

SAID SHIP WRECKED, 2,000

RUMOR SAYS 2000 LIVES LOST WHEN SHIP WRECKS OFF NORWEGIAN COAST

Supposed To Be British Troopship, Carrying Returned Men.

BRITISH ADMIRALTY AND LOYD'S DISCREDIT REPORT

ARCHANGEL, Oct. 11.—Two thousand lives have been lost in the wreck of an unnamed British ship on the Norwegian coast, according to a wireless dispatch received here from Helsinki.

LONDON, Oct. 11.—Neither the admiralty nor Lloyd have received any information relative to the wreck of a British ship on the Norwegian coast. At these sources the report is discredited.

Loss of life in the wreck reported in the foregoing dispatch is as large as indicated, disaster will mark a new record in the annals of the sea, it would seem probable that the ship

which was wrecked was a military transport, bringing British soldiers from Archangel, from which port Great Britain has been embarking large numbers of men during the last month. It is known that troops ships have sailed quite recently from Archangel. The largest recorded loss of life in a marine disaster occurred when the Titanic was sunk, after colliding with an iceberg south of Newfoundland, on April 14, 1912. The list of deaths showing 1,603 names. The Lusitania, sunk by a submarine on July 7, 1915, carried down with her more than 1,200 of her passengers and crew. When the Empress of Ireland was sunk at the bottom in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, on May 30, 1914, the loss of life was 1,027.



VISCOUNT GREY'S DEPARTURE FOR AMERICA—Photo shows Viscount Grey, leaving Waterloo Station, London, on his way to the United States to take over his duties as British Ambassador. On his left is Earl Curzon, and on his right are Earl Reading and Viscount Bryce.

MEETING HELD IN INTEREST OF IND'NT LIB. CANDIDATE

Issues of Day Presented By Candidate and Other Speakers Last Evening.

The electors of the city last evening had the opportunity of hearing several addresses in the interests of the Independent Liberal candidate for the Ontario Legislature, namely, Ald. N. Asmusen. A public meeting was held in St. Mary's hall which was attended by about two hundred people, among whom were about a dozen ladies.

Mr. Roger Goffon acted as chairman of the evening. In opening the meeting he expressed himself as having faith in Ald. Asmusen. He referred to his municipal career which he said was very satisfactory. The candidate was straight forward and honest. He was a workman and would always see that the working people got a square deal. He believed that he would get the greater part of the workingmen's vote. It was essential that the working people should have greater representation in the houses of legislation for in the past the legislation had all been for everybody but the working people. He urged all labor men to come out and support Ald. Asmusen.

Dr. Schwarz pointed to the crisis in political affairs and to the unrest it was essential that the questions of the day be given thorough consideration so that sane legislation for the people would be secured. There had been too much class legislation. Touching on the present Ontario government he said that there are several matters in which he could not agree with the administration. The election was not held when it should have been according to law. The natural resources of the country which are the peoples' had not been developed and the price of lumber had been used to the peoples' benefit. He mentioned the nickel mines from which a revenue could be derived for the people and taxation lessened if they were developed and used for the people instead of allowing private corporations to get the benefit. The same was true of the water powers. What development of these had taken place was due to Sir Adam Beck to whom the thanks should go. Vast timber lands had been turned over to private individuals and speculators who were keeping the price of lumber so high that one cannot afford to build. Similar opportunities were here to be developed in the paper industry.

The speaker impressed the fact that men and women should have some sense of independence and should not necessarily follow party. They should stand up for principles. That was why the Independent Liberals who could not follow the Liberal Unionists in 1917 are in existence. In Ald. Asmusen there was a man of independence. He was a man who spoke as he thought and had the courage to stand up according to his convictions. He urged all to support him.

Ald. Asmusen the candidate followed the previous speaker. He said that when he first entered municipal political life ten or twelve years ago he was not going to ever go any further. But conditions sometimes changed matters and 1917 came when conditions were bad and he assisted in the Dominion political campaign. At that time a small group of men asked Mr. Euler to run and organized so that the will of the people could be ascertained. And all knew the result of the campaign. Last June a meeting of the supporters of Mr. Euler was held and the Independent Liberal Association was formed and the meeting honored him (Ald. Asmusen) by electing him president.

