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BRITISH COLUMBIA VOTERS RETURN LIBERAL GOVERNMENT

LIBERAL GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA SUSTAINED; MAJORITY IN THE LEGISLATURE IS REDUCED

Premier Oliver's Government Is Returned to Power With 24 Members Out of 47 Seats in House—All the Cabinet Ministers Carry Their Ridings—Big Cities Go Strongly Reform.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 2.—Canadian Press.—The Oliver Government has been returned to office, but with a greatly reduced majority in the British Columbia elections held yesterday. Returns received up to an early hour this morning assure the election of 24 Liberals out of a House of 47 members. The Conservatives are conceded 15 seats while the remainder of the seats are distributed among Independent Liberals, Independents and Labor. There are two doubtful seats, which Liberals claim they will win. It is regarded as certain that the government will have a safe working majority. The Liberals are claiming Fort George, where Major H. G. Perry is leading his opponents. Final returns are yet to be received from Atlin. Liberals are also expected to wrest the sixth seat from Hon. W. J. Bowser, Conservative leader, on the absentee vote. He is leading J. P. Dougherty, Liberal, by a few hundred.

POICE THINK SCALVARS BOY BURIED UNDER OPERA HOUSE

Stage Hands At Toronto Theatre Dig Up Earth BELOW AUDITORIUM Excavations Will Be Continued Until Entire Area Covered.

THINK DIFFERENTLY NOW. Toronto, Dec. 2.—Police authorities here are satisfied that the body of A. J. Small, missing since a year ago today, is not a new body buried under the Grand Opera House which the theatrical magnate had hidden for many years previous to the day of his mysterious disappearance. Following anonymous claim, the detectives, for the fourth or fifth time in eight months, yesterday had excavations made under the auditorium of the theatre, but a thorough search failed to discover any trace of the missing man. Small is understood that Ambrose Small, in jail on remand till Monday, had a change of clothing, including the \$105,000 recovered in his sister's house this week, has made no further statement regarding his former employer.

MISSING THEATRE MAGNATE WHO DISAPPEARED ONE YEAR AGO TODAY



A rare picture of Mrs. Ambrose Small, Miss Madeline Small, the missing millionaire's step-sister, and Ambrose Small, taken alongside the Pyramids a few years ago, while touring Egypt.

NO TRACE YET OF THE DARING BANK ROBBERS

Wrong Number of Automobile Wired All Over Country. NOT FAULT OF POLICE As Mistake Was Made by the Owner of Car—Bank at Lambeth Warned.

CANNOT UNDERSTAND ACTION OF NO. TWO COUNCIL COMMITTEE

In Refusing to Sanction Part of Board of Education Bylaw. REGULAR MIX-UP Change Was Made at Request of City Clerk and Is Now Turned Down, Says E. M. McElheran.

SINGS HYMNS BEFORE GOING TO GALLOWES

George Jones Expires His Crime At Brantford This Morning. MURDERED WOMAN Colored Man Who Paid Penalty Was a Model Prisoner.

NO CHILDREN IN LONDON FOR ADOPTION NOW

Woman of Means Scours the Institutions of City WITHOUT AVAIL Drives to Western University Library in Vain Attempt to Secure Youngster.

Not one little boy or girl in the whole of London to be adopted. Is it really possible? A woman of means recently went to every institution in the city where children are sheltered, to adopt a child, without success. After scouring the city, she finally decided that she try at the Infants' Home on St. James street, which by the way is an annex to the Western University. Driving up to the building in her motor car, the lady mounted the steps and rang the bell. "I want to adopt a child," she said. The person answering the door who had been busily engaged with books a minute before, looked bewildered until it dawned upon her that before the building was used as the university library. It was an infant's home. She informed the lady of this fact, who stepped back into her motor car with a disappointed expression on her countenance.

BARON DESBOROUGH DENIES HE IS DEAD

London, Dec. 2.—Reports that Baron Desborough had died suddenly last evening at Birmingham, which were published here this morning by the London Times, proved to be incorrect. It is authoritatively stated that he is in the best of health at his home at Taplow Court, and that he has not visited Birmingham.

Woman Has Right To Urge Man To Wed, Says Judge

Montreal Young Woman Is Awarded Damages For Breach of Promise.

