

PRESIDENT HARDING DEVELOPS PNEUMONIA

Announce Plan To Readjust Assets of Standard Bank

U. S. PRESIDENT'S CONDITIONS NOW REGARDED 'GRAVE'

Harding Develops Symptoms
of Broncho-Pneumonia
During Night.

OUTCOME DOUBTFUL

Head of American Government
Is Battling For His
Life.

Associated Press Despatch.
San Francisco, July 31.—
Definite indications of the
improvement in the condition of
President Harding were contained
in an official bulletin issued to-
day by the attending physicians.
"The president had a fairly
comfortable night, with consid-
erably less restful sleep."
His temperature at 9 a.m. is
100, pulse 120, respiration 40 and
regular. There has been no ex-
pansion of the pneumonia area
and the heart action is definitely
improved.
"Nourishment and fluids are
being taken regularly. Elimina-
tion is satisfactory."
"He expresses himself as feel-
ing better and less exhausted."
(Signed) "C. C. Sawyer, M.D."
"Rayman Wilbur, M.D."
"C. M. Cooper, M.D."

Associated Press Despatch.
San Francisco, July 31.—President
Harding is fighting the greatest battle
of his career—a struggle in which
his life is at stake.

Arrived again, him are broncho-
pneumonia, symptoms of which were
discovered by the attending physi-
cians late last night, and also
danger of other complications. Ar-
rived in his favor are his calm de-
termination and the hopes and
prayers of a nation.

None of the attending physi-
cians will predict the outcome, al-
though all are optimistic. It was
learned that Mr. Harding dropped off
to sleep shortly after midnight, and
was still asleep more than seven
hours later. A bulletin issued late
last night contained the first an-
nouncement that President Harding
had developed in the right lung, al-
though a statement given out several
hours previously had spoken of evi-
dence of some congestion in one lung.
It also conveyed the first authorita-
tive information that his condition
had turned from "serious" to "grave."

Another favorable statement was
that his temperature was coming
about constant at 101 degrees, even
though his pulse continued at about
125, as compared with his normal of
80, and his respiration was about 44.
None was more faithful at the
president's bedside than Mrs. Har-
ding, who, since the executive was
brought here Sunday morning, has
obtained little sleep or rest. Gen.
Sawyer said that Mrs. Harding was
standing the strain well, adding that
she was of the type "who is best un-
der fire."

Hundreds of telegrams are being
received from every state in the
union, and from many foreign coun-
tries. Parliament is forgotten, and
the names signed to the messages
included leaders in the Democratic
as well as the Republican army.
Gifts of flowers have been about as
numerous as written messages.
The president's five physicians
gathered in his sick room early to-
day to mark the progress of the
battle.

From their morning examination of
the president, and subsequent con-
sultation with the attending physi-
cians, would tell a waiting nation whether
Mr. Harding, aided by agencies
of science, was winning.
A bulletin on the president's con-
dition was promised as early as con-
ditions in the sick room would per-
mit.

President Cheerful.
This bulletin, it was expected,
would show whether the broncho-
pneumonia was progressing.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Today—Light to moderate winds; fair
and warm.
Wednesday—Mostly fair and warm.
A depression is centered this morning
in Dakota, and pressure is highest over
the New England States and in the
Maritime Provinces.

The weather has been cool and
showery throughout the Western Pro-
vinces, and showers have occurred locally
over Lake Superior and in Southeastern
Nova Scotia.

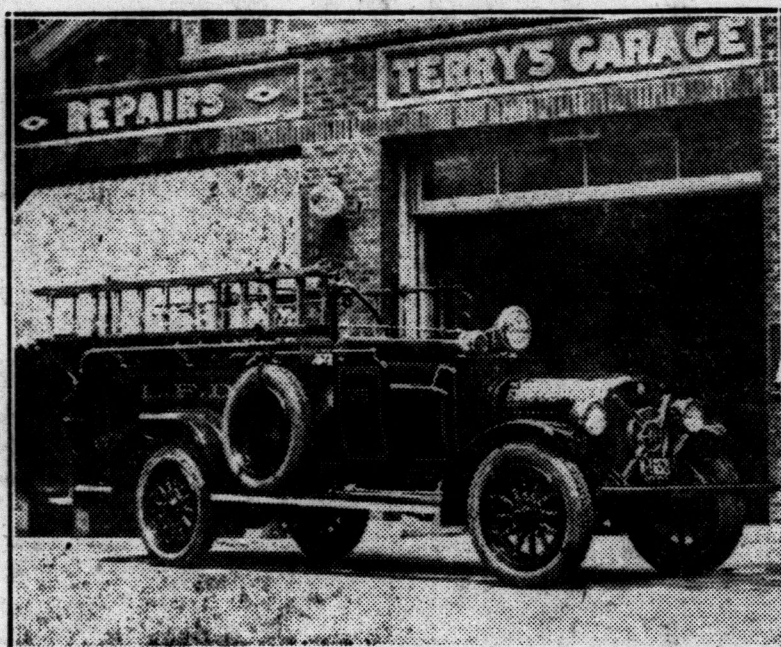
Weather Notes.

