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RIVER CLEAN-UP MAY BE ORDERED

Combined Funeral Will Be Held For St. Thomas Victims

CITY'S OWN OFFICIALS MUST ACT

District Health Officer Making No Report On Thames to Dr. Godfrey.

ONUS ON DR. DOWNHAM

Order Compelling Construction of Springbank Dam a Possibility.

Sanitation of the river Thames awaits action in London. Provincial health authorities have passed the matter on to the city health department. Reports are expected, and if complaints are made the provincial department may step in and order a general clean-up with a mandatory order for the construction of a dam at Springbank.

The Hon. Dr. Forbes Godfrey, provincial minister of health, informed The Advertiser today that he is taking no action until he receives a report on the river from Dr. T. J. McNally, district provincial officer of health.

"Everything now depends on Dr. McNally," stated the provincial minister of health.

No Instructions. "I am making no inspection of the river," Dr. McNally stated today. "I have had no instructions from the department to commence a survey and until such instructions are received I will do nothing. Of course, I should be glad to co-operate with the city if an inspection is desired."

Dr. McNally is provincial medical officer of health for six counties and is not a city officer. He also acts as the institute of public health consultant for the city of London. He took the duties when Dean H. W. Hill left the institute last month.

Onus on City Officer. Dr. Godfrey states he is waiting for a report from Dr. McNally, but the district officer is making no inspection, because he has no instructions to do so. Onus in the matter seems to be placed on the city health authorities.

Dr. McNally, city officer of health, is making no particular inspection of river conditions, though he has reports on a number of sewage problems.

According to Mr. L. H. Douglas, M.D., a member of the board of health, a recent controversy over the sale of Thames street property and the erection of a Springbank dam, will open up the whole question of river sanitation, and a lengthy discussion on the matter is looked for at Monday's meeting of the board of health.

GETS TWO-YEAR TERM FOR ACID THROWING

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, July 8.—A sentence of two years determinate and two years indeterminate in the Ontario reformatory at Guelph was imposed by Judge Coatsworth today on Arthur Wilson, convicted of throwing acid in his wife's face, causing her serious injury.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—Moderate northeast and east winds; fair and cool. Tomorrow—Moderate northeast and east winds; fair and cool. Wednesday—High pressure which came in from the northward now covers the great lakes and the St. Lawrence valley.

Rain occurred yesterday in nearly all parts of Canada, but the weather this morning is everywhere fair and cool.

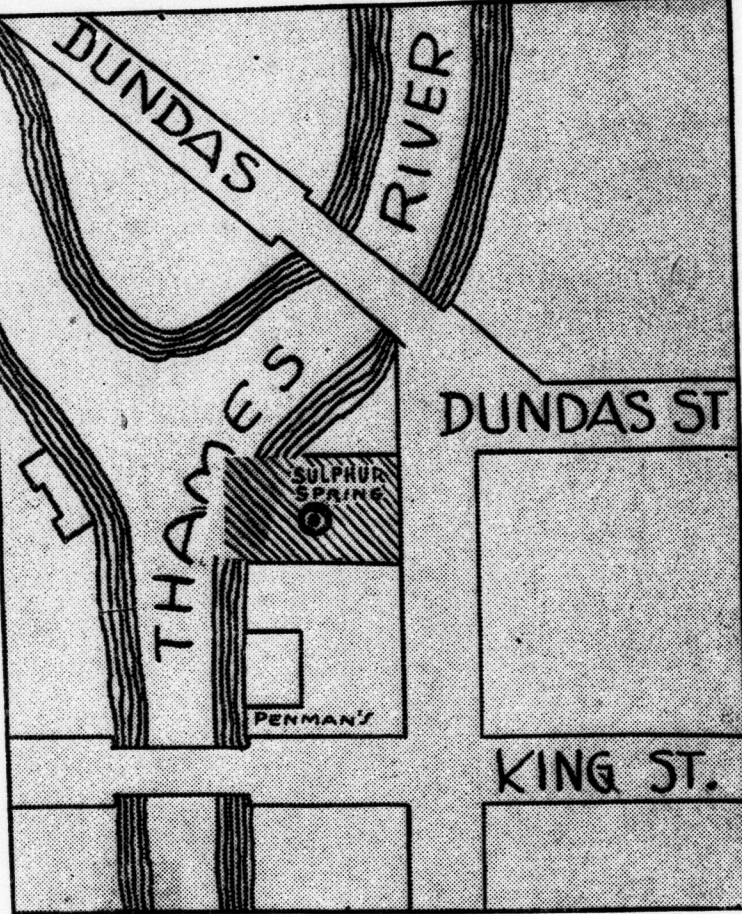
The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	65	50	Clear
Vancouver	65	50	Clear
Calgary	65	50	Clear
Winnipeg	65	50	Fair
Port Arthur	70	54	Cloudy
Perry Sound	72	50	Clear
Toronto	76	60	Fair
Kingsford	72	56	Fair
Ottawa	72	52	Clear
Montreal	74	54	Clear
Quebec	78	54	Fair
Father Point	68	44	Clear
St. John	64	42	Fair
Halifax	68	56	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were:

