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DENNIS RESIGNS AS TORY LEADER

Peterboro Doctor and Wife Die In Summer Cottage Fire

W. ONTARIO CHAIRMAN HANDS IN RESIGNATION TO CONSERVATIVE PARTY

E. R. Dennis Quits as Tory Leader, Giving Business Concerns as Reason—Letter to Provincial Organizer Is Bombshell in Party Ranks.

HOLDS ORGANIZATION KEY TO MANY RIDINGS

The unexpected resignation of E. R. Dennis, Western Ontario leader of the Conservative party, was today's political sensation.

Conservative candidates in the Western Ontario ridings, and members of the executive of the Western Ontario Conservative Association, of which Mr. Dennis is president, while in session at headquarters today for campaign organization purposes, heard with some concern that their leader and chief worker had resigned by letter to W. J. Clysdale, provincial organizer. The news reacted like a bombshell in the party ranks, and the effect, it was admitted, will be far-reaching.

E. R. DENNIS.
President of the Western Ontario Conservative association, whose resignation as party leader was in the hands of members of the executive today.

Will Not Change Mind.

The resignation of Mr. Dennis from the Western Ontario Conservative association, which is the party machine for provincial and federal campaigns, is understood to be irrevocable. By way of explanation to the party Mr. Dennis stated that his firm, the Dennis Wire and Iron Company, Limited, of this city, is undertaking big extensions, and he finds that his time is taken up to such an extent that he could not give adequate attention to party campaign problems.

Asked by The Advertiser this afternoon for a statement, Mr. Dennis firmly declined to talk.

W. J. Clysdale, provincial organizer, present for the Western Ontario meeting today, was equally uncommunicative, but in answer to a question he said:

"No, the resignation will not be dealt with today. This is just a meeting of the Conservative candidates, not a meeting of the whole Conservative organization."

"I wouldn't like to say anything about it," he added, when pressed for more information.

Heavy Loss to Party.

Loss of the Western Ontario president is disastrous to the Conservative party. The work of Mr. Dennis in the last provincial election was held to be responsible for many Tory successes, and in some ridings he holds the key to efficient organization for the forthcoming federal fray.

Mr. Dennis is well-known in London by reason of his public activities. He is a member of the mothers' allowance board and a former member of the board of education and the housing commission and city council. His name has been mentioned on many occasions as a possibility for the Conservative nomination in London and in East Middlesex.

W. A. HOLLINRAKE DIES IN BRANTFORD HOSPITAL

Canadian Press Despatch.

Brantford, Sept. 25.—W. A. Hollinrake, K.C., clerk of the surrogate, high and supreme courts here, died this morning at the Brantford general hospital after a lengthy illness. He was prominent in the Brant county bar before being appointed to the official positions he held. He was a member of the general council of the United church. A widow, three daughters, Betty, Jean and Katherine; one brother, Bert, Toronto; three sisters, Mrs. Robert Kerr and Misses Bessie and Ann, of this city, and his father, Thomas Hollinrake, survive.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today — Fair and cool.

Saturday — Easterly winds and continuing cool.

Changes have been very rapid since yesterday, the low pressure having passed to the maritime provinces, while high pressure with a cold wave have come in from the northward. Light frosts occurred this morning in Ontario and Quebec.

Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations.	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	64	52	Cloudy
Calgary	78	40	Cloudy
Winnipeg	64	46	Fair
Port Arthur	50	40	Cloudy
Parry Sound	56	30	Clear
Toronto	67	36	Clear
Kingston	66	34	Clear
Ottawa	62	36	Fair
Montreal	60	38	Cloudy
Quebec	50	36	Fair
Father Point	54	34	Fair
St. John	54	42	Cloudy
Halifax	62	52	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 64; lowest, 50.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 50; lowest, 37.

Sun rises at 6:08 p.m., and sets at 6:19 p.m.

Barometric Readings.

Thursday—8 p.m., 29.25.
Today—8 a.m., 29.52.

Delete 'Obey,' Says Bishop

Chicago Churchman Claims Word Means Just What It Says.

