

LONDONERS CLAIM SHARE OF HUGE FORTUNE

Launching Boom For Childs As Mayoralty Candidate

LONDON PEOPLE EXPECT TO SECURE BIG SHARE OF VAST SPRINGER ESTATE

Heirs in This City and Throughout Western Ontario Believe They Have Good Claim to Slice of Fortune in Delaware and Sweden Estimated at \$500,000,000.

MORE THAN 100 HEIRS IN CANADA

Heirs of the Springer estate, estimated at \$500,000,000, who are resident in London, are elated over the news of the probable "windup" of the estate which has hung fire for centuries.

The man who originally amassed the enormous fortune was Christopher Springer, a Swedish stockman, who settled in the country adjacent to Wilmington, Delaware. His holdings at one time included much of the land of which Wilmington has been built. The famous Dupont powder plant is understood to stand on land which is held as part of the estate.

The Springer family and their descendants were the first settlers in the village of Delaware, ten miles to the southwest of London, the village itself being named after their home state in the United States.

The names of four of the heirs resident in London were obtained by The Advertiser, and this morning located the remaining two of the heirs who are still in this city. The four heirs mentioned are: Mrs. David Welsh, 65 Seymour street; Daniel Ashwell, 26 Craig street; Frank Springer and Mrs. Jane Patrick.

Grandfather First Heir.

Mrs. David Welsh, when questioned concerning the estate, said that her grandfather, David Springer Reynolds, was the first heir to the estate. This was settled and recorded, she said, years before she was born. "I remember hearing father tell of grandfather's trip to Stratford, and of evidence concerning the estate at some investigation they held to try and clear the matter up years and years ago."

When asked whether she could say where Mrs. Jane Patrick could be found, she said: "Mrs. Patrick was my mother. She is dead now, and I am the heir to her share in the estate."

In reply to a question as to whether the heirs expected to get the money, she said: "I don't see why not. Careful records of the whole estate, the heirs and descendants, and every detail of the whole affair have always been kept, and I see no reason why the matter cannot be wound up."

Inquiries at 26 Craig street disclosed the fact that Daniel Ashwell mentioned as one of the probable

heirs, had moved recently to Cleveland, Ohio.

Another Descendant.

In looking for Frank Springer, another descendant of the Wilmington pioneer, The Advertiser questioned Miss Florence Springer, a stenographer at Betty Bros' plant on York street.

Miss Springer said that she knew nothing of Frank Springer other than that she had heard her father mention him as an heir to the estate. Her father, John Springer of Burgessville, she said, is a direct heir to the estate.

To prove this, Miss Springer gave a history, which coincided with the short outline of the Springer family statement of Mrs. David Welsh, but proved no near relationship between the two ladies.

Miss Springer seemed almost unstrung with the exciting possibilities of inheriting a share in this immense fortune. She said: "I know that the whole thing is a matter of record and that the family have always looked on the fortune as within their reach. I don't know what the thing pans out! I am afraid to look forward to it, as the possibility has arisen before, and nothing came of it. If the estate can really be proved, legally, and shared out, I know one Springer who will appreciate it. It won't take me long to forget all I ever learned about stenography."

The only heir mentioned as living in London who has not been accounted for is Frank Springer. Neither Mrs. Welsh or Miss Springer know him, but remember having heard his name mentioned as being connected with the estate. Miss Springer says that she thinks he lives in Guelph.

Whether Frank Springer is in Guelph remains to be seen. Elora, a town near Guelph, is the home of Steven Springer, for years bureau of the Ontario Agricultural College, and whether these two men are related and both heirs to the estate is not known.

Chatham Heirs Active.

Special to The Advertiser.

By July 18.—Besieged by claimants to a share of a huge inheritance, legitimate and otherwise, L. Springer, 104 Harvey street, has his hands full investigating and looking Turn to Page 2, Columns 5 and 6.

FOREST FIRES SPREAD IN PARTS OF QUEBEC

Fifteen Hundred Men Fight Flames in St. Maurice Valley.

Special to The Advertiser.

Quebec, July 18.—Fifteen hundred men are now engaged in combating the forest fires in the St. Maurice River Valley, which again have taken a strong hold and are spreading around very rapidly. Such was the latest report given out today at the forestry branch. It was added that rain had only been reported at one point; that was near Nitaquam, on the north coast, where there would have been less need than at several other sections. The most serious fire reported is at Bale Morais, St. Maurice, and in the same region others are signalled at Wabano, Kikahandash and Cric Arsenau.

