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EARLY BY-ELECTION FOR LONDON

British Coal Strike Averted :: Ship Explosion Probe Opens

CONTEST FOR CITY SEAT SOON

Premier Announces By-Election Will Be Held Before Next Legislature Session.

REALIGNMENT COMING

Political Camps To Be More Nearly Normal—Prospective Candidates Named.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Aug. 19.—A by-election will be held as soon as possible to fill the vacancy in the Ontario legislature caused by the death of Sir Adam Beck, Hon. G. H. Ferguson, premier, announced today. The by-election for the London seat will take place certainly before the next session of the legislature, the premier said, though he could not say how soon it would be held.

The death of Sir Adam Beck is likely to be followed by important consequences in the local political situation as well as in the general provincial outlook.

Sir Adam has been so great a figure that his position in politics has set aside ordinary party alignments. His loss is now quite likely to result in a return to a more normal political division of party strength which, it is conceded in political circles, will increase the strength of the Liberal vote. Certainly no remains among local Conservatives who can hope to create or to control the non-partisan respect and support which has been accorded the late Sir Adam.

It is claimed with truth that Sir Adam was Liberal in his ideas, but that he was Conservative in his methods, and that he always had a strong following of Adam Beck Liberals, a group of ardent public ownership believers, who declined to vote against such a distinguished representative, regardless of his political stripe. There existed, on the other hand, a formidable anti-Beck faction within the Conservative party, even in its highest places, a group which caused Sir Adam much annoyance.

It is probable that a by-election will be held here within the next few weeks to fill the vacancy created in the legislature by Sir Adam's demise. But, in the meantime, Hon. Ferguson decides to assume the chairmanship of the hydro-electric power commission, then even more far-reaching developments may be looked for in the provincial arena.

Dennis a Prospect Here.

Locally E. R. Dennis, president of the Dennis Wire and Iron Works, president of the Western Ontario Conservative association and intimate friend of Premier Ferguson, is regarded as the strongest possible candidate to stand as the Conservative nominee for the riding. Dr. J. Cameron Wilson, ex-mayor and president of the London Conservative association, is also spoken of prominently, while Albert M. Judd, crown attorney and always one of Sir Adam's closest friends, is also mentioned.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Moderate west to north west winds, fair, cooler, with scattered showers tonight and Thursday. A shallow depression is moving eastward across the Ottawa valley, while pressure is high over the western provinces and north-west states. The weather has been decidedly warm from the great lakes eastward, with scattered thunderstorms in Ontario. In the west it has been mostly fine with moderate temperatures.

Temperatures.

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	70	54	Clear
Calgary	68	44	Clear
Winnipeg	66	40	Fair
Parry Sound	58	44	Fair
Toronto	68	50	Fair
Kingsville	62	48	Cloudy
Ottawa	68	52	Cloudy
Montreal	68	52	Fair
Quebec	68	50	Fair
Father Point	58	46	Cloudy
St. John	70	58	Cloudy
Halifax	68	50	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Local temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 67; lowest, 46. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 78; lowest, 65. Sun rises at 5:25 a.m., and sets at 7:17 p.m., standard time. Barometric Readings. Tuesday—8 p.m.—29.73. Today—8 a.m.—29.25.



CHANG TSO LIN, Chinese general, virtual dictator of Manchuria, rumors of whose death are prevalent in Peking.

FERGUSON MAY TAKE HYDRO POST

Ontario's Premier Will Take Up Successor of Beck With His Cabinet.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Aug. 19.—Discussing possibilities for the chairmanship of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission with its \$250,000,000 of public investment and which was rendered vacant by the death of Sir Adam Beck, it has been suggested that Hon. C. Howard Ferguson, premier of Ontario, could take the chairmanship himself and still retain the leadership of the government as premier. Mr. Ferguson would have to relinquish the portfolio of minister of education however.

H. H. Couzens, former general manager of the Toronto Transportation commission and now in charge of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission as it has been suggested might be done. No official statement has been made by the provincial government regarding the vacant chairmanship and it is understood that the matter has not been discussed by the cabinet in any way since the death of Sir Adam Beck.

