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TOMORROW—FAIR, WARM.

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LONDON, ONTARIO, FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 1924. —TWENTY-TWO PAGES.

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FREE ALDERMEN IN FAVOR OF SMALLER COUNCIL Railways Fight Restoration of Crow's Nest Pass Rates

MAJORITY OPPOSED TO SMALL COUNCIL

All Favor Plan For Two-Year Plan For Aldermen.

ASKS FURTHER CUT

Eight Members or Less Meets With the Approval of Mayor.

Reduction of the city council from twelve to eight members, as proposed in a motion by Ald. Edwin Smith last night to the finance committee, is favored by five members of the council, and the mayor. Aldermen Shaw, Drake, Greer, Smith and Walsh are in favor of the reduction. The other members are opposed.

Every alderman is heartily in favor of the introduction of a two-year term of office for aldermen on the ground that it will give continuity of plan to the work of the council, and abolition of the ward system of electing the aldermen is agreed to by Aldermen, Walsh and Shaw, as well as the mayor. Following are opinions of the aldermen on the question. Ald. Ed. Warren was not in the city and could not be reached. The mayor is an enthusiastic supporter of the idea of a further reduction to four aldermen and a mayor, as suggested by the Chamber of Commerce Alderman McKay.

"Some four or five years ago the people voted in favor of the commission form of municipal administration and I think the council would do better to ask the legislature for permission to reduce the council from twelve to eight members. I do not see that there would be any great advantage received from the reduction to eight aldermen and the reduction in the direction of greater efficiency in municipal government."

Alderman Shaw.
"The suggestion is a good one, to my way of thinking. The two years term of office is the best part of it. It would give continuity of plan in the work of the council. Abolition of the ward system and the reduction to eight aldermen are both steps in the direction of greater efficiency in municipal government."

Alderman Douglass.
"I have nothing to say on the question just now. But I think the people should have a chance to vote on it at the next municipal election."

Alderman Drake.
"I am in favor of reducing the council to eight aldermen, and the two years term of office, but I would not do away with the ward system of electing aldermen. It has not been abused in London."

Alderman Greer.
"The present system is obsolete, and some change is certainly necessary. I am not in favor of doing away with the ward system, as there is always a danger that it would put the city's business under the thumb of a few men."

LIBERALS IN B. C. NOW HAVE TWENTY SEATS

Ft. George Is Only Riding in Doubt—Success of Beer Plebiscite Uncertain.

Canadian Press Despatch. Vancouver, June 27.—With the exception of Port George, the only seat now in doubt, the standing of the parties in British Columbia elections held last Friday is likely to remain unchanged until July 11 or 12, when the absentee vote is counted.

The standing at present, therefore, is: 20 Liberals, 17 Conservatives, 4 Provincials, 3 Laborites, 2 Independent Liberals and 1 Independent. In regard to the beer plebiscite, which was taken in conjunction with the election of members, Attorney-General A. Manson, in Victoria yesterday, declined to say anything except that as soon as the absentee votes are counted the beer problem must be taken up immediately by the executive council.

An authority close to the government said that beer by the glass will be permitted in districts in the province voting for it only if the absentee vote in Vancouver shows that city in favor of the change. Should Vancouver vote against beer there probably will be no beer by the glass in any district in British Columbia.

By watching Advertiser "Want" Ads one may be in constant touch with opportunities of many kinds.



WALTER HAGEN, United States golf professional, who won the British open golf championship today by a single stroke. Hagen's brilliant finish remains for him the title he held in 1922, but lost last year.

HAGEN WINS TITLE BY SINGLE STROKE

British Open Golf Championship Goes to United States Star.

Canadian Press Despatch. Hoylake, Eng., June 27.—Walter Hagen, star professional from the United States, won the British open golf championship here today. Hagen captured the title by a single stroke with an aggregate of 301 for the 72 holes of medal play against 302, made by E. R. Whitcombe, the brilliant British professional performer.

The veteran, J. H. Taylor, finished with a 79 for an aggregate of 307.

WITH MIND DERANGED WOMAN HELD BY POLICE

Her mind deranged for the time being, a married woman wandered from her home early this morning, and was picked up by the police near Dundas and Waterloo streets at 9:45 after she had attempted to take a chair from the veranda of a nearby house.

CANADIAN WOMEN ARE INVITED TO WEMBLEY

Kitchener, June 27.—Mrs. G. A. Heather, of this city, who is the Canadian patron of the British overseas committee pavilion of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance of the British Empire exhibition, and who has been recently returned here from England, stated this morning that a cordial invitation is being extended to all of the women of Canada to visit the pavilion at Wembley, where it will be possible to meet representatives from all the dominions.

