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MAYOR WILSON'S SALARY BODY ON ROCKS

16 of Sir Adam Beck's Horses Burned To Death

CLAIMS LOSS IN OAKVILLE FIRE HURTS CANADA

Hydro Knight States Animals Lost Most Representative Canadian-Bred Stable.

ARENA CALLED FIRE TRAP

Other Prominent Horsemen Lose Fourteen Hunters in Early Morning Blaze.

Special to London Advertiser.

Oakville, Ont., May 17.—Twenty-eight or thirty show horses and hunters, belonging to H. C. Cox and Sir Adam Beck, were burned to death this morning when the \$25,000 arena, in which Hugh Wilson trains the horses here was burned to the ground.

Several automobiles were also destroyed. The farm is on the lower middle road, four miles north of Oakville.

Showing evident signs of the loss he had sustained, Sir Adam Beck at noon spoke of the catastrophe not as a loss of money.

"It is a serious loss from the standpoint of Canadian horse interests," Sir Adam said, in admitting that two of the late Lady Beck's horses and two of the property of his daughter.

"For many years at various exhibits," continued Sir Adam, "Mr. Joe Kilgour, H. B. Cox, Geo. Beardmore, and others have demonstrated to the world, not only to Canada and the United States, but to Great Britain, the supremacy of the breed of horses from the province of Ontario."

Altogether 16 horses belonging to Sir Adam were lost. They had been moved from his fire-proof brick stables at London, Ontario, to the wooden stalls at Oakville, to be kept there.

"That is one of the things that being in public life does for a man," Sir Adam said.

The arena stables were made up of costly additions from time to time. They were a fire trap and his horses were inaccessible in the inner stalls.

"I am probably justified in saying," Sir Adam continued, "that the 16 horses I have lost, selected from a great number which Lady Beck and I raised from our own imported sires, some of them Irish, were the most representative stable of purely bred Canadian horses that existed in Canada."

COURT DISMISSES LONGSHOREMEN

Montreal, May 17.—Owing to the city withdrawing its complaint, the charge against the 207 longshoremen who were arrested a fortnight ago in connection with a raid they made on the local port, in which two policemen were severely wounded, was this morning dismissed by Judge Cusson in enquete court. The raid was due to the shipping federation's action in employing non-union labor to unload vessels in port while the longshoremen were on strike over a reduction of wages.

JAMES SOUTER DIES

Hamilton, May 17.—James E. Souter, for many years general manager of the furniture firm of Macdonald & Souter, died last night at his home, 173 East Avenue north. He was a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, where he was born 57 years ago.

The Weather

FORECASTS. Moderate to fresh winds, chiefly easterly; mostly cloudy today and on Thursday, with some showers.

Pressure is highest in the Maritime Provinces, and depressions are situated in the South Atlantic States and in Manitoba.

Showers have occurred in portions of the Western Provinces, also in a few places in Western and Southwestern Ontario, but the weather over the Dominion on which has been fair.

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

High. Low. Victoria, 70, 42. Calgary, 62, 44. Winnipeg, 72, 42. Pt. Arthur, 64, 42. St. John's, 56, 44. Toronto, 78, 54. Kingston, 78, 54. Ottawa, 78, 54. Montreal, 82, 52. St. Louis, 76, 50. St. Paul, 76, 50. St. John, 54, 38. St. John's, 54, 38. Halifax, 54, 32.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 72; lowest, 42.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 72; lowest, 42.

Barometric Readings. Tuesday—8 p.m., 29.14. Today—8 a.m., 29.09.

Auxiliary Schooner On Oregon Rocks Sends Out S. O. S. Calls

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—Wireless calls for help were sent early today by the auxiliary power schooner Ozmo, which was reported taking water rapidly after hitting the rocks at Cape Blanco, on the southwestern coast of Oregon.

A crew of approximately 25 was believed in grave danger. The Ozmo struck in a heavy fog, said the radio advices.

The schooner left San Francisco Saturday for Seattle. She is owned by the Northern Commercial Company and has a tonnage of 765.

