

ONLY SIXTY-FOUR SEATS REMAIN TO BE FILLED

And the Net Liberal Gain to Date is One Seat--The Last Polling Will Take Place on Monday--Sons of Former Premiers in Exciting Contest--The Government Majority Now Reaches Ninety Two.

London, Dec. 15.—Only 64 seats in the new parliament remain to be filled and the coalition parties already have a majority of 92, although the unionists as a homogenous party still have the largest majority with a total of 257 elected to date.

The supporters of the government are as follows:

Liberal, 237; Irish Nationalists, 64; Independent Nationalists, 9; Labor members, 46; an aggregate of 349.

The Laborites have held their own and thus far have secured the same number of seats that they held in the last parliament.

Two Liberal and one Unionist gains in the returns known today give the Liberals a net gain of a single seat in the 606 constituencies now polled.

The Dartford division of Kent and Kirkcubrightshire returned to their old faith of Liberalism while the Unionists turned out the Liberal member, H. C. F. Luttrell for the Tavistock division of Devonshire, electing J. W. Spear.

There was much interest in the fight between the sons of two former premiers for the seat for the Wisbech division of Cambridgeshire, but Neil Primrose, the sitting Liberal member, easily staved off the attack of Lord Robert Cecil, the Unionist candidate and increased his former majority of 200 to 500.

The final polling in England will be held on Saturday. A few Irish and Scotch constituencies will vote on Monday and these returns will complete the elections.

London, Dec. 14.—The results in the general elections announced tonight leave the position of the rival parties unchanged. This is as follows:

Government-coalition—Liberals, 223 Nationalists, 61; Independent Nationalists, 9; Laborites, 38; total, 331
Opposition—Unionists, 151
Coalition majority 89

A further sign of growing discontent among the Unionists over Mr. Balfour's management of the campaign, which started in an editorial in the Morning Post, was noticeable in a speech by Austen Chamberlain at Buxton tonight. He said that it was no part of the original plan that tariff reform should be submitted to a referendum.

Many Unionists realizing that there is no hope of bettering their position

in this election favor a policy of negotiation.

Sir Edward Clark speaking in London tonight said that the essential result of this balanced election was that there must be a conference between the parties with a view to the settlement of the constitutional question. Both the veto bill and the referendum, he declared, must go and the best men of both sides must endeavor to find a solution.

CHAMBERLAIN SERVES NOTICE ON BALFOUR

London, Dec. 14.—The Morning Post's outburst yesterday against the decision to refer tariff reform to the people whenever the Unionists attained power, caused many chuckles in ministerial circles, where Balfour's dramatic announcement has always been regarded as much as a successful attempt to "hush" the tariff reformers as strategy to win the elections.

It again pointed out that Joseph Chamberlain's letters and telegrams to candidates practically ceased immediately after Balfour gave his pledge at Albert Hall. The ministerial press have no hesitation in declaring that the opposition leader has given moral offence to the most effective portion of his battalions.

Austen Chamberlain speaking at Buxton stated: I make you the frank confession that the idea of submitting tariff reform to a referendum was no part of the original plan of the Unionist party. I tell you frankly I like the rest of my colleagues I had no original idea of suggesting the referendum should be applied to the budget. I should not myself have made the proposal, but when, however, Balfour made it at the beginning of the election, I accepted the ground which he chose for the Unionist party to fight upon, and I said 'Be it so, with all its objections I am not afraid of taking tariff reform directly to the judgment of the people. If we do not win now but win later on, whenever the Unionist party wins, tariff reform wins. Whenever the Unionist government is put in power, tariff reform, whether it be put to a referendum or not, will be put on the statute book of the Unionist government will go out'.

DETROIT UNITED TAKES ANOTHER UPWARD BOUND

New York, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Wall Street—Trading was in small volume at the outset but there was a good undertone to the market. Leading stocks all showed slight advances above yesterday's closing prices. Western Maryland improved 1 1/2 and Interboro Met. Pfd. 1 1/2.

