

LIBERALS VOTING FOR A LEADER

Fielding, Graham, King And Mackenzie Are the Favorites.

LARGE VOTE FOR FIELDING

IS NOW EXPECTED FROM THE QUEBEC DELEGATES.

The Result May Be Known Early This Evening—Hon. Sidney Fisher Moves Resolution for Encouragement of Agriculture.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Ottawa, Aug. 7.—Unless there are some complimentary nominations, the contest for the Liberal leadership will lie between Messrs. Fielding, Graham, Mackenzie King and D. D. McKenzie. The convention is seething with excitement over the leadership race, and while the four candidates are all expected to poll a heavy vote, there is absolute lack of certainty as to who is most likely to be the winner.

It is expected there will be between eleven and twelve hundred delegates present with the right to vote. After the fourth ballot without result, the lowest candidate will be dropped.

Even if as many as five ballots are required to elect a new liberal leader, the convention managers are hopeful that the result will be known by seven or eight o'clock this evening. Arrangements for taking and counting the vote and for announcing the result are very complete.

The different provincial delegations met at two o'clock this afternoon in their committee rooms, where ballot books were distributed. Balloting begins at 3.30 o'clock. It is possible that one candidate may receive a majority of the vote on the first or third ballot, in which case the result will be known at a comparatively early hour.

Encouragement of Agriculture. At the opening of the convention this morning, a resolution was moved by Hon. Sidney Fisher, favoring encouragement of agriculture.

Mr. Fisher's resolution proposes the use of national credit to provide capital for agriculture at the lowest possible rates, a great extension of government farms, and cold storage transportation facilities, and distribution of fertilizers by the government at lowest possible cost, and the adaptation of Canada's banking system to issuing loans on land and live stock.

After adjournment for lunch, the convention re-assembled at 2 o'clock. During the progress of balloting this afternoon, consideration is being given to a resolution respecting civil re-establishment and pensions. In this resolution cash grants for soldiers are favored. Education of returned soldiers should be placed in the hands of competent educationalists; soldiers with their health impaired by war service should have life insurances made available to them.

SHOULD GET INDUSTRIES.

Further Comment Regarding Action to Build Up City.

The article the Whig had in on Wednesday about securing industries for the city was a most timely one, said a prominent citizen to the Whig on Thursday morning. "I think it is time the industries committee got busy and put forth an effort to get industries for the city. Other places are out after new concerns, and quite a number are being landed. Would it not be possible for the committee to get a list of concerns looking for a site and then put forth an effort to see if negotiations could be opened with these companies."

LOSS OF LIFE BY BIG BOATS COMING TOGETHER

(Canadian Press Despatch) Halifax, Aug. 7.—Twenty-five people may have lost their lives in a collision, which occurred during the night between the steamer Warwick, bound for North Sydney from Wabana, Newfoundland, and the schooner Gallia, from Conception, France, with St. Pierre as her destination. It is believed the accident was very close to St. Pierre and was due to heavy fogs, which have been hanging off the coast for several days. Nothing definite is known of the loss of life besides the names of seven survivors, which indicate that the schooner, with probably thirty persons aboard, sank, and the survivors were rescued by the Warwick.

BREACH OF PROMISE CASE

Jilted Girl Asks \$100,000 Because of Ridicule

New York, Aug. 7.—Herman Otto Boehme, a manufacturer of electrical supplies, was arrested and named defendant in a breach of promise suit for \$100,000 damages brought by Miss Eitriede Arntz, a former governess for the children of Dr. Edward S. Cowles, of No. 15 East 48th street. Boehme was taken into custody at his office, No. 241 Lafayette street. He is said to have told the officers that he was to have sailed for Germany tomorrow.

PAY TEACHERS LIVING WAGES

Michigan School Board Fearing Lack of Applications

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 7.—Apprehensive lest there be shortage of school teachers unless salaries were increased, village and rural school boards in Wayne county have announced substantial advances in pay to take effect when schools re-open in September. Where salaries formerly ranged from \$40 to \$110, they have been increased to \$60 to \$130. Others range from \$100 to \$125 a month.

HAD THE DRUG MANIA

Negro Addicts Claim They Got Habit at School

Windsor, Aug. 7.—Victims of the drug habit who have been crossing from Detroit to Windsor to procure morphine, cocaine and other unlawful drugs, are now finding it more difficult to get into this country, at least twenty of them having been stopped at the ferry dock within the past couple of weeks and ordered back to Detroit. A peculiar circumstance in connection with the deportations is that the majority of the drug users are negroes, principally between the ages of 18 and 25. They acquired the habit, they said, while attending school.

