

POLITICAL NEWS

EXPECTING WRITS TO BE OUT SOON

Wednesday or Thursday Mentioned as Probable Date for Issuance.

KEEPING OWN COUNSEL

Sir Wilfrid Has Not Declared Himself, Awaiting Official Action.

By a Staff Reporter.
Ottawa, Oct. 30.—It is expected that the writs for the Dominion election will be issued tomorrow or Thursday, and the formal announcement made of December 17 as the date. Nominations will take place 23 days earlier.

The belief is that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will issue his manifesto directly after the writs are issued, and it is expected with much interest. So far the Liberal chief has kept his own counsel as to his views on the platform of the union government, and until he declares himself the actual battle-ground is unknown.

Of course the union government has been formed on a conscription basis, Sir Wilfrid Laurier opposed it in the house, but after it had been passed he declared his support of the law. It is understood that it will be a long document.

Reports of difficulties in connection with party convocations are being received from Ottawa. The proposal was to hold union conventions in every English-speaking constituency at least, but this has not been accomplished in all constituencies, and direct party nominations are being held in places. In other cases the name of the political organization has been changed, but the membership have remained identical.

A number of cases of Liberal members of the last parliament, such as Pardee, McColg and German, in Ontario, have been nominated by the Liberal Association of their ridings and have announced their support of the union government. Sir W. W. Crothers has been renominated in Elgin by the Conservative Association, and in other parts of the country. Appeals have been made by the minister to set the stamp of his approval upon a candidate in each riding in order to point out to the voters that he is not known whether he will do so.

BREWSTER IN CABINET.

Negotiations Under Way Looking to His Entry.

By a Staff Reporter.
Ottawa, Oct. 30.—Negotiations are under way with Premier Brewster of British Columbia looking to his entry into the union government. The hope is expressed by those in authority that he will come into federal politics, but it is said that, although he would like to do so, he feels that his work in British Columbia demands his chief interest at present. If he decides to enter the union government, he will replace Hon. Martin Burrell, secretary of state.

PREMIER BREWSTER WEST AGAIN.

Vancouver, Oct. 30.—Premier Brewster arrived in the city this morning after a three-weeks' visit to eastern Canada. He was accompanied by Hon. J. A. Calder. Neither had any statement to make on the political situation.

Hon. Martin Burrell, who has been here for two days, went east last night to meet the party and returned with them.

WILL SUPPORT MEIGHEN.

Portage la Prairie, Man., Oct. 30.—The Liberals of the provincial constituency of Portage la Prairie and Lakeside, the former represented by E. A. McPherson and the latter by Col. C. D. McPherson in the Manitoba Legislature, are prepared to pledge their support to Hon. Arthur Meighen as the representative of the union government if he should be a candidate at the coming elections.

DR. J. P. RANKIN CHOSEN.

Milvinton, Ont., Oct. 30.—At a largely attended convention of North Perth Liberals here today, Dr. J. P. Rankin of Stratford was chosen by almost a unanimous vote as the candidate in the federal elections.

Meighen to Run in Portage. Winnipeg, Oct. 30.—Hon. Arthur Meighen is generally conceded as the Liberal candidate in Portage la Prairie. J. S. Wynn, grain grower, has not definitely answered a deputa-tion which asked him to withdraw. A candidate in support of Sir Wilfrid Laurier is stated, will run also in this riding.

LETHBRIDGE LIBERALS ENDORSE BUCHANAN

Party Organization Will Confer With Conservatives to Have Union Candidate.

Lethbridge, Oct. 30.—The Liberal executive of the Lethbridge federal riding met yesterday and refused to accept the resignation of W. A. Buchanan as a nominee. It unanimously endorsed his attitude and appointed a committee to meet with the Conservative executive to arrange for a union convention in the near future. Delegates were present from all parts of the riding.

The labor men here decided last night to call a convention for over five years. A Labor candidate for the Lethbridge riding. There will also probably be a Laurier candidate in the field.

