

THOUSANDS OF VOTES ARE POURING IN

For the Twoscore Popular Young Ladies in the Tour Contest--Miss Nellie Sheppard of Burt's Corner, Re-entered District No. 3--Voting for Special Prizes Closes at 9 p. m. on Saturday of This Week

Thousands of votes are pouring in for the two score popular young ladies whose names appear as candidates for the delightful tour which The Mail is giving in December to a party of six. An itinerary covering nearly three weeks taking in Boston, New York, Washington and the Beautiful Bermudas has been arranged. The contest will close on Saturday Dec. 2, and the party will leave Fredericton on Dec. 27 or 28, thus giving the fortunate ones three weeks to prepare for the journey.

A very large vote was cast yesterday and good gains were made by Miss Mary Ingraham, Mrs Ruth Walker, Miss Hazel Parent and Miss Nora Gunter of the Third District.

SPECIAL PRIZES

First Prize--\$20.00
Second Prize--\$10.00
Third Prize--\$10.00
To be given to the three ladies in the Tour Contest who bring in the greatest amount in cash subscriptions during the ten days intervening between Thursday morning, Nov. 2 and 9 o'clock Saturday evening, Nov. 11.

Votes on subscriptions sent in may be cast or carried away for later polling as desired.

THE SPECIAL PRIZES

Those who lead for the three special prizes are as follows:
1st.--Miss Helen McKinnon.
2nd.--Miss Myrtle Mitchell
3rd.--Miss Ella Kelly
4th.--Miss Eliza Campbell
5th.--Mrs Ruth Walker
6th.--Miss Kate Miles
7th.--Miss Mabel Miller
8th.--Miss Mary Ingraham
9th.--Miss Bertha Smith
10th.--Miss Mary George
Others are very close and the price of only a few yearly subscriptions would put any of them in the lead. Voting for the special prizes closes at 9 p. m. on Saturday, and those living at a distance who intend going in for these prizes should time their last subscriptions to reach us by that hour.

RICHELIEU AND ONTARIO GOES ON EIGHT P. C. BASIS

(By direct private wire to J. C. MacKintosh & Co., 604 Queen Street, Fredericton, N.B.)

New York, N.Y., Nov. 9.—The approval of the Tobacco plan of re-adjustment by the United States Circuit Court is perhaps the most important development of the present year. This virtually means that any corporation controlling no more than 40 per cent. of the business in which it is engaged is immune from prosecution under the Sherman law. In the light of this decision it is extremely doubtful if the government can make a case against the Steel corporation or if, in the event that it does, any drastic re-adjustment of the affairs of the corporation would be necessary. The final settlement of Tobacco affairs should have an immediate stimulating effect upon the market and while the advance may not proceed without interruption, the trend of prices should continue to be upwards.

Quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers, St. John, N. B., members of Montreal Stock Exchange

Copper,	56	57 1/2
Atchison,	107	107 1/2
Brooklyn,	77 1/2	78 1/2
Smelters,	69 1/2	70 1/2
S.P.R.,	241 1/2	241 1/2
Great Northern,	127 1/2	127 1/2
Northern Pacific,	119 1/2	120 1/2
Pennsylvania,	122 1/2	123 1/2
Reading,	148 1/2	150 1/2
Southern Pacific,	113	113 1/2
Union Pacific,	169 1/2	172 1/2
U.S. Steel,	59 1/2	62 1/2

Sales to 11 o'clock, 418,200.
Montreal, Nov. 9.—The directors of the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company met today and increased the dividend from six to eight per cent. Their action did not come as a surprise to the "street."

MONTREAL MORNING SALES.
Bank of Montreal, 7 @ 240.

DELAY IN ISSUING THE ONTARIO WRITS

(Canadian Press.)
Toronto, Ont., Nov. 9.—Sir James Whitney, premier of Ontario, announced last night that the writs for the general election will be issued on November 17. This will be four days later than was intended, but the date was set back in order to allow of the final revision of the voters' lists.

RESIGNATION OF BALFOUR CREATES BIG SENSATION

Announcement Made to His Constituents Occasioned Much Surprise--Impaired Health Given as the Reason for his Withdrawal--Says that a Younger Man is Needed to Guide the Destinies of the Tory Party--Has Been Long a Conspicuous Figure in Public Life

London, Nov. 9.—The resignation by the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, of the leadership of the Unionist party, which he announced yesterday, is an event of prime importance, not only from a party point of view, but as a fact in the national annals.

