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The Commons to Have Constitutional Battle on Political Situation

MONARCH COMPANY EXPECTS ORDERS FOR 22,000 BATTERIES

Already Has 12,000 Ordered For June Delivery--More Men to Be Employed--Mr. Cohen Engages Services of Mr. R. Craig, an Experienced Manager.

The Monarch Battery Company is looking forward to the year 1926 being the best on record. Mr. Isaac Cohen, head of the company, who returned from a business trip on Saturday, when interviewed by a representative of The Whig, stated that the company had orders on hand for delivery up until June next for twelve thousand batteries, and this week he expected to close another order for ten thousand, making a total of twenty-two thousand batteries to be made in Kingston during the winter and spring.

This will certainly be good news for Kingston, as it will mean employment for a large number of men. Mr. Cohen stated that with the increased business it will mean that it will be found necessary to operate the old plant on Ontario street as well as the new building, which was recently erected on Montreal street.

At the present time about \$1,500 is being paid out weekly in wages and this amount will be increased in the very near future as it will be necessary to obtain additional help. Mr. Cohen stated that for some time the company has been anxious to secure the services of a first class man who will supervise the manufacture, and he had been able to obtain the services of Mr. R. Craig, manager of the Hart Battery Company, who is to report for duty this week. Mr. Craig has had a great deal of experience and the Monarch Battery Company is very fortunate in obtaining his services.

When Mr. Cohen took over the Monarch Battery Company in 1923, only six hundred batteries were turned out that year. He immediately started to introduce his goods from the Atlantic to the Pacific, with the result that business started to increase in leaps and bounds, until at the present time about one hundred batteries are being shipped out of Kingston daily. This daily output will increase and the time is not far distant when the number will be two or three times as large. Mr. Cohen naturally feels keenly that the by-law for a fixed assessment on his new building was turned

down by the property owners in the municipal election, but he intends to go along as he has done in the past and try and make the Monarch Battery company one of Kingston's big industries. When talking about the by-law, Mr. Cohen said that when it was suggested the question be submitted to the ratepayers during the summer months, meaning a cost to the city of about \$500, he would not stand for the additional expense, and asked that the vote be taken at the same time as the municipal election.

Other Towns Want Company. Realizing that the Monarch Battery Company would be a good industry, Mr. Cohen has received some attractive offers from other towns to move the plant from Kingston. Only recently a deputation came down from Deseronto and offered Mr. Cohen a very large building suitable for manufacturing purposes for the sum of \$5,000 with free taxation.

Mr. Cohen stated that in view of the fact that the best part of the batteries which are shipped out of Kingston go to Toronto and points west, from an economical standpoint the plant should be located in Toronto. The company pays freight charges of about \$1,000 monthly, bringing material into Kingston, and with the plant in Toronto, two-thirds of this could be saved. A ton of lead is used daily and all this has to be brought to Kingston and then shipped out again.

The new plant, which was recently completed on Montreal street, is modern in every respect. The size of the building is 160x60 feet. It is the intention of the company to start operations in this building almost immediately.

When asked if the company intended to erect another building close to the new one, Mr. Cohen stated that he did not think so. His plans at the present time are to use the old building on Ontario street and also the new one. Car and radio batteries are turned out by this company. Last year the firm of T. Eaton Company, Toronto, bought six thousand batteries.

Rev. D. T. Lancaster Is Attacked In St. John's Church, Pittsburgh

A Sunday Episode in the Basement of That Church--Minister Found Number of Men and Boys Taking Furnace Pipes Down.

A charge for assault may arise out of a disturbance at St. John's Church, Pittsburgh, on Sunday. Rev. D. T. Lancaster heard a noise in the church about noon on Sunday after the service conducted by the Presbyterian congregation had concluded. The noise, Mr. Lancaster says, was so loud that he went over to the church to see what it was. He entered the basement of the church and saw about ten men and boys attempting to take the cold air pipes of the furnace apart. One man was shaking down the furnace. Mr. Lancaster says he stepped up and asked this man if he did not think he was carrying the matter too far. The man straightened up with the shaker in his hand, and Mr. Lancaster says that he thought the man intended to hit him, so he seized hold of the shaker. Another man came up, says Mr. Lancaster, and started to take off his coat to fight with him, but the man who had hold of the shaker pressed it over to someone else, and himself seized Mr. Lancaster by the throat. Then several more jumped into the fight, and carried Mr. Lancaster to the door of the cellar and threw him out.

