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Recount Shows Gain for Col. Peck ELECTION PETITION FILED YESTERDAY CHARGING ILLEGALITY

Peck Gains Fourteen Votes on Recount of Smithers and Premier

Ballots from Premier Mine and Smithers polls were examined by Judge Young in the official general recount of the federal election for Skeena riding this morning. As a result Colonel Peck had made a net gain of fourteen votes. The session opened shortly after 9 o'clock and a great deal of the time was spent in argument of counsel. There were present besides the judge: W. E. Fisher, B. O. Oughton and M. M. Stephens, representing Colonel Peck; A. M. Manson, W. E. Williams and F. G. Dawson, representing Fred Stork; R. W. Cameron, returning officer, C. V. Eviit, election clerk and Harry McLeod, court registrar. The count is continuing this afternoon after luncheon with the examination of Prince Rupert ballots. It is expected that two or three days will be required to make the recount, the balance of the work chiefly being mechanical examination of ballots now that most of the argument is over.

VITAL CHANGE APPROACHING

So Says President of United
Farmers of Alberta in
Convention.

CALGARY, Jan. 17.—"We stand on the eve of the most vital change of the ages. We are approaching the end of a false civilization and the beginning of a new one," said H. W. Wood, addressing the annual convention of the United Farmers of Alberta on the completion of his sixth term as president. The people, he said, must be liberated from servitude to the "giants of autocracy and plutocracy" or they would perish. The conflict, he declared, was just beginning.

NERVOUS STRAIN CAUSED SUICIDE

McGill University Student's Body
Is Found Hanging in
Closet.

MONTREAL, Jan. 17.—Nervous strain caused by over-application to studies and worry concerning ability to pass examinations set for today are blamed for the suicide of Maxwell Kennedy of Toronto, a McGill University student, whose dead body was found in his room, suspended in the closet.

NO OPPOSITION TO W. R. MOTHERWELL OR MINISTER OF LABOR

REGINA, Jan. 17.—The Progressives followed the example of the Conservatives and have announced that they will not oppose the return of Hon. W. R. Motherwell in the by-election. This means that Dr. Motherwell will be elected by acclamation.

CHATHAM, Jan. 17.—Acclamation for James Murdoch, minister of Labor, is expected in Kent County.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OCCUPY NEW ROOMS AT METTING LAST NIGHT

The Knights of Columbus last night held their first meeting in their new lodge room in the Metropole Block, Grand Knight M. P. McCaffery in the chair. After the initiation of a number of candidates for the first degree there was a musical entertainment followed by refreshments served in military style. A very enjoyable time was spent.

CONSOLIDATE TELEGRAPHS STORK PLAN

He Would Improve Local Services
But Lessen Expense to
Country.

"My plan for abolishing the telegraph and using wireless in the inaccessible portions of the north has nothing to do with the local services. It will mean an improvement rather than working a hardship on anyone," declared Fred Stork, member elect for this district, when shown a clipping from a Prince George paper saying that some of the interior places were not pleased with his proposed plan.

"I did not think there could have been any mistaking what I meant. My plan was to do away with the expense of renewing the old telegraph line to such places as Anxox, Alice Arm, Stewart and Dawson and Whitehorse, a line which is down a great deal of the time and in its place build wireless stations, which would be much less costly to build and the upkeep of which would be much less than is the cost of keeping up the telegraph lines. These lines were constructed about 25 years ago and would have to be rebuilt and then after that an army of patrolmen and operators are required, stationed every twenty miles along the line, supplies for these have to be taken in by pack train, all most costly.

"Local points like Fraser Lake would not be affected. There could be a consolidation of the two telegraph lines which would very much lessen the expense and increase the efficiency. Where the telegraph service was not available the lines might possibly be handed over to the local people for a telephone service which would be much more useful for the settlers. Naturally the details of the new plan would have to be worked out carefully and each district treated according to its requirements, but I feel sure there could be a big saving in costs and a much more effective service given the people by replacing the telegraph in the isolated districts by a wireless system."

MORE TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS IN CANADA THAN FROM CANCER

OTTAWA, Jan. 17.—During the first six months of 1921 there were in Canada, exclusive of Quebec, 2,590 deaths from tuberculosis in all forms. The number of deaths due to cancer during the same period was 2,336.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Number Which Resulted Fatally
Was Small.

OTTAWA, Jan. 17.—The deaths from automobile accidents in Canada, exclusive of Quebec, from January, 1921, to August, 1921, inclusive, totalled 116. Of these British Columbia had 23, Ontario 63, Nova Scotia and Alberta 9 each, Saskatchewan 5, Manitoba 1, New Brunswick 1 and Prince Edward Island none.

KILLED IN ALPS.

BERNE, Jan. 17.—During 1921 tourists and climbers numbering 147 were killed in the Alps, mostly from falls.

KING'S DAUGHTER VISITS CHILDREN'S MATINEE.



Princess Mary, photographed at recent mission fete in London, carrying the bouquet which the youngsters beside her had been delegated to present to her.

Government Transfer Effectuated Quietly in Dublin where old Officials Remain in Offices

DUBLIN, Jan. 17.—Except for an attack on a military lorry, which flew the Union Jack on evacuating Dublin Castle today, the transfer of the reins of government from the Viceroy to the Griffith administration was carried out without untoward incident and with proper diplomatic formality.

The Viceroy received a telegram from the King expressing belief that the transfer would be effected smoothly.

