

# Look for Vote Standing of Candidates Tomorrow in Standard's Contest

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### BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO PROTECT PEOPLE FROM UNDUE PRESSURE

Being Well Aware That There Are Many Aiming at the Destruction of the Social and Political System the Government is on the Watch—No Change in the Coal Situation With the Exception of New Additions to the Ranks of the Strikers.

London, June 24.—In the House of Commons, this afternoon, Andrew Bonar Law, the government leader, said there was no change in the coal situation except that there had been accession to the ranks of the strikers in the Nottingham district.

The government's statement made it clear that the Sankey report must be adhered to, and that an average of ten per cent. increase in piece rates must be the basis of the arrangement.

This was not a question between the employers and workers, Mr. Bonar Law explained. Under the present arrangement the employers' profits are guaranteed, and any increase must be borne by the State, he pointed out. The employers, he said, had agreed to an increase of 14.3 per cent., but the Coal Controller could not agree to this, as it was the State and not the employer who would have to pay.

The puping situation in the Yorkshire mines today was pronounced satisfactory, with the exception of the important mine. Two hundred miners are now manning the mine pumps without interference, and attention is being given to the operation of the ventilating systems in the deeper pits of the South Yorkshire where fans have been stopped since the strike began.

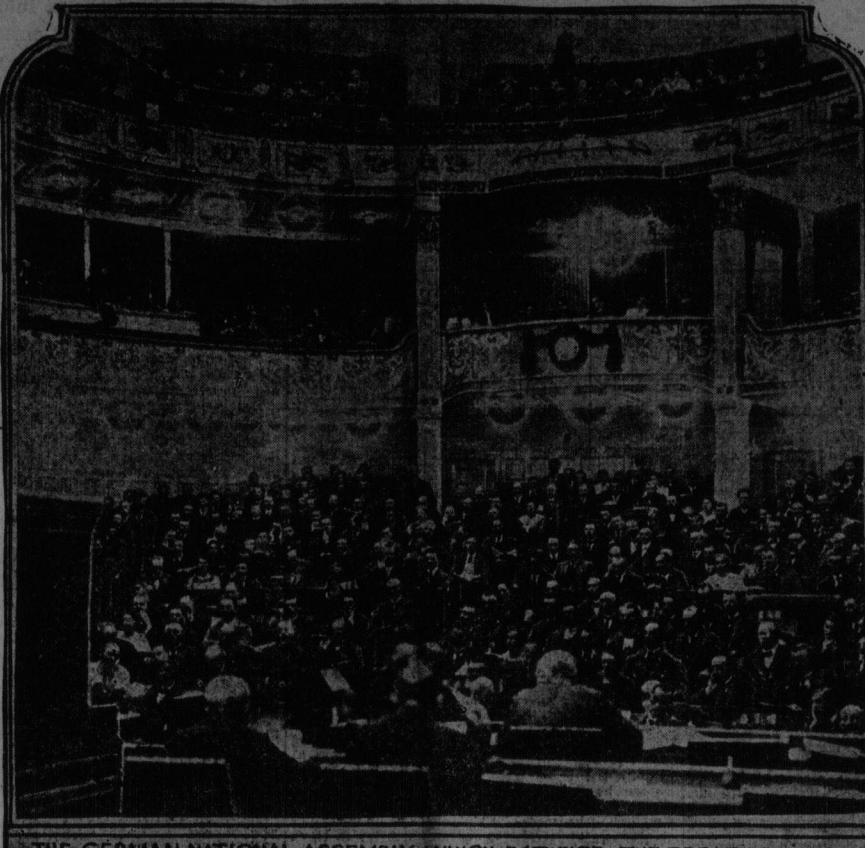
Eric Geddes, Minister without portfolio, who is on the spot, representing the government, has received satisfactory replies from the Lord Mayors of Leeds and other municipalities whom he asked yesterday, to see that the supply of coal was economized. The supply at Leeds is virtually exhausted, and the outlook for householders is serious.

All mines in the North Staffordshire district, which were idle yesterday because of the strike, resumed operations today.

The whole force of the British government "will be exerted to protect the people from any undue pressure," said the government leader, when asked what was being done regarding the confusion and disorder resulting from the dock workers' and the miners' strikes. The government is well aware that there are a number of people, not a very large number fortunately, who are aiming at the destruction of our social and political system, Mr. Bonar Law added. As to the agitators, he said "the government is not overlooking these people, and will do whatever it thinks effective for that purpose. We realize there is a great deal of discontent due to profiteering, or a belief in profiteering, and the government certainly intends to destroy the social system, Mr. Bonar Law said they were "doing their best to foment any discontent arising from any cause."

