

LLOYD GEORGE COMING TO "THANK" CANADIANS Swims Across Lake Erie In 20 Hours, 15 Minutes

TO THANK CANADA FOR HER SERVICE IN THE WORLD WAR

Lloyd George Says This Is the Chief Reason For His Coming Visit.

HIS ITINERARY
Will Sail For New York Late in September—May Go Through to Pacific Coast.

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London, Aug. 2.—David Lloyd George will sail for New York late in September on a tour which will take him into many of the cities of the United States and Canada.

His purpose, as he expressed it in making his plans known, is to thank Canada for its "magnificent services" to the empire during the war and to become personally acquainted with the United States, its cities, its people, and its political system.

Britain's war-time premier—outstanding figure in Europe during the world conflict—will make a number of speeches during the trip and will visit America's national shrines. His first address will be delivered in Montreal, where he will go immediately after his arrival in New York.

He will travel by motor as well as by train, as he wants to get close to the people in the cities and towns through which he passes, and, to use his own words, he desires to visit several of the smaller "Main street" communities.

Lloyd George was busy today, sitting thousands of invitations from practically every state in the United States and the provinces of Canada and arranging his itinerary.

This itinerary is tentatively as follows—subject to extension or curtailment, depending on the time at his disposal, which is still uncertain.

He will start for New York late in September, and will leave New York for Montreal the night of the day of his arrival. In Montreal, the first speech of his tour will be made.

Thence Lloyd George will go to Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Chicago, Springfield, Illinois, Indianapolis, possibly St. Louis and Cleveland, and then to Washington.

From Richmond he will go on a motor trip over the Virginia battlefields, and then to Philadelphia, whence he will make a side trip to Scranton, Penn. before his departure for home. The former premier said: "I desire to make it clear that I have only one mission in America, namely, to express my appreciation as prime minister during the war for Canada's magnificent services to the empire."

My only other purpose is to become acquainted with regard to America. I am particularly eager to be acquainted with the great middle west."

FREE IRISH CAPTIVES THEN RE-ARREST THEM
Dail Eireann Passes Act Allowing Holding of Prisoners Opposed to Government.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Aug. 2.—Dublin despatches to some of the morning papers assert that the Irish Free State will release all prisoners in accordance with yesterday's ruling of the court of appeals, and will then re-arrest them under the new public safety act which the Dail Eireann passed last evening.

The measure provides that the government may continue to hold prisoners charged with active opposition to the Free State.

OHIO SWIMMER COMPLETES TRIP ACROSS LAKE ERIE

Carbis Walker of Cleveland Accomplishes Feat in Twenty Hours.

SWAM 34 MILES
Starts From Point Pelee Light-house, Lands at Lorain, Ohio.

Special to The Advertiser.

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 2.—Carbis A. Walker, Central Y. M. C. A. swimmer, landed at Lorain at 5:30 a.m. today, just 20 hours and 15 minutes after he started his swim across Lake Erie from Point Pelee lighthouse, a distance of 34 miles.

Walker completed his swim with only a row boat for convoy. His only food, after the first few hours, was sugar, a beef brot, taken along by the rowers, spoiled. He had no compass to guide him, only the sun and stars, as the yacht Argus, which was to accompany him, lost him near Pelee Island, and has not yet been heard from. It is feared she is adrift without fuel in the lakes.

An aeroplane, piloted by William Lond of Lorain, is searching the lake for the Argus and its five passengers—Charles D. Siders, commander, Cleveland Yacht Club; his assistant, H. T. Lamers, fleet surgeon of the club, and three newspapermen, Ray Gibbons, of the News; M. F. Ralney, of the Press, and Durtine, of the Plain Dealer.

Accompanied by Rowboat.
The Argus, which was to accompany Walker, left him when he started from Point Pelee at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday. The boat was a 12-foot Bay, so details of the start could be wired to the newspapers. Commander Siders promised to catch up with Walker at Point Pelee Island, but the connection was missed.

The swimmer was accompanied the entire distance by a rowboat, manned with five persons. They were A. S. Ulen, his coach, Central Y. M. C. A.; Samuel Shapiro, a member of the "Y" swimming team; Gerald Walker, his brother; Edward Miller, friend of Pittsburgh, and a professional photographer, named Gray.