Tried to Choke Him. The man who had originally at-

tacked him, said Mr. Lancaster, stuck with him when they were thrown out of the basement, and as he had him down on the ground, continued to choke him. At last he got up, and when Mr. Lancaster attempted to rise he struck at him several times, but did not land a blow. Mr. Lancaster says he himself, however, was able to hit out at least once in his own defence.

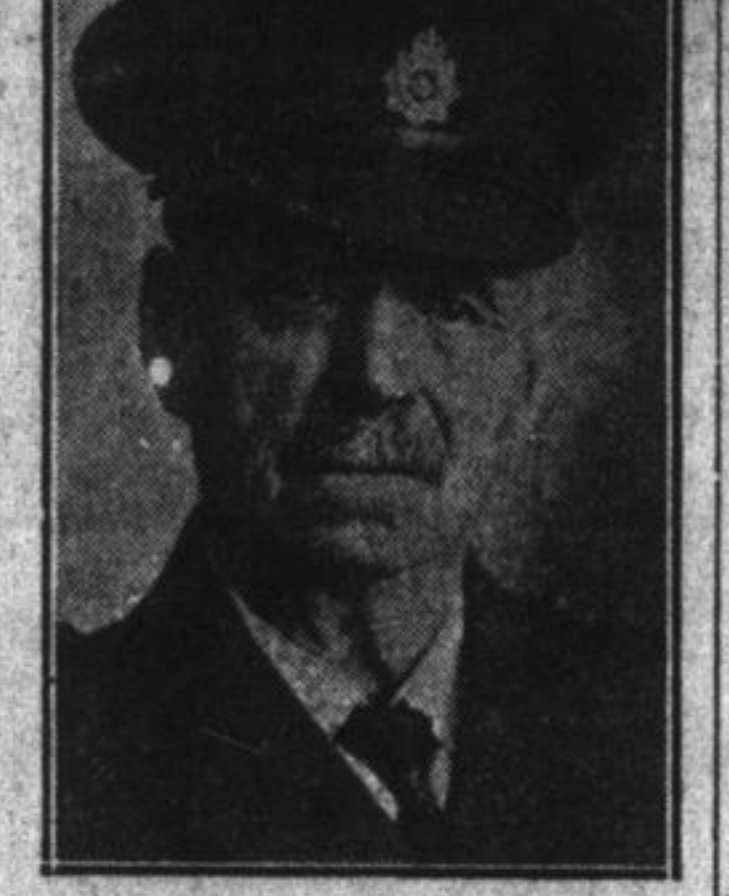
Mrs. Lancaster had seen the fracas from the manse, and ran out to try to help her husband. She told the men who were attacking him that they were cowards to pile on one man, and she ran between her husband and his assailant. She was seized by another man and taken out of the way.

In the afternoon, the sexton and one of the elders of the Unionist congregation attempted to repair the damage done to the pipes of the furnace, but they were only able to make a temporary job of it, owing to the extensive damage done. Mr. Lancaster said that when he went into the cellar he was told to "get to hell out of this."

Mr. A. E. Day, solicitor for Mr. Lancaster, when seen on Monday afternoon, would not say definitely that action for assault would be taken, but he did say that the parties were known and that there was a possibility of legal action.

M. J. KENNEDY IS PORTSMOUTH'S REEVE

Veteran Chosen by Acclamation at the Nominations of Monday.



REEVE-ELECT M. J. KENNEDY. Michael J. Kennedy had the honor of being elected reeve of Portsmouth, by acclamation, on Monday. The entire council was elected by acclamation as follows: Reeve—Michael J. Kennedy.

Councillors—W. B. Westlake, R. B. Cochrane, F. Hartrick, M. G. Johnston.

Public school board—W. Paupst, E. Kineaid, F. Clark. Mr. Michael Kennedy, who was elected reeve by acclamation, well deserved the honor. Mr. Kennedy was born in Portsmouth, and lived there all his life, having served as messenger at the penitentiary for over fifty-three years, and on the Portsmouth council, as a councillor, for twenty-four years. Mr. Kennedy, in an address after the nominations, stated that he was very much pleased to accept the honor, and he received many congratulations.

As the result of the nominations, all being by acclamation, there will be no elections in Portsmouth.

