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SPRINGS THE BYE-ELECTION

Liberal Compromise Being Effected East Kent Election will be Held Nov. 11.

Ridgetown Dominion Discusses The Convention Which Nominated John Lee.

Toronto, Oct. 23.—The election to fill in the vacancy in the Legislature by the death of Robert Ferguson, of East Kent, will be held on Nov. 11th, with the nominations one week earlier.

It is understood that the election was immediately set down upon the results of the Liberal convention becoming known and the fact that the various factions had been whipped into line upon the compromise candidate of the machine.

The London Free Press this morning says:—

"The Grits of East Kent seem not to enjoy the full confidence of each other. The machine evidently manages the party differently from the electorate in common. The Chatham Planet some time ago said that Mr. John Lee, of Highgate, would be the Liberal nominee for that riding. The Banner promptly denied this; yet Mr. Lee was nominated by the party rulers as per the machine schedule. The party are of course expected to fall into line."

The Ridgetown Dominion of to-day says:—

"In selecting Mr. John Lee as the party candidate the Liberal convention probably made the best choice possible under the circumstances and avoided the difficulty presented by a situation in which a dozen minor candidates were eager for recognition. By their self-effacement at the convention, with one exception, the gentlemen admitted their position as minor candidates, so no apology is needed for the use of the term. After seeking the nomination and canvassing more or less, they quietly withdrew and permitted Mr. Lee at the last moment to secure a nomination which for weeks he had been declaring he could not and would not accept. It may be that they deemed discretion the better part of valor, but they certainly exhibited a weakness that, however justifiable to themselves, cannot but seem inexcusable to their friends and supporters, for we take it they possessed some. Nevertheless, it is not in human nature that there should be a complete absence of bitterness under such humiliation. The candidates who were simply brushed aside as if of no consequence were, as we have already stated, men of substance and character, and they cannot but feel sore and ponder how it all came about that Mr. Lee, after so many strong declarations to the contrary, stepped in at the last moment and dashed the cup from their lips. Surely they are shrewd enough to see the fine Italian hand of the Government machine behind it all. Fearing the consequences that might ensue from a plethora of candidates at a convention, calculating that Mr. Lee's long service as president of the riding association gave him a certain kind of claim and that the other aspirants would more readily give way to Mr. Lee than to any one of themselves, the Government's agents 'saw' Mr. Lee and easily overcame the difficulties he alleged to be in his way. The result of this was the virtual dismissal of the other gentlemen and the final selection of Mr. Lee. How the numerous aspirants and their friends, after thinking it all over, will regard this interference from Toronto and the practical selection of the candidate by the Government machine is a matter without our province.

As for Mr. Lee himself, he is well known throughout the riding, and in years gone by had considerable municipal experience. Neither is he wanting in platform ability. If he is satisfactory to the Liberals as a candidate to support, he is equally satisfactory to the Liberal-Conservatives as a candidate to oppose. They would as soon fight Mr. Lee as anybody. With the favorable points mentioned above, Mr. Lee has not a few weak spots in his armor, and, in a friendly way, in due time these may be pointed out in the interest of the riding and of the province."

BAD FIRE

Big Blaze at Stephenson Does Much Damage—Frames Knocked—Staves Destroyed

Stephenson, a small place on the Lake Erie R. R. in Southern Kent, was visited by a disastrous conflagration yesterday afternoon. A large stock of staves piled near the track was completely destroyed, and two box cars, one of them already loaded, were burned. The fire started between ten o'clock. The railroad track was in the centre of the blaze and they were warped by the heat. Some of them were out of place six feet. The fire started between three and four o'clock, presumably from bush fires. The trains on the Lake Erie R. R. from London and Walkerville were stopped by the fire. After transferring the mails and passengers and changing the crews, the trains returned. Neil Ruthven and J. W. Humphrey were on the train that came to Chatham. James James, of the Sutherland-Innes Co., is in Stephenson to-day investigating the loss. At one time it was thought that nothing would save the little village of Stephenson, but fortunately, this hard work. The Sutherland-Innes mill was not burned owing to the situation of the mill. The loss will be heavy.

"We were very much pleased with the design you sent. It was beautiful and appropriate." The Victoria Ave. Greenhouses receive such words of commendation every day. Telephone No. 181.

SAVED LIFE AND CASH

Gallant Fight Put Up by Express Messenger with Daring Bandits.

Lively Struggle During Hold-Up of Southern Pacific Express in Oregon.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 23.—The northbound overland express train on the Southern Pacific was held up by two masked men 15 miles south of Eugene at 3 o'clock this morning. The robbers blew open the express car with dynamite, but secured no booty, having been driven off by the express messenger. The only booty secured was one registered mail pouch.

The train arrived here this afternoon. The express car is badly shattered, but it was brought in with the train.

