

TOWN PLANNERS MEET AUGUST 19

Draft Report of H. L. Seymour May Be Up For Discussion Then.

A session of the town planning commission will be held on Wednesday, August 19, according to present plans of the chairman, Alderman Ed. Smith. This meeting will deal with all town planning matters requiring attention up to that time, and there is also a possibility that the draft report of H. L. Seymour, which was prepared by the commission, will be brought up for discussion at this meeting. This has not yet been definitely decided.

The original intention was to postpone discussion of the report until the fall, but the chairman, after observing conditions in other cities and towns in which he has been working, is now more than ever convinced of the need for adopting some plan for London's future growth without any unnecessary delay, and thinks the Seymour plan should be put into final shape as quickly as possible.

"Every time I return to London, after even a brief absence," Ald. Smith stated this morning, "I experience a feeling of the keen satisfaction of the advantages which London has over other cities. Our wide boulevards, green lawns and shady avenues I realize that we have a heritage which any city might well envy. We would be very foolish not to take every possible precaution to see that every development of the city takes place on the same broad lines, and for this reason I am in the necessity of prompt action on the adoption of a definite plan which will not only control future growth but will also insure continuance of the advantages we already enjoy."

TURNING TIDE DEFEATS MAN IN CHANNEL SWIM

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was handicapped by the effects of numerous wounds received in the world war. He served in the British forces from the beginning of the war to the end, including the Dardanelles campaign, and held the rank of brigadier-general at the close of the conflict. He was wounded nine times, mentioned in despatches six times and besides the Victoria Cross won the Distinguished Service Order with two bars.

STREET CAR--TOURIST CRASH TO BE PROBED

Police Will Investigate Collision at Ridout and York Streets Today.

Police are investigating a collision which occurred between a street car and a tourist automobile at Ridout and York streets yesterday afternoon. The street car was badly damaged and the automobile was also damaged. The collision occurred at about 2 o'clock today. Nobody was injured, but the automobile was badly damaged and the street car suffered the loss of its rear steps and was otherwise damaged.

FRONT STREET RESIDENT FINED IN ILLEGAL PURCHASE

A front street resident was fined \$50 and costs in police court today on a charge of illegal purchase of liquor. Eight bottles of liquor were found by the police at his home. He admitted before Deputy Magistrate Gladman that he had purchased the liquor from a bootlegger.

FUNERAL IN TORONTO

The remains of Samuel Harrett, who died yesterday, were buried at 175 Horton street, where he was born. The funeral was held at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Harrett was 42 years old, and lived in Toronto, where his wife and four small children now reside. He will be buried today.

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MORE MISSIONS IS MOTTO OF PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY

Pros Open Drive To Secure Funds Eastern Conference Business Sessions Open in London This Morning.

Canadian Press Despatch. Regina, Sask., Aug. 5.—A provincial-wide drive for campaign funds will be staged shortly by the Saskatchewan federal Pentecostal assembly, which is now in session at the convention of the party held here yesterday.

The drive will be a house-to-house canvass conducted all over the province in one day. The date has not yet been set.

The convention was held in Regina. Exactly 100 men attended, four representatives from each constituency and the fifteen federal members for Saskatchewan.

POLICE PICNIC SET FOR 13TH OF AUGUST

Chief Makes Announcement to Eager Members of City Force.

The annual police picnic, the gayest of all Springfield events in point of athletic games and sports, is to be held this year on Aug. 13. Chief of Police Robert Birrell made this announcement this morning to an eager force, already in practice and trim for all varieties of races.

Invitations will be sent to the county judges, local lawyers and members of the police commission.

Effort will be made by the chief to have as many members of the force off duty on July 13. During the afternoon of that day London will go "policeless," only a few unfortunates being left at the central station to guard the city from crime.

U. S. MINERS PREPARE FOR EARLY WALKOUT

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was threatened if the striking miners of the district turn down the government's proposals for a settlement of their wage dispute. Addressing mass meetings of the miners at various points in Cape Breton today, Premier Rhodes stated that his rejection of the proposals is going forward. J. R. McLeod, president of the miners' union, said he believed that the latest agreement was the best that the miners could get and he believed that it should be accepted. The strike has now been in progress for more than a month, and if there was to be steady work now was the time to take advantage of it.

