

GOVERNMENT LOSES HEAVILY

THE C. P. R. PRESIDENT AT HALIFAX

Returns From Elections In the Old Country Are Far From Complete

Former Premier Asquith Says That Free Trade is Safe—Early Returns Show Big Losses for the Baldwin Government—Returns From Many Rural Constituencies—The Standing at Noon.

(By Lloyd Allen, British United Press Staff Correspondent)

LONDON, December 7—Premier Baldwin's majority hung in the balance today. Liberal-Labor gains in early returns from Thursday's general election presented the possibility of the Conservatives failing to obtain the necessary seats to put through their programme of protection. So far free trade is safe, declared former Premier Asquith commenting on returns from the first half of the 590 constituencies which showed a net loss for Baldwin's party of 39 seats. The Liberals had gained 17 of these and the Labor party 22.

Returns at noon showed the following elected. Conservatives 144, Liberals 67, Labor 77, Others 4.

CONSERVATIVES HOPEFUL

With over three hundred constituencies to be heard from and results from most of the straggler quarters already in the Conservatives early today were hopeful of recovering these losses and obtaining a majority. Indications were that it would be a small one if any. Liberals and Laborites alike were exultant over the first results, but realized that the southern rural districts might counter-balance their gains. Liberal newspapers this morning were exclaiming that the people have rejected protection. While Conservative journals pointed out that it was a little too early to be certain. The figures at noon showed that Conservatives had suffered a net loss of 44, the Liberals a net gain of 20 and Labor a net gain of 25. This situation was maintained when 316 constituencies remained to be heard from.

BLIND SOLDIERS VOTED

London, Dec. 7—Square shouldered marching in straight formation war blinded soldiers of Saint Dunstan's Hospital marched together to polling booths, keeping the road by the rhythm of footsteps. Their votes, verdicts perhaps on the post war days of Britain were cast by proxy.

WILL ATTEMPT TO MAKE NEW AIR RECORD

Aviator Hopes to Set a New Mark by Means of Special Device.

Washington, Dec. 7—Lt. John A. Macready, army air service, will attempt on the first day practicable, it was announced today at the war department, to establish a new altitude record by use of an improvised super-charger which will permit the engine of his plane to function efficiently at extreme heights.

The new mechanism was invented by Dr. S. A. Moss and is an improvement over the equipment used by Macready in 1921 when he established a world's record for altitude of 34,599.5 feet, which stood until October of this year when Sadi Lecoq, a French flier, reached 36,564 feet.

The purpose of the American officer's attempt will be to test the new super-charger, which is described as a considerable refinement over the equipment previously used. The new mechanism, it is stated, at an altitude of 25,000 feet "will increase the power of a Liberal engine by over 300 horsepower."

The new super-charger weighs only eight pounds, although a commercial air compressor of the same capacity, according to army experts, would have a weight of 5,000 pounds.

ASKS SENTENCE FOR BERGDOLL'S KIDNAPPERS

Accomplices in Attempted Crime May be Imprisoned.

(Special to the Daily Mail)

Mossbach, Germany, Dec. 7—A sentence of three years imprisonment for Corliss Hooven Griffiths, of Ohio, for his part in the attempted kidnapping of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll was asked by the States Attorney today. Alebouth Griffiths in his statement to the court yesterday assumed entire responsibility for the affair. The prosecutor also asked a similar term for Sperber, one of Griffiths' companions, one year for Prince Gargarin and six months for Nelson the chauffeur. All participated in the attempt at Eberbach early in the fall.

JACK JOHNSON OUT OF THE GAME

Philadelphia, Dec. 6—The State Athletic Commission refused to grant Jack Johnson, former heavyweight champion, a boxer's license, but unanimously agreed that he could have a trainer's license in order not to deprive him of a living at the boxing game. Johnson, age 45 years, was given by the commission as the principal objection to a boxer's permit.

MEXICAN STATES ARE REPORTED TO BE IN REVOLT

FIGHTING IS EXPECTED

Federal Government Has Been Repudiated by Two States.

(By Frederick F. Neumeier, British United Press Staff Correspondent) Mexico City, Dec. 7—Revolt in five Mexican States appeared likely to culminate in fighting between federal forces and rebellion at Vera Cruz at least before night fall. Some unconfirmed dispatches told of skirmishes already having taken place.