Thirty miles up the Gatineau River a serious fire is reported. In some sections there seems to be difficulty in getting men, due to the fact that many are employed on farms to cut hay.

ADVISES CITIZENS BUY LONDON YEAR BOOK

About 900 Copies of the Last Edition Still Remain Unsold.

Those interested in salaries and wages paid by the city and in civic affairs generally are still afforded an opportunity to secure the City of London Year Book, containing a complete municipal wage list and other interesting data.

There are still about 900 copies of this little edition available. About 100 have been sold. The price is but 50 cents, and the book includes pictures of Mayor Wenige and ex-Mayor Cameron Wilson.

Mayor Wenige suggests that if the price is too steep, neighbors can club together—a nickel apiece—and pass the book around for perusal during the long winter evenings.

PAINT FIRE POLES RED.

Mayor Wenige had another suggestion today. He proposes that all telephone poles be painted red where there is a fire alarm box attached. He argues that this would be of vast assistance to any person turning in an alarm.



HOW LONDON RECEIVED OLD BOYS YEARS AGO.

This is how London dressed up to receive her old boys and girls many years ago. In the above photo may be seen the old London Pipe Band

DR. F. G. BANTING IS STAGE STRUCK MAKING SPEECH

Discoverer of Insulin Nervously Rushes From London Congress of Surgeons.

RECEIVED BY KING

Modest Personality of Physician Is Subject of Eulogistic Comment.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, July 18.—If the address given by Dr. F. G. Banting of Toronto, the discoverer of insulin, before the Congress of the International Society of Surgery in London last night, provided the newspapers with little copy, chiefly on account of its brevity—it lasted only a few minutes—Dr. Banting's personality has supplied plenty of material for eulogistic comment.

The Daily Express, Lord Beaverbrook's paper, says: "Four hundred of the greatest surgeons from every nation awaited Dr. Banting's address with breathless interest; but Dr. Banting occupied a back seat, and refused to speak until late. The learned surgeons who preceded him mounted the rostrum and delivered deliberate and eloquent addresses."

"Then came Dr. Banting's turn. There was an expectant hush as a short, clean-shaven man with large, round eyes, dressed in a simple, shabby suit, stepped breathlessly on the stage. He would not use the rostrum erected specially for the congress. He had to overcome shyness. He clasped his eyes behind his back, fixed his eyes on the ceiling, and began in a rapid, colorless monotone an address to the figures available in the building inspector's office at the city hall. The July record now stands at \$275,365, as compared with \$287,555 for the entire month of July, 1922."

Henry Ford Talks

about prohibition and peace in a remarkable interview appearing in Saturday's Advertiser.

Other Saturday features will include:

Princess Kourakine's own story of her experiences in Bolshevik prisons.

Rudyard Kipling's story of the war.

Irvin S. Cobb's description of a big moment in the Thaw trial.

"Life's Little Comedies," by Frise.

The Doo Dads for the children.

Colored supplement of today's four big comics: The Gumps, Jiggs and Maggie, Mr. and Mrs. Mutt and Jeff.

WILL FINISH SALARY ROW DESPITE MAYOR

Ald. Drake Promises City Hall Employees Will Get What They Are Entitled To.

Ald. Drake stated today that while Mayor Wenige may have started the salary squabble, the council is going to finish it.

"Even if we have to have Ald. Judd in the chair as mayor," he added, "we'll have to have him in the chair if this keeps up. We can't make much progress with this mayor."

Ald. Drake insists that he is no more "grass-opper" than the mayor is. "If I was as much one as he is I'd quit now," he said. "Why, he's started a number of things that he can't finish. He is always jumping from one thing to another. But he won't finish this salary business. We'll do that, and we'll give the city hall employees what they are entitled to."

MAUGHAN DEFERS FOR DAY COAST-TO-COAST FLIGHT

Special to The Advertiser.

New York, July 18.—Russell Maughan, army pilot, did not start today his second attempt to fly from New York to San Francisco between sunrise and sundown. The start is now scheduled for tomorrow.

Sunday Swimming Pools To Be Settled Tomorrow By Public Utilities Board

Mayor Receives Two More Petitions For Opening of Thames Park Swimming Pool on Sunday.