Obviously," he added, "it would be wrong for the government to use any language that could be regarded as provocative; on the other hand we have made it absolutely clear that the whole force of the government will be exerted to protect the people from any undue pressure from any quarter."

### GERMAN ASSEMBLY WHICH RATIFIED PEACE TREATY



THE GERMAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WHICH RATIFIED THE TREATY OF PEACE IN SESSION. UNDERWOOD & UNDERWOOD

The prompt ratification of the peace treaty by the German Assembly augurs well for the heads of the German government and for future trade relations with the allied countries.

### LIBERALS WILL SEEK EASTERN LEADER WITH WESTERN POLICY, ACCORDING TO INDICATIONS

Delegates from Manitoba Are Opposed to a Western Leader But Will Rally Around W. S. Fielding, Thus Making a Serious Break in Support of Wm. Martin for Leader—Jealousies Existing Between Provinces West of the Great Lakes—Convention Will be Composed of Stand-Pat Liberals.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, July 24.—An eastern leader with a western policy, or a western leader with an eastern policy, seem to be the alternatives before the Liberal convention and, as the time for decision draws near, it appears as if the former will be adopted. From Manitoba comes reliable information that the delegation from that province will not support a western man for the leadership, but will rally around Hon. W. S. Fielding. This is a serious break in what was supposed to be a solid west for W. M. Martin as premier. Other defections in the west are rumored.

Break in West.

Between provinces west of the Great Lakes there are similar jealousies as obtain in the east. British Columbia may also prefer to support a moderate protectionist of the Fielding type, to subscribe to the youthful irresponsibility of the Saskatchewan premier. Even in Alberta there is not unity. The Cross-Stewart factions are irreconcilable and Premier Stewart's support of Premier Martin will be followed by Hon. C. W. Cross leading his cohorts into some other camp. Hon. W. S. Fielding's supporters are much pleased over the decision of the Manitoba delegates to support the father of the western contingent, Hon. W. S. Fielding can afford to lose considerable support in Quebec. From Ontario he will have many supporters.

Ontario's favorite names are not serious contenders in the contest. Those of ability lack popularity, and where they have popularity it is not because of intellectual superiority. Hon. W. L. McKenzie King has great talent and few enthusiastic followers; F. F. Pardoe has many personal and political friends but they do not believe him a genius, while Hon. George F. Graham neither has the talent of King nor the personal magnetism of Pardoe. Liberalism in Ontario was at a low ebb previous to 1917, and the schism in the party then left it bankrupt in leadership. With the leadership in the east, western Liberals will demand practically a free hand in formulating the platform, and the platform may be even more embracing to eastern Liberals than a western leader.

Stand-Patters.

The convention will be practically composed of stand-pat Liberals. Of Liberal Unionists there will not be enough to furnish terrible examples when the chancelleries in administration. From the Liberal Unionists in the Commons, eliminating Hon. W. S. Rowell.

Fielding and F. F. Pardoe, who renounced their allegiance long ago, and more than four, and possibly only two, will attend the convention. Nor of prominent Liberal Unionists through out the country will there be a great percentage in attendance. Both Liberal and Conservative members of the Ontario cabinet have received letters from influential Liberal Unionists urging the consolidation of the new party and pledging support. With a convention of stand-pat Liberals there will be no faction fight, and the contest will be sectional west and east on an economic policy. On the question of government ownership and operation of railways there may be a conflict of opinion with the same division.

Quebec, with its preponderating influence in the Liberal party as now constituted, appears to play but a minor part in the preliminary skirmishes. Quebec's turn will come in the convention. At present, when every effort is being put forth to woo the Liberal Unionists back to the fold, it is considered good strategy to keep Quebec from playing a prominent part. Westerners fear that the Quebec delegation may revive the bilingual issue which three years ago, caused their representatives in parliament to make their first break with the old leader. Under aggressive leadership at the convention, however, Quebec will be a very decisive factor in formulating a policy.

Sir Robert Borden is keeping his own counsel in the reconstruction of his cabinet. As in the Union government negotiations in 1917, he is not making many conditions among his colleagues. Then he had a free hand and the same freedom has been given him in his new cabinet making. To the present his chief work has been ascertaining the talent available, and resignations and retirements are dependable on suitable successors available. It was expected that he would make some important announcements on his return, and prior to the Liberal convention, but, owing to the solidity of the Union party, and the failure of the stand-pat Liberals to secure the return of any considerable number of former friends, he may await the result of the deliberations of his colleagues before finally deciding on the members of his new government. From Ontario it is generally expected that Hon. Hugo Gaultier will receive a portfolio, Hon. A. L. S. H. who is in Europe, sails for home on August 1st. He will receive a more important portfolio as will Hon. N. W. Rowell.

