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THE WEATHER.

Fresh west winds, fair, mild; Tuesday, easterly winds and unsettled.

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ONE CENT

OCTOBERISTS SEEM TO HAVE GOOD MAJORITY

Their Ticket Elected in Russian Lower House.

A Baltic German is Chosen Vice President and the Parliament Will Carry Out the Octoberist Manifesto—A Reform Programme.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 18.—The ticket of the Octoberists Conservative Coalition was successful in the subordinate election for officers of the lower house of parliament today, Prince Vladimir, Wolskly, being chosen first vice president and Baron Vandenbergh of the Baltic provinces, second vice-president, receiving 203 of the 492 votes cast.

The voting showed the strength of the progressive group, the Constitutional Democratic candidate, M. Maklajeff, receiving 133 votes on the first ballot. The Social Democrats, as before, refrained from voting. The election of a Baltic German as a vice president of the lower house of the Russian parliament is considerably commented upon. Baron Von Mayendorff, who is a professor of the St. Petersburg University, is a member of the Baltic constitutional party, whose aims are similar to those of the Octoberists. The text of the address of the house to the emperor, as drafted by the Octoberist committee, has been approved by the Conservatives. It declares it to be the intention of parliament to carry out the principles of the October manifesto, considering this to be the emperor's will, and expressed the hope that it finally will abolish anarchy and give the government an opportunity to make progress along the path of reform, to aid in the economic development of the country and to grant further civil liberties. Finally the address says that the house will first devote itself to endeavoring to bring about a rapprochement between the emperor and the people and hopes the house will merit the confidence of both. The legislative Democrats do not object to the wording of the address and probably it will be adopted without dissent.

THE WEST SIDE WORK

Harbor Improvements Committee Considering It This Afternoon.

A meeting of the harbor improvements committee is being held this afternoon to consider matters in connection with the west side work. Clark & Adams are fastening coasts to the No. 3 crib which is sunk at the new wharf and they hope to raise it today. The Dominion Dredging Company expect to get the site for No. 3 ready by Thursday and if they can do so the crib will be floated onto the site, otherwise it may be necessary to find a temporary mooring for berth Nos. 3 and 4, so that the Beaver can get at the work of cleaning up in front of No. 5 wharf. Mr. Mayes said this morning that the Beaver would be able to finish cleaning up at Nos. 2 and 3 berths, Sand Point and the dredge would then be ready to start on the work at No. 5.

FOUR YEARS IN REFORMATORY

John Griffin Was Sentenced by Magistrate Ritchie This Afternoon.

John Griffin, a little boy who has been in on remand for stealing \$25 from Mrs. McIntyre, of Erin street, was today sent to the reformatory for four years. He is thirteen years of age.

Ahold Read, charged with truancy, was remanded.

Michael Garner, charged with presenting bogus orders to McAvity & Sons, and others, was brought in court when further evidence was taken, and he was remanded.

Jack Dukeshire, supposed to be mentally defective, was at the central and will be examined by a doctor.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

FREDERICTON, Nov. 18.—(Special).—The weather here continues cold and the river was partly frozen over last night. The ice has broken up considerably since morning but it looks as if navigation was about over for the season.

The sum of \$77 was collected at the public meeting held in the Baptist church last evening in aid of the students' volunteer movement.

President John H. Reid announces that the old York Agricultural Society will go out of existence after the next annual meeting in January. The society was organized in 1841 and Mr. Reid has been president since 1899. Mr. Reid has decided to abandon his claim against the Canadian Pacific Railway for alleged damage to the society's lands on York street.

F. H. Grimmer and his wife of St. Andrews are in the city.

The University football team have not yet received any word from the Acadia team in regard to the date of the match for the King-Richardson trophy to be played at St. John. A large contingent of students will attend the game.

Fielding's works are off the shelves of Dewsbury, England, public library. One trustee declared that Amelia shocked him; another denounced Tom Jones as positively indecent.

