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Light, variable winds, cloudy and mild; Tuesday, increasing easterly winds with rain or snow.

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TIDE HAS TURNED LIBERAL GAINS NOW ANNOUNCED

LLOYD - GEORGE, CHANCELLOR, ELECTED IN WALES BUT HIS MAJORITY HAS BEEN CUT DOWN A LITTLE

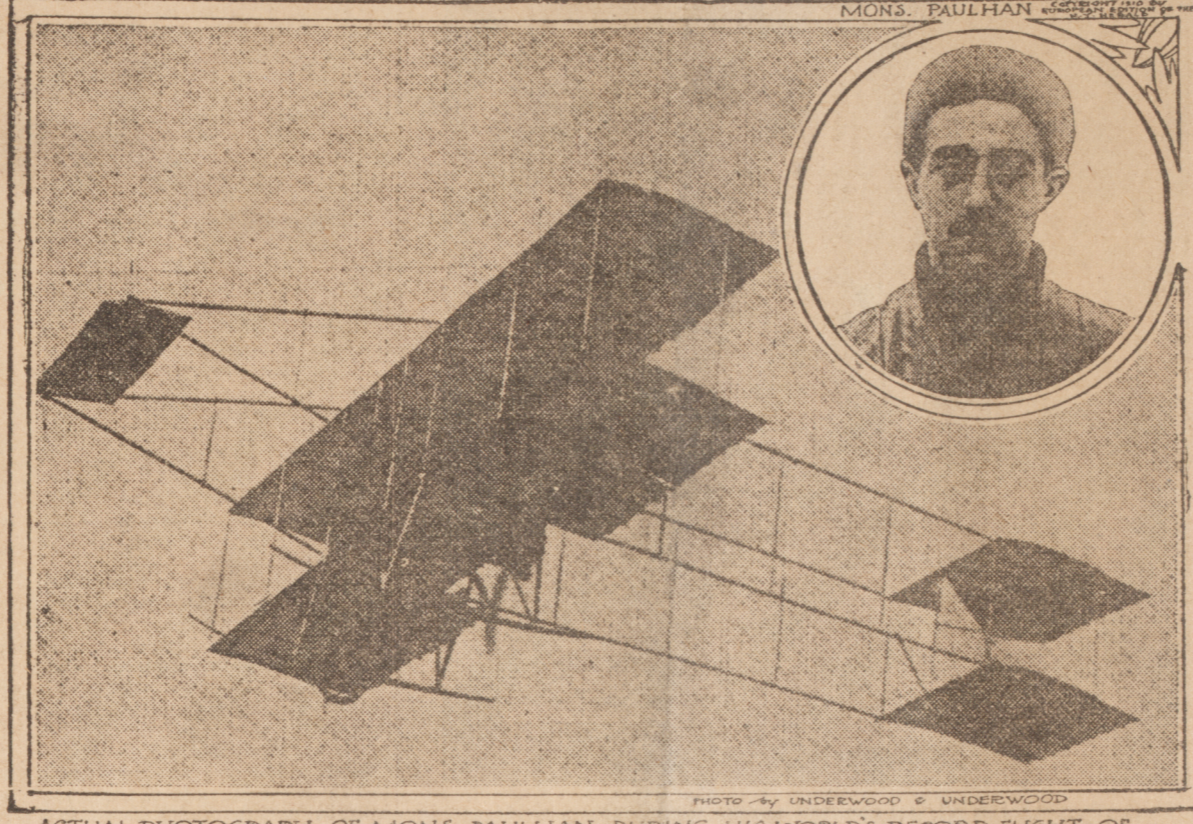
Liberals Hope to Keep Unionists Down to 270 So That Nationalists Will Not Have Balance of Power—Liberals and Laborites Now Have 233 to Unionists' 219

(Toronto Telegrams Special Cable). London, Jan. 24.—The Liberals hope that the declaration of the great majority for Lloyd-George in Carnarvon district, will make a glorious opening of the second week of polling. Of seventeen, Saturday polling declared on Monday, the Unionists hold one seat, and that in Ireland. The Unionists expect little in Monday's declarations, but will be disappointed if they fail to gain ten seats out of 298 pollings. The Unionists so far hold in England 192 seats against Liberal, Labor and Nationalist combined, 163, of the remaining 104 English seats, the Unionists talk of carrying seventy-five and figure that with twenty-five Unionists in Ireland, Scotland and Wales, this would give Balfour 300 in the new parliament against Asquith's Liberal

Labor following of 285. The Monday's poll and Tuesday's declarations will give almost final form to the new parliament and show whether the Unionist strength will attain a maximum of over 300 members or remain at the minimum of 270.