A LITTLE TALK ON TWO SHIPS

WE humans of 1922 are pretty cocky. We have built a ship 355 feet long. It is called the Majestic and it has completed its maiden voyage across the Atlantic at a speed of 25 knots an hour.

Truly, the building of the Majestic is a great achievement for Great Britain. But before exhausting our superlatives in self-praise, let's look back a little. There once was a shipbuilder named Noah.

Noah's record, as narrated in the Old Testament, will never be bettered. Here's what he did, as told in Genesis:

"And God said unto Noah, make thee an ark. The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it thirty cubits."

According to the Encyclopedia, the ark was 325 feet long, 87 1/2 feet wide, and 52 1/2 feet deep. Not so big as the Majestic, which is 355 long, 100 feet wide, and 102 feet deep—but a whale of a boat when one considers Noah's facilities.

Noah had few tools. His materials were gopher wood and pitch. Probably nobody helped him but his sons Shem, Ham and Japheth and their wives. Yet they built a ship big enough to house and supply every sort of fowl after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind."

It is well to reflect, in admiring the feat of the Majestic builders, that Noah's record still stands.

THE ARK.

TORIES AIM TO BE SCHOOL OF POLITICAL EDUCATION

Party in Quebec Hears of Early Attack On Taschereau Forces.

Montreal, May 17.—A renascence of the Conservative party in the Province of Quebec was the description of the Conservative convention, which closed here last night, by speakers at the banquet given in honor of the leader, Arthur Sauve.

Hon. F. L. Patenaude said that the Liberal party, celebrating its 25th anniversary, gave proof of old age, which promised no new adherents. He promised an early attack on the Taschereau legions by the "blue devils."

Arthur Sauve, in his speech, reiterated that part of his program which stated that the Conservative party was to be a school of political education. "You have pledged yourselves," he said to the convention members, "and now to work."

Arthur Penny, editor of the Quebec Chronicle, who, with Hon. E. L. Patenaude, proposed the toast to Leader Sauve, diagnosing the trials and vicissitudes of the provincial Conservative party, attributed them to the number of people who had adopted an attitude of benevolent neutrality toward the Taschereau government on the ground that it was a business government.

UTAH FEELS QUAKE

Salt Lake City, Utah, May 17.—An earthquake was felt at Richfield, 200 miles south of here early yesterday. No damage was reported.

FINDS CANADA IS HOSTILE TO SPIRITUALISM

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle Feels Antagonistic Atmosphere of Toronto.

SCORES WITH LETTER

Queen City Medium Produces Missive From Son and Stead.

Special to London Advertiser.

Toronto, May 17.—The most antagonistic atmosphere towards spiritualism of any city he has yet visited on this continent, was felt by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in Toronto.

After a seance with Louis Benjamin, the outstanding Toronto medium, late last night, just before his departure for Detroit, the famous English author and spiritualist said that he could sense this feeling during the first half hour of his lecture here.

"It was a critical situation," he said, "but I think I came through all right."

The seance with Benjamin was the only one that Sir Arthur held during his day and a half sojourn here. Medium and investigator met for the first time following the lecture for two or three minutes, when Sir Arthur expressed the wish that Benjamin would visit him at his room in the King Edward Hotel the next day.

Letter From Son. Benjamin handed Sir Arthur a letter that he had received from his son and his old friend, Stead.

"Benjamin, you are a blind," said the letter, "and I am a blind."

"There were things in it," said Sir Arthur, "which were interesting to me."

Expecting to meet the impersonation of Sherlock Holmes himself, Benjamin was surprised with the genial manner of the big Englishman. Although his resemblance to the detective was striking, the eyes were distinctly kinder.

"He was very courteous," said Benjamin. "He made me feel that I had known him for a lifetime right away."

The trance lasted half an hour. Benjamin explained that he passed into the trance state by deep breathing, and was brought out of it by someone else grasping his hands.

Pulled Down. Sir Arthur pulled down the blinds of his room and moved his chair close to Benjamin and sat facing him. He had a red note book of large pocket size in his hands, and took notes.