Associated Press Despatch.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 25.—Bishop Charles P. Anderson of the Episcopal diocese of Chicago, today made clear his stand on the removal of the word "obey" from the marriage ceremony, which recently attracted widespread notice. notice.

'Obey" means obey, and nothing else, in the opinion of the Chicago bishop. He labelled as humbug the contention of some of the church leaders that the word means honor, and should not be taken literally. Bishop Anderson declared he will vote to remove the word from the marriage service.

MANY PROPOSED FOR MAYORALTY

McKay, Smith, Douglass and Neely Possible Contenders With Wenige.

London's outstanding classic of municipal office, the race for mayoralty honors, offers to provide some interesting competition this year. Beclouded somewhat by the present federal campaign and the proximity of a provincial by-election, the mayoralty contest nevertheless is already in the preliminary stages of unusual development.

That George Wenige, three years an occupant of the chief magistrate's chair, will again be a candidate for that office there is little doubt. No matter what the developments are in regard to the Conservative nomination for federal office, Mr. Wenige is expected to again contest the honor which he has won in three out of four starts.

There are, however, several other potential candidates who have a certain following in the city which cannot be denied. Though they have not been consistent opponents of the present mayor, there is the chance that one or more may seek a change in municipal administration on the grounds of "time for a change," as well as the several important transportation and other issues.

Four Mentioned.

Ald. Frank McKay, Ald. Edwin Smith, Ald. L. H. Douglass, M.D., Ald. Homer Neely and ex-Mayor Dr. H. A. Stevenson figure in the present list of potential mayoralty candidates. Each and every one of these has enjoyed a fairly liberal following at times.

Today talk in municipal circles varies. Some of the present aldermen suggest an acclamation for Mr. Wenige and sweeping changes in the personnel of the aldermanic body. In this statement they are supported by the statements of leading aldermen during the past few months that they will not be mayoralty candidates this year.

Last year the mayoralty race looked like a cinch for Mr. Wenige, without a candidate until the last minute, and when Ald. Anderson tossed his hat into the ring he received more than 6,000 voters, unprecedented support for a man running second in the race.

Many to Run Again.

Aldermanic contests will bring out an unusual number of contestants

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GIRL SLAYER WILL LEARN FATE TODAY

Defence Seeks to Show Mental Inferiority in Case of Mike Kosmowski.

Associated Press Despatch.

Buffalo, Sept. 25.—The fate of Mike Kosmowski, confessed murderer of his 14-year-old sweetheart, Mildred Durkee of Hornell, will be known today. The defense hopes for a verdict of less than first degree to save the man from the electric chair, while the prosecution, alleging a deliberate, premeditated murder, demands a first degree conviction.

Although both sides completed summing up at 5 o'clock yesterday, Justice Brown deferred his charge until morning. Attorney Sydney Elsner for Kosmowski, said the man had made every effort to save Miss Durkee from the fate that cabaret life threatened to bring her, and that this failure to keep the girl in a narrow path drove him temporarily insane.

District Attorney Moore scoffed at the testimony of alienists for the defense that Kosmowski was suffering from constitutional inferiority and a mental complex that resulted in the killing.

TWO PERISH AS COTTAGE IS BURNED

Dr. J. B. Mann and Wife of Peterboro Victims of Early Morning Fire.

INQUEST IS ORDERED

Attempts at Rescue Were Futile as Flames Spread Rapidly.

Canadian Press Despatch

Brockville, Sept. 25.—Dr. J. B. Mann, aged about 40, and his wife, of Peterboro, were burned to death in a fire which broke out early this morning in a wooden cottage at Fernbank, three miles west of here on the St. Lawrence, which they were occupying in company with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brightman, also of Peterboro, as guests of Dr. George Imrie, of Rochester, N.Y. Mr. and Mrs. Brightman escaped by jumping from an upper window, Dr. Imrie being absent at his home.

Dr. and Mrs. Mann came here on Tuesday, intending to spend three weeks on the river. They occupied a front room in the two-storied cottage, while Mr. and Mrs. Brightman were in a room at the rear. The latter awoke to find the place filled with smoke and apparently jumped from the window, where they were found a few minutes later by William Brightman, of Rochester, sleeping in an adjoining cottage, who was awakened by the flames.

