

THE WEATHER:  
SOUTHERLY WINDS, SHOWERS.  
TOMORROW—UNSETTLED.

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## BRITISH REJECT MEIGHEN

### Turks Ask Mosul Plebiscite :: Meighen Opens Campaign

#### FIRE DOES DAMAGE OF \$7,000,000

Hawkesbury Lumber Company  
Is Scene of Disastrous  
Blaze.

TOWN IS MENACED  
Wind Blowing in Opposite  
Direction Saved Resi-  
dences.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Hawkesbury, Sept. 9.—More than  
fifty million feet of lumber, prop-  
erty of the Hawkesbury Lumber  
Company, Limited, was destroyed by  
fire, which broke out this morning  
in a pile at the west end of the  
island on which the company's  
yards, mills and houses are located,  
just opposite the town, in the Ottawa  
river.

At a valuation of \$60 per thousand,  
the loss is set by R. L. Blackburn of  
Ottawa, managing director, at \$7,-  
000,000, which is stated to be well  
covered by insurance.

At noon today the entire yards had  
been swept and the lumber destroyed  
and the fire was under control.  
Luckily for the town of Hawkes-  
bury, the wind was blowing in an  
opposite direction for the great draft  
from the cauldron of fire carried  
hundreds of feet in the air and for long  
distances. The town of Grenville,  
on the Quebec side, was showered  
with embers and dust from the  
burning lumber.

#### RIFF ARTILLERY SHELLS FRENCH

Enemy Hostility in Stronghold  
Sections Increasing Each  
Day.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Fez, French Morocco, Sept. 9.—The  
French official communiqué issued  
last night dealing with the hostilities  
between the French and the Moors  
says:

"Enemy hostility continues increas-  
ingly active in the western area. The  
Moors have brought up artillery with  
which they are shelling Issoudal and  
Tafant."

"In the sector held by the Spanish  
troops the enemy attacks have not  
developed to any great extent, but  
more reinforcements are being con-  
centrated there by Abd-el-Krim. The  
central portion of the line is calm  
at present as is also the eastern  
sector. The Ninth corps, having  
strengthened its left wing, have af-  
fected a junction with its center near  
Babtaza."

#### The Weather

FORECASTS.  
Today—Fresh  
southeast to  
south winds;  
some local show-  
ers, but partly  
fair.

Thursday—  
Fresh to strong  
westerly winds;  
some local show-  
ers, but partly  
fair.

The area of high pressure which was  
over the great lakes yesterday now  
covers the St. Lawrence valley and  
maritime provinces, and a moderate  
disruption is centered north of Lake  
Superior.

Showers have occurred in the mari-  
time provinces and some sections of  
Manitoba, while in other parts of the  
dominion the weather has been fair.

#### Fish Bowl Starts Fire; Also Extinguishes It

"Do not leave your goldfish bowl exposed to the sun" is the warning  
of one Londoner who knows.  
About 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of Harry Clark,  
40 Cathcart street, a fish bowl was standing on a wicker table. The  
sun focused its way through the bowl, and caused the table to take fire.  
Mr. Clark's son, Norman, who was in the house with another of the  
children noticed the table smoking, and extinguished the blaze with the  
water in the bowl.

The glass bowl started the blaze, but also provided the water to put  
it out.

#### Anonymous Well-Wisher Sends Mayor a Silk Topper; Aldermen Are Mystified

To Be Worn at Intervals to In-  
sure Re-election, is One  
Theory.

REPOSES AT CITY HALL  
Some Believe It May Be Cast  
Into Federal Political  
Arena.

What message, sinister or well-  
wishing, is contained in the black,  
velvety contours of the high silk hat  
which mysteriously presented itself  
to the mayor at council session last  
night?

Found beside the seat of high con-  
trol, from which the chief magistrate  
regulates the city, the symbol of cul-  
ture and correct dress was not dis-  
turbance until aldermen prodded the hat  
out of the box and found a letter  
from "A Citizen." Whether or not  
the note struck awe into curious  
hearts, its contents were not dis-  
cussed, and as far as is known the  
mayor is guarding the message.

