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BRITISH GENERAL ELECTION SET FOR OCT. 29

Fire Chief Attacked For Leaving City To Aid Farmer

FIRE CHIEF WITH SIX MEN ABSENT FROM CITY 9 HOURS FIGHTING BLAZE IN COUNTRY

Mayor Attacks Action—Declares Citizens Left in Danger—Had No Proper Authority To Take Fifteen-Mile Trip—Claims No Lives in Danger From Blaze in Barn.

CHIEF STATES HE USED OWN JUDGMENT

John Aitken, chief of the London fire department, was vigorously attacked by Mayor Wenige today for alleged bad judgment in answering to a fire in Lobo township last night.

Leaving the city, without any authority except his own, the chief took a detachment of six men and the pumper truck and answered a call to the McInroy farm on the Nairn road. The detachment was away for nine hours.

Mayor Wenige censures the action of the chief, claiming permission should have been secured. Chief Aitken defends himself and declares that he has the right to help out in fighting rural blazes if apparatus is available and the fire is serious enough to justify a response.

Chief Aitken took six men and the $17,000 pumper truck to a fire on the farm of A. N. McInroy, concession 9, Lobo, on the Nairn gravel road. The call came in a few minutes to 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The department returned nine hours later, at 1:55 o'clock this morning.

Firemen Bishop, Reid, Hartopp, Mason, Bolton and Smithson went out to the fire, acting on the chief's orders.

MAYOR GEORGE WENIGE, who questions the absence of the fire chief with six men from the city for nine hours last night at a barn fire fifteen miles from London.

Lives Menaced.

"Property and lives were left open to menace for nine hours last night while the chief and six men were away at a blaze in the country," commented Mr. Wenige today. "It's a serious matter that will be hard to explain so far as Chief Aitken is concerned."

"Is permisison not given sometimes to send a truck to outside places?" he was asked.

"Why, yes. But that's where lives are endangered in villages. We can't be expected to endanger the citizens of London to help put out blazes on farm properties. It is a terribly serious thing that the chief should take the men and fire apparatus 15 miles away for nine hours. It was bad judgment to say the least."

"What permisison did the chief need ?"

"According to bylaw he has to have the permisison of the mayor before he can go outside of the city. Of course, as I was out of the city untill 9 o'clock last night, he couldn't get me. But we had an acting mayor, who would have taken the responsibility. I have just called Ald. Shaw, who was acting mayor. The chief never went to him for permission. He apparently just went off on his own."

Denies Agreement.

Asked if there was any agreement with the outside townships regarding fire protection, his worship was emphatic in denying that any arrangement had ever been entered into with Lobo township to send apparatus there in event of farm fires. He declares that the chief must always get permission to go outside of the city, and, in the case of a fire so far away as Coldstream, apparatus should never be allowed to go.

Fire Chief Aitken frankly discussed his action and declared that he considered justification to answer the call had been evident.

"We must co-operate with the people in the country,' he commented. "There was a revision of the fire by-law passed some time ago that permits us to go to rural fires where they are serious enough. London township asked for that some time ago."

But the inspection of the minute books of the council does not show the passing of any such bylaw though the request was made by London township. City Clerk Sam Baker said today that the old fire bylaw was still in effect.

Mayor Away.

"The mayor was out of the city yesterday," was part of the chief's explanation today. "I took it on my own to take the men out when I learned the seriousness of the fire. There are some fine barns there. Damage must have amounted to $20,000.

"The house would have caught fire if the strong wind had switched, and we had to stay there all that time in order to keep the fire from spreading. It was a huge stone and concrete barn that caught fire first, and 270 tons of hay were stored there. There was a thousand bushels of oats there and two silos filled with corn. It was a bad fire to fight and took all our time.

"We got plenty of water out of the creek and had to keep throwing a stream on to the fire. It was 1 o'clock before we considered it safe to leave.

"I'll admit that it rains when the umbrellas are down, but we had to take a chance and help out at the McInroy fire."

When A. N. McInroy was asked concerning the blaze this morning, he said that it had been a serious conflagration and that the services of the fire department had been badly needed all the time they were there. The ruins were still smoldering at noon today.

