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THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN THRONG THE WESTERN FAIR GROUNDS

SEEKERS FOR SANCTUARY IN RED CHAMBER CAMPING

Many Applicants For the Few Vacancies Available in Canadian Senate-Calder, Foster and Wigmore, Now in the Government Fold, Have the Best Chance of Securing Permanent Jobs-Stevens, Bennett and Stewart Likely To Be Included in Cabinet Reconstruction.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Sept. 12. — Twelve days ago,
Premier Meighen announced in London the intention of his Government to dissolve Parliament and appeal to the people. In the course of that twelve days there have been no developments in the situation. In the country organizations activity is now preaching a feverish stage. The properties of the properties reaching a feverish stage. The pro-paganda mills are busy, but recon-struction of the cabinet and dissolu-

persons who believe, rightly or wrongly, that their services have earned for them sanctuary. Two more applicants, in the persons of James Douglas of Strathcona, and W. J. Blair of Battle River, arrived this morning.

The New Brunswick senator will be chosen from 57 "entries," all of whom

OIL STILLS EXPLODE; \$1,500,000 Worth CITIZENS OF HALIFAX Of Liquor Seized INQUEST ON THURSDAY FROM HOMES In New York Conflicting Stories Are Told

pany's Works Will Reach Thousands of Dollars.

WORKMEN ESCAPE INJURY

Noticed Indications of Trouble and Immediately Fled to Safety.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 12.-Halifax was thrown into a turmoil of excitement shortly after 3 a.m. today, when a series shortly after 3 a.m. today, when a series of explosions at the Imperial Oil Company's plant at Imperoyal aroused the population and brought hundreds of scantily-clad men and women into the streets, fearing a repetition of the disaster of 1917. Those who througed the citadel and other points of vantage overlooking the harbor saw great sheets of flame rising from the rear of the oil company's works and the entire basin ablaze with light.

Montreal, Sept. 12. — While two motorcycle constables were searching for a burglar over the roofs of houses on Park avenue, a man, supposed to be the burglar, jumped on their cycle and made off for the country. Abandoning their skyline jaunt, the constables hastened to the street, and pressing hastened to the street, and pressing hastened to the street and pressing their skyline jaunt. They were unable to

company's works and the entire basin ablaze with light.

Five pressure stills of a battery of twelve completed last year at a cost of \$1,000,000 had detonated, and the oil which they had contained was spouting great masses of smoke and flame. High above the noises of the rudely-aroused city was heard the roar of escaping steam with which the fire was being automatically fought. steam with which the first automatically fought.

Two hours later it was announced that the fire was under control, and that all danger had passed.

Vessel Gives Warning.

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Six men at work in the immediate vicinity of the destroyed stills gave the alarm, when what is known as the new battery. No. 34, gave indications of trouble. This alarm was taken up by the oil tank steamer Victolite, engaged at the time in discharging four million gallons of crude oil at the company's wharf. Officers aboard the steamer tied down the whistle and casting off, steered for the stream. Immediately thereafter the Victolite's screaming whistle was drowned by the first of a series of explosions. Of the six men at work near the scene of the explosions at the time of its occurrence all escaped. Gilbert Ettinger, employed as a firmman, was missing for a time, but later reported that he had taken refuge in the fields nearby after the alarm had been given.

STILL CONSIDERING DECISION. missioners are still conferring on the question of a reduction in freight rates.
All the evidence is in, and the decision
of the board will be announced very

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 14 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 82; lowest, 64.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 74; lowest, 63.
BAROMETRIC STANDING.
Sunday—8 a.m., 29.21; 8 p.m., 29.25.
Today—8 a.m., 29.38.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOLER.
Toronto, Sept. 12—8 a.m.
Forecasts.
Moderate west and northwest winds:

night and on Tuesday

High. ... 68

Halifax Weather Notes.