The mayor himself, what does he  
think? His worship denies knowledge  
of the unsolved riddle. "I know noth-  
ing about it. I know nothing about  
it," he replied hurriedly to a friendly  
question about the silk topper.

One alderman sees the hat as a  
talismen, which if worn at intervals  
between now and the next municipal  
elections will assure its bearer of  
good fortune. But this view is not  
general.

It is surely a symbol that the  
mayor will need a new platform if  
he wants to step into the ranks of  
the chosen this time.

The alderman decries the riddle of  
the hat.

Then again, one bloc of municipal  
officials is whispering that the silk  
hat is what the ideas of March were  
to Caesar. It is an emblem of fu-  
turity, they say, and future events  
will have no bearing on the carrying  
out of its fantastic portent.

In the meantime the hat has been  
transferred to the mayor's sanctum,  
where it rests in silence, and may yet  
be cast into the federal political ring.

#### MRS. S. BLACKBURN DIES AT HOME IN GLENCOE

Special to The Advertiser.  
Glencoe, Sept. 9.—The death oc-  
curred last evening of Susana, widow  
of the late Stephen Blackburn in ne-  
nety-fourth year. Mrs. Blackburn  
had been in fair health until Thurs-  
day when she fell, fracturing her hip,  
death resulting last evening.

The funeral will be held tomorrow  
morning at 10 o'clock at Woodlawn  
cemetery. Mrs. Blackburn whose  
maiden name was Susana Whitaker  
was born in England and came to  
this country in 1857. Surviving her  
is one son, H. F. Blackburn, barrister,  
of London, and Miss Lena, at home.

#### RADICALS' PROPOSAL DEFEATED

British Trades Congress Refuses  
to Adopt One Big Union  
Plan.

SPONSORED BY TILLET

Extremists in Second Resolu-  
tion For Shop Committees  
Are Successful.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Southborough, Eng., Sept. 9.—The  
radical wing of the trades union  
congress met with another reverse  
today when its proposal for a reduc-  
tion in the number of unions and the  
formation of one big union was de-  
feated by a half-million votes.

Representatives of several of the  
larger unions spoke against the pro-  
posal. Ben Tillett, secretary to the  
political and international depart-  
ment of the transport and general  
workers' union, one of the strongest  
supporters of the proposal, twitted  
the delegates with being conservative  
minded.

The extremists later were more  
successful when a resolution was  
adopted by a majority of one million  
votes calling for shop committees in  
all workshops and declaring such  
committees "indispensable weapons  
in the struggle to force the capitalists  
to relinquish their grip on industry."

#### THREE ARE INJURED IN RAIL COLLISION

C. N. R. Passenger Train  
Crashes Into Freight at  
Crossing.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Niagara Falls, Sept. 9.—Two men  
and a woman were injured, both men  
seriously, late last night when a  
Canadian National passenger train  
crashed into a freight train at a  
crossing at Clifton Junction, a short  
distance from here. Several  
freight cars were derailed. None of  
the passenger coaches left the tracks.

The injured are: Henry Atkins,  
engineer, and Michael Baldwin, fire-  
man, both of this city. Both have  
fractured skulls.

The woman injured was en route  
from St. Catharines, Ont., to Mexico.  
She refused to give her name and  
her injuries treated. The passenger  
train was en route from Toronto to  
Niagara Falls.

#### FOUR MIDDLESEX GIRLS IN JUDGING CONTEST

Special to The Advertiser.  
Exhibition Grounds, Toronto, Sept.  
9.—Girls from twenty-three counties  
are today taking part in a judging  
contest at the Canadian National ex-  
hibition.

These girls come from the rural  
districts and are members of the  
Junior Women's Institutes of Ontario.  
They are judging dressmaking, cook-  
ing, sewing and school lunches. The  
girls are from Middlesex, Jennie Brown,  
Thorncliffe; Marion Campbell, Appleton;  
Doris Logan, R. R. 2, London, and  
Rita Gee, Thorncliffe.

#### MAN WHO PULLED AIR GIANT TO EARTH CITED FOR BRAVERY

Ernest Nichols Chased Shenan-  
doah Around Farm Yard  
Before Capturing It.