A rebellion supported by 12,000 soldiers under General Guadalupe Sanchez started yesterday in the State of Vera Cruz. Four other states are reported to have followed suit and repudiated the Federal Government.

Free State Revolt.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 6—Five Mexican states are in open rebellion against President Obregon and General Elias Calles, Obregon's candidate for the presidency, according to information reaching here. The military authorities in the state of Vera Cruz, San Luis, Potosi, Chihuahua, Michoacan and Tamaulipas are said to have repudiated the federal government ousted all the federal officers and substituted their own men.

The commander of the Gulf Fleet, the Chief of Marines and several leading generals at midnight last night forwarded a message to President Obregon declaring that they had resolved to assume "the defence of the institutions offended so seriously by the government you represent" for the good of the country.

A meeting was held here in the home of General Guadalupe Sanchez chief of military operations.

PURCHASE COMPLETED.

Offer of E. B. Yerxa Accepted by C. P. R.—Station to be Removed Between 15th and 31st.

E. B. Yerxa today received word from the C. P. R. that his offer for the old station, York Street had been accepted. The removal must be completed between the 15th and 31st. Mr. Yerxa declines to name the price but says that it would have been a good figure even for kindling wood. William Gough of this city will remove the building to its new site at the intersection of Victoria and Northumberland streets. Mr. Gough has removed other buildings in the city including the Auld Kirk. Application will be made to the city and the route probably will be York and Argyle streets and across lots. Mr. Gough now is building the foundation wall of the building.

As stated in the Mail on Thursday the building will be converted into four apartments.

MASONIC ELECTION.

Hiram Lodge, A. F. & A. M. Elects H. H. Hagerman, W. M.

The annual meeting of Hiram Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Fredericton was held last night. Officers were elected. Installation will take place on the 27th inst. The elections resulted as follows:—

Worshipful Master, H. H. Hagerman.

Treasurer, S. L. Morrison.

Tyler, D. H. A. Tozer.

The rest of the slate of officers will be named by the master of the lodge.

PREMIER KING IS WELCOMED AT MONTREAL

ADDRESSED BIG MEETING

Expressed Appreciation of the Wonderful Expression of Good Will.

Montreal, Dec. 6—Leading a parade of 130 automobiles decorated with various emblems of the Liberal party, the "Quebec Rouge Bloc," the "Happy Liberal Family" and so on, Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Premier of Canada, proceeded by the principal thoroughfares of this city to the meeting place of the assembly in his honor at the Drill Hall, in Craig street, here this evening. There was present the entire cabinet with the exception of Rt. Hon. W. S. Fielding, whose absence was due to illness, and the Prime Minister was welcomed by Premier Taschereau, Mayor Martin and members of the Provincial and Federal Parliaments for Montreal and neighboring constituencies.

Sir Lomer Gouin, Minister of Justice, made the first speech and spoke in the highest terms of praise of the League of Nations and expressed great faith in it. He then made reference to the Prime Minister, and declared that tonight's manifestations were for Mr. King and for his success in London.

Sir Lomer was followed by Hon. G. P. Graham, Minister of Railways, who paid a high tribute to both Premier King and Sir Lomer for their work at the Imperial Conference. In regard to the Premier he said that Mr. King had not only made a great name for himself but had raised Canada to an even higher plane in the minds and hearts of the people of Great Britain.

Premier King.

Premier King spoke next and he defended the action of the Government in respect of the Turkish war scare a year ago and claimed that responsible political leaders in London had supported the action of his Government in stating that such matter must be put before Parliament before a decision could be reached.

Premier King said that the scene he had witnessed this evening had never been surpassed as an expression of good will toward any citizen of this country. He saw in it the means chosen of giving expression to the feelings of satisfaction with the outcome of the Imperial Conference which it has been the privilege of his colleagues, Sir Lomer Gouin and Mr. Graham and himself to attend, and with the manner in which they sought to keep to the fore and to maintain throughout the Canadian point of view. For their share in this welcome the Premier specially thanked Mayor Martin and Premier Taschereau.

The Halifax Election.

Mr. King made a special reference to the result of the Halifax election yesterday. He ascribed the loss of the seat by the Liberals not to any ill-will towards the government on the part of the people of Halifax, nor because of any shortcomings or disapproval of the Liberal policies.

"We have been defeated because our own forces were not united, because unfortunate jealousies within our own ranks were not made subordinate to the public good. It was apparent to me when in Halifax less than a week ago that while the leaders of all groups in the Liberal party were prepared to unite and work together, recognizing the advantage given a common enemy by fractional differences in the opposing forces, there were many of their followers who did not see the inevitable consequences of divisions within the ranks."

