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CONSERVATIVE ELEMENT WIN BY GOOD LEAD

England's New House of Commons Will Have Majority of Conservatives

WOMEN WIN AGAINST A HEAVY CAMPAIGN

Election Returns Bear No Great Surprises to that Country Since Retirement of Lloyd George.

LONDON, Nov. 16. — Conservatives seem certain to have a majority over all other parties in the new House of Commons. It was announced at 4 o'clock this afternoon that 305 Conservatives had been elected.

The numbers necessary for a majority is 298 and there were 104 divisions still to be heard from.

The second woman to be returned to the new House of Commons, Lady Astor being first, was Mrs. Margaret Wintlingham, present member for the south division of Lincolnshire.

No Great Surprises.

There has been no great surprise. The Conservatives are leading all the other parties combined. The Labor members elected thus far are less than half the number of Conservatives, but more than both selections of the Liberal party.

The returns are regarded by students of politics as a fair gauge of Labor's strength as compared with the other parties. Great gains by Labor in the country districts are not expected.

The Liberals are doing rather better than was expected. The combined factions of the Liberal party, which may decide to work together in the next house, bid fair to exceed 120, unless the country voters turn in unexpected directions.

Asquith Has Small Margin.

Comparatively few of the party leaders were among those whose fate was decided Thursday night. Former Premier Asquith was elected by a narrow margin.

One surprise on the bulletin boards was the election of a Liberal for Oxford, where in both towns and university the Liberals have been in the wilderness for many years.

Lady Astor comes back to the house from Plymouth despite the strong campaign made against her because of her attitude on the liquor question. She had practically the same support she commanded in the first election.

DOUBLE MURDER CASE TO JURY

Nationwide Interest Centers in Double Tragedy at New Brunswick, N. J.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Nov. 16. — Conviction of all actual investigation of the Hall-Mills murder by the county and state prosecutor Wednesday night indicated that the authorities were practically ready to present to the Somerset grand jury Monday the full story of the slaying of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills. James S. Dunham, a piano dealer, was questioned for a short time in regard to a statement which he made recently that "this murder case is coming to a startling conclusion." Special Detective Mason would make no comment of this inquiry.

Detective Mason also questioned Miss Florence North, at one time attorney for Charlotte Mills, in regard to the letters and diary of the slain woman which she sold to a newspaper. It was said they arrived at "no satisfactory understanding."

Timothy N. Pfeiffer, attorney for Mrs. Hall, has questioned several neighbors of Mrs. Jane Gibson, state's alleged eye witness, in an effort to learn more fully her movements on the night of September 14. He took this step after it was reported that the authorities placed little value on the affidavit obtained by him from Mrs. Nellie Russell, stating that Mrs. Gibson was at her home at the hour she claims to have witnessed the murders.

City Commission Meets and Passes Ordinance

Several matters of importance came before the La Grande City commission, composed of Sherwood Williams, C. J. Black and Dr. H. S. Brownlow, who met in the city hall last evening in their regular meeting.

A. T. Hill and Norman Frees, forming a committee representing the Presbyterian church, asked that some concessions be made in regard to assessments on the church property relative to improvements. The matter was laid over until next meeting pending investigation.

The proposition to install an arc

light at the corner of U and Pine streets was not acted upon pending readjustment of the conditions by the electric light company.

Ordinance Passed. An ordinance, dealing with the issuing of bonds for District 119, at Second and N streets, was passed. The street has recently been improved and the bond issue is now accepted.

Several other matters were attended to including the city manager's weekly report, the reading and filing of the official vote on the city measures and candidates at the election held on November 7.

LA GRANDE TO INVADE UNION ON SATURDAY

First Stringers, Weakened By Injuries, Have Hard Battle; Third Team is to Play Union Seconds.

La Grande high school is going to invade Union Saturday. Its "invaders" will mean trouble. Coach "Skeet" Reynolds is taking 25 football men to the sister city and is planning on using every one of them. Two games are scheduled, a first team game and a game between Union's seconds and La Grande's thirds. Incidentally, the L. H. S. student body is going over early on Monday to urge their grid heroes to victory.

The first team is nearly a thing of the past, at least so far as Saturday is concerned. Clifford Alstott, captain of the team and All Eastern Oregon tackle for two years, cannot play on account of his father's death. Sherwood is ineligible due to his school work. G. Metcalf is on the sick list and will be unable to play, and Tige Larson, La Grande's star fullback, is out on account of injuries. With four of the best men of the team unable to play, whether La Grande can defeat the Union is a question.

"Skeet" Hopeful.

"Skeet" is hopeful of a victory but is not certain by any means and expects the game to be close. The team that will take the field against the Maroon and White will probably be: Smith, temporary captain and center; H. Garret and Hummel, guards; Hart and McArthur, tackles; Leonard and Bickland, ends; E. Metcalf of Lynch, quarterback; C. Garret and Jacobson, halfbacks; and "Bull" Montana, alias Howard Kerr, fullback.

