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UNABLE TO QUALIFY.

One of the Labor Candidates Falls. Dr. J. H. Frink May Run for Alderman at Large—George Chamberlain Wanted in Dufferin

Not until tomorrow night will the labor people know definitely that they are to have a candidate for alderman at large. It was learned, however, in labor circles this morning that they are pretty sure of bringing out a candidate for alderman at large, and that possibly that candidate will be James Chamberlain, a prominent mason of the West Side. This will conclude the labor ticket, as the labor people will be unable to secure any more qualified men.

The Star announced a few days ago that Thomas Kitcham would probably oppose Ald. Macrae in Wellington ward. Mr. Kitcham has now finally given out his intention of running. Speaking of Mr. Kitcham's candidature this morning, a well known union man said that he felt quite sure that the labor people would support him in a body. Dr. J. H. Frink, who a morning paper said would probably be a candidate for Prince ward, told the Star today that he had no intention of entering the contest for Prince ward. He might possibly offer as a candidate for alderman at large, but he has not yet come to any kind of a decision.

For the past week or so there has been much talk about the city to the effect that many of the labor candidates would fail to qualify. The Star this morning took steps to ascertain whether or not this was true with the following result:

Chas. Jones, of the Teamsters' Union, who was nominated to oppose Ald. Hamm in Kings' ward, will be unable to qualify, as he is only assessed on 50 persons property. James Sprout, who is to run against Ald. Maxwell in Prince ward, is qualified five times over. Nevin Cameron, who is coming for Dukes ward is also qualified many times over. Wm. Daley, who will oppose Ald. Millidge in Dufferin ward, is similarly possessed of the required qualifications.

Incidentally it was learned that A. J. Megarity, who announced some days ago his intention of running for Victoria ward and who later gave out his retirement from the labor party, does not answer the required qualifications. It was rumored this morning that possibly George Chamberlain, the well known Mill street undertaker, would come out for Dufferin ward. It is said that Mr. Daley may have the favor of Mr. Chamberlain. The labor people would probably give Mr. Chamberlain their support, but only thing against him is that he is not a member of any union, but he has always been a hearty supporter of unions.

FIRST CLASS MEN!

Another Military Novel Confiscated in Germany.

BERLIN, March 23.—"First Class Men," a military novel on the pattern of Lieut. Eblen's book, "A Little Garrison," which related incidents of the abuse of soldiers, was confiscated in the Berlin bookstores today. It is supposed that proceedings will immediately be initiated against the author of the book, Count Wolf Baudis. The Socialists in the Reichstag recently lauded the minister of war with inactivity in this case, saying that every child in Berlin knew that the book referred to the elite fusilier guards regiment, the officers of which are depicted as unrepentably immoral, corrupt and detestable.

Some doubts are expressed regarding the wisdom of the action taken today on the book inasmuch as it is coarse and clumsy, full of exaggerations, without the slightest literary pretensions and consequently not worth anything. It is supposed that Count Wolf Baudis will try to establish the truthfulness of his charges, inasmuch as the case will doubtless surpass Lieut. Eblen's book in public interest since the fusilier guards regiment is quartered in Berlin, whereas the scandals alleged in "A Little Garrison" took place in a small frontier town.

DR. DANIEL ELECTED CHAIRMAN. (Special to the Star). OTTAWA, Ont., Mar. 23.—The Conservatives held the first caucus of the season this morning. Dr. Daniel, of St. John was elected chairman. All present were in high spirits and confident of approaching victory. Committees were appointed to look after various phases of business during the session. The Liberals held their first caucus this morning and are still sitting.

JAPS ARE WEARING OUT GUNS AND MACHINERY.

This is the View Taken by the Officials at St. Petersburg of the Bombardments of Port Arthur.

TOKIO, March 23A despatch from Mokki says the Japanese fleet made another attack on Port Arthur on Mar. 23, bombarding the city and its defenses and fought a furious engagement with the Russian fleet outside the harbor, destroying one Russian battleship. Seven Japanese casualties are reported. There is no information concerning the Japanese fleet's condition. The navy department has not been advised officially as yet.