Referring to the investigation promised by the government, he said he believed that Premier Rhodes was sincere and quite in sympathy with the mine workers' cause. He was of the opinion that the premier and his colleagues would see to it that the investigation was conducted in a straightforward and thorough manner, and he was convinced that the outcome would determine the contention of the mine workers that the corporation could pay 1924 rates and probably a little better.

Asked by a man in the crowd why the executive had not accepted the proposal of Premier Armstrong some months ago, when the then premier offered the 1924 scale of rates pending an investigation, Mr. McLeod replied that his objection to the proposal was that it was a stipulation that any finding by a commission be binding.

AWAITING DEBATE

Associated Press Despatch. London, Aug. 5.—The excitement over the coal crisis of tomorrow's debate in the house of commons on the terms of the settlement of the threatened miners' strike.

In the statements by the government, the interest has been shifted to the contemplation of the obviously strained relationship existing between the two great labor unions, the industrial and the long-smoldering fire has received fresh fuel through the events of the past few days, notably in a speech made by Premier MacDonald, in which he said that the government had sold itself to communism. Now the real force behind the miners in their threat to hold up the whole country was the special committee of the trades union congress, the majority of whose members would vigorously object to their aims and methods being classed with communism.

Later in the day, the government will contain professions, doubtless sincere, that he entertained complete sympathy with the miners in resisting the proposals of the coal mine owners.

The Manchester Guardian says that political labor, as represented by former Premier MacDonald, views with chief concern the concentration of such enormous power over the life of the nation in a special committee of the trades union congress.

PROFESSOR PETER SANDIFORD, TORONTO UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR, WHO SAYS SCIENTISTS NOW BELIEVE EVOLUTION PROGRESSED BY SUDDED FORWARD STEPS, NOT SLOW, GRADUAL CHANGES.

Claim Condemned Man Faced Future With Utmost Confidence.

Associated Press Despatch. Chicago, Aug. 5.—William Wallace, a jail officer who guarded Russell Scott in death row, testifying for the prosecution in Scott's sanity hearing today, said he found the prisoner "as sane as anyone could be under the circumstances."

The court ordered the qualifications stricted out, on the ground that a layman is not competent to qualify his observations of a person's sanity.

Four other jailers testified that they believed Scott sane. Mrs. Katherine Scott, wife of the defendant, was in court today for the first time since the hearing began Monday.

Charles Koeppe, a deputy sheriff, told of a conversation with Scott in which the latter said his brother died of the shooting for which he was sentenced to death.

George Rinner, another jailer, related a similar conversation. He told of a statement in which Scott admitted a gambling house holdup in Chicago some months before the shooting. He was netted and his brother was killed.

Bruce McCall said Scott told him that he faced the future with confidence because "he had a couple of governors working for him."

PETER WAHL TAKES POST AS ALDERMAN

Fills Stratford Vacancy Caused by Resignation of Ald. Thomas Ballantyne.

Special L. The Advertiser. Stratford, Aug. 4.—Peter Wahl today made his declaration of office as alderman. He fills the vacancy caused by the resignation from the council of Ald. Thomas Ballantyne. Mr. Ballantyne has taken the oath of office for the eleventh time. He has been sworn in as a member of the library board.

Struck by Truck. All four occupants of a car owned by Walter White, assistant superintendent of the C. N. R. at Palmerston, miraculously escaped injury when their motor car was struck by a five-ton asphalt truck at the corner of Shakespeare and Nile streets at 1:20 this afternoon. Although the passengers were shaken, they were in no way the worse for the mishap. The car was badly smashed on the right side and the steering wheel was broken. The truck, driven by N. Fry, 332 Nile street, city, was not damaged.

Bridge Contract. A bridge contract for a new bridge on the eleventh concession, road 10, of Mornington township, has been let by the county road committee. The contract went to the Stratford Bridge and Iron Works, the price being \$2,170. The bridge is to be of steel, with concrete abutments and concrete floor.