The disturbance which was west of the Great Lakes on Saturday morning has moved to the north of the Ottawa Valley with diminished intensity, and the western high area is now spreading over the Lake Region.

A West Indian hurricane is centered south of Bermuda, and appears to be moving northeastward.

Local showers have occurred from Ontario eastward, while in the West the weather has been cold, with rain and

Frank Cochrane, and whose claim is

chosen from 57 "entries," all of whom are confident of their merits. But Hon. W. R. Wigmore, minister of customs, is also on the inside looking out, and disappointment is due for the other 56 far as a plenitude of applicants is concerned), than to fill prospective vacancies in the cabinet, but even the first task has its difficulties, on account of the extraordinary number of persons who believe, rightly or wrongly,

cona, and W. J. Diatr of Battle River, arrived this morning.

Col. W. R. Smythe, former M. P. for East Algoma, who has had a prior claim on the Senate since the day of Hon.

H. H. Stevens of Center Vancouver is here. That he will enter the new cabiner. I have a since the form of Calgary and John Stewart of Lanark Continued on Page Three.

New York, Sept. 12.-Liquor valued at Loss at Imperial Oil Com- \$1,500,000 bootieg prices, has been seized in New York during a fortnight's drive by federal and state prohibition agents, aided by a special mobile force sent from Washington, prohibition headquarters announced today. Most of the seizures have been on piers and at terminals. Much evidence has been obtained by prohibition agents making arrange-ments with bootleggers to buy liquor.

Burglar Steals Cops' Machine

Montreal, Sept. 12. - While two

In South Africa

Worst Storm in History of Continent Delays Railway Traffic.

London, Sept. 12.—Canadian Press Cable.—Reuter's correspondent in Cape Town reports that the worst blizzard or many years, accompanied by heavy for many years, accompanies to heavy snowfalls, has been raging for some days over the greater part of the Orange Free State, Natal and portions of Cape Colony and the Transvaal. Pie-termartizburg was for some days cut off from the north in rail, telegraph and telephone communication. Trains have all been greatly delayed by this weather, which is most unusual for this country. Natives and whites in supposedly semi-tropical districts were startled to see trucks moving along covered with three or four feet of

In some parts of the Transvaal the cedented occurrence.

U. F. O. ELEVATOR AT CLANDEBOYE BURNED, LOSS IS ABOUT \$4,000

Clandeboye, Sept. 12. — Fire completely destroyed a large elevator, owned by the U. F. O., early this morning. The blaze started about 2:30.

The loss will be about \$4,000.

COAL PRODUCTION CURTAILED. London, Sept. 12.—Canadian Press Cable.—Owing to the lack of foreign trade the number of idle collieries in the coal mining district around Newcastle has increased, and the produc-tion generally curtailed. Collieries are diering to their intention to suspend

ROOT DECLINES HONOR OWING

Geneva, Sept. 12.—Elihu Root has definitely declined to be considered for election as judge of the international court of justice. In a cablegram, Mr. Root declares he will be unable to serve on the court because of his age. He said it was too great a responsibility for one to assume at the age of 76.

NEW MOTOR LADDER TRUCK.



The new motor ladder truck, the latest addition to the city's fire-fighting equipment, arrived in London last week and was handed over to Chief Altken at the Western Fair Grounds on Saturday. The truck will be on exhibition at the fair grounds all the week, so that citizens and other visitors to the Fair will have an opportunity of inspecting it before it receives its baptism of fire.

The new truck is much larger than any other now in use by the city department, and is equipped with eight ladders, the longest of which is 60 feet, against the old horse-drawn truck, which had five ladders, the longest being 55 feet. It also has a much larger chemical tank, with two ordinary and two smaller tanks, has four lanterns, is fitted with clamps to hold the ladders in place instead of straps, which took much longer to operate. The truck has a governed speed of 20 miles an hour, and is tested out at 38 miles an hour.

