised to do his best to ensure his election.

The Liberal convention for the nomination of a candidate for Esquimalt has not yet been held, but will probably be called very shortly. Mr. Pooley, who has represented this district for 24 years, will it is generally conceded, go down to defeat this time.

In the outlying districts of the riding are many Conservatives who, while they do not feel like voting against the party, will not support Mr. Pooley, and will, therefore, remain at home on polling day.

In the Skeena constituency the nominations have not yet taken place. The Liberal candidate will probably be Dr. Keegan, of Port Simpson. The doctor is deservedly very popular in the north. He has been ever ready to aid in everything pertaining to the northern portions of the province, and has made an enviable reputation for himself. His success is assured, it is admitted, if he accepts the nomination. His opponent, it is likely, will be a merchant at Hazelton, who will receive the Conservative nomination. Dr. M. McKinnon, of Vancouver, who is at the head of the Swanton Day Pulp Works, was also mentioned, but Mr. McKinnon, who is in the city to-day, says he will not be a candidate.

NORMAL OUTPUT NOW RESTORED

CROWS NEST MINES GENERAL MANAGER HERE

Larger Force Now at Work and Daily Production Reaches Thousands of Tons.

G. G. S. Lindsey, general manager of the Crow's Nest Pass mines, is in the city, not on business as he explained to a Times representative, who had a short interview with him this morning, but for the purpose of seeing his son who has been stricken with typhoid fever. The latter has been attending school here.

While Mr. Lindsey is pleased to report that normal conditions have again been restored, he does not feel disposed to discuss the recent strike in the mines in which he is interested, in which the owners won out. "It is over now," he said, "and I can see no good in referring to it."

The normal output of the mines at the time the strike was declared was 4,000 tons a day. That quantity of coal is again being produced, and a force of two or three thousand miners is employed. The company has started the development of a new four-foot seam of coal, which never had been touched till lately.

Asked with respect to the coal famine conditions throughout the Territories, Mr. Lindsey explained that this was due in the first instance to the enormous increase in the population of the country, and in the second to the strike at Lethbridge. This strike, like the one at Fernie, is now over, and Mr. Lindsey thinks that the supply and demand of the black diamonds will soon right itself. The Fernie mine cannot at present do much in alleviating the situation, because just now the mine is behind in meeting the demands of its old customers. The shortage in Idaho and Washington arises from the same causes.

Mr. Lindsey was asked if his company contemplated the shipment of coal to the coast to compete with that here mined, but his reply was that the freight rates were prohibitive. It would cost more than \$4 a ton to ship it over the three mountain ranges which it would have to cross before it reached the coast. Allowing a dollar commission for the selling of it locally, it will be seen that while it can be turned out at the mines for \$2 a ton, yet the enormous additional charges would place it at a value above that of the Vancouver Island product.

MACDONALD'S MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Ringing Arraignment of the Government on Its Record, and Clear-Cut Enunciation of Policy by the Liberal Leader.

ROSSLAND, B. C., Dec. 27, 1906.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:—

Let me say in a few words now what, later, I shall enlarge upon.

THE GOVERNMENT'S RECORD.

The Government's policy is its record. That record spells:

1. High taxes.
2. Neglect of roads and trails.
3. A monstrous School Act.
4. Neglect to protect our forests.
5. Neglect to compile and furnish information regarding public lands, in aid of settlement.
6. Broken promises to deal with railway situation after proclaiming necessity for action.

7. Backdoor methods of dealing with public lands.
8. Barefaced attempt on the part of the Premier to make Better Terms a party issue and an election cry, in face of what took place in the House, where the resolution brought in by the leader of the Opposition on the subject was adopted by the Government and passed unanimously.

9. Subserviency to a railway corporation evidenced by unsuccessful attempt to give one and one-half million dollars in cash and an actual grant of 800,000 acres of public lands.
10. Refusal to make railway corporation pay its taxes.
11. An unnatural alliance with the declared enemies of the Constitution.