She Gambled and Won—

Her own head was the stake, but Rostia Forbes gambled with adventure to reach inner China. No white man had preceded her; none is likely to follow.

The world-renowned woman adventurer tells her own story of the thrilling journey in tomorrow's magazine section of The Advertiser. One of a dozen specially written articles, it is but an example of reading material which will interest every member of the family.

The magazine section tomorrow tells of romantic corners in old Kingston and the city's countless memorials; of the birth of great locomotives that have made famous Canada's thousands of miles of national railways; of the old world atmosphere in Nassau.

Then, too, there are authentic fashion articles; the fascinating "Page About People"; "Life's Little Comedies"; and new fiction by Ellis Parker Butler and Lucian Cary.

The eight-page Magazine Section accompanies The Advertiser's fine four pages of Rotogravure Pictures, the first in London and the eighth pages of colored comics—twenty extra pages added to the regular news edition.

ADEQUATE NAVY FOR CANADA IS ADVISED

Sir Frederick Field Tells Vancouver Audience Need Is Imperative.

OUTLINES DANGERS

Famous British Naval Officer Says Commerce Requires Protection.

Canadian Press Despatch. Vancouver, B.C., June 27.—Canada's duty as regards naval protection was hinted at by Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Field at the Canadian Club luncheon here yesterday. He did not put it in so many words, but that a great dominion like Canada should have a navy to protect her commerce was a certainty. His speech, however, suggested Canada's lack in this respect.

Sir Frederick gave a tremendous ovation. Once when he asked if, in an emergency in any part of the empire, would Canada stand aside, he was interrupted by a tremendous "No."

"Nobody who has read the history of the British Empire," said Sir Frederick, "can fail to understand its great sea power."

"After war there is always the reaction, for all governments find themselves in debt and faced with the necessity for rigid economy."

Big Navy Essential.
"Our minds and the minds of governments are crowded with the idea of being able to forget in a great emergency like ours a great navy is necessary for our safety."

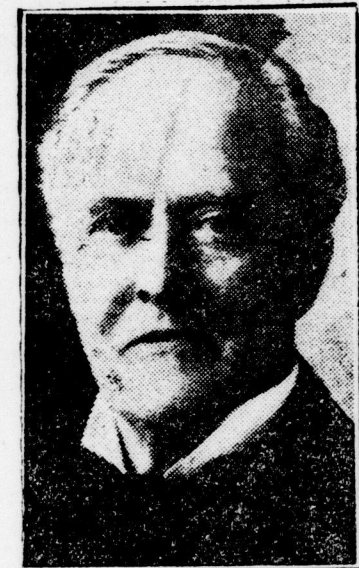
"If we spend money on a navy when the ships may soon become obsolete and the need be only for aeroplanes and submarines. I can suppose a country decided to have only submarines. We could easily overcome that and at little expense or trouble we could soon produce a fleet that would bottle all the submarines up. The country that had only submarines would build something that would hold our mosquito fleet back. Then we should build something stronger yet and finally we should come to what we now have—the ships we call capital ships."

Now as for aircraft. However good an air force may be, it cannot prevent Great Britain being starved out. For that protection we need the navy. The radius of a bombing plane is after all only about 200 miles. There would be thousands of miles of sea lanes which would be totally unprotected without a navy.

Would Canada Help?
"The duties of the navy in war are to prevent raiders coming out and attacking our commerce. But with our present reduced state it would be impossible to prevent a certain number of raiders coming out. Therefore I ask you to think with your constantly increasing trade and at the rate your dominion is advancing, do you feel safe? Do you feel that increasing trade is safe on the seas? It would be impertinent for me to suggest what Canada should do. All I ask is that you think of this. Do you feel safe? Will you be safe in time of war?"

TWO ELECTROCUTED.

Associated Press Despatch. Little Rock, Ark., June 27.—June 26, a day of first degree murder, was in connection with the slaying of Mrs. Effie Latimer, a white woman, at her home near Calcher, December 23, were electrocuted at the state penitentiary today.



LORD PARMOOR, lord president of the council in the Laborite ministry, who has definitely announced that Great Britain is not going to abandon the Sudan in any sense whatever, regardless of the pressure being brought to bear by Premier Zaghoul Pasha and other Egyptian Nationalists.