According to Sir Arthur, his son and Wm. T. Stead both "came through" and gave him messages of a spiritual character. Finally there was a blessing from a very high spirit.

"While I got nothing of an evidential value," he said, "it was of very high quality, for we don't encourage personal messages. It was a message that one feels all the better for having received."

As for the automatic letter, Sir Arthur would not explain what he meant by the references which he said Benjamin could not have known.

Talking afterwards, Sir Arthur said that he found American cities much more tolerant towards spiritualism than those in Canada.

WANTS OLD TIME BACK. Prince Rupert, B. C., May 17.—After two weeks of daylight-saving time, the Prince Rupert city council has been presented with a strong petition demanding its abandonment. The petitioners, chiefly women, say it is bad for the children and necessitates also a great deal of extra work in the household.

Prevent Summer Sickness Rather Than Cure It

Your Baby in Hot Weather.



AS summer comes, conscientious edge of how to keep it clean and mothers all over Canada begin to think with dread of the dangers to which their babies will be exposed in the long hot days of July and August.

They are acquainted with the alarming "summer peak" of infant death, put out by health departments every summer, which shows a very critical season this is for not more so, is the fact that it is for babies, especially for those who are already somewhat under par.

It is true that hot weather is hard on a baby, especially if the heat is protracted, but it is also true that with good care a baby may be safely brought through the hottest weather, in the great majority of cases.

Year by year, that dreadful "summer peak," with its mounting curve, ever rising through the six hottest weeks, is being cut down. It is nothing like as high now as it was ten years ago, and each year it is getting lower.

Two things are mainly responsible for this steady reduction in the number of babies who give up their little lives every summer. These are the better knowledge of the dangers of impure milk, with increased knowledge of how to keep it clean and pure.

To prevent summer diarrhoea is a far better thing even than to bring the baby safely through it, for it takes a good while to restore a child to perfect health even after a mild case, while it may take months, if the illness has been severe and prolonged.

The mother should realize that the time to fortify herself with such advice and instruction is now, before the heat and the possible emergency are upon her.

Inspector of Detectives Thomas Nickle thought that Christmas came twice a year when he opened his front door Wednesday morning and found that some kind individual, who without a tinge of conscience, had laid a nice tray on the step, with various pieces of decorative china on it.

A nice stein, and a small, woven-grass box containing cigarettes, were among the articles on the tray, which is black with silver markings.

Detective Nickle believes that his "presents" were presented to friends by the young Londoner who left the city in a hurry a week ago Saturday, when he came to the conclusion that he was suspected in connection with wholesale robberies of summer cottages.

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DOUBT BRITISH CABINET WILL RESIGN OFFICE

Coalition Ministers Meet To Consider Result of Government Defeat.

WILL APPOINT COMMITTEE

Decide To Defer To Vote of Commons and Sift School Program.

London, May 17.—The British cabinet has decided to defer to the wishes of the House of Commons, and appoint a committee to inquire into the educational program on which the government was defeated by a narrow majority last night.

Austen Chamberlain, the government leader, announced in the house this afternoon.

The cabinet met this morning to consider the position created by the government's defeat in the House of Commons last night. There was a full attendance of the ministers, including Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for the colonies, who has virtually recovered from the injuries he recently received while playing polo.

Defeat of the government in the House of Commons yesterday, while regarded as serious, is not expected by the morning newspapers to result in the resignation of the cabinet and an appeal to the country.

Those papers, however, which are consistently against Mr. Lloyd George, point out that the prime minister is now bound to see "the writing on the wall," and declare that the elections, which had seemed remote, are now brought nearer.

On the other hand, the government can, if it chooses, find sufficient excuse for resignation or dissolution. "So small a flame has before now kindled so large a fire," says the newspaper.

"But one thing is certain: The end, if still deferred, is no longer remote."

The Westminster Gazette says: "Mr. Chamberlain (the government leader in the House of Commons), acted like a very weary minister playing for a fall."

"We need not say that we welcome the result of last night's division although the government may not be willing to do so, and last of all, it gives another shake to the tottering government."

The Daily News says: "The government will probably pook-pook the political importance of their defeat, but its significance will certainly not be lost on the electorate."

