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BOARD TO EXAMINE LUSITANIA CLAIMS WILL SIT IN LONDON

City Residents and Many From District Ask Recompense For Loss of Life and Property at Hands of German Army and Navy.

COMMISSION TO HOLD SESSION HERE SATURDAY

Claims by Londoners and residents of the district for more than half a million dollars—the loss suffered locally in the sinking of the Lusitania by the Germans in 1915—will be heard by members of the Lusitania commission, sitting here next Saturday and Monday. The commission will also hear the claims of any civilians for injuries as the result of Germany's warfare, whether sustained through torpedoed ships, air raids, loss of property in the battlefields of Europe or inhuman treatment at the hands of Germans.

Four London firms and three individuals, constituting seven claimants, were affected by the sinking of the Lusitania by a German U-boat while crossing the Atlantic in the second year of the war.

Seven London People Appeal

London claims which will be heard by the Lusitania commission in session here on Saturday are:

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bird, property damage, $1,400.

William Coles & Co., property, unstated.

Johnson & Barbour, property, $600.

London Life Insurance Co., indirect loss, unstated.

Northern Life Insurance Co., indirect loss, unstated.

Mrs. W. Jennings, property in Belgium, unstated.

Mrs. Agnes Warner, loss of son, drowned in sinking of Lusitania, $10,000.

District Claims.

Thirteen other claims from residents of Kitchener, Brantford, Guelph, Waterloo and Stratford, the whole amounting to $605,684.74, will be heard by the commission. When evidence has been gathered the cases will be presented to the dominion government and an account will be submitted to Germany.

Mrs. Agnes Warner of London, whose son Tersus, a golf instructor, was drowned in the Lusitania disaster, has entered a large claim for damages, according to members of the commission. Other Londoners whose claims will be heard include Mrs. W. Jennings, for loss of property in Belgium, and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bird, property loss of $1,400 through the sinking of the Hesperian on Sept. 5, 1915. The firm of Johnson and Barbour lost $600 worth of crockery and china when a freighter was torpedoed, and William G. Coles, broker, has entered claim for a similar loss, although the exact amount and nature of the damage has not been stated.

Insurance Demands.

The largest claims entered from London are those of the Northern Life Assurance Company of Canada and the London Life Insurance Company through loss in paid life insurance to relatives of insured Lusitania victims. Their claims for damages however, are indirect ones, the commissioners point out, and although they will receive every consideration, it is unlikely they can be realized.

The biggest claim entered from the London district comes from Michael Crowley, whose son, a passenger on the Lusitania, was drowned. Mr. Crowley asks $10,000 from the German government.

The Lusitania commission includes James Friel, K.C., Major Spencer Ralph T. Duffey and J. C. Hanley. More than 1,000 claims in Canada are being heard. The commission has made arrangements to hold its session in London on Friday and Monday at the Belvedere hotel.

Several claims have been heard from Canadian soldiers who were prisoners of war and who suffered inhuman treatment, and from Canadians who owned property in England, France and Belgium which was damaged through air raids or devastated in battle.

ASSAULT BRINGS 2-YEAR SENTENCE

Joseph Dollok Sent to Kingston For Striking Road Gang Foreman.

Two years in Kingston penitentiary was the sentence imposed on Joseph Dollok, Austrian, for assault occasioning bodily harm, by Magistrate C. W. Hawkshaw in county court this morning. The offence occurred on Sept. 16 in London township. Dollok was employed on a road gang, and when told to get a hustle on by the foreman, Charles Miller, replied by hitting the latter over the head with his shovel. The resulting wound required nine stitches to close. He was only prevented from hitting him again by the fact that fellow-workmen grabbed his shovel. The case was heard one week ago, when Dollok was convicted, but sentence was deferred until this morning. Dollok's previous criminal record was secured in the meantime.

"It is fortunate that this man is not facing a charge of murder," said Crown Attorney Judd. "His crime is particularly prevalent among his nationality and it is time they were taught that they cannot come here and take the law into their own hands. Conditions are getting bad when a foreman cannot tell his men to go ahead without being hit with a shovel."

"The doctor told me that had the wound gone half an inch farther you would have killed the man," said Magistrate Hawkshaw. "This incident shows me that you have an uncontrollable temper, and a man who acted as you did deserves pretty severe punishment."

Dollok told the court that he didn't try to kill the man, he merely wanted to teach him not to speak so harshly to him. He said he had never been in trouble, though he had been in jail.