Premier G. H. Ferguson today said that when the government appoints a chairman in place of the late Sir Adam Beck it will also fill the third position, which has been vacant since George George Ramsden retired in 1923 from the commission. Providing suitable men can be found for the posts, Mr. Ferguson said, the appointment might be made as early as the end of the week.

MERCURY HITS 91; STORM PROMISED

Fair and Cooler Is Weatherman's Prediction For Tomorrow.

After a day in which the thermometer reached the height of 91 degrees Londoners are promised some relief tonight through the medium of a thunderstorm.

Today was the hottest day of August and was 23 degrees above the highest temperature of the same date last year. It is also a higher temperature than at any date in August of 1924.

Probabilities are that it will be fair and cooler tomorrow and with the barometer continuing downward it is expected that for once the weather prophet has the right slant on the elements.



LONDON TROOPS ON STRIKE DUTY.

Members of C Company of the Royal Canadian Regiment, who returned from the strike zone in Nova Scotia this morning, after an absence of two months protecting the mines. This picture was taken at the mine in New Watford, where the London soldiers were stationed during the strike. It was taken at the mine in New Watford, where the London soldiers were stationed during the strike.

MAY QUIT IF CALLED TO MINES

London Company of R. C. R. Return to City at Early Hour Today.

GLAD TO BE BACK

Members of Local Regiment Expect Third Call to Nova Scotia.

A firm belief that they will be recalled to Nova Scotia at the expiration of the present six months' mine agreement is held by the men of the Royal Canadian Regiment, who arrived back in the city early this morning after a two months' stay in the strike area.

The sympathies of the men are all with the miners, whom they declare to be the victims of a bad system. They hold the same opinion of the British Empire Steel Corporation as do the miners themselves. The present agreement, which is for six months, does not approach a settlement of the labor trouble, the men declare. The wages, which are low, are made worse by the deductions for various reasons by the company. This, added to the uncertainty of any continued period of employment, drives the miners almost to desperation. Acts of violence against the company's property are to be expected, the troops say.

Duty At Powerhouse.

The London company on their arrival were first sent to the scene of the fight at the New Glasgow powerhouse, where William J. Davis was killed by company police. An inquiry into this killing is being made by the provincial government. A few days after the men were transferred to New Watford, where they remained for the rest of the two months.

The men were quartered in the workshops of the company. They were told that of guarding the property of the company. While on duty they wore full trench uniform, with steel helmets. Most of this duty was done underground. No trouble of any sort was experienced by the London company, however.

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The men did not treat them as enemies, and in their hours of duty they fraternized freely. They were, in fact, guests at many entertainments provided in their honor by the miners. The troops are all glad to be back home, but are quite convinced that they will receive a third call to the mines. A few of them declare that they will purchase their discharge rather than again be called upon to do duty in a mine strike.

ONE KILLED, 15 ARE HURT AS BUILDING COLLAPSES

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Aug. 19.—One man was seriously injured and fifteen others suffered minor injuries when a new steel structure being erected at pier No. 2, near Battery Place, collapsed shortly before noon today.

CURATE DIES SUDDENLY.

Orange, N. J., Aug. 19.—Stricken with heart failure, Rev. John Rutten, 52, curate of St. Venantius Roman Catholic church, died suddenly at the rectory yesterday. The deceased, who was born in Holland, was educated in France and for a time had been engaged in missionary work in Canada.

Not Political Job.

Names of citizens holding high places in the business and industrial life of the city are among those mentioned today for the honor. The appointment is entirely non-political, and there is general agreement that the man chosen should be a successful businessman, with a capacity to grapple with the problems of the L. & P. S. in a big way. Prominent among those whose names are being mentioned in this connection are Philip Pocock, Ray Lawson, W. N. Manning, E. S. Little and J. Frank White, M.P. Mr. Pocock, it is pointed out, has already served a term on the commission and is perhaps as familiar as anyone in London with the workings of the electric railway. It is felt that his friendship with the late Sir Adam would lead him to consider accepting the post if it were offered him.

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The Passing of a Great Canadian



THE FUNERAL PROCESSION OF THE LATE SIR ADAM BECK LEAVING—ST. PAUL'S.

