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LIBERAL PLURALITY IN W. PETERBORO EXCEEDS 1,300

BRITAIN NOT TO RACE U. S. FOR SEA SUPREMACY, SAYS GIBBS BEFORE COMMITTEE

Noted War Correspondent Declares American Navy Is Not Regarded as Menace by Britons—Crushing of Germany's Sea Power Relieved Empire of Greatest Worry — The Bolshevik Army World's Greatest Danger.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 8.—Great Britain will not undertake a race with the United States for sea power, Sir Philip Gibbs, British war correspondent, declared today before the House Naval Committee. Great Britain hasn't the money, he said, and most Britons do not regard the United States navy as a menace. Sir Philip said that before any agreement for disarmament could be reached by the principal powers the Russian question would have to be settled and the Russian people drawn back into the "family of nations."

Representatives of the Russian Soviet Governments should by all means be included in any conference to discuss disarmament, Sir Philip declared. He characterized the Russian Red army as "the greatest military menace in the world and said that present conditions in Russia were producing great numbers of professional soldiers. There is a spirit of revolt, entirely apart from Bolshevism in Europe today because of the general fear of another war, the witness declared, adding that the people felt that they had been betrayed in the last war because they had been told that it was a war to end war.

United States Navy Not Menace.

"The burden of armaments in Europe is greater today than it was in 1914," he asserted. "Britain is spending £270,000,000 a year on its military-naval establishment. This sum is more than twice the entire national budget for all purposes before the war."

In Mesopotamia alone, Sir Philip said, Great Britain is spending £40,000,000 a year for military purposes.

An invitation from the United States for a disarmament conference would meet with the approval of most of the people of Great Britain, Sir Philip said, although some sections of the Government are opposed to the general idea of disarmament.

Discussing the future of the British navy, the witness told the committee that the British people did not consider another naval bill to provide "a strong and supreme navy" necessary because "they realize that Great Britain's chief menace, the German navy, has been crushed forever." He added that there had been much discussion in Great Britain lately about the idea of a big United States navy, but that "most of our people do not regard the United States navy as a menace."

BRITISH PEOPLE WOULD OPPOSE ANY SCHEME TO CANCEL DEBTS

London Morning Post Declares Suggestion Hurts the National Honor.

URGES SETTLEMENT

Britain Cannot Afford to Postpone Payments to United States.

London, Feb. 8.—Newspapers of this city give great prominence to discussions of the address of Austen Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer, at Birmingham on Friday, in the course of which he declared the United States had intimated proposals for the remission of the allied debt would not be favorably received. The Morning Post, in commenting on the address, said today: "This country an essential element of whose national policy is maintenance of most cordial relations with America, does not intend to allow them to become imperilled by indefinite postponement of the repayment of its debt to the United States. The nation would regard any suggestion relative to remission of this debt as derogatory to national honor."

Referring to recent suggestions regarding the transfer of a British colony to the United States, the newspaper said: "That expedient is out of the question. The British people would never countenance it and quite soon the government takes the requisite steps to fund the American debt the better. Regarding the debts owed to Great Britain, their collection would confer the greatest possible benefit upon Europe, and would prove the highest possible service to civilization."

GERMAN GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS INVITATION TO ALLIED MEETING

Will Participate in Conference To Be Held in London On March 1.

Berlin, Feb. 8.—The German Government has accepted the invitation to participate in the Allied conference on reparations in London, March 1, it was announced here today.

PLUMBING BYLAW TO BE TALKED OVER BY BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. F. C. Dallyn Will Attend Meeting This Afternoon.

MANY REQUIREMENTS

Advocated by the Provincial Board Merely Frills, Says Dr. Cunningham.

Dr. F. C. Dallyn, chairman of the provincial board of health, is expected to attend the meeting of the local board this afternoon to discuss the plumbing bylaw. Dr. O. I. Cunningham, chairman of the local board, has made a strenuous fight against the city plumbing bylaw, claiming that many of its requirements are merely frills, which unnecessarily increase the cost of the work without giving the citizen additional sanitary protection.

