

Election Necessitated by Mayor's Insolvency

Peterboro Was Scene of Unique Contest 50 Years Ago; After Two Days' Voting, Candidate Elected

Way back in 1865, the then town of Peterborough witnessed a rather stormy nomination. The election of a mayor was made necessary by the insolvency of Mayor Perry. The editors of that day rubbed shoulders on the question of Mayor Perry's right to further act as chief magistrate, and finally a legal decision put the mayor out of office.

Then followed nomination proceedings to find a successor and in a copy of The Spectator of Hamilton, which has just been received in the city, is set down the report of the Peterborough correspondent of that paper.

The election was held on Monday and Tuesday of the next week. On the first day's poll, Mr. Scott was six votes in the lead and at the end of the second day's voting his majority had increased to 97 votes. The report adds that his opponent, Mr. Nicholls, was absent in New York.

The report on the nomination proceedings follows:— We have had quite an exciting time lately in town on account of the insolvency of the mayor. His seat was declared vacant, and last week the clerk issued the necessary notices calling the electors to meet together at the council chamber on Saturday, at the hour of 9 a.m., to nominate a fit and proper person to fill the office of mayor for the remainder of the year.

After about an hour's delay, Mr. Wm. Cluxton proposed, and Mr. Robt. Walton seconded, Mr. Nicholls as mayor for the remaining portion of the year. Mr. Cluxton made a speech in which he highly eulogized Mr. Nicholls as a careful and at the same time a straightforward business man; stated that he had shown considerable tact and ability in the management of his own affairs, and also that he had

had considerable experience in municipal matters, having several times occupied a seat at the council board of our town. From this, he expected a great deal from Mr. Nicholls, and he believed him the most capable man in the town for the office. He also said it was the intention of the council to abolish the mayor's salary and also not to allow the mayor to try cases, and arrangements were making with a gentleman to take charge of the police court. After waiting for ten minutes, during which nearly every person left the room, supposing the proceedings at an end, the clerk called for a show of hands, when it was discovered it was a tie, seven hands being held up for each candidate.

Mr. Dawson, then, to end the matter, asked for a poll on behalf of Mr. Scott. The polling commenced to-day and will undoubtedly end in returning Mr. Scott by a large majority. Mr. Scott is a very popular man. Either of the gentlemen will make a very good head for our municipal body and Mr. Nicholls is certainly what his friend Mr. Cluxton made him appear in his speeches—he is a keen business man and one who has amassed a considerable amount of money, but has not so used it as to render himself by any means a popular candidate.

JOINT PEACE NOTE FROM SCANDINAVIA

Proposals of Wilson Are Supported by Norway, Denmark and Sweden

London, Dec. 29.—The Scandinavian Government have sent a joint note to belligerents supporting the peace note of President Wilson.

A Reuter despatch from Copenhagen says the Danish, Swedish and Norwegian Governments have instructed their legations to address to the governments of the belligerent countries notes in which the Scandinavian Governments, adhering to the note of President Wilson concerning measures to be adopted for facilitating a durable peace, declare they would consider themselves as failing in their duty toward their respective peoples and towards humanity as a whole if they did not express their most profound sympathy with every effort which may contribute toward putting an end to the sufferings and losses, moral and material, which are ever growing in consequence of the war.

The three governments in conclusion cherish the hope that the initiative taken by President Wilson will lead to a result worthy of the generous spirit which prompted this action.

Miss Sarah Birley and Master Harry Birley of Hamilton are visiting in the city, the guest of her sisters, Mrs. James Hall and Mrs. Falen.

NOTICE is hereby given that the business carried on by James S. Howie and John C. Feely, in partnership under the firm name of Howie and Feely, was on the 31st day of August, A.D. 1916, dissolved. All accounts owing by the said partnership will be paid by the said James S. Howie, who assumes all the liabilities of the said partnership and until due notice is given to the contrary, all accounts owing to the said partnership shall be payable to the said James S. Howie.

Dated at Brantford this 29th day of November, A.D. 1916. Witness J. C. Feely, W. A. Hollinrake, James S. Howie

No Winter Drive by Allies on Somme Front

Gen. Maurice Says The Weather and Terrain Prevent an Offensive—British Have Taken Over More of the French Front

London, Dec. 28.—The continuation of the British offensive along the Somme front is impossible so long as the present weather lasts. Major-Gen. Frederick B. Maurico, chief director of military operations of the war office, so informed the Associated Press today. "I told you some time ago," he said, "that our offensive would not cease during the winter, but it must be apparent from the daily reports that no real battle has been offered in that sector since October. In the place, we underestimated the effect of the shelling on the terrain. The country over which the advance will have to be made is thickly covered with shell holes, filled with water. Also, never having held the same line in any other winter, we underestimated the effect of the fog in the valley of the Somme. Frosts a handicap. There have been frequent frosts, not severe enough to harden the ground, but sufficient to form fog, making artillery observation fire practically useless, and also preventing the drying of the ground.

GREEK NOTE TO THE ENTENTE

Government Wants Blockade Removed by the Allies

CONSTANTINE

Is Alleged to Have Committed Another Breach of Faith

Athens, Wednesday, Dec. 27, via London, Dec. 29.—The Government is addressing a second note to the Entente powers, pointing out the growing popular resentment against the blockade.

The note refers to Greece's previous communication urging mutual considerations, with a view to clearing the situation, and says that unless some such action is taken shortly, Greece may be forced to seek the advice of the Entente respecting the course to be followed.

