

TWO LIBERALS MAY RUN IN HALIFAX CITY

J. J. POWER AFTER THE NOMINATION

Says He Will Run if the Conservatives Do Not Name a Candidate.

Halifax Nov. 13.—Political forecasts here tonight seemed to agree that if the Conservative party did not nominate a candidate to contest the Halifax constituency in the coming federal by-election two Liberals would oppose each other for the seat. Well informed Liberal circles predicted that the party convention tomorrow night would nominate Hon. R. E. Finn minister without portfolio in the Nova Scotia government and at the same time J. J. Power K. C., well known Halifax lawyer said that if he were not nominated and the Conservatives did not contest the seat he would offer himself as a "Mackenzie King Liberal". He would not however endanger the seat for the government should there be Conservative opposition. He added that he did not expect to be defeated for the nomination.

Mr. Power said there would be no difference in platform concerning the Liberal party between himself and Mr. Finn should they be opposed but he would give the electors an opportunity of choosing between the two. The respective positions of Mr. Finn and himself earlier this year of the power from the St. Margaret's Bay hydro development would figure strongly in his campaign he said.

Mr. Finn as a member of the Nova Scotia government signed a contract between the Nova Scotia Power Commission and the Nova Scotia Tramways and the Power Company which gave the distribution of the power which supplies the city of Halifax to that company for a period of years. Mr. Power had advocated civic control.

The Labor party has already a candidate James O'Connell marine engineer in the field but local political opinion does not seem to look to Labor to poll a strong vote. General expressed opinion seems to agree there is little likelihood of a Conservative nomination but makes the reservation that the "unexpected" may happen.

STREET VENDOR'S NEMESIS

One street vendor received unexpected benefits from receiving a summons recently. The law, in the person of an officer, came into the vendor's life in the downtown financial district during the lunch hour.

Hundreds of lunchgoers, drawn by the sight of the officer, gathered to see what was going on, to offer free advice, and function after the usual manner of New York crowds. When the officer who had presented the summons disappeared, a large part of the crowd remained.

The peddler was shrewd enough to interest the crowd in the articles that he had for sale, and moving just around the corner, he did a land office business for a few minutes.

Now Wiring the Bridge

A crew of men are at work today wiring the bridge at the mouth of the Nashwaak for electric lights. It will be a matter of only a few days when the lights on the bridge will be turned on, but it will be some four or five weeks before the system will be completed as there is a delay in getting the brackets for the poles. The eight-day clock is also late in arriving as it had to be ordered from Toronto. The lighting of the bridge and lane so-called is an excellent idea and is being commented upon favorably by everybody. The Women's Institute deserves great praise for having established the lighting system.

St. John Telegraph. Mrs. R. B. Hanson of Fredericton is registered at the Royal.

TRIED TO POISON THE SCOTLAND YARD CHIEF

Vigorous Search Being Made for the Sender of Poisoned Chocolates.

London, Nov. 14, Sir William Horwood, chief of Scotland Yard, was resting comfortably last night, forty-eight hours after eating chocolates sent anonymously to his office by post and containing arsenic. He made a desperate struggle against the poison, but he took nourishment today and hope is entertained for his recovery.

Scotland Yard officials have made no arrest, though they have searched London continuously since last night. They believe the poisoning the work of either a lunatic or a group of persons plotting against the life of other citizens, and therefore have sent out a general warning to all to avoid eating food sent through the mails. But they refuse to name whom they suspect, if any one.

It was a "momentary slip" of a man accustomed to be constantly on his guard, when Sir William munched the chocolates sent to his office anonymously in a soiled cardboard box. The address was in a scrawl, half print and half script.

The affair has caused a great sensation, not only because of the detective's grave mistake but because of an announcement that Scotland Yard officials had been handicapped in tracking the perpetrator through premature publication.

Although every avenue of suspicion is being followed by a big staff of detectives the outstanding theory is that the chocolates were sent by an irresponsible person criminally perverted without any concrete reason behind his motive. It is admitted that little progress has been made.

URGES NEW HOSPITAL FOR HALF INSANE

Paris, Nov. 14.—Although there are only 50,000 inmates of insane asylums in France, Paris alone has at least 100,000 persons who are half "dippy," says Prof. Gabriel Petit of the Academy of Medicine. Dr. Petit pleads for the establishing of psychiatric laboratories such as exist in the United States, Germany and Austria, where those only partly affected mentally can be treated and perhaps restored sufficiently to prevent them from being placed in asylums.

Dr. Petit, however, does not agree with the statisticians of other countries that women predominate in this category. He says that the situation in France is graver than elsewhere because vast numbers employed in public services, such as street car conductors, chauffeurs and railway engineers, are slightly unbalanced by the war strain and are likely to be responsible for a catastrophe at any moment.

Since the war two new hospitals for mental diseases have been opened in the capital, where patients who can be cured are admitted without legal formality. In one of the hospitals out of 20,000 examined only four had to be sent to asylums because they were considered permanently incurable.