ST. THOMAS CITIZEN TAKES OWN LIFE

A. E. Campbell Commits Rash Deed Due to Business Worries.

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, June 27.—Albert Edward Campbell, lifelong resident resident and prominent businessman of St. Thomas, shot himself early this morning at his residence, 167½ Wellington street. Business worries are ascribed as the cause of the suicide.

Coroner Dr. Ewin stated that an inquest would be unnecessary. Deceased was born in St. Thomas 57 years ago and has resided in the city ever since.

Until very recently he was engaged in the hardware business, operating stores for years, first on Talbot street and later on Ross street. He was an active member of Knox Presbyterian Church.

Besides his widow (nee Ida Penwarden), he is survived by two daughters, Hilda and Helen, at home; one son, Roger, at home; his wife, Mrs. J. R. Campbell, McIntyre street, city; one sister, Mrs. Houston, Toronto, and two brothers, Walter of this and Lorne of Calgary. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

E. G. PORTER RESIGNS SEAT IN COMMONS

Will Appeal to the People Following Murdock's Exoneration.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, June 27.—E. Guss Porter, member for West Hastings, who made the charges against Hon. James Murdock, minister of labor, has resigned his seat. Mr. Porter informed the house this afternoon that, following the vote of the house approving the report exonerating Mr. Murdock, he intended to appeal to the people the highest tribunal, and to give the electors of his constituency an opportunity to judge between Mr. Murdock's conduct and his own.

BANDINI'S PREDICTION ON EARTHQUAKES TRUE

Associated Press Despatch. Faenza, Italy, June 27.—Raphael Bandini, famous for his predictions of earthquakes, was able to announce today that the seismic disturbances which he forecast recently for the last ten days in June, began yesterday, when earthquakes were registered by seismographic instruments in various places.

According to his instruments, heavy shocks occurred at 2:57 Thursday morning about 11,000 kilometres distant. The vibrations lasted for four hours, and were so violent as to upset the instruments.

Bandini thinks that unless this series of shocks occurred under the ocean the consequences will have been most disastrous.

LOCAL PAINTER INJURED IN TWO-STORY FALL

John Ward, a local painter, suffered painful injuries at noon today when he fell two stories from the residence at 517 Waterloo street, while engaged in outside work. He was rushed to Victoria Hospital, where it was found he had suffered a dislocated shoulder and other minor injuries. His recovery is expected. Dr. U. E. Bateson is in attendance.

UNIONISTS IN LONDON SURE BILL WILL PASS

Believe Dominion Parliament Will Shortly Ratify Entire Proceedings.

WILL NOT OPPOSE

Dr. Beattie Feels Senate Will Not Block Bill When Introduced.

Adoption of the principle of church union by parliament yesterday leaves no doubt in the minds of local unionists that the entire proceeding will shortly be ratified.

"Now that the principle has been accepted, we may be assured that the bill will pass the house," Rev. Dr. D. C. McGregor of St. Andrew's Church, said this morning.

"I don't feel able to prophesy with regard to the senate. We have no basis for judging their action, and particularly where church union is concerned. But at the same time, I think the situation gives rise to the greatest optimism."

Rev. Dr. William Beattie of the First Presbyterian Church, was more ready than Dr. McGregor to vouch for the action of the senate.

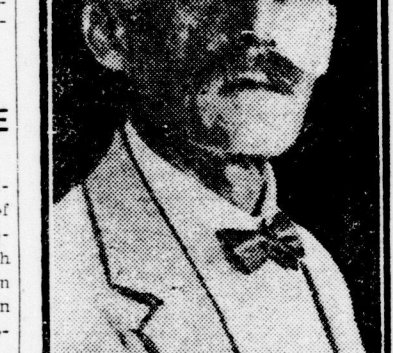
"In general, the senate seldom opposes a vote with a large majority of the house, and I can hardly conceive that they would fly in the face of such a firmly-expressed sentiment on the part of the people by vetoing the bill for church union."

Action Expected.
"The action of the house yesterday is no more than we expected. The bill now reverts to its original form. The vote itself gives us quite an assurance that church union will be ratified. Of course, we cannot tell what amendments may be proposed even yet. But the churches are going ahead on the assumption that they have declared for union, and that the necessary legislation will be achieved."

Basing his assumption on the result of the vote as announced in the morning papers, Rev. H. J. Uren, president of London Methodist Conference, and pastor of Colborne Street Church, expects that the first meeting of the General Council of the United Church, of which he has been appointed a member, will be called within a short time. Mr. Uren would give no opinion other than that he was personally very delighted with the action of the house.

