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BIG CROWD DOES NOT ARRIVE

FRANK SHEPHERD HAS VERY SLIM MEETING

Dozen Voters and Few Socialists Gather to Greet Conservative Candidate.

Frank Shepherd, the Conservative candidate for Kamlay, tried to get a meeting of electors at the school house, Oak Bay, last night and the gathering was a representative one. It represented the strength of the Conservative party in that district. The larger section of the schoolroom was used, and fifty additional chairs had been provided for the crowd which did not come. Although the meeting was called for 8 o'clock, at a quarter past there were not half a dozen present. A quarter of an hour later the meeting was called to order with an audience of eleven over and above the speakers. Later in the evening two more residents arrived and a half dozen Socialists from town. These enlivened the proceedings somewhat toward the end but on the whole the gathering had neither enthusiasm nor sympathy with the speakers. There was whispering going on nearly all the time the speeches were being made so that it was impossible that they could have been interested.

D. H. Macdowell was the first speaker. He had nothing new to say, contenting himself with going over the old ground of criticizing the Liberal programme drawn up in 1895, and blaming the party for not carrying it out in detail. He laid special stress on the fact that the expenditures of the country were so much greater today than they were when the party came into power, taking no consideration of increase in the population of the country in that time.

Mr. Macdowell then went on to show what the Liberals had done for the country. He told how they had provided cheap transportation for the East by means of the Grand Trunk Pacific, trying to show that nothing had been done worth mentioning on that railway.

"Conservatism," continued the speaker, "established the manhood of the nation and did it at a cost of only forty million dollars a year. Laurier has, however, done nothing." He declared that the present premier had settled the Manitoba School question or that anything else had been done during the twelve years the Liberals had been in power.

In conclusion he acknowledged that the Conservatives were not very confident, and even stated that they would not say they were going to win. Frank Shepherd, the candidate, then took the platform. He assured the audience that he would not withdraw in favor of his friend, Hawthorthwaite, and he did not know whether or not Hawthorthwaite intended to do so in his favor. He also denied that he was any longer connected with the C. P. R. by whom he was recently employed and he did not think the Conservative party on the whole was in league with that corporation. He laid out his programme as being "better terms, the settlement of the Oriental question," and the purifying of the government." He charged that the constituency was being bribed by promises of telephones and other improvements. He would not even give the present government credit for their immigration policy, but gave all the credit for this to the Canadian Pacific railway. He then entered a plea for the railways, and quoted from Elbert Hubbard's Philistine to show that the C. P. R. had done wonders for the country and should be well treated. The railway, he argued, had developed the country and the government could take no credit for it.

Speaking of the Grand Trunk Pacific, he tried to show that it would be a disadvantage to the country and nothing but a bill of expense, because new roads and bridges would have to be built to connect with it. Dealing with the Oriental question, Mr. Shepherd claimed that the \$500 tax on Chinese was a most prohibitive and should be increased. In order to prove this he quoted figures to show that since the passage of the regulation, one thousand Chinamen had entered the country.

While finding fault with the government's policy he read from one of his own letters, published in South Africa, in which he characterized the exclusion laws of the present government as "timely exclusion laws." Another quotation was read from Sir Alfred Littleton in which it was stated that the policy of the Pacific coast had become the policy of Canada.

The speaker then tried to show that the Lennox mission was a failure because some frauds had been practiced on the government. These had been discovered, but he assumed that they would continue uninterrupted. While professing to be waging a fair fight he distorted the words of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Finding that the audience was getting restless and that the faithful few were beginning to leave Mr. Shepherd concluded by repeating Mr. Borden's appeal to the country for sixty extra followers in the House, and gave it as

FIREBUGS WILL BE SHOT AT SIGHT

Incendiary Epidemic at Baker City Leads to Drastic Measures.

Baker City, Ore., Oct. 8.—A series of incendiary fires so menacing that special patrolmen were employed yesterday which three more happened yesterday and last night, making nine in two days, has drawn the proclamation from Mayor Johns instructing the police and citizens to shoot on the spot any person setting fire to any building.

CLINGING TO DERELICT.

Four Men Reported to be Drowned in Wreck of Launch Off Delaware Breakwater.

Levas, Del., Oct. 8.—The steam pilot boat Philadelphia picked up yesterday afternoon, outside the Delaware breakwater, a launch named "Flicker" which was men clinging to the bottom of the overturned craft. It is reported that four men were drowned. The pilot boat returned to Delaware and the report cannot be confirmed.

CALGARY EDITOR IS CHARGED WITH LIBEL

"Eye Opener" Resents Letter in Daily News Signed "Nemesis."

Calgary, Alt. Oct. 8.—Daniel McGillivuddy editor of the Daily News, was arrested yesterday on a charge of criminal libel laid by R. C. Edwards, editor of the Eye Opener. Yesterday the Daily News published a letter signed "Nemesis" painting Edwards in colors not to be envied.

