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Stork's Lead Considerably Increased

ENGLAND AND FRANCE SUFFERING FROM INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC

All Telegraph Creek Ballots Thrown Out; With 20 Polls To Be Examined: Stork Lead is 50

The most important development in the recount of the Skeena constituency federal election vote since yesterday afternoon was the throwing out this morning of all the 20 Telegraph Creek ballots because they were typewritten and not printed in compliance with the rulings of the Dominion Elections Act. The result was that Fred Stork gained 16 votes, and his majority, with 20 small polls still to be examined, stands at 50. It is expected that the recount will be concluded early this afternoon.

These Telegraph Creek ballots had been sent by the returning officer. Yesterday afternoon and this morning the recount proceedings continued and there were several minor changes made which did not have a very great effect on the general standing of the candidates.

ANALYSIS OF RECENT VOTE

Conservatives Got 54,000 and
Liberals 50,000 in British
Columbia.

VICTORIA, Jan. 18.—Approximately 154,000 electors of British Columbia voted at the last federal election. The Conservatives got 54,000, or 35.1 per cent. of the vote cast and 53.9 per cent. of the representation in the House of Commons. The Liberals secured 50,000, or 32.5 per cent. of the vote cast and 30.7 per cent. of the representation. Labor, Socialist and independent candidates received 41,300 per cent. of the vote cast and did not elect a candidate.

The total poll of the Conservatives was 54,000; Liberals, 50,000; Progressives, 12,000; Labor, 7,000; Socialists, 10,000, and independent, 875.

LIBERAL EXECUTIVE MEETING SOME TIME AFTER CONFERENCE

VICTORIA, Jan. 18.—Members of the executive of the B. C. Liberal Association will not meet in Victoria next Monday when the Liberal members of the Legislature gather for the caucus conference, according to Premier Oliver today. The executive meeting will be held in the near future.

MONSTER BANQUET OF CANADIAN CLUB

Sir George Perley Guest of Honor in London Yesterday.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire presided at a monster banquet of the Canadian Club of London to Sir George Perley, the retiring High Commissioner, who is returning to Canada.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS

Vibrations in Los Angeles Cause
Breaking of Glass Last Night.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 18.—Slight earthquake shocks which are reported from several southern California points late last night caused the breaking of window panes in the residential districts near the coast, cracking the plaster in the ceilings and rattling the dishes on the shelves.

POLICE BARRACKS WERE RAIDED IN IRELAND IN NIGHT

BELFAST, Jan. 18.—The police barracks at Charlestown, County Mayo, were raided last night by fifty armed men, who escaped with a considerable quantity of arms and ammunition. One sergeant was wounded during the raid.

MACKENZIE KING TO BE OPPOSED

To Be Straight Fight Between
Liberal and Conservative
in North York.

NEW MARKET, Ont., Jan. 18.—J. A. M. Armstrong, former Conservative member for North York, who was defeated by Mackenzie King at the general election, will oppose the re-election of the Premier at the by-election, apparently hoping the 3000 votes cast for the Farmer candidate at the last election will go to offset King's majority of a thousand odd. No Farmer candidate will be in the field this time.

NEW PREMIER OF THE CHINESE REPUBLIC



Liang Shih Yi, who has been named to form a new Cabinet with the view to unite factions in the nation and end the civil war. He is called the brains of China.

DEATH WAS ACCIDENTAL

Coroner's Jury This Morning Investigated
Burning to Death
of Omar Soubriere.

The coroner's jury investigating the death of Omar Soubriere, on Sunday morning last, this morning brought in a verdict to the effect that deceased had met with his death accidentally through a fire which destroyed the shack in which he was sleeping. The inquest was held in the police court before Coroner J. H. McMullin and the jury were J. W. Potter (foreman), D. G. Stuart, J. Buckley, J. Barnsley, B. J. Bacon and H. Phillipott. The proceedings took up the most of the morning and the verdict was reached shortly after 12 o'clock. Instructions have been received by the city police to have the remains, which are in the hands of the B. C. Undertakers, shipped to Ottawa for interment.

Saw Blaze.

There were several witnesses heard at the inquest, the first of whom was Tom Watts, watchman on the Canadian Fish and Gold Storage Co.'s trawler, George E. Foster. He had been the first one to detect the blaze at 6:30 on Sunday morning. He rushed to the shack, which was about 400 feet distant, and attempted to get inside, fearing that it was occupied. This he was unable to do although he could see, after the smoke cleared, the form of a man. After the fire was out he saw the form of the man lying on the bed in a natural position. He had seen Soubriere alive last at 10 o'clock that evening at Orme's corner. He was a heavy cigarette smoker, but he could not say he had been drunk that evening.

Fire Chief Dan McDonald told of the call to the fire. After the blaze had been put out he and Watts had gone into the shack and found the charred remains of the man lying on the bed. He called for the police and the undertaker who later removed the remains. He would judge that the fire had originated around the bed near the man's head and not from the stove. The shack was lit by a kerosene lamp, he understood. Sergeant Bailey told of a hole that had been burned right through the floor near where the man had been found lying. There was no fire of any extent on the floor between this hole and the stove. The deceased had apparently made no attempt to escape for he was lying on the bed quite straight and natural. There had been no evidence of a quarrel although everything was, of course, burned up.

Smoked in Bed.

E. Briand, partner of the deceased, told of having been in the shack for a few minutes about midnight. There was nobody there but a woman, Mrs. Pillage, the deceased and himself. There were three or four bottles of beer and each had drunk one. There was no whiskey in sight although Soubriere appeared to be a little drunk. When he left Mrs. Pillage was

HEINIE GROH AGAIN BECOMES A GIANT



Heinie Groh, acquired by the New York Giants from Cincinnati in the deal which sent George Burns to the Reds, photographed in the office of John J. McGraw, manager of the Giants, who, with Judge Francis X. McQuade, look on as Groh signs a two year contract to play with the New York team.