With the single exception of Pitt, Mr. Balfour has been leader of the House of Commons, longer than any other man in parliamentary history, and the qualities he has displayed, have won for him, the universal tribute of being the first parliamentarian of the world.

His resignation is to his party, as Viscount Middleton says, an almost irreparable loss, and spokesman of all parties agree that his withdrawal will leave a great gap. He is not retiring from parliament, but his attendance there will presumably be limited. In the present session, he has only twice been present at debates.

There are some passages in the speech of Mr. Balfour yesterday, which are of world-wide interest because of their human note. "You may say," he said, "I am not yet 64, and that I ought to have, if health be spared me, many years of active life before me. About that no man can say." "Let me make a single observation, I desire to leave the position of heavy responsibility which I hold, before I can be suspected of suffering from the most insidious of all diseases,—a disease which comes upon those who, without losing their health or their intellect, nevertheless, get somewhat petrified in the old courses, which they have pursued, whose authority grows because they have been long in the public service, or have been great men of science or business, or whatever it may be, but who cannot deal with the great problems within the changing world, are perpetually arising, with all freshness and elasticity really desirable in those who have the consent of great concerns.

No man ever knows in himself, when that moment has come. A man knows he is ill. A man even knows when his memory begins to fail, or some other obvious sign of decay is pressed on his memory, but the sort of malady of which I am speaking, may attack people in the prime of life, in the prime of intellectual vigor, or as long as that intellectual vigor is exercised on the old lines. But nevertheless, although they may retain apparently all the power both of brain and limb, which they had in the prime of life, they are less capable of adapting themselves to the changing circumstances of life, than those who are of less authority, because younger, and yet more capable, also because younger.

"I am vain enough to hope that I have not reached that yet, but I should be miserable if I ran the margin in, and nothing, I think, would be more terrible for me, than to realize that while people were looking to you more than ever, owing to your lengthening experience or leadership, you have not got the keenness or alertness which must go within increasing years, adequately to meet the demands made on it."

Unionist members have already arranged for a party meeting to be held next Monday and are talking about the unanimous passage of a resolution, urging him to take a long holiday and pledging unbroken support next session. This course is also recommended by court officials who assert that the King ought not to go to India with the succession of the leadership of the opposition undecided.

Not even extremists like Louis Maxse and Lord Willoughby de Broke who has been proclaiming that Hon. Mr. Balfour must go, are pleased for the crisis has come prematurely when they have not determined in their own mind whether Austin Chamberlain or F. E. Smith ought to be his successor of leadership, and that he must retire. His followers do not find it easy to believe this when he has been leader of the opposition with remarkable brilliancy since the

beginning of the autumn session. Without doubt, he can have a vote of confidence and profuse professions of loyalty if he will consent to withdraw his resignation.

Another resolution proposed as an alternative by devoted followers, is his retention of the leadership of the party, and the acceptance of a peerage, with Sir Edward Carson, member of parliament for Dublin, as his chief lieutenant in the commons. The first question which Unionists will determine before the party meeting on Thursday, is whether Mr. Balfour can be induced to remain leader on any terms satisfactory to himself. If a change be necessary the choice will probably lie between Austin Chamberlain and Sir Edward Carson, with F. E. Smith as a well groomed dark horse, and Walter Hume Long also in the running.

FAILING HEALTH THE CAUSE

London, Nov. 8.—The Conservative morning papers, say that failing health was the sole reason for Mr. Balfour's retirement and add that it will present him from ever taking a position in any future Conservative ministry. He would have resigned early, but waited to re-establish his position, after the recent attacks by the "Die-hards." Evidently the announcement of Mr. Balfour's retirement came earlier, than was originally planned, because in a letter, excusing himself from attendance at a political function tonight, Mr. Balfour refers to circumstances which made it necessary for him to anticipate the date of his resignation. He does not explain however, what these circumstances are.

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MOTHER DROPPED DEAD AT SON'S BEDSIDE

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 9.—Mrs. William Barnes dropped dead at the Western Hospital last night, just as she reached the bedside of her son, a young man not yet thirty years old, who had both legs cut off by an engine in West Toronto over a month ago.

WILL MCBRIDE JOIN THE BORDEN CABINET?

Montreal, Nov. 9.—On the eve of his return to British Columbia Premier Richard McBride of the Western Province is reticent about the reports that he is to join the Borden cabinet. He remarked last night that he was quite occupied with work as premier of the government there and had plenty of work on hand, furthering the interests of his own province. Today Premier McBride will meet President Hays of the Grand Trunk Pacific, on matters connected with that railway's work in British Columbia, as well as other capitalists interested in developments in the Pacific province.

