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LIBERALS AND UNIONISTS ARE STILL NECK AND NECK

Each Side Has Up to the Present Time Captured Twenty One Seats From the Other--Premier Asquith Returned for Fife by a Reduced Majority--The Coalitionists Now Have a Lead of Forty-Three Seats.

London, Dec. 10.—A Liberal gain of three seats from the Unionists on the returns announced today once more equalized the tally. The coalitionists and the Unionists each having captured 21 from each other. The Liberal gain in the Gokermouth division of Cumberland where Sir Wilfrid Lawson won with a majority of 511 over his successful opponent of last January, Sir J. S. Randoe was not unexpected. However the Unionist had not contemplated such an early loss of the Saffron Walden division of Essex and the lowest of the division of Suffolk from which constituencies they had turned out the Liberals in the preceding elections.

Asquith comes back to the House of Commons from the east division of Fife with a majority 260 less than he received before, while Col. Sproul, his Unionist opponent increased his vote by 247.

The total seats thus far secured in the new parliament are:—Coalitionists, 267; Unionists, 224.

The coalition aggregate is made up thus, Liberals 175; Nationalists, 54; O'Brienites, 7; Labor members, 31. London, Dec. 9.—More than two-thirds or over 460 members of the new house of commons have been elected and the political parties stand practically as they were at the dissolution of parliament. The Unionists who last week expected to gain at least twenty seats, thus far gained but three. The standing of the parties tonight is:

Government coalition—Liberals, 163 Nationalists, 53; Labor 29; Independent Nationalists, 6 Total 251.

Opposition—Unionists 209 Liberal gains 14; Unionists 21; Labor 4.

Outside the defeat of Timothy Healy, Nationalist, in his old constituency, Louth, which is attributed to Cardinal Logue's prohibiting the priests to participate in the election today's results did not provide any surprise, unless it was in the failure of the Liberals to recapture Demigh. The result in this Welsh borough is characteristic of the whole election. W. Ormsby-Gore won the seat last January by eight votes and today increased his majority by one vote, although the polling on both sides fell off.

Mr. Frewer has offered his seat for Cork to Mr. Healy, but Healy has declined it, as he intends to upset the election at Louth of Richard Hazelton, Nationalist, alleging illegal practices on the part of his opponents.

Two members of the cabinet, Pre-

mier Asquith and Reginald McKenna, first lord of the Admiralty, were involved in today's contest, but the outcome in Mr. Asquith's constituency will not be known until tomorrow. Mr. McKenna secured a re-election at Monmouthshire north.

The Liberal majorities in Lancashire continued to fall today without however any increase in the Unionist vote.

The most optimistic of the Unionists now have no hope of making serious inroads on the government's majority. Their leaders persist however that the election was unnecessary, that the result practically amounts to a vote of lack of confidence and that with the Nationalists and the Laborites exacting the full price for their support, it will be impossible for the cabinet to remain in power.

The Unionist success in Lancashire caused great satisfaction to the Unionist weekly newspapers. They bemoan however, lack of Unionist success in London. The Saturday Review says London city was carried by corruption. Such charges are made concerning British elections.

Wales today named its last candidates and England and Ireland will follow suit tomorrow, leaving but two Scotland districts—Wick and Orkney-Shetland, to choose members. The pollings tomorrow will be brief. Only thirteen constituencies are to be called on to choose members and in only half of these will the result be known tomorrow night.

Riotous scenes are taking place in many of the Irish towns. As a result of a riot at Thurles tonight, John Dillon was unable to leave town and had to remain hidden, as a crowd waited in the road leading to the railway station to waylay him. The trouble began at a meeting addressed by Mr. Dillon which the O'Brienites tried to break up. The police had to make several charges to quell the fighting.

RIOTING IN DUBLIN

Dublin, Dec. 9.—In addition to election rioting at Thurles, in which an O'Brienite candidate, Mr. O'Dwyer, was struck on the head with a bludgeon and addressed a meeting with blood streaming from his head and face, serious disturbances occurred at Belfast tonight. The streets were full of political paraders and crowds of roughs resorted to stone throwing. Hundreds of windows were broken and many persons were injured. It required the efforts of the entire city police to keep a semblance of order.

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WILLIAM DELAVAN

ENGINEERS ON WESTERN RAILWAYS VOTE TO STRIKE

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Backed by an almost unanimous strike vote of 33,000 engineers on all the western railroads, Warren G. Stone, Grand Chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers arrived in Chicago last night to present a final ultimatum to the railroad managers. Some of the casemen of the different systems reached the city last night and others will arrive today.

