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LINDSAY MOURNS SIR SAM'S DEATH; FUNERAL FRIDAY

Former Minister of Militia Was Man of Fearless Character.

FULL MILITARY HONORS

Body Will Be in State in the Armories in His Home Town.

Lindsay, Aug. 24.—Canadian Press.—General Sir Sam Hughes, Canada's war minister during the earlier years of the great war, died at his home here at 1 o'clock this morning after a long illness from pernicious anaemia. He was in his 63rd year.

After many rallies, Sir Sam on Monday last began to sink again, and he was unconscious all day yesterday. His physician and friends realized that the end was near, and a cable was sent to his son, Major-General Garnet Hughes, in England.

Sir Sam did not regain consciousness during the night, and he passed away peacefully at 1 o'clock this morning. He was 63 years of age.

For the third time in 24 hours the Royal Canadian Regimental band headed the procession with Irish and British flags flying gaily in the breeze, and with the officers and many of the members following in line through the principal streets to the Port Stanley Railway station.

PORT IS CROWDED

Auto Parties a Feature—Local Trains Packed to Capacity.

With skies that could not be more promising and with interest in the picnic increased rather than weakened by two previous postponements, the officials of the Irish Benevolent Society, entrained for Port Stanley at 10:30 this morning, along with hundreds of picnickers intent upon spending a full day at the lakeside. With practically no deviations from the program as originally planned two weeks ago, the big Irish outing is now in progress on Inverness Heights. As if rather remorseful for his very bad behavior on two previous occasions, the weatherman this morning was working over time to be extraordinarily agreeable.

For the third time at 9:30 o'clock the Royal Canadian Regimental band headed the procession with Irish and British flags flying gaily in the breeze, and with the officers and many of the members following in line through the principal streets to the Port Stanley Railway station.

PROGRESS MAP OF GEODETIC SURVEY RECEIVED BY MAYOR

Contains Much Valuable Information About City of London.

FOUR MILES WIDE

Levels of All Railways Entering City Are Clearly Shown.

Mayor E. S. Little has received a progress map of the geodetic survey of London, showing topography and contours of this city surveyed to date by Government officials, who have been working on it for some time. This map, which has been forwarded from the Geodetic Survey of Canada, shows the city and its surroundings, including the railway lines, the city limits, and the topography of the city. The map is four miles wide and shows the levels of all railways entering the city. It is a valuable piece of information about the city of London.

FROM OFFICE BOY TO EXECUTIVE HEAD OF HARDWARE FIRM

Death of Thomas A. Jones Removes Man Active in Business and Sport.

Thomas A. Jones, manager and vice-president of the Cowan Hardware Company, died at his residence, 636 York street, early this morning, after a illness of several months.

Mr. Jones was in his 47th year, and had been connected with the Cowan Company ever since he was a boy. He joined the company in the capacity of office boy, his integrity and general business ability soon bringing him to the position of executive head of the firm.

He was struck with a paralytic stroke while attending a Kiwanis Club luncheon in May last. After being removed to his home from Victoria Hospital, he was unable to move, and he died at his home on Friday morning.

LIBERAL LEADER AT STRATHROY

Great Rally Saturday Will Be Addressed by Distinguished Speakers.

The Liberal meeting, which takes place at Strathroy on Saturday morning, will be one of the most interesting and representative ever held in this part of the country. Not only will the Liberal leader, Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, express his views on the leading political issues of the day, but Hon. H. H. Bell, M. P. for Brandon, Hon. C. Ross, M. P. for West Middlesex, and Hon. J. C. Bennett, M. P. for North Essex, will also be present.

It is anticipated that there will be a record attendance, and there will be a great deal of interest in the meeting. The meeting will be held at the Strathroy Hotel, and it is expected that it will be a most successful one.

NO REWARD OFFERED FOR MISSING BANDIT

Whereabouts of Fourth Man in Melbourne Affair Remains Mystery.

Although the fourth man in the Melbourne bank robbery and murder case has been at liberty since Monday, April 11, the Russell Campbell was shot by one of the four gunmen, no reward for his capture or information leading to his capture has been offered. Since the twenty seen on Lipsett's farm, near Mount Brydges, on the day of the shooting, not a single trace of him has been found.

As John Doughty, secretary for A. J. Small, who was missing more than a year; Norman Garfield, who escaped from Woodstock jail while awaiting execution, and others were apprehended as a result of rewards offered, it is thought that the county of Middlesex, the province of Ontario, or some other institution interested should offer a reward for the man.