Some idea of the immense crowd which thronged St. Paul's to pay tribute to the late Sir Adam Beck may be obtained from the photograph showing the pallbearers reverently bearing his body down the tree-lined walk of the cathedral. In the immediate foreground may be seen the heads of Bishop Williams, Bishop Sweeney of Toronto, and Dean Tucker. The pallbearers on the right are: Ex-Mayor C. Alfred Maguire of Toronto, J. Frank White, M. P., and Philip Pocock; on the left are Dr. John L. Todd of Montreal; F. A. Gaby, chief engineer of the hydro commission, and J. Percy Moore. Immediately behind the pallbearers, police guards and funeral director, may be seen J. Strathairn Hay of Toronto, the late Sir Adam's son-in-law, and J. F. Beck, a brother of the hydro chief. Further back in the funeral procession are members of the provincial and federal cabinets, and lining the walk are some of the ten thousand people, great and humble, who waited to mourn and honor a great Canadian.

BOARD VACANCY MUST BE FILLED

Philip Pocock, Frank White and Others Suggested For L. and P. S. Commission.

The selection by the city council of a commissioner to fill the position on the London and Port Stanley railway commission, made vacant by the death of the late chairman, Sir Adam Beck, was the subject of much speculation in business and municipal circles this morning. The appointment is not likely to be dealt with until some time next month.

The next regular meeting of the council would be in the ordinary course held Sept. 7, but as this is Labor Day it may be a week later before the appointment comes up. Even then any appointment made would be only for the unexpired portion of the late chairman's term, which would mean only about four months but there is, of course, a strong possibility that the council's choice would be given a further regular two-year term at the expiration of that time.

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Province-Wide Campaign To Aid Byron Sanatorium To Be Launched This Fall

Large Fund From Popular Subscription To Perpetuate the Humane Work of Beck.

MEMORIAL FAVORED

Sir Adam's Own Idea Was That Any Monument Should Be in Form of Fountain.

"A province-wide canvass to secure funds for a permanent endowment for the Queen Alexandra Sanatorium will likely be launched in the immediate future," said Dr. F. F. Pratten, superintendent of that institution this morning.

"The board has not met officially to consider this," said Dr. Pratten, "but I know this object is foremost in our minds."

The superintendent went on to say that a permanent endowment was the great thought always in the mind of the institution's late benefactor, Sir Adam Beck, and in honor to his wishes the hospital board is most anxious to put the matter forward at once.

In conversation last year at this time, Sir Adam Beck told Dr. Pratten that the need of this endowment was urgent. "It is a practical work of mind are asking whether it would not be the best possible memorial to Sir Adam to raise a fund by popular subscription for the enlarging of Byron sanatorium, and placing it upon a secure financial foundation through means of an adequate endowment fund."

Asked for an opinion on this project this morning, Philip Pocock stated that the future of the sanatorium occupied a large place in the plans of Sir Adam during his last illness.

"As a matter of fact, plans are already under way to make a province-wide appeal on behalf of the sanatorium this fall, probably in October, with the object of creating an endowment fund sufficiently large to enable the sanatorium to carry on its beneficent work unhampered by financial difficulties," stated Mr. Pocock.

"That, as I say, is already contemplated. In fact, it was Sir Adam's own idea, but why talk of making

MINERS ACCEPT TERMS OF TRUCE

Decision of British Federation Averts Strike in Coal Fields.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Aug. 19.—A conference of delegates of the miners' federation today decided to accept the terms of the truce in the coal industry, in which the mine owners' notices for the termination of the 1924-25 wage scale were withdrawn, thus avoiding the recent threat of a strike.

ANOTHER MOTION IS MADE BY EASTERN PRESBYTERY

Canadian Press Despatch.

Kingsville, Aug. 19.—Another motion in the action by the sessions and congregation of the Church of St. John's in Pittsburg township, Ontario, and the continuing Presbyterian Church of Canada, and others, was made at Osgoode hall today. When Thomas MacMillan, chairman of the administration board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, asked for dismissal of the action, Mr. MacMillan states that the trouble at Pittsburg is local to presbytery of Kingsville.

