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SLIGHT UNIONIST GAINS IN YESTERDAY'S VOTING

Liberals in British Elections However are Assured of a Majority Fully as Large as They Had in Last House—Winston Churchill Returned in Dundee by a Reduced Majority—Scotland and Wales will Stand by the Government.

London, Dec. 9.—The parliamentary elections continue their humdrum course, the chief feature perhaps, being the striking similarity to the returns of January last. Hardly is the gain noted, on one side, before it is equalized on the other.

Today's news of special interest was the defeat of Timothy Healy, at Louth, which constituency he has represented in the House of Commons for 18 years. The Redmonites brought all force to bear in turning out the man who may be said almost to be a more bitter opponent of the Irish leader than O'Brien himself. Healy is known as the Imael of Nationalist politics, and has followed an independent course since the downfall of Parnell to which he largely contributed.

The successful candidate, Richard Hazelton, who yesterday also was returned unopposed for the north division of Galway tried to send Healy into retirement in January, but failed by 99 votes. The rejoicings in the Redmond camp over the defeat of O'Brien's chief lieutenant quite overshadowed the chagrin at William Redmond's failure to quiet O'Brien in Cork city.

STANDING OF PARTIES.

The state of the parties this afternoon was as follows:

Coalition—Liberals, 153; Nationalists, 47; Labor members, 29; Independent Nationalists, 6; total, 235.

Opposition—206.

The Unionists won the seats in Darwen division of Lancashire, and Altrincham division of Cheshire, while the Liberals captured the South division of Lincolnshire. The cause of women's suffrage is making a pitiful showing in the elections. Thus far, they had but two candidates, and these have polled 22 and 39 votes.

Other interesting developments today was the capture of the only Nationalist seat in Belfast City (West), by Joseph Devlin and the return of Sir Edward Grey, the minister of foreign affairs, for the Berwick division of Northumberland by a majority of 1 more than he obtained in January.

It is understood that Healy has already made a protest against the conduct of the election at Louth, alleging gross corruption and intimidation.

Exciting scenes marked the polling throughout the day. There were free fights and incidentally considerable damage to property.

Healy himself required police protection.

London, Dec. 8.—At the close of the night of the polling in the general elections the standing of the parties is as follows: Government coalition—Liberals, 147; Laborites, 82; Nationalists, 45; Independent Nationalists, 6; total 226. Opposition—Unionists, 193.

The fifth day of the elections ended with the parties still running neck and neck and with the prospects that they will come under the wire in almost precisely the same relative position held at the start.

Returns had been received up to mid-night from the voting for 419 members, and the result is a Unionist gain of two seats in that number over those held by that party in the last parliament.

This amazing result is as unprecedented to politicians of all factions. Both parties predicted great gains, but are now convinced that the new House of Commons will be practically identical with the old.

The Conservatives argue that Premier Asquith bid for a sweeping endorsement from the country and has not obtained it; therefore he cannot be justified in fastening upon the nation such radical changes as home rule, and the disarming of the House of Lords.

The coalitionists insist that the voters by returning them to power endorse their policies and direct them to carry out their programme in its entirety.

LIBERAL MAJORITIES CUT DOWN

Forty-four seats were balloted for today. Returns received from twenty-one of these and from forty-four

which were balloted yesterday. In these sixty-five the Liberals gained Radnorshire and Bedford, while the Unionists gained Elksdale. The contests were close nearly everywhere. The Unionists continue to cut down the Liberal majorities and to make numerical gains all along the line, but insufficient to turn out the Liberal members.

Winston Spencer Churchill, the home secretary, was returned by Dundee, but about 1,500 votes shifted to the Unionist column.

The indications are that the O'Brienites are cutting down the strength of the Redmonites in most sections of Ireland.

Heavy rains tonight, coupled with a delay in the reports, decreased the general enthusiasm. At Belfast rioting followed the closing of the polls. There was much stone-throwing, and many windows were broken. Police reinforcements were turned out and quelled the trouble.

London, Dec. 8.—On the day's results the government are one up. The fight is so stubborn there almost seems a possibility of the sporting interest submerging the political interest in the matter of gains and losses. With the south of England nearly polled, the Liberals are now awaiting the piling up of an effective majority. Scotland appears sound and Wales also, despite the Cardiff defection.

TODAY'S ELECTIONS.