### Defendant Wins In Sensational Divorce Case

Jury Returns Verdict in Favor of Mrs. Fitz-Randolph, Giving a Decision in Her Favor on Each of the Allegations.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, July 24.—The first jury ever summoned to hear a divorce case in New Brunswick found this evening for the defendant, Mrs. Chas. Fitz-Randolph when they brought in their decision in the sensational case which has been going on in the court here for some time past.

There were eight questions in all submitted to the jury, and when they brought in their decision, after being out more than two hours, they were unanimous in their negative decision on five of the eight accounts, while they stood 5 to 2 on two others, and 6 to 1 on the remaining question.

Five of the seven jurors were enough to make a decision, so that Mrs. Fitz-Randolph actually won all of the counts.

Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., after the decision was heard, moved that the libel of the plaintiff, Lieut. Charles Fitz-Randolph, be dismissed, but no decision was given on this motion before the court adjourned on August 11th, it being intended by M. G. Teed, K. C., chief counsel for the plaintiff, that a new trial might be sought.

The case has now been twice tried and once reviewed before the Supreme Court. On the first trial there were no jury, and Mr. Justice Crockett gave a decision in favor of the plaintiff, granting a divorce, from which the defendant appealed to the full bench and was granted a new trial with a jury. Neither the plaintiff nor the defendant were in court when the jury brought in their verdict shortly after 7 o'clock and there were few spectators.

Mrs. Fitz-Randolph before her marriage at Boston, Mass., in 1905, was Miss "Betty" O'Brien, of Baltimore, Md., a sister of Nora O'Brien, the actress, who is now Mrs. Whiston Graham, of New York, with whom she has been living since proceedings were undertaken by her husband.

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### GAS EXPLOSION NEARLY WRECKS BAYONNE, N. J.

80,000 Gallons of Gasoline Explode in Tank Cars on Switching Track of Texas Oil Co. — Loss Placed at \$1,000,000.

Bayonne, N. J., July 24.—Eighty thousand gallons of gasoline, contained in eight tank cars, exploded on the switching track of the Texas Oil Company here this morning, causing a fire which resulted in the serious injury of four persons, with many others suffering minor burns. The property loss of the company was heavy. The cause of the explosion has not been determined. The first car exploded about 7 o'clock and the flames enveloped the other cars before they could be removed from the danger zone. Explosions followed in rapid succession, rocking buildings two miles away.

The flames spread to two storehouses, containing about fifteen thousand gallons of oil in cans, as well as the filling room where the tanks are filled, and, for a time, it appeared that the entire plant of the oil company was doomed.

Officials of the Texas Company said they could not fix the loss definitely, but that it probably would reach \$1,000,000.

### BOLSHEVIK IN FULL RETREAT

Esthonians Drive Them from Pskov With Heavy Losses.

Copenhagen, July 24.—The Bolshevik offensive, east and west of Pskov, has been stopped by Esthonian troops, and the Bolsheviks in that region are in full retreat, according to an Esthonian official report received here today. The Esthonian troops, strongly reinforced, were said to have commenced a counter-offensive. Bolshevik losses were reported as very heavy.

### SURPLUS STOCK OF FOODSTUFFS TO BE OFFERED U. S. PUBLIC

Arrangements Made by War Dept. to Dispose of Stocks, Giving Public An Opportunity to Buy.

Washington, July 24.—Immediate sale of the \$100,000,000 surplus stock of food stuffs, held by the war department, under a plan which will insure opportunity for the people of the United States to buy, was recommended today by the ten Republican members of the House War Investigating Committee. The five Democratic committee members withheld decision, pending a review of evidence taken by a subcommittee.

### Threaten Winnipeg Witnesses

Prosecutor Claims That Witnesses Against Those Charged With Seditious Conspiracy Have Been Intimidated.

Winnipeg, July 24.—At the preliminary trial today of the eight strike leaders, charged with seditious conspiracy, A. J. Andrews, crown prosecutor, announced that a witness had been accosted on the street and threatened.

"I intend to place this witness in the box, and to prove that this threat is a result of the fire started by the defendants," Mr. Andrews said, when T. J. Murray, attorney for the labor men, demanded that he prove the connection between the accused and the intimidation of the witness.