NEW ALLIANCE HAS COCKBURN IN FIELD

East York Riding Soldiers' Organization Names Returned Officer.

CANDIDATE SPEAKS

Gives Opinion That Patriotic Fund Should Be Raised by Taxation.

Just where the returned soldier stands and his attitude towards the late government was shown with no uncertainty at a meeting in Classic Hall, Gerrard street and Grosvenor road, last night, following the formation of what will hereafter be known as the East York Riding Soldiers' Alliance.

The alliance met for organization purposes, after which Major R. C. Cockburn was unanimously chosen its candidate to contest the riding of East York in the coming election. In his address he referred to profiteering and the high cost of living and the effect which both have upon the homes of the soldiers. These references met with the approval of the large audience, and such cries as "get the profiteers" and "conscription the allies" were not infrequent.

Lieut. H. W. Parsons, who conducted the initial proceedings, explained that although "A" Company had decided to nominate Major Cockburn the Great War Veterans' Association had seen fit to hold up that action. There was nothing, however, to hinder the returned soldiers from getting together and electing a returned soldier. It was not that any great criticism was to be made of the government; the franchise act met the approval of the soldiers, but the separation allowance was insufficient and there were other things in the interests of the returned soldiers which were not being secured by having a representative in the house of parliament.

At this point it was moved and carried unanimously that the body organize and be known as the East York Riding Soldiers' Alliance.

The following officers were elected: President, W. E. Surtees; vice-president, Walter Thorogood; secretary, R. Crossley; executive committee, Sergt. W. G. Calverth, Sergt. J. J. Cook, Sergt. Chas. H. Stock, Sergt. J. Bruns, D. C. M. Sergt. R. C. Wright.

Major R. C. Cockburn was unanimously nominated candidate to represent the alliance in East York.

When the business had been concluded, Lieut. Parsons and the alliance believed could supplement the good the government had done by further caring for the returned soldiers and soldiers overseas. There were many returned officers of the higher command, but they did not know the problems of the homes where the Tommies had gone from.

"If the food controller had been wise, he would have kept potatoes at \$1 a bushel," Lieut. Parsons said. "The high cost of living in various terms, and the belief that a returned soldier was elected these things would be adjusted."

Major Cockburn said he believed the returned soldiers the right man to represent the soldiers in parliament. "Nobody there now gives a hand for the soldiers," he said. "We are not running against the G.W.V.A. We have our own party and a right to express them."

Major Cockburn reviewed what the alliance wanted and stood for. "The boys at the front are going to have reinforcements if we have our way. The thing today is to win the war as speedily as we can, and we must have conscription of men and wealth," he said.

"Is it fair to the man overseas to have so many men applying for exemption? Or is it fair for the man who makes a million to take a dollar to the Red Cross?" he asked. "It is up to us to see that when the men come back they will find their families as well as when they left them."

He said the separation allowance was not enough and that greater provision must be made for the dependents of soldiers. The men can return to civil life, he said, and have demonstrated that time and again.

Conscription the allies and put them on the same basis as the men overseas," he said, when touching upon the question of placing foreigners in the positions formerly held by soldiers.

The prevention of profiteering of food-stuffs and the government control of natural resources were points which Major Cockburn emphasized, and if aliens could not be conscripted, it was his opinion the men overseas should receive as much money as the men at home.

At the conclusion of his address, Major Cockburn was asked his opinion of the Patriotic Fund, and in reply he said it should be under government control and raised by taxation.

A. J. JOHNSTON CHOSEN AS UNION CANDIDATE

West Lambton Conservative Association Gives Unanimous Endorsement of Candidate.

Sarnia, Oct. 30.—The candidacy of A. J. Johnston on a union win-the-war platform was unanimously endorsed at a meeting of the West Lambton Conservative Association, held here this afternoon. In his address Mr. Johnston tendered his resignation as Conservative standard-bearer and left it with the voters to decide on a candidate. The resolution renominating Mr. Johnston on the above mentioned platform and pledging the support of the delegates was passed without a dissenting voice.

