

Aggressive Candidates Are Set On Winning One of the Prizes of Gold

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THREE CENTS

HON. WM. L. MACKENZIE KING ELECTED CHIEFTAIN OF THE LIBERAL PARTY

The Runner-up Was W. S. Fielding, Formerly Minister of Finance—Mr. King Secured 476 Votes Against Fielding's 438 on the Final Ballot—Four Candidates Appeared on the Two First Ballots, Graham and MacKenzie Withdrawing from a Hopeless Race After the Second Count—Announcement of Winner Received With Great Enthusiasm.

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 7.—Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, formerly Minister of Labor in the Cabinet of the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier was tonight elected Chief of the Liberal Party at the convention here, to which delegates from all over Canada have been sent.

The runner-up was Hon. W. S. Fielding, formerly Finance Minister of Canada. Mr. King secured 476 votes, against Mr. Fielding's 438. The contest started this afternoon with four nominees: Mr. King, Mr. Fielding, Hon. G. P. Graham and D. D. MacKenzie, the last named being the leader of the Liberal opposition in the House of Commons selected after the death of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Mr. Graham and Mr. MacKenzie retired after the result of the second ballot showed the favorites in the balloting to be Mr. King and Mr. Fielding. Mr. King led from the first ballot. When the announcement of Mr. King's victory was made, Mr. Fielding in a brief speech offered his congratulations to his successful rival.

King Always Ahead.

Mr. King led in the race from the first ballot when with the four candidates in the field, the vote stood: King, 344; Fielding, 297; Graham, 152; MacKenzie, 153. Fielding's lead slightly increased his lead, the vote standing: King, 411; Fielding, 344; Graham, 124; MacKenzie, 60.

Although the vote given to the two leaders had considerably increased on the second ballot, both fell short of obtaining a majority of the vote cast thereby, necessitating a counting of the voting. Mr. Graham and Mr. MacKenzie did not retire immediately on the announcement of the result of the second ballot but did so just as the scrutineers were about to resume the collection of ballots. This resulted in the slight confusion and delay.

While the ballots were counted, consideration of resolutions occupied the attention of the delegates. In connection with the moving of a resolution dealing with the matter of electoral reform, Mr. John Adamson, of Winnipeg, read a telegram which he said had been sent by Hon. Arthur Meighen to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the last general election and which constituted what he described as a conspiracy to switch voters' votes.

The resolutions dealing with the Liberal platform in reference to returned soldiers were agreed to as was also a resolution dealing with prohibition. This resolution declared that the federal platform should, if requested by a provincial government, enact legislation for the effective enforcement of restrictive or prohibitive legislation passed by the province.

It was almost eight o'clock when the final vote was announced.

Balloting had been in progress over four hours. When the returns announcing Mr. King's success were read by the chairman, great applause greeted the announcement and the enthusiasm was renewed as Mr. King arose to express his thanks to the convention.

Greatest Honor He Feels.

The delegates rose in a body cheering wildly for several minutes. Finally, advancing to the front of the platform, Mr. King said he was sure all would appreciate his feelings when he said that words could not express the gratitude he felt for the greatest honor which could be given to any man.

He was conscious of vast responsibilities and obligations which had been placed so thickly upon his shoulders that were young and inexperienced. But if there were words necessary or sufficient to express his thanks, they would be inadequate to convey what he felt in the additional confidence expressed by his friends and late colleagues in the cabinet of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He could not express too deeply to Mr. Fielding his thanks for the noble-spirited way in which Mr. Fielding had been the first to come and say he was ready to give his great experience in helping to press forward those common things in which Liberals were so splendidly united. He found it difficult, also, to express his thanks to Mr. Graham for his offer to help in the fight for larger freedom and progress, and in assisting to prevail the many splendid principles and policies which have been laid down in the platform of the party. To Mr. MacKenzie, Mr. King also expressed his deep gratitude and the hope that he would be able to sit in the House of Commons with him in the near future.

Following a few words of thanks also to the mover and seconder of his nomination, Mr. King went on: "I cannot forget one thing I should like to mention, and that is the association

CANADIAN HERO FACES MURDER CHARGE



CORPORAL FELIX KONOWAL, V. C. FROM WINNING BY APPROXIMATELY COURTESY CANADIAN MEMORIAL EXHIBITION

Many prominent lawyers of Ottawa have offered to conduct the defence of Corporal Felix Konowal, V. C., who is in jail at Hull, Quebec, charged with murder. He had been chosen to head the Victory parade in Ottawa, which was reviewed by the Governor General, getting the place of honor because his Victoria Cross, won in France, represented a record of fifty-two Germans killed in actual fighting. The Canadian hero is charged with slaying a bicycle dealer in Ottawa. His picture is now on exhibition in the "Hall of Fame" at the Anderson Galleries in New York.