Mr. Andrews made the announcement, in objecting to Mr. Murray's demanding the names of employees who had worked, during the strike, for the Venice Cafe, during the examination of T. Kernaghan, treasurer of the union, in announcing that he did not connect any of the accused directly with the "outrage."

At this point, Magistrate R. M. Noble said: "I want it understood that there must be no tampering with the witnesses. This is a serious matter, if anything comes to my attention, I'll see to it that it is properly attended to."

The whole session was taken up with evidence of E. A. Fullames of the Kensington Cafe, T. Kernaghan of the Crescent Creamery Company. They told of the conditions in their establishments during the early part of the strike.

### FOREST FIRES IN U. S. BECOMING MORE SERIOUS

In Northern Michigan Several Settlements Have Been Wiped Out in Last Forty-Eight Hours.

Detroit, July 24.—Forest fires in Northern Michigan have again assumed serious proportions, according to advice received here this forenoon. It is reported that Dollar Settlement on the White Fish Bay shore, about thirty miles northwest of Sault Ste. Marie, was wiped out late yesterday, but that all residents moved out in time. A blaze for a time yesterday threatened a number of houses on the outskirts of Sault Ste. Marie, but was brought under control by city employees. In the northern part of the lower peninsula fire has broken out anew east of Manistowic. One of the largest camps owned by the Antrim Iron Company was destroyed this morning, and volunteer fire brigades have been rushed to the scene.

### LIBERALS SWEEP PROVINCE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND IN GENERAL ELECTIONS

Capture Twenty-Six Out of Thirty Seats — Dissatisfaction of the Public Works Dept., Especially Roads, Told Against the Conservatives.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., July 24.—Liberals swept the province in the general elections today, capturing 26 seats out of 30.

The only Conservative survivors of the debacle were Hon. A. E. Arsenault, premier; Hon. James A. McNeill, commissioner public works, and Hon. Murdoch Kennedy and J. D. Stewart.

This was the most one-sided election since Confederation, with the exception of 1911, when Liberals won only two seats. When the House dissolved the parties stood Conservatives 18, Liberals 11, and one seat vacant.

Following are results by districts with majorities:

Prince County.

First District—Methuall, Liberal, 849; Sir Charles Dalton, Conservative, 747; Gallant, Liberal, 1096; Keir, Conservative, 5013.

Second district—Dennis, Liberal, 532; Reid, Conservative, 227; Saunders, Liberal, 646; Doble, Conservative, 375.

Third district—McLean, Liberal, 548; Keir, Conservative, 518; Blanchard, Liberal, 5; Arsenault, Conservative, 713.

Fourth district—Let, Liberal, 684; Myers, Conservative, 549; Bell, Liberal, 339; Warren, Conservative, 718.

Fifth district—Arthur, Liberal, 376; Linkletter, Conservative, 344; McNally, Liberal, 487; McNeill, Conservative, 548.

Queens County.

First district—Crosby, Liberal, 744; Nevin, Conservative, 645; Cousins, Liberal, 870; Kennedy, Conservative, 635.

Second district—Hughes, Liberal, 747; Jenkins, Conservative, 604; LePage, Liberal, 922; McLure, Conservative, 749.

Third district—D. MacDonald, Liberal, 576; J. J. MacDonald, Conservative, 502; Brodie, Liberal, 678; Wood, Conservative, 648.

Fourth district—Nash, Liberal, 635; McMillan, Conservative, 538; Irving, Liberal, 841; Martin, Conservative, 545.

Fifth district—Duffy, Liberal, 757; Paton, Conservative, 578; Higgs, Liberal, 1,330; Brown, Conservative, 1,005.

Kings County.

First district—Acorn, Liberal, 483; McLean, Conservative, 470; D. C. McDonald, Liberal, 615; A. A. MacDonald, Conservative, 581.

Second district—Melnyre, Liberal, 489; R. J. MacDonald, Conservative, 384; Cox, Liberal, 668; McEwen, Conservative, 422.

Third district—Johnston, Liberal, 488; J. A. MacDonald, Conservative, 323; Dewar, Independent Liberal, 597; Duncan, Conservative, 380.

Fourth district—Sutherland, Liberal, 437; McKinnon, Conservative, 375; Butler, Liberal, 520; McDowen, Conservative, 492.

Fifth district—Knight, Independent, 316; Stewart, Conservative, 468; Heslin, Liberal, 499; McEwan, Conservative, 459.

