# INVITES CIVIC OFFICIALS TO RESIGN AT

Lightning Does Damage In London and Middlesex

### TALK OF CIVIC STRIKE **AROUSES MAYOR WENIGE** TO DEMAND ACTION NOW

Mayor Invites Civic Employees Dissatisfied With Salaries To Resign at Once If That Is Their Desire—City Treasurer Recommends Increases.

ALDERMAN COLBERT SCORES "SURVEYS"

at the time.

realized this long ago, but it was a question of where the funds were coming from, and whether the people

were willing to stand the expenditure

It is the duty of the city council-lors to gauge the wages and salaries, and not the department heads, argues

Ald. Drake, another Ward 3 repre

the assessment office?" he question

"I think Mayor Wenige perpetrated

a grave error when he called that salary caucus the other night. It

was a big mistake in my opinion. This is 1923 all right, but if that

session is an example of it, I don't want to see any more of it like that."

MAYOR PUTS THE LID

Come From His Office

in Future.

The Mayor's Letter.

Mayor Wenige's public communi-

those in other offices."

council will do the rest.

cation follows:

afternoon, Ald. Drake gave as his reported at the city hall late this af-

Now is the time for Assessment Commissioner H. J. Bennett or any member of his staff to tender their resignations if they feel that they are not being fairly dealt with in the matter of remuneration.

In on-essential—at least, in the manner in which they are being undertaken.

He declares that the councillors do not have to import outside experts do not have to import outside experts to tell them that a new fire hall or a matter of remuneration. So declares Mayor George Wenige in a letter to the press today, in which he again defends his salary recom-"We should never have gone into this venture," Ald. Colbert asserted, "and I condemned the move at the

mendations for 1923. His worship insists that there is time. I can tell the people myself, without the aid of outsiders, that we need a new police station and a no justifiable cause for complaint and submits that no member of the city new central fire hall, and a good many other things. The council hall staff was overlooked in consideration at the recent salary caucus. Mayor Wenige also takes occasion to point out that before the election he promised to undertake certain things if the people would elect coun-

"The people did fairly well." he says, "but they did make a few selections who have proved stumbling blocks in the advancement of the And at a later date I will name them as I view them from the mayor's

In the face of the pronouncement, Ald. John Colbert, Ward Three, demands an "equalization of wages at the city hall," charging today that "there are those employed there who are not getting sufficient to live on." "I do not think that the heads of the departments are getting too much for their services," Ald. Colbert de-clared, "but I do say that when compared with the under-paid employees, they are getting too much. There should be an equalization, and the wages of the latter should be

e elevated in comparison."

Ald. Colbert states quite clearly that he is going to battle along this line at future meetings when the city hall wage issue is under considerahall wage issue is under considera-tion. "Every person at the city hall is a necessity," he declared. "The citizens need them there. If they didn't they wouldn't have them. Then they should be willing to pay a fair and decent wage."

Scores the Surveys. Ald. Colbert scores incidentally Editor London Advertiser. City: such money as will have to be expended for the police and fire department surveys now in progress, charment surveys now in progress, char-ment surveys now in progress, char-acterizing the latter manoeuvres as Turn to Page 2, Columns 4 and 5.

**BRING CITY SALARIES** 

DOWN TO \$2,600 LEVEL

Ald. Drake's Opinion on the

Assessment Commissioner's

opinion that "if the city officials ternoon.

Salary Dispute.

Beach home as usual yesterday af-

ternoon and, after coming out, car-

seized by spasmodic convulsions and died within five minutes. An inquest

has been ordered to investigate the

DOOMED CONVICTS CHEER

OFFER CASH FOR CAPTURE

Associated Press Despatch

Philadelphia, July 16 .- Posters con

taining an offer of a reward of \$250

each for the capture, dead or alive

of the six convicts who made a sen-

sational escape Saturday from the Eastern State Penitentiary were be-

ing prepared by the prison authorities today for distribution throughout the continent.

At 9:15 last night he was

WHEN KEEPERS BATTLE



The bun-eating competition in progress at the Commercial Travelers picnic Saturday, snapped by The Advertiser cameraman when the race the largest mouth looks like the winner.