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

	Open	Noon
Copper	64	64
Atchison	101	101 1/2
Smelters	74 1/2	74 1/2
Brooklyn	74 1/2	74 1/2
C.P. R.	193 1/2	193 1/2
Great Northern	123 1/2	123 1/2
Northern Pacific	115 1/2	115 1/2
Pennsylvania	129	129
Reading	148 1/2	148 1/2
Northern Pacific	114 1/2	114 1/2
Union Pacific	170	170
Steel	73 1/2	73 1/2

MONTREAL MORNING SALES

Quebec	355 @ 53 1/2, 35 @ 58 1/2
Iron	25 @ 60, 125 @ 60 1/2
Cement, pfd.	163 @ 86
Montreal Power	25 @ 136 1/2, 185 @ 137
Rio	2 1/2 @ 101 1/2
Textile	14 @ 100
Shawinegan	25 @ 108 1/2
Ogilvy	6 @ 127
Iron, pfd.	10 @ 103, 10 @ 103 1/2
Rio	50 @ 90, 25 @ 90 1/2
Detroit Ry.	125 @ 60 1/2, 12 1/2 @ 60 1/2, 175 @ 61, 150 @ 60 1/2, 75 @ 61 1/2, 25 @ 61 1/2, 21 @ 61 1/2, 125 @ 62, 25 @ 62 1/2, 235 @ 63, 23 @ 63 1/2, 25 @ 62 1/2, 100 @ 64, 53 1/2 @ 63 1/2, 150 @ 64 1/2, 325 @ 64, 50 @ 65, 50 @ 65 1/2, 350 @ 64 1/2, 125 @ 64 1/2, 50 @ 64 1/2, 50 @ 64 1/2, 175 @ 65, 55 @ 65 1/2, 25 @ 65 1/2, 275 @ 66, 25 @ 66 1/2, 125 @ 65 1/2, 165 @ 66 1/2, 25 @ 66
Bank of N. S.	2 @ 281
Molson's Bank	5 @ 206 1/2
Montreal Street	241 @ 218, 50 @ 218
Merchant's Bank	13 @ 184

SHOT HIS WIFE THEN SUICIDED

New York, Dec. 15.—John F. Heins of Astoria, shot and killed his wife, Josephine, at their home in Long Island, early today and then cut his throat with a razor, dying shortly after at the hospital. The police have not learned what caused the double tragedy. Heins was 61 years old, his wife was 55.

FLOOD SITUATION IS LESS SERIOUS

Rome, Dec. 15.—The weather was improved today and the flood situation appeared less serious. In the district of the river Tiber much damage has been caused to crops and there have been a heavy loss of live stock.

THE LeBLANC MURDER TRIAL



HATTIE LE BLANC AND COURT OFFICERS ON WAY TO COURT ROOM.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 14.—Hattie LeBlanc's pathetic plea that she be allowed to go back to her old home in West Arichat, C. B., with her father was granted today when a jury, after deliberating an hour and a half, decided that she was not guilty of the murder of Clarence F. Glover at Waltham on the night of Nov. 20, 1909.

The verdict was a popular one—so popular in fact that the traditional decorum of a Massachusetts court was swept aside while men and women cheered, shouted and wept for joy. The demonstration continued for fifteen or twenty minutes, and the

court officials were utterly powerless to stem it. The crowd in the corridors took up the cheers of the throng that was packed in the court room, and there came answering cheers from more than 2,000 men and women who had assembled on the quadrangle in front of the court house, and in the surrounding streets of East Cambridge.

Immediately after the verdict had been announced, and the girl had been discharged from custody, Assistant District Attorney Wier endeavored to persuade Judge Bond to hold Hattie as a witness to give evidence before the grand jury that would warrant the indictment of Mrs. Lillian

M. Glover, the widow of Clarence Glover, who had been accused by counsel of being the real culprit in the case. Judge Bond declined to grant the request. Last spring Mrs. Glover was acquitted of a charge of being an accessory after the fact.

Mrs. Glover was not in court when the verdict was returned. When informed at her home of the result, she received the news coolly. "Does it surprise you?" she was asked. "Well, no," she replied. "I can't say that it does. This has been a very funny trial right through. Hattie was accused of the crime but in reality I was tried for it."