Loughboro Township. For reeve: Edward Sills, Frederick Sine, John Blake, Charles Truscott, W. M. Guthrie.

For councillors—W. M. Truesdale, Edward Lawrence, Charles Smith, John Stornes, W. M. Hobbs, Herbert Hofferly, J. W. Storms, Adam Davies, James Walker, W. E. Jaywalker, George Freeman.

Portland Township. For reeve—Edward Freeman, Bell Shea, Benjamin Revell, Fred Denison, Levi Storms, James Wallace.

The names of those nominated for councillors could not be learned up to press time although it was stated that twenty-six had been nominated.

The first complete dental clinic in an industrial establishment in Ontario is shortly to be opened in a large provincial plant employing more than 1000 men. Reports from Turkey state that the nation is inflamed by the Mosul award and may declare war.

CHAPMAN ALLOWED TO APPEAL AGAIN

Action by Court Automatically Prevents Execution Set for March 3.

New York, Dec. 28.—Gerald Chapman got permission Saturday to appeal from the adverse decision of Judge Edwin S. Thomas, of the United States court for the district of Connecticut, who on December 14 refused to grant Chapman a writ of habeas corpus and to order his return to the Atlanta penitentiary to serve the remainder of his 25-year federal sentence for the \$2,400,000 Leonard street mail robbery, before permitting Connecticut to hang him on March 3rd for the murder of Policeman James Skelly at New Britain.

RADIO DETHRONED QUEEN

King of Siam Objected to Ethereal Proclivities.

London, Dec. 28.—Devotion to radio caused the downfall of the Queen of Siam, according to a report received here. She was recently divorced and deposed by the King on the ground that she was "unfitted for her royal duties."

REV. DAVID H. HODGES DEAD

Presbyterian Pastor Passes in Renfrew After Operation. Ottawa, Dec. 28.—News has reached the city of the death in hospital at Renfrew, of Rev. David H. Hodges, a well-known Presbyterian pastor, who had spent the greater part of his life preaching in Ontario. Mr. Hodges was sixty-six years of age. Death followed an operation.

HORSE BETRAYS THIEVES

Stolen Racer Was Recognized and Arrests Followed. Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Thieves who ransacked the general store at Burritt's Rapids early Saturday made the mistake of commandeering a well known race horse, "Dolly D," and cutter from an adjoining stable to make their escape. A farmer, recognizing the animal, notified the police and as a result two young men, one from Toronto, were arrested near Ottawa.

Statue of Jules Verne at Amiens in Picardy was demolished by a falling tree in great storm.

ANOTHER EFFORT TO END COAL STRIKE

New York, Dec. 28.—Representatives of the anthracite operators and miners met in separate hotels here to-day to prepare the programmes for the joint meeting to-morrow when another effort will be made to reach a settlement of the controversy, which has stopped the output of hard coal since September 1st.

Struck by a C.N.R. train, near Kamloops, B.C., D. Potter, farmer, of Lewis Creek, was killed. Surgeons at London, Ont., hospital replaced a man's ear that was torn off in a motor accident.

A NEW POLICY OF MIGRATION IS EXPECTED

To Be Announced in the Speech From the Throne.

HON. VINCENT MASSEY Likely to Be Made Immigration Minister if Liberal Government Is Sustained.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—With the festive Christmas season over, attention is again directed to the opening of Parliament which will take place on January 7, a week from next Thursday. Parliament will be opened with all the pomp and ceremony of other days. Arrangements are being completed by the officials of the Senate and by the House of Commons for the opening of the first session of the fifteenth Parliament of Canada. This session promises not only to be the most interesting but the most momentous for the Liberal and Conservative parties since Confederation.

It is understood that the Speech from the Throne is completed and needs but to go to the King's Printer after a few changes have been made to be ready to be delivered by the Governor-General in the Senate. It is stated here that an important announcement will be made of a new immigration policy, which its framers state will be calculated to bring prosperity and thousands of immigrants once again to Canada.

It is believed here that if the Government is sustained on its first vote the Hon. Vincent Massey will be given the portfolio of Minister of Immigration and Colonization and will seek a constituency in Saskatchewan.

The opening speech for the Conservative party will be made by Right Hon. Arthur Meighen on Monday, January 11th, when officially he will present the views of his party which on the conclusion of his speech will be embodied in a motion of want of confidence in the Government.