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

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Calgary	64	38	Rain
Winnipeg	68	60	Cloudy
Port Arthur	70	56	Cloudy
Farm Sound	80	64	Fair
Toronto	80	64	Fair
Kingston	84	68	Cloudy
Ottawa	80	62	Cloudy
Montreal	78	64	Cloudy
Quebec	68	56	Cloudy
Father Point	54	46	Fair
St. John	64	56	Cloudy
Halifax	62	54	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest tempera-
tures recorded in London during the
24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last
night were: Highest, 88; lowest, 57.
The official temperatures for the
12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today
were: Highest, 75; lowest, 61.
Barometric Readings.
Monday—8 p.m.—29.24.
Tuesday—8 a.m.—29.24.



ONE OF LONDON'S NEW FIRE TRUCKS.
Two of these fine trucks are now ready for delivery to the London fire
department. The one shown above was photographed this morning. The
trucks will find homes in Nos. 4 and 5 fire stations, and will be put into ser-
vice at once.

Fire Department To Soon Be Completely Motorized

Last of City's Horses Drawn Fire Fighting Equipment Will Dis-
appear Before End of Year, Declares Mayor Wenige—
But One Piece of Apparatus Is Horse Drawn.

Before the end of 1923 London will
have a complete motorized fire de-
partment, Mayor Wenige announced
today.
"There is but one more piece of
apparatus to be motorized," he ex-
plained, "and that is the aerial truck
at the central station, and we'll have
that motorized before the end of the
year. The day of horse-drawn fire
equipment has passed."

ADD NEW FIRE TRUCKS TO CITY DEPARTMENT

Two Vehicles Are Installed at
Numbers 4 and 5
Halls.

Two new Ruggles motor trucks
have been added to the city fire de-
partment. The vehicles were com-
pletely equipped this morning at
Terry's Garage and driven to No. 4
and No. 5 fire halls.
They were taken for a trial drive
about the city, and at the completion
of the trip were pronounced by Fire
Chief John Aiken to be in excellent
condition to meet the requirements
of the department.

The chassis of the new trucks were
manufactured by the Ruggles Truck
Company of this city, and fitted out
with the equipment of the horse and
chemical wagons. The trucks will
be placed in No. 4 and No. 5 stations,
and will bring the motor strength of
the department up to six trucks.
The new trucks are capable of attaining
a speed of 25 to 30 miles per hour.

The addition of trucks will bring
the fire department up to a high
standard of efficiency. If the present
aerial horse wagon is discarded and
a new truck purchased, there will be
no necessity for keeping horses in
the department. The man who holds
the horses at a fire could be used,
if a new aerial motor truck were
procured, as a third man on a line
of hose.
"Another truck of a larger variety
than that put in today is on order.
The chassis is completed and wait-
ing to be painted and equipped. The
new trucks are capable of attaining
a speed of 25 to 30 miles per hour."

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE INCREASING

Ottawa, July 31.—There has been
an increase of over seventeen million
dollars in the customs and excise
revenue of the dominion for the four
months of the current fiscal year,
which ends today, according to re-
turns available at the department
here. For the month of July alone,
the increase over last July was over
three millions. The largest part of
the increase is in the revenue from
the sales tax and other excise taxes.

EXPECT TRIAL OF DELORME TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER

Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, July 31.—That the
Delorme hearing will not be heard
at the September sittings of the court
of king's bench is now probable, in
view of the heavy docket of cases
which were delayed by the famous
murder case at the June sessions.
The likelihood is now that the re-
hearing will not be held before No-
vember.

TWENTY-SEVEN ARE KILLED IN GERMAN COLLISION

Associated Press Despatch.
Berlin, July 31.—Twenty-seven per-
sons are reported killed and 25 in-
jured in a collision today between the
Hamburg-Munich express and a
stationary train at Kreinsen station,
near Cassel.

POLL LIGHT VOTE IN BY-ELECTION IN CAPE BRETON

Ideal Weather Conditions Pre-
vail For Contest in Nova
Scotia.