Walker's nourishment during the swim consisted of beef brot and granulated sugar. After twelve hours the beef brot spoiled and was thrown away, so sugar was his sole remaining means of sustenance.

He arrived near Pelee Island at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, but halted a while while his trainers looked for the Argus. When the boat failed to appear they held a conference and decided to go ahead without it. This made it necessary to steer Walker by the stars.

At 5:45 p.m. Wednesday they sighted the steamer Upton, about sixteen miles from Lorain. The captain instructed them on how to steer their course. At 7 p.m., Walker had no fight a very choppy lake. Two hours later, however, the rowboat crew sighted the Lorain lighthouse. From there on for two hours a heavy fog enveloped the swimmer and his convoy. Later on the moon peeped out, enabling them to get their directions fixed once more.

On arrival at Lorain harbor at 5:30 a.m. Thursday, Walker, completely exhausted, was sent to bed. He fell into a sound sleep immediately. Trainers Ulen said he would advise the swimmer never to attempt a similar feat again, as the physical strain was almost killing. He said the most fortunate thing about the swim was that Walker must have steered an almost straight course from Point Pelee to Lorain in order to make his rapid time. He characterized this as almost miraculous, because they had no compass to guide them.

OTTAWA GROCERS WILL CUT PRICES OF SUGAR
Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Aug. 2.—In spite of slight decreases reported from Toronto in the price of sugar no noticeable decline was registered in Ottawa retail prices yesterday. A number of grocers, however, have announced their intention of making a drop of half a cent per pound in the price of that commodity today. Retailing prices in retail stores are between 11c and 12c.

STEEL COMPANY RENEWS CONFAB ON 12-HOUR DAY
Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Aug. 2.—Officials of the United States Steel Corporation renewed today the discussions started last week on plans to eliminate the 12-hour day in the manufacturing subsidiaries. A number of grocers, however, have announced their intention of making a drop of half a cent per pound in the price of that commodity today. Retailing prices in retail stores are between 11c and 12c.

On these two days alone, the permits issued represent a sum of \$52,205, to be spent in the erection of permanent buildings. Practically all the money is to be spent in the erection of first-class warehouses, stores and residences, as well as a number of modern improvements and additions to homes and buildings now in existence.



NEW STAR IN MUSICAL FIRMAMENT.
It is said he has a voice with unusual possibilities. He is Angelo Ragini, the "Caruso" of New York's east side.

CLAIM CANTEN GOODS SOLD TO OFFICIALS RUMOR OF RUPTURE MAKES FRANC DROP

The British Select Committee Makes Startling Disclosures Regarding Investigations.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Aug. 2.—"It is a remarkable circumstance," says the report of the select committee, appointed by the government to investigate the alleged irregularities or fraud in connection with the administration of the canteen funds, whose report was received yesterday, "that most of the goods sold at low prices were sold to former officials of the canteen board, who were friends of those who were directing the disposal thereof."

Evidence to this effect came out some time ago while the inquiry was going on. The committee reported that the goods were sold to former officials of the canteen board, who were friends of those who were directing the disposal thereof. The committee also reported that the goods were sold to former officials of the canteen board, who were friends of those who were directing the disposal thereof.

GREATEST SUGAR BUYER IN WORLD NOW ON VISIT
Toronto Prepared To Entertain R. Just Boyd, Noted Britisher.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Aug. 2.—Toronto is to entertain for a few days the man who has bought more sugar than any other man in the world, the man who was sugar controller in Britain during the days of the war when sugar was rationed. He is R. Just Boyd, and he does not appear in "Who's Who."

In a story told of him, it is said that after the war he was offered him a peerage in recognition of his services, but he told the government to give the title to his son. Boyd is a man of many talents. He is a writer, a speaker, and a man of many talents. He is a writer, a speaker, and a man of many talents.

DYNAMITE BOMBS WRECK TWO CLEVELAND HOUSES
Associated Press Despatch.
Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 2.—An explosion of dynamite bombs early today caused the destruction of two newly constructed houses, and badly damaged two others. Neighbors declared that their construction had been marked by labor difficulties. The houses were unoccupied. The damage was placed at \$35,000 by the police.