The men with the truck are: R. C. Claxton, driver; Fireman Hector Bishop; Fire Chief John Aitken, and C. Austin, general superintendent of Ruggles Motor Truck Company.

ARBUCKLE DECLINES TO MAKE STATEMENT

Film Comedian Will Face a Charge of Murder in First Degree.

"Party."

in any way.

Police yesterday were busy examining witnesses, whom they say will be presented to the grand jury tonight. These witnesses number twenty-two, and are being guarded by police detectives. DYING ACTRESS' CHARGE.

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HURON ALUMNI **ARE IN ANNUAL SESSION HERE**

Attendance.

"Financial Objective of the Alumni," by the Rev. S. Irwin, B.A. The alumni members will be guests of Huron College for Wednesday evening and the following morning. A report on the jubilee of the college, by the Ven. Archdeacon Carlisle, B.A., and election of officers for the coming year will bring the sessions to a close on Thursday morning.

TO HIS AGE

BARS OF MURRELLS' CELL ON COUNSEL'S ADVICE NEVER SUBJECTED TO TEST, DEPUTY SHERIFF TESTIFIES

Investigation of Alleged Murderers' Escape Opened at Court House Today-De puty Attorney . General E. Bayley, K. C., Sitting With Inspector W. W. Dunlop-Admits Department Was Asked to Grant Earlier Date for Trial of Prisoners-People of Melbourne Repre-Will Stay in City for Two sented at Inquiry by Counsel.

Deputy Sheriff B. F. Watterworth admitted frankly to W. W. Dunlop, inspector of prisons, at the investigation into the escape of the Murrell brothers from the county jail on Friday, Septem-San Francisco, Sept. 12.—A formal charge of first-degree murder. San Francisco police have announced, will be preferred against Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle, the motion-picture comedian, under arrest here in connection with the death last Friday of Miss Virginia Rappe, film actress.

Miss Rappe's death followed her attendance at a party given in Arbuckle's ber 2, which is in progress at the courthouse today, that he did not

Beappe, film actress.

Miss Rappe's death followed her attendance at a party given in Arbuckle's sittle at a local hotel a week ago. She sittle at a local hotel at who without sail in the late of the week ago. Ago and whether the seven the sail, a local file in the southeast the hall of justice tier. At the time they were incarcerated by 13-16 inches, and cross bars 2½ inches by 3½ of an inch. It was through one of these windows that the prisoners escaped.

At the time they were in

Do All In Its Power To Distribute Product

Declaration Made by Gas Commissioner G. F. Henderson Before Special Committee Today-Tells Gas Company Honesty to Public Is Grea test Asset of a Public Utility.

That the City Gas Company, as a public utility, should provide all facilities in its power for the distribution of natural gas of having an exhibit for an extended here, and by this means incur the goodwill of citizens, was the advice handed out by George F. Henderson of Ottawa, provincial viewed not only by the large population Fair Week Selected As Date

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To Insure Basing highly the work of the league's council He was called for the purpose of deciding a satisfactory basis for the distribution from the Saul wells near Crumlin of natural gas here, for which 85 cents per 1,000 cubic feet delivered in local homes is now asked.

URGES GET-TOGETHER.

Mr. Henderson urged the City Gas Company officials to get together with the Progressive Gas and Oil Company. in control of the natural gas supply, and to make a temporary arrangement for the distribution of the product in London. Even though such action be done at a loss to the local firm, the commissioner contact of the satisfactory basis for the the world.

Among the other privileges granted to Canada will be the free transportation of the greatuitous use of the rail-ways and other equipment necessary for a complete tour, and the use of the best theatres in the cities visited for the showing of motion pictures of Canada, as well as the net proceeds from such the natural gas supply, and to make a temporary arrangement for the distribution of the product in London. Even though such action be done at a loss to the local firm, the commissioner contact of the world.