RESULT TO BE CLOSE

Majority Predict Government
Candidate, Mr. Kelly, Will
Be Winner.

Canadian Press Despatch.
North Sydney, N. S., July 31.—
Ideal weather conditions prevailed
when the polls opened this morning
in the Cape Breton North and Vic-
toria by-election contest. The air
was moderately warm, and the sky
slightly overcast with light clouds,
but became threatening before noon.
The vote polled in the first few
hours in the towns was very light,
but it was expected that the heavier
part of the voting would be in be-
fore 3 o'clock in North Sydney, and
that the polling at Sydney Mines
would not show much fluctuation
during the day.
Today all parties are of the opinion
that the contest is likely to be a
close one, but even at this late
hour none is able to make any esti-
mate with regard to how the vote
will divide, and the most en-
couraging sign for the government
candidate is that the chance for a
large majority will be strongly in
favor of Mr. Kelly than either Mr.
or Mr. McDonald, the Labor nominee.

TOWNSHIP TO BUILD 20 MILES HYDRO LINE

Work Beginning in Ten Days
Estimated To Cost
\$40,000.

Work on the most important part
of London Township's 1923 hydro
extension program, namely, the con-
struction of twenty miles of new
lines, will commence in about ten
days, township officials announced
this morning. It is estimated that
the project will cost about \$40,000.
The four lines to be constructed
are: Dundas street east to the fourth
road; the fourth road west to the
road to Muller Bros. farm; west to
Hyde Park, and northeast to White's
farm, concessions four and five.
Preliminary details for the work
have been under consideration for a
year or more, and the authorities feel
now that the time is opportune for
actual construction work to be
started.

By far the greater majority of
farmers living along the roads, on
which the lines are to be built are
anxiously awaiting the time when
they can light their homes and do
most of the farm work with hydro,
and a considerable number already
have their houses wired ready for
connections to be made with the
power line. All the residents are be-
ing notified by the township officers in
this city to wire their homes as
quickly as possible and so save an
unnecessary delay when the hydro men
are ready to install the power.

The dogs come from one of the
best packs in North America and
have lengthy pedigrees. They were
a year ago imported by Mr. Stewart
from England and brought to join
his pack in Philadelphia.

Next Saturday the first early
morning run of the year will be held
at the London Hunt Club, beginning
at 7 o'clock.

HANG NEGRO AT WACO.

Associated Press Despatch.
Waco, Tex., July 31.—Roy Mitchell,
negro, was hanged in the county jail
here today for the murder of Mrs.
Ethel Denecamp and W. E. Holt, her
companion, in a Waco park last
January.

SENTENCE HAMILTON MAN FOR RESISTING ARREST

Canadian Press Despatch.
Hamilton, July 31.—Oscar Fournier
now serving terms of one year for
stealing an automobile and six
months for theft, was sentenced to
each of two charges—resisting arrest
and assaulting Constable Ghent.
Fournier, on reaching here from
Guelph with a stolen automobile on
the night of May 20, was stopped by
the officer. Fournier showed fight and
pressed a revolver against the of-
ficer's chest, but was himself shot
through the hand in the scramble that
followed. The two sentences will run
concurrently.

FAIL TO FIND BOMBERS OF SYDNEY WATER MAIN

Canadian Press Despatch.
Sydney, N. S., July 31.—Up to
noon today no arrests have been
made in connection with the Monday
morning bomb outrage, which the
water lines of the British Empire
Steel Corporation steel plant were
cut, and the mill equipment placed
in danger for several hours.

TORONTO COURT REMANDS THREE IN FUR ROBBERY

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Ont., July 31.—Sam
Malonsky, Joseph Madget and David
Walsh, the three men arrested in
connection with the big fur robbery
on Yonge street, appeared for a sec-
ond time in the police court today
after hearing the evidence of
one witness, they were remanded
until Tuesday, August 2.
The crown consented to \$2,000
bail for Malonsky. The other two
are held in custody.

BANK DIRECTORS TO ADJUST ASSETS FROM RESERVES

Standard Bank Officials An-
nounce Plan To Meet the
Financial Situation.

STEP COMMENDED

Will Place Institution in Absolu-
tely Sound Position and
Inspire Confidence.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, July 31.—The directors of
the Standard Bank of Canada issued
the following statement this after-
noon:
"The board of directors of the
Standard Bank of Canada, in a no-
tice going forward to shareholders,
announced a plan for a readjustment
of the assets of the bank. The ad-
visability of carrying out the plan
has been suggested by the continuan-
ce of the business and agricultural
depression which has so severely af-
fected the operations and standing of
some of the customers of the bank."