The railway managers, who have been in conference with representatives of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors for two weeks, adjourned conference until Tuesday so as to permit the resumption of negotiations with the engineers on Monday. Mr. Stone will announce the official count of the strike vote then. The men are asking for an advance of about 15 per cent. in wages. The railroads, who have offered an 8 per cent. increase, probably will offer to arbitrate the controversy under the Erdman Law.

BAD FIRE REPORTED IN MICHIGAN TOWN

Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 10.—When communication with Mendon, Mich., 16 miles south of here, was interrupted early today, the town was threatened with destruction by fire. Three buildings are already practically destroyed and the fire is spreading rapidly.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 10.—Fire originating in the basement of Lomer's Meat Market at Mendon early today burst through the business section and caused a loss of \$40,000. The meat market, Klees's harness shop, the furniture store of Ray, Olney's jewelry store and Simpson's hardware store were a complete loss with their stocks.

T. W. GREGORY WENT THROUGH ICE AND HAD NARROW ESCAPE

Mr. T. W. Gregory, the well-known engraver, had a narrow escape from drowning while crossing the ice last evening on his way from his place of business to his home in Gibson. Mr. Gregory had reached the middle of the river when the ice broke under him and he went through. He was able to grasp firm ice and draw himself out of the hole. The incident shows that in spite of the cold weather of the past week, the ice is not yet absolutely safe. The snow had covered the weak ice where Mr. Gregory fell through and the first intimation that he had of his danger was when the ice gave way beneath him.

HERO OF BALACLAVA IN HARD STRAITS

Oakland, Calif., Dec. 10.—George Smith, one of the immortal six hundred who rode in the charge of the Light Brigade, at the Battle of Balaklava, is now at the age of eighty-four, seeking charity from the Oakland board of supervisors. He is asking for sufficient funds to carry him and his daughter to British soil in order that he may revive his claim to a pension from the British government.

Till recently, Smith had earned his living as a wood cutter but age and old wounds compelled him to abandon his work. For bravery in the Indian Mutiny he was awarded the Victoria Cross and received a personal gift of twenty sovereigns from Queen Victoria.

TRAVELLED 7000 MILES FOR A WIFE

St. John, Dec. 10.—(Special)—Leonard W. Jones has travelled eight thousand miles from Alaska to be married to Miss Annie Maude Journal of West End. They became engaged six years ago when the prospective bride was a pupil at the Weymouth, N. S. public school. Mr. Jones afterwards went to Alaska gold fields. The couple will spend the winter at Weymouth and will proceed to Alaska in the spring.

FATAL EXPLOSION IN WESTERN MINE

Calgary, Dec. 10.—(Special)—A terrific explosion has occurred in the Western Canada collieries mines at Bellevue in the Crow's Nest Pass. Forty-five miners were entombed by the explosion. The work of rescue is now going on. Seven bodies have already been taken out of the pit. The number of miners who have been rescued are in a serious condition. All those in the mine at the time of the explosion were foreigners.

SCOTT ACT RAID TODAY AT MONCTON

Moncton, Dec. 10.—(Special)—The Brunswick Hotel was raided this morning by the police and eight bottles of gin and three of whiskey were seized.

New York, Dec. 10.—General Henry Tremain, one of the founders of the Grand Army of the Republic, and one of the best known lawyers in this city is dead at his home Madison Avenue. Three weeks ago he passed his 70th birthday. General Tremain was one of the founders and editors of the Daily Law Journal.

EX KING MANUEL ALLEGED TO BE SHORT OF MONEY

Rome, Dec. 10.—The Tribune prints an interview with a Portuguese, whose name is not mentioned, but who is said to be a prominent royalist, concerning Manuel II., the exiled king of Portugal.

Manuel, he says, is poverty stricken and unable to choose a place of residence. Owing to lack of money the dethroned king has been compelled to accept the hospitality of the Duke of Orleans at Woodnorton, Eversham, England. For three months he has not had means with which to pay his own servants.

Manuel, according to the interview, hopes that he will be restored to power, insisting that a republic in Portugal cannot exist. His friends predict that a congress of the powers will settle Portugal's affairs, but say that otherwise the Royalists are ready to fight for the restoration of the monarchy.

ANOTHER MUTINY AT RIO JANEIRO

Rio Janeiro, Dec. 10.—The naval battalion in the barracks on Combra Island situated in the Bay a short distance from this city mutinied last night.

