

THE WEATHER:
LIGHT WINDS, CLOUDY, MODERATE.
SATURDAY—CLOUDY, WARMER.

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MID-DAY STORM SWEETS DISTRICT

Senator Pardee To Speak At Liberal Convention Saturday

DARKNESS AND RAIN GRIP CITY

Unprecedented Noon-Day
Blackness Engulfs District as
Forerunner of Storm.

SCIENTISTS SERENE

Nothing But Low, Heavy Rain
Clouds, They Say—District
Damage Feared.

Unexpected and unannounced, a greater degree of darkness than was noticeable at the much heralded total eclipse of the sun seen here in January, plunged London into darkness at 2 o'clock today.

At 2:15 to the accompaniment of a sharp crack of thunder the rain poured down. Communication with the surrounding district was temporarily cut off, and it is believed the gale was widespread, and that there may be heavy damage from lightning at points east and west.

Dr. H. R. Kingston, of the university, who is an authority of the phenomena of the heavens, said that the world would continue to revolve in spite of the fact that it looked pretty black.

Only a Bad Storm.
"There is a big storm somewhere in the vicinity," said Dr. Kingston, and even as he spoke a reverberating crash just above the noise of the lightning striking through the heavens. Before it had half died away the rain pelted down.

Miss Dewar, of the local weather bureau, said that there was nothing unusual in the barometer reading taken at 2 o'clock. It had dropped five points since 8 o'clock this morning.

At 8 o'clock the reading was 29.35. At 2 p.m., it was 29.31. This, of course, indicated a storm, but not a violent one. The temperature was 60.

A slight break appeared in the clouds soon after, and it began to assume an aspect of twilight. At 2:30 the sun's visibility was equal to that of late afternoon.

Dark at 1:30.
At 1:30 heavy clouds banked up over the city. Darkness enveloped the district. At 2 o'clock motor cars and street cars and shops carried all the lights used at night.

The cause of the darkness was formidable than a heavy cloud formation thick enough to block out the light of the sun, according to local scientists.

"Do not worry. Nothing startling is going to happen," was the advice given out by Prof. J. W. Russell, geologist of the University of Western Ontario.

Dr. Russell added that nothing unusual was expected in scientific circles. The light was shut out by unusually heavy clouds.

As darkness fell, telephone lines hummed with anxious inquiries concerning the quick change from day to night. All over the city the electricity and gas was turned on, causing peak load hours before the usual time.

Reports from St. Marys, Port Stanley and other points showed a big Page 4, Column 4.



IN CANADA ON THEIR HONEYMOON.

Above are shown Sir Ralph McKinnon, Turner, baronet, and Lady Turner, who are in Canada on their honeymoon. Lady Turner was formerly Miss Maryon Columbia Sanderson of Buffalo. She met Sir Ralph when he was engaged in literary work, and became engaged to him before she learned that he was a British baronet. Photograph copyright by Milne Studios, Limited.

LABORITES AND TORIES TO NOMINATE TONIGHT

Frank White, M.P., Practically
Certain To Be Conservative
Choice at Convention.

LABOR UNDECIDED

Ex-Mayor H. A. Stevenson
Most Likely To Be Chosen
For Race.

Candidates of two parties, Conservative and Labor, will be chosen in London tonight. The Tory nomination will be in Central College. The Labor choice will be made at a meeting in the Labor temple.

Little doubt surrounds the identity of the Tory candidate, Frank White, prominent manufacturer and present member for London, will be urged to carry the Conservative colors once more. S. F. Lawrance, chairman of the board of education, is favored by many Conservatives and Col. W. G. Coles is also mentioned prominently. But it is generally accepted today that the nomination will be tendered to Frank White when the curtain rises tonight.

In the ranks of Labor there appears to be no nominating machine active. Mooted candidates range in color from the extreme right to a very deep shade of red, from independent who have a good following outside the accredited ranks of Labor to the Communist element.

Dr. H. A. Stevenson, former mayor and member of the Ontario legislature, is declared today to be the most likely choice for the Labor nomination.

At the same time, union men such as John Colbert, Frank McKay and L. R. Menzies have also plenty of supporters. Arthur Mould, Labor candidate in the 1921 election, still retains much of his support amongst Labor men here.

Many supporters of Labor believe that by adopting a broad policy, choosing a man like Dr. Stevenson and appealing to the entire electorate rather than to union men alone, much success will be met. In the last election Arthur Mould polled 4,500 votes, the largest Labor vote on record, except in the last municipal election, when large percentages of the vote were given to candidates for alderman and board of education posts.