The team will present a fair line, flanked with the regular ends but in the backfield come and possibly two regulars will be in. With practically a new aggregation it is a question whether they will work together or just how fast and smooth they will go.

La Grande's Hopeful.

Unless Union is beaten, La Grande will be eliminated from all claims to the championship but at present their claim is the best. Not a team remains undefeated in Eastern Oregon, and La Grande, at the rate she is going, should snow under the remaining teams on her schedule unless injuries cripple the team to a large extent. In a total of five games, including the clash with the Abundant, the local team has registered 151 points against their opponents' 27, or an average of about 30 points per game. Their overwhelming defeat of Baker strengthened their championship claim enormously.

All-Star Aggregation.

The preliminary game of the scheduled double-header, to be started at 1:30 o'clock, between the Union seconds and the La Grande third team, is likely to be a battle royal. Inasmuch as the 11th and White teams defeated Union's second team 7 to 0 two weeks ago, "Skeet" re-created a third team and has them ready and rarin' to go. They have been christened the "All Stars," probably because they are so good looking, and they say they are going to live up to the moniker.

The team will be composed of Glenn, center; Stager and Steinbeck, guards; Trill and Geddes, tackles; Chandler, Hough, Krause, Snaodgrass and Huckleberry Pina Stoddard, ends; Doyle, Zimmerman, quarterback; Hughes and Lockman, halfbacks; and Webb, fullback. Fatima Peterson will be the general utility man. Quite a mobile bunch, all in all.

What the third team can do is not known, as they have been out to practice only since Tuesday and will have but four days to get together and get going. But they will be full of fight and promise the Unionites a good, human sized battle.

All La Grande is expecting to take a close two-fight struggle and all who wish to see the 25 husky, vicious, thrill loving, handsome, sons of the football and to action, should be sure to arrive at the Stock Show grounds at Union at 1:30 o'clock sharp.

OPERATED ON NOTED AUTHOR

LONDON, Nov. 16. — Rudyard Kipling, noted author, underwent an operation yesterday. This announcement followed published statements that he was ill in a private hospital and that it might be necessary for him to undergo a somewhat serious operation.

DEBTS OF Y PAID IN FULL BOARD HAPPY

Man in the East Aids Drive With a Thousand Dollar Contribution.

There was a smile of satisfaction on the face of every member of the Y. M. C. A. directors last night when President Albert Hunter of the board uttered the familiar words preceding a dinner—"Gentlemen, be seated." It was a gathering of the board to enjoy a chicken dinner at the closing of what might very properly be called a perfect Y campaign in which sufficient funds had been raised to absorb all outstanding floating debts putting it on a strictly cash basis. The only remaining indebtedness is that on the building of a few thousand dollars.

Year after year there had been an overlapping debt which had reached quite good sized proportions. This handicap was not only felt by the board of directors, but also by Mr. Pryke and everyone connected with the institution. Sometime ago, although it was realized that drives for any purpose are intensely unpopular, it was decided to try and raise sufficient funds to wipe out the floating debts. The board gave the matter a lot of study and when the hour seemed the darkest, a man residing in the east who has a very warm spot in his heart for La Grande and her institutions stated that he was open to a proposition from the Y. M. C. A. board. A proposition was framed whereby the gentleman residing in the east agreed to donate \$1000 provided the board would raise locally \$1500 and the combined total would take care of all back indebtedness and put the Y on a cash basis. The campaign started and it went with a lot of energy closing earlier than had been expected with success, and more than success in funds raised.

The dinner last evening was the closing event of the campaign. Directors reviewed the entire situation with much pleasure. Reports of the drive committees were read, the treasurer's report and the secretary's report were also read, and a resolution was unanimously adopted giving earnest and sincere thanks to the party whose kindness and generosity made it possible for La Grande's Y. M. C. A. to take her place alongside of other paid-up institutions in the city.

Following the dinner Mr. Pryke had a number of children who are regular "customers" of the Y. M. C. A. go through the different drills and the work which he is giving them. The future plans of the institution were discussed and the event was one of the most pleasant the board has ever experienced in its work.

LIVESTOCK MARKET

PORTLAND, Nov. 16. — Cattle were about steady, hogs and sheep steady, eggs firm and scarce and butter was steady.

Fire Department Has a Busy Afternoon; 2 Fires

Two fires, both of a serious nature, occurring within the short space of three hours and twenty minutes, kept the La Grande fire department busy yesterday afternoon. The first call came at 2:35 p. m. and proved to be a fire in the interior of the Grande Ronde Meat company and the second call came at 5:50 p. m. and resulted in the extinguishing of a fire at E. Workman's residence.

The first conflagration, at the old "brewery" now used as a site for the Grande Ronde Meat company, a wholesale concern, was the result of wood piled too close to the furnace. The fire gained headway

and burned about the air shaft. The blaze was hard to get at and about an hour passed before it was extinguished. The actual damage, unless it will be necessary to tear down the cupola, is small.