ATTENDANCE INCREASE BY PERCENTAGE SHOWN

The average attendance of the 8,532 pupils enrolled in the public schools of the city during the month of September this year was 7,951, or a percentage of 93.1.

Last year the enrollment for September totalled 8,491 pupils, with an average attendance of 7,859 for a percentage of 92.5.

Thus while there is an increase of only 41 pupils enrolled for the month, the increase in the average attendance this year is more than half of one per cent.

ISSUES WRIT.

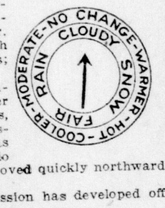
Wm. G. Murray has issued a county court writ, through T. W. Scandrett, against Purity Products for fees as an architect, amounting to $400.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—Moderate east to southeast winds; fair.

Friday — Fresh southeast winds; partly cloudy.



Pressure continues high over the great lakes, while the depression which was over Colorado yesterday has moved quickly northward to Manitoba.

Another depression has developed off Nova Scotia.

Rain has fallen in Manitoba and the maritime provinces, and snow is falling this morning in the vicinity of Calgary. Elsewhere the weather has been fair.

Temperatures.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	54	40	Rain
Calgary	48	28	Snow
Winnipeg	62	52	Rain
Port Arthur	56	46	Cloudy
Parry Sound	52	34	Clear
Toronto	54	36	Clear
Kingston	54	38	Clear
Ottawa	56	34	Clear
Montreal	52	40	Clear
Quebec	50	34	Clear
St. John	48	46	Fair
Halifax	56	52	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 58; lowest, 39.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 49; lowest, 32.

Barometric Readings.

Wednesday—8 p.m.—29.63.
Today—8 a.m.—29.65.

FIRE CHIEF AITKEN, who declares that he believes the city's fire department should co-operate with district points if help is believed needed.

THREE MORE KILLED AT RAIL CROSSING

C. P. R. Freight Train Hits Motor Car Party Near Sudbury.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Sudbury, Ont., Oct. 9.—Three were killed, and three seriously injured this morning in a level crossing accident near Turbide, 28 miles west of Sudbury on the Sault Ste. Marie branch, when a westbound C. P. R. freight struck an automobile with six occupants.

The dead are: Mrs. Homer Squires, Mrs. Lorraine Badgerow, and Mrs. Hugh Lindsay, Mrs. Badgerow's mother, all of Nairn Centre.

The injured: Mr. Boyce, the driver, his wife, and a six months' old baby of Mrs. Squires', whom Mrs. Boyce was holding in her arms when the crash occurred. The injured are in St. Joseph's hospital, Sudbury. Strong hopes are held for their recovery.

The baby is practically uninjured. When struck, the automobile was hurled in the air and the victims, all of whom were riding in the rear seat of the automobile, were thrown in the path of the engine.

SLEW ALLEGED LOVE THIEF, GETS 15 YEARS

John Drozidoski Is Sentenced by Judge Kelly in Hamilton Today.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Hamilton, Oct. 9.—John Drozidoski, found guilty of manslaughter in connection with the death of Adolph Uspinski, was sentenced to 15 years in Kingston penitentiary by Justice Kelly at the assizes today.

Drozidoski, who had not been living with his wife, went to her home on the occasion of the christening of their youngest child last July, and, finding Uspinski there, shot him twice with fatal results. He was charged with murder and pleaded that Uspinski, whom he had frequently remonstrated with, had alienated his wife's affections and broken up their home.

There was evidence from disinterested persons to support this statement and the jury brought in the lesser verdict.

COMPULSORY STOPS AT RAILWAYS URGED

Guelph Chamber of Commerce Asks That Resolution Be Indorsed.

Secretary Gordon Philip of the London chamber of commerce has received notification from the Guelph C. of C. of a resolution passed asking the Ontario government to enact legislation making it compulsory for all drivers of vehicles to bring the vehicle to a complete stop at all railroad level crossings.

Lieut.-Col. W. Simpson, secretary-treasurer of the Guelph organization, points out that it is impossible for railways to have watchmen stationed at each crossing, and asks Mr. Philip to take up the matter with the London chamber.