Highest, 78; lowest, 70.



LOCATION OF PROPERTY IN DISPUTE.

This sketch shows the city property at the foot of Dundas street, which is being sought by private capital for the erection of a bath house. The utilities commission and others oppose sale of the land because it is the "key" to river docking facilities in the event of a dam being erected and the river made navigable. The piece of property (blocked out in sketch), has a sulphur-water spring with a daily capacity of a million gallons.

OUTRAGEOUS TO CONSIDER SALE OF SULPHUR SPRINGS PROPERTY, VINING DECLARES

Chairman of Utilities Commission Scores Aldermen in Thames Street Deal.

LAND JUST BOUGHT Needed For Many Reasons—"Round Robin" Criticized by Douglass.

Astonishment was expressed this morning by Jared Vining, chairman of the public utilities commission, at the report of action of members of the city council in agreeing to dispose of the recently-acquired city property at the foot of Dundas street for \$1,500.

Referring to the special meeting of the council to be held Friday afternoon, to which the public utilities commissioners are being invited, along with representatives of the chamber of commerce, Mr. Vining expressed himself vigorously regarding the announcement yesterday that certain of the aldermen had already signed a round robin agreeing to the sale of the property to private interests.

"It is an astounding thing to me that a special meeting should be called to decide a matter which apparently has already been decided by a majority of the aldermen," he stated. "I don't know any directorate of any business concern the members of which would commit themselves to the sale of any of the firm's property without first talking the matter over at a board meeting. It is a disgraceful thing."

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ST. THOMAS MAN KILLED IN FALL

William Hussin Meets Death While Painting C. N. R. Bridge.

Special to The Advertiser. St. Thomas, July 8.—William Hussin, 114 Elm street, a painter on the C. N. R. Wabash line, suffered fatal injuries this morning, when he fell from a bridge on which he was working over the Thames river, about fifteen miles west of the city.

He died before he could be rushed to the hospital here.



HEROINES OF ST. THOMAS DISASTER.

Three girls, members of St. Luke's corps of girl guides, St. Thomas, layed heroic parts in the Pinafore lake tragedy. They were boating nearby when the affair happened. Heading cries of the struggling victims, they pulled eight to safety in their boat. Left to right, they are: Phyllis Stephenson, Queenie Wilford and her sister, Lillian Wilford.

BOARD CUTS MILEAGE IN HURON CO.

Concession to County Council Is Made by Highways Department.

REASONS ARE CITED

Lack of Railways in Some Sections Proving Handicap For County.

Special to The Advertiser. Goderich, July 8.—Huron county is to have only 62 miles of county roads to become township roads instead of 103 miles as at first arranged by the provincial highways department.

The change or concession was made late this morning at a consultation between the highway advisory board and the full county council. S. L. Squire, Toronto, deputy minister of highways, headed the representatives of the board who were present, and at the close of the meeting thanked the council for having dealt fairly with the board and meeting the department half way with regard to the road changes proposed.

Aside from the fine arguments submitted by different members of the council the main consideration which led the board to so materially reduce the county road mileage being cut, was the fact that the county, rather than the townships in a number of the townships in the county.

Prior to today's changes the total road mileage in the county was as follows: Provincial highway, 24 miles; county roads, 440 miles; and township roads, 1,000 miles.

Other members of the board present in addition to the deputy minister, were: Hon. Finlay G. MacDiarmid, M.L.A., West Elgin; A. M. Rankin, M.L.A., Frontenac; R. C. Muir, superintendent of county roads.

A motion proposed by P. J. McQuaid, M.P., and Wm. Sanders, Esq., expressed the council's appreciation of the visit of the advisory board, and of the generous treatment accorded the county in reducing the road mileage to be deleted to the extent that it was.

The board sat at Guelph yesterday for Wellington county, and left for Sarnia to interview the authorities there regarding the rearrangement to be made in Lambton county.