BARN AND CROPS BURNED.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Brantford, Aug. 19.—The fire in the steel barn of Mile Southwick, fourth concession of Burford township, and his other barns and implement shed were destroyed by fire last night, with the loss of live stock and implements. A lantern upset. The loss will be heavy, probably \$11,000.

Woman Drives Into Ditch To Avoid Road Scraper

Mrs. Claude White and two other ladies had a narrow escape this morning when the coupe in which they were driving ran into the ditch and took fire near Rodney.

Mrs. White was driving her car over a small hill and in starting down the other side found herself confronted with a road scraper coming toward her.

To avoid hitting the team and driver on the scraper, Mrs. White turned her car into the ditch, where the engine flooded and set fire to the car.

None of the occupants of the car was seriously injured, though one of Mrs. White's companions had her ankle badly wrenched. The car is thought to be a total wreck.

DEATH TOLL NOW 32 IN EXPLOSION

Passengers on Rhode Island Excursion Steamer Scalded to Death.

PROBE IS OPENED

Patch Recently Placed On Ship's Boiler Gives Way Without Warning.

Associated Press Despatch.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 19.—The death of three more victims of the Mackinac excursion steamer boiler explosion brought the total list of dead to 32 to noon today, with several additional deaths expected momentarily.

Associated Press Despatch.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 19.—Twenty-nine persons were scalded to death, two are missing and 52 were seriously burned by escaping steam when a boiler in the engine room of the excursion steamer Mackinac exploded at 5:55 o'clock yesterday afternoon when the boat was passing the Newport naval training station in Narragansett Bay, bound from Newport to Pawtucket with 677 excursionists aboard.

Physicians at the naval hospital stated that they expected the death list to mount to at least 45 within the next few hours. It will be days, they said, before the more seriously injured are out of danger. The majority of the dead and injured were trapped on the first and second decks when the boiler exploded.

No report was heard and those on board said their first warning was the escaping steam which came in such volume that they were unable to evade it.

The accident happened within a stone's throw of the naval hospital, less than 100 yards from shore, otherwise the casualty list would have been terrible, passengers on the boat said today.

The excursionists, most of them from Pawtucket and Providence, R. I., were returning from a vacation voyage to Newport. A patch on the boiler, which had been placed there just before the departure of the boat, gave way, exploding the boiler and throwing the passengers into a chaotic state.

Captain Tells of Blast.

Captain McVey of Pawtucket, skipper of the stricken vessel, said the boat was travelling 15 knots an hour, its fullest speed, and was loaded to its capacity.

"I was in the pilot house with Pilot Thomas and quartermaster Spenser when we heard a concussion," he said. "This was followed immediately by the hissing of escaping steam and the entire vessel was enveloped with a steaming mist. Then the engines stopped suddenly and I gave the wheel a yank and headed the craft to the beach where its own momentum grounded it shortly after."

Passengers who described the scene said it was one of tremendous confusion but no panic developed. A distress call was immediately sent out by the wireless operator and launches from forty naval ships at anchor in the cove rushed to the rescue. Passengers on the two lower decks were the victims of the blast, especially those amidships who were close to the boiler room. Those on the top deck for the most part escaped with minor injuries.

While the rescue was in progress, a scene of confusion there was as officers were obeyed to the letter by the stricken passengers, those who came out unscathed said today.

Immediately there was a rush for the rails. Two men are known to have jumped overboard and were picked up by passing boats. Others climbed to the ship's gunwales and attempted to reach the top deck. Helping hands were lowered to aid them in their rush to safety. Boats were lowered when it was thought that the ship was going to sink while life mats and deck gear was tossed overboard.

Those who saw the disaster ashore described a large burst of black smoke which shot from the steamer.

Steam Envelops Ship.

This was followed by the steam which enveloped the ship to such a degree that she could not be seen from shore. As the ship was launched sent out by the battleship Wyoming, the scout cruisers Denver and Raleigh, the tender Dobbin and scores of torpedo-boat destroyers swarmed about her.

The navy rescue parties worked feverishly to get the passengers off the more seriously injured being attended first and as soon as a boat was filled it sped to the naval hospital landing.

Inside the hospital two wards were prepared to receive the victims. So swiftly did they come that many were placed on the floors outside.

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