FORMER RECTOR AT LAVAL FOUND DROWNED IN RIVER

Canadian Press Despatch.

Quebec, Oct. 9.—Abbe Pierre Hebert, a former rector of Laval university, was found drowned at St. Gregoire yesterday morning, by a fisherman named Napoleon Mercier, who was out tending his nets.

Investigation appears to show that the abbe had been walking the railway tracks, and that he had been struck by a train Tuesday night and knocked into the water.

NEHF GOES IN AGAINST ZACHARY

Senators, With Backs to the Wall, Fighting to Win Today.

EXCITEMENT REIGNS

Capital Forgets Official Business as Crucial Game Proceeds.

Associated Press Despatch.

Griffith Stadium, Washington, Oct. 9.—The Washington Senators, now facing heavy odds in their valiant fight for their first baseball championship, came home today for the sixth battle of the 1924 world series. Despite two defeats in their three games at New York, the damaging loss of Roger Peckinpaugh, star shortstop, and the heartbreaking setback yesterday for their twirling ace, Walter Johnson, the Senators are still in a fighting mood.

Victory today for the Giants, who hold a three-to-two edge, will clinch McGraw's fourth diamond crown, but a comeback by Washington will force the issue to the limit of seven games in a final struggle here tomorrow.

Bucky Harris, fighting manager of the Senators, is banking upon Zachary and his slow southpaw curves to stop the Giants this afternoon. Although the National Leaguers drove him from the box in the ninth inning of the second game, he pitched strongly for the most part.

"The breaks were against us in New York," said Harris, "but I think they are due for a turn in our favor. Zachary will pitch, and I think Peckinpaugh will be back in his position."

Roger Peckinpaugh, veteran shortstop, whose absence from the contest was again sharply felt in the Giant 6-to-2 victory of yesterday will make a heroic effort to get back today in the battle which, if won by the Giants, will end the series at four games to two, but which, if won by Washington would tie up the series at three games each, and make another game necessary.

The line-up for today's game:

Washington.	New York.
McNeely, c.f.	Lindstrom, 3b.
Harris, 2b	Frisch, 2b.
Rice, r.f.	Young, r.f.
Goslin, l.f.	Kelly, 1b.
Judge, 1b.	Meusel, l.f.
Bluege, 3b.	Wilson, c.f.
Peckinpaugh, s.s.	Jackson, s.s.
Ruel, c.	Gowdy, c.
Zachary, p.	Nehf, p.

Umpires: At the plate, Klem; first base, Dineen; second base, Quigley; third base, Connolly.

FIRST INNING.

GIANTS—Lindstrom up: Strike one, Bluege took Lindstrom's bunt and threw him out.

Frisch up: Frisch got a two-base hit to right by hard running.

Young up: Ball one, two, foul, strike one. Zachary took Young's splash and Frisch was run down. Zachary to Bluege to Harris. Young went to second on the rundown.

Kelly up: Ball one, strike one, strike two, ball two, foul. Kelly singled to center, Young scoring.

Meusel up: Strike one, ball one, foul, strike two. Rice leaped up into the air and took Meusel's long drive that was headed into the bleachers, with his gloved hand.

1 RUN, 2 HITS, NO ERRORS.

SENATORS—McNeely up: Ball one, two, three. McNeely was given a free ride.

Harris up: Harris forced McNeely, Lindstrom to Frisch.

Rice up: Strike one. Foul, strike two. Harris was caught off first, the play being Nehf to Kelly to Jackson. Foul, Rice sent a line singe to right.

Goslin up: Foul, strike one. Kelly mussed up Goslin's grounder and the batter was safe, Rice going to second. It was an error for Kelly.

Judge up: Strike one, two. Judge fanned.

NO RUNS, 1 HIT, 1 ERROR.

SECOND INNING.

Wilson up. Strike one. Strike two. Ball one. Wilson struck out, protesting on the third called strike.

Jackson up. Strike one. Ball one. Strike two. Harris took Jackson's slow roller and threw him out.

Gowdy up. Ball one. Foul, strike one. Strike two. Gowdy got a Texas leaguer into left.