Sheep Killers RANGE TOWNSHIP

Dogs Cause Concern When They Slaughter Many Valuable Animals.

Sheep-killing dogs are again on the rampage in London township and have slaughtered many valuable animals during the past few weeks on the farms of Charles Powell, I. H. Shoebottom and John Hudson.

London township council paid out \$300 at the last council meeting to the owners whose sheep have been destroyed and will have to pay out more money when the members meet next month.

Last night the raiders visited the fields of John Hudson, near Bryansford, and killed a number of sheep. They were back on the job this morning and killed several more, according to reports reaching the city this afternoon.

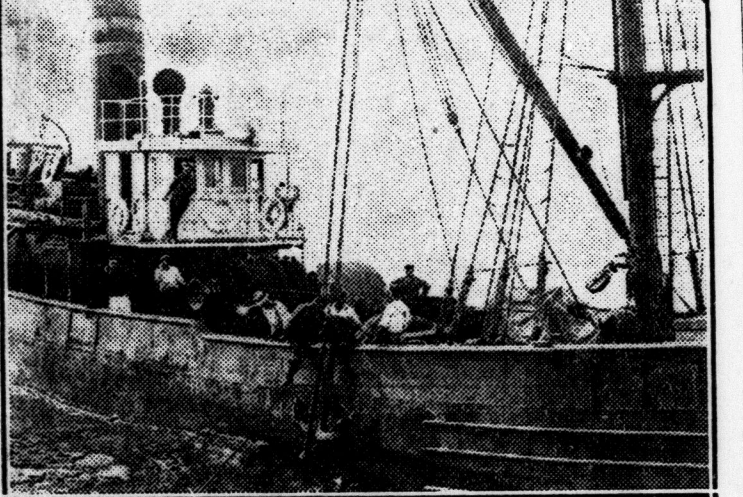
The farmers blame two dogs, a hound and an Airedale for all the trouble and although these dogs have been seen at a distance, no one has been able to get very close to them and they have yet to be caught in the sheep pens.

The farmers declare that these two dogs have the cunning and the speed of foxes. They sense the presence of man from afar and lose no time in getting under way.

Vigilance committees are being formed all over the township and the farmers will patrol the roads every night until the dogs responsible for the raids are seen and shot.

OFFICIALS ARE UNAWARE OF ANY SETTLEMENT

Special to The Advertiser. Toronto, July 8.—The provincial government has no information as to a reported settlement of the Roun railway situation, whereby the Quebec government and the Canadian Pacific Railway had arranged terms, and the latter had negotiated with the Nipissing Central, a subsidiary of the Ontario government railway. Hon. George S. Henry, acting premier, said he had heard nothing about any such agreement. Hon. Charles McCrea, minister of mines, also declared he had heard nothing. "If there was anything we would have likely known something about it," he declared.



READY TO SALVAGE \$4,000,000 TREASURE.

The steamship Spray's crew dropping an anchor in the sunken treasure ship Merida, off the Virginia Capes. The gold and silver-bullion to be taken from the ship will be guarded by special machine gun operators. A launch load of guns and ammunition has arrived at the scene and plans have been completed to guard against any attempt by pirates to seize the treasure after it is recovered.

—Photo by Bradley Kelly, special correspondent of The Advertiser and the North American Newspaper Alliance with the Merida treasure hunt.

Treasure Ship Divers Are Guarded by Machine Guns

Merida's Crew Takes Precautions Against Pirates and Hi-Jackers.

SEEK \$4,000,000

Tip Received That Rum Row's Worst Characters Planning Coup.

By BRADLEY KELLY, Special Correspondent of The Advertiser and the North American Newspaper Alliance.

Aboard Salvage Steamer Spray, by courier to Norfolk, Va., July 8.—Worthington Davis, the former Harvard football star, and a member of the syndicate of New York sportsmen, who are financing the salvage of the \$4,000,000 treasure of the sunken Ward liner Merida, has arrived here with a launch-load of machine guns, small arms and ammunition. He will direct the defence forces of the expedition against any attempt by pirates or hi-jackers to seize the gold and silver brought up from the bottom of the Atlantic.

"We are expecting trouble," said Mr. Davis, "as information has reached us that some of the most desperate characters of Rum Row are planning a coup. We shall be ready for them, with plenty of ammunition and 35 men who know how to use it effectively."