CENTURY OLD GUNS PILED AT MONTREAL AWAITING FATE

None of the Guns Have Been Fired Since 1860 When the Lighter Ones Were Used to Fire Salute in Honor of King Edward, Then Prince of Wales.

Special to The Standard.

Montreal, Que., Aug. 7.—Whether to be ignominiously broken up into junk, or be given places of honor in parks or armories as befitting the part they played in the history of Canada a hundred or more years ago, is the undecided fate of eleven old cannons which have been brought to Montreal and are now lying in an unutilized fashion on a flat car. Of so ancient a lineage are the guns that, in many cases, the date of their manufacture is either entirely wiped out by corrosion, or hidden under a thick coating of rust. The guns are known to be at least a century old, and while they would not have much show if pitted against modern armament, nevertheless their very existence is a reminder of other days to view them with respect.

None of the guns have been fired since 1860 when the lighter ones were used to fire the salute in honor of King Edward VII, then visiting Canada as Prince of Wales. Others of the collection, of what heavier make, were used at Lewis and Quebec during the war with the United States in 1812. For many years these pieces of artillery have been located on the fort on the Lewis side of the St. Lawrence at Quebec. One of the monsters of the group is a 28-pounder brought from no one knows where, and placed on the Citadel at Quebec, where it was regarded as a very modern ordnance in that day. It was mounted on the glacis of the big rock and, during the invasion by the American forces in 1812, was used to send solid round shot across the river, being placed close to the spot where Montgomery was killed. Another unwieldy piece is an 84-pounder which also saw service in the war of 1812, and which weighs five tons. The guns prove the thoroughness with which the gun-makers in old days build, for when placed in the hands of the military authorities at Quebec, they were found to be in perfect condition to blow some of them to pieces with dynamite, the metal withstood this modern explosive and, despite the strength of the charge, the interior of the guns do not show a sign of the attack. If not used for ornamental purposes here, the purchasers of the cannon, the North American Iron and Metal Co., will likely resort to the oxy-acetylene burner without to cut the cannon into ingots sufficiently small to permit of smelting.

RUMANIANS DEFY SUPREME COUNCIL OF CONFERENCE

Situation Makes it Impossible to Forward Supplies to Feed the Starving Population.

Paris, Aug. 7.—The Supreme Council of the Peace Conference held a meeting, today, to consider the Hungarian situation, which is giving the Conference great uneasiness, as mandates from that body to the Rumanians seem useless.

The situation has upset the entire communication system of Central Europe, making it impossible to forward supplies for the feeding of the starving populations.

NEGRO QUESTION AT CHICAGO

Chicago, Aug. 7.—Representatives of forty-two union locals of stock yard employees voted tonight for a general strike tomorrow unless militia, policemen and deputy sheriffs on duty to prevent race rioting are withdrawn from the yards. More than 100,000 persons are employed in the yards.

A strike was virtually begun today when hundreds of white men quit work after 3,000 of the 15,000 negro workers returned to the yards under troop protection. They had been compelled to remain at home because of last week's race rioting.

The union men said they objected to negro non-union workers, and not to the workers simply because they were negroes. They claimed that about 5,000 white men walked out to-day, but the packing company officials placed the number at about 650.

PRESIDENT HAS FULL AUTHORITY IN WAGE SCALE

Is Authorized to Take up Demands of Railroad Shopmen and Decide Them on Their Merits.

FIRING SQUAD FOR PROFITEERS

Is Statement Attributed to Brotherhood President if Prices Are Not Reduced or Wages Advanced at Once.

Washington, August 7.—President Wilson tonight notified Director General Hines that he was authorized to take up the demands of the railroad shop employees for higher wages and decide them on their merits.

The president said that the letter sent him by Senator Cummins chairman of the committee on interstate commerce, "had set me free to deal as I think best with the difficult question of the wages of certain classes of the railroad employees," but added: "The chief obstacle to a decision has been created by the men themselves. They have gone out on a strike and repudiated the authority of their officers at the very moment when they were urging action in regard to their interests."

The president's decision was announced tonight from the White House in the form of a letter sent by him to Mr. Hines. The president said that "until the employees return to work and again recognize the authority of the organization, the whole matter must be at a standstill."

Firing Squad.

Organized labor's remedy for the high cost of living—a bill that would turn over the railroads to the public operating officials and labor—was presented to congress today by men high in the council of the organization who declared with utmost frankness that conditions were so desperate it might be necessary to advocate a firing squad for profiteers.

