

# THE BIG SOUTHERN \$10,000 SPRINGBANK BLAZE

## City Must Clean Thames—Synod Deals With Prayer Book

### PROVINCIAL BODY MUST ACT ON RIVER

Failure of Edict Will Mean an Investigation by Board of Health.

POLLUTION ILLEGAL

City and Private Concerns Can Be Forced To Stop Use.

The Thames must be cleaned up. The provincial board of health will be asked to issue an edict to the city, necessitating steps be taken to stop pollution of the waters of the river. If the provincial body does not take early action, the London board of health will urge an investigation.

Chairman C. Mitchell of the London Board of Health told The Advertiser this morning that steps would have to be taken to stop raw sewage from being dumped into the river. He advocated action for the next meeting of the board, when the matter is bound to come up along with the plumbing bylaw.

"There is so much sewage and refuse from various plants being dumped into the river now," declared Mr. Mitchell, "that a youngster might come out black or green or any other color if he went in bathing there."

Pollution illegal.

It is pointed out that pollution of the river's waters is illegal under provincial statute and that the city and private concerns can be forced by the province to eliminate the dumping practice.

When seen today, City Engineer W. P. New indicated that the Wellington street sewage disposal work could not be properly started until spring, when the department would be assured of fairly low water levels.

Engineers and health officials are now investigating sewage and garbage disposal plants in other cities.

When Mr. New and the assistant engineer on sewers, W. Veitch, leave for Boston tomorrow morning, they will start on a tour of investigation of plants at Rochester, Syracuse and Utica, and they hope to bring back useful information.

Revenue Producer.

Chairman Mitchell, of the board of health, is confident that sewage and garbage from the city can be turned into a revenue producer. It has been done in other cities, and a cheap fertilizer has been the result.

W. C. Dodd, garbage superintendent, pointed out that a fertilizer could be secured from burned garbage for a dollar a load and profit made. If the fertilizer found a sale there would be revenue. The only thing would be plenty of product and perhaps no demand. However, the market conditions and facilities for selling are now being investigated.

### COCHRANE'S ELECTION APPEARS CERTAIN

Canadian Press Despatch.

Vernon, B. C., Sept. 25.—With only two very small polls to hear from, A. O. Cochrane, Conservative, led K. C. McDonald, Liberal, by 150 votes in yesterday's by-election in North Okanagan.

### The Weather

FORECASTS.

Moderate to fresh easterly winds, fine and a little warmer today and Friday.

The high pressure now centered in the St. Lawrence valley extends from the Mississippi to the Maritime Provinces, while over the middle western states and Newfoundland there are important depressions. The weather has become much cooler in the western provinces.

Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	50	42	Clear
Calgary	50	32	Rain
Winnipeg	76	44	Fair
Port Arthur	60	34	Clear
Harry Sound	58	38	Clear
Toronto	60	42	Clear
Kingston	58	40	Clear
Ottawa	60	34	Clear
Montreal	58	48	Fair
Quebec	54	34	Clear
Father Point	48	32	Clear
St. John	56	40	Clear
Halifax	52	40	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

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

Highest, 65; lowest, 52.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Highest, 52; lowest, 41.

Barometric Readings.

Wednesday—8 p.m., 29.53.

Today—8 a.m., 29.11.

### Lorne Bowman Found Not Guilty Of Murder On Insanity Grounds

Canadian Press Despatch.

Kitchener, Ont., Sept. 25.—Not guilty on the grounds of insanity was the verdict of the jury in the case of Lorne Bowman, charged with the murder of his wife in Elmira on June 30, delivered in a crowded and tense courtroom at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The jury signified they had reached a decision when Justice Wright mounted the bench promptly at the hour set for resumption of court.

In receiving the verdict, Justice Wright complimented the jury upon the accomplishment of an arduous task and declared he was of the opinion they had done their best to arrive at a fair verdict.