STORY FOUND TRUE  
Associated Press Despatch.  
Caldwell, Ohio, Sept. 9.—A hero of  
the Shenandoah disaster last Thurs-  
day morning was found today among  
the native sons of Noble County. He  
is Ernest Nichols, a little, grizzled  
farmer, residing near Sharon and who  
grabbed the navy's giant dirigible by  
the nose ring and pulled it to the  
ground.

After sales began drifting over the  
countryside about a man who had  
helped to stop the plunging of the  
Shenandoah's nose over hills and  
valleys when it broke from the  
middle and aft sections, the board of  
investigation which is handling all  
phases of the disaster, probed the  
story, found it true and then cited  
Nichols "for the good job and great  
service" he had done.

Interviewed later, Nichols told the  
following narrative of his experi-  
ence:



CAPT. FRED SANDERSON.

who has been chosen to lead the way  
to victory in the historic Liberal rid-  
ing of South Perth at the federal  
election on Oct. 29. Capt. Sanderson,  
who is a war veteran and a tax  
manufacturer of St. Mary's, was the  
unanimous choice of the convention  
after the first ballot.

#### RANKIN HAS BEST CHANCE

Welland Liberals, Though, Are  
Vigorously Pressing Claims  
of W. M. German, M.P.

By E. C. BUCHANAN.  
Special to The Advertiser.  
Ottawa, Sept. 9.—Dr. W. A. Rankin  
of North Perth and W. M. German,  
M. P. of Welland, are running a neck-  
and-neck race for the remaining  
vacant Ontario senatorship. The  
closeness of the contest is delaying  
decision as to which of them wins.

Last week Dr. Rankin had the ap-  
pointment almost in his pocket. Then,  
just before the list of appointments  
was to be released, his was recalled.  
Heavy pressure on the government  
from Welland in behalf of Mr. Ger-  
man was the cause of the change.

It is understood that Mr. German  
has let it be known that he will not  
accept the appointment unless he is  
nominally mentioned. He has strong  
claims to consideration. A leading  
aspirant for the remaining senator-  
ship is ex-Premier Foster. There is  
a possibility, however, that Hon.  
A. B. C. C. secretary of state, may  
resign and take the place. There are  
many applicants.

#### MARINERS ARE BLAMED FOR STRIKING WRECK

Captain of Montrose and St.  
Lawrence Pilot Censured for  
Disregarding Orders.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Ottawa, Sept. 9.—Captain Edwin  
Landy of the steamship Montrose and  
Pilot Auguste Santerre are found in  
default in respect to the circum-  
stances surrounding the Montrose  
wreck, or other object in the St.  
Lawrence river on August 7, in a  
judgment announced today by Cap-  
t. L. A. Demers, Dominion wreck com-  
missioner.

In view of the former records of  
the matter and the pilot's court  
case, the commissioner censured the  
"but censures them respectively" for  
the omission regarding specific orders  
while in the fog encountered on the  
day in question.

#### FRANCO-SPANISH DRIVE WILL SOON BE LAUNCHED

Associated Press Despatch.  
Paris, Sept. 9.—The long-heralded  
Franco-Spanish offensive against  
Abd-el-Krim's Rifian tribesmen and  
their allies has begun and will soon  
be in full swing, it was said in of-  
ficial quarters today.

The Spaniards after their success-  
ful landing on the shores of Alhucemas  
Bay yesterday are marching on  
Alcala to the south.

Franco-Spanish forces, numbering  
between 150,000 and 200,000, already  
are, or shortly, will begin attacking  
Tetuan, in the northwestern section  
of the Rif country and Sheshuan,  
farther to the south.

W. M. GERMAN, M.P.,  
for Welland, who is running a neck-  
and-neck race with Dr. W. A. Ran-  
kin of North Perth, for the remain-  
ing vacant Ontario senatorship. Welland  
Liberals are putting up a strong  
battle to get the appointment for  
German.

#### CHECK FOR \$8,000 IS SURPRISE

London Firm Gets 40 Per Cent  
Dividend as Hearst Com-  
pany Creditor.

PROMOTER ON TRIAL

Joseph X. Hearst Says Investors,  
as Well as Creditors, To  
Be Paid.