After having dragged them to safety, Brightman attempted to rescue the other occupants. He procured a ladder and broke the window in their apartment, from which black smoke rushed. Before he could enter, the entire room was filled with flames and further work was impossible. The flames and smoke evidently cut off the escape by means of a stairway, if Dr. and Mrs. Mann ever awakened from their sleep.

The cottage was totally destroyed, simply a heap of ashes being left upon the rock where it stood. Amid them the charred bodies of Dr. and Mrs. Mann were found side by side.

How the fire originated is unknown. The occupants retired leaving a fire burning in a fireplace, but this was protected by a screen. There was no other fire in the place.

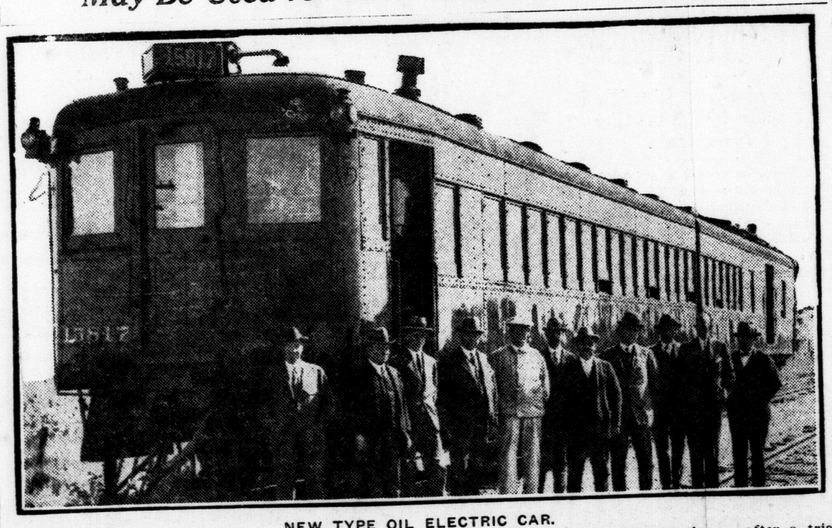
Dr. W. E. Harding, coroner, has ordered an inquest.

Dr. W. E. Harding, coroner and Chief of Police Burke were notified of the fatality and visited the scene at 3 o'clock this morning. They viewed the remains in the position in which they were found and ordered the removal of the bodies to a local undertaking establishment where an inquest was opened this morning.

A fine automobile owned by Thos. Brightman was destroyed in the fire, but another car, owned by Dr. Mann, which was housed in a tent a short distance away, was not harmed.

Dr. George Imrie, son-in-law of W. H. Brightman, and owner of the cottage was notified at Rochester, N.Y., by telephone of the fatality and left immediately by motor expecting to reach Fernbank today. Dr. Mann's brother and the deceased's partner, Dr. Palmer, Peterboro, were expected to arrive here this afternoon.

May Be Used for Short Hauls in This District



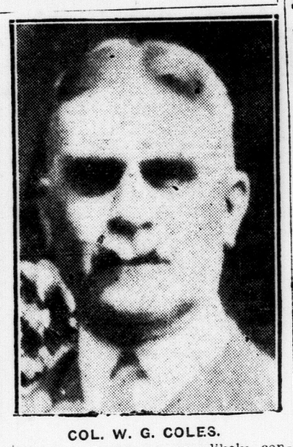
NEW TYPE OIL ELECTRIC CAR.

This is the type of car that may soon be seen on some of the branch lines of the Canadian National Railways in this district. The car is larger than those at present used on the short hauls east of London. The picture shows the car after a trial run from Montreal to Ottawa. It is called an oil electic large type car.

Possibilities for Tory Nomination

J. FRANK WHITE, M.P.

S. F. LAWRASON.



COL. W. G. COLES.

Here are three possibilities for the Conservative nomination at the convention on Oct. 2. Frank White, M.P., is generally conceded the nomination if he will accept. Col. Coles and S. Fred Lawrason are likely contenders if Mr. White drops out.

