

RECOUNTS HELD

Ferguson Retains 5th Kings With Margin Cut To 5 Votes

By NEIL MATHESON

Liberal George J. Ferguson, Murray River, nosed out PC James McConnell, Georgetown, in the recount for Fifth Kings yesterday, but not before the Georgetown man had thrown a scare into Liberal ranks. The final count was 693 for Mr. Ferguson, 688 for Mr. McConnell. Judge J.S. DesRoches, who conducted the recount in the court house at Georgetown, had warned prior to the start of proceedings, that he did not want to hear of any time during the day any reference to one man being so many votes ahead, etc., as the recount of ballots progressed.

So there was no talk of that sort of thing, but mostly everyone in the court room was mentally checking the margins through most of the day. This was particularly true in mid-afternoon when Mr. McConnell had closed the gap to three votes between himself and the Murray River Liberal. Mr. Ferguson had nine votes to the good when the recount got underway at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Yesterday's trend in favor of the Government candidate — Mr.

McConnell in this case — reverses the long established tradition that recounts always react in favor of the opposition candidate, regardless of what party is in power.

Prior to yesterday's proceedings there was a strongly held belief that Arthur MacDonald, Liberal, would definitely win in the recount he has applied for in his Fifth Kings seat where PC Dr. J.C. Sinnott finished with a victory margin of one vote on election night. Last evening Liberals were not nearly so sure. Indeed several leading Liberals were very much in doubt about their party's chance to win this seat, where victory would give them a 16-14 margin in the 30 seats decided in the general election of May 30. Leading party strategists were figuring this would give them a definite advantage in the deferred election in First Kings on July 11. The idea was that they could go into Eastern Kings and tell the voters "we're the only party with a chance of forming a government."

That could possibly still happen, but the likelihood of it happening that way got a decided

boost when the trend of yesterday's recount indicated that deputy returning officers through the district apparently leaned over backward to be fair in many more cases, than their generosity erred on the side of their own party candidate. Returning officers are named by the government party, in this case the PCs.

STRANGE MARKINGS

One of the interesting arguments yesterday developed over strange markings on many of the ballots in the Georgetown East poll. Mr. Ferguson's ballots were counted first and PC agents naturally contended that this extra mark on a ballot, in addition to the X placed after the candidate's name, invalidated the ballot.

Judge DesRoches did not agree, but he did put to one side all of the ballots that were so marked. When the Ferguson envelope was completed, there was a pile of 14 such ballots. Judge DesRoches ruled that the ballots were legally marked, suggesting there evidently is a pattern in this poll. "I don't think it is done deliberately."

When the ballots for Mr. McConnell were counted there were 37 with similar markings, for a total of 51 for both candidates. The same pattern did not show up in any of the other polls.

There were changes made in all but two polls. These were Gaspereaux and Cambridge. Mr. McConnell gained two votes in Annandale poll on ballots that had been put into the "rejected" list on election night by the deputy returning officer.

BALLPOINT PEN

Mr. Ferguson lost two votes in the Woodville Mills poll. One had the 'X' placed in front of his name, and slightly beneath; the new act definitely says the mark should be "in the space following the name." The other (Continued on page 3, col. 1)

SOURT CHANGES

C. W. Carter (L-Burn-Burgeo) asked Mr. Teillet to consider changes in the regulations concerning civilian war allowances so that greater numbers of Newfoundland Foresters could qualify. The regiment's military contributions came before the province joined Canada.

Other regulations on length of service disallowed certain First World War veterans from allowances and he said to cover all survivors of that war in Canada at most would cost some 7,000,000 annually and likely only half that amount because many would have earnings above the ceiling.

Henri Laluppe (Creditiste-Compton-Frontenac) called for increased pensions for Hong Kong veterans. He said they suffered atrocities at the hands of their Japanese captors and are entitled to fair compensation.

FEEL INJUSTICE

"These men feel a sense of deep injustice," said Mr. Diefenbaker. Many were pushed over the income ceiling when they began receiving the \$75-a-month old age pension.

Mr. Diefenbaker appealed to Veterans Affairs Minister Teillet to do something effective. The Commons adjourned before the minister could reply.

H. W. Herridge (NDP-Koonenay West), who wears a glove to cover a First World War wound, praised the department for having "pioneered in the development of artificial limbs."

A. B. Patterson (SC-Fraser Valley) urged further study of

Chicago Police Remain On Alert

CHICAGO (AP)—Police carried their cluster-busting strategy into a second night Wednesday night in efforts to maintain peace in a riot-torn Puerto Rican district.

Whenever groups of residents gathered on sidewalks, police moved quickly to disperse them, hoping to keep large mobs from taking shape.