Friday's pollings will be: Flint, District, Rees and Ormsby; Flint, District, Rees and Ormsby; Berkshire (Newbury), Phillips and Mount; Cambridgeshire (Chertton), Montague and Newton; Cambridgeshire East, Thomas, Peel and Williams (Lab.); Cheshire (Wirel), Ashton and Stewart; Cumberland (Cookermouth), Lawson and Randles; Derbyshire Mid., Hancock (Lab.), and Phryse; Devon South (Molton), Lambert and Pesowne; Essex (Saffron), Walden and Beck; Hertfordshire (St. Albans), Phillimore and Carlie; Kent (Faversham) Nicholls and Wheeler; Lancashire Northeast, Clitheroe and Smith (Lab.); Lancashire Southeast (Stretford), Nuttall and Samuel; Lancashire Southeast (Bestwick), Cawley and Brocklehurst; Lancashire Southwest (Inch) Walsh (Lab.) and Lord; Leicestershire (Louthborough) Levy and Carrington; Lincolnshire (Spaldings), McEwen and Royce; Middlesex (Enfield), Branch and Newman; Unbridge, Mallik and Mills; Monmouthshire North, McKenna and Williams; Norfolk Northwest, White and Jodrell; Northamptonshire North Wilkins and Brasse; Northamptonshire Mid., Mansfield and Paget; Nottinghamshire (Newark), Wallis and Starkey; Pembrokeshire, Roche and Samson; Shropshire (Wellington) Henry and Forester; Somerset East, Thompson and Jardine; Suffolk (Lowestoft), Beauchamp and Foster; Suffolk (Woodbridge), Elliston and Peck; Sussex (Chichester), Reiss and Talbot; Warwickshire (Rugby), Hilliam and Baird; Westmorland (Appleby), Wilson and Sanderson; Worcestershire North, Wilson and Timmins; Yorkshire (Cleveland), Samuel and Lewis; Yorkshire (East), Riding (Howdenshire), Norris and Broadley; Ayr Burghs, Robertson and Younger; Inverness Burghs, Bryce and Ford; Kilmarnock Burghs, Rainy and Black; Leith Burghs, Ferguson and MacQuistren; Fife east, Asquith and Sprot; Linlithgowshire, Ure and Kidd; Fermanagh, Collum and Featherstonehaugh.

SIX DAYS GRIND NEARING ITS CLOSE

New York, Dec. 9.—The opening of the next to the last day of the six day bicycle race in Madison Square Garden found eight teams left in the race, five of them tied for first honors, two others a lap behind and one team in a lone trail in the rear. This last was the new combination of Butt and Clark, formed late yesterday after MacFarland and Stol had retired. Cameron and Halstead had been displaced from their run with the leaders by losing a lap in a sprint.

The pace this morning was slow, the leaders contenting themselves with dragging along preserving their places and keeping in as good condition as possible for the struggles. They were 12 miles behind the record for the 104th hour at 8 o'clock this morning when the score stood: Booth-Moran, 1931.1; Mitten-Thomas, 1931.1; Fogler-Hill, 1931.1; Collins-Drobach, 1931.1; Hehir-Goulet, 1931.1; Cameron-Halstead, 1931; West Demara, 1931; Butt-Clark, 1930.9.

The record is 2033 miles and 2 laps made by Miller and Waller in 1899.

Miss Helen Morrison arrived home this morning after spending several weeks in Philadelphia.

Mr. H. P. O'Neill of St. Andrews, is in the city.

Mr. H. R. Emmerson, Jr., of Amherst, is in the city.

THE LeBLANC MURDER TRIAL



Boston, Mass., Dec. 9.—Public opinion has so crystallized within the last few days in favor of Hattie LeBlanc that it is understood she will be well taken care of in event of her acquittal. Several prominent Bostonians, it is said, wish to aid her in getting a better education and refined surroundings.

At the continuation of her trial before Judge Bond in East Cambridge on the charge of having slain Clarence M. Johnson, won an important point in getting excluded from the jury at the girl said in the Waltham police station on the night of her arrest, degree and when she answered "Oui" to the question put to her regarding unseemly conduct, having any clear idea of the purport of those questions.

Mr. Geo. W. Kyte, M. P., of Canada, is also interested in the young girl's welfare and is hopeful of acquittal.

LATE MRS. EDDY WILLED PROPERTY TO THE CHURCH

Boston, Dec. 9.—According to the Post this morning the will of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, which will be made public in a few days, leaves practically the whole of the \$1,500,000 estate to Christian Science Church. The board of directors of the church is to have the final decision as to the form the bequest will take. It is said ex-Congressman Henry M. Baker of Bow, N. H., a relative, is named as administrator according to the Post. The will was drawn in 1904 in Concord, N. H. Not a dollar is left, it is said, to George W. Glover of Lead, S. D. or Dr. E. J. Foster Eddy, the adopted son of Mrs. Eddy, but both recently received substantial sums from her estate in settlement of a suit. Bequests of from \$1,000 to \$10,000 goes to Mrs. Eddy's household staff. Galvin Frye, one of her advisers gets \$15,000, it is said, and the Rev. Irving C. Tomlinson and Mrs. Laura E. Sargeant are also beneficiaries.