### sentative, who states that he can't understand "what the different offi-cials have to do with the wages paid mendation for his own employees," Ald. Drake urged today, adding that he also favored a "general equaliza-tion of the pay roll to favor the under-paid clerks." "What right has the city treasurer to be saying what shall be paid in "Or for the city clerk to say what shall be paid in the city treasurer's office, and so on. Let each of them look after their own office, and the

Responsibility of Enforcement Rests With Crown Attornevs and Police.

NICKLE WON'T TALK

Daily Papers Will Contain the Results Without Prices Horses Pay.

Sir,-In view of the many con Special to The Advertiser. troversies that have appeared in the Toronto, July 16.-Racing papers and newspapers containing betting odds and racing information are to-day being sold on the streets and innews stands of Toronto seemingly in defiance of federal and provincial

It was said today at the Toronto branch of the Dominion Customs and Excise Department that as yet no instructions have been received with ON TALKING TO PRESS containing racing news that come into Canada from the U.S. for the Written Statements Only Will into Canada from the U. S. for the time being therefore such papers will be allowed entry in the Dominion, it is thought, however, that they will be subject to seizure and instructions are expected at any time, giv-In a brief, snappy interview (unsigned) with The Advertiser late this volves the press of this city, it was tions may come from Ottawa by

wire at any time. wire at any time.

The postmaster of Toronto said that no instructions have been received in regard to the forwarding of racing papers through the mails and that therefore for the present wanted Assessment Commissioner No city official, or employee, will Bennett to work for \$2,600 a year, be allowed to give interviews to the of such papers will be transmitted by

they should be willing to bring down papers, unless under their signatures, is the proposal. The Advertiser has been informed, and all who disobey Ald Drake made it clear that he does not include the city engineer in this general statement.

HAMILTON MAN SUCCUMBS

been informed, and all who disobey will be summarily dealt with under the provisions of the municipal act. While the mayor withholds comment in this instance, an official ultimatum is anticipated from his office Should the Province of Ontario want to suppress the mailing of rac-ing journals, and the Dominion no object to such matter going through the posts, an agreement would have to be reached between the province and the Dominion, he said. SHORTLY AFTER BATHING His worship did urge, this morning, however, that all members of the council refuse to talk to the press. The federal racing news bill was thrown out by the senate, but an amendment was retained which Hamilton, July 16.—Daniel Logan, but to submit written opinions at all times. Ald. P. J. Watt is the only makes it illegal to import into Can-42, went in bathing at his Burlington member of the council to concur to ada any paper "which is not a newspaper published in good faith mainly for the purpose of supplying news and comment," but, on the contrary, primarily and solely intended to ried on a conversation with his CORNWALL WOMAN DIES

WHEN AUTO OVERTURNS facilitate betting. Stand Made Clear. Cornwall, July 16 .- Miss Mary It was made clear in the discus Margaret McDonnell, 58, daughter of directly as such purely racing papers Donald McDonnell, Cornwall, was killed and her brother James is in performances.

Special to The Advertiser.

New York, July 16.—Inmates of the death house cells in Sing Sing cheered as two keepers engaged in a finish fight. The keepers, Cuthbert and Hartyr, were suspended.

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### OF SIX ESCAPED BANDITS Modern Bandits Attack Plane Carrying Payroll

Lloyd Moore, Piloting Machine From Lima to Canele, Peru, Makes Daring Escape With, \$20,000 in Currency.

### Thames Park Bathing Pool Only One Board Can Close

Children Used Birkett's Flats and Grosvenor Street Pools on Sunday, But Supervisors Were Absent.

"All we can do in the matter is to | Mr. Vining was asked what posi-

"All we can do in the matter is to close the swimming pool at Thames Park playgrounds; we have no jurisdiction over the river, you know," said Jared Vining, chairman of the public utilities commission, to The Advertiser in discussing the present situation. Yesterday there was a nadlock on the gates into the Thames Park pool and a policeman in all the glory of his blue to keep the children out, while the other pools under the care of the commission in the river were not guarded in any way and the children were in swimming all alone, without any supervisor to look after them.