Doubling Of N.B. Sales Tax Met With Stiff Opposition

FREDERICTON — A government proposal to raise the three per cent sales tax to six per cent ran into stiff opposition in the New Brunswick Legislature Wednesday.

Provincial Secretary J.E. LeBlanc said the average expenditure annually on clothing and footwear for children is \$63.82. The government is proposing a rebate of \$4 per year for young people up to 18 years of age, estimating that increasing living costs will boost the average expenditure to between \$67 and \$70.

Seaway Talks Will Continue

OTTAWA (CP)—Mediation talks in the St. Lawrence Seaway dispute adjourned unexpectedly Wednesday and were due to resume at 10 a.m. EDT today with a strike deadline only 26 hours away.

Senator Norman MacKenzie, the federal mediator, told reporters that non-monetary issues had been cleared away and both sides had been given extra time to prepare their arguments on the wage question.

Vancouver Man Has Fear Good Chance He'll Hang

VANCOUVER (CP)—Roger Allan Fulton, 25, believes there is a strong possibility he will walk down death row, through the "green door" leading to an abandoned elevator shaft and be hanged.

He says there is nothing he can do about it.

Fulton is a murderer who believes in capital punishment in certain cases—but not his.

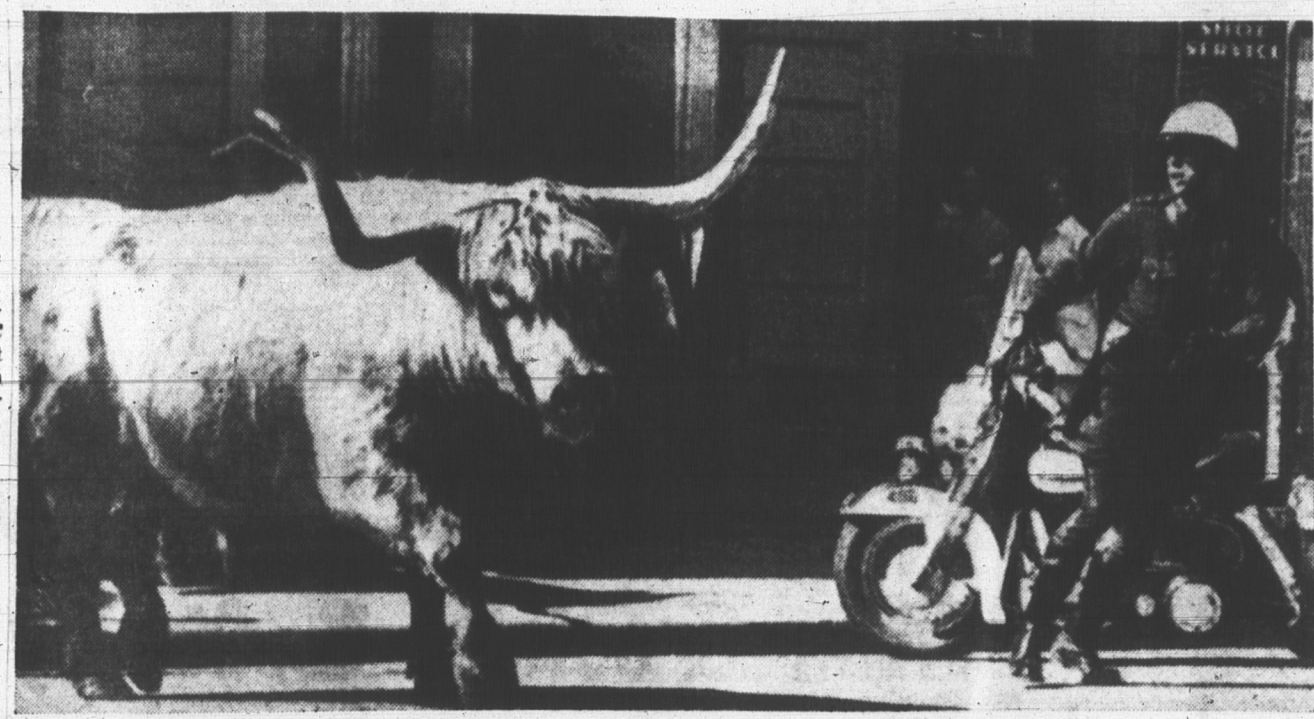
He regrets his fatal shooting of Jan Kelderman, father of four, during an armed holdup in May, 1965, but he is not sure the federal cabinet will be any more impressed than were 11 of the 12 on the jury which convicted him of capital murder last October.

The Supreme Court of Canada this week refused to grant him a new trial.

He is due to be hanged Aug. 9 unless the cabinet grants him clemency and the federal ministers must take into account that

deliberately slay Kelderman during a one-man robbery of a trust company which netted him \$2,000.