The members of the board of directors and other leaders of the mother church are not mentioned in the will. According to the Post's informant there is nothing in the will which relates to the location of Mrs. Eddy's burial place.

WOMAN KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Stratford Conn., Dec. 9.—Mrs. Josie Saunders of Mystic, Conn., was killed and B. N. Thompson of St. Pauls Minn, a Yale senior had an arm fractured here last night when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a trolley car. Student Peabody, another Yale senior of Chicago was driving the machine and a Miss Foster a dress maker was riding in the front seat with him. Thompson and Mrs. Saunders were in the rear of the machine and were thrown out when the automobile struck the trolley car. Mrs. Saunders fell on the trolley track and was run over by the car, her life being crushed out under the wheels. Thompson was thrown to one side and his arm fractured.

After the accident it is alleged that Peabody took the numbers from his machine and raced to Bridgeport. He was arrested later in a garage in that place and is being held as a witness.

S. S. VICTORIAN HAD BIG PASSENGER LIST

St. John, Dec. 9.—(Special).—The steamers Empress of Britain and Lake Manitoba arrived this morning from Liverpool, bringing about nine hundred passengers. The Allan Liner Steamer Victorian sailed this morning from this port for Liverpool. She carried thirteen hundred passengers. The list included many western people who are returning to England for the Christmas holidays.

FORBES AND DENNING TO MEET DEC. 21

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Harry Forbes, former bantam weight champion, has been matched to meet Earl Denning of Chicago before the Windsor Athletic Club at Windsor, Ont., in a scheduled eight round bout on December 21.

KINGS COUNTY LADY DIED IN BOSTON

St. John, Dec. 9.—(Special).—A despatch received here today from Boston announced the death in a hospital in that place of Mrs. A. J. Elliott, formerly of Penobscot, Kings County, N. B. She was fifty-eight years of age.

USE OF BIBLE VOIDED ELECTION IN KENTUCKY

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 9.—Because of the "drys" of Powell County, Ky., used the Bible as an emblem on their ballots in a recent local option election and carried the county, the state court of appeals yesterday declared the election void. On each ballot was the picture of an open book with the words, "Holy Bible" under it. The "wets," for an emblem used the picture of a whiskey bottle and a glass, out of which protruded the head of a snake. At the first trial, witnesses testified that they were told that if they wanted to go to heaven they should make their mark under the Bible. One said he wanted to vote "wet," but feared if he did not heed the sign of the Bible, that the Almighty would wreak vengeance upon him. In the opinion handed down yesterday, it is said a statute prohibits the use of the Bible as an election emblem on ballots.

MASSACRE OF CHRISTIANS REPORTED FROM TURKEY

Constantinople, Dec. 9.—A telegram from Jerusalem today states that Bedouins have massacred the Turkish garrison at Kerak, a town in the Turkish village of Syria, and killed more than 100 Christian inhabitants of the place in revenge for the execution of a Bedouin.

The Bedouins, the despatch adds, now hold the fortress in the vicinity of which there has been desultory fighting between the tribesmen and the government troops for the past year and a half.

FIREMEN OVERCOME BY GAS EXPLOSION

New York, Dec. 9.—Six firemen were overcome in an explosion of gas during a fire which broke out today in a five story building on West 23rd St., occupied by Dempsey & Carroll, stationers, and other firms. The fire did \$100,000 damage. Fire destroyed the greater part of the lighting plant of the Edison Electric Company on Rockwell Place, Brooklyn, today, and the lower section of Brooklyn was without light or power.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hopper of St. John who were here to attend the funeral of the late Thos. E. Hoben, returned home this morning.

Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer-Surveyor-General arrived in the city from the North Shore at noon today.

POLITICAL NEWS FROM JAPAN

Resignation of Minister of Foreign Affairs Expected in Near Future

Differences of Opinion in Cabinet Have Existed For Some Time—Ambassador Kato May Succeed Him.

Tokio, Dec. 9.—The resignation of Count Komura, minister of foreign affairs must be regarded as an event of the not far distant future. Protracted ill-health may be given as the primary cause when the announcement is made, but there are other causes leading up to it than will be generally regarded in Japan as an unfortunate necessity. Of late it has been an open secret that differences of opinions existed between Marquis Catusura and his minister of foreign affairs. The new tariff law enacted this year, goes into effect next July, and the negotiations for conventions from the ground work for these differences. Perhaps the effect of the statutory tariff upon foreign relations was not given sufficient consideration but at any rate Japan's ally, Great Britain, has been giving much trouble in the foreign office in this connection. Ambassador Kato in London, it is reported has been in full sympathy with his government, or rather he advocated that liberal dealing with Great Britain as an ally. The result is that there will be changes in the statutory tariff or conventional tariffs must be made alongside of the statute.