EMPLOYEES CHARGED WITH STEALING GOODS
Three Hamilton Men Appear in Police Court on Serious Counts.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Hamilton, Aug. 2.—Three employees of the John Duff Company, meat packers, were charged in police court this morning with theft of goods valued at more than \$10,000. Samuel Young, aged 32, shipper, residing at 98 Mars avenue, pleaded guilty, and his case was adjourned for eight days. Fred King, aged 30, shipper, residing at 20 Harvey street, and Ross DeGow, aged 19, driver, 166 Cass avenue, pleaded guilty and were remanded for sentence. George Doseck and D. Kewinko were charged with having received stolen goods. They pleaded not guilty and the cases were adjourned. It is said they complained of having been going on for three months and that thousands of dollars worth of goods are involved.

Say Villa Death Political Crime
Associated Press Despatch.
Mexico City, Aug. 2.—The assassination of Francisco Villa at Parral last month was a political crime, according to a long report prepared by the special committee of investigation which congress sent to the scene of the killing.

FRACTURED HIS LEG.
Alex Boyle, a 60-year-old employee of the McClary Manufacturing Company, had his ankle dislocated and leg broken, when a 400-pound casting fell on him at the factory this morning. Mr. Boyle resides at 93 Redan street. Physicians attending him state that, although his injuries are serious, his recovery is certain, provided no complications set in. He was reported to be resting quietly at noon today.

PETERS WILL LAY MORE CHARGES IN CHATHAM CASE

High County Constable Will Press Additional Accusations Against Young Men.

CRIMINAL ACTION
Blake McCoig Claims He Pleaded Guilty To Save Girls.

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Reporter.

Chatham, Aug. 2.—Carrying out his promise of yesterday, High County Constable George Peters is laying additional charges against several of the young men who appeared in court and were fined \$200 and costs under the O. T. A.

Be Laid Tomorrow.
The informations will be laid tomorrow morning and the summonses served immediately after. The preliminary hearing will probably be held Tuesday, Monday being Civic Holiday.

Clark, lawyer for one of the men concerned, stated to The Advertiser this morning, after a conference with Mr. Peters, that the matter was not yet finished, and that the charges are being laid under the criminal code, and carry the penalty of lashes and imprisonment if the charges are found to be true.

The charges to come up next week do not involve all the men, but it is expected that all, as well as the girls, will be called on to give evidence. The charges are being laid under the criminal code, and carry the penalty of lashes and imprisonment if the charges are found to be true.

Want Names Cleared.
Nor is it only the officers of the law who want the stories and alleged scandals aired. Two or three of the girls, whose names have been mentioned in connection with alleged beach revels and bathing parties, have told Mr. Peters that they want him to go on with the charges in order that they may have their names cleared.

Black McCoig, son of Senator A. McCoig, who was fined \$200 and costs yesterday, stated that he was not guilty of any of the charges laid against him, but that out of consideration for the girls he had changed his plea to guilty. He said that had he gone through with it he could have cleared himself at the expense of the girls.

PROVINCIAL POLICE STILL SEEK BANDITS
Search For Toronto Robbers Greatly Extended, But Efforts Are Fruitless.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Aug. 2.—All efforts by the police to locate the gunmen who held up and robbed the bank messengers at Melinda and Jordan streets over a week ago, have proved fruitless. The latest developments have been in response to calls which were received by headquarters detectives from the Leeds and Leeds district. Possession of police investigated but found that they were groundless.

Officials on the case are concentrating efforts on tracing down stragglers who have been in local rooming houses recently. News is sought in connection with suspicious characters who have been seen at local lodgings prior to the hold-up.

TROOPS AT NIAGARA ON WAY TO LONDON
Men of R. C. R. at Training Camp en Route Home From Cape Breton.

The delayed arrival of the returning R. C. R. men from the Cape Breton mine fields, will be delayed a week or two longer, say the headquarters staff at Wolseley Barracks. The men to the number of 200, stopped at the military training camp at Niagara yesterday, and will not come on the London at present.

The headquarters "detail" came right through to London and arrived this morning. They number about twelve in all, including officers and men. The balance of the battalion to the number of about 300, will be camped at Niagara for their yearly camp training period.