The city bylaw was based to a great extent on the provincial regulations, which are still under consideration. Dr. Dallyn has so far stood firm in the belief that all the clauses of the regulations are necessary. The discussion this afternoon may bring them to a basis on which both the provincial and the local board can agree.

It is expected that the session of the board will be devoted entirely to this matter. Dr. W. S. Downham, M.O.H., is out of the city. The other items of business, including the appointment of another sanitary inspector, will be left until his return.

SIR LOUIS DAVIES IS OVERLOOKED OWING TO MISTAKE IN REVISION

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—When the salaries of judges were revised by legislation last session, a curious error was made. Because of some mistake in drafting, Sir Louis Davies, chief justice of the supreme court of Canada, was the only judge in Canada to have no increase. His salary as a judge and his allowance as administrator were lumped together, but the total remuneration remain as before. To make matters worse, Sir Louis was made liable to an income tax of $1,500 per annum, and his retiring allowance was reduced by $5,000 per year. There is, however, every likelihood that the error will be repaired by legislation during the coming session.

Sir Louis has been on the supreme court bench for nearly 20 years.

AWARDED ACTONIAN PRIZE.

London, Feb. 8.—Dr. George Ellery Hale director of the Mount Wilson astronomical observatory, near Pasadena, Cal., has been awarded the Actonian prize by the Royal Institute of Great Britain in recognition of his work in studying solar phenomena.

JAPANESE MINERS STRIKE.

Hakodate, Japan Feb. 8.—Ten thousand coal miners employed by the Hokkaido colliery and steamship company have struck, refusing to accept a 20 per cent cut in wages.

CHINESE WOMEN ARE SEEKING EQUAL RIGHTS

Shanghai, China, Feb. 8.—China, following hard on the peoples of the western world, now has its Chinese Woman's Suffrage Association. The platform drafted at the opening meeting by the membership, composed of women educated in the schools of China and abroad, is as follows:

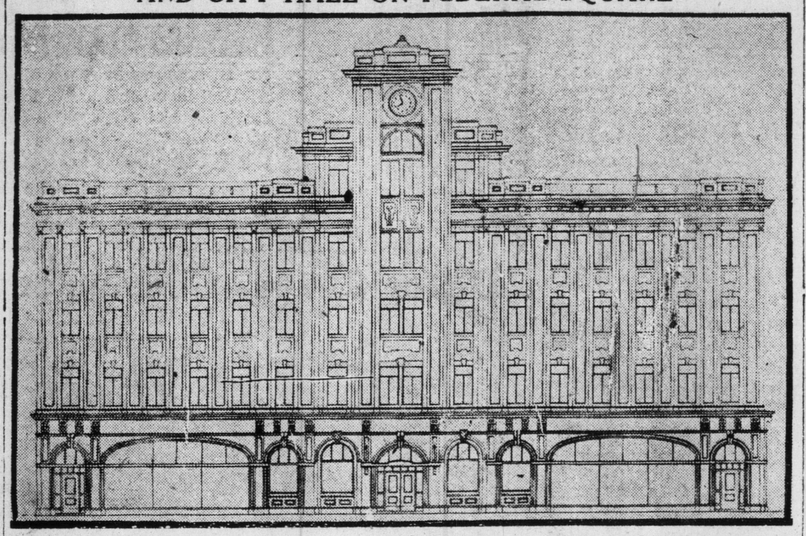
Every woman may have a right to vote. Men and women will have equal protection under the law. Girl slavery shall be prohibited. Women shall have the right to the possession of their property, which shall be registered by name.

Women shall have the right to marry whom they desire. Women shall have equal opportunities for education with men. Women shall have equal vocational opportunities and vocational education with men. Women shall have equal rate of wage with men.