Says the Daily Express: "It would be idle to deny that this is a significant and even important defeat, but it is not a vital one. Clearly, on such a comparatively minor issue, the government need not go to the country."

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May Be Prosecuted



RUDOLF VALENTINO.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 17.—Jean Acker, film actress from whom Rudolf Valentino, film actor, obtained an interlocutory decree of divorce, Jan. 10, 1922, said today she "would like to do something" because of her marriage at Mexicali to Winifred Hudnut.

"I shall take the matter up with my attorney," said Miss Acker, who judges of the superior court say still is Mrs. Valentino, and will be until the interlocutory decree is made final, Jan. 10, 1923.

Judge W. C. Summerfield declares such a marriage as that contracted by Valentino and Miss Hudnut is bigamous.

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MEETING ENDS IN FIGHT OVER CUTS, BONUSES

Committee Split Believed To Herald Bitter Conflict At Council Session.

STATUS TO BE AT STAKE

Childs, Hurt, Vows He Will Never Serve On Another Special Body.

A meeting of Mayor Cameron Wilson's special salary committee broke up in a row when the members met Wednesday morning to prepare a final report on its activities to be presented to a special meeting of the council Friday night.

The rock on which the committee split was the bonus question and the cutting of the wages of garbage men and outside workers of the engineer's department.

The split presages a warm, if not bitter, council meeting. At stake will be the status of the present administration. Mayor Wilson practically declared this when, in answering Ald. Douglass' contention that he would introduce his proposals to the meeting, he said that it could only be brought up on a two-third vote.

Ald. Douglass said he would get the two-third vote to do so. Mayor Wilson declared he would not. He was sure that the majority of the council would stand with the administration.

Slip Something Over. A charge made by Ald. Douglass and Judd, and stressed by the latter, that the original salary resolution was so worded to "slip something over" on the council, was the main cause of the disagreement between the members of the committee.

The discussion was warm, almost acrimonious, and finally wound up with the declaration that the committee could not get anywhere. Mayor Wilson left the meeting, after making some strong remarks. Ald. Childs declared he was deeply hurt, and vowed he would never serve on another special committee as long as he sat on the council.

There was no motion to adjourn, the meeting saving off because of a realization that no progress could be made. The committee was too sharply divided.

On the proposal to make staff reductions and adjustments to bring about the reduction of a total of \$4,000 in all city departments, the committee approved of the actions of the department heads.

This means that the six firemen, dismissed by the chief, replaced on Monday night by the council, will be again dismissed if the report is adopted.

Mayor Wilson said that this was all the meeting was called for and that it would be to receive this report that the council would be convened in special session.

Made Permanent Increase. Then Ald. Douglass brought up his proposal in regard to bonuses. He declared that when the Childs motion, that all bonuses be discontinued, was passed, he made it made in all departments, was introduced, the new members of the council were not aware that the bonuses paid in 1921 had been made a permanent increase in salary.

He then presented a motion, that the bonuses of 1921, made a part of the 1922 salary, be cut off all salaries, with the exception that no salary be reduced below \$2,500.

Ald. Judd said that his understanding was the same as that of Ald. Douglass, that all bonuses were to be stopped. He was not aware of the fact that the bonuses had been made a part of the salary.

"I know," said Ald. Judd, "that the members of the council feel that something was slipped over them. They had no knowledge of what had gone before."

Ald. Childs said that the interpretation would hinge on the word "discontinued" in the resolution. His intention was that there should be no bonuses this year.

Ald. Ashton, in the meantime, was inserting at every opportunity his demand that the wages of the garbage men and outside help of the engineer be placed back where they were. He charged that the engineer was not given authority to make such a cut.

There was quite a number of clashes between Mayor Wilson and Ald. Douglass and Ald. Childs, the chairman, and Ald. Judd.

These clashes were rather sharp at times, though not of the stormy variety. Between Ald. Judd and Ald. Childs the bone of contention was that though the chairman stated that he did not intend to stir anything over the council in his resolution, Ald. Judd reiterated time and again that

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