The mutineers were supported by the scout ship Rio Grande de Sul which took part in the naval revolt of last month. For a timethere was intense excitement in the city and the government officials hurriedly met and decided upon prompt and energetic methods to suppress the outbreak. The shore batteries and the loyal warship in the harbor were ordered to fire upon the rebels.

At 5 o'clock this morning the guns were turned upon Combra Island and a furious cannonading continued for several hours.

At 11 o'clock this morning the white flag appeared over the barracks and the bombardment ceased. The rebels then made a formal offer to surrender. The excitement among the public soon subsided and at noon affairs were assuming their normal course.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS RECORDED AT WASHINGTON

Washington, Dec. 10.—A series of earth shocks was recorded by the Seismograph at Georgetown University, this morning. The tremors began at 4.04 and lasted until 7 o'clock. The maximum vibration occurred between 5.25 and 5.35 o'clock. The direction of the vibrations was east and west. Both the horizontal and vertical instruments recorded. The distance of the earthquake from this place is not estimated.

SIX DAY'S RACE CLOSING TONIGHT

Exciting Sprint of Rutt and Clarke Gained Them Two Laps Today

Three Riders Fined For Jockeying-- One Man Had Collar Bone Broken in a Spill.

New York, Dec. 10.—In one of the most exciting series of sprints in the history of Madison Square Garden, cycle racing, Rutt and Clarke, the emergency team formed in mid week early today gained the two laps that separated them from the leaders in the six day race and this morning were on even terms with the Rooth-Moran, Hehir-Goulet and Fogler-Hill combinations. The sprinting caused the wildest sort of excitement amongst the big crowd of spectators.

The Rutt-Clarke team was three laps in the rear at midnight last night, but got back one lap before 2 a. m. When they started to make up the rest of the lost distance.

An effort made at about 3.50 o'clock failed, but at 5.30 Rutt shot out from the bunch and in a jiffy had put an extra lap to the credit of his team. Three minutes later, Rutt and Clarke relieving each other frequently by some of the hardest and best riding on record and amidst a tremendous demonstration, drew away from the bunch inch by inch until a full lap was to their credit and they were up with the other three teams which had been heading the procession. The crowd greeted the completion of the performance with a wild yell which was repeated a moment later when the six o'clock score was hung up showing the changed standing.

The early hours of the race were productive of other exciting incidents. A gained lap was claimed by Hehir at one time, but the judges would not allow it because of the jockeying methods adopted by some of the riders. On this score fines of \$25 each were imposed upon Clarke, Moran and Hill. Cameron and Moran were mixed up in a tumble in one of the early sprints, but neither was badly hurt. Drobach had broken his collar-bone and the Collins-Drobach team was withdrawn.

After six o'clock the pace was steadier and at 8 o'clock the relative positions of the riders was unchanged.

New York, Dec. 10.—The 10 o'clock score, the 13th hour, showed four teams tied for first place at 2,351 miles and 6 laps; Mitten and Thomas 2,351 miles and 5 laps; West and Demara, 2,351 miles and 4 laps; and Cameron and Halstead 2,611 miles, 3 laps.

The record is 2,503 miles and 9 laps made by Moran and MacFarland in 1908.

THE STOCK MARKET HAS FIRMER TONE

New York, Dec. 10.—The statement of clearing house banks for the week shows that the banks hold \$3,659,000 more than requirements of 25 per cent. reserve. This is a decrease of \$8,218,000 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week.

The stock market closed firm.

New York, Dec. 10.—The stock market showed slight heaviness at the opening but sales were in very moderate volume and losses generally were not important. Union Pacific and Reading were depressed while Illinois Central gained a point.

(Quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Son, Bankers, St. John, N. B., Members of Montreal Stock Exchange)

	OPEN	CLOSE
Amalgamated	64	64
Atchison	100	100
Smelters	74	75
Brooklyn	74	74
Can. Pacific	192	192
Great Northern Pfd.	122	122
North Pacific	114	114
Panna.	128	129
Reading	147	147
South Pacific	113	114
Union Pacific	169	170
U. S. Steel	72	73
Domestic Iron	61	61
LaRose	49	49

Balsron, N. Y. Dec. 10.—This was the coldest day of the season in this part of the state. The mercury here today touched 15 degrees below zero.