Nehf up. Strike one. Ball one. Strike two. Nehf popped to McNeeley.

NO RUNS, 1 HIT, 0 ERRORS.

SENATORS—Bluege up. Strike one. Ball one. Foul, strike two. Ball two. Foul. Frisch threw out Bluege at first.

Peckinpaugh up. The crippled shortstop came in for a big hand. Strike one. Peck scratched a hit off Lindstrom's glove.

Ruel up. Ball one. Ruel filed out to Meusel.

Zachary up. Strike one. Strike two. Zachary struck out.

NO RUNS, 1 HIT, 0 ERRORS.

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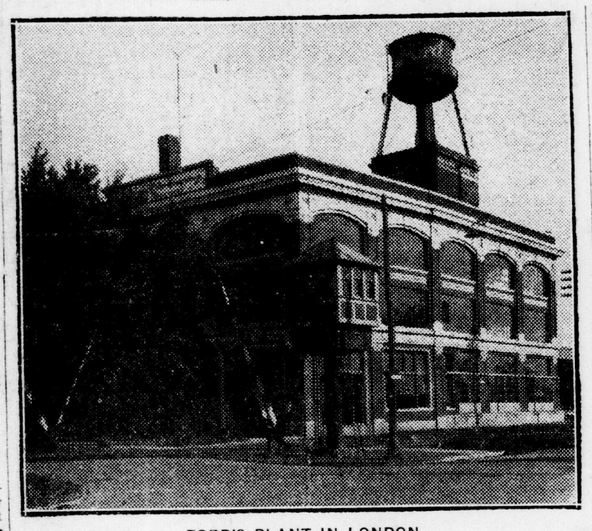
NEW YORK—Nehf and Gowdy.
WASHINGTON—Zachary and Ruel.



FORD'S PLANT IN LONDON.

Here is the modern plant of the Ford Motor Company of Canada on Waterloo street north of the C. P. R. tracks. This plant will be used when the company reopens here. Parts of a section of land to the rear of the building have been sold by the Ford Company.

Ford Company Planning To Make Electric Supplies

Present Site Will Be Used by Firm in London.

WILL NOT EXPAND

Plans of Structure Are Furnished Officials at the Border.

When the Ford Company of Canada reopens its plant in London the present building will be used.

The manufacture of accessories such as lamps and electrical equipment is being considered to replace the former plan of assembling cars here.

The Advertiser, in communication with W. R. Campbell, vice-president of the Canadian Ford interests, learned these facts.

"We are not considering assembling cars," Mr. Campbell stated, "but I hope that we shall be able to start manufacturing accessories in London soon.

"The present plant will be used for this purpose and of course we would have to make a few alterations inside the building.

"We are not considering the erection of a new plant or expansion of our present site. We have disposed of some of the land, including two or three houses which we formerly held.

"Although we have been in touch with representative citizens of London from time to time, our working plans for the future are not yet definitely adjusted."

Bert Weir, who has been handling the Ford property in London, informed The Advertiser that he had recently forwarded plans of the building to the Ford officials.

"They asked for a complete outline of the property," Mr. Weir stated, "and nothing has been done recently to rent or sell the property."

Gordon Philip, secretary of the chamber of commerce, has expressed pleasure to The Advertiser at the decision of the Ford officials.

"We have been in constant touch with the Ford people," he stated, "ever since the London plant closed a year ago.

"Just before it was decided to stop work in London a deputation went to the border and urged the officials to reconsider their decision. The deputation included the late George M. Reid, James Gray, Frank Harley, Mayor Wenige, representatives of the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific railways, and myself.

"At that time we were favorably received and told that although it was necessary to close the plant at that time, a reopening would be considered.

"Since then we have kept in constant touch with the Ford Company and are pleased to see that they are considering the manufacture of parts here."

LIBERAL MEMBER, C. A. GAUVREAU, DIES

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Oct. 9.—Word was received here this morning of the death of C. A. Gauvreau, M.P. for Temiscouata. Mr. Gauvreau was a Liberal and had been in the House of Commons since 1897.

His death creates the third vacancy, the other two being West Hastings, Ont., and Yale, B. C.