Two more petitions for Sunday bathing in the municipal pools, with the names of hundreds of bona fide residents of this city, were handed in to Mayor Wenige this morning, and will be submitted at tomorrow's session of the utilities commission. Other petitions are still in circulation through the city, and his worship anticipates that the total number of names will be nearer the 10,000 than the 5,000 mark.

His worship chooses to remain silent as to his probable action in the event that the commissioners decline to respond to what he terms "the will of the majority." "I am following the lead set by Jared Vinling," he said. "I am not crossing any bridges until I come to them."

There will be a special meeting of the public utilities commission tomorrow at 8:30 to deal with the question of opening the swimming pool in Thames Park playground. Jared Vinling, chairman of the commission, said today that the meeting had been arranged and would take place, though he declined to state the exact nature of the business that made the special meeting necessary. The last meeting of the commission was adjourned at the call of the chairman, and it was not expected that any untoward event would occur to mar the evening's happy holiday season of the year.

Commissioner Philip Pocock will

not be able to attend, as he is out of the city for the week. Yesterday Mr. Vinling stated that the mayor had no authority to order the pool to be opened.

The meeting is expected to settle the question of the conflicting authority of the commission and the chief magistrate, and at the same time the degree of influence that the Ministerial Alliance possesses. Having been arranged on Thursday it will leave plenty of time in which to get ready for Sunday, when either the pool will be locked up as it was last week with a policeman in charge, or if the mayor emerges victorious, it will be opened and the children will swim there.

Favors Pools Open.

R. H. Sanders, city sanitary inspector, is the latest to join the ranks of those who urge that the city bathing pools remain open on Sundays. The inspector does so conditionally, however—that the pools be available only for the people who do not have an opportunity throughout the week while the children have six days at their disposal. In the course of his duties, he has assimilated the opinion, he points out, that there are scores of young people staying at boarding establishments who would welcome the use of these places on Sunday and till go to church on the following day. "There is still sufficient religious influence to offset this," he maintains.

JAPS DEMAND PEKING BOYCOTT BE LIFTED

Chambers of Commerce Send Protests to Both Governments.

By JAMES L. BUTTS.

Special Cable to The London Advertiser.

Chicago, N. Y., July 18.—The chambers of commerce in China, acting in conjunction with delegates from chambers in Japan, at a joint conference here today, passed resolutions demanding action by both the Chinese and Japanese governments to end the present anti-Japanese agitation and boycott.

The resolutions declare the agitation is an infringement of the Sino-Japan commercial treaty and that Japan has shown sympathy with China, despite repeated anti-Japanese movements, renouncing many vested rights, hoping thereby that Japan would awaken to a realization of Japan's friendship.

"ELMDALE" RUNS ASHORE AT LIGHT NEAR PRESCOTT

Special to The Advertiser.

Kingston, Ont., July 18.—The steamer Elmdale of Pictou ran ashore last night at Crossover Light, half way between Alexandria Bay and Prescott.

The Donnelly Wrecking Company of this city has sent the tug Frontenac and lighter Harriet B. to the scene. The Elmdale is loaded with coal on her way to Montreal.

CITY BUSINESS MEN WILL PAY MORE TAXES

Increase in Five or Six Cases Will Bring \$8,000 to Civic Coffers.

Five or six businessmen will contribute an additional \$8,000 to the city exchequer between them next year, the assessment commissioner stated today.

This means that their business tax has been increased, and already one of them has given notice to the city hall authorities that he will appeal at the next court of revision in September.

The commissioner states that the department concluded that they had not been properly assessed in the past, and that this is but one of the gaps that have been "plugged" since the new administration took office at the city hall.

BIKES AND AUTO STOLEN.

Two bicycles and one auto were stolen yesterday, according to reports received by the police. Gilbert Colbert, R. 1, London Junction, had his Ford coupe, license 64-104, stolen from his home in the course of the night, without the thieves leaving a trace. Mrs. Matthews reported that her son's bicycle had been stolen from the Murray Shoe Company. Mrs. Dickinson, 6 Ingleside, also reported the theft of a bicycle belonging to her son. The second wheel was stolen from in front of Woolworth's store.

BOOMING CHILDS AGAINST WENIGE FOR MAYORALTY

Report That Last Year's Candidate Will Attempt Comeback.