GO TO IT JUDGE SAYS WOMEN

Montreal, Nov. 13.—"Go to it judge go it!" peered Julia Bailey in the Recorder's Court dock this morning as three sentences were read upon her as follows:

Two months for threatening a man with an axe.

\$100 and costs or two months for having a revolver without a permit.

Suspended sentence for being drunk. "You are too kind. You strained yourself. How nice you are to me" said the lady as Recorder Geoffrion finished accepting her initiation to Go to it.

Declares the Turks Tried to Protect the Women and Children

ISMET PASHA SAYS THAT THEY TRIED TO AVOID LOSS OF LIFE IN THEIR OPERATIONS AGAINST SMYRNA—DENIES THAT THERE HAD BEEN WHOLESALE ATROCITIES — TURKS WANT THE SAME RIGHTS AS OTHER NATIONS.

Lausanne, Switzerland, Nov. 13.—Turkey demands merely that it be dealt with as a government founded as other responsible governments are and that it be allowed to enjoy the same rights in its international relations. This, in brief, was the statement made today to the representatives of the world's press by General Ismet Pasha, head of the Turkish delegation when asked what Turkey's demands will be in the Near East conference here.

Ismet also took occasion to deny the reported wholesale atrocities against the Greeks and said there had been an organized effort to stullify the Turkish Nationalists in the eyes of the western world. The Turks, he said, protected women and children in their movement against Smyrna and avoided loss of life so far as possible during their operations.

He painted a black picture of the waste and destruction that surrounded the Turkish people at the close of the great war and maintained that, after signing the Treaty of Sevres, they tried to restore their country by pacific means and accepted the Allied terms in good faith.

The Greeks, however, he declared, did not abide by the terms, and forced Turkey into a war which developed into a great disaster for the Greeks.

TRIED TO PREVENT WAR

Turkey, he said, sent ministers to London and attempted to gain a hearing before she began the offensive that resulted so disastrously for Greece and did everything within her power to prevent war.

"We were in a wretched state," Ismet added. "Our own organizations were all gone; we had to build anew and make a new life for Turkey. The national spirit rose high; it surmounted the efforts of the Sultan to prevent independence and progress in Turkey and made military opposition to the foreign aggression possible."

Ismet spoke in halting French at this, his first newspaper conference, since his arrival. He was assisted by Dr. Riza Nur Bey, the second member of the delegation, and Rickitz Bey, the secretary, who supplied French words when the General hesitated and frequently translated questions into Turkish. Ismet is extremely deaf and had considerable difficulty in hearing his questioners.

The little General was smartly dressed in a morning coat and was perfectly at ease. He refused to say whether he will remain in Lausanne or go to Paris while awaiting the opening of the conference. He declared Turkey had signed the Mudania armistice in good faith but that it had been broken two days later by Greek forces who destroyed a Turkish village of 400 houses.

The Turkish people refused to recognize the present Sultan as their temporal ruler. Ismet told the correspondents, because he engaged in politics against their ambitions for better government and forfeited their respect. Consequently for the purpose of bringing about an efficient democracy in Turkey, the Ankara government recognized the present Sultan only as Caliph.

Nurses Home Proposed In D. S. C. R. Buildings to be Up at Special Meeting

P. J. Hughes Presented the Proposal of the Federal Authorities for Free Use of Buildings—Generous Donation Toward Expenses of Nurses' Accommodation — Landry Contract Made.

The decision of the Federal Government to permit the use of the D. S. C. R. buildings as a Nurses' Home for Victoria Public Hospital which was announced some days ago in The Mail was formally before the Trustee Board Monday. A special meeting will be held next week to consider the subject. In the meantime plans of the building will be prepared.

The regular monthly meeting was held yesterday with Col. Loggie in the chair. The attendance of members was large and so was the agenda.

Generous Donation

Financial problems as usual, seem to demand first consideration. During the month of October there was an improvement in affording accommodation to applicants for admission to the hospital as many of the student-nurses are being lodged outside in order to make room for patients. The old building has been greatly brightened and improved under the supervision of W. W. Boyce

Laundry Contract

For some time past great complaint has been made at the increasing size of the laundry bills, and lately the Trustees have been paying almost

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LED POLICE INTO BATTLE JUST FOR FUN

Was Fashionably Dressed in Furs and Rode Ahead in a Limousine.

New York, Nov. 14.—One man was killed and two desperate criminal gangs were declared broken up, when 100 policemen, in commandeered taxicabs, led by a woman in a limousine staged a running battle with bandits shortly before last midnight in Lower Manhattan. The thugs were charged with three kidnappings and liquor thefts.

Scores of shots were exchanged. The chase ended when the woman who loined the chase "for the fun of it", and refused to identify herself to police, they said, chased one fugitive into a Chinese laundry and captured him as he was attempting to buy a disguise.

Police today sought a notorious gunman known as "Mike the Bum," who is alleged to have led the bandit gangs that staged the thefts and kidnappings.