GUARD AND PRISONER ARE KILLED IN GUN BATTLE

Associated Press Despatch.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 29. — Fred Brown, Omaha, kidnapper, and Charles E. Morse, prison guard, are dead, the result of a two-man prison break at the Nebraska state penitentiary here yesterday. The plot, involving blasting away part of the prison wall, was nipped by observant prison guards and Brown was killed and his companion, Roy Smith, probably mortally wounded in the exchange of shots that followed.

WHEAT INSPECTIONS.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, Sept. 29.—Wheat inspections yesterday totalled 2,021 cars, including 1,721 of contract grade. Last year's total not available. Coarse grains numbered 310 cars.

VOTERS SLOW TO REGISTER

Hundreds Run Risk of Disfranchisement For the Coming Federal Election.

ONLY ONE DAY MORE

Majority of Inquiries Reveal That Names Are Already on List.

Hundreds of London voters, both men and women, are running the risk of losing thier right of franchise in the coming federal election through their own negligence in failing to have their names placed on the voter's list. Registration in this city closes tomorrow night and there are still hundreds of citizens who have made no effort to have their names placed on the list at any of the fourteen registration offices in London. Failure to do so will mean in a great many instances that they will be deprived of the right to vote on election day.

Gordon H. Tennent, returning officer for this city, stated today that registrations had shown a considerable increase during the last two or three days, and the number of inquiries was steadily on the increase. The registrars are using part one of the 1924 municipal list and part three of the 1925 municipal list as a basis in compiling the present federal list, and Mr. Tennent stated today that it was a tribute to the good work of City Clerk Baker and his staff that a great majority of the inquiries received showed that the names were already on the list, thus testifying to their accuracy.

But despite this fortunate condition, it is the duty of every voter, male or female, to ascertain personally whether or not his or her name is on the list, and Mr. Tennent urges that all who have any doubt get in touch either with Liberal or Conservative headquarters and ascertain definitely whether they have a vote and where it is to be polled.

Liberal headquarters may be reached on telephone 762.

SANSONE GIVEN EXTRA 2 YEARS

Londoner Will Be Sent to Kingston to Serve Jail Break Sentence.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Guelph, Sept. 29.—Two years in Kingston penitentiary was the sentence pronounced by Judge Spotton in the county court here on Sylvadore Sansone of London, the young jailbreaker, who made his escape from the local jail last week.

Sansone informed the court that he saw the jail doors open, while others were carrying stuff in from the lawn bowling greens, and the impulse came to run away.

HOME FOR VICTORIA NURSES WILL EQUAL CANADA'S BEST

Construction of Modern Three-Story Building Depends on Bylaw Passing.

NEED IS GREAT

Present Quarters Now Hold Double Original Accommodation Limit.

Plans for the proposed new nurses' home for Victoria hospital, which will be erected on property adjoining the Children's War Memorial hospital, providing the nurses' home bylaw passes at the forthcoming municipal elections, call for a three-story building similar in design to that of the children's hospital. It will be one of the most modern structures of its kind in the dominion, offering accommodation for practically all nurses in training at Victoria.

The need for the new home is stressed by members of Victoria hospital trust, who declare that Victoria hospital, as one of the most up-to-date institutions in Canada, is only lacking in accommodation for nurses, the present makeshift homes being entirely inadequate.

The home adjoining the main hospital building, although suitable for a few years to come, is of ancient construction and was built to provide quarters for only half the number of nurses now attending the training school. With general expansion in every ward of the hospital, an increased number of nurses became a necessity and the school has now reached an attendance number of 150. Part of the old Colborne street school building has been pressed into service as temporary quarters and some nurses are boarded in nearby houses.

Property between the University of Western Ontario medical school and the Children's War Memorial hospital was recently purchased in the name of Colonel W. M. Gartshore, a member of the Victoria hospital board, to be utilized as a site for the new home. The plans, ordered to be drawn up by John M. Moore by trust members, call for a building which is the last word in architectural beauty and service with, besides three stories above the ground, an exceptionally large basement. Should the hospital bylaw pass, construction work will be commenced early in the spring and the building is expected to be complete by the early fall.

Ship On Fire Asks For Aid

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Sept. 29.—A report to Lloyd's shipping agency from St. Catharines Point, near Southampton, says that the British cargo steamer, London Mariner, which sailed from New York, Sept. 19, for London, is afire in the English channel and is asking for assistance.

Forward Or Back—Which?

HOUSE ON ROLLERS HELD UP.

This cottage, en route from Fullarton street to Trafalgar street, came to a sudden stop at the corner of Richmond 36 hours ago and is still there. Permits from the parks board, utilities commission and street railway company were required, and the house will be motionless till they are obtained.

Transplanting House Needs Private Income, Man Finds

Halts Moving as Bills Grow, Obstructs Street and Gets Court Threat.