CORTELYOU TAKES STEPS TO RELIEVE SITUATION BY HEAVY BOND ISSUE

To Tide Over Time of Financial Stringency He Issues \$50,000,000 of Panama Bonds and \$100,000,000 of Certificates of Indebtedness—Bankers and Financiers Approve of His Action.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—Bankers, capitalists and financiers here generally approve the action of Secretary Cortelyou in issuing the \$50,000,000 of Panama bonds and \$100,000,000 of certificates of indebtedness for the relief of the financial stringency. The issue, it was the general opinion, is of temporary receipts, it is expected, will immediately relieve the currency scarcity and banish the premium on cash. The putting out of this government security in small denominations is a good move, it is believed, as it will attract from hiding places much of the currency which has been taken out of circulation by timid bank depositors.

One suggestion as to the effective use to which the new issue may be put was made by an international banker. He expressed the opinion that a large proportion of the new bonds would find their way to France, and in exchange we would get some of the millions of French gold which the Bank of France has already expressed its willingness to allow to flow towards these shores, provided it had some sort of government guarantee of its security.

Some of the favorable expressions regarding the government's action follow: Leslie M. Shaw, president of the Carnegie Trust Company and ex-secretary of the treasury: "I thoroughly approve of both measures and expect beneficial results therefrom."

Frank A. Vanderlip, vice-president of the National City Bank: "I regard the issue of these securities as a timely move. It fully meets the necessities of the present situation. It ought to cause an immediate disappearance of the premium on currency. The main relief will come from the short term notes."

Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society: "It will have a very healthful effect."

Wm. A. Nash, president of the corn exchange bank: "The action of Secretary Cortelyou will not only do a great deal of good, in the present financial stringency, but will tend to establish American credit upon a firmer basis in England, France and Germany, showing as it does that we are willing and able to handle the situation here at home through our government."

A partially dissenting view was given by Henry Clews. He disapproves the issue of the certificates of indebtedness. Mr. Clews said: "This issue of \$50,000,000 of Panama bonds is a good measure for restoration of confidence. That with the \$55,000,000 we have imported in gold, should give us enough money and more. I question the legality of the certificates of indebtedness and I believe the issue is ill advised and may prove very injurious. We have money enough, what we need is more confidence. The Panama bonds would have to be issued sooner or later, but there is no valid excuse for a war measure in time of peace. Inflation at this time would only weaken the money the government is lacking and a flood of certificates is liable to drive out the gold we have imported."

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—Six million dollars in new clearing house checks kept in active circulation probably will be sufficient for the financial needs of Chicago until normal conditions return, according to estimates made yesterday by those in close touch with the situation.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The official announcement from Washington that the government had issued \$100,000,000 of bonds bearing interest at three per cent, and

Panama bonds amounting to \$50,000,000 would be issued immediately in order to relieve the financial stringency, in the United States, had an immediate effect on the markets here today.

Prices promptly moved upwards, the financiers and members of the stock exchange believing that Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou's action was bound to, in a great measure, remove the strain in the money market. It was thought probable that it would stop the drain of gold from this market and obviate the necessity for a further increase in the Bank of England's rate of discount. Consols which had been adversely affected by the outflow of gold jumped up half a point above Saturday's closing price to \$218, and other British securities rose in sympathy. Americans started one to three points above Saturday's closing prices, and changed hands in the forenoon at advancing prices. Some of the improvement subsequently disappeared, but at noon they still stood firm at one to three points above Saturday's closing prices.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The United States seemed about £400,000 in gold in the open market today at one-eighth advance.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—The stock market opened buoyant, dealings began in the market with activity at the boiling point and a very buoyant tone as an effect of the relief measures determined on by the United States government.

BERLIN, Nov. 18.—Prices on the Bourse today were very strong upon the steps which is announced will be taken by the United States treasury to relieve the American financial situation. The fact that the discount rate of the Bank of England had been lowered today also helped to improve quotations. Americans were very strong.