Bucky Harris Reports World Series For You

Brilliant Young Leader of Washington's Champions Has
Written Six Preliminary Articles for The Advertiser—
Will Telegraph Story of Each Game—First
Article Today.

Readers of The Advertiser will have the inside story of the world series games from none other than Stanley R. Harris, manager of the Washington champions.

Harris has written six preliminary articles for The Advertiser, discussing the probabilities of each team. The first article appears on the sport page today.

Harris will also telegraph each day the full story of the game as seen from the inside. Watch for his reports when the big series opens next Wednesday.

CITY HAD BIG 1924 DEFICIT

Spending Bodies Doing Better
To Make Ends Meet
This Year.

Spending bodies of London's municipal government are keeping fairly well within their estimates this year, though complete figures of expense during the first nine months are not yet available. According to city officials' indications are fairly good that the city will "make ends meet" in 1925.

Last year there was an actual deficit of \$24,740.08, a sum which is being taken care of out of the taxes for 1925. The deficit was not stated at the end of 1924.

The deficit for 1924 had not previously been made public. At the close of the regime of last year's council a surplus was confidently expected, and much was said during the last election of that mooted excess of receipts over expenses.

When estimates were struck the 1924 financial statement was not yet ready. The synoptical statement for 1925 has been prepared by James S. Bell, city treasurer, and is shown in the printed estimates for the year, which were just finished by the printer this week.

Now it appears that the deficit for 1924 is sufficient to provide a percentage of 1.0195 of the net charges to the council.

It is still too early to secure a definite forecast of financial conditions for this year's government, though taxes and other revenue are expected to meet current demands.

RAMSAY MACDONALD FLAYS LURID WRITERS

Says He Will Not Lend His
Name to Yellow
Journalism.

Associated Press Despatch.
Liverpool, Oct. 2.—J. Ramsay MacDonald, former premier, whose profession outside of politics is admittedly journalism and nothing else, uttered some caustic sentiments in the Liverpool Press club last night with regard to press contributions from public men.

"The whole idea of selling one's name and nothing else is detestable," Mr. MacDonald said. "You can write nonsense and superficial, commonplace stuff, without either style or distinction in form or thought, and if you happen to be the chief hanger-on of a generation you can get £1,000 for an article, whereas if you are a poor hard-working journalist you may not get a guinea. Such things are a disgrace to the profession, a degradation to the press, and an insult to the public."

"I am a good enough journalist to lend myself to that sort of thing."

COL. CANTLEY CHOSEN.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Pictou, N. S., Oct. 2.—Col. Thomas Cantley of New Glasgow, N. S., who contested Pictou against Hon. E. H. MacDonald in the federal elections of 1921, was nominated by Conservatives of Pictou county in convention here yesterday.

TELEGRAPHERS' STRIKE ENDS.
Associated Press Despatch.
Shanghai, Oct. 2.—The strike of Chinese telegraphers, which crippled communication throughout the country for several days, has been ended.

OUTSIDE CAPITAL FOR BUSES

Manufacturers Hold Conference
With Promoters and
Aldermen.

NEW OFFER MADE

Company With New Proposal
Controls Bus Lines
Elsewhere.

Outside capital to control a new bus company in London is offered today following conferences between manufacturers' agents and local promoters. Representatives of a bus firm were in the city for a short time this morning. They conferred with local bus promoters and several aldermen.

It is understood that some of the local capital available for a bus project some weeks ago is no longer offered, since negotiations with the Mack Trucks of Canada, Limited, ended.

Today prospects for the organization of a bus company looks very bright, with outside capital promised. Proposals from the Graham Brothers Company of Hamilton and another firm are now under consideration.

"I met the representative of a new firm this morning and the situation seems to be improved considerably," declared Ald. L. H. Douglass, M.D., at noon. "I am not prepared to say just how much capital will be provided from outside the city, but the offer of this new company looks very interesting. It is certainly worth investigating as long as there is hope of getting good transportation service to South London."

Ald. Douglass stated that the company which is now interested controls bus systems in other cities of Canada.

RUSSIAN-GERMAN ISSUE UNSOLVED

Stresemann and Tchitcherin
Confer on Vital Questions,
But Fail to Agree.

Associated Press Despatch.
Berlin, Oct. 2.—The negotiations between Foreign Minister Stresemann and M. Tchitcherin, the soviet foreign minister, who is visiting here, lasted until 4 o'clock this morning, but failed to result in a solution of the proposed Russo-German commercial agreement which the Russians desire to have signed immediately.