EXPENSE MOUNTS

B. Goldberg Confronted With Charges From City, L.S.R. and Moving Men.

Benjamin Goldberg thought he had secured a bargain in a house when he paid a small sum for a frame dwelling place on Fullarton street, just west of Talbot. He planned to move the house to Trafalgar street, renovate it and have a dwelling as good as new. Mr. Goldberg never counted on the loss of revenue that moving the house might entail the street railway and the house has remained at the corner of Fullarton and Richmond streets since 6 o'clock yesterday morning.

A charge of obstructing traffic has been laid against Mr. Goldberg by city Engineer Near and unless the house is moved by 6 o'clock this evening, which seems very improbable, the contractor being out of town today, he will appear in court in the morning.

Mr. Goldberg now declares that it is going to cost him more to move the house than he paid for it, and is half inclined to drop it as a bad bargain. On buying the house, he went to the moving contractor. He would only charge him a couple of hundred to move it. That was all right. Mr. Goldberg then went to the City Engineer to secure a permit. Here he found that he must deposit $100 to cover possible damage to city property, to pay for moving of wires. That wasn't so good.

Armed with the permit Mr. Goldberg started the moving of the house at 12:30 Monday morning. At ten minutes to six he had reached the corner of Richmond street. There street railway wires blocked the path. The city linemen refused to touch them and Mr. Goldberg phoned the street railway. If he would get it over in ten minutes before the cars started it would only cost him a mere $50 they told him. To get it across in ten minutes was impossible, Mr. Goldberg replied.

The street railway then informed him that he would have to make good the fares lost if the street cars had to be delayed. This was too much for Mr. Goldberg, and he sent the moving contractors home, while he repented of his folly in starting to move a house from one end of the city to the other.

Since 6 o'clock yesterday morning the house has remained at the corner of Fullarton and Richmond streets, while Mr. Goldberg ponders whether it would not be cheaper to wreck the house than transplant it.

In the first place, Mr. Goldberg had to get a permit from the parks board to cut down a tree which blocked egress from its original location.

FIVE ARE DROWNED.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Vancouver, B.C., Sept. 29.—Five persons, residents of Ocean Falls, B. C., a town 300 miles northeast of here, were drowned Sunday, according to reports received last night. The victims were: Miss C. McKellar, Miss Jane McKellar and Charles McKellar, Andrew Clark and David Johnston. No details have been received.

The Council

27th MEETING, SEPT 28, 1925.

Moved to investigate bus proposal and draft bylaw.

Sanctioned special meeting on street railway questions.

Referred to No. 1 committee move to bring winter fair to London.

Endorsed changes in free tuition rules for university.

Opposed market paving this year.

Sanctioned tiling of Carling Creek.

Oppose Training of Immigrants

Associated Press Despatch.

Melbourne, Australia Sept. 29. —The commonwealth immigration authorities do not favor the British government's plan of training intending emigrants to Australia so that they will know something about farm work before leaving the home land because the machinery used on the Australian farms and the farming methods generally in Australia are different from those in England. Australia prefers to do the training herself.

FIRST BODY TAKEN FROM SUNKEN SUB

Divers Are Slowly Working Way Into the Innermost Parts of Craft.

Associated Press Despatch.

United States Submarine Base, New London, Conn., Sept. 29.—The body of John L. Gibson, engineman, first class, of Portland, Oregon, was removed from the wrecked sumarine S-51 by divers today.

Gibson's body was the first to be taken from the wrecked ship and its recovery followed the complete suspension of attempts to lift the craft with wrecking ships and a concentration of efforts on the part of divers who went into the sea to explore the S-51.

Gibson's body was found in the battery-room, that part of the submarine that was rammed by the Savannah Line steamer City of Rome last Friday night. The message from Rear-Admiral H. H. Christy, in command of the rescue forces, said the divers still were working in this compartment and as they plowed their lead-weighted feet through the passageways of the vessel it was expected more bodies would be found.

Gibson's wife lives in Groton, Conn., a suburb of New London.

HOPES VANISH.

Associated Press Despatch.

New London, Conn., Sept. 29.—A new day, a new start, but hope had taken wings in the minds of rescue workers who probed the depths of the ocean in their efforts to bring to the surface the submarine S-51 which was sunk last Friday night in a collision with the steamer City of Rome of the Savannah line.

Blocked at every turn in their efforts to haul the submarine from the sand at the bottom of the sea the rescue workers were forced to admit that only the slimmest chance remained for any of the 33 men who went down with their vessel to be alive.

Lieutenant Commander Flannagan, executive officer at the base, however, has steadfastly refused to give up his belief that some of the men might be alive.