"The first intimation I had of anything wrong," said C. F. Charles, the express messenger, "was when the train began to slow up near Walker's Station. Shortly after that, the train came to a standstill, and I was ordered to open the door. I refused to move. 'Open up this car or we will blow you to hell,' commanded one of the robbers. I made no response and was given a salute with dynamite.

"The first charge blew open one of the doors and knocked me down. My overalls were blown into shreds and my legs scratched somewhat, but otherwise I was unhurt. Further commands to open up and threats followed, but without avail. I made no reply, knowing that the object of the robbers was to locate me in the car, and then try to put me out of the way, either by dynamite or bullets. I changed my station to the other end of the car.

"A second shot blew open the door at the other end of the car. The third shot failed to go off, as I had removed my shoes and quietly walked over to the dynamite, and detached the fuse. Two more shots exploded, each of them blowing a hole in the floor of the car. All told, four shots were off in the car, two failed to explode, and one I prevented from exploding by removing the fuse.

"All efforts to compel me to open up or leave the car failing, the engineer was sent in through the opening blown in the side. I ordered him to get out and fired a shot over his head with my shotgun. The entire affair lasted about 40 minutes. The engineer returned after I fired the shot and ordered him to leave, and I was not molested further."

Engineer Burt Lucas, describing the capture of the mail pouch, said: "The mail clerk was covered by the robber, while I was compelled to open the mail sacks. After the mail was dumped out the robber sorted it and had the messenger hold the sack while he took what he wanted. The robber wound up the job by helping himself to the messenger's lunch."

"I was then taken back to the engine and commanded to take him to a point about a mile from Eugene. He made me stop as soon as the lights of the city could be seen and he jumped off and disappeared in the direction of the river."

San Francisco, Oct. 23.—The Southern Pacific Co. has offered a reward of \$250 for the arrest of each of the robbers implicated in the Eugene, Ore., hold-up.

GEN. BULLER AT ONCE QUIT

The Veteran Military Man Has Already Given Up His Command.

His Dismissal Inevitable—His Majesty Interested in the Ladysmith Hellograms Controversy.

London, Oct. 23.—The afternoon newspapers to-day agree that the dismissal of General Buller from the command of the first army corps, and placing him on half pay, was inevitable. It appears that the general was only officially notified of the decision late yesterday evening, the notification being delivered at his official residence at Aldershot by a special messenger from the War Office at about the same time that it was issued to the newspapers. This morning's army orders at Aldershot announce that General Buller has already given up his command.

HIS MAJESTY INTERESTED.

London, Oct. 23.—The King has taken great interest in the controversy about the Ladysmith hellograms which has been carried on without intermission since Sir Redvers Buller made his unfortunate speech a fortnight ago. Mr. Brodrick was summoned to Balmoral to give His Majesty the War Office view of the affair, and the return of the court to London was marked by the official announcement that Sir Redvers had been relieved of the command of the first army corps.

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THE ROYAL TOUR ENDING

Arrival of Ophir at St. John's, Nfld., with the Duke and Duchess on Board.

A Splendid Marine Spectacle Met The Gaze of the Royal Party on Entering the Harbor.

St. John's, Nfld., Oct. 23.—The royal yacht Ophir, having on board the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, conveyed by four British cruisers, arrived here at daylight this morning. The city was profusely decorated and over 600 fishing gypsels had assembled in these waters, all decorated with bunting. People from the warships say the marine prospect was one of the finest witnessed throughout the tour of the Duke and Duchess. The fleet arrived here ahead of time, allowance having been made for foggy weather, which was not encountered. There is no program for the day, but the Duke this evening will give a dinner to the governor, Sir Cavendish Boyle, and the State dignitaries on board the Ophir.

The celebration to-night was exceedingly enthusiastic. The weather was clear and the town fairly blazed with illuminations and fireworks. The Ophir, Crescent, Diadem, Niobe, Proserpine and Charvillat were electrically lighted. Fifteen sailing steamers moored in a long line showed festoons of marine lanterns, while eight hundred fishing vessels were similarly decorated, making a veritable forest of twinkling lights spread over the whole harbor. From the hills surrounding the city sixty bonfires flamed. A thousand torch-bearers paraded the city, and then passed near the wharf where the Ophir was moored to be inspected by the Duke and Duchess. Five hundred fishing boats paraded the harbor, lighted with lanterns. The Duke and Duchess expressed themselves as delighted, and said the assemblage of shipping in the port, with the abundant bunting, formed one of the finest displays they had witnessed during the tour. It is reported that the Diadem grazed the rocks while entering the port.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPH TO BE USED.

London, Oct. 23.—Cruisers belonging to the Channel Squadron will be stationed one hundred miles apart down the channel and out to sea, to send by wireless telegraph the first greetings of the Duke of Cornwall and York to King Edward and Queen Alexandra.