Lloyd George Elected
(Times Special Cable)
London, Jan. 24.—Further returns are:—Dongel West—Law, Nat., unopposed. Carnarvon Boroughs—Lloyd-George, Lib. 3,183; Vincent, Un., 2,105. Donm, East—Craig, Un., 4,028; Wood, Lib. 3,954. Dumfries Burghs—Gulland, Lib., 2,302; Duncan, Un., 1,750. Derbyshire (Highpeak), Partington, Lib. 5,912; Wood, Un., 5,808. (Continued on page 3, fifth column.)

PAULHAN IN HIS HIGH FLIGHT



ACTUAL PHOTOGRAPH OF MONS. PAULHAN DURING HIS WORLD'S RECORD FLIGHT OF 4600 FEET AT LOS ANGELES JAN 12, 1910

MERGER OF 50 CANADIAN CANNERIES

Ontario and Quebec Men in \$7,000,000 Combination—Former M.P.P. Dead—Loss at Elk Lake Fire \$200,000

(Toronto, Jan. 23.—(Special)—It is officially announced that a merger of the Ontario canners, with three or four exceptions, has been completed. The merger will be capitalized at \$7,000,000, and comprises more than fifty factories. The reason for the merger, according to G. T. Grant, of Montreal, who engineered it, is over production and ruinous competition.

St. Thomas, Ont., Jan. 24.—(Special)—George Cook, aged 22 years, a Pierre Marquette Railway brakeman, was instantly killed near Stanley on Saturday evening. He was running on a snow plow which had been sent out to restore communication with Port Stanley, he fell off, and was cut in pieces. He was unmarried and lived here with his parents.

Kingston, Ont., Jan. 24.—(Special)—Wm. D. Cleland, Grand Trunk brakeman, was killed at Kingston Jet, yesterday afternoon while on duty. He lost his balance and fell on the track in front of the engine. Cleland was about twenty-four years old, and belonged to Brockville.

Medoc, Ont., Jan. 24.—(Special)—A. P. Wood, at one time one of the most prominent men of Central Ontario, having represented North Hastings in the Ontario legislature for three terms and being later for twelve years a domestic lands commissioner, died at his home here on Saturday evening of a heart ailment. He was aged eighty-two years. He had resided here more than sixty years. He leaves two daughters. Hon. S. C. Wood, for many years provincial treasurer in the Mowat government, was a brother.

Elk Lake, Ont., Jan. 24.—(Special)—Fire early yesterday destroyed nine-tenths of the business portion of this town, situated on the north shore of the river. The loss is estimated at \$190,000 to \$200,000, with less than \$12,000 insurance. All the houses in front, centre and King streets were of wood, and burned like tinder. From a poolroom the flames leaped across the street to Connelly's bakery and but for the heroic efforts of the firemen, the whole waterfront would have been wiped out.

The Mimers' Home, a log building, went next. The lodgers escaped in their night clothes. Giles' drug store followed, and then the whole of Collette block. Within half an hour the whole block of buildings bounded by King, Main, Front and Centre streets was a mass of flames. Thieves carried off the greater part of what was saved from the flames. Chief Smith and his assistant did all they could to protect property, and made three or four arrests.

Father Point, Que., Jan. 24.—(Special)—A very bright comet was visible in the western sky from 4.30 to 5.30 last evening; the head being downwards, and the long straight tail pointing upwards towards the southeast.

RELIGIOUS WAR; AND 100 KILLED

Serious Conflicts in Russia Between the Sunnites and the Shiites—Machine Guns and Troops Sent

St. Petersburg, Jan. 24.—More than 100 persons have been killed and many wounded as the result of serious religious conflicts between the Sunnites and the Shiites during the past two days.