With equal frankness members of the House Interstate Commerce Commission indicated during the examination of Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Railroad Locomotive Engineers, and Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, that the bill, embodying what has come to be known as the "Plumb plan" was too radical and full of snags at the high price level, which again which people throughout the country are clamoring.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT STARTS SUITS AGAINST THE MEAT PACKING CONCERNS

Attorney General Declares That the Evidence in Hand Indicates Clear Violation of the Anti-Trust Laws of Country.

OTHERS MUST ANSWER IN COURT

Palmer Unleashes His Special Agents on a Country-Wide Trail of Profiteering and Food Hoarding.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Anti-trust suits against the great meat packing firms were started today by Attorney General Palmer as the first concrete development of the government's campaign to reduce the high cost of living.

Armour, Swift, Morris, Wilson and Cudahy, who have been pictured in the investigations of the Federal Trade Commission and before congressional committees as a great combination in control of food products, are to be laid against before the federal courts by special prosecutors.

The evidence in hand, Attorney General Palmer declared, indicated a "clear violation of the anti-trust laws."

Whether the prosecution will be civil or criminal the attorney general declined to state, merely recalling that the law provided for both.

The history of all the government's anti-trust prosecutions in twenty-five years does not show a single individual to be held in a jail sentence for a violation. There are evidences that the government hopes for some in the present campaign.

While he was announcing prosecutions of the packers, Attorney General Palmer was unleashing his special agents on a country-wide trail of profiteering of food hoarding. These prosecutions come under the food control law.

All United States attorneys were instructed to ferret out food hoards and label cases under federal law.

"This is the most important business before the country today," announced the attorney general, "and I propose to have the law enforcement machinery of the government attack everything to this job."

President Wilson continued to give close attention to the food cost problem and declined a proposal to postpone his address to congress until Tuesday next week instead of this Friday.

Republican Floor Leader Mondell of the house suggested the postponement because of absence of members from Washington, but the president declined.

There was no intimation from the White House as to the nature of the recommendations the president would make in addressing congress. From the trend of the government activities in an attempt to solve the living cost problem, however, in the view of several officials the president probably would deal with these subjects.

Enlargement of the provisions of the Lever Food Control Law, to make it operative after the conclusion of peace and applicable to eggs, clothing and all necessities in addition to food.

Legislation to define profiteering, thereby making easier prosecution under existing laws.

Laws to make speculation in necessities a crime.

Legislation limiting the margin of profit on necessities.

RAIN SPOILS BIG EVENT PLANNED AT ST. STEPHEN

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The celebration was to have been held at the Windsor Hotel. This afternoon they were to have delivered addresses at the trotting park, where a series of sports were to be held. This had to be abandoned, for the field was well nigh a lake, and instead people gathered in the curling rink and listened to two contraband addresses by the governors, all other features of the programme being abandoned.

It is the present intention to hold the sports Saturday afternoon, and as these will include three horse races, a big ball game and field sports, an enjoyable afternoon is anticipated.

HOOPER SEES COAL FAMINE IN EUROPE

Countries Warned That U. S. Can Give Slight Help in Solving Problem.

Paris, Monday, Aug. 4.—(By The Associated Press.)—Shipping and food representatives of France, Belgium and Italy conferred with Herbert Hoover, head of the International Relief Commission Monday and decided to urge the supreme council to appoint a coal commission to co-ordinate the distribution of European coal in an effort to avert what threatens to be a disaster. The meeting was held as a result of a warning by Mr. Hoover in which the United States can give help for to avert what threatens to be a disaster. The meeting was held as a result of a warning by Mr. Hoover in which the United States can give help for to avert what threatens to be a disaster.

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"The coal problem, with that of the approaching harvest and the solution of the immediate food pressure, comes to the front as the greatest menace to the stability of life in Europe."

Only a greatly increased coal production and an improved organization for its distribution could save Europe from disaster next year. Mr. Hoover said, and he urged that some sort of fuel control be established which would stimulate production and secure such distribution as would maintain essential services upon which economic and political stability must rest.

According to figures gathered for Mr. Hoover by experts, England's annual production of coal has fallen from 292,000,000 tons in 1913 to 183,000,000 tons, the present production. Germany's decline is slightly greater. Europe at the present rate, will produce 443,000,000 tons next year, while the amount needed is estimated at 614,000,000 tons.

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BOLSHEVIK "SUB" SUNK IN BALTIC

Two British Torpedo Boat Destroyers Did the Trick.

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