CYCLONIC STORMS SWEEPING OVER SPANISH PROVINCES

Barcelona, Dec. 15.—Storms of cyclonic character are flooding a large part of the country and the situation is becoming desperate in the provinces of Malaga, Seville, Valladolid, Badajose, Zamora, Oviedo and Coruna. Practically all the crops in these districts have been destroyed and the people are threatened with famine. Many pillages are now submerged and countless bridges have been swept away. Railroad and telegraphic communications are broken everywhere and it has been found almost impossible to send assistance to the sufferers. The British steamer Gravina dragged her anchor at Coruna and was dashed against a jetty. The Norwegian steamer Tifi, chartered by the Royal Mail Steamship Company, is reported ashore at Oratava Tenerife and is regarded as a total loss. Four of her crew perished.

GERMAN STEAMER GOES DOWN WITH ALL ON BOARD

London, Dec. 15.—The German steamer Palermo is a total wreck off Cape Corrubedo, on the west coast of Galicia, Spain. Her five passengers and crew of nineteen were lost. Advice received today state that the vessel struck and went to pieces during a fierce gale last Sunday night.

The Palermo was a freight and passenger vessel of 686 tons. She was last reported arriving at Hamburg from Palermo on November 27. She was probably on her return trip when wrecked.

BASEBALL MAGNATES STILL HOLDING THE FORT

New York, Dec. 15.—Baseball still holds the fort today in the uptown hotels, where the magnates of the big leagues have been conferring since early this week. Contrary to expectation, the American League did not conclude its business yesterday and adjourned over until today. The problem of St. Louis remained to be settled by the magnates of the younger organization, but President Ban. Johnson, and his associates were reported to be confident that today would see a transfer of control in the club effected. One forecast was for the retirement of President Hedges, and the passing of his control to the other interests.

Backers of Jas. McAleer, manager of the Washington Club, and former manager of the Browns, were thought to have the best chance of securing the club. In the event they succeeded the plan was to put McAleer again in charge of the team with which he made a strong bid for the pennant honors in 1908. It was said that \$500,000 would be required to swing the deal.

DIPHTHERIA OUTBREAK AT SACKVILLE

Sackville, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—An epidemic of diphtheria has broken out in this neighborhood. At Upper Sackville, a number of houses are under quarantine and Cristal Babcock recently died from the disease.

EARNS DIVIDENDS IN FOUR MONTHS

(Boston News Bureau.)
In the first four months of its current fiscal year, Canadian Pacific has created a record of earnings not likely to be duplicated in other quarters of the railroad world. In this period the road has shown the 7 per cent. dividends on its \$180,000,000 common stock for the 1910-11 fiscal year, entirely earned. In this calculation allowance is made for four months fixed charges only, and it also takes account of four months' "other income" as larger as that earned during the corresponding period of last year.

Allowing for a four months' share of fixed charges, and preferred dividends, and for a proportionate share of "other income" the earnings statement of Canadian Pacific for four months ended October would work out about as follows:	
Net earnings,	\$15,592,051
Four months' "other income,"	1,100,000
Total net,	\$16,612,051
Four months' fixed charges \$3,300,000	
Four months' pfd. dividends,	12,690,718
Balance for common,	12,690,718
Per cent. earned on \$180,000,000 common,	7.0

The great western circuit track managers meet in Chicago next Saturday.

QUEBEC PAPER APOLOGIZES TO SIR FRED BORDEN

Sweetsburg, Que., Dec. 14.—The libel action instituted in October, 1908, by Sir Frederick Borden, against W. U. Cotton, editor of the Cowansville (Que.) Observer has been settled. Mr. Cotton making a full retraction of the charges and tendering an apology

MEMBER OF CONGRESS DIED OF APOPLEXY

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—Congressman Joel Cook of this city died here today. Mr. Cook was stricken with apoplexy in Washington last Saturday and failing to show any improvement was removed to his home here. He was 68 years old.

UPRISING A SERIOUS ONE

Turkish Officials Have Been Massacred and Troops Slain by Bedouins

They Also Burned and Looted Government Buildings and Robbed a Party of Tourists.

Jerusalem, Dec. 15.—Reports from the Syrian vilayets where the Bedouin revolts have been recently reported, indicate that the uprising is a serious one. Many Turkish officials have been massacred and at several military posts the troops were annihilated. An Englishman who was an eye witness of some of the scenes of the uprising, brings a detailed account to this city. Several companies of troops he said, had been sent out with field guns to effect the disarmament of the Bedouins.

The troops were scattered in small companies among the various tribes in the district east of the Jordan when the revolt broke out. The revolt was carefully planned and executed. The Bedouins were led by Chief Mejilla of Elkerak, whose father was a desert chieftain of international prominence.