Mr. Vining was asked what position the commission would take in the commission would take in the store twenty minutes after the lightning struck the building. They had spread their tarpaulins over the stock, and even the display window was protected from smoke and water. I have nothing but praise for Chief Aitken and his men. Had it not been for their promptness and good sense the pools in the river at Birkett's Flats and at the foot of Grosvenor street. We have gone as far as we can, and we have done all that the children were in swimming all alone, without any supervisor to look after them.

### HAS NO REPORT YET OF TROOPS' RETURN

General King Not Informed When R. C. R. Will Leave Strike Area,

Brig.-General W. B. King, in speaking of the military occupation of the mining districts of Cape Breton, says that he has heard nothing from Sydney, Cape Breton, concerning the return of the Royal Canadian Regiment from the strike district. He stated that he had noted the press report saying that the miners had returned to their work, but so far has heard nothing as to the re-

### THIEVES LOOT HOUSE WHILE OWNER ABSENT

Mrs. H. A. Truax, 596 Colborne Street, Makes Complaint to Police.

While she was away on a twoweeks' holiday, thieves entered the home of Mrs. H. A. Truax, 596 Colborne street, and stole several houseold articles, according to informa hospital in a serious condition as a result of an automobile accident Saturday night. The car, the property of the corner of King and Yonge streets.

The Advertiser has before it two tion laid with the local detectives, of such papers purchased today at the corner of King and Yonge streets.

Six Hurt as train the continent.

Six Hurt as train Hits
Stalled N. Y. Subway Car
Special to The Advertiser.

New York, July 6.—Six persons were injured today when a Ninth avenue L train crashed into a stalled subway train on a trestle at 207th street and Jerome avenue. Motorman Joseph Higgins and five passengers were taken to hospitals.

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Lima, Peru, July 16.—Baddits yesterday shot down a low-riding aero-plane laden with a \$20,000 pay roll. They were foiled when the daring fillow brought the disabled plane to earth after a sensational effort and machine was disabled and he began machine was disabled and he began floundering in the air. Before the haze he sighted a clear field. He haze he sighted a clear field. He disabled craft, brought it down safely on the field, and he jumged from the plane with street and Jerome avenue. Motorman Joseph Higgins and five passengers were taken to hospitals.

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Lima, Peru, July 16.—Bandits yesterday shot down a low-riding aero-plane laden with a \$20,000 pay roll. They were foiled when the daring along at a rapid pace. Moore was flying low under a heavy blanket of fog, when a volley of bullets from the newest type of hold-up men whizzed all around him. His machine was disabled and he began floundering in the air. Before the haze he sighted a clear field. He haze he sighted a clear field with the disabled craft, brought it down safely on the field, and he jumged from the plane with the disabled plane to earth after a sensational effort and machine was disabled and he began floundering in the air. Before the haze he sighted a clear field. He haze he sighted a clear field. He haze he sighted a clear field with the disabled craft, brought it down safely on the field, or field with the disabled into the haze he sighted a clear field with the

### EXPECT RECOGNITION OF MEXICO BY AMERICA

Satisfactory Agreement Looked For as Result of Mexico City Conference.

Special to The Advertiser. Mexico City, July 16.—The "Recog-nition of Mexico" conference began

today what is believed to be its last week, with the end in sight. Satisfactory agreement before Satgarding their success. Recognition of Mexico by the Unit-ed States may follow—probably with-

under way nine full weeks, during which time the United States delgates have laid before the Mexican conferees the objectionable points from the American point of view. A particular bone of contention has been the retroactive aspect of article 27, which provides for ownership by the government of oils and minerals. The results of the conversations, which have been for the most part secret, are to be laid before Secretary of State Hughes.

## **URGE FARMERS' STRIKE**

S. Producers Consider Action at Meeting Called in Wichita.

Special to The Advertiser. Wichita, Kan., July 26.—Concerted action by farmers to bolster up the price of wheat was sought here to-day at a conference of representatives of five hard wheat producing

The suggestion of Governor John-athan Davis of Kansas, that the farmers urge a "Sellers' Srike" was considered by the delegates. Farm-associations and other farm organi-ers' clubs, granges, co-operative as-sociations and other farm organiza-tions of Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Colorado were repre-sented.

sented.

