### Are Brimful Of Enthusiasm

Col. Prior's Supporters Confident of His Election by a Big Majority.

Schedule of Meetings to Be Held -Sir Hibbert to Speak Again.

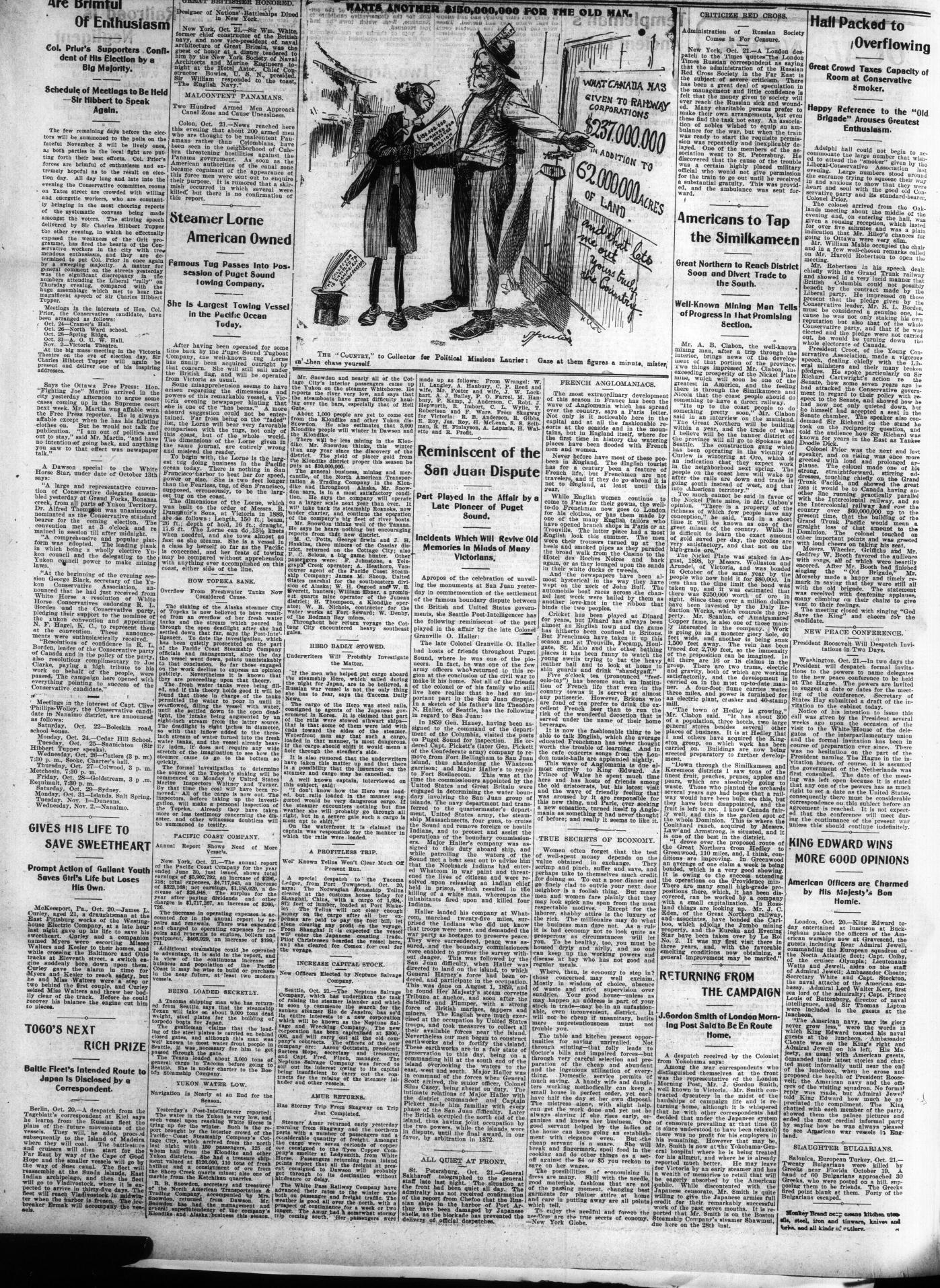
The few remaining days before the electrors will be summoned to the polls on the fateful November 3 will be lively ones, as both parties in the local fight are putting forth their best efforts. Col. Prior's forces are brimful of enthusiasm and extremely hopeful as to the result on election day. All day long and late into the evening the Conservative committee, rooms on Yates street are crowded with willing and energetic workers, who are constantly bringing in the most cheering reports of the systematic convass being made amongst the voters. The stirring speech Steamer Lorne delivered by Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper the other evening, in which he effectually the other evening, in which he effectually exposed the weakness of the Grit programme, has fired the hearts of the Conservative workers in the city with tremendous enthusiasm, and they are determined to put Col. Prior in once again by a sweeping majority. A matter for general comment on the streets yesterday was the significant discrepancy in the numbers attending the Liberal "rally" on Thursday evening, compared with the huge assemblage which met to hear the magnificent speech of Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper.