Last Effort Settlement Averts Air Lines Strike



Wilson Fails In New Bid To Strikers

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Wilson apparently failed Wednesday night in a new attempt to get leaders of Britain's striking seamen to promise an early end to their walkout under a compromise agreement.

Wilson made an appeal to the nine-man negotiating committee of the National Union of Seamen, summoned to his office in a last-minute move before using the emergency powers granted the government by Parliament.

After a two-hour parley at 10 Downing Street, William Hogarth, union secretary general, said he is not optimistic that his executive committee will vote for peace when it meets today.

He said it is unlikely any decision for or against continuing the tie-up, now in its 32nd day, would be known before Friday.

Later, Wilson talked to the shipowners in his efforts to bring agreement on the seamen's demands for more pay and shorter working hours.

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

Const. Louis Gaal leaps into action Wednesday as one of two escaped Highland steers makes an about-face on downtown 8th Avenue, S.W. in Calgary. The steer and his partner then trotted into a furniture store, scattering customers, and were roped in an alley after carefully picking their way through the store aisles. They had escaped from the Calgary Stampede Grounds. (CP Wirephoto)

Japanese Newsmen Here To Do Green Gables Story

Proving again the fascination of Anne of Green Gables for the people of all the world, Kazuo Tatsuno, Japan, newspaper Asahi Shimbun, has come to this province to prepare a special feature for his paper's 5,000,000 readers.

His newspaper has been running a series of articles entitled "Journeys With Classical Literature" and its writers have journeyed to many parts of the world preparing features on such authors as Dostoyevsky, Stendahl, Synge and Sir Arthur Conan-Doyle.

Mr. Tatsuno has recently travelled up the Orinoco River in the wilds of Venezuela for his last assignment dealing with H. W. Hudson's "Green Mansions". Now assigned to the New York Bureau of his paper, Mr. Tatsuno was selected for the task of interpreting Anne in her native setting for his readers and providing them with background material on places, persons and events relating to the work of Lucy Maud Montgomery.

He is accompanied by his interpreter, Miss Mitsue Sato, a psychology graduate of a Tokyo university. She believes she has read every one of the Anne books "and anything else by



KAZUO TATSUNO
Montgomery I can get my hands on." Both visitors remarked on the tremendous interest in Japan in the Anne books and a desire for greater knowledge about the place where they were written.

Since arriving here Mr. Tatsuno has been in touch with George V. Fraser, director of the Travel Bureau, and with the

Nine Asian, Pacific Nations Form Non-Military Group

SEOUL (AP)—Nine Asian and Pacific nations, banded together in a new non-military association called ASPAC, weighed today a final communique on Viet Nam and a denunciation of nuclear tests.

Informants said all participants in the three-day ministerial conference were agreed on mentioning the Vietnamese war, but there was disagreement on wording.

A majority, headed by the Philippines, South Viet Nam and South Korea, was said to favor a strong statement on behalf of South Viet Nam. Others, led by Japan, favored a mild statement.

There appeared no disagreement over the denunciation of nuclear testing, which will apply to both China and France. France plans tests in the Pacific.

Foreign Minister Thanat Khoman of Thailand said the new association will be "informal" and "will require no treaty. They the founders denied that they

Hong Kong Braces For New Storm

More rain is reported on the way toward this sodden, battered British colony where last weekend's rains were feared to have claimed more than 80 victims.

A storm set off new landslides and flooding Wednesday. Sheets of rain renewed the pounding of Hong Kong's 4,000,000 inhabitants, with nearly an inch falling in 10 minutes. Much of the reconstruction work since Sunday's deluge was flattened.

Latest official figures placed the death toll at 55. Nine other persons were presumed dead and 18 listed as missing. The total of injured stood at 71.

Food prices continued to soar, with a tripling in the cost of vegetables, and a water shortage on Hong Kong island caused by damaged mains, pumps and filtration plants at reservoirs added to the problems of the hard-pressed authorities.

Collector Has Special VC

TORONTO (CP)—A Victoria Cross presented to the winner personally by Queen Victoria has come into the hands of Toronto collector Albert Rosen.

He said it was turned over to him by a man he would identify only as a former Vancouverian who was an RCAF officer in the Second World War and who now is broke.

He said the man refused an offer of \$2,000 for it and stipulated it be sold to someone who will return it to the Black Watch Regiment headquarters in Glasgow. It was presented in 1874-18 years after the award was instituted — to L-Sgt. Samuel McGaw for gallantry in battle.

Parliament At A Glance

By THE CANADIAN PRESS WEDNESDAY, June 15, 1966

Labor Minister Nicholson told the Commons he hoped for settlement of a strike by Air Canada ground staff employees before the midnight deadline for the walkout.