Among the other privileges granted to Canada will be the free transportation of the goods both ways across the Atlantic, the gratuitous use of the rail-ways and other equipment necessary for a complete tour, and the use of the best attorney in fact for her son, best theatres in the cities visited for the showing of motion pictures of Canada, as well as the net proceeds from such the declared there was no reading of Mrs. Emma Co. Bergdoll, mother of Grover Cleveland Co. Bergdoll, mother of Grover Cleveland attorney in fact for her son, all property in which he held any interface the declared there was no reading of Mrs. Emma Co. Bergdoll, and the use of the best attorney in fact for her son, at the debate, declared there was no reading of Mrs. Emma Co. Bergdoll, mother of Grover Cleveland Co. Bergdoll, and the property in which he held any interface of Canada, as well as the net proceeds from such the second of the prope

The annual meeting of the Huron College Alumni Association, will be an interesting event in the city this week. In order to insure a good attendance, it is being held during Western Fair week on September 14 and 15, immediately previous to the executive meeting of the synod, which is to be held on Thursday morning. September 15. The Alumni Convocation banquet to be held at 6 o'clock on the evening of Wednesday, September 14, will be marked by the presence of Dr. C. A. Seager, M.A., D.D., recently appointed provost of Trinity College, Toronto, who will give the address of the evening. Another speaker on that occasion will be the Right Rev. Bishop Williams, D.D.

The opening session of the alumnae meeting will be held at 4 o'clock on Wednesday, September 14, when Dr. C. C. Waller will give the address of welcome, to be followed by a talk on the "Financial Objective of the Alumni," by the Rev. S. Irwin, B.A. The alumni members will be mester will be mester and interesting and the price of 50 cents per cone-third for distribution and two-thirds and the price of 50 cents per cone-third for distribution and two-thirds and the price of 50 cents per cone-third for distribution and two-thirds

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mane (consumers) was 45 cents per thousand cubic feet for domestic uses only.

The main thing is to get the gas to London homes," he urged. Provin-int, of the inthe common of the consumers was 45 cents per thousand cubic feet for domestic uses only.

There was no mixing of natural with artificial gas at Chatham, as is purposed here, and the rates were divided one-third for distribution and two-thirds to the city limits of natural gas is fair, the commissioner announced. Mr.

Honesty to Public.

the sessions to a close on Thursday morning.

The officers of the alumni for the past year are President, Rev. H. P. Westgate, B.A.; vice-presidents, Rev. K. H. Preservent, R. Herbert, Rev. H. Small, B.A.; secretary, Rev. C. W. Foreman, B.A.; LTh.; treasurer, Rev. L. W. Diehl; executive committee, Revs. J. D. Cornish, A. A. Trumper, L.Th., A. S. H. Cree, L.Th. An interesting matter which will come before the Alumni meeting concerns a pleture of Huron College itself, which at the suggestion of the alumni will be procured and placed in the vestibules procured and placed in the vestibules procured and placed in the vestibules are recorded in the vestibules procured and placed in the vestibules are recorded in the vestibules are recorded in the vestibules are recorded in the vestibules procured and placed in the vestibules are recorded in the vestibules are recorded in the vestibules procured and placed in the vestibules are recorded in the meantime Commissioner Hench and the clips and that the clips are to reduce the clips are recorded in the meantime Commissioner Hench are recorded in the meantime Commissioner Hench are recorded in the derson suggested that officials of the editors of the editors of the derson suggested that officials of the editors of the editors of the clips are recorded in the commissioner Hench are recorded in the derson suggested that officials of the editors of the editors of the editors of the commissioner Hench are the derson suggested that officials of the edity Gas Company that there is no big-recorded in the commissioner the recording to the public, asset to a public utility than hon-recting asset to a public utility than hon-recting concerns a process.

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J. Feeley, a member of the board of commissioners, admitted the collapse was due to unusual weight being thrown upon a bady-rusted and broken supporting arm. He declared however, that the bridge had been pronounced safe by the county engineer ten months

FRANCO-CANADIAN SAMPLE TRAIN WILL NOT COME TO FAIR

Request Made Too Late to Permit Change in Itinerary

HERE IN OCTOBER

Days on Eastward Trip.