Well known in both Listowel and Mitchell, the death of John James Collins, who lived just outside the latter town, occurred in the General hospital here. He was in his 73rd year. Death occurred following an operation for cancer of the stomach. He was a native of Mitchell, but the greater part of his life, after his marriage, was spent in Listowel. He returned to Mitchell from Listowel about a year ago. He was a member of the Anglican church and the I. O. F. at Listowel.

PRESS DELEGATES MAKE BRIEF STAY AT HONOLULU

Associated Press Despatch. Honolulu, Hawaii, Aug. 5.—Delegates from Great Britain, Canada and other British dominions, who are attending the third imperial press conference in Australia, arrived here yesterday on the liner Aorangi, and were warmly welcomed by the local press and the government of Hawaii and the people.

During the voyage from Vancouver the Canadian delegates organized their own press conference. The Canadian Herald, and president of the Canadian Press, as chairman. The conference will open in Melbourne on Sept. 25. The delegates will then probably leave Australia for the return trip on the liner Makura on Oct. 8.

SIR WILLIAM PRYKE WILL BE NEXT MAYOR OF LONDON

Associated Press Despatch. London, Aug. 4.—At the age of 78, Sir William Robert Pryke, a senior alderman of the city of London, has been chosen for election as lord mayor of London next September.

The said thread is black in color and can be seen entwined about a small piece of metal on the roof of the Bank of Montreal building, formerly the Molsons Bank, on the market square. It leads upward to the roof of the Ontario Loan building, and is caught around an electric light line.

From there the little black thread starts on the long journey to the Dominion Savings bank, where it was discovered this morning by Percy Ashton, who wound the slack around a cornice.

Continuing its course, the thread moves on to the Imperial Bank building, and crosses over two more buildings.

Fire Chief Aitken volunteered to assist The Advertiser in the unwinding of the mystery, and was getting ready to hold a ladder to the roof of the A. Wolf & Son cigar store at press time.

Did a little bird carry a spool of thread over the roofs of the various buildings, or is the thread a forerunner of dark deeds to come on the part of bank robbers?

Chief Aitken doesn't know, but he's going to find out.

Mystery Thread Traverses Roofs of Business Section

As a rule it is left to the police to follow "mysterious threads," but on this occasion the investigation is being conducted by Chief Aitken of the London fire department.

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PROGRESSIVES TO LEND AID ONLY IF MEASURES PLEASE

Robert Forke, M.P., Tells of What Conditions Support May Be Expected.

Associated Press Despatch. Regina, Sask., Feb. 5.—"When the government introduces progressive measures, they will be given Progressive support," declared Robert Forke, M.P., leader of the Progressives in the federal house, who addressed a largely attended public meeting here last night.

"I am prepared," continued Mr. Forke, "to say the same thing to Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, when he introduces progressive measures he will get Progressive support."

Mr. Forke described the 1925 budget as a stand pat budget, and went on to declare that high protection was more likely to lead to United States domination than free trade between the two countries.

The Progressive leader declared the great fault of the King government was that it had not stood true to the liberal platform, while he said the Progressives would appreciate it if Mr. Meighen would use his great ability to bring forward something constructive. The Progressive party was the most united group in the house of commons. "When you hear of Progressive disintegration, take it with a grain of salt," he said.

Mr. Forke declared the future greatness of the dominion rested upon the development and prosperity of the prairie provinces. The problem of bringing agricultural prosperity was not a group question. It had remained for the Progressives in the federal house to bring in the needs of the agricultural population.

ST. MARYS PLANS OLD HOME WEEK

Stone Town Firemen Will Have Charge of Old Boys' Reunion in 1926.

Special to The Advertiser. St. Marys, Aug. 4.—If the request of the St. Marys delegates to the firemen's convention, being held in Thorold this week, is granted, and the Stone Town is chosen as the headquarters for the convention and demonstration next year, arrangements will immediately be started to hold an old boys' reunion here at the same time.

Twelve years have now elapsed since the old Stone Town welcomed back her sons and daughters from the four corners of the earth.

Now the local fire department, which had charge of the reunion in 1913, has decided to take the matter in hand this year, and since it is again St. Marys' turn to have the firemen's motorcade demonstration here, no difficulty should be encountered in getting it.