PEACE PACT BETWEEN U. S. AND GERMANY TO BE SIGNED IN BERLIN

Denver Suffers From Storm.

Berlin, Aug. 21.—Friendly relations between the governments of Germany and the United States, which were interrupted on February 3, 1917, were to be restored by the signature of the peace pact between the two nations here today.

Officials engaged in framing the treaty and those who had been taken into their confidence were reticent as to the details of the document.

Denver, Aug. 23.—A dozen fires were reported starting from lightning during a terrific electrical disturbance last night. The city street lights and city lighting plant were put out of commission.

TORONTO POST FOR MAN NOT WAITED HERE

Appointment of J. C. Ross Is Now Announced in Provincial Capital.

As announced in The Advertiser on Saturday last, the appointment of John C. Ross as acting postoffice superintendent with headquarters in Toronto, is officially confirmed in a dispatch from that center today. The new appointee is the son of Col. George Ross, general superintendent of postal services in Canada, and was not long since obviously slated for a position in the local department.

Under the new reorganization, following the advice of the Griffiths firm of experts, Ontario is divided into three postal divisions, the Toronto, London and Ottawa districts. Toronto district runs east on the G. T. R. to Brockville, west to the Soo, taking in the North Bay district, and almost all the Niagara peninsula. The remainder of the province west of this is the London area.

John C. Ross is now chief of what is termed the most important postal district in Canada, having under his direct control, 650 postmasters, 700 rural mail carriers and other officials.

GIANT AIRSHIP EXPLODES; TWO LIVES ARE LOST

ZR-2, Purchased by U. S. From Great Britain, Is Complete Wreck.

FALLS IN ENGLISH RIVER

Giant Craft Was Making Test Trips Before Coming to America.

London, Aug. 24.—The giant airship ZR-2, purchased by the United States from Great Britain, exploded over the city of Hull today, according to advices received here shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon. The airship is a wreck in the River Humber, and it is feared there was some loss of life.

When the ZR-2 started on her trial flight from Howden Tuesday she had on board Commander Louis H. Maxfield of the United States navy, who had been designated by the United States Navy Department to bring the ZR-2 from England to the United States; Brig-Gen. S. M. Maitland, British air marshal; Col. Campbell, who supervised the work of designing the dirigible; five other United States officers, seven engineers and four riggers, in addition to the regular British crew.

The airship was passing over Hull in fine style, when suddenly it was seen to break in two. Instantly there was a terrific explosion, and the airship burst into flames and commenced to descend. Three parachutes were seen to leave the ZR-2.

Thousands of the people of Hull watched the disaster, which occurred at 5:40 o'clock. As the explosion occurred they dashed to the river bank in all directions for fear of being enveloped by the wreckage, which fell just over the Victoria Park Hotel.

Two dead and a number of injured were landed from the river and conveyed to the Hull infirmary.

Burning fragments from the airship belched dense columns of smoke and flame which extended for hundreds of feet into the air.

Eyewitnesses saw at least four men descend from the burning airship by parachute. These men were seen hanging from one parachute. The explosions in the big dirigible were of such force as to wreck many of the windows of store fronts in the center of Hull.

A message from Hull received shortly before 7 p.m. said the airship's captain had been rescued. Some bodies, the message added, had been recovered.

MUST GET SOUND BASIS FOR DEAL FOR GAS SUPPLY

Ald. W. A. Wilson Declares This Necessary To Settle Question.

MEETING ON THURSDAY

Special Gas Committee To Meet Officials of Gas Company.

Members of the special gas committee selected from the city council and local chambers of commerce will confer with officials of the City Gas Company and the Progressive Gas and Oil Company of Hamilton Thursday at 4 p.m., according to Ald. W. A. Wilson, chairman of the committee.

This conference is being arranged in an effort to strike a suitable price for natural gas to be delivered to local consumers from the Saul wells, near Crumlin.

It was originally scheduled to be held earlier in the month, but was postponed, owing to the fact that F. L. Salvary, solicitor for the Hamilton firm, sprained his ankle at Chatham. Ald. Wilson received a telegram from Mr. Salvary requesting a conference to be held on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

However, as this hour is not suitable to members of the special committee, it was suggested by return wire to Mr. Wilson that he should call a meeting on Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m.