"From the moment we begin hoisting the 30 tons of gold and silver from the bulk of the Merida, our wicket boats will surround the scene of operations. No vessel will be permitted to approach us. The flag signals, swinging from the mast of the Spray indicate in an international language, 'We are out of control; keep away.' Any craft which does not respect that warning will be greeted with gunfire."

The machine-gun battery is equipped with Vickers air-cooled guns, with a capacity of 400 rounds per minute. Davis, in command, was formerly captain of the 304th Field artillery of the 77th division in France.

Prohibition Navy Suspicious. The salvage expedition has now been at sea for nearly a month. Mr. Davis, in command, was formerly captain of the 304th Field artillery of the 77th division in France.

As another reason for using gas in the Riffian warfare he declares that Abd-el-Krim has put out the eyes and cut out the tongues of some native tribesmen who refused to join him against the French.

GERMANY SIGNS. Geneva, July 8.—A representative of the German government today signed the convention to limit traffic in arms, formulated by the recent arms conference here. Germany had previously signed the protocol against the use of poison gas in warfare.

OAK STREET MAN FINED FOR HAVING STILL

Raiding Party Uncovers Plant and William Porter Pleads Guilty.

Admitting an inland revenue act charge of having a still and home-brew mash illegally, William Porter, 45, of 21 Oak street, was fined \$200 and costs by deputy magistrate Gladman in police court this morning. The evidence was uncovered early last evening by a raiding party composed of Police Inspector Lucas, Inspector Cecil Webb, of the inland revenue department, and Licence Inspector Walter Bolton.

PREMIER ARMSTRONG IS EXPECTED TO RECOVER

Canadian Press Despatch. Halifax, July 8.—Premier E. H. Armstrong, who underwent surgical treatment at the Victoria General hospital yesterday for an infected lip, was reported from the hospital this morning as having passed a very restful night, and the expectation was expressed that he would be out within a week.

Six To Four On Election

Ottawa Political Experts Expect Announcement of Dissolution After Holidays.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, July 8.—Decision whether a general election is to be held this fall will not be reached till the cabinet resumes business after the holidays. But the more speculatively inclined are offering six to four in favor of dissolution. During the two or three weeks of respite there will be a sounding out of constituencies and a general survey of the country.

The heavy Liberal defeat in Nova Scotia for a time checked the talk of dissolution and should New Brunswick follow suit it is quite conceivable that there would be further delay in appealing to the polls. None the less, all parties have been organizing for some time past.

Prospects of a bountiful harvest, coupled with good prices, are further taken as favorable to dissolution. Some ministerial changes are due and, should the government decide for a general election, there will be a cabinet reorganization with an appeal to the country on a new slate. A whole series of appointments remain to be filled.

WEDDING GUESTS ATTEND FUNERAL

Associated Press Despatch. Rochester, N.Y., July 8.—Before the same altar where six months ago they knelt together and were pronounced man and wife, a youthful bride couple returned again today and in their caskets placed side by side again received the blessing of their priest.

The two were Paul Sapone and his bride, Carmel, who were killed Saturday afternoon in a grid crossing accident near Caughnawaga, Que.

At the funeral this morning were many of the guests who made merry at their wedding but a few months ago. The two were on their way to Montreal to visit relatives when their car was struck by a train.

He apparently enjoyed his supper, for at its conclusion, he opened his pack and presented the daughter of the house with some mementoes of the wedding. Included in the articles was an old crinoline board presented to the owner of the ransacked house by some relatives a year ago. This aroused the suspicions of Mr. Chittum, who phoned for the Constable Wharton late in the evening.

The young thief was apparently tired of carrying his load for he left everything with the Chittums, stating that he had come from Toronto and was on his way to Sarnia. The high constable followed him as far as Poplar Hill where the trail was lost. The chief of the county police then returned to London after notifying the Sarnia police to be on the lookout for a youth of 19, about 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighing about 140 pounds and wearing a gray suit and gray hat.

Included in the articles brought to London by Mr. Wharton were blankets, towels, crinoline board, hunting knife, jewelry. The approximate value is \$75.

ENGINEERS NOT TO BACK MINERS IF STRIKE COMES

Montreal, July 8.—Declaration that in the case of a general strike of the miners of the United States there will be no sympathetic strike on the part of the brotherhood of locomotive engineers, or any refusal to carry coal, was made this morning by W. B. Prenter, president of the brotherhood of locomotive engineers, now in session here.

EARTH SHOCKS FELT.

Associated Press Despatch. Lisbon, July 8.—Earthquake shocks were felt in the northern provinces of Portugal today.