Such a sweeping victory was unexpected by both sides, although the result of the federal elections when four Liberals got a majority of home votes, afterwards changed by the solid vote, foreshadowed a Conservative defeat today. Returned soldiers did not take an active part in the contest, but it is evident that a majority voted Liberal.

Fine weather brought out a very large vote. There was a big turnout in Charlottetown, the Liberals capturing both seats by large majorities, labor going with the opposition.

Dissatisfaction with the administration of the public works department, especially the neglect of roads, with the administration of the agricultural department and with the proposal of the government to levy additional taxes, demanded the vote of the Liberals, capturing both seats by large majorities, labor going with the opposition.

In Federal politics the Island is strongly Liberal. A tite last Federal election the vote of the Island gave four Liberals by large majorities, exclusive of the soldiers' vote overseas. Personalities have been a great feature of the contest just closed, and the issues have been of a parochial character.

### BRITISH PUBLIC GETTING TO KNOW MARSHAL HAIG

Army Chief Who Cultivated Secrecy During the War Drops Aloofness.

During the last four years Sir Douglas Haig has been little more than a name to the British public, writes a correspondent in "The Manchester Guardian." Those who were associated with his staff were often surprised at the secrecy of his comings and goings, no one in England seeming ever to be aware that he had crossed the Channel. But he has come wonderfully out of his shell in the last few weeks, and has put aside something of the gravity and reserve that characterized his appearances at public worship at general headquarters.

He was a most conscientious church-goer, and unless he were "up the line" there was not a single Sunday morning which did not see him at his place in the little hut that was a soldiers' canteen all the week and a Presbyterian church on Sunday. Indeed, it was a canteen on Sundays, too, between the morning and evening services. There was never anything in the nature of a church parade. Sir Douglas quietly took his seat, and any Tommy was at liberty, untrammelled by ceremony, to join in a service of homeliness and simplicity.

### TWO SERIOUS ACCIDENTS AT DIGBY, THURS.

Automobile Goes Over Embankment Causing Injuries to Occupants Which May Prove Fatal.

Special to The Standard.

Digby, N. S., July 24.—It is to be regretted that the Bear River carnival, yesterday, did not pass off without accident, two of them in fact. Both were caused needlessly by road hogs. The most serious was when a car driven by Kenneth Porter, with Miss DeForest, of Morganville, as a passenger, was driven off the River Road and over a bank by a car which tried to pass it. Miss DeForest is so seriously injured that she cannot recover, and Mr. Porter is in a serious condition, being badly cut up. The other accident was caused by a horse, driven by John Chute, being frightened and forced off the Annapolis Road by another speedster. Mr. Chute and his wife are both badly injured.

### HEAVY CASUALTIES IN EGYPTIAN DISTURBANCES

Eight Hundred Were Reported Killed and Sixteen Hundred Wounded.

London, July 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Eight hundred natives were killed and 1,600 wounded during the recent disturbances in Egypt, according to despatches from General Allenby. Cecil Harmsworth, Under-Secretary of the Foreign Office, made this announcement in the House of Commons tonight.

The casualties to Europeans and other civilians were: Killed, 31; wounded, 85.

The casualties to the military were: Killed, 29; wounded, 114.

The death sentence was imposed on 39 natives; detention for life, 27. Upwards of 2,000 were sentenced to short terms of imprisonment.

### German Premier Criticized

The Programme of Policies as Outlined by the National Assembly Cause Expressions of Disappointment.

Berlin, July 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The programme of policies outlined by Premier Bauer, of the German National Assembly, yesterday, received some adverse comments and brought out several expressions of disappointment from the afternoon papers here.

The Deutsche Tages Zeitung termed the programme not one of reconstruction, but a programme of weakness and destruction.

The Vossische Zeitung said the address did not give an impression of strong leadership.

The Lokal Anzeiger criticized the Premier's address sharply, although it said the address represented "not only a working programme, but a workingman's programme." The paper declared, however, that public opinion in Germany is not behind the Premier in his abhorrence of revenge and his sentiments regarding the League of Nations.

The Taegliche Rundschau expressed the opinion that Herr Bauer "dare not oppose the strike plague, which threatens the existence of the government, but, on the contrary, caters to the strikers."

Premier Bauer's address, according to the Weimar Tagblatt, was greeted with hissing and laughter by some of the Conservatives.

Cobalt, Ont., July 24.—With practically all mining operations suspended, as a result of the strike, the town was quiet this afternoon. Senator Robertson has notified the Mine Workers Union that following failure of the Labor Department can do nothing at present.