TAFT HAS BEEN SUMMONED BACK HOME IN A HURRY

A MURDERER ELECTROCUTED

John Wenzell Met Death in the Chair This Morning.

Ossining, N. Y., Nov. 18.—John Wenzell the murderer of George Spatz, a Brooklyn saloon keeper, went to his death in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison with a smile, just as he had promised his sister, he would do. The sister visited him in the death house yesterday and before her departure Wenzell said: "I will walk to the chair with a smile on my face and the smile will be for you." Wenzell went to the chair without the slightest show of fear and as the straps were being adjusted he said goodbye to the warden and one of the witnesses whom he recognized. A moment later the electric current was turned on. Death was almost instantaneous.

Wenzell had been released from the penitentiary only about a week before he killed Spatz. He had served a term for burglary. The day he left the penitentiary he visited Spatz's saloon and asked for a drink. The saloon keeper refused to serve him and finally ejected him from the saloon. Wenzell left the place vowing vengeance. The following Sunday he returned to the saloon armed with a revolver and shot Spatz to death.

U. S. Secy. of War Cuts Short His World Tour.

Message From King Theodore Orders Him to Return to His States at Once—He Has Been Obligated to Cancel Several Engagements.

HAMBURG, Nov. 18.—U. S. Secretary of War Taft has engaged passage for New York on the Hamburg-American line steamer President Grant, sailing from here Saturday, December 7.

PARIS, Nov. 18.—The despatch received at the American embassy here from Secretary Taft, who is now at Vladivostok, announcing his inability to visit Paris on his way home from the Far East, says that "important business at home" makes it impossible for him to visit either of those capitals. The secretary will leave St. Petersburg December 5, direct for Hamburg, and will sail for New York from that port December 7.

BERLIN, Nov. 18.—Regret is expressed at the Foreign office here at the fact that Secretary Taft's plans will not permit him to be entertained here or to visit Emperor William in England. The emperor would have been able to see Mr. Taft in England up to December 9, and as the audience was arranged at the secretary's request, it is presumed that some urgent reason exists requiring him to hasten home.

MAURETANIA DOING WELL

Up To 2 O'clock This Morning She Had Averaged 24 5/8 Knots Per Hour.

QUEENSTOWN, Nov. 18.—The Cunard line steamer Mauretania, which left Queenstown at 11 o'clock yesterday morning on her maiden voyage to New York, was 300 miles west of Brow Head, at two o'clock this morning. The distance from Queenstown to Brow Head is 70 miles and therefore the Mauretania at two o'clock this morning had covered 370 miles since leaving Queenstown at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, an average of about 24 5/8 knots.

THE DEATH OF THE DUKE OF PARMA

ROME, Nov. 18.—Prince Robert Charles Marie de Bourbon, infant of Spain and duke of Parma, died of heart disease yesterday near Parma. Prince Robert was born in 1848. He was deprived of his succession to the throne of the duchy of Parma in 1890 at the age of 18 years, when the duchy was incorporated with the kingdom of Italy. The prince was twenty-one when he died. He was the father of twelve children and leaves a fortune estimated at \$400,000. The last child, a son, was born June 17, 1905.

CHINESE TROOPS RISE IN REVOLT

LONDON, Nov. 18.—In a despatch from Tokio the correspondent of the Times says that the revolt of a company of Chinese troops in Formosa, resulted in the murder of 63 Japanese policemen and civilians. The incident has caused uneasiness in Tokio, the correspondent declares, as the loyalty of the Chinese mercenaries had hitherto been unquestioned.

MINISTERS' MEETINGS

The Methodist preachers' meeting was held this forenoon in Centenary church. The reports of the churches for the past week were received and routine business transacted. The president of the St. John's District Epworth League announced the rally of the league to be held in Exmouth street church on Nov. 25th. The pastor of Carmarthen street church spoke of the 38th anniversary of the church which is to be observed next Sunday and at which Rev. J. L. Batty will preach at both services.