The conferees were in accord that F. F. Pardee, former chief Liberal whip, had favored the union government as a last resort as he had refused to join it during the past six months despite tempting offers from various speakers. Mr. Armstrong, Esq. Lambton; Mr. E. Levesque, Mr. Gardner, reeve of Sarnia Township; Mr. McRobison. There was a large attendance.

NOT IN SOUTH RENFREW.

Hon. George P. Graham Will Not Be a Candidate in Old Riding, Says Be.

Brookville, Ont. 30.—Announcement was made today by the Liberal newspaper here, The Recorder, controlled by Hon. G. P. Graham, that despite efforts to get him to run again, he will not be a candidate in the forthcoming election in South Renfrew, which he represented in the last parliament for over five years. It is understood that he has been offered the representation of the riding. Whether he will make a choice or retire for the present from the political arena is problematical.

BOW RIVER CANDIDATE BACKS UNIONIST PARTY

George Lane, Liberal Nominee, Announces Support of Coalition Government.

Calgary, Oct. 30.—George Lane of Calgary, owner of the Bar-U ranch at Pekisko, has given the Canadian Press the following statement: "As the Liberal candidate for Bow River I have decided to announce myself as a supporter of the union government. It is considered probable that Mr. Lane will be selected as the union candidate for Bow River and that meetings will be shortly held preliminary to the calling of a convention."

Major-General the Hon. S. C. Mewburn, minister of militia and defence in the union government, will deliver his first public address as a minister of the crown at the big Hamilton convention of conscription Liberals to be held on Friday. The convention will also be addressed by Hon. N. W. Rowell, Mr. P. F. Furdess and Hon. Frank B. Carvell. Hon. Mr. Carvell is also to be entertained by the committee in charge at luncheon at the Ontario Club in this city on Saturday.

The latest word from Peel presents the situation there from a new angle. The friends of Mr. Charters, including Hon. Richard Blain, do not feel that he is called upon to resign the Conservative nomination and throw open the field to all comers at the union convention. They say that Mr. Petch, the Liberal candidate, who has just resigned, was nominated a year and a half ago as a straight-out Liberal, and that at the recent conference of Liberal candidates in Toronto declared against conscription, against union government, and against the Laurier leadership. This necessitated some action by the win-the-war people of Peel, and the Conservative convention last August nominated Sam Charters as a win-the-war candidate, and pledged to support any coalition union government that might be formed for the more effective prosecution of the war.

Mr. Charters, they say, at the time of his nomination was registrar of the county, and had taken no part in politics for years. He was president of the patriotic fund association, was prominent in recruiting work, and seemed to be an ideal candidate for a union government. Many win-the-war Liberals at once tendered their support, and Mr. Charters, feeling that he was the choice of the county, resigned his registration. The Conservatives therefore say that Mr. Petch, who is against coalition and conscription, has no license to impose upon Mr. Charters to resign his position as a candidate of the union government.

A despatch from Lindsay to The Toronto News announces that Sir Sam Hughes will probably be returned from Victoria and Hanbury by acclamation.

The Ottawa situation is not yet straightened out. The announcement that Sir Robert Borden might contest that constituency has led to the suggestion that Sir Wilfrid Laurier might be pitted against him in the capital by the Liberals.

The Conservative central executive of this city will meet Thursday night, and will probably arrange the dates for the city conventions next week.

The Ottawa correspondent of The Toronto News says the government is experiencing some difficulty in Ontario in deciding upon a union government candidate in various ridings. In ridings like Wentworth and North York the sitting Conservative member who helped the government pass the conscription bill and the franchise bill at the last session will no doubt be endorsed, but a more difficult question arises in ridings like Peel, North Brant and Lincoln. West Middlesex is said to be giving a good deal of trouble to the government because George Elliot, who has been in the cabinet since 1911, a number of vacancies have occurred thru the death or resignation of government Conservative members. If all the sitting Conservative members were declared to be the union government candidates there would still be left a considerable number of seats for Liberal unionists.