The Bedouins objecting to the disarmament programme, planned an armed resistance and attacked the troops simultaneously at all the stations north of Maon.

They were successful at every point completely annihilating the troops, capturing sixteen field guns and killing many of the Turkish Railway employees.

The victorious revolters then moved on Elkerak which is a town of about 2,000 inhabitants, located twenty miles east of the Dead Sea. Here they were successful. They massacred the government officials and their families, looted and burned the government buildings and schools and robbed a party of tourists. The latter suffered no personal injury however.

It is asserted that the Christian residents and their buildings were spared. The garrison of Elkerak, consisting of a full battalion of infantry is blockaded in the castle awaiting relief from Damascus.

STRIKING WORKMEN SHOT BY THE POLICE

Chicago, Dec. 15.—In a clash between striking garment workers and police today, one workman was shot dead, another fatally wounded and several combatants on both sides seriously injured.

Non-union tailors, employed by B. Kuppenheimer & Co., were being escorted to a shop, and had been assailed by the strikers.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Charles Warneck, one of the policemen injured, may die. A striker, Mark Lungewise, shot through the lungs by one of the police guards of the non-union workers, is reported dying at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—The German battleships Schwabon and Elsass collided in the bay last night. The former was considerably damaged and her repairs will require several months. The Elsass escaped injury.

CUBAN HELD FOR RANSOM

Was Kidnapped by a Bandit and \$6,000 is Demanded For His Return

The Second Case of the Kind Within a Few Days—Work of a Notorious Bandit.

New Orleans, Dec. 15.—A special to the Picayune from Havana, Cuba, says: "Senor Peres, a wealthy merchant of Sanchi Spiritus, Santa Clara province, was kidnapped by the bandit Inocent Solis and \$6,000 is being demanded as the price for the restoration of the prisoner. Senor Peres' whereabouts are unknown."

"As this is the second occurrence of the kind within two days, there is great alarm and fear throughout the province.

Senor Rafael Benin, a merchant of Havana was captured by bandits in Remedios, Santa Clara Province, Monday and was only freed after \$1,500 had been paid. He was badly treated and when returned to his friends was wounded.

Inocent Solis, who is the captor of Senor Peres, is a notorious bandit, known sometimes as 'El Guerrillero.' Last summer he obtained \$4,000 as ransom for a son of Manuel Lopez of Ciego de Clvida."

TWELVE MEN IN PERIL IN COLORADO MINE

Denver, Col. Dec. 15.—Twelve men are reported entombed in shaft No. 2 of the Leydan Coal Co. at Leydon, Colo., fourteen miles west of Denver. It is feared all are dead.

Denver, Colo. Dec. 15.—The fire started about 9 o'clock last night the result of an explosion and the timbering of the shaft was ablaze in a moment cutting off escape in that way.

Shaft No. 1 is separated from shaft No. 2 by a narrow wall. A rescue party under the direction of Samuel Perry, president of the Leyden Coal Company, was endeavoring early today to break down the wall and the twelve imprisoned men could be heard working madly in their efforts to gain freedom. There is no hope of stopping the fire at present and every effort is being made to gain an entrance to the entombed men through shaft No. 1.

FARMERS' CONFERENCE OPENS AT OTTAWA

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The big conference of farmers of the Dominion opened this morning in the Grand Opera House. After deliberating a short time and received addresses the delegates retired for a private session.

Mr. E. M. McCuig chairman of the Canadian Council of Agriculture replied to the address of welcome, and served notice on the Mayor of Ottawa that in the future Canada's Capital would be at Winnipeg.

Mr. T. E. Henderson, of Wentworth Ontario in a bright address said that the time had arrived when the farmers would act in their own interests independent of political parties.

CHATHAM BOARD OF TRADE IN ANNUAL SESSION

Chatham, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—At the annual meeting of the Board of Trade last night, Mr. D. P. McLachlan, M. P. P., was elected president. The retiring president, Mr. W. B. Srowball, in his address, declared himself to be opposed to granting bonuses to industries. He thought if the people in the east worked as hard as those in the west they would be just as successful.

Mr. Henry Davidson, of Lower Woodstock, is in the city to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Sarah P. Bliss.