He instructed that the prisoner shall be kept in the strictest custody pending the pleasure of the lieutenant-governor. It is expected Bowman will be confined to a hospital for the criminal insane for the remainder of his life.

### CURTAILMENT OF HOMEWORK INDORSED BY CITY OFFICIALS

Pupils Should Have Study Period School Hours, Inspector Greer Declares.

DETAILS AWAITED

Trustees Grant, Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Tanner Hail Idea as Worthy Move.

Members and officials of the board of education are in accord with the move of Premier Ferguson to curtail homework for public school pupils throughout the province.

The plan is to set apart one and a half hours each day for independent work and study by the pupils under the direction of the teacher, is heartily approved.

Inspector V. K. Greer intimated to The Advertiser that while no official word had been received of the new regulations, he was strongly in favor of a study period during the regular school day.

There is a tendency, said the inspector, of teachers in city schools giving full time to instruction and leaving no time for the pupil to solve his own problems. Independent study during school hours with the teacher at hand to give assistance, was the proper method to ease the problem, he contended.

The inspector expressed his belief that there should be some homework in the upper four grades, but that such work should be free from difficulties and perplexities, and that new work should not be stressed. He suggested that supplementary reading, spelling, memory work and writing exercises, based on work previously taken up during school, might well form the basis of work to be done by the pupils at home.

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### CORROSION OF WIRE BRINGS HYDRO BREAK

Thirteen-Thousand-Volt Line Snaps at Horton Street Substation.

The trouble at 11:18 o'clock yesterday morning which caused the interruption of the hydro power in the downtown section of the city arose from the breaking of a ground wire on one of the 13,000 volt lines in the rear of the Horton street sub-station.

The sub-station, which supplies all power west of Wellington street, was thus cut off entirely.

At 11:30 a.m. one line was put in service sufficient to carry most of the residential load at that particular hour. At 1 o'clock the residential load was switched off and the power load switched on. Complete service was restored to the part of the city affected at 1:30 p.m.

The ground wire which broke had become corroded due to exposure to the weather.

### Tong War Takes Student's Life

Active Law Enforcer Dies in Vancouver's Chinatown.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 25.—The first murder in Chinatown's threatened Tong war occurred last night, when Lew Hung Chang, better known as David Lew, law student and businessman, was riddled with bullets from the revolver of an unidentified gunman in Chinatown.

Coming from behind, the assassin slipped ahead of him and fired a shot into his heart from two feet distant. The slain man had been active in prosecuting Chinese under suspicion of gambling and breaches of the drug act.

### VICTORIAN NURSES HOLD CONFERENCE IN OTTAWA

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Sept. 25.—The Victorian Order of Nurses conference, which is to last three days, opened here yesterday under the presidency of Chief Superintendent Miss E. L. Smellie, with nurses attending from all parts of Canada.

### THEVES SET FIRE TO PARK BUILDINGS

Springbank Booths Destroyed in Early Morning \$10,000 Blaze.

INCENDIARY SOUGHT

Money Taken From Pay Telephone Station Before Blaze Started.

Fire, which swept the front portion of the Springbank Amusement Park early this morning, completely burned two large booths and did damage to other booths and the park dancing pavilion. A loss estimated at \$8,000 or \$10,000 was suffered.

The origin of the fire is believed to be incendiary. Upon inspection of the ruins this morning it was found that a pay telephone instrument in one of the booths had been broken into and the money stolen. It is believed that the two booths were entered, rifled and then burned.

One of the booths, owned by Hugh McIvor of Byron, contained ten pool tables, which were completely destroyed. They were valued at \$500 each, and the loss through the burning of the building itself is placed at \$2,500. The other booth which had been used as a lunch stand, although burned to the ground, was not valued very high.

Nurse Sends Alarm.

Had it not been for the prompt action of Miss J. Gibson, a nurse at the Byron Sanatorium nearby, in turning in an alarm to the villagers, and later notifying the Byron operator in touch with the London fire department, the whole of the amusement park with more than twenty frame structures would have been wiped out.

