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THE TICKET IS CHOSEN.

Formal Nomination Papers Filed by Both Parties--But Few Three-cornered Fights in all Canada--Principally Straight Party Battle, and a Hot One.

The last formal step prior to the political contest in this city and throughout the Dominion of Canada generally is being taken today. It is the date for the filing of the nomination papers of candidates in the different constituencies and naturally there is a current of interest on all sides.

William H. Thorne, St. John, was nominated by the liberal-conservative party while Dr. H. B. Hay was chosen by the liberals. The candidates are being heard in the court house this afternoon. There is a large attendance of electors from all over the constituency and great interest is being taken in the contest. On every hand the opinion is expressed that Mr. Wilmot will have a large majority and that Queens and Sunbury will place itself on record on Nov. 3, as being determinedly opposed to the gift and grant railway policy.

- In York County.**
- Fredericton, Oct. 27.—(Special)—Alexander Gibson, Jr., was nominated by the liberals here today, and Oswald S. Crockett by the conservatives. The formal proceedings took place in the court house and passed off very quietly. Mr. Gibson was nominated by Senator Thompson, W. T. Whitehead, Edward Moore, John Palmer, Jas. S. Neill, Donald Fraser, John Kilburn, William J. Scott and others. Mr. Crockett's papers bore the signatures of Rev. Dr. McLean, George J. Colter, C. H. Thomas, John M. Wiley, H. F. McLeod, J. K. Pinder, A. D. Thomas, and others.
- This afternoon a joint meeting is being held in the Opera House. The speakers besides the candidates will be Attorney General Pugsley, and George W. Allen, for the liberals, and Rev. Dr. McLeod, for the conservatives.
- In Carleton County.**
- Woodstock, Oct. 27.—(Special)—This is nomination day in Carleton Co. The nomination papers filed are those of F. B. Carvell, liberal, and F. H. Hale, conservative. Court was closed at 2 o'clock and the candidates are now addressing the electors.
- In Cape Breton.**
- Sydney, Oct. 27.—(Special)—The following nominations were made today in Cape Breton.
- South Riding, Cape Breton county, Alexander Johnston, liberal; Dr. McKay, conservative; and Stephen B. Macneil, independent labor.
- North Riding, Cape Breton, D. D. Mackenzie, liberal; and John McCormack, conservative.
- Richmond county, Joseph A. Gillies, conservative; Duncan Finlay, liberal.
- Iberville county, J. H. Jamieson, conservative; Dr. McLennan, liberal; and Dr. Chisholm, independent liberal.
- In Halifax.**
- Halifax, Oct. 27.—(Special)—The nominations here today were R. L. Borden and John C. O'Mullin for the conservatives and William Roche and Michael Garney for the liberals.
- In Quebec.**
- Montreal, Oct. 27.—(Special)—The nominations passed off quietly. Information from all over the province indicates that much interest is being manifested. Three-cornered contests are not numerous. So far the conservative candidates are not announced in Chicoutimi and Saguenay. The contestants in Kamouraska will be Lapointe, government and Langlois, independent.
- In King's and Albert.**
- Hampton, N. B., Oct. 27.—(Special)—The nomination court for Kings and Albert, was opened by the sheriff at noon today, in the court house here. George W. Fowler was nominated by the conservatives while Hon. A. S. White was chosen as the liberal candidate.
- The court then adjourned to the large room in the court house where the candidates are setting forth the issues this afternoon.
- Interest in the contest is at fever heat and the opinion is that Mr. Fowler will be returned by a large majority.
- August Reid was given in charge today by Capt. Holmson of a barque now in port for absenting himself without leave and refusing duty.

F. J. G. Knowlton, Geo. W. Ketchum, M. B. Edwards, F. E. Sayre, Frank H. Foster, John P. McIntyre, Carson Flood, and others.

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THE OUTLOOK IS OMINOUS.

Britain is Not Satisfied with Russia's Attitude.

Stock Markets Depressed--An Extraordinary Yarn About Torpedo Boats Told by Russian Admiral--British Cabinet Ready for Trouble--Rushing Work on Warships--Lord Lansdowne Demands Reparation.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 27.—Vice-admiral Rojestvensky in his report of the North Sea incident says his squadron was attacked by two torpedo boats, one of which is believed to have been sunk. He declares he ceased firing as soon as he noticed the trawlers in the vicinity.