Both parties have been delving deeply into the constitutional aspects of the present situation and a keen and strenuous battle will take place on this aspect of the present situation.

STRICT REGULATIONS FOR AUTOBUS DRIVERS

Quebec Legislature Enacts Special Provisions With Advent of Large-Scale Traffic. Montreal, Dec. 28.—With the advent of large-scale traffic of auto-buses on the streets of Montreal and on the highways of the province generally it is noted that special provisions for the regulations of such traffic have been enacted by the Legislature of Quebec. According to the provisions of the provincial motor law, all persons riding in an autobus must be seated, no more passengers being allowed in the vehicle than there are seats to accommodate them.

Other regulations declare that any person who is not in a state of intoxication must be admitted if there is a vacant seat. A passenger may be ejected who is intoxicated or who indulges in obscene language or acts in any manner objectionable to other passengers.

The special provisions, relating to autobus travel enacted by the Provincial Government are directed particularly to the chauffeur of the vehicle. The chauffeur of an autobus must be at least 21 years of age, must have demonstrated in a practical way to an authorized officer of the bureau that he is competent to drive an autobus; must be of sober habits; must abstain from smoking during the journey; must abstain from driving over 250 miles in 24 hours; must refuse to speak to the passengers, except when necessary to advise them of the movements of the vehicle, or for any urgent reason; must have enough space for his operations; must stop the autobus on the right side of the road which he is following, and not in the centre, to allow passengers on board or to leave the autobus, and must stop the autobus at railway crossings to ascertain whether they may be crossed without danger.

Princess Marries Again. New York, Dec. 28.—Princess Helen Viora is going to be married for the fourth time. She is engaged to Oscar M. Burke. As Helen Kelly she married Frank Jay Gould. Her second husband was Ralph E. Thomas, her third Prince Viora of Albania.

ZERO WEATHER TO USHER IN NEW YEAR.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Old man zero weather will usher in the new year, the U. S. weather bureau predicted in its weekly weather outlook. The outlook for the eastern two-thirds of the United States is generally "quite cold" and "much colder" for most of the week starting to-day. The frigid weather may let up a little by Friday, when 1926 comes in, for a few parts of the nation.

BRITAIN LOOKING TO 1926 WITH OPTIMISM

Outlook Bright Though a Few Rocks Still Ahead—Coal Biggest Problem. London, Dec. 28.—Though 1925 still has one week to run, England is already striking a balance for the year—she is totalling up her profit and loss and trying to guess what sort of a year 1926 will be.

Generally speaking, it may be said that there is a hopeful tendency in the prophecies of what the new year will bring to Great Britain. There is no ignoring of rocks ahead, however, and one worry hobbles up everywhere in the prophecies—worry as to the outcome of the coal crisis. Until the coal commission makes its report so prophetic about 1926 can be made, with confidence. And as the report is not due until February, the prophets are pussyfooting in their prognostications.

The impression prevails that better days are coming for British trade. This is especially true, according to the optimists, in the shipbuilding trade, which has been going through a period of extreme depression. Things look better also on the railways now than they did some time back. Peace reigns between employers and employees, following the recent wage award. But the pessimists warn that the railway peace is only a patched-up, temporary sort of thing. However, it is anyhow a peace, and the danger of a railway strike seems to have been averted.

Coal remains the great question mark in Great Britain as the old year merges into the new.

Unless the foreign power can bluff Feng Yu Hsiang it appears that Feng is in a position to overthrow all that remains of the old system, a system following lines of least resistance, yielding when yielding is necessary. The great body of working Chinese cares little about the issues. The foreigner is the one who worries. He has lost part of his business and unless Feng changes front entirely the foreigner has lost his protective treaties.

BRIAND SHOCKED AT RUSSO-TURKEY TREATY

He Declares That Tothitoherin Has Stabbed Him in the Back. Paris, Dec. 28.—The Russo-Turkish treaty signed a week ago is considered by French diplomats as Russia's first move to form a "League of Nations of Eastern Peoples," in the hope of counterbalancing the influence of the League of Nations at Geneva.

Premier Briand especially is greatly shocked that Tchitcherin, Russian commissar for foreign affairs, and Ruchtem Bey, the Turkish diplomat, whom Briand received only last week, have "stabbed him in the back," after assuring him of friendly co-operation to establish the peace of Europe.