OILING THE MACHINE.

Preparing Already For Hot Municipal Election Fight in December.

Do they ever come back? Jess Willard failed in a gallant attempt the other evening, but then "Big Six" Mathewson turned the trick at the Polo Grounds.

All of which leads up to the interesting assurance from "those in the know" at the city hall that they are "going to bring back 'Big Jim' Childs for the mayor's chair in 1924."

"The Childs for mayor crusade has already been arranged. The Advertiser was informed today, and a well-oiled machine" is kept in perpetual motion for the December fray at the polls.

As in the council, Mayor Wenige's opponents seem to be fairly well divided, and already they have split in the choice of a prospective candidate.

Expect Hot Fight.

There are those who have already selected E. R. Dennis as the logical enemy, but there are also those who submit that ex-Ald. H. J. Childs, former chairman of the finance committee and unsuccessful contender at the last election, should be given the opportunity.

Those who make a special study of civic affairs and watch with interest events at the city hall, already anticipate in December the number of the keenest municipal elections in the history of London.

Unusual interest has been manifested by the greater number of Londoners in their own local government since Jan. 1, and with Mayor Wenige in the chair there has been no midsummer intermission, and none is expected. A majority of the aldermen are going to battle right on through the warm weather months and the fall campaign will be even more interesting.

Mayor Likely to Run.

There is little doubt but that Mayor Wenige will seek another term. His general remarks from time to time have left that impression everywhere. And when he does, he hopes to have his own aldermanic slate in the field, those pledged to his platform, including certain members of the present council who have supported him more or less consistently when the bigger interests have been considered.

His worship proposes to label the "obstructionists," and when he goes back to the electorate he is going to ask the people to return only those who have a good reason for the general interest of the city during the current term.

Mayor Wenige has now but little chance of an acclamation vote, it is evident that there are those whose toes were stepped on during the recent provincial campaign, and re-neging is sweet to the boys in the quarters. "We'll get this mayor next time, and we'll start now," they promised, and if all reports are correct the machinery is operating on full time and there is a concentrated effort to speed up production in preparation for December.

Can "Jim" Childs come back? His supporters and some of those who have consistently opposed the mayor—believe so, and if they can convince the ex-chairman of the finance committee that they have the solution, he will be in the ring.

FLEEING TO LOVE NEST, GIRL FALLS TO DEATH

Madeline Russo Tries Escape From New York Children's Society.

Special to The Advertiser.

New York, July 18.—Fourteen-year-old Madeline Russo's romance ended tragically today, when she fell three stories to the sidewalk outside the Children's Society Building. She was dead when her crumpled body was picked up. Dangling from a window, a knotted sheet told the story of an attempt to escape to her sweetheart, Stephen Ponelli.

Ponelli, who the police believe was the girl's fall, had been under arrest on a charge of attempted abduction. Madeline was being detained by the Children's Society as a material witness against him. Their parents had objected to their marriage, so they had established a "love nest," to which the girl is believed to have been fleeing when her feeble grip on the knotted sheets weakened, and she fell.

TAYLOR BEATS ZBYSZKO IN WRESTLING CONTEST

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, July 18.—Jack Taylor, heavyweight wrestling champion of Canada, last night took two falls out of three from W. Zbyszko of Boston in the most grueling match ever seen here. Taylor will be matched with Strangler Lewis for the world title.



WILL RUN FOR CHATHAM MAYORALTY.

Ald. M. J. Mindorf definitely announces that he will be a candidate this year for mayor's chair in Chatham.

SAYS AMERICANS CANNOT DICTATE IN NOVA SCOTIA

Daniel Livingstone Declares Lewis Will Not Be Allowed To Cancel Charter.

Violated All Rules

Leader States Strike Is Political One and His District Has Autonomy.

Canadian Press Despatch.

New Glasgow, N. S., July 18.—Daniel Livingstone, who is at present in Westville, and who intends leaving for Glace Bay tonight, on being asked for a statement regarding the action of President Lewis in revoking the charter of District 26, said that as far as he was concerned "Lewis would not be allowed to do with this district what he did to the Kansas. Lewis has violated all the rules, customs and privileges of the U. M. W. This district has complete autonomy. The strike is a political question. It is not a matter of wages or agreement or contract. We will not allow any Americans to come into Nova Scotia and take away the rights of the citizens of the province, nor will we be dictated to by Americans. The miners of Nova Scotia are free men, mostly native born, and are different in that respect from the Kansas miners. We are on strike to force the government to withdraw the troops and the provincial police."