Because the authorities in charge of the Franco-Canadian sample train which is touring Canada claim that it is now too late to make any changes in the itinerary of the tour, the French train exhibit will not be shown in London during Western Fair week. In communications received today by Mayor E. S. Little and Lieut.-Col. W. M. Gartshore, Hon. C. P. Beaubien, who is in charge of the train, expressed regrets that, owing to previous arrangements, the train could not be brought here this week. Because the authorities in charge of

ham, it will reach London on October 20. According to the present schedule, the train will remain here only two days, and then proceed by way of Brantford and Hamilton to Niagara Falls and then back to Toronto.

Steps have already been taken by the department of trade and commerce to organize a Canadian train of exhibits to tour France next year. Until a permanent committee can be organized, the work will be under the direction of Sir George E. Foster. The minister of trade and commerce has written the various chambers of commerce and kindred associations for information and suggestions. France Reciprocates.

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The privileges granted by the French Government are an exact replica of those which Canada has granted to the French exhibition train, except that it addition Canada will have the advantage

PROBE COLLAPSE OF **BRIDGE IN ORDER TO** FIX RESPONSIBILITY

Commissioner Declares That Bridge Was Pronounced Safe Ten Months Ago.

Chester, Pa., Sept. 12.-City officials and citizens alike turned their attention today from the death scene at Third investigations which are expected to fix esponsibility for the accident. Thomas J. Feeley, a member of the board of

SUCCESS OF WESTERN FAIK

Nearly 30,000 Kiddies Enjoy Delights of Midway and the Grandstand At Queen's Park Today - All Shows in Operation At Noon-Large Attendance of Adults Also Recorded-Members of City Clubs Play Part of Foster Fathers to Young Guests of Fair Board.

Children's day at the Western Fair proved from its very opening at 7 o'clock this morning, an unqualified success so far as it lay in the power of the kiddies to make it a success. They are down at the Fair having the time of their young lives, five thousand or more of them having invaded the grounds by noon.

them city boys and girls who were there right on the dot when the turnstiles started clicking this morning. They saw the performing dogs bathed and the trained animals fed long before the tents on the Midway were up in place.

first rides of the day. They literally surrounded the seaplane inclosure, and were standing in line with tickets for rides soon after 10 o'clock. Adults as Well.

Today's Program At The Western Fair

CHILDREN'S DAY. 7:00 a.m.—Gates open, 8:00 a.m.—Guides at gates to meet children. 9:00 a.m.-Midway and buildings open. 1:00 p.m.—Judging of dairy ex-hibits. hibits.

1:30 p.m.—Judging of light and heavy horses.

1:30 p.m.—Judging of Shorthorn and Jersey cattle.

2:00 p.m.—Granstand performance. 8:00 p.m.—Granstand perform ance. 10:00 p.m.—Fireworks.

7th Regt. Band plays on grandstand afternoon and evening G. W. V. A. Band plays af-ternoon and evening on band-stand on the grounds.

FOUR DROWNED WHEN MOTOR PLUNGES OVER CANAL EMBANKMENT

Driver of Automobile Loses Control On Road Near Buffalo.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 12.—Four person were drowned last night when a closed automobile in which they were riding went into a canal on the River road,

U. S. Government To Get Bergdoll "Pot of Gold"

eral district court at Philadelphia.

BIGGEST BUILDING BOOM IN HISTORY

New York, Sept. 12.—New York is experiencing one of the greatest building booms in its history, especially of residences. Compilation of statistics today by the city building department revealed that in four of the five boroughs of the city construction work this year up to August 31 had exceeded that for all of last year. It is believed that all records will be broken by the end of the year.