Montreal, Dec. 2.—Mr. Justice Lafontaine in the superior court yesterday awarded Miss Irene Carl \$100 damages in an action in which she sued Gerald Fortin, farmer, of St. Francois De Sales, for injuries caused by the defendant's breach of promise to marry her. Defendant claimed that Miss Carl has posted him continually to marry her until he finally ceased to visit her. He said he had always refused her many overtures to engage him to marry her. Miss Carl, who after this action, was entered had moved to Toronto, declared that Fortin had persuaded her to give up her position in Montreal and prepare for their marriage, which she said, she fixed for the autumn of 1919. Afterwards, she said, he had taken back his promise. Mr. Justice Lafontaine in finding for the plaintiff, said it was quite a legitimate thing for her to insist herself towards marrying the defendant.

SENATE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PLACING OF WHEAT TARIFF

U. S. Body To Consider Extension of Rural Credits. Washington, Dec. 2.—The placing of a tariff on wheat imports is one of the subjects to be discussed by the agricultural committees of the Senate and House when they meet in joint session this afternoon to consider possible relief measures for the agricultural situation. Further extension of credits to farmers and amendment of the federal farm loan act to permit short time loans on cattle and agriculture products will also be discussed as possible expedients of relief. Restoration of trade relations with Russia it was said, also might be suggested.

YOUTH PLUNGES FROM LINER IN MID-ATLANTIC TO SAVE CHILD

Toronto, Dec. 3.—A special dispatch to the Star from Quebec says: "When the liner Minnedosa was in mid-Atlantic between Liverpool and Quebec, a nine-year-old girl, who, with other children, was climbing on the railings on the port side, fell overboard. "A youth named Ronald Webb, formerly of Castleton Road, Walthamstow, England, immediately jumped, fully tumbled 40 and 50 feet below. He swam for the drowning child and held her up until, as they were almost sinking, they were rescued by one of the ship's boats. "They were brought aboard terribly exhausted, but both recovered from the effects of the immersion, and the following day Webb was presented by the captain, on behalf of the passengers, with \$100. Webb was patrol leader of the 80th Walthamstow Scouts and a second lieutenant in the 7th Battalion County of London Cadets. He recently won the cadet officers' open boxing competition at the National Sporting Club, London."

ARMENIANS DRIVEN BEYOND BOUNDARIES OF THEIR COUNTRY

Turkish Nationalists Assert They Will Not Crush Little Republic. HOSTILITIES SUSPENDED Fighting Ceases Through Intervention by Bolsheviks. This, Dec. 2.—Armenian forces have been driven eastward by the Turkish Nationalists until the region they hold is entirely outside the traditional boundaries of Armenia. As a result, Armenia is reduced to a little Caucasus republic, such as was created by the Germans and Turks during the war. It comprises the districts of Erivan, Novobayazet, 30 miles to the northeast, that city, and Etchmiadzin, the ecclesiastical capital of ancient Armenia, located about 25 miles north of Mount Ararat. Turkish Nationalists have occupied districts just to the west of this region, holding Kars, Alexandropol and Surmah. Hostilities between the Armenians and Turkish Nationalists have been suspended through intervention by the Bolshevik Government at Moscow, and hopes are entertained that further bloodshed may be averted. Conditions, however, are frightful in the district held by the Armenian forces. One thousand Armenian refugees, in the last stage of destitution, are traveling through the snow in all directions, and the Armenian Government is unable to provide housing or food pending the arrival of grain promised by the Russian Bolsheviks. Will Not Crush Armenia. The Turkish Nationalists assert they will not crush Armenia, but will grant lenient terms. These terms, however, must be such as to enable them to reap the massive piles of masonry that destroyed Fifty-second street at Broadway, when a nine-story apartment house collapsed yesterday afternoon had fallen to establish definitely early today whether any lives were lost. Six workmen, however, who were members of a wrecking crew demolishing the structure, were still unaccounted for. The debris, composed of bricks, mortar and twisted iron beams was piled in some places six feet deep along the sidewalk, and it was expected that two or three days would be required to clear it away. City officials this morning began an investigation of the collapse to determine whether it was due to negligence on the part of any of the wreckers of the building.

AGED BRANTFORD WOMAN IS VICTIM BRUTAL ASSAULT

Outrage Is Culmination of the Crime Wave in Brant City. Brantford, Dec. 2.—A fiendish assault was perpetrated in the early hours this morning at 25 Winnett street, Annie McAvoy, an aged lady, being the victim, her condition being reported at the hospital this morning to be critical. A short, stocky, middle-aged man broke into her home, bound and gagged the aged lady, inflicted injuries to her head, and committed the dastardly outrage. Sgt. Horchick rushed to the scene, and medical attendance was taken to the hospital, the victim being taken to the hospital. The police this morning are searching for the assailant, who is described as being a man of about 30 years of age, and have a clue to work on. More or less of a crime wave throughout the city is reported by the department, the outrage in West Brantford being the worst yet reported.