Mr. Wilson is notifying all concerned today to be present at this important meeting. The Progressive Gas and Oil Company, which controls the Saul wells, producing 500,000 cubic feet of natural gas daily, has offered to supply the product at the eastern city limits.

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FORMER EMPEROR PLANS TO RESTORE HUNGARIAN CROWN

Charles Considers That If Constantine Can Return, He Should Also.

Paris, Aug. 24.—Former Emperor Charles has planned with Admiral Horthy, the Hungarian regent, a restoration of the crown in Hungary, says the Geneva correspondent of the Journal.

The return of King Constantine to Greece is declared to have been made the precedent in the scheme for the restoration of the crown in Hungary.

The Emperor Charles has no intention of leaving Switzerland for Spain or any other country, as his present residence is ideally located for the carrying out of the alleged plan.

"AN HISTORIC FIGURE"

Mackenzie King's Tribute to Late General Sir Sam Hughes.

"I deeply regretted it when I heard of the death of Sir Sam Hughes at an historic figure, and was loved by all who came in contact with him. I tender him my deepest sympathy in his sad loss," stated Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Liberal leader, who passed through the city on his way to Windsor.

Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Hon. G. P. Graham and Premier Drury are on train.

Several notable figures in Canadian politics were aboard G. T. R. train No. 117 as it left this city westward at noon today. Among them were Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King and Hon. G. P. Graham, former minister of railways in the Laurier Government, who were bound for Windsor, and Premier E. C. Drury of the Ontario Government and J. C. Ross, now connected with the Farmers' Sun, en route to Glencoe, where a large U. F. O. meeting is being held today.

FOREGO THE MINIMUM BAND, BUT HOLD TO PRESENT WAGE SCALE

Union musicians of the city at a recent meeting decided that the local theatres do not have to engage an orchestra of nine pieces. They may hire any number that they please without there is to be no reduction in pay, one official stated today.

The managers whether they will accept that when the season opens on September 1," said this official.

Liberal Leader Sees But Slight Prospects of An Early Election

Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King Predicts Victory for Reform Party When Contest Takes Place—Does Not Anticipate That Farmers' Party Will Become Big Factor in Federal Affairs—People Have Been Overlooked Too Long by Meighen Administration.

[By Staff Reporter.]

Glencoe, Aug. 24.—"It is really difficult to say whether we will have a general election soon or not. Right at this moment, however, it does not look much like it," Hon. Mackenzie King, leader of the Opposition in the Federal House, declared to The Advertiser when he passed through London at noon today en route to Windsor.

Accompanying the Liberal chieftain were Dr. Beland, Geo. Tardes, M. P., and Geo. Graham, Hon. E. C. Drury, premier of Ontario, and J. J. Burnaby, Ontario leader of the U. F. O., were also on board. The former addresses a U. F. O. gathering this afternoon at Glencoe, and the latter will speak at Florence.

Dr. Hugh Stevenson, Labour M. P. for London, joined the provincial party here and will also speak at Glencoe.

"The whole issue about an election is this," explained Mr. King. "A part of the Meighen cabinet are for dissolution at once, while the others are for holding on indefinitely. It is simply this, that there are those in the present Government who have been promised new appointments. There are at present nine vacancies in the senate, and it will be impossible to keep these open indefinitely. Naturally these members who have been promised new appointments are getting anxious and would have an immediate election. They want to see the question indefinitely settled."

Hang On for Indemnity.

The others, of course, with no such bright prospects, say: 'Hang on for another season in any event.' It will mean another indemnity for one thing."

The interesting part of the entire affair is that those who in a democratic country are the ones who are supposed to be consulted are absolutely ignored. I speak of the people. It is quite clear that everywhere they have generally expressed their opinion in no uncertain manner, but yet Meighen holds out. Our stand is that whenever party comes into power the people must always rule. Asked what the platform of the coming election would probably be, Mr. King said: "The elimination of the present Government by all means. The people have distinctly given their opinion."

Liberals Will Win.

He added his opinion that the Liberal party would win the forthcoming election. Discussing the probability of the United Farmers becoming a big factor in the federal affairs, Mr. King explained that the Dominion affairs were of too big a nature to be handled by any class legislation. The people will not stand for such legislation for long, he said, and expressed the opinion that should they attempt it in Dominion affairs they stood to lose many of their present sympathizers.

"From Premier Drury's own viewpoint, and I think it is not actuated from any pressure by unseen forces, there should be a more broadening policy in Dominion affairs as compared with provincial."