WEARING OUT GUNS AND MACHINERY. ST. PETERSBURG, March 23.—No further details of yesterday's attack on Port Arthur are expected during the day, but nothing in the way of private newspaper despatches supplementing the official account has been received up to the present. According to the information there now exists a complete embargo upon newspaper despatches from Port Arthur. The military authorities seem to manifest no disposition to disclose the details of the bombardment. On the contrary, they declare that the positions taken by the Japanese and machinery of ships and vast ammunition without compensating advantages. They point to the small damage at Santiago by the American fleet as proof of their futility. From the positions taken by the Japanese the latter could not see either the town or the batteries. The range was from six to eight miles, with a high angle fire and precision was impossible. Although the general target was large only a lucky chance could really damage the batteries or ships. So far as known the Japanese accomplished nothing. On the other hand, the Russian fleet has lost a shell from the battleship Retvian, which was firing over the hill, landed on one of the Japanese batteries. Of course it is admitted that these shot are trying to the garrison.

A prominent Russian admiral explained to the Star that the Russian Press had absolutely essential conversation on the part of the Russian naval command at Port Arthur was at present. He said: "If Admiral Makaroff, whose disposition is to go out at any moment, should give battle upon the approach of the Japanese and defeat them his victory would be fruitless, as necessarily it would be purchased by some injuries to ships, and our lack of adequate dock and repair facilities at Port Arthur would render it impossible to refit them, whereas the Japanese have abundant docks in which to repair their vessels." The feeling here is that the Japanese tactics are preliminary to a landing on the peninsula in an attempt to cut off Port Arthur simultaneously with a general bombardment and commencement of a siege. For this the Russians declare they are fully prepared. During the last ten days a general shutting down of newspapers and telegrams from the Far East has been noticeable. This is owing to increased precautions to prevent the enemy from obtaining news of the movements of Russian troops. The Russians are being massed in force along their first line, from Feng Huang Cheng northward for thirty miles, while the second line extends from Mukden to Hai-Cheng. All the rolling stock required for use on the Far East has now crossed Lake Balkal. The last locomotive was taken over yesterday. Prince Khilkoff, the minister of public works and railroads, who has been personally superintending this work, leaves Balkal in a few days. Forty trucks of grain reach Port Arthur daily.

LAND BATTLES EXPECTED. ST. PETERSBURG, March 23.—Vice-Admiral Topa's Activity at Port Arthur is being emulated by the commander of the Japanese forces in Korea. The advance of the Japs shows that they are losing no time and that they are more rapid than the Russians expected. Nevertheless, the fortification of Anju shows the Japanese operations are accompanied by all proper military precautions. So far as the Russians are concerned they have no intention of attacking Anju, but the province of the five thousand or six thousand cavalymen under General Mitshinkow will be to harass and retard the Japanese in every way possible. The authorities here believe that it will be only a matter of a short time now when active land operations will begin.

WILL INVESTIGATE. TOKIO, March 23.—The house of representatives today appointed a committee of eighteen members to investigate the charge that "Yoshikichi Aki-Yama, a member of the parliament is in the employ of the Russian government." Aki-Yama is the publisher of the Nirokushitshun, a Tokio paper, which has been bitterly assailing the government, particularly upon its financial policy. It has also charged the government with having forced capitalists to subscribe to the war bonds recently issued and has predicted that a second loan will prove a failure. A local prosecution resulted in an order for the permanent suppression of the publication and the imprisonment

PROTESTANT MINISTERS

And Prominent Laymen in Session in New York. Will Oppose Divorce and the Marriage of Divorced Persons—Ask for Legislation on Subject