Official Pronouncement.

He suggested that since the committee on church union of the Methodist Church is meeting in Toronto today, an official pronouncement would please See Page 4, Column 8.



FRANK B. KELLOGG, American ambassador at London, who will collaborate with Col. Jas. A. Logan, Jr., in representing the United States at the premier's party being held in London on July 16.

PORT ARTHUR IS CHOSEN AS DISTRIBUTING CENTER

Canadian Press Despatch. Port Arthur, June 27.—The Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission has stated its intention to make Port Arthur the power distribution center for the southern section of the Niagara zone. This will mean the location of a permanent distributing station at Bare Point, in the north end, which will entail an expenditure on construction and equipment of about \$600,000.

There Must Be Fair Play

Statement From the Mayor Means Unnecessary Discomfort For Innocent Officials—Alleged Irregularities Should Be Dealt With Directly—If Publicity Is Required Names Must Be Given.

A statement has been given to the city newspapers by Mayor Wenige in which members of the city council are warned that there must be an end to an alleged practice of encouraging drunkenness among civic officials to the detriment of their work. Otherwise Mayor Wenige declares that he will make public the names of culprits.

The advertiser is not publishing the text of this statement because it believes that the general charge implied is unfair to the majority of the council and of the city hall staff who have no part in irregularities.

The fairer and more sensible course for Mayor Wenige to follow is to give his warning privately and directly to the city council and others concerned. Only if this method proves ineffectual should there be a resort to publicity, and in such case the names of the guilty parties should be stated at once and definite action against them should follow.

The broadcasting of a blanket insinuation accomplishes little but to create for innocent individuals and for London's municipal bodies an unsavory reputation which is not deserved.

STORM TIES UP TRAFFIC IN CITY

Miniature Flood Takes Place On Dundas Street—Cars Stopped.

Short interruptions were caused, telephone, telegraph, hydro and street railway services shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon when a severe electrical storm passed over the city. The heavy rainfall, with some hail, effected a standstill to traffic on the streets for some time.

Coming at a time when many business people had just returned or were just returning to work, little could be done for 15 or 20 minutes. Pedestrians flocked into doorways or under awnings along Dundas and Richmond streets. Street cars were halted for about five minutes. The heavy deluge of rain and hail made automobile traffic difficult. Two interruptions of several minutes' duration were caused in the hydro power and some telephone boxes were put out of commission.

Blocked drains on Dundas street between Richmond and Clarence streets flooded the pavement and came up high on the axles of motor cars. Sidewalks were covered with several inches of water.

Power interruptions were confined to local districts, and there was no interference on the main lines. Lightning running along transmission wires and blowing fuses was given as the cause of slight stoppages here. No serious damage was caused at any of the sub-stations.

Larry Berger Dies In New Hamburg

Well-Known Athlete Is Victim of Pneumonia.

Canadian Press Despatch. Stratford, June 27.—Larry B. (Lawrence) Berger, known athlete and hockey player, died at his home in New Hamburg last night from pneumonia with which he was stricken a little more than a week ago. His death will be mourned throughout the province, where his ability as a hockey player was well established. He was considered one of the fastest men in the Ontario Hockey Association. Berger was a member of the Stratford junior team of 1920, which lost in the finals to Toronto Canoe Club.

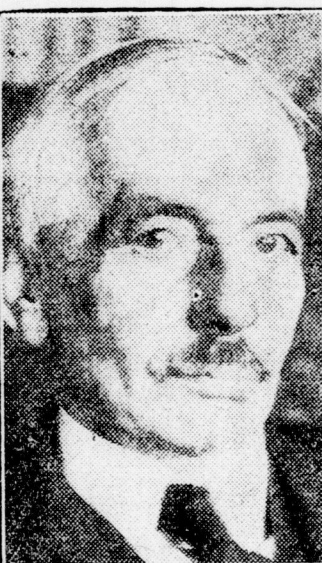
Next year he entered intermediate series, and was a member of the championship team in 1923. Last year, with his team member, he graduated to senior company, and held down defence position with the team which lost out in the final to Hamilton Tigers. He was also well-known in association football, lacrosse and baseball circles. Larry was born in Tavistock, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Berger, now of New Hamburg, and was 24 years of age.

PHILIP FOX WAS NAMED BY REGRETTABLE ERROR

Philip Fox was recently reported in The Advertiser as appearing in police court charged with drunkenness in a home on Pall Mall street. This was an error which The Advertiser regrets and wishes to correct. The prisoner's name was James Fox, and Philip Fox, who lives at 59 Dundas street, had no connection with the case in any way.