THE LIBERAL POLICY

Our policy is defined by our stand on the measures brought before the House, plus our aims regarding other measures which cannot be introduced by an Opposition but only by the Government. These are:

1. The creation of a department of labor and information; subjects too important to be left, as at present, without shape or Provincial guidance to guard us against undesirable immigrants.
2. Full inquiry into water records and irrigation, and while protecting prior rights, providing for a wider distribution of water available for irrigation purposes.
3. An adequate system of forest protection.

4. Surveys of Crown lands available for settlement, and where practicable parcelling them into small holdings as part of an immigration policy.
5. Repeal of School Act and a return to a system of State education.
6. Revision of the laws of placer and dredging leases, and a lessening of the danger of inadvertent forfeiture.
7. No alliance with those revolutionists who would destroy our system of government and haul down our flag; but on the contrary, co-operation with that great body of labor which would reform abuses in a constitutional way.



J. A. MACDONALD, K.C.

NINE PERSONS FOUND FROZEN TO DEATH

(Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 28.—Nine persons have been found frozen to death on roads in England alone during the past 24 hours. The list doubtless will be much larger when communication with isolated parts of the provinces, now snow-bound, is restored.

RAISULI DISMISSED.

Bandit Deprived of Governorship—His Friends Also Leave Positions.

Tangier, Dec. 28.—It is reported here that a letter from the Sultan dismissing Raisuli from the governorship of the city will be read in the mosque to-day. Troops under the Moroccan minister of war yesterday marched to the residence of Raisuli's representative here and took over positions hitherto held by Raisuli's partisans, who departed without protest.

The European residents are becoming more confident regarding the situation.

FOURTEEN NATIVES CRUSHED TO DEATH

Manila, Dec. 28.—The governor of the province of Oriental, Negros, has reported that 14 natives were killed and 15 injured in a panic at Midnight Christmas mass at Tanjay.

A woman was seized with an epileptic fit and cried out for help. This caused a stampede with the fatal result mentioned.

D. J. BERESFORD'S WILL. Bulk of His Property Is Left to Brothers.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 28.—The will of Delaval J. Beresford, who was killed in a wreck at Enderlin, N. D., last Sunday, was found at the First National Bank yesterday. The will was made in 1896, and after bequeathing \$10,000 to a Colorado woman who nursed him through an attack of yellow fever in New Orleans several years ago, the rest of his estate was left to his three brothers, Lord Charles Beresford, Marcus Beresford and another brother, now dead. The value of the estate is a million dollars.

RIOTS AT BELGRADE.

Gendarmes Employed to Suppress Student Demonstration Against Government and the Dynasty.

Belgrade, Dec. 28.—When the deputies left the chamber after the passage of the loan bill last night, there was a serious student demonstration against the government and the dynasty which had to be suppressed by gendarmes.

There was much resentment among the students because of a rumor that King Peter intended to give \$500,000 out of the loan as dowry to his daughter, Princess Helene.

It is reported that the King contemplates the promulgation of an edict on January 3rd giving himself absolute authority over all his relatives, including the notorious Crown Prince, his son George.

STEAMER STRUCK ROCKS IN GALE

CRW OF JAP LINR RESCUED BY LIFEBOAT

Unknown Vessel Reported to Have Foundered Off the Coast of Wales.

London, Dec. 27.—A terrific gale is raging to-night off Holyhead, and a number of vessels are in distress. The life-saving services are busy.

The Japanese liner Ama Maru, from Antwerp for Middlesborough, ran on the rocks off Redcar last night. Lifeboats reached her after great difficulty.

Crew Landed.

London, Dec. 28.—All the members of the crew of the Japanese steamer Ama Maru, from Antwerp for Middlesborough, which ran on the rocks off Redcar last night, were safely taken off by the lifeboats.

A telegram from Holyhead says that it is learned there that an unknown vessel had foundered off Rhoscolly Point, Wales. Distress rockets were sent up late last night, and a lifeboat put out and searched for hours, but found no sign of the vessel in distress.

THREE CHILDREN PERISHED.

Were Burned to Death in a Fire Which Destroyed Their Home.

Waston, Dec. 28.—Three young children of Stanley Singleton were burned to death in a fire at Hester station, a village near here.

After the family had retired natural gas escaped from a defective valve, accumulated, and an explosion followed. The children were instantly enveloped in flames, and escape was impossible. The flames spread to adjoining dwellings, four of which, with their contents, were destroyed.