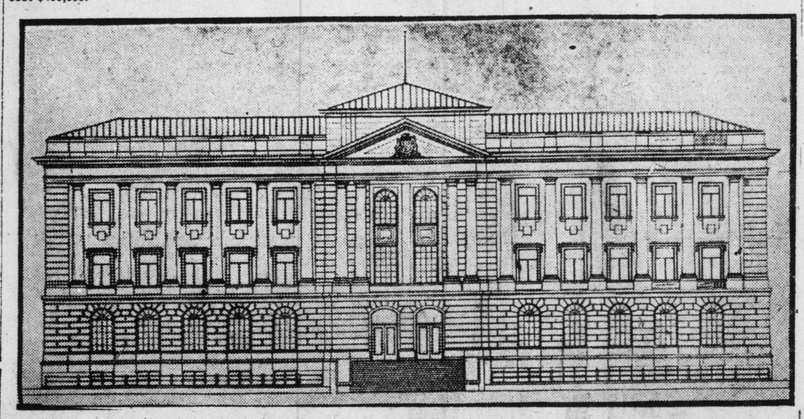
Concubinage shall be prohibited. A single standard shall be maintained for men and women.

Women shall have financial recompense from the state for the care of their children.

PROPOSED PLANS FOR CIVIC OFFICES ON PRESENT SITE AND CITY HALL ON FEDERAL SQUARE



These two plans for civic offices are under consideration by a special committee of the city council. They were prepared by General Manager E. V. Buchanan and R. W. Swayze of the public utilities commission. The above plan provides for the extension of the present city offices. Another story would be added to the utilities building, and the whole structure would be four stories in height except in the centre, which would be five stories. The council chambers would be located on the fourth floor in this section and extend up to the top of the building. It is estimated this will cost $400,000.



Above is the proposed plan for a city hall on the former McCormick property. It was drawn largely for the purposes of preparing estimates and would not likely be the design adopted if a decision is made to build there. Competitive plans from the best architects in Canada would be called for. The public spaces in this building would be much larger, and it would have four stone faces, whereas the one on the north side would only require a stone front. It will cost at least $775,000.

Precious Stones Reported To Be Drug on Market

Amsterdam, Feb. 8.—Nearly 8,000 of the 10,800 members of the Diamond Workers' Union here are idle, and the bottom seems to have fallen out of the world's diamond market. Experts in precious stones in this city and in Antwerp say an era of financial stringency has supplanted the epoch of free spending to such an extent that precious stones have become a drug on the market, although prices are being maintained. The industry received a serious blow through the Russian revolution, as that country was the greatest buyer of gems. Austria and Germany then fell out, and now the depression in the United States has cut off the last great market for diamonds. In addition, a large number of gems formerly owned in Russia have been placed on the market by the Bolsheviki.

70,000 GREEK TROOPS TO OPEN HOSTILITIES AGAINST THE TURKS

Nationalists Are Preparing to Meet Drive in Asia Minor.

Rome, Feb. 8.—Seventy thousand Greek troops are being organized for a great offensive in Asia Minor, it is said in reports received here from Smyrna. The Turkish Nationalists are preparing to meet the offensive, and claim they will be able to offer a stubborn resistance.

FAVORS CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY.

Athens, Feb. 8.—The National Assembly of Greece yesterday voted by acclamation in favor of declaring itself a constituent assembly. This step was made necessary by the projected revision of the Greek constitution, forecasts of which have indicated that the prerogatives of the king would be more clearly defined, and clauses inserted establishing a senate. Reports were in circulation late last year that the new constitution might provide for the establishment of a republic, but such action is not considered probable.

GREEK PREMIER TO OPPOSE A REVISION OF SEVRES TREATY

All Parties Approve Decision of Government Head.

Athens, Feb. 8.—Revision of the Sevres treaty will be opposed by M. Kalogeropoulis, the new Greek premier, who will represent Greece at the Near East conference in London, he announced yesterday before the Chamber of Deputies. All heads of parties, including adherents of former Premier Venizelos, approved of his decision.

HOW MUCH SHOULD ALDERMEN BE PAID?

Ald. Ashton Leaves It to His Confreres to Decide.

REAL DELICATE QUESTION

For Some Might Put an Excessive Value on Services Rendered.