TO BE COURT-MARTIALED.

Bugler Archibald Johnstone, who deserted from "B" Company, R.C.R., of this city some months ago, was sent here from Campbellton yesterday. He has been remanded for court-martial. Lance Corporal Irlam and Private Connelly were sent to Campbellton after Johnstone, the latter having gone there with a young woman whom he afterward married. His wife accompanied him here. Irlam and Connelly were also after their desertions in the neighborhood. Campbellton, but failed to get them.

Col. H. M. Campbell of Sussex is here the guest of Mr. J. J. H. Winslow.

MYSTERIOUS SHOOTING CASE

Chicago Woman is Suspected of Having Shot Husband

Had Been Married Twice Before and Second Husband Met Death Under Similar Circumstances

Chicago, Nov. 9.—Discoveries made by detectives investigating the death of John M. Quinn in his home at 1105 South Michigan Ave last Saturday, led them to believe that they have encountered a murder mystery similar in its essential aspects to the Vermilya case, except that a pistol instead of poison is alleged to have been used. When the police arrived Quinn told them and Dr. Fred Bonfield, who was also summoned that he had been shot as he lay asleep but did not know by whom. Mrs. Quinn declaring her husband had been shot by a burglar, was asked many questions and making unsatisfactory answers to many of them was finally taken in custody and held as a suspect. Mrs. Quinn told the police of her first marriage to a man named McDonald and neglected to tell them of her second marriage to Warren Thorpe, in Jackson, Mich. This fact led the detectives to Jackson where they learned that Thorpe had been killed while asleep in bed. They learned also that his mother who lived with him died under circumstances that have never been explained.

In the Thorpe death, the police declare they have learned that Mrs. Thorpe now Mrs. Quinn insisted her husband had been shot to death by burglars.

A son of Thorpe found in Jackson by the detective is said to have told them that he believed his mother knew more of the death of his father than she had ever told. He agreed to accompany the detectives to Chicago and today when the inquest is begun over Quinn's body he will confront the suspected woman. A revolver of an old pattern was found in the Quinn house according to the police, behind a bathtub.

It was identified by J. W. Miller, a boarder in the Quinn house as one he had owned for several years, and which disappeared from a drawer in his room the day before Quinn was shot.

THE P. R. A. COUNCIL ELECTS ITS OFFICERS

(Special to The Mail.)

St. John, Nov. 9.—At the meeting of the council of the N.B. Rifle Association last evening Major Frost was re-elected secretary and Col. McLean, M.P.; Dr. Daniel and Col. McAvity were appointed to attend the D.R.A. Council at Ottawa.

F. P. Brady of the I.C.R. Board of Management, is here today on an official visit.

MUCH INTEREST IN P. E. I. BY-ELECTION

(Special to The Mail.)

Charlottetown, Nov. 9.—By-elections for the legislature for the 3rd and 4th districts of Jewsens, will be held on Nov. 15th. Premier Palmer, in the 3rd district, is being opposed by Dr. Dewar, and the candidates in the 4th district of Queens, will be the Charlottetown Patrol, Piberal, and Dr. James McPhail of Queens University, Conservative. The parties in the House stand 16 to 14.

RAN HORSE ON BRIDGE

A resident of the county who ran his horse on the highway bridge has been summoned to appear in the police court. The case is set for Tuesday next.

Mr. H. B. Schofield of the Schofield Paper Company, St. John is here attending the Synod.

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE HOMELESS

City of Hankow Devasted by Fire and the Property Loss Runs into the Millions--Rebels in Possession of Fu Chow and have Wiped out the Manchu District by Fire--Canton Declares its Independence--Details of the Murder of General Fu Chow

(Canadian Press.)

Tien Tsiens, Nov. 9.—Details of the murder of General Wu Lu Cheng, which occurred on November 7, at the military encampment at Shikia Chuang, have been brought in by fugitive railway officials. They say that Manchu troops suspected General Wu of cooperating with General Chang Shao Tsien, in command of the Lanchau, in a plan to attack Peking from the north and south simultaneously. The Manchus declared that General Wu was negotiating with representatives of the Shang Si rebels who came under a white flag. They believed that he was arranging for a union with these men.

The camp at Shikia Chuang was started at the dead of night by a fusillade, and Chinese rushing to the General's camp found his headless body in the roadway and documents scattered broadcast. The railway officials say that they themselves found a printed proclamation ready to post up.