As already stated by The World, the necessary realignment of the Ontario party will probably be made at a conference to be held in this city on Thursday, in which Hon. Frank Cockburn, Hon. N. W. Rowell and Mr. Fred Pardee will participate.

In the west little trouble is being experienced in agreeing upon the union government candidates in the various ridings. Dr. Neely, conscription Liberal M.P. for Humboldt, has resigned the Liberal nomination, and the two party executives in that riding will arrange for a union convention.

Whatever opposition union government experiences in the west will be mainly in the cities. Labor candidates are likely to run in Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver. There will be three or four Laurier Liberal candidates in Alberta, and possibly a few farmers' candidates running on a win-the-war platform in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Captain William McBurn, who went overseas some two years ago with the 95th Battalion, called to friends in Toronto yesterday that he was seeking the nomination for the federal seat of Parkdale in the coming election.

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HOLD NEW CONVENTION OVER McMARTIN'S STAND

Glenagarry and Stormont Liberals Hear Explanation Regarding Change of Platform.

Corrville, Oct. 30.—A meeting of the executive of the Liberal Association of Glenagarry and Stormont was held at Alexandria this afternoon, the object being to hear the explanation of John McMartin, nominated some time ago as the Liberal candidate, in regard to his resignation as a supporter of union government. There was a good representation from all parts of the riding. Addresses were made by Mr. McMartin, John A. McMillan, Hugh Munro, M. L. A., George Gogo, George A. Sills and J. W. McLeod. It was decided, in view of Mr. McMartin's present stand, to reconvene in Alexandria at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 10.

The younger Liberals are about to launch a Young Liberal Association on club, the main object of which is to secure a straight Liberal to contest the riding. They announce that representatives from other sections of the constituency will meet with the Corrville wing of the party Tuesday next, and that the new club will likely be launched at that meeting. It is proposed to hold a public meeting in the town hall the same night, to be addressed by prominent men who favor the attitude of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. They are of the opinion that a Laurier candidate should be selected to take up the cudgels in defence of the principles the young men are advocating and that either one of them will run as a straight Liberal unless some satisfactory solution to the present middle in the Liberal ranks is forthcoming very soon.

CLAIMS LAURIER LEAD IN WESTERN PROVINCES

Cross Predicts Return of Twenty-two Liberals in Three Provinces.

Winnipeg, Oct. 30.—The Saskatchewan correspondent of The Winnipeg Telegram says: "When Hon. Charles Cross was in Saskatchewan Saturday he told the Laurier Liberal committee which met here, that in British Columbia, the Laurier Liberals would elect eight of 14 members, nine out of 12 in Alberta and five out of 16 in Manitoba. Of this he was confident, as he has just come from British Columbia, and was in close touch with the other two provinces. He went from here to confer with the Laurier committee in Winnipeg, and would meet Sir Wilfrid in Ottawa, Wednesday. On his return, he would begin the organization in Saskatchewan, he said, and he added that he believed that Sir Wilfrid Laurier would win in the next election."

CRERAR REMAINS HEAD OF GRAIN GROWERS.

Calgary, Oct. 30.—R. A. Parker, one of the directors of the United Grain Growers, and private secretary to Vice-President C. Rice Jones, who has just returned from Winnipeg, states that Hon. T. A. Crerar will continue to hold the position of president of the United Grain Growers.

JAPAN IS DETERMINED TO STAND BY ENTENTE

New York, Oct. 30.—Japan's full co-operation with the allies in the world war until Germany is crushed was pledged by Dr. T. Maso, chairman of the Japanese parliamentary mission of five, at a luncheon given in honor of the mission here today by the Japanese Society.

The Japanese are determined to co-operate with the United States until the last. Mr. Maso said, "and will not stop until our monster enemy, Germany, the pirate of the seas, the assassin of the air, and violator of all decencies on land, has been completely crushed. When this monster enemy of ours has been thoroughly beaten down, then and then only, shall we have a lasting peace."

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