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UNITED STATES ELECTIONS.

Senator Harding will be the next President of the United States. His majority in the election of yesterday is one of the largest, if not the largest, ever recorded in a Presidential contest within the borders of our neighbors. The Republicans also carry the Senate and the House of Representatives. It is a sweeping victory.

As the issues were pretty clearly defined, the result is of much significance. It is scarcely accurate to assume, however, that there is a decisive pronouncement against United States participation in the League of Nations. The popular opinion of our neighbors does not favor the course and action of President Wilson in the main. Mr. Wilson ignored constitutional procedure from the very beginning. In defiance of practice, he declined to consult or to advise the Senate; he appeared to take pleasure in ignoring the status of that body, and went to Europe to participate in the Peace Conference on a basis of his own creation. It was not, therefore, to be expected that the President would find favor with the Senate on his return; and the "reservations" of that body, which the President would not accept, were a not unnatural result. The President of France has since pointed out that the Senate "reservations" are not fatal, that they do not necessarily preclude participation by the United States in the League of Nations; and this is quite largely the view of the Senate itself, which has won out in popular opinion. The verdict is against President Wilson, not a condemnation of the League of Nations. There may be features in the League's constitution and obligations which the people do not favor, there undoubtedly is, but the objections are not such that they cannot be removed; and were it not for President Wilson the objections would not be there to remove.

The Policy of Protection has received a significant endorsation. The Republicans are committed to a higher tariff than the present one; and the verdict of the people on this issue is emphatic. Whether in agricultural or industrial districts, the pronouncement for a higher measure of protection was hearty and almost general. The policy of building up and protecting the home market has been in high favor with our neighbors for many years. The wonderful progress and prosperity of the United States, with natural resources no greater perhaps than those of Canada, although more extensively developed than ours, is the result mainly of the protection afforded to the men who do business, whether it be in agricultural or in industrial development. Its tariff, always much higher than ours, has also been higher than that of most exporting countries. It is to meet the situation of the present, for which the war is largely responsible, that a still higher tariff finds favor. Germany and perhaps other European nations and Japan and, it may be added, the Argentine are seeking foreign markets for the surplus of their products of industry; and to protect its home markets against ruthless competition, to protect its labor, to ensure wholesome conditions and general business stability, the Republican party favor a higher protective tariff.

There were some side lines, such as Gompers and his labor leaders following who went over to the Democrats, a United Farmers' political faction in the Western States, the Sinn Fein element who first threatened and then clustered round Governor Cox and his Democratic committees, and Prohibitionists who could reflect with but one eye; but all such factions were completely lost to sight in the consideration of broad principles of general policy, and in action thereon.

Presidential election year in the United States has an influence on the commercial and industrial enterprises of the country. The uncertainty of the result leads to timidity in business, and timidity leads to depression. This year has not been an exception; but now that the election is over, with results that seem eminently satisfactory, now that capital and enterprise can have full confidence in the future, we are not unlikely to see great activity and very much improved conditions in the business of our neighbors.

HUNGER STRIKES.

The tragic climax of the Irish hunger strike policy, in the case of the Lord Mayor of Cork, will probably put an end to the practice, as Irishmen who favor separation from the United Kingdom are pretty sure to conclude that as the policy is proving ineffective it ought to be abandoned. The Irish people who have, or believe they have, a serious quarrel with the British Government, must now realize, as the Winnipeg Tribune says, that it is the set policy of that government, backed overwhelmingly by the British people, as recent votes in Parliament on Irish matters demonstrate, to carry out the law no matter what the consequences to hunger strikers or to anyone else may be. The threats of reprisals upon the lives of Lloyd George and the Irish Secretary fell upon deaf ears. These outstanding government officers evidently made up their minds to stand by duty no matter what personal risk might be involved. Less than such a decision the British people would not expect from them.

The common sense of the public generally will sustain the British government in the course it has deliberately adopted. The government is either right or it is wrong in pursuing its policy for the suppression of crime in Ireland. In carrying out the law the government could not justify its conduct if it allowed pusilanimity or fear to dictate its action. Especially does this argument apply in so serious a crisis as that which exists in Ireland.

Now that the Irish people who are agitating for revolution clearly understand that the British government's policy and resolution are fixed and that hunger strikes or any other expedient will not turn it aside from its fixed resolution, the futility of continuing the hunger strike policy can hardly fail to be recognized and the policy abandoned.

MacSwiney was said to be the brains and inspiration of the Sinn Fein organization. Its members must recognize the loss which his voluntary death—suicide—means to the movement, and a revision of policy may be looked for. If the Lord Mayor had been executed by the British government it would be a different matter, but when the man deliberately takes his own life it is pretty difficult to arouse any great wave of sympathy in his behalf or in behalf of the cause he represents.

THE NEWSPAPER FIELD.