A check for approximately \$8,000  
was received this morning by a Lon-  
don lithographing firm, as a 40 per  
cent payment of their account with  
the bankrupt Hearst Music Publish-  
ers of Canada, a Winnipeg firm which  
went bankrupt some time ago. Joseph  
X. Hearst, promoter of the con-  
cern, will appear for trial this week  
on a charge of fraud. He declares  
that ultimately he will repay every  
dollar of the investors and creditors'  
money.

The amount received here repre-  
sents part of the cost of publishing  
the several musical hits which the  
company circulated before bankrupt-  
cy. The London firm did all the  
printing and publishing for the con-  
cern. Two brothers, officials of the  
lithographing company, invested a  
considerable amount in the enter-  
prise, but at that condition they never  
expected the stockholders to get a cent,  
but was pleased that the firm had  
received some compensation.

#### KNOLLWOOD HAS GARBAGE SERVICE

Collectors Make First Trip  
Across C. P. R. Tracks  
With Wagons.

In accordance with the decision  
made at the council last night, a  
garbage wagon actually made its ap-  
pearance in Knollwood park this  
morning. The residents of the park  
could hardly believe their eyes, when  
it crossed the C. P. R. tracks. Pre-  
viously it had shunned the other  
side as forbidden territory. Very  
few had their refuse ready for the  
collection.

The collection is the end of a long  
agitation by the Knollwood Park  
Ratepayers' association. A promise  
made by the city council in 1913  
to start it was made at the first  
of the year, but was apparently for-  
gotten. A few skeptics point out  
that the municipal elections are  
drawing near, and the garbage wagon  
which has been broken down for  
collection purposes to send a letter of  
thanks to the mayor and aldermen  
who were instrumental in having the  
service started. It will be a weekly  
collection.

#### MAYOR MACBRIDE MAY BE CONSERVATIVE CHOICE

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Brantford, Sept. 9.—Interest is keen  
in the Conservative convention for  
Brantford federal riding, to be held  
this evening. It is reported that a  
section of the party favors Mayor  
M. M. MacBride, M.L.A., who ran  
as an independent labor candidate  
for the Ontario legislature, but sided  
with the federal election by stump-  
ing for the Conservative protection  
policy. It is currently reported that  
should he be nominated, the straight  
Conservatives will hold a convention  
and place in the field a man who  
has had no affiliations save with the  
Conservative party. Mayor MacBride  
stated last night that he had not  
been offered the nomination and could  
not discuss the matter until after the  
convention had been held.

#### Mike's Return To Taxi Rows Brings Bills, Jail Threat

Mike Tagney's fistie battle with  
taxi drivers last night was just a  
repetition of his many past experi-  
ences with London's night life—and  
the police.

Tagney came to the city yesterday  
from Crumlin. He became intoxicated  
and was arrested by the police. He  
was charged with disturbing the pub-  
lic peace and with driving a motor  
car without a license. He was re-  
leased on bail for \$50 and costs for an  
appearance in court this morning.

The fight followed and in the  
fracas Tagney broke a door and a  
window. The taxi driver managed  
to bundle Mike into the rear seat of  
the cab, however, and proceeded to  
the police station.

Tagney was placed under arrest  
not only because he was drunk, but  
because two bottles of liquor were  
found in his hip pockets.

A taxi bill of \$12 confronted him  
when he appeared before the magis-  
trate this morning. Damages to the  
taxi were \$4 and the remainder was  
made up in his fare to Crumlin and  
back. In addition to the taxi bill the  
police charged him with an account  
against him for \$50 and costs for an  
appearance in court this morning.

#### LEADER OF OPPOSITION IN OPENING CAMPAIGN DENIES KING'S CHARGES

Three Blowouts  
Hit Car at Once

Hon. Arthur Meighen in Ad-  
dress at Wingham Scores  
Government's Record.

OUTLINES HIS POLICY

Claims Money Being Squandered  
to Keep C. N. R. on  
Its Feet.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Wingham, Sept. 9.—In a speech  
which was at one and the same time  
a reply to charges made by Premier  
Mackenzie King at North York, and  
a declaration of the policy of the  
Conservative party on the major is-  
sues, Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen today  
opened his election campaign. Mr.  
Meighen repeated his declaration that  
the present government is "feeble and  
futile," lacking in policy on the main  
problems of the day, and quite un-  
able to carry on the business of the  
country in a successful manner.