London, Oct. 27.—The correspondence of Lloyds at Gelfe, Sweden telegraphs that the Swedish steamer Aldebaran was fired at by a supposed Russian warship in Skagerrack at ten o'clock on the evening of Oct. 21, but sustained no damage.

British Cabinet.

London, Oct. 27.—All the cabinet ministers have been instructed to hold themselves in readiness in case a cabinet council should be necessary. This morning there was a report that the council had been summoned and this naturally increased the excitement. No cabinet meeting has been definitely fixed, but one will undoubtedly be held before the government takes action of any decisive character.

Ambassador Benckendorff was wary as to his morning, and after dealing with his correspondence drove to the Lansdowne House to see the foreign secretary, Lord Lansdowne. While he was still there, the French ambassador M. Cambon, called, thus confirming the prevalent belief that France is doing her utmost to promote a satisfactory settlement.

The conference of the three diplomats lasted nearly an hour.

Premier Balfour who spent the night as the guest of Lord Salisbury at Hatfield House, Hertfordshire, returned to the city at noon. It is now considered certain that the premier will summon a cabinet council for noon to-morrow, prior to his departure for Southampton, where there is reason to expect he will deliver a speech.

England Preparing.

New York, Oct. 27.—A long cablegram to the Herald from London, dated today, on the Anglo-Russian crisis says:

Until late last night clerks at the foreign office and the admiralty were busy working at high pressure, only usual in times of crisis. The first lord of the admiralty gave the first instructions to send with all haste to himself the various heads of departments immediately on receipt of certain telegrams from the continent. About a dozen of the chief experts at the foreign office remained in attendance until a late hour, ready to inform the other departments of state immediately upon receipt of definite news. The admiralty was in communication with Portsmouth, Chatham and Devonport during the evening and special instructions were given to the resident clerk to remain on duty throughout the night. Half a dozen cabinet ministers were within call, a most unusual event for the commencement before the commencement of the annual series of the November cabinet. The government has not consulted other powers with regard to any concerted action. Significant orders were received at Portsmouth yesterday, however, with the result that overtime is being ordered on the battleship Triumph, a new battleship purchased not long since from the Chilean government, which was damaged recently in a collision. The Triumph is one of the most powerful units of the home fleet, and it is evidently the intention of the admiralty to bring that squadron to its full strength at the earliest possible moment. Orders have also been given for the Good Hope and the Drake of the cruiser squadron to be got ready for sea again as quickly as possible. The two vessels attached to the cruiser squadron at present at Devonport

are the cruisers Donegal and Monmouth, both of which are under repair in the dockyard.

Night and day shifts are working on the Donegal, which is having her gun mountings altered. Orders have also been given that no work in commission or in the fleet reserve is to be commenced unless it can be completed in a fortnight.

Russia Defiant.

London, Oct. 27.—Up to this hour there is no sign of an end to the deadlock over the direction of the punishment of the Russian officers responsible for the North Sea tragedy. As regards the British demand for punishment being an infringement of Russia's sovereignty and rights, Ambassador Benckendorff in his interview with Lord Lansdowne today maintained that such a statement must be taken on the spontaneous initiative of the emperor's government and that a demand from a foreign power that Russia shall punish her officers cannot be entertained.

In any event it was impossible for the Russian government to meet out punishment without having a statement of the facts presented by its own officers. Count Benckendorff also pointed out that the emperor's telegram was regarded by all Russians less as a personal communication to King Edward than as an expression of the sentiment of the whole Russian nation. There is no indication of Lord Lansdowne withdrawing his demand, and though the dispute has not reached an ultimatum stage it is likely to do so if today passes without some recognition of punishment in principle by the emperor's government.

Stock Market Depressed.

New York, Oct. 27.—The stock markets opened weak and lower today on the cautiousness of the Anglo-Russian crisis.

A Pipe Dream.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 27.—2.26 p. m.—(Substitute previous bulletin same subject). Vice-admiral Rojestvensky's explanation of the trawler incident is fully as sensational as the news of the firing upon the fishing fleet which set all England aflame. He declares he was attacked in the darkness by two torpedo boats which came upon the squadron from the direction of the fishing fleet. He opened fire and believes he sank one of the torpedo boats, the other, making off for cover among the fishermen. So soon as he noticed the fishermen Admiral Rojestvensky ceased firing. He proceeded on his way without leaving any vessel behind, and says he believes the vessel which the fishermen report as remaining on the scene, for six hours without offering succor to the drowning men, who was in the torpedo boat, either waiting for her consort or deserving the damage done by the fire of his ships.