TWO RIDERS FINED.

Riding a bicycle on the sidewalk has become a rather hazardous enterprise since the police began their wholesale prosecution of offenders. Today two more were added to the long list of violators and each was assessed $2 and costs.

BRITISH HOUSE DISSOLVES TONIGHT, ELECTION OCT. 29

King George Signs Proclamation Upon Request of Premier MacDonald.

PREMIER'S ATTITUDE

Regrets His Party Has Been Forced to Appeal to Country.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Oct. 9.—The House of Commons will be dissolved tonight and a general election will be held Oct. 29, it was announced this afternoon, after King George held a privy council at Buckingham palace, at which he signed a proclamation proroguing parliament.

The announcement of the date for the election, which will define the political complexion of the government which will succeed Great Britain's first Labor ministry, was made after Premier MacDonald, coming this afternoon before the house, which last night defeated his government, declared that the king had assented to his request for the dissolution of parliament, which will be prorogued tonight.

Agrees to Dissolution.

The prorogation, Mr. MacDonald said, would be conditional upon the final passage of the bill creating an Irish boundary commission. It is understood, however, there will be no difficulty in giving the bill its final reading in the House of Lords. The premier also announced that the new parliament would meet a week or two after the general election.

King George, waited on by Premier MacDonald this morning following the government's defeat in the House of Commons last night, agreed to the dissolution of parliament.

Mr. MacDonald left Buckingham palace after an audience which began at 10 o'clock and lasted an hour.

It was officially announced that he had asked the king for the dissolution of parliament, in line with his previously announced policy of appealing to the country through a general election to approve the course pursued by his government.

It was understood that the question of the resignation of the cabinet was not touched upon at the conference at the palace.

MacDonald's Statement.

In informing representatives of the press, after he had left the king, that dissolution had been decided upon, Mr. MacDonald said: "I am sorry events have turned out as they have, but everyone knows the situation is not one of the government's seeking, but has been forced upon it. Personally, I should have been very glad if the Labor government had been allowed to carry on its policy—a policy which I maintain has been one of honest politics and of the promotion of the interests to the commonwealth."

The premier said the government would have preferred to have saved the country the expense of another general election, but, shrugging his shoulders, he added: "That is the situation, and there it is."

Mr. MacDonald, after leaving the palace, returned immediately to No. 10 Downing street for a cabinet meeting. As he made his way into the narrow street, a huge crowd, which had assembled in front of the prime ministerial residence, roundly cheered him, and there were shouts of "good old man."

It was announced that he would make a statement in the house later this afternoon.

SOME OPPOSITION SUPPORT.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Oct. 9.—Premier Ramsay MacDonald was not entirely without support from the opposition benches in last night's division which resulted in the defeat of his ministry. Of the 198 members who voted against the Liberal amendment, 182 were Laborites, two were Conservatives, two Nationalists and twelve

Please See Page 6, Columns 2 and 3.

Beck and Currie To Meet Again

Charles Currie, president of the London Street Railway Company, and Sir Adam Beck, representing the city, will meet within the next few days to discuss again the city's possible purchase of the railway.

Last year Sir Adam was invited by the city council to undertake negotiations, and returned with a price of $1,400,000. Some months ago Mayor Wenige attempted a similar mission and obtained the company's proposal of $1,295,000, plus conditions. Both offers have been considered too high by the council.

It is understood that the renewed conference with Sir Adam is on President Currie's initiative, and that it will be informal in character. If the situation is to be submitted for vote at the municipal elections action must be taken by the city council not later than its first meeting in November.

FORMER HAMILTON CITY ENGINEER DIES

E. R. Gray Succumbs After Year's Illness—Is U. of T. Graduate.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Hamilton, Oct. 9.—E. R. Gray, former city engineer, died this morning at his home, 60 Melrose avenue south, in his 41st year. Mr. Gray resigned as city engineer owing to ill-health about a year ago and had been gradually sinking since. He was a native of Elgin county and a graduate of the University of Toronto. He was assistant engineer for Toronto in 1907 and in 1915 became deputy engineer in Hamilton. A year later he was made city engineer.