Amoy, Nov. 9.—The City of Fu Chow, the capital of this province, is in the hands of the revolutionists today. After taking it, they wiped out the entire Manchu district. The foreign settlement has not been disturbed, but fires have broken out in several sections of the native city, threatening its destruction.

Fu Chow is one of the most important cities in the south, having a population of 700,000.

The situation in Amoy is quiet today, but a serious state of affairs is threatened owing to the scarcity of provisions. Most of the city's supply of junks were captured by pirates in a spectacular raid yesterday, the entire crew of one ship being massacred.

A revolt of troops in the Village of Anhai, fifty miles north of this city, is causing trouble there. The soldiers have burned the magazines, gamon and the provincial customs house.

Changsha, Province of Hua Nan China, Nov. 1, via Changhai, Nov. 9.—A state bordering on anarchy exists here owing to the desperate rivalry of the revolutionary leaders, who took possession of the city a few days ago. The two most prominent Republican chieftains, General Chiao and General Tsing, were both murdered by soldiers today. They had been very jealous of each other's positions and their quarrels had been taken up strenuously by their followers.

Foreign women and children have been ordered to leave Siang Tan and a similar order has been sent to Chang Te.

Other important cities in the province have joined in revolt, but in all of them revolutionists are conducting the government peacefully.

Hong Kong, Nov. 9.—Canton, the capital of Kwang Tung Province and the largest in China, formally declared its independence at noon today, when the dragon flag was lowered and a salute in honor of the new government was fired.

Hankow, Nov. 5, via Wu Hu, Nov. 8.—The City of Hankow has been destroyed by fire over two-thirds of its extent. The lowest estimate of the loss is \$50,000,000. Four hundred thousand people are destitute. Hundreds of half-burned bodies lie among the ruins. Many of them are the bodies of women and children.

The customs house, the post office and the American missions have been spared. The city has been looted, the

Imperialists taking a hand in the pillage. Imperialist officers tried to check this work and executed a number of the soldiers. Refugees were deprived of their loot on entering the British concession, cart loads of valuable furs, silks and jewelry being seized. It is suggested that the Red Cross receive the proceeds.

On Friday afternoon the consuls appealed to the Imperialists to cease burning the town. A proclamation which was issued immediately declared that the rebels were responsible for the fires and ordered that these be checked. The following day new fires started in various quarters.

The David Hill Memorial School for the blind, connected with the Wesleyan Mission, has been looted, while in contrast all the mission property in Wu Chang, which is held by the revolutionists, has been protected.

On Nov. 3 there was considerable gunnery practice, beginning before daylight. The Imperialist battery behind Hankow moved to the southwest in belated fulfillment of the promise to shift the line of fire from the concession. This battery and another stationed on the plains engaged in a duel with Han Yang Hill. The Wu Chang forts used powder occasionally and joined in the defence of Han Yang.

TERRIBLE BRUTALITY.

Foreigners who have not been given the opportunity of witnessing the engagements except at a distance are hearing horrifying stories of brutality.

The Imperialists have hanged men, and, failing to strangle them, tortured them to death, prodded them with bayonets or crushed them to death with stones. The outrages against women cannot be told. The cross bearers have been killed or wounded. Soldiers on both sides have slaughtered their wounded enemies.

It was ascertained last night that Yuan Shi Kai is in this neighborhood, but he is keeping his presence hidden. It is suspected that he went aboard a British gunboat and it is reported that he has been interviewing Republican leaders secretly.

A thousand revolutionary soldiers from Hu Nan reached Wu Chang yesterday. At I-Chang and other river ports the Republicans are collecting the customs duties. Consular reports from I-Chang say that refugees from Chung King in Sze-Shuen Province are bound thither.

The revolutionists commandeered a British tug which was proceeding up river with two lighters of coal. It was suspected that the coal was destined for Admiral Bah's fleet. A British gunboat made a demand for the captured boats, which were afterwards restored.

DIED LAST NIGHT.

The death of Mrs. Samuel Cassidy took place at her home in this city last night. Her husband predeceased her by a short time. No immediate relatives survive. Mr. James Cassidy is an adopted son. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning, leaving the house at 8.45. High Mass of Requiem will be celebrated at St. Dunstan's Church at nine o'clock by Rev. Father Carney. Interment will be made at the Hermitage.

Mr. J. A. Burns of Toronto is at the Barker House.