RE-ISSUE RATION BOOKS

Food Situation Gives Rise to Anxiety in Old Land

London, Aug. 7.—The food situation is giving a good deal of anxiety, and the announcement that ration books are to be re-issued next month has caused much public comment. It is predicted that labor will organize the United States Steel Corporation and establish the eight-hour day for its employees.



ANDREW HAYDON, General Secretary of the National Liberal Convention, now in session at Ottawa.



WOMEN AT THE NATIONAL LIBERAL CONVENTION. Left to right: Mrs. R. W. Ball, St. Thomas, Ont.; Mrs. Brown, Owen Sound, Ont.; and Miss Mary McNulty, Ottawa, who graduated at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, last year, and is now practicing law in Ottawa.

HUNGARY CABINET IS OVERTHROWN

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NO DISORDER RESULTED

WHEN THE COUP D'ETAT WAS CARRIED OUT

Rumanian Troops Enter Business Section of Budapest, and Seize Supplies to Ship into Rumania.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Paris, Aug. 7.—The Peace Conference was advised today that the Hungarian cabinet, headed by Jules Peltill, had been overthrown, and Archduke Joseph had established a ministry in Budapest.

Advices to the conference state that the Rumanian forces had crossed the Danube into the business section of Budapest and were seizing supplies, preparing to ship them to Rumania.

The Entente mission in Budapest delegated the governmental authority to Archduke Joseph last night, when the Peltill government resigned.

Archduke Joseph was commander of the Austro-Hungarian forces on the southern section of the eastern battle front during the first two years of the great war. He was born in 1872.

Messages to the conference regarding the cabinet stated that at six o'clock last evening members of the Social Democratic government were invited to session at the national palace were arrested by Hungarian police. The coup d'etat was carried out without disorder.

Anti-trust suits against five big meat packers will be instituted immediately by the United States Department of Justice.

KINGSTON INDUSTRIAL FAIR; A CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS

As in former years, a campaign is about to be started to raise funds to guarantee the success of the Kingston Industrial Fair, which is this year to be held during the last week in September, occupying five days.

A committee, composed of A. F. Roney, Bert Abernethy, Allan Reid and R. J. Reid, with the first named as chairman, has been formed, and they have already started to canvass the city merchants and business men for subscriptions to help out the annual fair.

From being a small affair even a few years ago, the fair has grown to be a big city event, and the people of Kingston take an even greater interest in it than do the market gardeners and farmers who used to be its sole patrons.

This result is almost entirely due to the untiring energy of the manager, the genial "Bob" Bushell, who is once again working at full pressure to make this year's fair the best ever. This year it has been extended to a five day event, and every day will be a crowded one.

The object of the subscriptions is to ensure that the huge prize list will be assured, and to assist in putting the Kingston Fair on a level with the best fairs in the province of Ontario.

"Bob" Bushell works for it from the beginning to the end of every year, and his efforts have been productive of splendid results for Kingston. The subscription list will probably be a generous one, since the following contributions have been made to start it off:

Table listing contributions to the Kingston Industrial Fair, including names like Steacy's Ltd., British Whig Publishing Co., Standard Publishing Co., etc.

STOCK MARKETS.

Quotations Furnished by Bongard, Ryerson & Co., 237 Baggot Street.

New York Stocks.

Table of New York Stock market data including Atchison, B. & O., C. P. R., Erie, etc.

Canadian Stocks.

Table of Canadian Stock market data including Brazilian, Can. Steamship, etc.

Situation Not Improved.

The labor situation has not improved within the past few days. The six unions represented at the Canadian Locomotive works are divided over the question of accepting the company's terms.

President Wilson issued a formal statement Wednesday night saying that the "frank statement" made by Viscount Uchida as to Japan's policy regarding Shantung "ought to serve to remove many of the misunderstandings which had begun to accumulate about this question."

Large quantities of hinned food now stored in the huge army messes by the depot at Columbus, Ohio, will be shipped immediately to ten of the larger cities in the country for sale through the postoffice department direct to consumers.

The "troupe of the full can" is being imported by the United States Department of Agriculture.

THE LIBERAL TARIFF POLICY

Would Include a Cut of At Least Fifty Per Cent.