The Germans are hesitant, fearing that conclusion of such an agreement on the eve of the Locarno security conference would be interpreted as a demonstration against the allies. The main obstacle, however, appears to be the question of the loan which Russia seeks for the purchase of agricultural and other machinery. The Russians want two hundred million marks, while the Germans are not willing to grant more than one hundred million.

A commission from the German foreign office is proceeding to Moscow at an early date in hope of arriving at a satisfactory conclusion.

PREVENT RUM-RUNNERS FROM DESTROYING BOAT

Fifty-Eight Are Placed Under
Arrest at Burlington,
N. J.

Associated Press Despatch.
Burlington, N. J., Oct. 2.—Fifty-eight prisoners, taken in a raid at Masonville on a barge containing a half million dollars worth of liquor, were brought to the county jail today. Efforts of the barge crew to burn the boat were frustrated by the state police.

Due to lack of cell accommodation many of the prisoners were held at the city hall.

Masonville is at the head of navigation on the Raritan River, which empties into the Delaware river at Riverside, 12 miles below.

The creek is filled with barges used for transporting sand dredged from the creek bottom and taken from its banks.

Camouflaged as a sand barge the rum boat was towed up the Delaware river to the scene of the raids.

EX-MAYOR LITTLE LIKELY TO BE LIBERAL CHOICE

Convention Saturday Night Will
Be Rallying Point For the
Forces of Liberalism.

SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED

Senator Fred Pardee May Be
Accompanied by Hon. Duncan Marshall.

The Liberal convention in Hyman hall tomorrow night promises to be one of the most enthusiastic gatherings of London Liberals in many a long day.

Delegates are ready in almost every subdivision of the city, and the convention hall is likely to be crowded to capacity. Senator Fred Pardee of Sarina will be the chief speaker of the evening, and Hon. Duncan Marshall may also be present.

From present indications, E. S. Little, ex-mayor of the city, and prominent in London's public activities, is likely to be the convention's choice as Liberal candidate. James Gray, Dr. W. J. Stevenson, Jared Vinings, A. R. Cairncross and Ray Lawson are also possibilities, but it is believed that each of these men favors Mr. Little's nomination, and will lend support in that direction.

It is possible that another contender for the honor will be Col. Clifford Reason, who has received endorsement from Liberals in East London and from a soldiers' committee, headed by John Rawlinson. There is also the possibility that the convention may find a dark horse, who has taken no active part in the political field, but the present probabilities point to Mr. Little as the final choice.

An Excellent Candidate.
There is no doubt that Mr. Little would make an excellent candidate and, if elected, an aggressive representative of London's interests. He is young, vigorous, experienced in public affairs and has a deep understanding of political responsibilities both by inclination and by environment, as the son of the late Col. J. W. Little, who was recently selected as the greatest citizen in a civic sense, whom London has produced.

Whatever happens at the convention tomorrow night and whoever may be chosen as candidate, it will prove a rallying ground of all the Liberal forces in London to a degree which spells the fighting spirit of Liberalism throughout the Western Ontario ridings.

DEATH OF EDWARD HARRIS, 95, REMOVES PIONEER SURVIVOR

Author and Philosopher Succumbs at Home of Nephew,
Ridout Street.

BORN IN NORFOLK
London a Village of 400 When
Edward Harris First Came
Here.

Edward Harris, one of Canada's grand old men, author, philosopher, and former distinguished athlete, died at the home of his nephew, Ronald Harris, "Eldon House," yesterday.

Mr. Harris lived for the past 25 years in Toronto, but spent the greater part of his early life here. He was 95 years of age.

Coming to London on Aug. 1 for a month's visit, his health, which had been of exceptional strength throughout his life, suddenly failed. In his passing yesterday, Canada lost a link between the past and present, a survivor of true pioneer days and one who contributed greatly to the development of his country by faithful and enthusiastic citizenship.

He was born at Woodhouse, County Norfolk, Ont., in 1832, his parents' home for many years. He was the second son of John Harris and Amelia Ryersee, United Empire Loyalists, and members of distinguished families both in England and later in pioneer Canada. He came to London with his parents at the age of three years, at the time his father was appointed treasurer of the London district. It was then that "Eldon House," one of the oldest and most picturesque residences in the city, was built by John Harris.