HATTIE LeBLANC WILL NOT TESTIFY

Counsel Claims That No Case Has Been Made Out Against Her

It is Expected That Defence in Murder Trial Will Rest its Case This Afternoon.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 10.—It was with the expectation that the defence would rest its case before adjournment today that the trial of Hattie LeBlanc for the murder of Clarence F. Glover, was resumed today. When court was adjourned last night, Melvin Johnston, chief counsel for the little 17-year-old French-Canadian girl, announced that he had a few witnesses to call to the stand and he expected to be able to introduce the rest of the testimony before the end of the day's short session. Hattie LeBlanc will not take the stand in her own defence.

The girl's attorney expressed the opinion that the prosecuting has not proved any case against her, and that no story from the defendant is needed other than the introduction by the prosecution of the transcript of the examination of the prisoner at the Waltham police station on the night of her arrest.

Mrs. Alma Roche, formerly a domestic in the Glover home, was on the witness stand when court adjourned last night and her cross-examination by District Attorney Higgins, was begun when court opened today.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 9.—The LeBlanc murder trial today was a long-tween the youthful defendant, Hattie LeBlanc, and Mrs. Lillian Glover, the widow of the Waltham laundry man. The defence aimed all its shots at the widow in marshalling its witnesses and drawing out the evidence, while the prosecution sought to turn those in the direction of the little Cape Breton servant girl. The defence has five more witnesses and may rest tomorrow.

Nearly a dozen men and women who knew the Glovers and Hattie more or less intimately occupied the witness stand today. Their testimony tended to show that Glover was persistent in his attentions to women, that his wife became so angry on many occasions that she would like to kill him, and that she applied indecent epithets to him.

Thomas J. Coffey, a clerk in a Boston sporting goods house, who sold the revolver that was used in the shooting, said that a woman bought it, but when Hattie LeBlanc was led past him he declared that she was not the woman.

The district attorney succeeded in having excluded considerable testimony given by Seymour M. Glover at a previous hearing, which was aimed at Mrs. Glover.

Some of the witnesses for the defence admitted to the district attorney today that their testimony was different from that given at the inquest and that they could give no reason for changing it.

One of the last witnesses of the day, Mrs. Alma M. Roche, said that she heard Mrs. Glover declare eight years ago that she would like to kill her husband.

HATTIE LeBLANC WILL NOT TESTIFY

That Hattie LeBlanc will not take the stand in her own behalf was the statement told today by her leading counsel today. Mr. Johnston intimated today that he was entirely satisfied with the testimony by Hattie as given to the police the evening of her arrest, and saw no necessity of subjecting her to the strain of testifying again or to the searching inquiries of the district attorney.

HEABEAS CORPUS WRIT IN CHARLTON CASE

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 10.—Judge Belstah, in the United States Circuit Court today, granted a writ of Habeas Corpus in the case of Porter Charlton, who is accused of having killed his wife, Mary Scott Casta Charlton, in Italy.

POPULATION OF U. S. OVER NINETY MILLIONS

Washington, Dec. 10.—The population of the United States, according to the 13th census, is in unofficial figures 91,954,435, an increase of 26 per cent. over the population in 1900.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The population of the United States is 93,402,151. This is the total number of people enumerated throughout the States territories district of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii and Porto Rico in the 13th census which began April 15, 1910. The total does not include the Philippines. The increase in the country's population during the ten years was 16,145,521 or 20.9 per cent. over 77,256,350, the population in 1900 compared with an increase of 14,276,840 or 22.7 per cent. over 62,279,766 the population in 1890.

The population of Continental United States is 91,972,266 an increase of 15,977,691 or 21.9 per cent. over 75,994,575 in 1900 when the increase was 13,046,761 or 20.7 per cent. over 62,947,714 the total in 1890.

TWO ABOVE ZERO

Last night was the coldest of the season the thermometer at the pumping station registering 2 above zero. To those who were out, however, it seemed much colder.

COAL TRUST CASE TO SUPREME COURT

Washington, Dec. 10.—The government case against the so-called coal trust will be carried to the supreme court of the United States. In a statement from the department of justice, the government sets forth its determination not to be satisfied with the partial victory in the United States circuit court at Philadelphia which held the Temple Iron Company to be an illegal combination in restraint of trade.

COAL MINE STRIKES ARE EXPENSIVE

Indianapolis, Dec. 10.—Strikers of coal miners throughout the United States and Canada cost the United Mine Workers in strike benefits paid \$1,538,033.42 during the year ending November 30 last, according to the report of Edwin Perry, secretary of the organization. At present 60,000 men are on strike in the different coal fields of North America and are receiving benefits from the international union.