Mediation talks on the scheduled strike by St. Lawrence Seaway workers at noon Friday broke off with the deadline only 26 hours away.

Senator Norman MacKenzie, federal mediator, said only wage issues remain to be resolved in the contract dispute.

The Supreme Court of Canada ordered a new trial for former Liberal MP convicted of perjury in 1964.

Walkout Had Been Ordered

MONTREAL (CP)—A strike of 1,453 sales employees of Air Canada that threatened to ground the airline at midnight has been averted by a last-minute settlement, a spokesman for the airline said early today.

"We understand" agreement has been achieved," the spokesman said.

Neither side had made any comment on the progress of negotiations as the talks continued up to the strike deadline.

Details of the agreement were not immediately available. The Sales Employees Association, which represents passenger agents, switchboard and communications operators — sought a two-year contract providing for yearly 10-per-cent pay increases and a 37½-hour week.

The airline offered a 15-per-cent increase over a 15-month period.

Air Canada sales clerks currently earn a minimum of \$64.70 a week, increasing to \$109.49 after 5½ years of service.

Earlier Wednesday night in Toronto, an association spokesman said members had given the "green light" to strike at midnight unless told otherwise before the deadline.

Quebec Longshoremens Call New Contract 'Fabulous'

MONTREAL (CP)—Quebec's 450 longshoremens, who have been tying up millions of dollars worth of goods in three St. Lawrence River ports since May 9, will be back on the job today.

In Montreal Wednesday a mass meeting of cheering longshoremens voted to accept the terms of a settlement reached in Ottawa under the personal mediation of Prime Minister Pearson. A Montreal I.L.A. spokesman said the men will be on the job at 8 a.m., ending the 39-day strike.

Later Wednesday, Quebec City's 450 longshoremens voted unanimously to accept the settlement and return to work today.

Longshoremens at Trois-Rivières, who voted Sunday night to accept an offer made by the Shipping Federation of Canada, began work at 8 a.m. Wednesday.

Jean-Paul Walsh, president of the Quebec I.L.A. local, called the settlement "a fabulous contract."

Quebec longshoremens will have wage parity with their 3,500 fellow-workers in Montreal for the first time. Formerly salaries were 10 cents an hour less than those paid in Montreal.

In brief, the contract gives longshoremens a pay increase of 40 cents retroactive to Jan. 1, 1966, plus an additional 15 cents an hour beginning Jan. 1, 1967.

and 25 cents an hour more after May 1, 1967.

Quebec longshoremens will get 10 cents above this to bring their wages to parity with those paid in Montreal, who received an average basic rate of \$2.53 in the old contract.

According to other terms work gangs—a main point of contention between the federation and the union—are not to be reduced until the contract ends Jan. 1, 1968.

Ont. Farmers Demonstrate

ST. MARYS, Ont. (CP)—More than 65 farmers with tractors concentrated in this southwestern Ontario town Wednesday morning and paraded the 20 miles along Highway 7 between Elginfield and Stratford.

The farmers were demonstrating their opposition to low milk prices.

The farmers want negotiations with the Ontario government on an established \$4 a hundredweight price for milk.

Complaints have been that the \$4 price is "on paper only" and that a 75-cent subsidy from the government is not forthcoming. In addition, 30 cents is deducted for trucking charges and farmers shipping lower grades of milk receive as much as 10 cents less in their cheques.

Home Destroyed At Kelvin Grove

SUMMERSIDE — Fire broke out shortly before midnight last night destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Webster, Kelvin Grove, some eight miles from here.

Mr. Webster said he awoke and smelled smoked. When he went downstairs in the storey and a half frame dwelling he found fire around the back door. Its origin was unknown.

In the house in addition of Mr. and Mrs. Webster were their three children and a maid. All escaped without injury.

Firemen were called from Kensington and Summerside but were unable to save the building. A brisk wind was blowing. There was no estimate of the amount of the loss, partially covered by insurance.

Accused Robber Flees From Montreal Police

MONTREAL (CP)—Andre Daoust, 25, who figured in the Quebec Provincial Police's first 10-most-wanted men list last year before his capture in October, escaped from custody Wednesday while in a hospital for treatment.

Daoust was awaiting trial on two charges of armed robbery, conspiracy and possession of offensive weapons. Police describe him as dangerous.

Police said Daoust had been brought to the hospital for treatment to a cut hand. Shortly after he arrived with two guards he was given permission to go to a washroom in the emergency ward, they said.

An accomplice was waiting in the washroom and while he held the guards at bay with a gun, Daoust slipped out of his handcuffs. Then the pair dashed out of the hospital and sped away in a taxi.

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