A general alarm was made in Byron after a patient at the sanatorium had first noticed the brilliant reflection of the fire in the sky. More than fifty villagers volunteered, and a bucket brigade was formed. The London fire department arrived fifteen minutes after having received the alarm from Byron.

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### GERMANS' REFUSAL CAUSED COLLAPSE

Commercial Negotiations Failed Because Concessions Declined by Berlin Govt.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Sept. 25.—The commercial negotiations between representatives of the British Board of Trade and the German trade ministry were begun early this week with the object of formulating a treaty of commerce between the two nations. Berlin despatches Wednesday night, reported the collapse of the negotiations, the reason being, it was said, that the negotiations had found it impossible to discover a common basis for the proposed instrument. One of the main difficulties was thought to be a refusal by the Germans to grant concessions demanded by Great Britain for exemption from taxation of British goods exported to Germany under the proposed new German tariff which was understood to provide for duties considered virtually prohibitive on the British products involved.

### FLOOD AT LENINGRAD TAKES NINETEEN LIVES

Ship Hurlled Onto Sandbank and Much Damage Reported in Severe Storm.

Associated Press Despatch.

Leningrad, Russia, Sept. 25.—Nineteen persons are known to have perished in the great flood which followed Tuesday's gale. The death toll is regarded as light, however, in view of the extent of the flood, which was the worst suffered by the former Russian capital since 1824. The casualties are believed to have been held down by the timely warning given the inhabitants when the Neva began to overflow its banks.

The flood waters were showing a tendency to subside early this morning, although some sections of the city remained isolated. Martial law has been declared, and the regular troops are being assisted in maintaining order by the militia, firemen and vigilance committees.

The most serious property damage was suffered by a merchant, secured in the Vassilievskiy Ostrov, the third electricity station, the central aqueduct, telegraph office, zoological gardens, the university, the customs house and some of the theatres.

One four-story house collapsed, but no one was injured. A German ship was hurled on to a sandbank in the harbor by the storm.

### DR. MCRAE REPORTED TO BE SLIGHTLY IMPROVED

The condition of Rev. Dr. D. L. McCrae, who was stricken with a paralytic stroke while conducting church services at Rodney on Sunday, was today reported to be slightly improved.

Dr. McCrae has lost his power of speech, but physicians believe it will be only a temporary condition, although his right side is completely paralyzed.

Dr. McCrae is a well-known Presbyterian minister in this city and, although retired from the service several years ago, he was actively engaged this summer, having conducted services at the First Presbyterian Church and St. Andrew's Church.

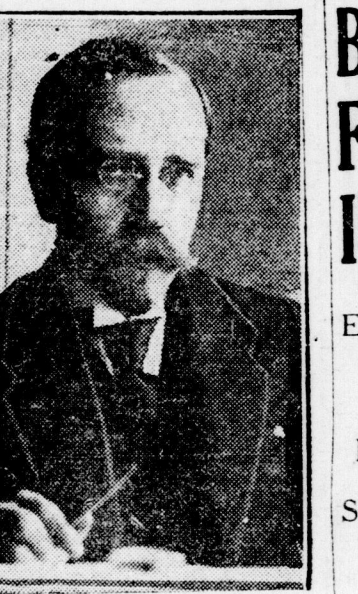
### HEAD-ON COLLISION TIES UP STREET TRAFFIC

When two automobiles met in an almost head-on collision at York and Clarence streets at 1 o'clock today, traffic was tied up for several minutes. The cars were owned by I. Bossenli, 160 Tecumseh avenue and M. Sutherland of Dorchester.

Although both machines were badly damaged, the drivers escaped unhurt. Bossenli's car was badly wrecked about the front wheels, while the radiator of the other motor was wrecked.