The robbers according to information given the police, made arrangements to purchase 80 gallons of alcohol from bootleggers near an East side garage. After they had loaded the alcohol, they yanked the bootleggers into their car and started racing away. Benjamin Faust, one of the kidnapped men, jumped and gave the alarm.

Reserves from the Mercer and Fifth street police stations commandeered taxicabs and started after the bandits in mass formation. Pursuers and pursued raced through streets with the roar of motor exhausts mingling with pistol volleys.

Andrew Michaels, laborer, said to have been in a bandit car, toppled to the street, a bullet through his head. He died immediately after reaching a hospital.

Patrolman Eugene O'Connor and other policemen who took part in the fight were at a loss to understand why the "mystery woman" took the lead in the chase after the outlaws. She was fashionably dressed and wore expensive furs, the police said. Before they knew what was going on, she had raced in ahead of the police cars, taking dangerous chances time and again.

A dozen times her car swerved around corners on two wheels as she dashed back and forth on side streets heading off the escape of the fleeing men and apparently unmindful of the revolver volleys.

Two men alleged to have been captured as they jumped from the bandit car were held in jail today.

MCMASTER FOR LEADER

Montreal, Nov. 14.—A. R. McMaster, M. P. P. for Broome who's name was under discussion in connection with the leadership of the Progressive party today declined to discuss the subject.

The leadership was not offered me," he said "and on that account I cannot say I would not accept it. Mr. Crerar is a fine type of public man and his withdrawal from public life is a public loss."

Mr. McMaster's tariff views are particularly acceptable to the agrarian party and it is these which mainly commended his name to the Winnipeg caucus.

Died in Washington

Death came with great suddenness to Mrs. Albert C. Mitchell of Snohomish Wash., on Thursday evening Nov. 2nd. After the evening meal deceased fell asleep on the sofa where she had been reading a book and death claimed her as she slept. Deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James T. Wheeler of this city and is survived by her husband Mr. Albert C. Mitchell of Snohomish also two sisters Miss Carrie O. Wheeler of Vancouver B. C. and Miss Maude S. Wheeler of Edmundston N. B. The funeral services were held from the Baptist Church, Snohomish of which she was an active member and interment made in the G. A. R. cemetery, of that place.

Mr. F. E. Powers of St. John is among the guests at Windsor.

FORTESCUE INCIDENT STIRS LONDON

COMMENTS OF THE NEWSPAPERS

Book Concerned the Revolutionary War and Not the Present Struggle.

London, Nov. 13.—Some of the London newspapers give prominent display to accounts of the withdrawal by the American Secretary of War of an invitation for John William Fortescue to address the West Point cadets on Armistice Day.

Upon the caption "The Comedy of the Ban the Evening Standard devotes more than a column to an editorially worded story in which it points out that Mr. Fortescue's book passages in which were taken exception to by Secretary Weeks was written in 1911 and concerned the revolutionary war and not the great European conflict.

Is Mr. Weeks under an entire misapprehension the newspaper asks or does he desire to hark back to 1911 for the opinions of the banned lecturer? The Standard says that as a result of the ban a world joke is developing.

The criticisms of the Americans that have so offended the susceptibilities of Mr. Weeks were written before American entered the European war and years before any of us contemplated any war.

Now more than ten years later an American Secretary of War apparently under the delusion that the recent events are referred to makes that the basis of his attack it may be that some one has been paying a joke on Weeks but the people who recall another action a little more than two months ago supply another reason they contend that his action must be the result of a hyper-sensitization that isn't with out its ludicrous side.

At the banning in September it was the same Mr. Weeks who issued a formal statement in which he commended Mr. Rudyard Kipling for expressing the views that he was supposed to hold concerning the actions of America in the recent war. When Kipling repudiated the interview it was of course seen at once that Weeks had made a ruse over nothing." The Evening News prominently displays the story under the heading "Joke of Great War Book" contending that Mr. Weeks undoubtedly is laboring under the delusion that the book concerns the World War as the press cables received here quote him as referring to Fortescue's "recent" book.

THE PREMIER'S GOOD WORK

(St. John Telegraph)

Hon. W. E. Foster's prestige is greatly and visibly increased by yesterday's victory. He spoke out with courage, and by so doing he did a great day's work not only for the city but for the whole province. For this is no mere local question. The province wants power at cost. The courageous and resolute carrying out of the provincial hydro, hewing to the line in the public interest, will be a wonderful thing for New Brunswick. Nothing pays better in politics than courageous and straightforward action to give the people a real run for their money.

CANDIDATE IS HARD UP

London Nov. 14.—Councillor Arthur Starks Labor candidate for a seat in the House of Commons from East Hull admits that he is campaigning under difficulties because every day he must stand in line and collect his unemployment dole.

He told an audience: I am the only prospective member of Parliament who is on the list of those receiving Government unemployment aid. It is no laughing matter but times are hard and work is scarce and I must suffer the degradation of standing in a queue to receive an allowance.