Paris, Oct. 27.—A despatch from Vice published here today gives another interview with Prince Keretell, an officer on board the Russian battleship Imperator, Alexander III, giving further details of the North Sea incident. He says: The transport Areadur (Anatol) was entering the waters of Hull when she suddenly observed herself to be surrounded by numbers of boats which she took for torpedo boats. The transport gave a signal of alarm to the remainder of the fleet and the Russian battleships thereupon surrounded the unknown boats, cutting off their escape. They were ordered to make known their nationality, but answered only by evolutions. The admiral's ship immediately ordered them to be fired on and then continued its route without being alarmed as to the results of the encounter, because it was believed the encounter was with torpedo boats bought by the Japanese in England.

Prince Keretell added that before the Russian bombardment began, a single cannon shot was distinctly heard coming from the direction of the unknown boats.

As Admiral Rojestvensky was leaving the palace of the military governor of Vigo yesterday, the despatch adds, an old man stepped forward and kissed the admiral's hand. The admiral responded by kissing the old man's forehead. The crowd which witnessed the incident appeared much affected by the popular ovation.

The mayor of Vigo welcomed the admiral in the name of the city and nation, wishing glory to Emperor Nicholas and prosperity to Russia.

French Opinion.

Paris, Oct. 27.—3.35 p. m.—The French officials attach much importance to the Associated Press interview at Vigo with Vice Admiral Rojestvensky as giving the most reasonable explanation of the circumstances. The Russian embassy takes a similar view. Therefore the authorities here have taken steps to have the Associated Press interview reach the French Press as a means of calming public apprehension over the matter.

Hope for Peace.

London, Oct. 27.—Those best informed still believe however that a pacific termination will be secured.

Swedish Steamer Fired on.

Stockholm, Sweden, Oct. 27.—The skipper of the Swedish steamer Aldebaran from Hull, England, which arrived today at Gelfe, Sweden, says his vessel was chased in the Skagerrack, during the evening of Friday, Oct. 21, by a foreign cruiser, apparently Russian, which threw its searchlight on her. The cruiser inquired her speed, passed the Aldebaran and fired a shot which had no effect. The Aldebaran thereupon hoisted her flag and the cruiser again threw her searchlight on the steamer and a few minutes later without however hitting her. The Aldebaran's skipper then ordered the steamer to be stopped and with his crew sought refuge below. The foreign warship then disappeared in the darkness.

OTHER NOMINATIONS.

In Ontario.

Ottawa, Oct. 27.—(Special)—N. A. Belcourt and Herbert Stewart, liberal, Napoleon Champagne and Thos. Birkett, conservative, were nominated for Ottawa, today.

In Westmorland.

Dorchester, Oct. 27.—(Special)—The shiretown is crowded with people. The nomination papers of H. A. Powell, conservative and H. R. Emerson, liberal have been filed. Speech-making is now on.

GAS EXPLODED.

Portland, Me., Oct. 26.—George Stevens, a young business man, in the town of Gray, was seriously injured today by the explosion of a gas machine. It was found necessary to amputate the right arm. He has an even chance for recovery.

A children's social will be held this evening in the school room of Douglas Avenue Christian church.

A BATTLE IN PROGRESS.

Russians and Japanese Resume Hostilities and the Latter Capture a Village--The Baltic Fleet Taking Measures to Strengthen her Hold on Korea.

Mukden, Oct. 27.—Fighting began at 7 o'clock last evening south east of Mukden. The Japanese have advanced to the village of Cherdagan, which they appear to have captured after a fight lasting until this morning.

British Steamer Released.

Nagasaki, Oct. 27.—The British steamer Sishan, has been released by order of the Japanese naval court at Sasabo. The 1315 ton steamer Sishan, owned by Thomas W. Richardson, of London, was seized by the Japanese off new Chwang, on Oct. 17. She had sailed from Hong Kong and when captured had on board a cargo of flour and meal.

More Bombast.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 27.—Two imperial rescripts are published in the Official Messenger this morning, the first of which is a copy of Viceroy Alexieff's order of the day announcing the appointment of General Kuropatkin to the chief command of the forces in the east.

The second is addressed to Gen. Kuropatkin as commander in chief of all the military and naval forces at the scene of war. It concludes with the words: "Your military experience, strengthened by your action in Manchuria, make me feel confident that you will break the obstinacy of the enemy's forces at the head of your glorious army, and will thereby assure to Russia peace in the Far East."