COMMONS TO DECIDE THE HURON ELECTION

Col. O. M. Biggar Remembers No Precedent for the Unusual Situation. Toronto, Dec. 28.—Col. O. M. Biggar, chief electoral officer for Canada, expects that the House of Commons will give the formal and final decision as to whether G. W. King, Progressive, or George Spotton, Conservative, is the elected member for the constituency of North Huron, according to a statement published in a local paper. In the case of North Huron, Mr. King was at first declared elected. In a recount, County Judge Lewis rejected a number of ballots to which a deputy returning officer had left counterfoils attached, and declared Mr. Spotton the successful candidate. Mr. Spotton was officially gazetted as member.

In the meantime Mr. Justice Wright ordered a reversal of the declaration of Judge Lewis regarding the counterfoils, and Mr. King was again declared elected. "It is an unusual situation, and I do not remember any precedent," said Colonel Biggar. "That situation is somewhat analogous to the old days when there used to be what was known as the double return. When there was a tie as a result of any election the names of both candidates would be returned to the House, and there, the decision would be made. Now, of course, the returning officer casts the deciding vote."

CAT BETRAYED BURGLARS

Animal's Antics Summoned Winnipeg Police to Scene. Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 28.—The strange antics of a cat in a store window attracted the attention of four police officers Christmas night. Entering the store, they found two men, one hiding under a pile of sacks. The man had a complete set of burglar's tools.

One Hundred on Christmas. St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 28.—John Daley celebrated Christmas by observing his 100th birthday anniversary. Eight of his nine children and 21 grandchildren were at his party.

FOUR MEN FROZEN TO DEATH IN CHICAGO

The Cold Wave Caused Other Deaths and Much Damage by Fire.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Astronomers, with their eyes on sun spots and other polar phenomena, and weather prophets who recently warned of the bitter cold weather the latter part of December, have seen their predictions come true. The cold weather, directly or indirectly, caused thirteen deaths in Chicago, while the mid-west metropolis saw more than a million dollars' worth of property destroyed by fire. In two days five hundred alarms were answered here. The fatalities included four men found frozen to death in the streets.

Three deaths occurred at various points in Ohio and three in Kentucky, with other casualties distributed as follows: New York City, Rensselaer, N.Y., and Baltimore, two each; Philadelphia, Worcester, Mass., Yonkers, N.Y., and Toronto, one each.

Four fatalities occurred in Toronto over the week-end. The dead are Henry Robinson, Michael B. Orara, William Graham and George Connell.

A New York jewellery store was stripped of valuables, worth \$100,000, by hold-up men.

Buzz saw which broke in the yard of his home beheaded a farmer at Geneva, N.Y.

Burglars Enter House But Are Frightened Off When Burglar Alarm Suddenly Went Off

During Saturday night burglars forced an entrance into the home of W. H. Herrington, barrister, 35 Centre street, but in doing so set off a burglar alarm and were apparently frightened away before they had a chance to ransack the house. There was no person in the house at the time, Mr. and Mrs. Herrington being in Napanee, and when the police arrived at the house, there was no sign of the prowlers.

The entrance was gained by smashing the glass in the back door and snapping the catch on the lock on the inside. In doing this, the burglars accidentally started the burglar alarm in action and hearing the noise, evidently lost no time in getting away from the house. There was nothing touched in the home.

The matter is now being investigated by the police. The modern burglar alarm was the means of frustrating what might have been a big robbery.

WHEAT PRICES AGAIN ADVANCE SHARPLY

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—Sharp advances were scored when the wheat market opened after the holidays closing period-to-day, ranging from 5 1/2 to 7 1/2 cents. May future touched the high point at \$1.67.

WHEAT PRICES JUMPED.

Reached Highest Level This Season on Chicago Market. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 28.—Wheat prices jumped more than five cents a bushel Saturday to the highest level this season. May sold at above \$1.75, and December above \$1.30. Reports of fresh damage to crops in Argentina were at hand, and talk also was current that mills in the United States have as a rule no more than a sixty day supply of wheat in their elevators.

For a market during the holidays, wheat developed surprising activity. Persistent buying of houses with eastern connections was a feature. There was also much buying of future deliveries that was apparently for European account.

According to reports, rains in southern and central Argentina were bringing about further harmful conditions at a critical time for the wheat crop there, and were delaying the harvest.

Prince M. C. Murat, Russian, who lives in Paris, was arrested on three charges of theft.