WOULD OPEN THE DOORS TO FARM PRODUCE, MACHINERY, OILS, AND LUMBER

A Compulsory Eight-Hour Day a Feature of the Report of the Resolutions Committee.

Ottawa, Aug. 7.—At the National Liberal Convention meeting yesterday afternoon the Resolutions Committee presented the following tariff resolution:

That the best interests of Canada demand that, at an early date, substantial reductions of the burdens of customs taxation be made with a view to the accomplishing of two purposes of the highest importance:

First—Diminishing the very high cost of living which presses so severely on the masses of the people.

Second—Reducing the cost of the instruments of production in the industries based on the natural resources of the Dominion, the vigorous development of which is essential to the progress and prosperity of our country.

That in order to bring about the above objects, the Liberal party pledged itself on receiving the endorsement of the elections to enact legislation:

1. Placing on free list wheat, wheat flour and all products of wheat, the principal articles of food; farm implements and machinery; farm tractors, mining, flour and saw mill machinery and repair parts thereof; rough and partly dressed lumber; illuminating, lubricating and fuel oils; nets, net-wines and fisherman's equipments; cements and fertilizers.

2. Diminishing the tariff in order to effect a reduction of at least fifty per cent. on the duties on wearing apparel and foot-wear, and raw materials entering into the production thereof.

3. Increasing the British preference to 50 per cent. of the general tariff.

Moderate recommendations as to Labor as well as regarding the tariff were passed by the committee. A compulsory eight-hour day is the main feature. Other provisions have to do with the minimum wage and child labor. The right to collective bargaining is forward in the guise of the right to organize.

Vote For Leader.

It was settled yesterday that balloting for the election of a new leader of Liberal party should begin at 7.30 this afternoon. Although the results cannot at present be foretold until the final ballot is announced, it looks like Fielding. Other contenders are in the race, all of them with generous and confident support.

The tariff plank in the platform was the subject of big debate yesterday and was adopted by large majority last night after a free trade amendment proposed by Premier Oliver of British Columbia, had been defeated and an amendment by J. A.

INDIGNANT OVER BIG FOOD COST

British Public Warns Government of Trouble Unless Pirates Are Curbed.

WARTIME RULE IS URGED

A RETURN TO STRICT REGULATION OF PRICES.

Is the Widespread Demand—Famine Prices Allowed to Prevail—Trouble is Anticipated Next Winter.

London, Aug. 7.—The food riots in Italy and agitations elsewhere on the continent are focusing attention on the continued increase in the prices of food and clothing in this country. Public feeling, judged by protesting letters to the press and the talk one hears in restaurants and private houses, is mounting to the point of extreme indignation.

Newspapers are devoting much space to the subject and warning the government that, unless it takes action to curb profiteering, trouble may be expected next winter. The government's recent announcement that its present modified food control would be continued, at least through the winter, does not appear to have appeased the public, and the demand is widely made for a return to the strict wartime regulations.

There is great discontent among small householders. One writes to a London paper complaining of higher prices demanded for eggs, milk and fruit and declaring that those who buy and sell seem to have gone mad in their "get-rich-quick" craze, and their impertinence in what they charge the public is something gross.

The same writer, discussing the "extortions on clothing," quotes the announcement made in the House of Commons the other day that the high price of woolen garments is not due to short supplies or government charges, and that the stocks of wool in this country are the greatest ever known.

"If that is so," the writer comments, "why are all woolen goods at famine prices, and why does a man's suit of clothes cost anything from eight to eighteen guineas (\$40 to \$90)? Why is the profiteering allowed?"

The Ministry of Munitions official who made the announcement regarding wool said that the bulk of the responsibility for the high prices of woolen goods lay between the dealer and the consumer, and the dealer. He said the government was considering action to prevent profiteering.

To Appoint a Court.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, Aug. 7.—Sir Auckland Geddes, minister of construction, announced yesterday to the House of Commons sitting as a committee enquiring into the high cost of living that it proposed to establish by central authority a court to deal with profiteering. He was asked whether an attempt would be made to make profiteers disgorge, and his reply was that question of prospective action is now under consideration. A tribunal to be suitable would have power to inflict punishment of six months imprisonment and a fine of \$1,000.

He said that there was some power in hands of the Government to deal with profiteering.

Paving in Belleville.

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NEWS IN BULLETIN.

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