REVENGE TAKEN ON MAILMAN With Needles In Potato

Countless are the methods of revenge. They range from the poison rings of the Bergias to the mild wiles of the swimming hole. One of London's 63,000 persons has devised a new retaliation scheme, but good fortune has saved the mail collector target from harm.

Making his rounds as usual yesterday, John Gardner opened the box at Dundas and Egerton streets, but instead of meeting mail, what seemed to be a hundred needles pierced his hand. The weapon proved to be a flat potato with 30 phonograph needles embedded firmly in it. A search revealed two more, less formidable, but similarly armored apud.

As he did not grasp the potato firmly, Mr. Gardner escaped painful injuries. He declares that he knows of no reason why he should be the mark of an avenger's cunning. As far as he knows his mail collecting duties have not riled any citizen, young or old.

Police regard the affair as an attempt at injury, and will strive to uncover the inventor of the scheme. Discussing the armored potatoes this morning, Chief Birrell stated that it was one of the most cowardly deeds that had been brought to his notice. He was reluctant to lay the plan to the mind of a child.

W. J. May, district superintendent of postal service, is also conducting an investigation into the origin of the injury devices.

WHOLE CITY TO ATTEND FUNERAL

All St. Thomas Business Places Will Close As Tribute To Dead.

HOW EIGHT WERE SAVED

Party of Four in Rowboat Rescued Little Ones From Water.

Special to The Advertiser. St. Thomas, July 8.—A combined public funeral for all of the eight victims of Monday's picnic tragedy at Pinafore Park will be held here tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from St. John's Anglican church. Arrangements to this end are being completed today by Rev. P. M. Harding, rector of the church, to which nearly all of the victims belonged.

Mayor Sloggett is making a request that all places of business in the city close during the funeral and all factories and industrial plants will be requested to observe a period of two minutes' complete silence while the service is in progress as a tribute of respect to the tiny tots who lost their lives. If the plan materializes, and there is every likelihood that it will, it will be the greatest demonstration of public sympathy that the city has ever witnessed and will stir the whole community to its depths.

Saved Eight From Death. Commenting on the fatality, Miss Lillian Wilford, who with her sister Queenie, Phyllis Stephenson and James Russell was instrumental in bringing eight of the little tots out of the water, said: "The girls pleaded with us to be saved. Little Louise Popham begged me to come to her, saying 'Help me; I'm dying.' I assured her that she was all right and when I dragged her into the boat she clung to my sister and remarked 'Oh, thanks.'"

The party of four had been paddling on the lake some hundred feet from the boat, when they heard mingled cries of distress such as "Help!" and "We're drowning." Continuing, Miss Lillian said: "Jim and I were rowing and we headed straight for the boat, which at that time was sinking to its bow corner. The children were being contended from the boat, the children sinking fast, some of the boys swimming and others clinging to the upturned boat."

Lauded for Heroism. "As they came to the surface, we grabbed them, and when questioned by the police, we stated that we had saved them." In connection with Miss Queenie Oarmanshaw, Rev. Mr. Hal-lowell states: "She handled the craft with great skill and courage. She directed the boat carefully while her sister and Russell assisted the victims on board. The girls reserve great credit for their calm and reassuring way in which they quieted the frightened children and assisted in the rescue work."

The girls are very modest concerning their share in the work but eyewitnesses do not hesitate in lauding their work. They are members of the St. Luke's corps of Girl Guides, Miss Queenie holding an office. Their home is on Mary street, Yarmouth Heights, the three of them being juniors.

City Solicitor W. B. Doherty denies all reports that any official investigation is pending. "The papers have been asking me to do it, but I commit myself in that way," he stated. After the inquest is over it is probable that the city council will conduct some investigation but so far no mention of any inquiry has been made.

WOUNDED ACTOR DAVIS IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Associated Press Despatch. New York, July 8.—Allen Davis, an actor in White Cargo, now playing here, was in a critical condition at a hospital today after having been shot by his actress wife, Edith Parker, in what the latter describes as a lovers' quarrel.

"It was all over another woman," she said today when questioned by detectives. She is held on a charge of felonious assault.

"I never want to see her again," Davis told hospital authorities, asking that his wife be refused admittance to see him. He is suffering from a bullet wound in his shoulder and one in his head.

Picture Page People Today

On the picture page today are: Billy Downs of Stratford, London's old central fire force, Springbank dam before destruction, and Helen Kindy of Selkirk.