MAYOR PROHIBITS THE EXHIBITION OF ARBUCKLE FILMS

Medford, Mass., Sept. 12. — Mayor Haines today notified all motion pic-ture houses in this city that films of CLUBHOUSE IS DESTROYED.

Sherbrooke, Sept. 12.—The clubhouse and grandstand at the local baseball park were destroyed by fire late last night.

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The union Natural Gas Company at Chatham. He stated that Mr. Davis, of the Dominion Pipe Line, had declared at the hearing that he could declared at the hearing of the Union Natural Gas Company has nothing to lose, and Davis, of the Dominion Pipe Line, had declared at the hearing that he could declared at the hearing that he could declared at the hearing of the Union Natural Gas Company has nothing to lose, and Davis, of the Dominion Pipe Line, had declared at the hearing that he could declared at the hearing of the Union Natural Gas Company has nothing to lose, and Davis, of the Dominion Pipe Line, had declared at the hearing that he could declared at the hearing that he could declared at the hearing of the Union Natural Gas Company has nothing to lose, and Davis, of the Dominion Pipe Line, had declared at the hearing that he could hear condemned several bridge had been condemned se

These were only the advance armies, a large proportion of

They watched with vivid interest the fascinating progress of the seaplanes, the merry-go-round and the snap-the-whip riding device being out together, and they waited impatiently to have the

> This afternoon ten or fifteen thousand more young merrymakers from out-of-town arrived, and the adult attendance was surprisingly large. In point of fact it is quite possible there were nearer to ten thousand kiddles on the ground this morning than 5,000. lot of the adults, mothers and big sisters and brothers, came to chaperone the younger folks, but the idea of the arly Monday opening appears to have taken good hold, and there were lots of adults who attended alone this morning. Harry Wray, Uncle Billy Moore, and a lot of other prominent club members were busy all morning handing out tickets to children who came unprovided with the passports to happiness, in the shape of pink strips of cardboard entitling them to free ad-

oupons, one for the gateman, and one or each of the two grandstand performances. Centre of Attraction. The Midway, which didn't get into full headway until around noon, was the center of chief interest to the boys and The riding devices started operating around 10 or 11 o'clock. It seemed to take an interminable length

ing. Every free ticket carries three

ought they could have done the work uch more rapidly themselves. Then the men in charge, evidently dent devotees of safety first policies. and intent upon handling their great rush of juvenile patronage without any mishaps, kept some of the devices running for what seemed whole hours be fore they condescended to sell any tickets or carry any passengers. At last, however, the spielers climbed up on their stools in the little ticke booths, and the boys and girls made one grand rush for tickets. The sea-planes were the favorite attraction, but

LEAGUE HAS NOTHING TO FEAR AS RESULT OF U.S. CONFERENCE

Leon Bourgeois Does Not Expect America To Renounce Part in Affairs.

Geneva, Sept. 12.—When the day's proceedings of the assembly of the League of Nations opened here this morning, Delegate Urrutia of Colombia spoke in continuation of the general debate, praising highly the work of the

M. Bourgeois, "that a country sent 2,000,000 men across the Atlan fight for liberty would afterward renounce a part in future affairs."

HITS NEW YORK RELIEF FUND BEING RAPIDLY SUBSCRIBED

Property Damage in Southern Storm Estimated at More Than \$8,000,000.

San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 12.—Relief funds totaling \$17,478 had been subscribed today by citizens of San Antonio toward a goal of \$25,009 for relieving the distress of the people who lost their possessions in the torrent of Saturday morning which swept over the lower section of the city.

Property damage was fixed at not more than \$8,000,000 in a statement by C. B. Yandell, general manager of the Chamber of Commerce, while the death list was still uncertain, some estimates running as high as 100 dead, including the 47 bodies recovered.

SHEFFIELD PHILANTHROPIST
DEAD.
London, Sept. 12.—(Canadian Press
Cable).—Wycliffe Wilson, the wellknown Sheffield philanthropist, is dead,