New York, Oct. 2I.—Sir Wm. White, former chief constructor of the British navy, and now vice-president of naval architecture of Great Britain, was the guest of honor at a dimmer tendered to him by the New York Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers tonight at the Hotel Astor. Chief Constructor Bowles, U. S. N., presided. Sir William responded to the toast, "The English Navy."

MALCONTENT PANAMANS.

Two Hundred Armed Men Approach Canal Zone and Cause Uneasiness.

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CRITICIZE RED CROSS.

stration of Russian Society Comes in For Censure.

New York, Oct. 21.—A London despatch to the Times quotes the London Times Russian correspondent as saying that the administration of the Russian Red Cross Society in the Far East is the subject of severe criticism. There has been a great deal of speculation in the management and little confidence is felt that the money given to society will ever reach the Russian sick and wounded. Many charitable persons prefer to make their own arrangements, but even these find the task not easy. An association of nobles wished to equip an ambulance for the war, but when the train was ready to start the requisite permission was repeatedly and inexplicably delayed. One of the members of the association went to St. Petersburg. He discovered that the cause of the trouble was a certain highly placed military official who would not give permission for the train to go out until he received a substantial gratuity. This was provided, and the ambulance was sent forward. Comes in For Censure.

# Americans to Tap the Similkameen

## Hall Packed to Overflowing

Great Crowd Taxes Capacity of Room at Conservative 8moker.

Happy Reference to the "Old Brigade" Arouses Greatest Enthusiasm.

Adelphi hall could not begin to accommonate the large number that wished to attend the "smoker" given by the Liberal-Conservative Association last evening. Large numbers stood around the entrance trying to squeeze their way in and anxious to show that they were heart and soul with the good old Conservative party and its standard-bearer, Colonel Prior.

The coloner arrived from the Oaklands meeting about the middle of the evening and, on entering the hall, was given a rousing reception, which lasted for over five minutes and was a plain indication that Mr. Riley's chances for going to Ottawa were very slim.

Mr. William Mable occupied the chair and in a few well-chosen remarks called on Mr. Harold Robertson to open the meeting.

### War With The Gold Lace Off

Mud, Misery and Mist Turn Manchuria Into a Big Wallow.

Opposing Forces Cannot Sec One Another for Fog and

Rain.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 21.-(2:30 a.m.)-Apart from skirmishes and exploits o scouting parties, there is almost a com plete suspension of operations in Manchuria. The heavens interposed to put a stop to bloodshed. Rain, impassable roads and exhausted armies are factors sufficient in themselves to explain the cessation of hostilities, and these conditions are aggravated by a dense fog overspreading the whole of the theatre of war. Behind this pall either side would be able to change the disposition of its whole force in absolute secrecy; but the obscurity renders dangerous any attempt at a forward movement. When the curtain of mist is lifted the fighting may be resumed under totally changed conditions. Associated Press correspondents at the Russian front record the successful repulse of a night attack upoi: Russian outposts in the early hours of October 19. The Russians pursued the Japanese and captured a gun, which, under cover of fog, they were able to remove.