### ANGLO-GERMAN PARLEY NOT BROKEN, BERLIN SAYS

Berlin, Sept. 25.—The German foreign office issued a statement today explaining that the Anglo-German parley on racial negotiations had not broken down as reported, but only had been postponed. They will be resumed shortly, the statement adds, with every prospect of a satisfactory conclusion.



LEON KAMENEFF, member of the "black" which governed Russia, who has startled Europe by accusing English diplomacy of inciting the numerous revolts now in progress in the Soviet domains and outside its frontiers.

### BODY OF MAN FOUND DEAD IN MILL POND

Ernest Pritchard of Luton, Elgin County, Believed To Have Taken Own Life.

PROBE UNNECESSARY

Sister Raised the Alarm and Neighbors Joined in Search Early This Morning.

Special to The Advertiser.

Aylmer, Sept. 25.—Ernest Pritchard, aged 54 years, a highly respected farmer at Luton, four miles south-east of here, was found by neighbors, after an all-night search, drowned in Hill's mill pond at 5:15 o'clock this morning clad only in his night-shirt and shoes.

Ten days ago the unfortunate man was severely kicked by a horse, and yesterday was the first he was able to leave his bed. Blood clots had formed, and it is the opinion of the physician who was in attendance that these clots spread and must have gone to his brain, making him temporarily insane. At 11 p.m. his sister, Miss Alice Pritchard, saw that he was sleeping and went to bed. An hour later she looked in to see if her brother was all right and he was gone.

She immediately put in an alarm over the telephone, and some twenty-five neighbors responded with lanterns. They hunted through the barn and across the surrounding fields all night, and at daybreak they came across tracks made by new shoes. They led directly south along the sidewalk and across a plowed field to the north end of Hill's pond, where were secured and the body was found in some twelve feet of water and removed to the home, three-quarters of a mile away.

Coroner Dr. Sinclair was called from Aylmer and deemed an inquest unnecessary. Gloom is cast over the entire neighborhood, where deceased has resided all his life. Deceased is survived by his sister, Miss Alice Pritchard, and an uncle, Willard Vanpatten Luton.

### HEAVY FROSTS DAMAGE NIAGARA FRUIT CROP

Canadian Press Despatch.

Hamilton, Sept. 25.—Market gardeners from Ancaster and the Flamborough reported today that tomatoes, melons and cucumbers in those districts have been killed by frosts of the last three nights. They have picked what was left on the vines and offered these items today at low prices. Frosts have not touched the lower lying areas or the fruit district to the east of the city, but there has been much anxiety about grapes and peaches, both of which have been checked by cold weather.

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### PROBATION ACT HELP IS URGED

Synod Hears Arguments For Prayer Book Change at Session.

URGE CONSIDERATION

Rev. W. H. Vance Urges the Members to Guard Against "Snap Vote."

Revision of the prayer book of the Anglican Church in Canada, as suggested by Dean Shreve of Quebec, which includes the removal of "hopes to the prayer book of the prayer of consecration 11th office of holy communion, was the main theme of discussion in this morning's session of the General Synod.

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### SHAME MAKES MAN COMMIT SUICIDE

Herbert Lashman of Hamilton Leaves Note to Wife Justifying Rash Act.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Hamilton, Sept. 25.—Shamed over his conduct towards his wife, whose life he threatened while under the influence of liquor, Herbert Lashman, an employee of the Steel Company of Canada, took his life during the night by drinking strychnine in beer. His body was found this morning in the boat house near the Desjardins canal in which he lived with his wife and three children. Beside him was a bottle containing strychnine and beer and the following note:

"Howard you called me a coward 1 a.m. Good-bye. Be good to the family."

His wife states that he had been drinking for several days and yesterday threatened to take her life. She called him a coward and left the house with the children to spend the night with a neighbor. Walter Bolgood, a neighbor, stated that this morning when he went to borrow his boat.

### ROOSEVELT AND SMITH TO GET NOMINATIONS

Republican and Democratic State Executives Open gubernatorial Conventions in New York States.

Associated Press Despatch.