The Sunnites demand the replacement of the Shiite officials by Sunnites.

At the request of the Bokhara authorities, Russian troops and machine guns have been sent to the scene of the fighting from Samarkand, capital of a province of the same name, in Asiatic Russia, adjoining Bokhara.

IN PREACHING AND PRACTICE THEY DIFFER

York County Tories do Not Take Kindly to Suggestion They Once Fought For Government Meeting Tonight

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 24.—(Special)—Premier Hazen arrived here this morning in the thick of the fray for a reduction in the high cost of living. A grand jury investigation into the meat question is pending, a prosecutor's inquiry into the cold storage situation has been begun, meetings in protest against high prices for food products have been called and pledges of abstention from meat are being numerously signed. The move to refrain from meat eating, while playing a considerable part in the local campaign, is not deemed so important in many quarters as some other phases of the movement against high prices.

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When the old government was in power here the Tory members of York county council were constantly complaining because the governor-in-council appointed one of their members of board of health. They wanted to appoint them all. It was on outrage, they said, and would be remedied as soon as their party came into power.

At last week's meeting a Liberal councillor, in order to test the sincerity of his Tory colleagues in this matter, moved a resolution asking the government to amend the law so that the council appoint all three members and received such scant encouragement that he withdrew it. There is a marked difference between Tory preaching and Tory practice.

A man who arrived here from Boiestown on Saturday reports two feet of snow in the Miramichi woods. As a general rule lumber operators in that section are backward with their work.

MOTT'S FINDINGS OF NO VALUE; DECLARES THE INQUIRY A BURLESQUE

F. P. Brady, of I. C. R. Commission, in City Today, Discusses Investigation Into Nash's Creek Accident—System Not to Blame; Accident Was Fault of Men

That the findings of W. A. Mott, K. C., who represented the provincial government at the recent inquiry into the Nash's Creek accident are of no value and the inquiry itself was but a burlesque is the comment of F. P. Brady and the I. C. R. commission who with E. Tiffin of the commission arrived in the city this morning.

Asked as to a successor to Mr. Butler the two commissioners said they knew nothing of the government's intentions in the matter.

With reference to a suggestion that there was some idea of increasing the terminals and yard room here Mr. Brady said that there was nothing of the nature in view but added that they were always ready to meet requirements should occasion demand. There were no changes in view or any further reductions planned.

"Are the commissioners to avail themselves of any of the suggestions of Mr. Mott?" Mr. Brady was asked by a Times reporter.

"He has not given us any good advice," was the reply.

When requested to make a statement with reference to Mr. Mott's finding, Mr. Brady made the following comment:—"Mr. Mott is not a railway man, he is a lawyer and I will not criticise a lawyer and I think if Mr. Mott was wise he would not criticise a railway man."

Mr. Brady's attention was drawn to that portion of Mr. Mott's finding that had to do with the dispatching system and he said:—"The system is the standard system used all over Canada and it would not make a bit of difference if there had been a dispatcher at every post. The accident was the fault of men. The fault was that of the engineer and conductor; the former has suffered the consequences and Conductor Thompson has been dismissed from the service. The accident was one of those that happen quite frequently on railroads. But as to Mr. Mott's expression of surprise at Conductor Thompson's evidence he might as well have said that he was surprised that Conductor Thompson told the truth. A most deplorable catastrophe was turned into a burlesque."

Asked if he suggested that politics was brought into it, he contented himself with the comment: "you can draw what conclusion you will." The commissioners will return to Moncton tomorrow morning.

BARBER STABS SWEETHEART

Italian in Toronto Includes Her Chum, too, in Slashing—Barrister in Trouble

Toronto, Jan. 24.—(Special)—In a jealous rage, because his sweetheart, with whom he had quarrelled, continued in her refusal to "make up" with him, Joseph Schell, a young Italian barber, who is also known as Joseph Francella and Carisimo Fratello, on Saturday evening stabbed and seriously wounded the girl and her chum. The girls, whose names were given to the authorities in St. Michael's hospital as Margery Harvey and Nettie Bennett, were both wounded in several places, but unless blood poisoning sets in they will recover.