WILL NOT BE CANCELLED.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Sydney, N. S., July 18.—"We are not going to be cancelled, that's all," was J. B. MacLachlan's comment when asked for a statement regarding International President Lewis' cancellation of the charter of District 26. Mr. MacLachlan arrived on the Halifax express this morning in company with Mayor Morrison of Glace Bay. Mr. MacLachlan and Mayor Morrison were at Pictou yesterday.

President Lewis' cancellation has not resulted in any action in the mining districts as yet, but it appears to be the general topic of conversation among numerous groups of men gathered here and there throughout the area.

When Labor Rules

—what will happen?

Within the next few years a Labor government is likely to sit in the mother of parliaments.

Philip Snowden, M.P.

one of England's most respected Labor leaders, has written a series of articles for The Advertiser explaining the purposes and probable action of a Labor government.

The first article appears in Saturday's Advertiser.

MUZZLING ORDER WAS NEVER SENT, DECLARES MAYOR

Reported Attempt To Stop Civic Officials Talking to Press Misleading.

REGARD IT AS JOKE

Aldermen and Others Laugh at Latest Development in City Hall Circles.

City officials have received no official communication from Mayor Wenige directing them to withhold opinions from the press. This is what the mayor stated today, and the city officials themselves informed The Advertiser that they had received no notice as reported. It would seem that a rumor to that effect yesterday was misleading.

"I am not attempting to 'muzzle' the city officials, as was reported," the mayor stated. "And I did not send out any notices to them that they should not talk to the press, and I do not propose to send them any either."

City officials and employees generally at the city hall were inclined today to treat the entire affair as a huge joke, aggravated by some person endeavoring to get the mayor into another angle.

"Much ado about nothing," was the way one city official sized up the situation, while the others discussed city affairs as they have done for years past.

"I do think, however," stated the mayor, "that all employees should always guard themselves that they do not say anything at any time that might, even unconsciously, prove detrimental to the interests of the city."

Ald. W. A. Wilson, Ald. Drake and others in the council do not think much, however, about the proposal that they should not tender interviews with the press except under their signatures. Mayor Wenige favors this policy, however, receiving the support of Ald. Watt.

Ald. Wilson makes it quite plain that "he will talk to whom he chooses without any dictation from the mayor."

MAD EMPRESS DYING IN BELGIAN CHATEAU

Carlotta, Former Ruler of Mexico, Insane Since 1867.

Special to The Advertiser.

Brussels, July 18.—The mad Empress Carlotta, widow of the former Emperor Maximilian of Mexico, who for half a century has been locked in solitary grandeur in her chateau at Bouclhout, is dying. King Albert of Belgium, her nephew, has gone to her bedside.

The ex-empress went insane in 1867, when Maximilian was executed. She believes she is still in Mexico. When the Germans invaded Belgium, the former German kaiser ordered that every precaution be taken to guard the aged woman.

WANT IMPROVEMENTS TO PRESCOTT HIGHWAY

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, July 18.—At the regular luncheon of the Ottawa Rotary Club here yesterday, it was announced that a delegation would be sent from the club to interview Premier G. Howard Ferguson, with a view to having the Prescott highway put into a better condition. The delegation will go either to Toronto or Kempton.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Light to moderate winds; fine and quite warm today and on Thursday. Pressure continues relatively low in the western portion of the continent, and quite high over the Great Lakes. Showers have been almost general in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Elsewhere in the Dominion the weather has been fine.

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

Station	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	62	52	Rain
Calgary	64	44	Clear
Winnipeg	56	32	Clear
Port Arthur	74	54	Fair
Perry Sound	58	54	Clear
Toronto	64	57	Clear
Kingston	78	58	Fair
Ottawa	78	58	Fair
Montreal	84	62	Clear
Quebec	88	60	Cloudy
Path Point	84	46	Cloudy
St. John	78	54	Fair
Halifax	76	54	Clear

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 78; lowest, 55.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 78; lowest, 55.

Barometric Readings.

Tuesday—8 p.m.—29.41.
Today—8 a.m.—29.49.