The conference met on the call of John A. Whitehurst, secretary of the Oklahoma board of agriculture.

IRISH DOCKMEN STRIKE.

Dublin, July 16 .- A strike on the docks of Irish Free State ports was begun today. James Larkin, the Irish labor leader, recently deported from the United States, apparently

Fire in R. M. Brisco's Store in Saturday Night's Lightning.

Damage in Country About Offset by the Value of , Rain.

CROPS BLOWN DOWN

The violent thunderstorms which visited London during the week-end caused considerable damage both in the city and the surrounding countryside.

The storm which struck London Saturday night was responsible for a serious fire at the sporting goods store of R. M. Brisco, Dundas street

at 11:25.

The upper floor of the store, where the bulk of the stock is stored, was badly burned as a result of a flash of lightning, which entered an open window facing Dundas street. The bolt grounded through the rheostat can battery-charging installation, burst ing this and filling the upper rooms with flame, which burned the stock and equipment. That the fire depart-ment worked quickly and well can be seen in the fact that, although the entire stock on this floor is badly scorched, nothing but the woodwork where the bolt, entered was completely humad

pletely burned.

Mr. Brisco said, in speaking of his loss: "When I arrived at the fire I was surprised that the firemen had things so well in hand, as I reached

The loss is not estimated as yet, The line from Glace Bay to but Mr. Brisco says it will run over is being patrolled by troops.

In speaking of the storms which visited London yesterday, Mr. Brisco said that he noticed the awning of the Metropolitan Stores lying on the had seen it fall a few minutes before told him that it had been cut down at 3:30 p.m. by a flash of lightning.
Rumor had it that the roof of Knox Church on Wortley road was also struck yesterday afternoon, but in-quiries at the church failed to show any damage. Mr. J. H. Kerr, the contractor, who is rebuilding the church, was trying to find out whether this was true, but the church edifice revealed not the slightest

trace of damage. The crew of No. 3 fire hall across the road from the church on Bruce street say that they thought the church was hit. Driver McConnell urday is predicted, and the American delegates, Warren and Payne, plan to leave to report to Washington reme back over the humner of the fire truck. I could feel part of the charge run along the bumper.

More Gain Than Loss.

In the country districts the storms did a lot of damage both to crops and to buildings. Reports of barns and outbuildings being struck continue to reach the city, but so far no loss of life has been reported. The greatest damage at country

points was caused by the beating down of the spring grains and the corn crop. Luckily there was little wind with the rain, which in some districts fell in cloud bursts. R. A. Finn of the department of agriculture says that the damage to and corn which was beaten down will

recover, as it was not really lodged or blown flat. He considers that the in the loss of hay which was cut and and on returning to England will partially dried in the fields on Saturday. This hay will be of poor quality when finally brought in.



THE PRIZE BABY. Joan Lorraine Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, 568 St James street, snapped by The Advertiser staff photographer after she came out victorious in the baby show of the Travelers' picnic at Port Stan-

Dastardly Deed by Unknown Persons Discovered as Express Comes Along.

TROOPS PATROL LINE Police Arrest Young Lad For

Putting Iron Into Rail Switch.

Canadian Press Despatch. Sydney, N.S., July 16 .- A rail was removed from the Sydney and Louisburg Railway near Dominion No. 1 during the night by persons unknown. The removal was discovered before the Sydney to Louisburg express, a passenger train, came along, and the day or two. He fixed a meeting for train hands put it back into place. Saturday last, but Commissioners The line from Glace Bay to Sydney

As the coal company plans continuous movement of coal from the ment will be met-24 hours' notice pile at No. 2 mine, interference with etc. the railway is looked to as one of the most serious of possible developments in the strike situation. . Work commenced on the rest ments in the strike situation.