WORKMEN MISSING, BUT NO TRACE OF BODIES YET FOUND

Search in Wrecked Building At N. Y. Continues. New York, Dec. 2.—An all-night search under glaring spotlights through the massive piles of masonry that destroyed Fifty-second street at Broadway, when a nine-story apartment house collapsed yesterday afternoon had failed to establish definitely early today whether any lives were lost. Six workmen, however, who were members of a wrecking crew demolishing the structure, were still unaccounted for. The debris, composed of bricks, mortar and twisted iron beams was piled in some places six feet deep along the sidewalk, and it was expected that two or three days would be required to clear it away. City officials this morning began an investigation of the collapse to determine whether it was due to negligence on the part of any of the wreckers of the building.

TWO MEMBERS FOR CITY OF LONDON IS APPROVED BY LABOR

Increased Provincial Grants to Western University Advocated by T. and L. FAVORABLE BALANCE Labor's Carnival Venture Is Proved Big Success—Balance of \$215.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 40; lowest, 35. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 42; lowest, 32.

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MANY SMALL CONGREGATIONS IN PRESBYTERIAN AND METHODIST CHURCHES FAVOR CO-OPERATION

Only Two Actually Turn Scheme Down—Fingal Church Refused to Give Committee a Hearing.

Out of a total of 31 congregations visited in the London Presbyterian and Methodist Conference, with a view to adopting the co-operation scheme planned by these two denominations, only two turned down the scheme. These were the Presbyterian and Methodist churches in North Carleton and Mount Brydges. Fingal Presbyterian Church refused to give the Methodist and Presbyterian churches united, and others were in favor of the fact that the co-operation scheme a Methodist does not have to become a Presbyterian outcast, while a more representative meeting can be held. On the whole, the committee at which the majority of congregations visited accepted the scheme, and many of the congregations pronounced themselves willing to make any sacrifice that would make the small churches in the community stronger. The congregations were given a clear view of what it meant to have their churches united, and Presbyterian churches united, and others were in favor of the fact that the co-operation scheme a Methodist does not have to become a Presbyterian outcast, while a more representative meeting can be held. The scheme will not be put into effect until next June, when a number of the Methodist congregations change pastors.

CONSERVATIVES ARE HAVING HARD TIME SELECTING LEADER

Convention Moves From the Masonic Temple to Massey Hall. FERGUSON FAVORED Heavy Vote Likely To Be Cast For Him.

SPRACKLIN IS TAKEN TO JAIL PENDING BAIL BEING GRANTED

Windsor Magistrate Transfers Hearing to Higher Court. OUTSIDE PROSECUTOR J. H. Rodd, K. C., To Be Relieved of Duties in Case.

WANTED IN DETROIT

Wanted in Detroit. William Maeden of Detroit indicated in that place on charges of ill-treating and grand larceny, the police say, was arrested in South London by the local detective department on Wednesday afternoon. He was taken back today by two Detroit officers who arrived to get him.

ONTARIO AND MICHIGAN POLICE FORCES INCREASED ALONG BORDER IN EFFORT TO GET RUM-RUNNERS

New Methods To Be Adopted Will, It Is Expected, Greatly Reduce Illicit Liquor Traffic—Smugglers Can Be Pursued Into Foreign Territory by the Officials of Either Country.

Detroit, Dec. 2.—Additional prohibition enforcement agent will be placed along the border in the vicinity of Detroit and Windsor, it was announced, following a conference yesterday between James W. Inches, police commissioner; James W. Jordan, chief federal prohibition officer, and W. J. Lannin, superintendent of the Ontario provincial police. Methods are to be adopted which, it is believed will greatly curtail the rum trade across the border, Commissioner Inches said. The officers did not expect to stop the traffic entirely, he added, but hoped to make it so hazardous that rum-runners would ultimately give up the attempt. The methods to be employed were not disclosed. It has been reported that officers of one country would be empowered to pursue rum smugglers into territory of the other. Many of the rum smugglers, it is said, have escaped when officers were forced to give up the chase in the middle of the Detroit River.

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