The Italian escaped from Shuter street, where the stabbing took place, but was caught in Queen street several hours later. With a charge of felony against him, Donald Campbell, barrister and solicitor, of McCaul street, was placed under arrest on Saturday evening. Campbell is alleged to have made a number of misrepresentations in regard to a piece of property in St. George street, by which he is said to have realized about \$2,300. The charge against him is that he represented himself as solicitor of the owner of the lot, and a raised mortgage on it.

The Ontario legislature will open on Tuesday.

LIFE SAVERS LEAVE SCHOONER; WILL AID NO FURTHER

Monomy Point Men Get It Too Hard From Revenue Cutter Running Them Down

Chatham, Mass., Jan. 23.—As a result of the narrow escape from death today, of Captain Joseph Kelley and a member of his Monomy Point Life Saving crew, when their boat was run down by the revenue cutter Acushnet, Captain Kelley and his men who have been standing by the stranded schooner S. G. Haskell, ashore on Handkerchief Shoal, have left the schooner, ceasing to aid further in the efforts made to float her.

The schooner is still fast where she struck, and the captain and his wife and the crew are still aboard. The life savers who returned to their station tonight, will hold themselves in readiness to take off those on the schooner if necessary, but as the weather is not threatening and the sea fairly smooth, there is no immediate danger of the vessel going to pieces. She is not leaking.

Today's accident to the life savers, follows the injury of two of their number Thursday night, when they were on board the schooner. In the first accident, the Acushnet forged ahead before a hawser which she had sent aboard had been securely fastened around the schooner's masts. As the cutter gained speed the end of the hawser, the life-savers say, whipped around the deck and knocked down two of their number, injuring them.

The accident today, when the cutter three two of the life-savers into the water almost under the Acushnet's propellers, proved too much for the nerves of the coast patrolmen, who thereupon declined to assist the cutter further. The schooner stood well the pounding she received during the gale last night. She lost her rudder, however.

BEGGING AGAIN; ONCE MORE IS ARRESTED

In the police court this morning, Robt. McAfee pleaded guilty to a charge of begging in Paradise Row on Saturday night. Only a few days ago McAfee was liberated from jail after serving a sentence for begging. He said this morning that he had been on a "tramp" for the past couple of years and could not work as he would not be allowed. He said he had asked a barge-man for a night's lodging or for an order for the same but was refused.

Policeman Finlay said he saw the prisoner on Saturday night in an alley in Paradise Row and as he had heard that the man had been begging, he asked what he was doing there and was told that he (McAfee) was looking for a night's lodging and waiting for an order on the Salvation Army. As the defendant admitted he was begging, the policeman arrested him. He was remanded.

James Mackin and Edward Higgins, aged nineteen, pleaded guilty to lying and lurking in an alley off Carmarthen street on Sunday morning about 3 o'clock, and being unable to give a satisfactory account of themselves.

Policeman Marshall said that about midnight on Saturday he heard some loud shouting in an alley off Brussels street, and on going there found the two prisoners with another young man, whom they said they were taking home. Later, about 3 o'clock, he saw them in Carmarthen street. When he reached the spot Mackin had disappeared, and Higgins was standing in the street holding a coat, which he said belonged to Mackin, who had gone into the alley nearby, as he was sick. The policeman followed in to the alley, but could not find Mackin. He did find, however, that a small door in the rear of Weatherhead's stable had been opened. The police arrested both Higgins and Mackin, whom they found in the street later.

The prisoners this morning said that they were on their way to a restaurant when arrested. The coat which was found on Higgins was Mackin's property, and was not stolen, even though letters in the pocket were not addressed to him, though they had been opened.

Mr. Weatherhead and Mr. McAfee, of the stable in Carmarthen street, said that the doors of the stable had been opened by somebody on Sunday morning, but they did not know by whom.

The prisoners were remanded.

David Higgins was fined \$8 on a charge of drunkenness.