"Those fellows know how to act in a case like that," he said this morning. "It is hard to believe that some of them would not have presence of mind enough to slam shut the door of a water-tight compartment when they felt the thud as they were struck. And I refuse to believe that they could live for only 72 hours with the air supply they had. Men have lived longer than that in submerged submarines. The fact that divers have heard no sound indicates nothing. They would not go chasing around like a bull pup every time they happened to hear a sound above their heads."

The executive officer's reference to 72 hours was in answer to statements that that was the "dead line" of time for the men to live with the air supply at hand.

TREASURE SEARCH IS DEFERRED

Salvage Operations on Merida Stopped on Account of Storms.

RESUME NEXT YEAR

Efforts to Recover $4,000,000 in Bullion Unsuccessful to Present.

By BRADLEY KELLY,
Special Correspondent of The Advertiser and N. A. A. A.

Aboard Salvage Steamer Spray, off Virginia Cape, Sept. 29.—The treasure hunt expedition in search of the $4,000,000 cargo of the sunken steamship Merida reluctantly lifted its anchore today and sailed for New York, abandoning its quest until next spring.

No more decent diving weather may be expected until May. Then the New York syndicate of sportsmen and society leaders which has financed the venture will renew the quest.

"Heavy weather has thus far defeated our attempt to bring up the treasure," said Fred Neilsen, salvage master, "but we have made excellent progress towards our end. We spent the month of June in locating the wreck. Since that time we have taken advantage of every spell of good weather to explore the hulk and clear a way through thousands of tons of treacherous debris to the strong room of the liner.

"The path to the treasure is now clear, but many days of fine weather will be required to blast away the bulkhead and bring up the twenty-five tons of gold and bullion. We shall, therefore, have to wait for the calls of May and June to complete our task.

"In the past two months the divers have made thirty descents to the wreck, which is located at the extreme diving depth of 124 feet, where water pressure is 95 pounds to the square inch. The descents have averaged 21 minutes of working time at the bottom, considered a good record under the conditions endured."

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CIVIC MANAGER IDEA GETS BOOST

J. H. Valiquette of Shawinigan Falls Lauds System to Canadian Club.

A boost for the civic manager form of municipal government was given before members of the Canadian club and delegates to the Canadian tax conference by J. H. Valiquette, B.A., Sc., Q.L.S., city manager, Shawinigan Falls, Que., at a luncheon in the Tecumseh hotel at noon today.

Judging by the remarks of Mr. Valiquette and the figures he submitted to an interested audience, the civic manager form of government has brought Shawinigan Falls from financial chaos to a point where the city of 25,000 inhabitants is paying its own way, and furthermore, enjoys a surplus each year. This has been brought about since 1921, when Mr. Valiquette took over the management of the city under the watchful eyes of the mayor and council.

Tax Rate Drops.

The city tax rate has dropped from 19 to 11 mills where it has remained for the last three years, the speaker declared and it would have been even lower had not the city built a new police station, fire hall, new sewers, pavements, etc.

Mr. Valiquette in his opening remarks traced the history of civic manager government. It started at Stanton, Virginia in 1907 until at present there are 353 cities in the United States and 20 in Canada under such government. Westmont, Que., being the first Canadian city

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HON. DR. P. J. VENIOT,

former premier of New Brunswick, who has declined to re-enter the political field as the Liberal candidate in Gloucester county. He maintains his work in the interests of hydro development should not be interrupted and claims his activities in this line are of paramount interest to his province.

HARLTONS ASK RETURN OF CAR

Parents of Man Wanted For Waddell Murder Apply to Police.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harlton, parents of Ed. Harlton, wanted by police for the murder two weeks ago of County Motorcycle Officer Jack Waddell, made application to Chief of Police Robert Birrell today to obtain one of the two motor cars which their son owned, and which was held for examination by the police. Both of Harlton's cars were temporarily seized by the police shortly after the murder, and they have been since garaged at police station. From one of the cars Harlton is said to have shot at Waddell.

The license and motor numbers of the cars have been taken by the police as evidence. Only one of the autos, however, will be given back to the Harlton family, there being payments due on the second.

In the examination of the cars, a bottle containing a few drops of whiskey was found hidden beneath the rear seat.

In their effort to bring about Harlton's arrest, local police have sent out more than 400 circulars bearing his pictures, fingerprints and description. No stone has been left unturned in his chase. Every clue and report received at police station has been run down, but with only fruitless results. But detectives confidently believe Harlton's arrest sooner or later is inevitable.