Regarding the present campaign he said that there is no doubt about the fact that either Mr. Hearst or Mr. Dewar will be the next Premier. A large number of the electors will follow one of the two leaders if he is to accomplish anything. And therefore if he were asked whom he will follow if elected and he believed he would follow the Independent Liberal party, Mr. Dewar to oust Hearst. "But remember I will not be a blind party follower. It is up to Mr. Dewar to make good and I believe he will," he remarked.

Planks in Platform.
The candidate then touched on several matters which should be remedied in a democratic country. One of these was the custom of a government turning down practically every proposal that came from the opposition. To adopt such a suggestion they consider would be a vote of lack of confidence. This should not be. Good legislation should be accepted even if it came from the opposition side.

As to the present Ontario government in 1917 which held a so-called election in that year was corrupt, this government, which to-day is asking you to support it, is just as corrupt, only perhaps not on as big a scale," he said.

He touched on the mansion of the Lieutenant-Governor at Toronto which was to have cost \$200,000, but which actually cost over \$1,000,000. The upkeep and the cost of the fixtures were tremendous. And the Lieutenant Governor was only a figure head, to entertain and hold dinner parties. The government had always been urging economy. They should start right at the top in Toronto.

Ald. Asmusen favors having "all laws passed by the House submitted to the people. They could be put into force as soon as passed by the House but at the next election the people should be asked to vote on them. There should also be a definite period for every Legislature as is the case in the United States. It should not be possible as at present for men to spring the election on the people whenever he wished.

Primary elections should also be held as in the United States. Under the present system the people frequently have no choice in the matter of voting. The name of no man may be on the ballot whom they would want to see elected. Under the primary system the people would be given the opportunity to nominate whoever they wished.

The patronage system in all appointments should be abolished. Such offices as that of the sheriff and the Crown Attorneyship should be filled by election by the people. Not that he wished to see any reflection on the sheriff or any other officer who was merely mentioned there for illustration. In the State of Michigan the salary of the Governor was \$200 a year. The premier of Ontario received \$12,000 while the Lieutenant Governor \$10,000. The allotment of seats in ridings is not fair he said. For example North Waterloo with 21,000 voters has only one representative while Wellington with 23,000 had three. And so it was with several others.

EAST OTTAWA HAS INDEPENDENT MAN

IN THE RUNNING FOR LEGISLATURE

(Special to The Record)
OTTAWA, Oct. 11.—A new Independent Conservative candidate in East Ottawa, for the Ontario legislature, has appeared. He is C. Durocher, formerly mayor of Ottawa.

Mr. Durocher was waited upon by a large delegation of French-Canadians yesterday and asked to accept the candidature. He requested 24 hours to consider and his decision will be announced shortly.

Mr. J. Marchand also stated his intention last night to run as the Hearst candidate in East Ottawa, and is the first candidate mentioned since Controller Champagne announced his withdrawal.

EGGS TAKE A DROP ON TORONTO MARKET

FOLLOWING ACTION BY FAIR-PRICE COMMITTEE.

Toronto, Oct. 11.—Eggs took a sudden drop at the St. Lawrence market this morning when Property Commissioner Chisholm set a fair-price standard of 65-68 cents. The price being asked at the time was about 75 cents. The commissioner, following last week's conferences with Major Duncan, has had eight blackboards set up at the market, and next week he will post on these the fair prices for most commodities on sale.

To-day he made a beginning with eggs only, and a ten cent drop followed. The market was a little better figure. Another form of produce to take a downward dive was potatoes. Those, though not posted on the blackboards, were reduced in price 5 to 10 cents a basket, as a result of personal visits to the sellers, made by Supt. Harkins, of the market.

Besides the blackboards, another improvement in the market is that the market-to-day in the form of scales on which buyers can weigh free of charge small articles, such as butter and poultry, in order to see that they are getting full weight. This morning a large number of people weighed their butter and found that they had not been cheated.

IS HOT FIGHT ON IN NORTH RENFREW

THREE CANDIDATES ARE IN THE FIELD

(Special to The Record)
PEMBROKE, Ont., Oct. 11.—A hot fight is in progress in North Renfrew. Three candidates are in the field. E. A. Dunlop, who represented the riding during the last legislature, again carries the Conservative colors. His most dangerous opponent is R. M. Warren, the U.F.O. candidate and prohibitionist. The third contender is Thomas Moffatt, Liberal and also a prohibitionist. Only a few days ago it was thought that the U.F.O. man would succeed in wresting the constituency from the Government. His representatives were greeted with cheers wherever they went in the outlying districts. But a change has come over the contest. Farmers who previously supported the Conservatives, but had expressed their intentions of backing up the U.F.O. candidate, have gone back to their old love. In the north end there is a German-Canadian vote which both parties are making an effort to secure.

LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE MAY SPREAD

NEW YORK HARBOR COMPLETELY TIED UP

New York, Oct. 11.—Extension to the coastwise traffic at every Atlantic port of the longshoremen's strike, which has completely paralyzed New York, appeared inevitable today. John F. Riley, chairman of the Committee directing the strike, announced that orders for such an extension had been issued following the action here yesterday of the National Adjustment Commission of the United States Shipping Board, which refused to grant an increase in the coastwise longshoremen's scale of 65 to \$1 an hour.

RIGA IS REPORTED TO HAVE FALLEN

TO GERMAN-RUSSIAN FORCES IN BALTIC

London, Oct. 11.—It was stated in authoritative sources here this afternoon that the German-Russian attack on Riga was carried out on Friday, under cover of a heavy bombardment by German guns, causing the Letts to evacuate the city.

London, Oct. 11.—Confirmation of newspaper reports here this afternoon that the German-Russian attack on Riga was carried out here, but if the disparity of the rival forces is as great as reported in some dispatches, the success of the attack on the city would not be surprising. "Germany's new war" is featured in this morning's newspapers, but reports printed here add nothing of importance to dispatches received by the Canadian Press. The whereabouts of General von Der Goltz continues to be the subject of contradictory rumors, and estimates of the size of the army commanded by Col. Avaloff-Bernhardt also how wide divergences.

REPORTS ARE SERIOUSLY VIEWED.

London, Oct. 11.—The reported capture of Riga is most seriously regarded by military experts here. They say that between the German-Russian troops and the city of Petrograd there is no force that would prove effective in stopping an advance upon that city from which once it was reached, it would be difficult to dislodge them.

LETTS SAY RIGA HAS NOT FALLEN.

Copenhagen, Oct. 11.—German and Russian forces, under command, respectively, of General von Der Goltz, and Colonel Avaloff-Bernhardt, have attacked Lettish forces over a wide front in the coastal region, about twenty miles south of Riga, reports

SERIOUS FIGHTS IN PETROGRAD

WITH LOAN OF GUNS AND MUNITIONS.

Fiume, Oct. 11.—The steamer Persia, bound from Genoa for the Far East with a cargo of thirty thousand rifles, ten million cartridges and twenty batteries of mounted guns and two heavy guns, for troops operating against the Bolsheviks, has arrived at Fiume.

The crew mutinied in the Mediterranean and forced the captain to take the steamer into Fiume.

ITALY SAILORS MUTINY AND FORCE SHIP TO FIUME

BETWEEN RUSSIAN FACTORIES.

Copenhagen, Oct. 11.—According to a dispatch from Helsingfors, Russian newspapers report that serious fighting has broken out in Petrograd between adherents of an opponent of the Soviet regime. The "Counter revolutionaries" have taken possession of several important buildings and government institutions. It is stated.

REV. WM. IVENS GIVES ADDRESS

The Merchants Bank Hall was comfortably filled last night, the occasion being an address by Rev. Wm. Ivens of Winnipeg on the recent strike in this city and the causes leading up to it. Rev. Ivens who has gained considerable notoriety owing to his connection with the strike gave a most thorough resume of the conditions from the strikers' view point, and his address was closely and attentively followed from beginning to end. The speaker also touched on the recent events in the City of Sarnia where he addressed a meeting under unfavorable conditions and followed this up by reading a telegram he had received since arriving in Kitchener requesting him to speak there again next week. The telegram was signed by gentlemen who opposed him holding a meeting there this week. His purpose for paying a visit to Ontario was because the feeling in the east was not the same as in the West and it was for the purpose of giving the other side of the story that he decided to come east. For over an hour Mr. Ivens carefully explained every little detail in language that was eloquent and while it read in his remarks there was no show of boasting. The strike was a regrettable affair but according to the speaker there was no help for it. He spoke of his arrest and imprisonment along with 12 others but felt sure they would be vindicated when the trial came up again. Preceding Mr. Ivens, Mr. Mervin Smith of this city gave a fine address touching on the platform of the Socialist Labor party. The party will have a candidate in the field at the forthcoming provincial election this being decided on at the conclusion of the meeting last night.