The St. Mary's Argus, a western Ontario newspaper, announces that after this week it will cease to have an independent existence, having been purchased by Mr. Eedy of the St. Mary's Journal. The Argus was one of the pioneer papers of Ontario. It was founded in 1857, and is therefore ten years older than Confederation. It has had a long, a useful and an honorable career; but, it has been compelled to yield at least to conditions for which it was not responsible and which it could not control. Messrs. Stewart & Grosse, the present publishers, in announcing the change, comment as follows:

"More than any other line of business, newspaper publishing has suffered from the pressure of war and after-war conditions. Prices of paper and other raw materials, type, machinery and wages have increased out of all proportion to the receipts, until throughout the entire country serious problems presented themselves, and for the past twelve months or more amalgamation of contemporary papers has been the order of the day, until now St. Thomas with its 22,000 population, Brantford with its 30,000, Brockville of 11,000, Fort William of 20,000, Galt of 20,000, Niagara Falls of 12,000, Peterboro of 30,000, Port Arthur of 15,000, Port Huron of 32,000, Sarnia of 16,000, St. Catharines of 20,000, Welland of 18,000, Lindsay of 8,000, Windsor of 40,000, and Woodstock of 11,000 are all 'one-paper towns'. This week the neighboring town of Mitchell falls into line."

To the foregoing list might be added the names of a number of large-city dailies which have disappeared in recent years, such as the Montreal Witness, Montreal Daily Mail, Montreal Evening News, Toronto Evening News, Winnipeg Telegram, Ottawa Free Press, Vancouver News Advertiser.

These changes, the Ottawa Journal admits, have not been due altogether to increasing costs. The tendency of modern business to concentrate, to cut out unnecessary diffusion, has had something to do with the fact that in the smaller cities and towns of Canada, and indeed of America, there is a trend toward single newspapers, and in the larger cities to fewer newspapers than hitherto. In the latter respect the movement in Canada has been very marked. More than two newspapers in any city in the Dominion is now the exception, except where considerable populations live side by side using different languages. Only two newspapers printed in English are published now in any of the following cities:—Ottawa, London, Kingston, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Victoria, Quebec and Halifax. One morning newspaper and two evening ones are published in Montreal and Hamilton each. The only newspaper field rather generously supplied is the morning one in Toronto, where three morning papers exist as well as two evening.

JAM MAKER THE HEIR TO $276,000

Hamilton, Ont., Nov. 2—R. A. MacDonald employed here as a jam maker by the Standard Cocoanut Mills, has fallen heir to $276,000, left him by an uncle in Springfield, Illinois.

Mr. MacDonald came here three months ago from Winnipeg. When asked what it felt like to inherit so much money, Mr. MacDonald said it was like walking on air.

OCTOBER INLAND REVENUE RETURNS

An Increase of Upwards of $8,000,000 Over Figures for October, 1919

[Canadian Press by Leased Wire.]

Ottawa, Nov. 2.—An increase of $8,006,775.74 in the Inland revenue returns for the month of October as compared with the returns for October, 1919, is shown in the monthly statement of the Department of Inland Revenue. The total for the month just closed was $12,841,242.43 as against $4,774,466.69 for October, 1919.

Chief figures in the summary issued by the department were:

Excise, October, 1919, $3,607,264.15 against $3,230,734.77 for October, 1920.

Excise seizures, October, 1919, $19,978.35 against $14,114.47 last month.

War tax, October, 1919, $1,100,027.07 against $9,575,298.56 in the month just closed.

The revenue from methylated spirits in October, 1919, was $41,8[illegible]5 as against $20,374.40 last month.

The increase in war tax revenue over the corresponding month of last year was $8,475,271.49 and the net increase for the month of October $8,006,775.74.

Bliss Carman's Health Restored

Fredericton readers of current literature, here in the birthplace and boyhood's home of Bliss Carman, will not be the last among the admirers of his poetry to welcome the announcement that comes from Lake Placid, New York, where he is now living, that after a year's treatment for tubercular trouble, which had so mastered him that his life was despaired of, the poet has succeeded in making a wonderful recovery, and is apparently completely restored to health. Last year, when it was learned that his illness was approaching a critical stage there was a rally of the literary coterie and friends to the aid of Carman, and he has since had the benefit of the best medical skill and care. Now that he is back in his old form he has written "An Open Letter" in verse, a ballad of unusual charm, which will be printed in pamphlet form for distribution among his friends. In this a few scattered stanzas give a picture of the life he led in the wilderness, telling among other things how,

There in that snowy woodland,
Under the mountain side,
The surge and lift of life came back
Like a returning tide.

ST. JOHN PROTEST ON LUXURY TAX

[Canadian Press by Leased Wire.]

St. John, N. B., Nov. 2—The local Board of Trade council last night decided to write Sir Henry Drayton and Hon. R. W. Wigmore in protest against the continuance of the luxury tax, the trouble and expense in its operation and reduction in revenue because of its unpopularity. A simple form of sales tax to be paid by the manufacturers or producers, with an extra tax on actual business is suggested in substitution.

ANCONAS WON EGG LAYING CONTEST

[Canadian Press by Leased Wire.]