Draw on Reserves.
"In order to effectively meet the
situation the directors recommend
drawing on the large reserves of the
bank for an amount of \$1,250,000 and
suggest further the creation of a
contingent fund of \$1,000,000. The
bank will then have a reserve of
\$2,250,000, a contingent fund of
\$1,000,000, and a paid-up capital of
\$4,000,000.

As regards the dividend policy, the
board suggests that future distribu-
tions should be on the more con-
servative basis of 12 per cent in place
of the present 14 per cent, and that
any additional distribution should
take the form of bonuses from time
to time.
"In banking circles this action on
the part of the bank, which places it
in an absolutely sound position, has
been very strongly commended and
will tend to inspire confidence in our
Canadian banking system."

W. Francis, president of the bank,
announced the appointment of N. L.
McLeod to the position of general
manager of the bank, succeeding C.
E. Eason, chief executive, who had
requested permission to retire. An-
nouncement is also made that Nor-
man C. Stephens and G. N. Brown
have been appointed assistant gen-
eral managers.

The new general manager has been
in the service of the Standard Bank
for many years during which time
he has occupied several positions of
importance, including that of west-
ern superintendent and latterly as an
executive officer at the head office.

LONG DISTANCE SWIMMER TO TRY ERIE TRIP TODAY

Associated Press Despatch.
Cleveland, Ohio, July 31.—Carbis
A. Walker, who was forced to post-
pone his swim across Lake Erie yester-
day because of a defect in the
steering gear of a powerboat which
was to have accompanied him, was
ready to make the attempt today,
water and weather conditions per-
mitting.
Walker has obtained another boat
and plans to strike out from Point
Pelee, Ont., late this afternoon.

FIND 2-MONTHS-OLD BABE IN ABANDONED MOTOR CAR

Canadian Press Despatch.
Hamilton, July 31.—Last night po-
lice found a two-months-old child in
an abandoned automobile on Cath-
arine street. The car bore a New
York license number. There were no
marks on the child's clothing that
would lead to its identification, and
it was taken to the Home of the
Friendless and Infants' Home.

GERMAN CABINET ADOPTS INCREASE OF TAXATION

Associated Press Despatch.
Berlin, July 31.—The German cabi-
net today adopted a number of tax-
ation measures. The bills provide
for a 100 per cent increase in the
income tax to meet the expenditure
necessitated by the occupation of
the Rhineland and the Ruhr. "The
trading companies must pay a heav-
ily increased corporation tax for the
same purpose. These taxes will not
be levied on occupied territory. The
beer tax will be increased."

WITHDRAW ALL TROOPS FROM GLACE BAY AREA

Canadian Press Despatch.
Sydney, N. S., July 31.—All troops
have now been withdrawn from Glace
Bay and reserve, where they were
sent during the coal strike, to Sydney,
but since Sunday night no further
detachments have left for the main-
land.

Arrests on various charges con-
nected with the close picking of the
mines and steel plant in the early
years of the strike continue to be
made in some numbers.

WILL DISSOLVE DAIL.

Associated Press Despatch.
Dublin, July 31.—President Cos-
grave announced yesterday that the
dissolution of the Dail would prob-
ably take place this week.



MARK TWAIN'S HOME BURNS.
Stormfield, the beautiful country home near Redding, Conn., now is
but a pile of charred ruins. For fire destroyed the mansion in which
Samuel J. Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, spent the declining
years of his life, causing a \$175,000 loss. Mrs. Margaret E. Givens, New
York, and her son and daughter, Eben and Thelma, narrowly escaped death
in the blaze.

MAYOR BELIEVES CIVIC SURVEYS WILL BE BENEFIT

Confident Dr. Britain's Find-
ings Will Give Satisfaction
to Everyone.

SUGGEST AGE LIMIT

Mayor Wenige is confident today
that the "surveys" of the police and
fire departments will prove quite sat-
isfactory; even to those members of
the city council who have questioned
the advisability of these undertak-
ings, and went as far as to charge
that their colleagues were merely
"getting out from under" a distaste-
ful duty.
Findings Are Accurate.
"Everyone will be quite surprised
as to the accuracy of the findings
submitted by Dr. Britain and the
members of his staff," the mayor
stated today. "In any event, the re-
port will pave the way perhaps for
certain changes of administration in
both departments that will be, in my
opinion, for the general betterment
of the community and to the general
satisfaction of the ratepayers."