NEW YORK, Mar. 23.—Agitation against divorce and the marriage of divorced persons has resulted in a meeting here of eminent Protestant ministers and laymen, who will attempt to solve the problem of uniform legislation on the subject by the states of the union. A meeting of the executive committee of the conference, presided over by Bishop Doane of Albany, drafted a rough outline of the proposed law which later will be presented to the full meeting for discussion. The conference is a direct result of action taken by the Protestant Episcopal church in its last general conference at San Francisco. "Every effort will be made to forever solve the difficult question, so far as the Protestant churches are concerned," declared Right Rev. David H. Greer, bishop condutor of the Episcopal archdiocese of New York. "The Roman Catholic church was invited to participate in the deliberations of the conference, but declined. The opposition of that church regarding divorce is well known, however. Personally, I do not believe in divorce or re-marriage, but in separation only. Other gentlemen at the conference may have other views, but it is the purpose of the representatives of the Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, Evangelical, Lutheran, Baptist, Congregational, Universalist, Unitarian and Reformed Presbyterian churches to decide upon some initial method involving a unity of relation and uniform practice to regulate the great evil of divorce in this country so that persons who were married under the rites of one church cannot after securing divorce re-marry under the rites of some other Protestant church."

DEATH OF LOUIS CUNNINGHAM. The flag on No. 5 engine house, Main street is flying at half-mast today, for the death of Louis H. Cunningham, son of Engineer Cunningham. The young man's death occurred yesterday from pneumonia after an illness of about a week. He was seventeen years old. Much sympathy is expressed for the sorrowing parents in the untimely demise of their son, who was very popular with his boy companions.

BLOWN TO ATOMS. (Special to the Star). KEEWATIN, Ont., Mar. 23.—In an accident yesterday at Foley Bros. and Larsons' railway construction camp, three miles from Port Hope, Ontario, a steam engine, while being used to charge holes, which had missed an accidently struck a person and was blown to atoms. Philip Morier and A. Turner were injured by the explosion.

F. R. STRONG IN TOWN. Frederick R. Strong, who is staying in St. John and is registered at the Victoria hotel, stated to a Star reporter that he was much surprised to read the despatch about his wedding, which appeared in yesterday's paper. Several statements of which were much exaggerated. Concerning the expedition which is being fitted up to mine gold in Labrador Mr. Strong told the Star this morning that the Labrador Gold Mining Co. of Boston, Mass., of which Mr. Strong is managing director, have bought the vessel "Patria" and intend fitting it up for the expedition. In fact the carpenters are now at work. The company own two claims in Labrador, one a mile square, on which the average yield of gold is \$278 to the ton. It is intended to take 250 tons to this stamp mill at New York as soon as possible. If the result is as good as is expected, machinery will be placed at the seat of operations. The expedition expects to leave about the 20th April.

WOULD NOT GO TO RUSSIA. (Special to the Star). WINNIPEG, March 23.—William Whyte, recent vice-president of the C. P. R., desires having received an offer of the management of the Trans-Siberian Railway, and says that were the offer made he would decline and that were modern railway methods introduced in the management of the road the manager's life would not be worth an hour's purchase. The whole system is undermined by officialism which obstructs every department.

Now is Your Chance Cups and Saucers from 50c. per dozen up. Tea Sets from \$1.50 up. Gift Sets only \$2.00 per Set. Dinner Sets from \$4.50 per Set up. Tumblers, 80c. and 35c. per dozen at The 2 Barkers, Ltd 100 PRINCESS STREET.

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21 HORSES BY AUCTION. I am instructed by D. D. MacLaren, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, in front of Love's Stable, north side King square, on Saturday morning, March 26th, commencing at 10 o'clock, 21 DRAFT HORSES. This is the best lot of horses ever offered for sale in St. John. No reserve. Terms Cash. F. L. PUTTS, Auctioneer. Salesrooms, 55 Germain street.

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THE WEATHER.

Forecasts—Moderate to fresh westerly winds, clearing this evening. Thursday, moderate winds, fair and mild. Synoptic—Rain has fallen from Ontario to the maritime provinces, but clearing weather is now indicated. There is no cold at present in sight. Wind to banks and American ports, moderate to fresh westerly.



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