The Black Sea Fleet.

Berlin, Oct. 27.—1.32 p. m.—Russia has not yet sounded Germany in regard to the unlocking of the Dardanelles by international consent so that the Black Sea fleet may issue forth.

The foreign office in making this reply to the Associated Press inquiry says it is not aware of such intention on the part of Russia, though of course it does not know whether representations have been made to other governments. The foreign office in

advance of such a request has nothing further to say on the subject.

Japan and Korea.

New York, Oct. 27.—A Seoul, Korea, despatch to the Herald, dated Oct. 23, says:—

"Since the arrival of the General Hasegawa, a more conciliatory policy, both military and diplomatic, has been adopted toward Korea by Japan. This portends the establishment of closer friendly relations. By such a policy, Japan will ultimately obtain her object earlier than by the methods heretofore pursued. An additional brigade is expected to arrive tomorrow, increasing the local Japanese garrison.

"From a reliable source, I learn that the Japanese garrisons throughout Korea, are to be increased to a total of 20,000 men. That sum is considered necessary for the preservation of quiet in the provinces during the coming winter, the extreme poverty of the people usually causing unrest and depredations.

"The Korean crown princess is at death's door; but the court declines the services of capable European physicians attached to the palace, relying on the incantations of the sorcerers to effect a recovery.

"The Japanese advisor to the Korean finance minister is expected to issue silver currency with which to effect redemption of the debts. Nickel coinage has been used for many years to the great detriment of Korea's trade. This remedy being effected Korea's finances will be put on a somewhat sound basis.

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NEW YORK'S SUBWAY IS YET IN HARNES.

It was Formally Declared Open for Business Today.

New York, Oct. 27.—New York's great underground railroad, the latest step in the movement toward rapid transit for the old city, was formally declared open and ready for business today. The last shovelful of earth had been turned, the last rivet set, and the roadbed, rails, cars and mechanism had been inspected and pronounced in perfect condition by experts who had watched the growth of the subway from the beginning of its construction. The ceremonies in connection with the opening were very simple. A civic celebration was planned to be held in the city hall, where addresses were to be delivered by Mayor McClellan and men who have had a prominent place in carrying out the enterprise, and where the mayor would formally declare the great tunnel ready for the public.

WILL BUILD NEXT SPRING.

Arrangements Already Making to Replace the Church of the Assumption.

The site of the church of the Assumption, presented a mournful spectacle today. The foundation is still standing, as is a portion of the chimney, but, where the church stood, there is a mass of charred ruins, from which smoke is still issuing. Most of what has been saved will be of no use.

Father O'Donovan has not had an opportunity of examining any of the furnishings or other material that was removed from the church, so he can not say how much can be utilized.

Already, efforts are being made toward the erection of a new building. Nothing will be done in the way of building until the spring. The work this fall will be confined to the clearing of the ground and the repairing of fences.

HON. A. G. BLAIR PRESIDED AT A MEETING OF THE RAILWAY COMMISSION THIS MORNING.

TO TAKE THE SALMON SPAWN.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 27.—(Special)—Hon. A. G. Blair, presided at a meeting of the railway commission today. There were also present Dr. Mills and Hon. Mr. Bernier. The case up for consideration was as to the expropriation of land for the Union station in Toronto. An objection was raised by one of the lessees. Mr. Blair decided, and the other members agreed with him, that the law provided for ample compensation.

POLICE COURT.

Three prisoners graced the docket at the police court this morning. Two common drunks were disposed of as usual.

Wm. Dixon was arrested by Officer Crawford on the ferry boat yesterday. Dixon had been drinking and becoming troublesome. This morning he was brought into court and remanded for trial.

Yesterday afternoon, a number of cattle were taken, from one of the steamers, to the slaughter house. When the herd reached the corner of Douglas avenue one of the steers strayed to the Shamrock grounds. The animal was found this morning in an exhausted state and removed to a shed in the vicinity of the slaughter house.

The church of the Assumption was not the only place struck by lightning during yesterday's electric storm. Captain Maboe of steamer Elaine, reports that when off Boar's Head yesterday afternoon he saw the lightning strike the fall of the cliff and several pieces of stone as large as a sugar barrel rolled into the water stirring it into a mass of foam.

MALE HELP WANTED.

Too Late for Classification.

TRAMPERS WANTED for strap carriers. J. B. Gibbon & Co., Smythe St. Coal and Wood Dealers.