Work commenced on the restoring of No 5 blast furnace and four open zens, asking that the pools remain

hearth furnaces at the steel plant to-day.

Archie McInnes, a 16-year-old boy, was arrested by civil police officers near Dominion No. 1 while in the act, the police state, of putting iron names of bona fide taxpayers affixed.

into a switch of the Sydney and No names of minors were attached, Louisburg Railway. He was turned and the signatures were secured, the over to the provincial police. The mayor explained, at the C. N. R. cararrest was made near where a rail shops and on the streets throughout arrest was made near where a was removed during the night,

### SUMMON LEVIATHAN MEN FOR QUITTING OTHER SHIPS SAY POINCARE SPEECH

Special Cable to The Advertiser. London, July 16. - Twenty-five embers of the crew of the new United States shipping board lines Leviathan were summoned today by the British authorities for desertion from British ships, an exchange des-patch from Southampton said. Complaints have been made by British shipping operators that their crews have deserted in New York to join American vessels for higher

### LARKIN PLANS CANADIAN TOUR EARLY IN AUGUST

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WINNERS IN THE HEEL-AND-TOE RACE.

London, July 16 .- Hon. P.C. Larcrops will not be as bad as it looks. kin, Canadian high commissioner in He considers that a lot of the grain London, sails on the Empress of Scotland on July 25 for Canada. After visiting Ottawa, he will make a short greatest actual damage will be found tour in Canada and the United States and on returning to England will prodian delegates to the League of Nations.

Answers Suggestion From City Clergyman as to Thames Park Swimming Pool.

SUBMIT PETITION

Promises He Will Continue His Effort To Have the Pool Opened.

It is the Ministerial Alliance, rather than the mayor, who has been interfering, in the opinion of Mayor Wenige today, incidentally resenting the suggestion from Rev. George T. Watts, pastor of the Wellington Street Methodist Church, that he 'confine the activities of his high office to the commercial and financial duties of the city, leaving the Ministerial Alliance to conduct its work as it sees fit."

Mayor Wenige directs the attenion of the members of the Ministerial Alliance that he is a member of the Public Utilities Commission and that an issue involving the use of the city's bathing pools on Sunday is a question in which he retains every right to interest himself in by virtue of his "high office," as the elected mayor of this city.

He calls attention of the Ministerial Alliance also to the fact that it was the members of that organization who first approached the members of the public utilities commission. sion (excepting himself), and brought upon them sufficient pressure to again deny the use of the pools to the children of ratepayers of this city. "It is my own opinion that the pools shall be open on Sundays," the

mayor declared.

His worship promises that the question will be brought to a "show-down" at a special session of the public utilities commission within a Pocock, Vining and Webster stated that they could not be in attendance. His worship will ask for a meeting and all the necessary legal require:

At this session, Mayor Wenige, as submit, at the request of representa-

French Officials Claim Address Written Before Baldwin Spoke.

Asosciated Press Despatch. Paris, July 16.-Premier Poincare's address at Senlis yesterday was a mere reiteratiion of the French government's policy,, and was not intended as a reply to the recent reparation speech of Prime Minister Baldwin of Great Britain, it was ex-The entire address, with the excepten before the British premier spoke. t was stated.

### THE WEATHER

Moderate winds, mostly northerly: fine today and on Tuesday; moderately

New England States and Saskatche wan, and pressure is highest over Lake Superior.

Rain is now falling over the greater portion of the Maritime Provinces, and showers have occurred locally elsewhere, especially in Southern Ontario. Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. Stations. Weather Victoria .....

Calgary ..... 62 Cloudy Clear Farry Sound .... 80 Toronto ...... 71 Kingston ..... 76 Fair Cloudy Fair Ottawa ....... Montreal ...... Rain St John.....

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 80; lowest, 62.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 72: lowest, 50.

Hignest, 78; lowest, 59.
Barometric Readings.

The Advertiser staff photographer shows Mr. and Mrs. S. Real, 471 Dufferin avenue, who won the walking race at the Travelers' picnic at Port

### JUDGE MOURNS LOSS Thieves Visit Home of Judge Ross at Strathroy and Remove Liquor.