Payment of aldermen will be one of the chief topics for discussion at the next meeting of the city council. Ald. John Ashton at Monday night's meeting gave notice that he would make a motion at the next meeting to pay the city fathers for their strenuous efforts on behalf of the public.

Ald. Ashton will not suggest any particular sum as the emolument the members of the council should receive, but will leave this for his colleagues to settle.

"I think it is the proper way to run the city business," he said. "The aldermen when receiving a salary would feel more responsible to the people than they do now. It would do away with the appointment of special committees as well. Either No. 1 committee or No. 2 committee would deal with all matters that came up, instead of appointing special committees as at present."

USE SURRENDERED GERMAN WARSHIP TO MAKE TEST

Washington, Feb. 8.—Preparations were under way in the United States navy department today to decide by actual test the question of the relative superiority of aircraft and the modern battleships. Secretary Daniels in a letter to Secretary Baker yesterday invited the war department to participate in experiments to be carried out within 90 days in which the surrendered German battleship Ostfristland probably will be used as the object of attack by aircraft dropping high explosive bombs from the air. Conditions approximating as closely as possible those of battle will be simulated in the tests.

POLICEMAN "BEATS UP" TWO STRIKE-BREAKERS

Troy, N.Y., Feb. 8.—Two strike-breakers, working on an emergency wagon repairing a trolley in the north end of Troy shortly after 8 o'clock this morning, got into an altercation with a traffic policeman, and one of them attacked the officer with a wrench. Both strike-breakers were beaten up by the policeman. The two men were taken to a hospital, and a third, who ran away, was afterwards arrested.

HARVARD PROFESSOR DIES.

Boston, Feb. 8.—Barrett Wendell, professor emeritus of Harvard University, where he had taught English literature for 37 years, died at his home here today. He was 66 years old.

Lands in Court Rejoicing Over Visit of Stork

New York, Feb. 8.—William Downey, 28 years old, of 128 West One Hundred and Thirtieth street, after pleading guilty to a charge of intoxication in the night court last night, received a suspended sentence after he explained the cause.

Downey was arrested at One Hundred and Sixteenth street and Eighth avenue, in front of the home of his brother-in-law, when he refused to obey an order to move on. Here is his explanation:

When Downey's sister was about to become a mother, Downey and her husband made a bet, Downey bet the child would be a boy and his brother-in-law bet it would be a girl. Last night the stork made its call. Downey was informed the baby was a boy and collected the bet. He took a few drinks to celebrate, and when he returned his brother-in-law demanded his money back, explaining that twins had been born, the second child being a girl. Downey refused to give up the money, and went around to have another drink. When he returned he became boisterous and was arrested.

RECRUITING STATIONS FOR U. S. ARMY ARE INSTRUCTED TO CLOSE

Strength Must Be Reduced to 175,000 Men.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The bars were up today against further enlistment in the United States army until the enlisted strength automatically is reduced to 175,000 maximum authorized in the joint resolution which the Senate yesterday made law by duplicating the action of the House in over-riding the presidential veto. Without awaiting official notification of the Senate's action, Secretary of War Baker last night ordered every army recruiting station in the United States to close down on enlistments.

HEAD OF BUILDING TRUST SENTENCED

Robert P. Brindell Receives From Five to Ten Years in Prison.

New York, Feb. 8.—Robert B. Brindell, president of the Building Trades Council, convicted of extortion from builders, was sentenced today by Supreme Court Justice McAvoy to serve from five to ten years in state's prison.

DECISION EXPECTED SOON.

London, Feb. 8.—(Canadian Press).—The privy council is expected to deliver judgment in the Despatie-Tremblay Quebec marriage case on Friday of this week.

General Election Demanded by Press of All Political Faiths Following Liberals' Sweeping Victory in West Peterboro

Montreal Gazette, Government Supporter, Calls On Meighen To Face the Issue and Let People Decide—Demand Is One That Cannot Be Evaded, Says Regina Leader—Meighen Government's Latest Rebuff in Latest Liberal Landslide Means That Further Usurpation of Power Will Not Be Permitted, Says Le Canada—G. N. Gordon, Liberal Standard-Bearer, Carries Tory Stronghold by Plurality of Over 1,300.