The military are being withdrawn systematically, and the new government issued a manifesto directing the courts, corporations, departments, state boards, judges, civil servants and peace officers serving under the authority of the Imperial Government to remain in office under the Irish Dominion unless specifically ordered otherwise.

LABOR LEADER ON BAD CONDITION IN GREAT BRITAIN

MANCHESTER, Jan. 17.—Public men should be thinking of the appalling industrial conditions now prevailing rather than about politics, declared John Robert Clynes, labor leader, in an address in the House of Commons, when discussing the rumors of a general election. He said that the local authorities and relief agencies were distracted by the demands made upon them.

QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS WHEAT FOR STARVING RUSSIANS

MELBOURNE, Jan. 18.—Aid to the extent of \$250,000 worth of wheat is to be shipped from Australian supplies already in Great Britain to the starving people of Europe by the commonwealth.

TO DISCUSS CONDITIONS

British Labor Leaders Asked
by Former Danish Minister
to Call Conference.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 17.—Former Minister Stauning, on behalf of the Danish trade unionists, telegraphed Arthur Henderson and Ramsay MacDonald, British labor leaders, requesting that a workers' international conference be called before the Genoa economic conference is held.

The purpose of the proposed international conference is to indicate to the delegates to Genoa the means which in their opinion would lead to better industrial conditions.

UNIONIST DEAD.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Edward Hopkinson, Coalition Unionist member of Parliament for the Clayton division of Manchester, is dead, aged 63.

Election Petition Filed By Martin O'Reilly in Supreme Court of B.C.

A petition protesting the recent federal election for Skeena constituency, for which Fred Stork was officially declared elected member of Parliament last Monday, was filed in the Supreme Court registry late yesterday afternoon by Martin O'Reilly on grounds that the election was not carried out in compliance with the rules of the Dominion Elections Act by R. W. Cameron, the returning officer. The petition was delivered by Williams, Manson & Gonzales and was addressed to Colonel C. W. Peck and R. W. Cameron. A copy of the petition has been delivered to Mr. Cameron by H. F. Macleod, the court registrar, as required under the act.

The petition reads that the petitioner is informed and believes that R. W. Cameron, the returning officer, has not yet made an official return of the candidate elected and that he had failed to comply with the provisions of the Dominion Election Act as follows:

29 Disfranchised.
That the voters' list for the Premier Mine polling division, showed that there were 95 voters registered but the returning officer had only provided the deputy returning officer, George T. Reid, with fifty ballots contrary to the provisions of the act. The returns showed that 79 voters had applied for ballots and that when the 50 had been issued up, the deputy returning officer had manufactured more ballots in an attempt to enable the qualified voters to vote. These said ballots were unauthorized and improper and the failure of the returning officer to provide sufficient ballots had resulted in the disenfranchisement of 29 voters and had had a material effect on the election.

The returning officer had fixed by proclamation and provided for a polling division at Kin-solth. This had been cancelled and then re-established, but neither Fred Stork, the candidate, nor F. G. Dawson, his agent, had been notified as to the re-establishment of the poll which was held.

Queen Charlotte Islands.
Polling stations had been fixed for Skidegate, Lawn Hill, Tlell, Thurston Harbor, Queen Charlotte City and Jedway but the returning officer had failed to supply ballots for any of these places and the said default had deprived qualified electors from the right to vote.

As he believed the failure of R. W. Cameron, the returning officer, had affected the result of the election, the petitioner prayed that it might be determined that the election was void and that no candidate had been properly elected to represent the federal election of Skeena in the House of Commons.

IRISH EMIGRATION TO UNITED STATES IS TO BE STOPPED

DUBLIN, Jan. 17.—The Irish consul at New York wires the government advising that Irish emigration to the United States should be stopped during the period of trade depression and unemployment in the United States.

GOVERNMENT GRANT GOOD ROADS MEET

VICTORIA, Jan. 17.—The provincial government yesterday granted \$3,000 towards the expenses of the Good Roads Convention to be held in this city next summer.

GHANDI WOULD HAVE DOMINION

Will Demand It of Round Table
Conference Which Is to
Be Held.

HOLDS A FIRM OPINION

Attends Conference of Representatives of All Sections
of India.

BOMBAY, Jan. 17.—A conference representative of all shades of opinion in India today adopted a resolution favoring a round table conference. Gandhi attended unofficially and promised to influence his adherents to abstain from insurrectionary acts meantime provided political prisoners were released. Gandhi, however, warned the delegates that he would not abate his opinions one jot but would demand of the round table conference self-government for India on a Dominion basis.

WATERWAYS WORKABLE

Cost of B'n Scheme Would Be
\$252,000,000 Between U. S.
and Canada.

OTTAWA, Jan. 17.—The St. Lawrence and Welland deep waterway to the sea is pronounced workable from an engineering and economic standpoint in the report of the International Joint Waterways Commission submitted to both the Canadian and United States Governments for approval.

The commission suggests that the expense, which is estimated at \$252,000,000 would be borne by both governments in proportion to the benefit derived by each.

FINANCIER DIES

Stock Broker and Member of
Parliament and Former
Lord Mayor of London
Was Hanson.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Sir Chas. A. Hanson, Canadian financier and member of Parliament for Cornwall, former Lord Mayor of London, is dead. He founded a stock brokerage firm of Hanson Brothers at Montreal.

FORMER SUFFRAGETTE MOVING TO TORONTO

TORONTO, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Emilie Pankhurst, the well known suffragette, announces that she has taken a home here and will move her family of war babies from Victoria, B. C. to Toronto shortly.