KETCHEL TURNS DOWN OFFER OF THREE FIGHTS

Wants to Meet English Champion Before Considering Australia Chances—Jeffries at Salt Lake

Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 24.—Hugh McIntosh, the Australian promoter, called Stanley Ketchel and offered him three bouts that would net him \$40,000. One would be with Tommy Burns, another with Bill Lang, and the third with an unknown. Ketchel's reply was a single word, "No." Ketchel wants to meet Thomas, middleweight champion of England, first, then he would be willing to meet Tommy Burns.

Salt Lake City, Jan. 24.—The possibility that this may be the next battle ground added interest to the sights of Salt Lake City when James J. Jeffries looked at them today on a quiet ramble. He was impressed, he admitted, by the offer of a summer cottage in Parley's Canon, as training quarters.

"If the fight is held here," said the big pugilist, "and the place is as it has been described to me, it would be an ideal spot to train." The Canon cottage, 6,000 feet above the sea, is \$2,000 feet higher than the salt air amphitheatre, in which it is proposed to hold the contest. The surroundings are wild and rugged.

C. P. R. officials, even General Superintendent, but it is one of the highest engineering authorities on the continent, are stated to have expressed themselves as undecided as to a broken brake beam, loose trucks turned over, or a spread rail. The railway commission, as well as the Canadian Pacific Railway, however, will make a close investigation.

CAUSE OF C.P.R. WRECK PUZZLE TO PROMINENT RAILWAY MEN

Sudbury, Ont., Jan. 24.—(Special)—A. J. Nixon, chief operating official of the board of railway commissioners for Canada, and Geo. A. Mountain, chief engineer of the board, inspected the scene of the C. P. R. wreck on Saturday. Interviewed yesterday they could not give any definite statement as to the cause of the derailment.

SMUGGLED TOBACCO SEIZED AT NEW YORK

New York, Jan. 24.—Twelve thousand cigarettes and 1,500 cigars have been seized aboard the steamer Blucher, which arrived here from Hamburg. Collector Loeb said the search was ordered because he had reason to suspect that the cigars and cigarettes would be smuggled by an employee of the vessel. Witnesses from the Blucher will be summoned before the collector to tell what they know of the case. It was not a customs house employee but a customs broker's clerk who was arrested charged with undervaluing an automobile, says Mr. Loeb.

ALD. MCGOLDRICK MAY BE CANDIDATE FOR MAYORALTY

It was reported this morning that Alderman John McGoldrick would be a candidate for the office of mayor, making a three-cornered fight with Ald. Frink and Ex-Ald. MacArthur.

Alderman McGoldrick, when asked about the matter, said he had made no such announcement, but he was non-committal as to what he might do. There were four months before the elections, he said, and he did not know what he might decide to do.

ST. YVES AND MARSH

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 24.—Arrangements have been completed for a marathon race between Henry St. Yves, and John D. Marsh, the Canadian runner either on February 6 or 13.

NEW YORK IN THICK OF FRAY FOR REDUCTION IN THE COST OF LIVING

GRAND JURY PROBING MEAT QUESTION; PEOPLE RALLYING AGAINST HIGH PRICES OF FOOD NECESSAIRES

Many Sign Pledges to Eat No Meat—Inquiry Into Cold Storage Situation is Begun—Government Begins Action Against Big Packing Concerns on Charges of Combination

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QUARTER MILLION PEOPLE WATCH SEINE IN ITS DESTRUCTIVE CLIMB

One-Fourth of France Under Water—Tempest of Rain and Wind Breaks Over Paris Adding to the Horrors of the Situation—Water Famine Threatens and There is Fear of an Outbreak of Typhoid

Paris, Jan. 24.—The flood situation in Paris reached a more critical stage this morning. The Seine has risen nine inches since 2 o'clock and now registers 7.53 metres at Pont Neuf. This is the highest the river has been since 1892 when it reached 8.8 metres, the highest point recorded in the history of France except in the year 1615.

A terrible tempest of rain and wind which broke out over the city at daylight adds to the horror of the situation. Although the waters of the Seine affluents above the city are still rising rapidly, the city authorities were hopeful that the maximum stage of the waters would be reached by night fall.