RAID BY REVOLUTIONISTS.

Dynamited Safe at Railroad Depot and Escaped With the Contents.

Melitzrzec, Poland, Dec. 28.—A small band of terrorists stormed the railroad depot here to-day, drove off the gendarmes on duty, dynamited the safe and escaped with its contents. A detachment of Cossacks pursued the robbers, but did not capture any of them.

SPANISH STEAMER FOUNDERED.

Went Down During a Storm—Only One Member of the Crew Saved.

Coruna, Spain, Dec. 28.—The Spanish steamer Primoer has foundered in a storm.

All of her crew were lost with the exception of one.

SEEKS AID FOR STARVING SLAVS ABOUT THIRTY MILLION WILL NEED ASSISTANCE

The Relief Committee Has Now Only Half a Million Dollars on Hand.

London, Dec. 28.—Nicholas Shihkoff, of the Samara Zemstov relief committee, who was one of the trustees of the American famine fund of February, 1891, has sent to London, accompanied by an appeal for funds, a terrible account of the present famine conditions in Russia. He says that two or three months must elapse before this year's famine entails its full intensity. "Fifteen years ago," said M. Shihkoff, "when the famine was less serious, we had \$6,000,000, now we have only \$500,000."

M. Shihkoff estimates that about thirty million souls will need assistance.

ROYAL BETROTHAL.

Kaiser's Fourth Son Will Wed Princess Alexandra of Schleswig-Holstein.

New York, Dec. 28.—A cable despatch from Berlin to the American says: "It is reported that the Kaiser's fourth son, Prince Augustus Wilhelm, whose engagement to Princess Alexandra of Schleswig-Holstein was announced yesterday, will visit the United States after his honeymoon next year, and that the Kaiser has already planned an itinerary for him. The Kaiser's desire is to have the Prince make a systematic tour for the purpose of studying American commercial and industrial methods. The Prince is to travel incognito, accepting no official hospitalities or entertainments."

"The Prince is in delicate health and unable to occupy in the future any important naval or military position. He pleads with the Kaiser to permit him to devote his life to civil affairs, and the Kaiser is said to have acceded. Therefore Augustus will be the first Prussian Prince to remain a civilian. The Prince's military career will terminate after another six months' service in the Guards regiment."

ARTILLERY RETURNS.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Battery returns were made public to-day.

Winnipeg field battery stands at the head of the list for general efficiency. Ottawa field battery comes next, Montreal third, Toronto fourth, and Hamilton fifth. The 6th field battery, of London, Ontario, has the largest number of marks, but did not affiliate.

Ottawa was first for gun practice, and Winnipeg was first for manoeuvres. For efficiency and personal equipment Winnipeg was first, Toronto second, Ottawa third, Quebec fourth, Hamilton fifth and Deseronto sixth.

Garrison Artillery.

In general efficiency Prince Edward Island was first and second; Fifth Regiment, Victoria, B. C., third; New Brunswick, fourth; and Montreal, fifth.

In gun practice the 1st Halifax regiment was first, and Nova Scotia second. Heavy artillery, Prince Edward Island first, Montreal second.

For efficiency and personal equipment Prince Edward Island was first, second and third; Montreal, fourth; 5th Regiment, Victoria, fifth; and New Brunswick, sixth.

LOTHARIO WEDS.

Andre Giron, Who Eloped With Former Crown Princess, Married in Brussels.

Brussels, Dec. 28.—Andre Giron, who achieved considerable notoriety three years ago by eloping with the then Crown Princess of Saxony, was married here yesterday to Mile. Jeanne Braun, who is 12 years his senior. Giron agreed to a pecuniary compromise with the family of the Crown Princess and then abandoned her.

This elopement cost the Crown Princess the crown of Queen of Saxony, the loss of her children, and expulsion from the Imperial house of Hapsburg.

TURKISH TROOPS WITHDRAW.

Constantinople, Dec. 28.—The energetic representations of the Persian ambassador against the Turkish occupancy of the Mesrover and Boud, two points on Persian territory, have resulted in orders being issued for the withdrawal of the Ottoman troops. A threatened conflict between the local forces has thus been averted.