At a meeting attended by the council and the fire brigade, the unanimous opinion was that the citizens of the town are in favor of holding a reunion again, and Chief William Mowles will carry a hearty invitation with him to Thorold to the firemen of Ontario. A reunion is practically assured for 1926.

FIRE LOSSES IN JULY LOWEST OF THE YEAR

Fire loss in London for the month of July, amounting to only \$1,800, was the lowest for the year, according to Chief John Aitken's report.

Thirty-eight alarms were received at the central fire hall, 23 of which were actual fires. Eleven grass fires were actual. Emergency calls were responsible for two alarms.

PHILEAS SEVIGNY DIES

Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, Aug. 5.—Phileas Sevigny, 78, former speaker of the House of commons, died here last night at the age of 78. He was born in Quebec.

FOREST FIRES SWEEPING OVER SOUTHERN FRANCE

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, Aug. 5.—Every summer the south of France has the same "tale to tell of blazing forests and hamlets threatened by fire."

The forests of Lavandeu and Hyeres particularly have suffered severely in the past few days, and it is reported that 400 acres of pines and oaks have been burned. The damage is estimated at 1,500,000 francs.

A young man, 15 years of age, has been arrested on suspicion of having started the forest fires.

HUGE MAP UNVEILED AT VATICAN EXPOSITION

Associated Press Despatch. Rome, Aug. 5.—What is said to be the largest map in the world in existence painted in oil by the expert direction of a pope has been unveiled for the propagation of the faith before a large gathering at the Vatican exhibition.

The map covers approximately 2,750 square feet of canvas but is divided into several sections according to the geographical importance of the respective countries.

CENTENARIAN DIES

Canadian Press Despatch. Sydney, N. S., Aug. 5.—Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis, nee Daly, who six months ago passed the century mark, died at her home at Edwardville, near here, this morning, within three-quarters of a mile of the farm on which she was born. Two weeks ago she had her first automobile ride.

LIBERALS AT KITCHENER

J. M. McEvoy K.C. accompanied by half a dozen prominent East Middlesex Liberals journeyed to Kitchener yesterday afternoon to hear the speech of Premier MacKenzie King.

JUDGE JUDD ILL

His honor County Judge J. C. Judd is confined to his home through illness. It is expected that he will be absent from the court house for a week or ten days.

THREE INJURED AT WALLACEBURG

Explosion at Dominion Sugar Factory Causes Serious Burns To Employees.

Special to The Advertiser. Wallaceburg, Aug. 4.—An explosion at the Dominion sugar factory here caused serious burns about the bodies of two men and about the hands and face of a third. The men, Russians, were in the act of running out a block, which caused the explosion.

Dr. H. A. Taylor was summoned and rushed the two most seriously injured to Chatham hospital. The third man, after receiving medical attention, was conveyed to his home.

Two Pled Guilty. W. Bodnar and Harry Hayes, brought up on remand before Magistrate Carscallen in the local police court on Saturday morning, pleaded guilty to driving their cars under the influence of liquor. They were allowed to go on suspended sentence upon the payment of the costs.

To Hold Horse Races. Preliminary arrangements are being made by the Dominion sugar employees' association for their big festival, which they are staging at the agricultural grounds on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7. It has been decided to hold horse races, in addition to the other countless attractions, for which there will be three classes and purses amounting to nearly \$300.

Funeral of W. Ford. The funeral took place on Saturday of the late Mark John Ford, who died at his residence at Emily street. The services at the church and the graveside were conducted by the Rev. F. J. Vair of St. James' Anglican church.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fry of Detroit are visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Fry.

Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Simpson and son James of Walkerville are visiting with relatives in town.

Mr. Taylor of Watford returned to his home on Sunday after spending a week with his son Bert, who accompanied him back.

Excursion Big Success. Over one hundred people were turned away from the excursion of the steamer Thousand Islander to Belle Isle and Detroit on Monday morning, the steamer officials reporting a capacity load. The excursion was held under the auspices of the Wallaceburg concert band, whose deficit of new uniforms was greatly decreased by the unqualified success of their venture.

The next excursion takes place next Monday under the auspices of the Order of Black Knights, and for which already a large number of tickets have been sold. This will be the last excursion of the season.

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