Edward Harris was educated at Bailey's grammar school in London from which many of the city's most distinguished and venerable men of letters and scholars have graduated. He was a member of the city's first public school system. Mr. Harris lived in Port Hope for a few years, later he moved to Toronto and then spent seven years in England. He returned to Canada in 1916.

Edward Harris is the author of Our Great Lake Fisheries. A Passing Heritage, the Ontario Commercial Continues on Page 4, Column 1.



EX-MAYOR E. S. LITTLE,

who is regarded as the probable choice of the Liberal party as federal standard-bearer at Saturday night's convention.

SPANISH ENTER REBEL CAPITAL

King Alfonso Cheered as News
of Victory Reaches
Madrid.

Associated Press Despatch.
Madrid, Oct. 2.—Spanish troops entered Ajlir, capital of Abd-el-Krim, the Rifian leader, at 11:30 o'clock this morning, according to official advices from Morocco.

News of the victory was received here with great rejoicing. Flags were flown from most of the houses in Madrid and King Alfonso appeared at a window of the palace to receive an ovation from a great crowd which gathered there.

The king and the military director sent telegrams of congratulation to General Primo de Rivera, head of the dictatorship, who has personally been directing the Moroccan campaign.

The proposed five-year payment of interest on the debt, which would amount to an interest of 10 per cent annually, would also amount to a payment of \$20,000,000 on the day of purchase of war supplies.

The proposal as it now stands does not bear the signature of the government, who explained that in view of the commission to sign only a final settlement, he questioned his own right to act on a provisional arrangement. In agreeing to pay it before his government, he gave the United States commissioners hope that it would meet with its approval.

U. S. PROPOSALS.

Washington, Oct. 2.—Following an analysis of the proposal of the United States for funding the French debt, the counter-proposal made by France, both of which were rejected when the negotiations had yesterday.

Total principal sum—United States \$4,025,000,000; France, \$4,290,000,000. Period of payment—United States 32 years; France, 68 years.

Preliminary annual payments—United States, \$40,000,000 in first twelve years; France, \$40,000,000 for five years, \$60,000,000 for seven years.

Major payments—United States \$150,000,000 for fifty years; France, \$100,000,000 for fifty-six years. Total sum—United States (\$4,025,000,000); France (\$4,290,000,000). Maximum interest rate—United States, 2 1/2 per cent; France, about 3 per cent.

Average annual payments—United States proposal exceeded the average annual payments required by the French offer by about \$500,000,000.

U. S. DOLLAR ADVANCES.

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Oct. 2.—The first tangible effect here of the temporary debt agreement in Washington was the dollar from 21 1/2 francs at the opening of the bourse to 21 3/4 at 1 p.m.

TWENTY MEET DEATH IN JAPANESE STORM

Associated Press Despatch.
Tokyo, Oct. 2.—Further details of the great rainstorm of Wednesday night show that twenty persons were killed in Yokohama and six in Osaka by landslides. Fifty persons were injured by the slides and other damage was done, particularly to the railroads, many miles of which were washed away by flood waters.

At least 12,000 houses were partially submerged.

TAKEN BACK TO CANADA.

Associated Press Despatch.
San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 2.—Harry Jackson, alias Jacobson, said by police to be wanted in Ontario in connection with \$25,000 merchandise theft, was arrested here yesterday and booked en route to Windsor, Ont.

CUBA DEPORTS EUROPEANS.

Associated Press Despatch.
Havana, Cuba, Oct. 2.—Fifty Europeans and one Jamaican have been ordered deported as undesirable aliens. Some 400 other foreigners have already been sent out of the country.

CALLAUX PARTY ON WAY HOME

French Debt Commissioner
Have Left For Home,
Disappointed.

AMOUNTS FAR APART

Paris Government Will Be
Asked To Pass On U. S.
Proposals.

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, Oct. 2.—Continuity of the debt funding negotiations between France and the United States holds today only by the uncertain link of a tentative arrangement brought forward as a last resort to prevent complete collapse of the effort to reach a permanent settlement.

Finance Minister Callaux and his associates on the French mission have departed for Paris, not with program of permanent settlement for which they expressed hope, but with merely a five-year payment proposal which in effect defers for that period a settlement of one thorny problem of how much France shall pay.

Proposed by the United States debt commission after a week of negotiations has demonstrated the utility of efforts to agree on a settlement at this time, the arrangement which M. Callaux has agreed to leave for his government would call for annual payments of forty million dollars from France for the next five years. Agreement on a program of final settlement to succeed the proposed temporary pact at its expiration would be left for negotiations to continue in the interim.

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