ROYALTY IN CANADA.
The Duchess of Aosta, an immediate member of the Italian royal family, is now visiting Canada.

STREET RAILWAY VALUE IS PLACED BY MAYOR WENIGE

His Worship Declares Company's Property Is Worth Not More Than \$600,000.

CHEAPER FARES
Says It Should Be Possible For Company To Give Six Tickets For 25 Cents.

Mayor George Wenige sets a rough valuation on the London Street Railway system—about \$500,000. "Certainly not more than \$600,000," his worship declared today.

"That is what I would give for the street railway company if I were the purchaser and in a position to talk business," the mayor explained. "And am making that estimate after giving the question considerable thought. I am taking into consideration everything I've seen or heard about the road, and I'm not overlooking the Bunnell report as well."

"And I am also figuring on six tickets for 25 cents. I firmly believe that a reduced fare would be possible."

The mayor insists that he is not opposed to a city-owned street railway, but maintains that the price must be fair. And he adds that a definite price must be forthcoming from the company for presentation to the people in December. Meek while the impression is general that the company will again decline to tender any figure to the city council.

Ald. Douglass insists that the price should proceed at once to consider his recommendation from the last session of the transportation commission. He said that the city's official representative.

TERRIBLE HEAT RUINS CROPS IN OKLAHOMA
Thermometer Hits 111 Degrees in Some Localities—Rain Badly Needed.

Associated Press Despatch.
Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 2.—Temperatures over Oklahoma ranged above 105 degrees yesterday and a blighting heat wave is sweeping the state. The crops have been badly damaged and in some places destroyed, according to John A. Whitehurst, president of the state board of agriculture. The corn crop is beginning to need rain, he said.

Tulsa and Okem yesterday reported thermometer readings of 111 degrees, which helped raise the state's average to 105.8. Some relief is forecast for today.

Farmers of Saskatchewan To Profit Alike By Pool
Scheme Involves Return to All Growers of Same Price Regardless of Quantity Shipped by Individual Grower—Sales Organization Will Operate in Winnipeg.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Regina, Sask., Aug. 2.—In its broad outlines, the scheme fostered by the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, for a wheat pool this year, involving the return to all farmers participating of an equal amount per bushel for their grain, according to grade, an immediate payment of a large percentage of the value of the wheat consigned to the pool as can now be obtained upon graded storage certificates, and without financial assistance from the government. There are yet a number of important details to be settled, but the main points of the proposal have been fixed upon, according to A. J. McPhail, secretary of the association.

MANY SEEK POST OF CONTROLLER OF FINANCES

Hon. Howard Ferguson Declares Complete Reorganization Is Intended.

WANT BEST MAN
Ontario Premier Says Appointment Will Be Clear of Politics.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Aug. 2.—Thorough reorganization of the treasury department at the hands of the "financial controller" of the province when that office is appointed, will be the first step following the creation of that office by the government. Hon. Howard Ferguson stated this morning.

While several applications for the position have been received by Premier Ferguson, no decision has been made as to who will receive the appointment. Discussing the situation this morning, Mr. Ferguson made it clear that the appointment would be void of politics and the best man fitted for the position will be chosen.

The gradual increase in revenue through various departments of the crown, some of which are practically new, such as the motion picture department, the provincial savings banks, make a general reorganization necessary to bring the department into a closer unit," stated the premier. "This will be carried out on the advice of its controller. For this reason it will be seen that the man securing the position will have to be more than a common man. It will be a post of administration."

INGERSOLL MAN GETS ALBINO GROUND HOG

Heamon Karns Catches Freak Animal in Special Trap.

A pure white groundhog was trapped yesterday near Ingersoll. The animal had been seen on several occasions by W. G. Henderson, as it foraged over his farm. With the idea of capturing the animal unharmed, Heamon Karns set several carefully-prepared traps, and Mr. Groundhog is now in captivity.

Those who have seen the animal describe it as a pure white, with no trace of the usual cinnamon-brown of the groundhog appearing. In fact, the animal shows no color pigmentation either in the hair or the hide. This classifies it as a true Albino, and as far as can be ascertained it is the first albino groundhog caught in this part of the province.