ISSUES WRIT FOR \$52.18.

Gibbons, Harper & Braden have issued a county court writ on behalf of Clara E. Charlton, Yarmouth Township, against Daniel D. Finch of South Dorchester, alleging that \$52.18 is due on a promissory note made in favor of W. H. Charlton on November 25 last.



EUGENE LAFLEUR, K.C., counsel for the Canadian Railways, who opened a fight before the Dominion cabinet today to prevent restoration of the full Crow's Nest Pass rates. The claim was advanced by Lafleur that the former schedule would mean a great loss to the companies.

The Windsor-Chatham group would have lower rates than those applying from London; London lower than Woodstock and Hamilton, and all these points less than Toronto, Peterboro and Montreal, now taking equal rates with Toronto, would take a higher basis, which, in turn, would adversely affect the rates from the Maritime Provinces to the entire western territory.

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PRIVY COUNCILLORS WILL HEAR APPEAL

Middleton Judgment To Be Taken Up Next Week.

Associated Press Despatch. London, June 27.—It is understood by the Canadian Press that the appeal of Hon. W. F. Nickle, attorney-general of Ontario, against the judgment of Mr. Justice Middleton of the Supreme Court of Ontario, directing a speedy trial before a county judge in the charges against the directors of the Home Bank of Canada, will be taken up by the judicial committee of the privy council at the end of next week.

The attorney-general of Ontario will be represented by D. L. McCarthy, K.C. of Toronto, and it is probable that Sir Patrick Hastings, attorney-general of Great Britain, will personally attend the proceedings, because of the fact that a contention which will be made by the attorney-general of Ontario involves the question of the constitutional powers of Canada.

The Dominion of Canada was yesterday given the right to be represented by counsel, but so far as can be learned here, no appointment has yet been made.

Motorist Walks Through Window

Josiah Castle of New Dundee Makes Mistake.

Canadian Press Despatch. Quelp, June 27.—While doing business in a local garage here last evening, Josiah Castle of New Dundee, Ontario, after concluding his conversation with the office staff, started for his car which was standing at the curb. Mistaking a large plate glass window for the main doorway he walked through it, dislodging his mistakes when he picked himself up out of a heap of shattered glass. Fortunately his injuries were confined to a badly cut arm.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

Associated Press Despatch. New York, June 27.—Mauretania, at New York, June 25, from Southampton. President Madison, Yokohama, June 24, Seattle.

CROW'S NEST PASS RATES COMBATTED BY RAILWAYS

Companies Claim Restoration of Old Schedule Would Mean Losses.

BEFORE CABINET

Arguments by Counsel Intended To Show Inequalities of Plan.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, June 27.—The abrogation of the Crow's Nest Pass agreement was asked for by Eugene Lafleur, K.C., counsel for the railways, in a hearing before the cabinet today. This agreement, unless parliament enacts otherwise, comes into full force on July 7 next. In the event of parliament not being willing to abrogate the agreement wholly the railway court urged that it should at least be suspended for a further period.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, June 27.—Before the cabinet this morning, the railways opened their fight against restoration of the full Crow's Nest Pass rates, which came into force on July 6 unless amending legislation is brought down in the interval. Eugene Lafleur, K. C., for the railways, argued that a return to the full Crow's Nest rates would at once destroy the equality in rates established in the whole territory west of and including Montreal.

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The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—Light to moderate rain; mostly fine and warm.

Saturday—Thunder; showers in a few localities.

The barometer is highest off the Atlantic coast and rather low over most of the Dominion.

The weather is fine and quite warm from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces and showery in the western provinces.

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

Stations—	High	Low	Weather
Vancouver	50	48	Fair
Calgary	50	48	Fair
Winnipeg	78	46	Fair
Port Arthur	76	50	Cloudy
Farm Sound	80	48	Clear
Toronto	80	60	Clear
Kingston	70	58	Fair
Ottawa	82	54	Fair
Montreal	80	56	Clear
Quebec	78	56	Clear
Father Point	62	48	Clear
St. John	74	48	Fair
Halifax	78	56	Fair

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 80; lowest, 51.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 70; lowest, 59.

Barometric Readings.
Thursday—8 p.m.—29.24.

Today—8 a.m.—29.15.

Rotogravure Colored Comics—Magazine Section With Tomorrow's Advertiser