It is generally understood in
municipal circles, although the mayor
declines to commit himself on this
point, that the experts will recom-
mend the inauguration of an age limit
for all municipal departments. This
has long been urged among the civic
legislators, but no definite action has
been apparent until this year.
There has been considerable dis-
cussion in this connection among the
aldermen, prompted more or less by
certain superannuations that were
deemed expedient since the first of
the term, and the opinion was strong-
ly expressed by members of the coun-
cil that the time has come for the
inauguration of a definite scheme
of retirement. In this way all civic
employees would know for years to
come that they would leave the city's
service when they reached a certain
age, and they could govern them-
selves accordingly. There would be
no sudden superannuations.

NEWARK TROLLEY MEN BALLOT TO GO ON STRIKE

Associated Press Despatch.
Newark, N. J., July 31.—The strike
vote of motormen, shopmen and
conductors of the Newark lines of
the public service railway company,
tabulated early today, showed that
out of approximately 1,500 voters,
1,429 were for the strike and 31 were
against.
If the strike is voted, the men will
quit work at midnight tonight, union
officials said.

SUGGEST 65-YEAR LIMIT.

That 65 years of age should be set
as the limit has been already sug-
gested by individual members of the
council, and the impression is upper-
most that in the event that Dr. Brit-
tain and his associates recommend
an age limit, the council will move
speedily to act accordingly.

Oldest London Old Boy To Get "Freedom of City"

Mayor Wenige Has Large Wooden Key Prepared, Suitably
Inscribed For Presentation to Visitor as Memorial
of Happy Event.

Mayor Wenige is engineering one
of the many distinctive touches
of the many distinctive touches
which are counted upon to a great
extent to make a huge success of
Old Boys' Week.
The mayor has had made a huge
wooden key. This, with the freedom
of the city, he will present to the
oldest of all the old boys who return
to the city for the reunion week.
The key is substantial enough, over
a foot long. It will be nicely finished
and bear a fitting inscription.

SEEK TO SETTLE CHATHAM CASE OUTSIDE OF COURT

Young Men Charged With
O. T. A. Violation Will
Fight Accusation.

GIRLS WILL APPEAR

Special to The Advertiser
by a Staff Reporter.
Chatham, July 31.—Rumors of an
attempted settlement out of court of
the O. T. A. charges laid against
eight of the most prominent young
men of this city, received a prompt
setback this morning when several
of the men concerned declared to
The Advertiser that they would fight
the charges to a finish.
Attempts have been made by the
parents of the girls concerned to have
the charges withdrawn, but the cases
settled, but High County Constable
George Peters states that an example
must be made of someone, and the
charges will therefore be pressed.
Ten girls have been summoned by
the crown to give evidence concern-
ing the alleged liquor parties at the
summer resort near Chatham, and
in every case their mothers have
guaranteed their appearance when
court convenes at 10 a.m. tomorrow.
Startling disclosures regarding at
least three nude bathing parties which
have been held in the vicinity of
Chatham will also be made tomorrow
morning, according to Officer Peters.
Mr. Peters told The Advertiser
that when the girls came to him and
made their statements regarding the
alleged bathing parties, two of the
girls were held at Erie Beach and the
third at Mitchell's Bay on Lake
St. Clair.

The number of persons who in-
dulged in the said parties is small
compared with the total number em-
ployed in the scandal as a whole.

SOVIET THREATENS WRANGLER RELIEF SHIP

Notifies H. Noice Vessel Will
Be Seized If Demands
Not Fulfilled.

IGNORANT OF RETURN OF TROOPS TO LONDON

Headquarters Staff Unaware
of When Soldiers Will
Return From Sydney.

The militia headquarters' office at
Wolsley Barracks has received no
information as yet concerning the
probable date of the return of the
R. C. R. units, which went to Sydney,
N. S., at the end of the miners' strike
in Cape Breton.
That the men will return shortly is
understood, but the officers ques-
tioned in General King's absence, say
they know nothing as to what ar-
rangements have been made for the
return of the troops and the date of
their arrival at the headquarters' staff here.

TRAPPED BY FLOOD WATERS TWO MEN ARE DROWNED

Associated Press Despatch.
Punxsutawney Pa., July 31.—
Trapped by the flood waters of Plum
Creek, which left its course and poured
down the slope of the Rinn-Sutter
coal mine, 17 miles from here, Emil
Johnson, Ed. Gustafson and Gus
Carlson, miners, were drowned last
night.



M. WITOS.
Balancing on the fence of Polish
politics, but M. Witos, Polish pre-
mier, does it without even spilling a
drop. Witos was named to the
premiership in the new political
alignment in Poland. He is backed
by a coalition faction.