WANT DEPTFORD CATTLE MARKET SOON REOPENED
Associated Press Despatch.

London, Aug. 2.—In view of the trade in Canadian cattle that might be carried on at the Deptford cattle market, strong representations are being made to the London corporation to permit of the reopening of the Deptford market. It is asserted that the war office is paying £10,000 a year to the city as rent, but is employing only about twenty men in the market, whereas if the market was put to its real use it would mean an expenditure of £500,000 a week in wages to the workers of South London.

GOVERNMENT OF POLAND URGES USE OF CHECKS
Associated Press Despatch.

Warsaw, Aug. 2.—The Polish government is preparing to promote the use of the check with a view to stabilizing the currency and curtailing the need of paper money.

THE WEATHER
FORECASTS.
Today—Moderate winds; partly cloudy with local thunder showers; fair and somewhat cooler.
Friday—Northwest winds; fair and somewhat cooler.
A shallow trough of low pressure now extends from Northwestern Quebec across the Great Lakes to the Mississippi Valley.
The weather is becoming warmer again in the Western Provinces. It continues quite warm in Ontario and Quebec.
Showers occurred during the night in many parts of Western Ontario.
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Calgary. 58. 38. Clear.
Winnipeg. 68. 46. Clear.
Port Arthur. 74. 50. Clear.
Sault Ste. Marie. 70. 50. Clear.
L'Ange-Gardien. 72. 66. Cloudy.
Trich. 68. 50. Fair.
Kingston. 76. 66. Fair.
Ottawa. 86. 60. Fair.
Montreal. 84. 64. Fair.
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Father Point. 68. 46. Cloudy.
St. John. 60. 50. Cloudy fog.
Halifax. 74. 52. Fair.

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APPEALS TO LABOR TO AID IN BRINGING ABOUT WHEAT POOL

Farmers' Union of Canada Sends Letter to London Organization.

PROSPECTS ARE BAD
Writer Points Out Losses Sustained by the Grain Growers.

A letter from the Farmers' Union of Canada, to the London Trades' Council meeting, asking for the support of organized labor in helping to create a voluntary wheat pool for the coming harvest, was one of the most startling communications descriptive of western conditions that has reached this city.

The letter not only asked for the support of the workers from a fraternal standpoint, but put forward an argument which, if carried to its ultimate conclusion, states plainly that Canadian labor will receive a terrible blow if the prairie farmer is ruined by the immense harvest which is expected in the west.

In substantiation of the statement that the west is on the verge of ruin, the letter cited cases after case in detail, showing that last year's moderate crop had overwhelmed the western farmers, and that they were hard up after paying commissions and elevator charges on their wheat. This year's crop, which is almost half as big as last year's, is predicted, prove to be the last straw.

Faces a Deficit.
Last year after the harvest, the letter states, the farmer was given 74 cents a bushel for his wheat. After commission, freight and elevator charges were deducted, it left the farmer with 19 cents a bushel for his crop, to be paid against 90 cents. This was the result of a deficit of 71 cents of profit. A deficit of 71 cents of profit a bushel still stands against the majority of the farmers in the west from last year's crop. This year, with a guaranteed price of 60 cents per bushel, the west expects to shut up shop in earnest, unless the wheat pool can be put into operation by the farmers at once.

To show the actual condition prevailing in the west at present, the letter stated that in Saskatchewan alone over two hundred thousand acres had gone under the hammer for arrears in taxes in the last year. Thousands of farmers are leaving the farm to whom the wheat pool can carry, rather than continue the uneven battle against the railways, and stock market, who juggle their crops. One instance in particular stood out plainly in support of their claims, the destitution of the west. This was the fact that a whole colony of Hollanders, who were formerly considered as established farmers, had found it necessary to leave their holdings in Southern Alberta, and commence a trek to Oregon, where they proposed to enter the fruit-growing business.

After the letter was read the Trades and Labor Council referred it to the Labor Party, thinking no doubt that that body would be better able to handle the communication. At the same time the matter received considerable discussion, when the matter was reintroduced during a deputation on immigration. One delegate pointed out that talk of immigration was abortive and childish, while Canada allows such unfair treatment of its western farmers that they are actually driven destitute from the country.

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