The river presents an awe-inspiring spectacle. A quarter of a million people throng the stone parapets and quays in a drenching rain watching the yellow tide which is crowded with driftwood, wine casks and other wreckage rushing seaward. Firemen, police and troops are working like mad at all the bridges, disengaging blockades, rescuing from the floating debris and it is hoped that all the bridges will be saved. Traffic on several of the frailer ones, however, has been stopped.

All the cellars along the quays are filled with water. One of the chief dangers is the weakening of the foundations of the buildings along the waterfront by the seeping waters. The retaining walls of the quays are declared unsafe and all traffic there has been forbidden.

The tunnel between the Quai D'Orsay and the Quai D'Austerlitz stations is a rushing stream.

The basement of the Palais De Justice is full of water and the first floor of the central police station is untenable.

Water Famine Threatens

The partial crippling of the water supply threatens the capital with a water famine. The police are making a house to house canvass, notifying the inhabitants to boil all water used for drinking purposes so as to thereby avoid the danger of a typhoid epidemic. The surface and underground railways, which are barely sufficient under normal conditions to cope with the traffic, remain partially suspended although in no worse condition today than yesterday. Railroad traffic, however, now is demoralized and completely suspended to the southward of Paris.

The situation at suburban places up and down the Seine is deplorable. The river quarters of all the towns on the river below Paris are under water, the streets of Anteuil resembling those of Venice. A dyke near St. Germain broke today, flooding the valley as far as Malmaison. Floodings from reports received today from the provinces a quarter of France is under water.

The east, central and southeastern districts of France are terribly afflicted. The valleys and plains are inundated and the cities and towns are in darkness. Troops everywhere have been ordered to the work of rescue, but often they encounter the greatest difficulty in driving the peasants to places of safety. The cities of Montargis, Macon, Châlons Sur Saone and Epervay and the entire champagne country are experiencing the most disastrous floods since 1859.

The water in many of the villages along the Saone and Marne reaches to the roofs of dwellings.

The factories and mills have stopped work at Mezieres, Sedan and other places in the Meuse valley. Great damage has been done to the beautiful French automobile roads. The Garonne and Dordogne Rivers are rising rapidly. The village of Carnac is surrounded by a lake.

The rivers Rhone and Loire are falling in the lower reaches. The situation is greatly improved at Lyons, Limoges, Troyes, Amneville and Auxerre. It is impossible to estimate the property loss as a result of the floods but it will reach millions of francs. Fortunately the loss of life has been small.

TWO CONTINENTS ARE SCoured FOR EVIDENCE

New York, Jan. 24.—Two continents have been scoured for evidence and witnesses from far and near who have been caused by subpoena to attend the trial of the government's libel suit against the Free Publishing Company set for today in the United States Circuit court here.

The defendant company, publishers of the World, is charged with libel in connection with stories printed during the last presidential campaign regarding the government's Panama canal purchase. Part is and Panama have been visited by commissions to investigate and secure evidence and the defence is credited with the intention to summon various well-known men to give testimony.

NEW BRUNSWICK WOMAN DEAD IN MANCHESTER, N. H.

Manchester, N. H., Jan. 24.—(Special)—The sudden death of Mrs. Victoria Jane Edger of Woodstock (N. B.), took place here at 223 Lake avenue. She was seventy years of age, and had lived here four years, coming here from Woodstock (N. B.). Her death was unexpected, and a shock to those who knew her, but was the result of natural causes.

Besides relatives in their provinces, Mrs. Edger leaves one daughter, Mrs. Jennie Smith, of Manchester, and several grand children in Lowell (Mass.). She was a devout Baptist, and a prominent church member. The body will probably be sent to Canada for burial.

STORY THAT EARL PERCY'S DEATH FOLLOWED DUEL, IS REVIVED

London, Jan. 24.—(Special)—Gossip about the tragic fate of the young Earl Percy is now rife in London society. Percy, according to the latest version of the matter, is said to have made a disparaging remark about the wife of a leading cabinet minister. The woman's brother, learning of this, sought out the earl and in- sulted him. The outcome was a duel in Paris, pistols being used, in which Percy was severely wounded.

The earl, the doctors say, would have recovered, but for that fact that he insisted on working on an address, the result being that he developed pleurisy which ended fatally.