"Harlton won't be found on our doorsteps, though," Chief of Police Robert Birrell said this morning. "Our search of the city reveals fairly positively that he is not hiding here, and by this time he must have put a good distance between himself and London."

The Harlton circulars have been sent to every police department in Canada and the United States, and if, for any offence whatsoever, Harlton should ever be fingerprinted by police again, his capture will be brought about.

LOCARNO TO BE SCENE OF SECURITY PARLEY

Special to The Advertiser.

Paris, Sept. 29.—Germany's insistence upon discussion of the matter of war guilt as a necessary preliminary to the security pact conference at Locarno came before the French cabinet this morning.

In some political circles here the feeling prevails that unless Foreign Minister Stresemann of Germany is willing to modify his position the work of the security conference may be considerably hampered or even delayed.

As the matter rested today, the only word about the projected security conference was that if the conference is held it will be held at Locarno.

Today's cabinet session, therefore, was deemed most important, as it was felt that the whole fate of the conference might rest upon the decision taken at the meeting.

DOMINION EXPERTS MEET HERE

Leaders of Municipal, Provincial and Federal Administration Convene.

J. T. WHITE SPEAKS

Treasury Solicitor Introduces Paper Dealing With Succession Duties.

"Any consideration of inheritance taxation might well be prefaced by the query, why should this form of taxation, which has existed for nearly 20 centuries, have been subjected during the past few years to so much investigation and criticism?"

With this preamble, J. T. White, K.C., solicitor to the treasury, Toronto, introduced a paper on "Succession Duties," at the opening sessions of the third Canadian tax conference and the second Canadian civil research conference at the University of Western Ontario at 2:30 this afternoon.

With registration of delegates at the chamber of commerce rooms this morning the joint convention opened its program. The sessions are being held under the auspices of the London chamber of commerce and the University of Western Ontario. The conferences close Thursday afternoon.

Official Welcome.

There was an official welcome of the delegates by Mayor George A. Wenige, Major Arthur T. Little, chairman of the board of governors of the university, and R. H. Dowler, president of the London chamber of commerce, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. J. G. Richter, vice-president of the London Life Insurance Company, occupied the chair.

Mr. White read the paper on succession duties in the absence of R. M. Fisher, barrister, of Winnipeg, who was unable to be present. The inquiry into the criticism of the present methods of raising taxes on estates disclosed several well defined reasons, Mr. Fisher's paper pointed out.

"The tax is not imposed till death has stilled any possible protest of the decedent. The beneficiaries having had their wealth unexpectedly increased are not in the humor to be over critical. And the tax is usually paid by trustees who are not personally interested before those entitled to the estate are made aware of the extent of the levy.

"The general public has had the idea that it affects only persons of great wealth who are quite able to bear it, but who, as a matter of fact, generally evade it.

Provides Big Income.

"Taxation authorities seeking additional revenue have found that the inheritance tax furnishes a considerable income. This can be obtained at low cost with little protest from the taxpayer. It has resulted in gradual increasing of rates to the level which approximates confiscation.

"The war and paternalistic govern-

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The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—Northerly winds, fair and a little cooler.

Wednesday — Easterly winds, cloudy and cool.

The pressure is unusually high over the great lakes and western provinces and low over the western states. The weather is fair from Ontario eastward and cloudy and rather cold throughout the west.

Snow has fallen in Southern Alberta and Southwestern Saskatchewan.

Temperatures.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	62	48	Fair
Calgary	56	30	Clear
Winnipeg	52	36	Cloudy
Port Arthur	60	36	Cloudy
Parry Sound	58	42	Clear
Parry Sound	58	42	Clear
Toronto	66	50	Cloudy
Kingston	68	48	Cloudy
Ottawa	64	42	Fair
Montreal	66	46	Cloudy
Quebec	62	38	Cloudy
Father Point	52	36	Cloudy
St. John	70	40	Fair
Halifax	70	46	Clear

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 60; lowest, 57.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 56; lowest, 46.

Sun rises at 6:13 a.m., and sets at 6:04 p.m.

Barometric Readings.

Monday—8 p.m., 29.58.

Today—8 a.m., 29.58.

British Journalists Marvel At Canada's Vast Resources

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Sept. 29.—Wonder at the vast extent of the country and its apparently boundless resources and admiration at the energy and accomplishments of the Canadian people was expressed by every member of the party of British journalists who have just completed a 10,000-mile tour of Canada from coast to coast and return, on invitation of E. W. Beatty, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The trip was made in order that the party might be able to counteract Great Britain.

Some members of the party, particularly John A. Pulst of the Glasgow Herald, expressed the opinion that an influx of good English and Scotch immigrants would be a fine thing for the dominion.