He was described as an immoral creator of the worst type under the caption "The real reputation of a man very busily blackening characters" Mr. Edwards however could not take his own medicine.

DIAMONDS CONCEALED IN LADY'S STOCKING

Lone Bandit Missed Rich Haul When Holding Up Stage.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 8.—Fifteen hundred dollars in money hidden on the person of Miss Rose, of Couliou, and a thousand dollars worth of diamonds concealed around the leg of Mrs. J. Barnett, of San Francisco, escaped the notice of a lone bandit late last night when he stopped the Myrtle Point-Roseburg stage and held up two passengers and the driver. The high bidder got was \$45 in money and two fine gold watches and two revolvers.

CHOLERA IN RUSSIA.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 8.—The cholera showed a slight increase yesterday. Of the twenty-four hours up to noon yesterday there were 24 new cases and 41 deaths.

LADY AEROPLANIST.

Le Mans, France, Oct. 8.—Wilbur Wright, the American aeroplaneist, made a slight here yesterday with Mrs. Hart Moberg, the wife of his European business manager, as a passenger.

BIG SHOE FIRM FAILS.

Boston, Oct. 8.—Bartels, Thelen & Co., shoe manufacturers, of this city and Chelsea, made a general assignment yesterday for the benefit of creditors. The liabilities are estimated at between \$400,000 and \$500,000. The amount of the assets is unknown. The firm employs six hundred operatives.

SUICIDE FOLLOWS FAILURE.

Montreal, Oct. 8.—Declaring that he wanted to poison his dog, Benoit Ruelens, a barber, bought carbolic acid in a drug store, then entered the Stadium café, Duluth avenue, where he swallowed the poison himself and died fifteen minutes later. Despondency over a business failure is said to have been the cause of his act.

CHINO-AMERICAN TREATY.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 8.—The proposed arbitration treaty between China and the United States was signed at the State Department today. Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister, acting on behalf of the Chinese government, and Secretary of State Root on behalf of the American government.

DEADLY NEWS ITEM.

Kansas Marshal Kills Editor and Follows His Crime by Committing Suicide.

Sabetha, Kas., Oct. 8.—Angered because of a news item printed in the Merrill News yesterday, Perry Royer, marshal of Merrill, Kas., shot and killed W. H. Schmuecker, editor of the News, and then committed suicide. The shooting occurred in the main street at Merrill.

THIRD WALKEM TRIAL.

Vancouver, Oct. 8.—The third trial in the Walkem case is still going on. A repetition of the former evidence is being heard much of which is being read in the form of depositions made in trial before the late Judge Cane. The trial will probably finish tomorrow.

COSTLY PRIZE FOR CHANNEL FLIERS

FIRST AVIATOR ACROSS GETS GOLD CUP, \$10,000

Le Mans, France, Oct. 8.—Ten thousand dollars and a gold cup now await the first aviator who crosses the English channel in an airplane of any kind. The prize is offered by the London Daily Mail and part by a big French champagne firm. The French Aeroplane Society offers the cup.

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SERVIANS CLAMOR FOR WAR WITH AUSTRIA

Want Rights of Bosnia and Herzegovina Restored—Greco-Cretan Union.

Belgrade, Servia, Oct. 8.—The clamor for war with Austria-Hungary because of the occupation of Bosnia and Herzegovina is growing here continually and scenes of wild enthusiasm are being witnessed on the streets of Belgrade. This morning a mob of demonstrators forced its way to the precincts of the palace and demanded to see King Peter, threatening that troops and gendarmes finally had to be called out. They surrounded the palace and charged several times before the mob would disperse. The patriots are greatly dissatisfied with the tone of the protest of Serbia against the occupation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. They declare it lacks vigor and does not represent the feeling of the nation which would rather go to war than acquiesce in the act of Austria-Hungary. There is a steady flow of telegrams from the interior assuring the government support in the shape of money, men and arms in the event of hostilities.

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The Serbians government in its proclamation protesting against the annexation by Austria-Hungary of Bosnia and Herzegovina, expresses the hope that the protest will result to the appeal addressed to them for protection and justice.

"This new flagrant violation of the Berlin treaty," the proclamation declares, "has been effected by force to the selfish interests and without regard to the previous how this dealt to the feelings, interests and rights of the Serbian people."

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LORD MILNER GIVES IMPRESSIONS OF CANADA

Distinguished Visitor Has Formed Very Favorable Opinion of Country---He Expresses His Views on South African Affairs

Lord Milner, who is a guest in the city at the present time, is enjoying his stay to the fullest and he has kind things to say of Canada as a whole. He is delighted with what has been seen of British Columbia and in particular thinks Victoria must be a most delightful place to live. As is to be expected from a man of Lord Milner's stamp, his praise of the city lacks everything of a fulsome character. Interviewed at the Empress hotel last evening by a Times reporter he expressed the pleasure that he had had on his trip through British Columbia. His only lament was that he could not stay longer and see more of it.

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