"We want an administration," he concluded, "that will consider the interests of the whole people, and not merely a few individual friends."

HARLEY FOR EAST AND WEST

MAYOR WILL BE SLOGAN POTATOES HERE

Popular Alderman Has Consented To Contest Chair in December.

Quebec and Edmonton Dealers Write to Local Chamber of Commerce.

Information received from a reliable source this morning states that Ald. Frank E. Harley of Ward 2, a veteran councillor of many years, is definitely in the field for mayor of London, and will contest the chair at the municipal elections on December 5.

Ald. Harley has during his terms of office acted as chairman of No. 1 and No. 2 committees of the city council, and in view of his excellent experience and popularity is considered a strong contender for the mayoralty.

Even though the crop of late potatoes in Ontario were a complete failure, and from present indications according to those in touch with the situation, it is not the shortage would be but slightly felt, for already carload after carload of potatoes from Lower Quebec, New Brunswick and Manitoba are pouring into the province, and many other dealers in the same districts and in other provinces farthest west are preparing to ship large quantities to the swelling stream.

Drop \$1.00 a Bag.

In Toronto last week, according to the Farmers' Sun, heavy losses were experienced by the wholesale dealers through tumbling prices caused by a sudden influx of potatoes from Manitoba and Quebec. In the near future, which followed when the new crop of potatoes arrived, the price of potatoes fell \$1 a bag. At the close of Monday they were quoted at \$2.25 a bag with many dealers reporting that they had purchased potatoes at outside points at \$3 a bag were forced to sell at a loss of \$1.00 a bag.

The dealers in Quebec, the Maritime Provinces and as far west as Edmonton, and present indications are that to those in touch with the situation, it is not the shortage would be but slightly felt, for already carload after carload of potatoes from Lower Quebec, New Brunswick and Manitoba are pouring into the province, and many other dealers in the same districts and in other provinces farthest west are preparing to ship large quantities to the swelling stream.

REPLY OF DAIL EIREANN READY FOR TOMORROW

Will Be Delivered at Official Residence of British Premier.

Dublin, Aug. 24.—The reply to Great Britain's terms for a settlement of the Irish question will be delivered at Lloyd George's official residence in Downing street Thursday night or Friday morning, it is expected here. The day morning, it is expected here. The day morning, it is expected here. The day morning, it is expected here.

The preparation of the reply on which Eamonn de Valera and the other leaders were working today while the Dail Eireann was taking a recess, the members of the Sinn Fein executive committee, which is composed of somewhat older men than the average of the Dail membership. These men were participants in the conference today over the terms of the reply now being framed.

COAL PRICE REDUCED.

London, Aug. 24.—(Canadian Press Cable).—The price of domestic coal has been reduced several shillings and six pence a ton at Newcastle.

MOORISH TRIBESMEN RENEW SAVAGE ATTACKS ON SPANISH FORCES

Madrid, Aug. 24.—Savage attacks upon the Spanish lines south of Morocco, have been made by tribesmen with heavy losses, and an official statement issued here last night. The Spanish forces, after stopping the onslaught of the Moors, launched a counter-attack and compelled the enemy to abandon positions he had taken there, the statement added.

The battle lasted all day yesterday.

SIR RICHARD SQUIRES ARRIVES.

Sydney, N. S. W., Aug. 24.—Sir Richard Squires, premier of Newfoundland, arrived here last night for a holiday trip to Upper Canada.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 80; lowest, 46.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 67; lowest, 50.

BAROMETRIC STANDING.

Tuesday—8 a.m., 29.36; 8 p.m., 29.26. Today—8 a.m., 29.36.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARM.

Toronto, Aug. 24—8 a.m.

Light to moderate winds; fine, with not much change in temperature today and Thursday.

Temperatures.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	64	46	Fair
Calgary	64	46	Fair
Winnipeg	64	46	Fair
Port Arthur	72	52	Fair
Port Sound	72	52	Fair
Parry	72	52	Fair
Toronto	72	52	Fair
Kingston	72	52	Fair
Montreal	72	52	Fair
Quebec	72	52	Fair
Father Point	72	52	Fair
St. John's	72	52	Fair
Halifax	72	52	Fair

Weather Notes.

The general distribution of pressure shows little change.

Showers are reported from some localities of Northern Ontario and more generally over the Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf.

The weather has been fair elsewhere in Canada.