Peterboro, Feb. 8.—Peterboro is slowly waking up to the fact that there has been a local political upheaval.

Belated returns this morning increased G. N. Gordon's lead to over 1,300. The one poll to hear from has about 30 votes altogether. The official report of the returning officer will not be available until Friday of this week. Mr. Gordon is busy receiving telegrams of congratulation from all parts of the Dominion, including two from London, England.

With five candidates in the field it was not expected that the turnover would be so sweeping. Every available means was used to bring out the voters, and it is estimated that 13,000 votes were polled out of a possible 16,500. This is an unusually large vote for this constituency.

Party workers and camp followers returned to Ottawa last night and the party election machines are being scrapped today. The four defeated candidates have issued valedictory messages addressed principally to their workers. When it became definitely known last night that G. N. Gordon was elected, the Liberal supporters took possession of the opera house, where a moving picture program was in progress. Speeches were made by the candidate and others. It is the first time in nine years that Peterboro has had a Liberal representative in the Federal platform.

LATEST FIGURES FROM W. PETERBORO

Peterboro, Feb. 8.—Final noon summary of the standing in the by-election is as follows: Gordon 4,091, Denne 2,817, Burnham 2,562, Campbell 2,304, McMurray 1,102.

One poll, representing a total of about 30 votes, is yet to be heard from.

VICTOR IN W. PETERBORO

G. N. GORDON, the Liberal candidate, who scored a smashing victory over the Meighen Government forces yesterday in the West Peterboro by-election.

Montreal, Feb. 8.—Under the caption "Why Not an Appeal?" The Montreal Gazette, one of the Meighen Government's most influential supporters, urges editorially upon the Federal Government the advisability of a general election after the supply bill has been proceeded with. The Gazette says in part:

"The by-elections won by the Government mean merely the retention of seats and indicate no new popular confidence, while the contested seats like East Elgin and West Peterboro have swung to the Opposition and weakened to that extent the strength of the ministry. It happens that at the moment the time is propitious for an election save that supplies have not been voted.

"The advice we have to give to the Government is to proceed with the supply bill and then permit the electorate to express its preference for parties in order that stable administration and confident policy may be carried on. The situation is now uncertain. The life of the Ministry hangs by a thread and under this circumstance strong and effective administration of affairs is impossible.

"Governments are not constitutionally upset by loss of a by-election or two, but no government can disregard the handwriting; and above all, no government can gain the present, nor survive in the future that does not owe its existence to popular support. If time permitted, a tariff might be introduced and the Government appeal to the country upon it. If more time permitted, Parliament might have another session and, after redistribution of seats, dissolve the House. In ordinary course, this would be the way of procedure, the way we have hoped would be pursued, but in the circumstances of adverse results from recent by-elections, the situation is changed."

WARNING TO MEIGHEN.

Quebec, Feb. 8.—Writing editorially of the Peterboro election, the Soleil says:

"The result is chiefly a warning to Mr. Meighen to give up the reins of Government of Canada. The fact that the cities of this Conservative county, have given a strong majority to Mr. Gordon means that the tariff question is not concerned. It is a confirmation of the claim always expressed by Mr. Mackenzie King. The present Government is usurping the power against the people's will."

CANNOT BE EVADED.

Regina, Sask., Feb. 8.—REGINA LEADER: "The election of Mr. G. N. Gordon, the Liberal candidate in the West Peterboro by-election gives the Meighen Government a very plain indication of the growing public consciousness that no ministry can be permitted to defy constitutional principles or to govern by virtue of an unrepresentative majority.

"The meaning of the decision in West Peterboro cannot be evaded. It is a emphatic repetition of the verdict of East Elgin. It comes after a campaign in which no effort was spared by the Government to state their cause and policy and to discredit the Liberal leader and party. It is plain, decisive and peremptory."

MAGNIFICENT VICTORY.