Brandon, Man., Nov. 2.—The egg laying contest conducted for the province at the Experimental Farm here was won by a pen of single comb Anconas owned by W. H. Howe, of Winnipeg. This pen laid 2,041 eggs in one year.

A pen of White Wyandottes, owned by Thomas Lund, of Stonewall, is second with 1,842, while a pen owned by W. H. Simmington, of Brandon, was third with 1,830.

These three pens also were the three highest egg layers in the Dominion. Each pen contains ten birds.

DEATH AT ST. JOHN

St. John, N. B., Nov. 2—George T. G. Blewett, of this city, marine engineer, for years prominent in the Temple of Honor and temperance work, died this morning aged 66 after four months illness.

The Stock Market

[Associated Press by Leased Wire.]

New York (Wall Street), Nov. 3—Stocks were firm and trading was broad at the opening of today's session but the general tone of the market indicated that financial and speculative interests have discounted the results of the presidential election. The only striking feature was the heavy trading in Southern Pacific. That stock opened with a sale of 25,000 shares at 110½ down to 109½, a maximum gain of five points. This was due to an announcement made on Monday last of the company's intention to separate its oil properties from the railroad system with substantial benefits to shareholders. Other leading stocks were higher by fractions to a point and some of the specialties gained 1 to 3 points.

The Quotations.

(By private wire to J. M. Robinson & Sons.)

New York, Nov. 3.—The stock market quotations today:

American Smelting	60¼
American Sumatra	82⅞
American Can	33½
American Sugar	104
American Tel. & Tel.	100¼
American Wool	68
Anaconda	51¼
Atchison	86⅝
Bethel Steel B.	69⅜
Baldwin Locomotive	111½
Baltimore & Ohio	45⅛
Canadian Pacific	124
Crucible	119¼
Central Leather	40⅝
Chino Copper	25⅝
Butte	75⅜
General Motors	17⅛
Great Northern preferred	86¼
Industrial Alcohol	83
International Paper	61¼
Kennecott Copper	22¾
Kelly Springfield	96½
Mexican Petroleum	189⅝
Midvale Steel	38
New York Central	81
Norfolk & Western	98¾
Republic Iron & Steel	74½
Rubber	70¾
Rock Island	36
Sinclair	32⅝
Studebaker	57½
St. Paul	42
Southern Railway	29½
Southern Pacific	110
Texas Oil	51⅝
United States Steel	87½
Utah Copper	61¼
Union Pacific	125¼
Willys Overland	10½
Pan American Oil	88½
Amn. Intl. Corpn.	72

The Montreal Market.

[Canadian Press by Leased Wire.]

Montreal, Nov. 3.—With the exception of a three-quarters drop in Brazilian, bringing that issue down to 35, absolutely nothing transpired on the local stock exchange during the early trading this morning. Indeed, the only other important issue to appear at all was Laurentide and it remained steady at yesterday's closing level of 100.

The Quotations.

(By private wire to J. M. Robinson & Sons.)

Montreal, Nov. 3.—The market quotations today:

Brazilian	35
Brompton Pulp	67½
Dominion Iron & Steel	51
Detroit United	101
Dominion Textile	129
North American Pulp	5½
Montreal Power	80
General Electric	97
International Breweries	61
Sugar	75½
Spanish River common	98
Smelters	22
Toronto Railway	43
Wayagamack Pulp	133
Victory Bond 1937	98
Victory Bond 1933	96½
Victory Bond 1927	97
Victory Bond 1923	98
Victory Bond 1922	98
Victory Bond 1934	93
Victory Bond 1924	97

Southern Pacific a Leader.

New York, Nov. 3.—Southern Pacific maintained its leadership throughout the morning, holding the greater part of its gain despite heavy selling for profits, associated oil, its subsidiary gained 4 points and Royal Dutch also was strong, but other oils reacted with shippings, steels, equipments and numerous specialties. Heaviness was shown by crucible steel, United Fruit, American woolen, International paper, and several of the leather issues, which lost 3 to 6 points. Investment rails were steady but the cheaper issuer, particularly Southern Railway, P. & W. V., R. I. and St. L. & S. W. eased 1 to 1½ points. Call money opened at 9 per cent. and exchange rates on London and Paris were lower.

B. C. CANDIDATES

Vancouver, No. 2—Vancouver Liberals last night nominated Mrs. Ralph Smith, Attorney-General J. W. D. Farris, M. A. MacDonald, K. C., Captain Ian Mackenzie, Alderman James Ramsay and J. P. Dougherty to contest the six city seats in the provincial elections, Dec. 1.

Conservatives will name their candidates tonight.

Three candidates were nominated by the Federated Labor party to contest the legislative elections for Vancouver city. They are Thomas Richardson, J. W. Woodsworth and W. R. Trotter.

A California judge recently sentenced an automobile speed maniac to walk a while by sentencing the automobile to an indeterminate term in the basement of the jail.

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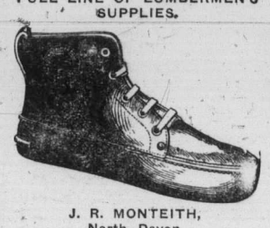

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