He took strong exception to what he described as the sectional character. (Continued on page five.)

President Beatty of C. P. R. Is Banquetted At Halifax Today

Railway Chieftain Makes Strong Speech to Guests—Says Maritimes are Suffering From Lack of Men, Lack of Capital and Lack of Forward Policies—Immigration Not as Beneficial as Anticipated.

Halifax, N. S. Dec. 7—At the banquet of the members of the Board of Trade and the Canadian Club here today, E. W. Beatty, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, confined himself to a discussion of several important national questions and made no announcement of any change in the company's policy towards this city or the province. He stated that some years ago there had been some public sentiment in favor of more direct and extensive connection between the company and Halifax. "But he said 'the necessity and desirability of that association in the estimate of the Government were never resumed. Perhaps I am, therefore

safe in saying that the interests of the Company will be confined for some time to its extensive properties and such extensions of them as the development of the province warrants."

Mr. Beatty continued "What we are suffering from, and it applies equally here as in the far west, is lack of men, lack of capital and lack of those forward policies which will enable the country to realize within a reasonable time its own manifest destiny. For several years public men and leaders in business life have been advocating immigration and still more immigration as the greatest immediate need of this country. Our policies have been involved very slowly and the evolution of them is not yet complete. Our progress has been disappointing especially in comparison with the progress made in the other British dominions. At first two objections were urged, the fact that there was considerable unemployment in the country and the fact that our great farming community was not prosperous. People urged upon the Government the no necessity in fact the unwisdom of bringing labor to Canada when there was a surplus of laborers. They urged with equal vehemence that new land should not be put under cultivation when many of our western farmers were conducting their operations at a loss. The combination of the two representations stayed the hand of the government and little or nothing was done. We unconsciously forgot in our unwise caution our faith in the ultimate future of the country, and we ourselves became the worst advertisers of the country. We forgot too that what we were not doing what other dominions were the results that in the past three years many thousands of immigrants the pick of the English, Welsh and Scotch races were induced to migrate to Australia and New Zealand and even South America countries which did not and do not offer better opportunities than Canada, but did unquestionably offer greater opportunities than the home land. Many men remain to come forward but these that have gone and whom we have lost, were undoubtedly of a quality and character which would have made them very welcome citizens of this country."

A HUGE STOCK SWINDLING PLOT IS DISCOVERED

Based on Theft of Book of Rubber Company Certificates.

New York, Dec. 7—A book of stock certificates of the Ajax Rubber Company stolen from the offices, on West Fifty-seventh street, provides the basis of a scheme, revealed today to swindle Wall Street brokerage houses and investors out of \$175,000.

The book contained 250 blank certificates each calling for 100 shares of Ajax Rubber stock quoted at \$7 a share on the exchange. The discovery of the theft was brought when a Consolidated Stock Exchange house sent in 50 of the certificates, representing 5,000 shares to the Ajax Rubber Company offices to have the owner's name registered in the usual way. The Ajax officials found no trace of the stock having been issued and the theft was immediately detected. The names of the officers of the company had been forged to the certificates, and apparently there was no difficulty for the thieves to negotiate the stock of the brokerage house.

Herbert H. Maass, attorney for the Ajax Rubber Company at his offices at 22 Exchange place confirmed the reports earlier in the afternoon in Wall Street that a swindle had been perpetrated on a brokerage house.

Mr. Maass said that for obvious reasons many of the details of the theft learned so far could not be revealed at this time. The name of the Consolidated House which handled the stolen securities was not given. Whether it purchased the stock or merely handled the transaction for another person was not disclosed.

The time of the theft of the book of certificates is not known, Mr. Maass added. Apparently some one who knew the inside details of the Ajax offices on Fifty-seventh street committed or assisted in the theft.

Private detectives are on the case and the brokers have been notified to watch out for all Ajax securities in an effort to discover if there are more than the fifty certificates in circulation. If all the 250 certificates are out the swindle will net about \$175,000 to the crooks.

C. B. of R. E. Meeting.

A meeting of the local lodge of Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees was held Thursday night in this city. A. R. Mosher of Ottawa, President of the Brotherhood was in attendance and addressed the lodge. He is on tour of the Maritime Provinces.

R. M. Webb of Quebec is registered at the Barker House.