Rev. Charles Comben who was visiting to the general public hospital last week brought in a report. Rev. Samuel Howe and his hospital visitor this week.

At the weekly meeting of the Baptist ministers this morning, routine business was transacted. The secretary, Rev. W. Kierstead, submitted a report on his work as chaplain of the general public hospital, which was very encouraging.

POLICE BREAK UP A "STUDENT" MEETING

KIEV, Nov. 18.—A cordon of police and soldiers was thrown around the Kiev University yesterday while a conference of the Southern Social Revolutionary organization was being held in the building. The cause of a student meeting. The meeting was broken up and a person who could not show matriculation papers was arrested. After the departure of the policemen and the troops, a mob of students broke into the university and demanded that lectures be suspended as a protest against the invasion of the university precincts by the authorities.

To put an end to the disorder the buildings were surrounded by troops a second time. Two hundred students were arrested and the names of a thousand others were taken down. Cossacks occupied the streets leading to the university and no one was allowed to pass the building.

PROBATE COURT

The last will and testament of the late William C. Brittain, of the west side, was today admitted to probate, and letters testamentary were granted to Charles G. Brown, the executor named in the will. The estate consists of \$12,000 real and \$100 personal property. J. B. M. Baxter, probator.

In the estate of the late Stephen A. Morrell, accounts were passed to the amount of \$1,500. Tilley & McInerney, probators.

Although the aldermen are very anxious to have berths 3 and 4 cleaned up, and the dredge Beaver was kept at work yesterday, a bark that is lying in the way has not been moved, although it has been known since Saturday that this must be done. With the bark out of the way the work could be completed in an hour or so.

Wm. Macdonald, of the P. O. staff, is on a vacation of a week—the first in two and a half years.

R. Keltie Jones was a passenger to the city on today's Boston train.

CITY MIGHT BUY THE POST OFFICE

What One Citizen Suggests As a Means of Providing a New City Hall.

A prominent merchant commenting this morning on the proposed changes to be made in the city building, expressed the opinion that it would be better if the city sold the building, as even with the changes proposed it would not be large enough to have all the civic departments under one roof.

It was generally recognized, he said, that the present post office was not large enough for the needs of the city, and he thought the government could be induced to build a new post office, and if so the city might buy the present building. The post office, he contended, would make an admirable city hall. There would be plenty of room and lots of light. The first floor could be made to accommodate the mayor's office, the chamberlain's staff and the common clerk, which officials were most in demand. The upper floors would give ample room for the water and sewerage department, the board of works officials and the assessors, etc.

The sale of the city building and the water and sewerage building would, he thought, realize nearly enough to buy the post office and make the necessary changes while the city would be getting a building suited to its needs in every way. As a site for a new post office, he suggested the Emerson & Fisher dot on Prince William street, opposite the Globe building. Another location could be had on Canterbury street as well as Prince William. The mail bags could be taken in and out of the rear entrance on the second floor, and the bags could be taken in and out of the rear entrance on the 2nd floor, and the carriers could also have their room on the same floor. The inspector and other officials could have their offices on the upper floors and the entire lower floor given over to the general delivery offices. The merchant would like to see something done along this line.

George Robertson, M. P. P., entered upon his new duties today as assistant receiver-general for the province of New Brunswick, in succession to Howard D. McLeod, who was compelled to resign through ill health.

CITY COUNCIL TO HEAR THEM

General Committee Tomorrow Night Will Hear Delegations on Assessment Act and Union Street Double Tracking

A meeting of the general committee of the common council has been called for tomorrow (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock, to consider the new assessment act, and to hear the White Candy Co., and others regarding the double-tracking of Union street by the street railway company.