Count Komura's friends assert that he was misled into making certain statements which he is now obliged to retract or would be obliged, if he were a party to the charges now contemplated, consequently the resignation. A canvass of the situation in the search for Count Komura's successor would probably result in the nomination of Mr. Kato himself, and his recall from London may be regarded as not unlikely.

BASEBALL MAGNATES TO MEET NEXT WEEK

New York, Dec. 9.—The gathering of the big baseball magnates for their annual meeting here next week is believed likely to develop the status of the "Third League" baseball movement.

From what can be learned in advance there seems to be less worry among the club presidents than there was a few weeks ago regarding the moves of D. A. Fletcher promoter of the rival organization. If the reports of ground lost by Fletcher in his efforts to corral star players and secure other support for the so-called outlaw circuit are confirmed when the magnates get together there is said to be little likelihood of official cognizance being taken of the third league proposition.

PREMIER'S CONFERENCE OPENED AT OTTAWA

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—(Special).—The premiers of the various provinces of Canada met here this morning to discuss the question of Maritime representation in the Federal Parliament. Premier Whitney of Ontario was elected chairman.

NATIVE OF ST. JOHN DEAD IN LONDON

Halifax, Dec. 9.—(Special).—A cable from London, Eng., announces the death of Elizabeth Archdeacon, wife of Captain William Archdeacon, formerly an officer in the Royal Navy. She was a daughter of the late John Howe of St. John.

HEAVY FLOODS IN PORTLAND

Oporto, Portugal, Dec. 9.—There are heavy floods in Northern Portugal. The Souza River, normally a modest stream, is today a raging torrent, 35 feet deep. The pure water supply of this city is threatened.

HATTIE FEARED MRS. GLOVER

Declared She Would Kill Herself if Convicted on Her Testimony

Mrs. Glover Said to Have Received Many Letters Under an Assumed Name.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 9.—"My sister told me while she was in jail that if she was convicted by the evidence of Mrs. Glover, she would kill herself," said Mrs. Irene LeBlanc Langley, one of the numerous sisters of Hattie LeBlanc at the opening of the day's session of the Glover murder trial. Mrs. Langley's statement was made in response to questions by District Attorney Higgins on cross-examination. In the brief direct questioning by Mr. Johnson, counsel for the defense, Mrs. Johnson said that she visited the Glover house on Monday following the Saturday shooting and Mrs. Glover made her lie down on a sofa with her head covered by a shawl. Later she said she went into the spare chamber where her sister was found the following day and while there she heard a slight noise. She declared that when the body of Glover was brought into the house that afternoon (Monday) Mrs. Glover turned her back on it.

A mail carrier was then called who said that Mrs. Glover had received more than five hundred letters in the 30 days since her arrest. Mrs. Minnie Everett Clarke.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 8.—According to testimony introduced today, Mrs. Lillian M. Glover three times threatened to shoot her husband, Clarence F. Glover, at Waltham, for whose murder Hattie LeBlanc is now on trial here.

Mrs. Kate Sampson, a witness for the defense, said Mrs. Glover had made these threats while visiting her at Auburndale, and that she became enraged because, as she alleged, she had found her husband insulting Hattie LeBlanc, who was working in their home, in the bathroom. The witness also said that Mrs. Glover told her of having repeatedly beaten Hattie, and that once Mrs. Glover brought Hattie to the home of the witness, and struck her under the chin in an attempt to make her confess that she had acted improperly with Glover. On cross examination Mrs. Sampson adhered to her story of the threats, but said that Hattie had denied the bath room incident.

Neighbors and relatives of the defendant were first called including the girl's father, Abraham LeBlanc, of West Arichat, N. S. These witnesses testified that Hattie was one of nineteen children; that she had had no opportunity for an education and had spent only six months at school, and that she always bore a good reputation before coming to the states.

The final witness of the day, Hattie LeBlanc's sister, Mrs. Irene LeBlanc Langley, said Mrs. Glover had shown her three notes she had written, in which she declared that she wished to rid herself of her husband and would do it. On the night before the murder Mrs. Langley testified Mrs. Glover forbade her husband to come into the house to supper, and exclaimed that if he did come in it would be the last supper he would ever eat.

Mrs. Langley will be cross-examined tomorrow. Mr. Johnson said tonight that he hoped to complete his direct case by Saturday.

A MOVE TO AMEND ELECTIONS ACT

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—(Special).—Mr. Claude MacDonnell, M. P., will introduce in the House of Commons an amendment to the Dominion Election Act asking that the polls be opened from six a. m., to eight p. m. The proposed amendment will probably receive pretty full discussion by members from country seats. It is stated however, that the proposed amendment would not be very popular in large cities.

MUST PAY IN GOLD

Lisbon, Dec. 9.—The ministry of finance will issue a decree on December 15, calling for payment of one-third of all custom duties in gold.