SIX CANDIDATES NOW IN FIELD

There will be no dearth of candidates in the field at the forthcoming Provincial elections, there being no less than six names to go before the electors.

The latest candidate to enter the field is Mr. James M. Reid of Toronto, who has been endorsed by the Socialist Labor Party as their standard bearer. Mr. Reid has already arrived in the city to conduct his campaign.

MEETING AT ST. CLEMENTS

Ald. Asmusen is holding a meeting in St. Clements this evening.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

A great Peace Jubilee parade and pageant will be held in Philadelphia today.

The Colgate University centennial celebration will conclude today with the bestowal of honorary degrees on a number of distinguished guests. A vessel built for the United States will be christened "Casey," in recognition of the war welfare work of the Knights of Columbus.

FIRESTONE COMPANY FOR HAMILTON

WILL BUILD THERE AN EMPLOY 2000 HANDS

Hamilton has again put one across other cities. They secure the Canadian factory of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio, which will build a tire plant in Hamilton to employ 2,000 hands. The intention of building the plant is conditional upon the granting of certain privileges by the ratepayers of that city. The following dispatch from that city will be of interest:

"The Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio, have decided to build a large Canadian branch here. Under the terms of a by-law that has been passed to receive the assent of the ratepayers of Barton township, the company is bound to maintain a yearly payroll of at least \$250,000. The company has purchased 130 acres of land from Sir Henry Pellatt just east of the city limits, and on the bay shore. On the 80 acres will be used for the plant, and the remainder for homes for the company's workmen.

Three other industries associated with the tire industry, have also located here. The company has arranged to have its machinery built in Hamilton, and for that purpose has built a large building on the east side of the city. Sir Frank Bailey, the manager of the carriage plant, has been engaged as manager. The company insures the lives of employees in Akron, 90 per cent, are shareholders in the company. It is promised that the same policy will be erected and everything possible to encourage sports.

This is the third new industrial plant to be erected in Hamilton since the Commissioner, C. W. Kirkpatrick.

OBITUARY

ALLAN W. SITTLER

The loss of another citizen who enjoyed the high respect and the friendship of many is reported today. Mr. Allan W. Sittler of 101 Wellington St. passed away this morning. He had been ill for some time.

Mr. Sittler was 46 years of age, Surviving him are his wife and one daughter Ruth. His father and mother also are left to mourn his loss, as also six sisters and two brothers who are Mrs. Mary Wilson, Monroefield, Mrs. Wm. Maines, New Market; Mrs. John Sippel, Mcrefield; Mrs. John Wolfe, Kitchener; Mrs. Ed. Halm, Kitchener; Mrs. Garfield Hallman, Vancouver; Mrs. W.H. Peter, Kitchener; Mrs. A.A. Sittler, Stratford.

The funeral will be held at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon from the residence to Zion Evangelical Church to Mount Hope Cemetery for interment.

NEXT FIGHT OF W.C.T.U. TO BE AGAINST SMOKES

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—With the avowed purpose of carrying on "a militant fight against the W.C.T.U. and its campaign for a constitutional amendment prohibiting the growth, sale and use of tobacco," the Allied Tobacco League of America has been organized. It was announced here tonight by the association opposed to national prohibition.

The Allied Tobacco League will have its headquarters in Cincinnati, and will include growers, leaf dealers, warehousemen, manufacturers, jobbers and retailers of tobacco products, as well as bankers and consumers.

It will be incorporated under the laws of Kentucky in the east, west, north and south—probably at New York, San Francisco, Detroit and New Orleans.

Will Occupy Pulpit.
The Rev. Prof. H. Schaefer, Ph.D. of the Seminary Waterloo will preach the Thanksgiving sermon at the First English Lutheran Church tomorrow morning.

Basement Is Finished.
"I hope that the people on Margaret avenue can sleep peacefully now. We finished the pavement yesterday," city officials said today.

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determined to be in Australia
next summer, but in 1920 a
will be sent to the Commis-
and the Australians will
to come to England in 1921.

Four Officials Named.
det W. Ewing, of the Inter-
national Rugby Union, appointed
for the game on Saturday.
Hamilton, Toronto and "Sil-
vanity, Ottawa, will officiate
at the Westmont grounds
all between Tigers and Mc-
Frank Robbins, Hamilton, and
Hamilton, Montreal, and
at the Argonaut-Ottawa
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