The wild flight of rumors continues in St. Petersburg, the rout or capture of Japanese divisions, of battalions and scores of guns alternating with alarm. of Japanese divisions, of battalions at scores of guns alternating with alarrists tsories of General Kuropatkin's r treat on Mukden, all equally untru The war office declares that there ha

WILL HAVE "DOUGH"
WITH HIS FLOUR. Hon. Andy Blair Quits Politics and Cabinet for Dusty Millering.

Montreal, Que., Oct. 20.—The Herald tonight states that Hon. A. G. Blair has decided to accept the managership of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company at a salary of \$20,000 a year. A general meeting of the company

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deny the report that a Russian battalion had been annihilated in trying to recross the Taitse river.

A prominent general said: "It is absurd to suppose that a battalion was still on the other side of the Taitse river when the whole of the ear. flank had withdrawn sixteen miles north of the river. of the river.
"As to the stories of General Kuro-

As to the stories of General Kuro-patkin's retreat, it is sufficient to refer to the energetic scouting behind the Japanese lines to show that the Rus-sian commander is determined to en-gage the enemy as soon as the weather permits.

front. This corps is stationed at Vilebsk and belongs to the military district of Vilna, which is going out as a part of the second Manchurian army, under the former chief of the Vilna district, General Grippenberg. The corps probably will leave in December for Harbin.

Emperor Nicholas has received no report from General Stoessel, the military commander at Port Arthur, since October 10th. ber 10th.

A correspondent of the "Rusky Lietok," sends to that paper a graphic account of the fighting of General Bilderling's corps on October 12th, when the Russian right flank was broken. It solely by the timely arrival of General Soboleff's Sixth Siberian corps, composed almost entirely of reservists, many regiments of which were experiencing their first taste of actual warfare. The correspondent telegraphs that General Oku's desperate onslaught forced back General Bilderling and drove in Stakhovich's cavalry, which was guarding Bilderling's right. The situation was most critical, but the Sixth corps which had been held in reserve promptly came up and supin reserve promptly came up and sup-ported Bilderling and things assumed a brighter aspect. The fighting was ex-ceedingly furious. Two reserve corps regiments which had never before been regiments which had never before been under fire bore the brunt of the Japanese advance and obstinately held their ground. The following day the battl was resumed with the fullest intensit. The Japanese threw themselves healong against the positions of the Six and Seventeeth corps. The fighting of tinued the whole day despite a terr downpour of rain and a fearful thund storm.

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A Japanese battery dashed out fr General Oku's right and poured a de ly fire upon the Russian trenches u the Tenth artillery brigade came i action, and in a few minutes dismant the Japanese guns.

A squadron of Japanese cavalry me similar fate while charging some Russ infantry. Two other reserve regime covered themselves with glory by bly attacking the Japanese and dislodg them from their trenches. These r ments lost nearly every officer. Color Basilies and Ponomaref were wound and General Laming, the commander the division, was also wounded, but Colonels and General remained on field, dressing their own wounds. Ow to the dense fog prevailing at the the Russians were able to remove gun without the loss of a single n A few scouts belonging to the same r ment that night raided the Japan treaches and brought away a number entrenching tools.

The Russian authorities have I officially assured that the report of the United States contemplated tening its good offices in the interest of restoration of peace in the Far I is untrue. The assurance was received it is satisfaction, although the related to the satisfaction at Mukden sticks to the story that Japanese are slowly retiring. On other hand, se

nothing important is expected for eral days.

The Russian correspondent says The Russian correspondent says rear-guard engagement has occur east, but gives no details. Possibly correspondent refers to the report fr Tokio of the Taitse river engagement A despatch to the Bourse Gaze from Mukden, dated October 19, sthat on October 18 a detachment of Russian vanguard, on the west fro surrounded a Japanese battalion

Quick Work. - Work on the C. P. shed on the new wharf is progressi rapidly. The contractor. Fred. Sh bourne, started a gang of men at wo on Monday, and they have quite a lot the skeleton work done already. T shed will be a large one, as it will con-

greater part of the area of

Sale of Farm Stock. — W. T. Harker, acting under instructions for Captain Jacquot, will on Tuesday, Northber 1st, sell on the latter's premis Mount Newton, South Saanich, twhole of his valuable farm stock, improved and coefficients. ments and costly furniture.