Any wishing to be heard before the committee relative to the assessment act is notified to attend. It is expected that a number of the labor unions will be represented.

It was intended that the matter of an injunction against the street railway company should be argued before Mr. Justice McLeod tomorrow, but as the council have consented to hear the White Candy Co., in the evening, arrangements have been made with his honor to let the case stand over pending the council's decision.

BENJAMIN STEWART

NEWCASTLE, Nov. 18.—(Special).—Benjamin Stewart died this morning of lung and stomach trouble, aged sixty-four years and six months. He leaves a wife and the following children: James, at home; Mrs. Dennis Gupitt, of Newburyport, Mass.; Adam, at home; Mrs. Warren Thurlough, of Newburyport; Mrs. Harry Libbey, of Boston; and Abigail and Burnley at home. The deceased was a native of Tabusintac.

St. Peter's High Tea and Sale will be opened this evening in St. Peter's Hall, Elm street, by Mayor Sears. Everything is now in readiness and the tables and decorations present an appearance of beauty. The various tables will be in charge of efficient staffs with corps of pretty girls as assistants. All the latest games and amusements are to be found and everything promises of the best of its kind.

E. T. Turrell manager of the Shubert Concert Company now in this city, came in from Troy, N. Y., on today's Boston train.

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JAMESEY'S PROBLEM.

M. J. Jamesey Jones was busy this morning with an intricate calculation. He was trying to figure out whether the time when a householder would pay \$7 for a small splinter of wood was likely to come during his lifetime. He feared that it would, and the thought troubled him, for this is called a wooden currency.

Jamesey took as the basis of his calculation the fact that not many years ago he could purchase a cord of maple wood

for \$6, or of birch for \$4. This was at the rate of \$1.50 and \$1 respectively for a quarter of a cord.

A quarter of a cord in those days contained about 65 pieces, of generous proportions.

Last week Jamesey paid \$2.25 for a quarter of a cord containing 43 pieces of limited size.

The price is going up and the size is going down. Within ten years Jamesey thinks the price of wood will be \$7 per splinter, with cartage added.

A CLEAN SWEEP?

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam says that if there is to be a general clean-up at City Hall he supposes the present city council will have to go. He says that is the general feeling in the Settlement.

MINGLED JOY AND REGRET.

Mr. Peter Binks is today the prey of conflicting emotions. He is glad on the one hand that his friend Mr. George Robertson has got in out of the wet, but feels at the same time that the next election in this city will be short of much of its oratorical trimmings. He likes Mr. Lantulum and Mr. Purdy, but they have not that command of language and power of expression which marked the appeals of Mr. Robertson for honest government and a dry dock for the navies of the world.

"I have listened to Mr. Robertson," said Mr. Binks this morning, "until I went out into the street expecting to see skyscrapers all about me, and hear the noise of the Liverpool of America. I shall sorely miss those periods of exaltation, and shall rejoice all the more that Dr. Pugsley has not yet retired from the political arena."

EMPEROR WILLIAM'S TRIP

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The official visit of Emperor William and Empress Augusta Victoria to King Edward and Queen Alexandra, was concluded today when they both left Windsor, the empress proceeding to Holland, where she will visit Queen Wilhelmina, and the emperor going to High Cliffe Castle, where he will spend several weeks in recuperation.

CANDIDATE CHOSEN

ST. CATHARINES, Ont., Nov. 18.—(Special).—Lincoln Liberals on Saturday nominated William Mitchell, express agent of Grimsby, for the legislature. They decided not to put a candidate in the field for the house of commons as the federal election may be two years off yet.

WE MANUFACTURED THE SKATES for the 1907-1908 season. Tubular Skates and Hockey Skates. R. D. COLE, 191 Charlotte street.

JAS. RYAN, AGENT FOR BUCHANAN, Anderson Nelson Co., Bourbon Whiskies, Batters' barley, Dundee Choice Wines, Brandy, etc., 1 King Square.