Syracuse, Sept. 25.—Harmony was the dominant note at the formal opening of the Democratic state convention today. Spirited and often bitter, battles of previous conventions were conspicuous by their absence and all was in readiness to carry through the contemplated program, including the nomination of Governor Smith and his associate state officers, without a hitch. The routine business on the program today. Nominations will be in order tomorrow.

### ROOSEVELT BOOM STRONGER

Associated Press Despatch.

Rochester, Sept. 25.—The naming of a gubernatorial candidate and the adoption of a platform were tasks confronting the Republican state convention today. Today's session, the second of the convention, was scheduled to open at 11 o'clock daylight saving time. Reports from caucus yesterday indicated that Theodore Roosevelt had gained support in his contest for the nomination for governor.

### CONDEMNED MAN SAYS MESSENGER IN PLOT

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Sept. 25.—That a messenger in the employ of the Banque Hochelaga was to receive \$5,000, and that this messenger fell into a trap, was the startling statement of Louis Morel, filed this morning before five judges in the court of appeal on behalf of Leo Davis, who, with Morel, is under sentence of death for the holding of the Banque Hochelaga automobile in which Henri Cleroux, chauffeur, was shot dead.

### EGYPTIAN PREMIER MEETS RAMSAY MACDONALD

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Sept. 25.—The Egyptian premier, Said Zakiou pasha, went to Downing street at 10:30 this morning to begin his conversations with Premier MacDonald regarding the status of the Sudan.

### MEETS WITH CRITICISM

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VERY REV. J. P. LLWYD, Dean of Nova Scotia, was re-elected yesterday at the General Synod as prolocutor of the lower house for the third term of office. The sessions of the General Synod are triennial, so this makes the seventh year of office for the dean.

### FAVORS PROBATION ACT

Magistrate Edmund Jones of Toronto asked the synod to record itself as favoring the Probation Act of 1921 and to endeavor by parliamentary representation to have the earnings of all prisoners turned over to the wives and dependants, as well as to approve of the principle of a public defender, as he said, "in accordance with the principle of British law, which holds that a prisoner is innocent until proved guilty."

The debate which ensued on the question raised by Dean Shreve was from all personal remarks in debate during a speech by Canon Dymally of Toronto, slightly more fervent than the rest.

### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

After this morning's session of the synod, the members of the synod met for nearly two hours for a sitting for restoration of the prayer of consecration in the holy communion office of the Canadian prayer book, introduced last night by Dean Shreve of Quebec, became again the subject of interest and discussion.

Ven. Archdeacon Vroom of Halifax, N.S., supported the earlier claims made in favor of restoration, stressing, as the dean had done, that in change in doctrine was involved, and that it was simply a move toward the forms of the primitive church.

He styled the present Canadian liturgy in use as a Roman one and maintained that restoration would be in line with the canon of the American church.

"We believe," he declared, "as did Justyn Martyr, that the bread and wine are not the same after consecration as before, but we cannot say when the change took place."

"We do not want to bear the implication that we are trying to institute the Roman celebration of consecration."

F. H. Hartley of Toronto read an extract from the liturgy of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, noting its similarity to the present liturgy of the Canadian church.

"I believe no man can be a good Anglo-Roman unless he is a devout evangelist. After reading this book it is obvious that the Presbyterians in Canada are not afraid of what might be styled 'transubstantiation.' Archdeacon Warren, while opposing the resolution in general, strongly rejected the argument of Dean Shreve that no change in doctrine was involved.

"If we have this restoration we shall have something in our prayer book we do not like."

Rev. Dymally of Toronto proved a disconcerting element of the resolution and on taking his place in front of the platform was received with applause. He held that a church which spent many years in drawing up the prayer book should not lightly institute changes.

Referring to the Anglican Church in America, and the origin of its prayer book, he stated that the refusal of the church in England to consecrate the American Bishop Seager, was a piece of "that fatuous ignorance so common sometimes in Episcopal governing."

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