The Conservative leader satirized  
that portion of the prime minister's  
speech in which Mr. King blamed him  
for being "the principal cause of the  
country's calamities." "I make this  
statement in the hearing of thou-  
sands, and I ask each of you if it is  
not absolutely true; of the half mil-  
lion or more people who have left this  
dominion to make a living during the  
reign of Mr. King, there is not one  
human being of the lot of them who  
moved away from his home land be-  
cause of any words of mine," Mr.  
Meighen asserted. "They went, prac-  
tically every one, because they  
could not stay. They had to live  
and they went where work was to be  
found."

Once again the Conservative leader  
declared his belief that the great sub-  
ject of policy in Canada was tariff  
policy. Mr. King had "finched this  
issue," but "it is the people of  
Canada are not going to be befuddled  
by the twisting and shifting prac-  
tices of Mr. King," added  
Meighen, who continued that "a sound  
and strong and definite protective  
policy is the only means by which we  
can live and prosper."

In the matter of senate reform the  
government had not a single proposal  
which it dare make, and until Mr.  
King told the country what he pro-  
poses to do, it is all moonshine to be talk-  
ing about the supposed issue of sen-  
ate reform."

#### STEAMER SAGAMO DAMAGED BY FIRE

Superstructure of Vessel Burned  
While Lying at Craven-  
hurst Dock.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Gravenhurst, Sept. 9.—Damage es-  
timated at \$75,000 was suffered by the  
steamer Sagamo of the Muskoka  
Lakes Navigation and Hotel Com-  
pany, when fire this morning destroyed  
a great section of the vessel.  
Known to patrons as the "40-mile  
cruiser," the Sagamo was at its dock  
here being fitted up for the winter,  
the summer sailing schedule having  
been completed a few days ago.  
The fire broke out about 10 o'clock  
a.m., but all made their escape in  
safety. The Sagamo was built in  
1906, at a cost of approximately  
\$200,000.

The superstructure, with the ex-  
ception of the dining-room in the  
after part of the boat, was destroyed  
by the fire, but practically no damage  
to the engine and other machinery.

#### SOUTH AFRICA SUFFERS FROM SEAMEN'S STRIKE

Basin for Settlement is Being  
Sought by the Govern-  
ment.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Cape Town, South Africa, Sept. 9.—  
A possible basis for the settlement  
of the unofficial strike of British  
seamen, which is having serious re-  
sults owing to the delay in the ship-  
ping of South Africa's maize crop,  
has been suggested by the govern-  
ment. It provides for the post-  
ponement of the reduction of wages  
for a period of six months, pending  
an official inquiry in Great Britain  
into the existing machinery for the  
representation of seamen on the  
board of the shipping companies, and  
the alteration of the constitution of  
the seamen's unions so as to insure  
that such representation shall be ade-  
quate.

The seamen's strike was the re-  
sult of an announced wage reduction  
of £1 per month. The strike how-  
ever, was not recognized as official  
by the National Sailors' and Fire-  
men's union, which accepted the cut  
in wages. J. Havelock Wilson, who is  
at present in Canada, is president of  
the union.

Meighen opened his speech by  
referring to the fact that the gal-  
lery was in a sense the first Con-  
servative meeting of the campaign.  
"For four years we have been as-  
sured times without number by the  
prime minister, Mr. Mackenzie King,  
that his government was dealing in  
a masterly way with the nation's  
problems, or if not dealing with them,  
was just about to start to deal with  
them, and was supported in the house  
of commons by large majorities of  
what he described as men of liberal  
thought," said Mr. Meighen. "On  
Saturday last, however, he got a lot  
nearer the truth, and in a long or-  
ation in North York he confessed to  
the people of Canada that they could  
not deal with the problems of the  
nation at all, and the only way to  
avoid grave disaster was to have a  
sufficient majority in the house of  
commons. For that reason, he said,  
there must be an election."

Meighen's speech was a government  
leader opened a campaign if it is to  
be of any value should review the  
actual accomplishments of his  
government and constitute a  
clear declaration of principle  
which his party proposes to submit  
to the public approval. From the first  
to the last Mr. King's speech  
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