Montreal, Feb. 8.—LE CANADA: "It is a magnificent victory that the Liberal candidate in West Peterboro has won. For a Liberal to have carried this old Tory stronghold by a crushing majority indicates to what a degree popular feeling has thought proper to show itself.

"The victory has a double significance it is a complete rebuff for the Meighen

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SCHOOL BOARD RESTING UP FOR TORONTO TRIP

Trustees Will Lay Building Plans Before Department.

NO MORE MEETINGS

Of No. 3 Committee On Question Needed, Says A. A. Langford.

School Trustees are enjoying a rest today, which many of them consider well earned after their three-hour session Monday. Preparations are being made for the whole board to go to Toronto Friday, where the building plans will be laid before the department of education. Approval of a sixteen-room school on the old site and of plans for branch schools will be asked. The approval of the department is necessary before any work can be done.

It is possible that No. 3 (Collegiate) committee will hold a meeting before the deputation leaves Friday, but no definite plans to this end have been made. Trustee Langford, chairman of the committee, pointed out that there was no further action that could be taken by the committee, and if a meeting was called it would be only for the purposes of discussion.

ALLEGED MURDERER IS NOW IN HOSPITAL

Brockville, Feb. 8.—Derrick Tennent, charged with the murder yesterday morning of Robert Wood at Caintown, is now a patient at the general hospital, where his self-inflicted wounds are being treated. Despite his 79 years, no serious results are anticipated. He is being guarded day and night.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 32; lowest, 24.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 26; lowest, 20.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARMER.

Toronto, Feb. 8—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Today—Easterly winds; fair.

Wednesday—A few light local snowfalls, but mostly fair, with stationary or higher temperature.

Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	50	40	Cloudy
Calgary	50	28	Clear
Winnipeg	22	18	Fair
Port Arthur	22	4	Clear
Sault Ste. Marie	32	6	Clear
Parry Sound	32	2	Clear
Toronto	32	21	Clear
Kingston	28	18	Fair
Ottawa	22	4	Fair
Montreal	20	18	Fair
Quebec	20	4	Clear
St. John	36	6	Fair
Halifax	30	6	Fair

Weather Notes.

The depression which was in British Columbia is now centred in Manitoba, while pressure has become higher in Ontario and Quebec.

A few light snowfalls have occurred in the vicinity of Lakes Erie and Ontario. Otherwise fair weather has prevailed in the Dominion, attended by mild conditions in the Western Provinces.

WILL ASK JAPAN TO START MOVE TO CUT MOVIES

Yukio Ozaki Will Introduce a Resolution in Parliament At Early Date.

Tokio, Feb. 8.—Yukio Ozaki, a former leader of the Kensei-Kai, or opposition party, told the Associated Press this morning he would today introduce independently before the Diet a resolution proposing curtailment of naval armament. His resolution, he said, would ask Japan to communicate with Great Britain and the United States, and to decide on the best way to restrict naval programs in conjunction with those nations. M. Ozaki was expelled from the Kensei-Kai last Friday because he had not supported a suffrage bill urged by that organization.

STEAMER ARRIVALS.

At New York, South American, from Halifax, in ballast.

At London, Saxonia, from New York and Halifax, via Plymouth.

At Auckland, Marama, from Vancouver.

At Gibraltar, Leopoldina (French), from Sydney, C.B., for Antwerp.

At Avonmouth, Cornishman, Halifax.

At Southampton, Victorian, St. John, N. B.

FEDERAL ELECTION LOOMS ABOVE POLITICAL HORIZON

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—Canadian Press dispatch.—Imminence of a general election is widely discussed here as a probable result of the Liberal victory in West Peterboro. Although members of the Government decline to discuss the possibility of such an outcome, there is a strong wing among Government supporters which favors appeal to the people, and adoption of such a course would not create much surprise in well-informed circles. If the Government decides to dissolve, dissolution would probably come following the passing of supply.

Whatever course is adopted in this regard, there is no doubt that the Peterboro result will pave the way to some lively fighting in the House. Liberals are exultant over the result and intend to make the best of it in the House discussions.

"It will not be a private fight," as one leading member put it today; "anybody can come in."