LARGE CROWD DISPERSED

New Method of Civil Disobedience Adopted in
Bengal, India.

CALCUTTA, Jan. 18.—A new method of civil disobedience adopted by a native in the Provincial Congress of Bengal resulted in the arrest today of more than four score persons by the police. The method adopted was the summoning of a public meeting in the prohibited area, thus drawing out a large crowd, which was addressed by members of volunteers. The police dispersed the crowd, arresting eighty-four persons.

EARLY MORNING FIRE IN CAFE

Travellers Cafe Gutted and
Westenhaver Block Had Close
Call—Damage About \$2500.

The Travellers Cafe was gutted and the Westenhaver Block at the corner of Second Avenue and Sixth Street had a close call from being destroyed in an early morning fire today. Fortunately, the blaze was discovered in time and was quickly extinguished after the fire department had been called. The total damage to property was about \$2500 which is covered by insurance. There was quite a blaze and the flames leaped up to the windows of the second floor in which the occupants of the rooms were sleeping. Had the fire not been checked in time there would have been greater damage and possibly loss of life.

The alarm was rung in from the poolroom in the building at 5:15 o'clock and the fire department was quickly on the scene doing effective work. It is understood that the blaze originated from the kitchen range, the Chinese cook having left a fire on when he went out at 2:30 in the morning. There were six cats in the restaurant, three of which were rescued, the others being burned.

PAYMENT MADE BY GERMANY

Hands Over Thirty-one Million
Gold Marks in Accordance
With Decision at Cannes.

PARIS, Jan. 18.—Germany made her first payment today of 31,000,000 gold marks in accordance with the decision of the reparations commission at Cannes, providing for such payment every ten days pending a decision on the whole reparations issue.

Influenza Epidemic Is Sweeping England and France: Is not Virulent

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The outbreak of influenza is still widespread and submarine crews are unable to put to sea with the Atlantic fleet on its annual cruise because of the ravages among them. At present the weather is cold and it is thought it will cause an abatement of the disease. Twenty-five deaths in Birmingham took place during the week, while for the month Middlesbrough reports 139 deaths from the malady.

PARIS, Jan. 18.—Influenza is rapidly becoming epidemic and throughout the provinces health officials admit the disease is spreading, but declare the present epidemic is of no importance compared with the one that swept the country three years ago, when hundreds of persons died every day in Paris.

NOMINATIONS ARE TOMORROW

Only Two Elections in Sight—
Mackenzie King and Graham
to Be Opposed.

OTTAWA, Jan. 18.—With contests certain in two federal ridings, the by-elections for the return of the ministers to be held on February 2, with nominations tomorrow, have taken on renewed interest. The announcement that Armstrong of North York, the defeated Conservative, would oppose Premier King came as a surprise and probably means that the Premier will leave tonight for Newmarket to address a nomination meeting. Hon. George P. Graham appears to be the only other minister to be opposed. The Progressives of South Essex have decided to contest the election against the minister.

REFUGEES SENT TO ISLAND OF CYPRUS

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 18.—Fifteen thousand Greek and Armenian refugees are being sent from this city to the island of Cyprus in ships provided by the Greek government. Twenty thousand other refugees are awaiting transportation but the French authorities are persuading Christians not to go, as they have secured formal guarantees that the Turks will respect their lives and property.

LOYD GEORGE WORKS ON HIS BIRTHDAY AT A POLITICAL PROBLEM

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Lloyd George celebrated his 59th birthday yesterday. Many congratulations were received from every part of the world. He spent the day preparing an announcement for a Coalition Liberal conference.

SOVIET LEADER TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

MOSCOW, Jan. 18.—Either Premier Lenin or Foreign Minister Tchitcherin will head the Russian Soviet delegation to Genoa economic conference, it is officially announced.

PARLIAMENT MEETS FEBRUARY SEVENTH

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The re-opening of the British Parliament set for January 31, has been postponed until February 7, it was announced today.

FISHERIES CONFERENCE

Gathering at Alberni Is Attempt
of White Fishermen and In-
dians to Co-operate.

BETTER MARKETING.

VICTORIA, Jan. 18.—A. W. Neill, M. P. for Comox-Alberni, has called a conference of all fishing interests on the west coast of Vancouver Island to consider a program to settle their grievances regarding fishing and marketing conditions. The fishermen of Barclay Sound recently banded themselves into a joint stock company for better marketing. It is the first attempt here for white and Indian fishermen to work together.

SKATER DROWNS BURNABY LAKE

W. P. Phillips, Aged 19, Victim of
Breaking Ice Near City of
Vancouver.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Jan. 18.—W. P. Phillips, aged 19, was drowned at Burnaby Lake yesterday. He broke through the ice while skating, and while he held on to the crumbling edge for 20 minutes, was unable to get out. He then sank unconscious and was drowned. A companion named Skinner also fell, but managed to hold on for 30 minutes, when he was rescued.

ENVER PASHA GIVEN UP TO NATIONALISTS

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Enver Pasha, former Turkish minister of war, who fled from Turkey shortly after the close of the war, was captured in the Caucasus and has been handed over to the Turkish Nationalist government at Angora.

NORWEGIAN BANK SUSPENDS PAYMENTS

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The Torvested and Skaarens saving bank at Haugesund, Norway, one of the largest institutions of the kind in that country, has suspended payments.