The fire at E. Workman's residence, 1517 Madison, burned practically all of the shingles from the roof and the water damage amounted to considerable. A workman was boring a hole through a timber in the roof and struck a nail. Upon lighting a match to see where the nail was, the dry roof caught fire. The fire was quickly put out and the damage amounted to probably \$250. Whether the loss was covered by insurance is not known.

OLCOTT ISSUES PROCLAMATION

Governor Calls Upon All Oregon People to Give Thanks and Asks Them to Overcome Rancor and Hatred.

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 16. — That Thanksgiving day may be a period of peace and forgiveness on which the people of Oregon may set aside forever any ill-timed rancor, and that the people may remember that the true spirit of America glazes from a spring deeper than the superficial flow of factionalism or shallow feud, is the sentiment embodied in the Thanksgiving proclamation of Governor Ben W. Olcott.

The proclamation follows: In accordance with annual custom and following the suggestion of the president of the United States, Oregon again will lay aside her busy cares for a day, to render thanks for the manifold blessings bestowed by an omniscient Creator.

For all of those blessings, for our prosperity; for our resources; for our rugged and our bewitching scenery; for brave and true hearts in men and women, freely may we pour our full hearts of thanks, as God has been bountiful, indeed.

But may we also ask that this be a day of peace and forgiveness. That it may be a day on which the people set aside forever any ill-timed rancor, if such may exist. That the people of the state may remember above all that all are brothers and sisters, fellow Americans. That they may remember the true spirit of America glazes from a spring deeper than the superficial flow of factionalism or shallow feud.

May it be a day of thanksgiving on which we all raise our voices in unison, remembering the time honored injunction that we read the same Bible and worship the same God.

Hours of tribulation and trial are (Continued on Page Eight.)

KILLED WITH HAMMER SAYS JURY TODAY

Mrs. Clara Phillips Convicted of Murder in the Second Degree

SENTENCE TO BE GIVEN MONDAY

From Ten Years to Life Imprisonment is the Possible Punishment for Crime, According to Statute.

(By Associated Press.)

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 16. — A verdict of murder in the second degree was returned by a jury at 10:25 this morning against Mrs. Clara Phillips. She was charged with beating Mrs. Albert A. Meadows to death with a hammer. Sentence will be imposed Monday, the penalty being imprisonment from ten years to a life sentence.

Mrs. Meadows' mutilated body was found alongside the road on the outskirts of Los Angeles on the twelfth day of last July. Twenty-four hours later Mrs. Phillips' husband told the sheriff his wife confessed she had attacked Mrs. Meadows and was on her way to El Paso. She was arrested at Tucson. Mrs. Phillips claimed Mrs. Meadows admitted intimacy with her husband. Insanity defense was also introduced at the trial.

ARMOUR GIVES MERGER PLANS

J. Ogden Armour Confers With Attorney General Daugherty and Secretary Wallace Yesterday.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16. — Government officials and Mr. Armour continued conferences today over the proposed consolidation of the Armour interests with the Morris packing company, and therefore create the largest packing concern in the country. Definite decision by the government as to whether the merger is within the law was expected today.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16. — J. Ogden Armour, head of the Chicago meat packing house of Armour & Co., presented Wednesday to Attorney General Daugherty and Secretary Wallace of the department of agriculture, presumably for government approval, a proposal for merging, through purchase, the physical assets of another of the "Big Five" national packing houses with Armour & Co. Which of the concerns the Armour organization proposes to absorb was not disclosed, although both Wilson & Co., of the packing group, have been mentioned in connection with the plan. Officials concerned refrained entirely from expressing comment or opinion in the matter.

Armour Is Silent.

Mr. Armour Wednesday night likewise declined to make any statement, except that he intended to remain in Washington for another day. It was assumed that a desire to determine the legality of such a merger, in advance of taking any steps to complete it, had led to the consultation with officials.

Secretary Wallace, after his conference with Mr. Armour and several associates who accompanied him to Washington, issued a statement saying he had expressed no opinion upon the Armour plan, and it was indicated that Attorney General Daugherty had likewise withheld decision, although immediate consideration was promised for it.

Similar to Steel Approaches.

Somewhat similar approaches have been made to the government recently by heads of independent steel corporations contemplating merger, but Mr. Wallace's statement indicated that the packing industry, because of the existence of special legislation providing for its specific regulation by the federal government, stood in a different position.

Mr. Wallace did point out in his statement, however, which was issued after a visit to him by J. Ogden Armour, head of Armour & Co., that the new packers and stockyards set which is being administered by the department makes it unlawful for any packer to attempt to manipulate or control prices or create a monopoly.

THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, Nov. 16. — Tonight and Friday rain in northern portion of state, fair in southern portion with southeasterly winds.

THE BUSY MAN'S NEWSPAPER