Mr. Gray is survived by a wife, one son and two daughters. His remains will be sent to Toronto for burial on Saturday.

Scores Perish In Typhoon

Associated Press Despatch.

Tokio, Oct. 9.—Several persons were killed outright and many others perished when several vessels in Kagoshima harbor foundered in a terrific typhoon which swept Kagoshima on the island of Kyushu, southern Japan, last night. Sixty houses were destroyed. Central Japan also suffered from the storm, telegraphic and railway communications being temporarily interrupted.

COUNSEL CLASH IN SMITH TRIAL

Judge Declines to Make Crown Lawyer Withdraw Alleged Uncomplimentary Remark.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Oct. 9.—All but a few minutes of this morning's session of the trial of Clarence F. Smith, Montreal, Home Bank director, on a charge of making false statements of the bank's affairs, was taken up with legal objections by the defence counsel, Gordon Waldron, and reply by D. L. McCarthy, crown counsel. The two counsel had numerous clashes, and in one instance after Mr. McCarthy had remarked that Mr. Waldron was "ticking like a clock," the latter asked that Judge Coatsworth order Mr. McCarthy to withdraw the remark. The judge said he had no authority to do so, and that the trial would proceed, he hoped, with counsel maintaining a judicial attitude.

The point was the objection of Mr. Waldron to allowing bank books in as evidence unless they were connected with the accused or the evidence from them given by the man who kept the books. Mr. Waldron spoke about an hour and a half on his objection, quoting from numerous precedents and decisions of many judges. In the middle of the address, Mr. McCarthy objected, but the judge said: "I find it as a general rule better to let counsel complete their remarks rather than interfere with a good speech." Mr. Waldron then stated that he could tell the crown counsel how he could put the books in, which brought the retort from Mr. McCarthy that he knew how himself without assistance.

CABINET TO CONSIDER UNEMPLOYMENT AID

Mayor Wenige and Ald. Gordon Drake Return From Toronto Journey.

Mayor Wenige and Ald. Gordon Drake returned last night from Toronto after attending the conference between Ontario municipalities and the provincial cabinet. They reported that the cabinet had promised to go thoroughly into the matter of unemployment relief.

No definite agreement was entered into between the 32 municipalities represented and the government. But the Ferguson cabinet discussed the suggestion of one-third share in the excess cost of unemployment relief work.

If the province provides this share the municipalities have already organized to take the matter up at Ottawa to get federal assistance as well.

LIBERAL WILL OPPOSE PREMIER MACDONALD

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Oct. 8.—Premier Ramsay MacDonald is to be opposed by a Liberal candidate in the constituency of Aberavon, Glamorgan, in the general election. The Liberals of Aberavon have nominated Captain W. H. Williams, barrister, in opposition to the premier. Edwin Owen, headmaster of the Birkdale preparatory school, has been chosen as a prospective candidate by the Conservative association of Leigh, Lancashire. Mr. Owen is a native of Newfoundland.

TOMATOES DESTROYED.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Hamilton, Oct. 9.—A heavy white coating of frost fell over this city last night and completed the destruction of tomato, melon, and cucumber vines which have survived earlier frosts in sheltered localities. Growers say that grapes, protected by their heavy foliage, will be benefited if fair, mild weather follows. The grape crop is now at its best.

What They Think Now

Alberta after four months' experiment with government sale has had cause to replace hopes with disappointment.
—See Page Two.

That name, "government control," fooled the people of Alberta. Today's article on Page Two summarizes the results there and tells of the disappointment which has followed the first four months of government sale.

Mrs. Nellie McClung, member of Alberta's legislature, said to The Advertiser's representative: "We have something much worse than the open bar. There is bound to be revulsion of feeling in Alberta against government control. In a year's time the people probably would vote it out if they had the chance. Manitoba, with nearly a year's trial, is thoroughly dissatisfied."

Referring further to government sale of liquor, Mrs. McClung said: "In the end it will demoralize and destroy any government which has to do with the sale of it."

Today's article is the last dealing with Alberta. Tomorrow's article introduces the system in British Columbia, and later articles will describe The Advertiser's inquiry in Quebec.