Double Crossing London, Dec. 29.—A telegram has been received from Saloniki by the Anglo-Hellenic League to the effect that the Greek division which surrendered to the Bulgarians at Kavala has been ordered by King Constantine to leave Goerlitz, Germany, where it has been interned, for the Macedonian front, to fight against the Entente Allies.

Such a move on the part of King Constantine would be tantamount to an act of war against the Entente powers, and as recent dispatches from Athens have represented that the differences between Greece and the Entente were being composed, the accuracy of the uncorroborated dispatch to the Anglo-Hellenic League is open to question.

At the time of the occupation of Eastern Macedonia, and Bulgarian garrison of Greek troops surrendered to the Germans and Bulgarians, and the others were removed on Entente warships. Those who survived the capture to the Bulgarians were transported to Goerlitz for internment. Their number was given in a Berlin dispatch of September 21 as 400 officers and 6,000 men.

To Expedite Shipbuilding

London, Dec. 29.—The question of expediting mercantile shipbuilding is receiving attention from government authorities and a "speeding-up" order has gone forth to various shipyards where the tonnage under construction is believed to be very large. Lack of men and materials seem to be the chief French handicaps, and in all probability skilled men will be brought back from the front to enable further steel furnaces to be opened with a view to labor and utilization of women workers will probably be carried still further.

Besides the large number of orders on hand, three shipping firms have each ordered a large cargo vessel of over seven thousand tons, the D. Company having placed an order for a big passenger liner and Furness Withy have ordered seven big cargo steamers.

In various yards around the coast ship repairing is being conducted as rapidly as the moderate amount of labor will allow, the recent stormy weather having caused a considerable increase in the demand for repairs. Several new steamers are being fitted out, notably a ten thousand tonner on the Clyde, a Royal Mail liner at Belfast and the twenty thousand ton Red Star Belgenland whereon some two thousand men are employed.

In the Belfast district additional building berths which have been started will allow for the construction of sixteen large steamers.

Six Hamilton men were on the horse boat St. Ursula, which has been torpedoed.

George Arnold was convicted at Oshawa of selling liquor and was fined \$200 or four months.

MARKETS

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CLASH AT THE MEXICAN BORDER

American Soldiers and Mexicans Fire Across the Rio Grande

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 28.—Several hundred shots were fired across the Rio Grande into Mexico west of here early today by members of the Kentucky National Guard, whose officers declared that the fusillade was a reply to shots fired from the Mexican side. There were no known casualties.

About four shots were fired at our detached post, when one of the men struck a match to light a cigarette," said Captain Clarke, in command of the company which did the firing. "The detachment had fired about fifteen shots when I joined in. I made out several men enter in and on horse back running up the river gorge. Firing seemed to come from several other points. We kept up our fire until we were sure the Mexicans were driven well out. Several hundred shots were fired by us."

BIG INCREASE IN INDIAN OCEAN FREIGHTS. Teas, during the past seven weeks have advanced at the auctions in London, Calcutta and Colombo, from six to ten cents a pound. In addition to this, sea freights have advanced two and one-half cents a pound for the consumer but "Salvada," so far, has only advanced five cents a pound and whatever the price at any time, the quality will always remain exactly the same.

Financial and Commercial

Advertisement for a Red Brick House on corner in East Ward. All modern appliances. Price \$3200.

Advertisement for S. G. Read & Son, Limited, 129 Colborne Street, Brantford.

Advertisement for Dividend No. 37, notice of dividend payment.

Advertisement for The Trusts and Guarantee Company, Limited, with branches in Calgary, Toronto, and Brantford.

Advertisement for Coal, Cement, Lime, and Brick by John Mann & Sons.

Advertisement for Covered Buttons, made from your own material.

Advertisement for LUX For Washing Dainty Fabrics.

Advertisement for American Soldiers and Mexicans firing across the Rio Grande.

Advertisement for LUX washing powder, highlighting its unique preparation.

Advertisement for LUX washing powder, featuring an illustration of a woman washing clothes and a warning not to shrink woollens.

Advertisement for S. P. Pitcher & Son, real estate agents.

Advertisement for L. Braund, real estate and fire insurance.

Advertisement for J. T. Purrows, Carter and Teamster.

Advertisement for Gibson Coal Co., D. L. & W. Scranton Coal.

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Advertisement for White Star Dominion Line, Steamship Canada Halifax to Liverpool.

Advertisement for Wood's Phosphorine, a medicinal product.

TURDAY'S SPECIALS

Day of Year... days for the last days

Goods Specials

Shoes wide, in greys, blues, \$1.25, special... in grey, purple, wine, Rose are (old dyes) special

Tea Aprons 29c

Dainty Tea Aprons, in fancy muslin, lace trimmed, special... 29c

Waists at \$2.98

and Hatual Silk Waists, in green etc., dainty styles, sizes 32 and 34... \$2.98

Sheets

Wide, special value at... wide, special value at... yards wide, special value at... in 40, 42 and 44 inch widths...

Flannelette

Flannelette in dark and light... one twill make, 32 inches wide, at per yard... Wide Colored Flannelette, suitable for comforter coverings, at per yard...

Hose for Saturday

Fleece Lined Hose with elastic, fast black, all sizes, special... double knee and toe, wide sizes, special pair...

CO.

and Ladies' Tailoring

MATCHES

at increased in price... continued high cost of pot... raw materials, are of standard of quality which... for two thirds of a