Coles Is Tory Contender If Frank White Steps Out; City Riding Outlook Hazy

Situation in All Party Camps Nebulous as Conventions Draw Near.

LABOR UNCERTAIN

Liberal Executive Meeting Is Called, With Convention Later.

With the announcement yesterday that a Conservative nominating convention would be held in this city on the evening of Oct. 2, and the definite decision last night of the London Labor party to place a candidate in the field for the coming federal election, the political situation in London has reached an interesting stage.

The outlook is still decidedly nebulous, in that no party has as yet definitely selected a candidate to contest the riding. There is, in fact, considerable speculation rife in all three parties as to who will finally be selected as party standard-bearers, and there is unlikely to be any definite moves until the middle of next week, at least. In the meantime, the situation is one that lends itself to analysis in a variety of ways.

Problem for Tories.

In the Conservative camp the whole problem focuses on whether or not the present member, J. Frank White, will again accept nomination. It has been several times asserted, and as many times denied, that he would prefer not to be a candidate owing to increasing pressure of business matters. If his Conservative friends succeed in inducing him to run again, there is little doubt that he will carry the Conservative nomination meeting on Oct. 2, but the mere fact that there is some doubt as to whether or not he will run has aroused ambitions in other sections of the party, with the result that at least two other names have been prominently mentioned as likely candidates.

One of those mentioned is S. Fred Lawrason, prominent in London business circles and chairman of the board of education this year. He has taken a very active part in the affairs of the Conservative party here for a great many years, and has experience and ability which commend him as an excellent choice.

Another Londoner who has rendered good service to the Conservative cause, and who also has a great deal of experience both in business and local public life, is Col. W. G. Coles, who besides giving good service as a member of the board of control, has an enviable record of overseas service, and it is believed that his candidature would attract considerable support from the returned men in the Conservative ranks. On the other hand, he would not be acceptable to the Orange order, members of which are numerous in the Conservative group here.

Despite this fact, Col. Coles is assured of a large following if his name goes before the convention. He has attracted considerable favorable attention of late by his advocacy of the policy first enunciated by the Western Ontario united boards of trade, of attracting settlers for the vacant farms of Western Ontario.

May Be An Independent.

In the way of independent candidates, the name of George A. Wenige must be considered as a possibility.

In the Labor party almost anything may happen as a result of last night's meeting, which took the somewhat unusual course of nominating five candidates and then deferring a selection to an open convention to be held a week from tonight.

Of the five candidates proposed, Dr. H. A. Stevenson is the most likely to accept the nomination.

Ald. Frank McKay was among those nominated. He was not at the meeting, but Ald. Clift, who was present, announced that there was

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Gives His Wife To Boarder

Associated Press Despatch.

Mansfield, England, Sept. 25.—Tired of his wife's cooking, and dissatisfied with her conduct generally, Walter Knowles, a clerk of Kirby, beat her every night for a week, and then gave her to their boarder as a present. He admitted as much to the judge when called into court on a charge of non-support preferred by Mrs. Knowles.

The wife presented in evidence a note written by her husband, reading: "This certifies that I, Walter Knowles, have turned my wife over to Andy Bayliss, lodger."

She was granted a maintenance order of 25 shillings weekly.

MISS BOND GETS STRATHROY POST

Will Take Over Duties as Hospital Superintendent in That Town.

Special to The Advertiser.

Strathroy, Sept. 24.—The hospital trust have announced that Miss M. E. Y. Morton, who has been superintendent of Strathroy general hospital for the past few years, has severed her official connection with the hospital. Miss Bond, at present on the staff of Westminster hospital, London, has been engaged as Miss Morton's successor, and will commence duty on Jan. 1. During the interval, Miss Lillian Lewis, assistant superintendent, will have charge, while Miss Hughes will assist with the training school.

MISS BONDFIELD MAY HEAD TRADES CONGRESS

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Sept. 25.—Miss Margaret Bondfield, who was under-secretary in the ministry of labor in the Ramsay MacDonald government, may be elected president of the trades union congress to be held in Liverpool next week. Miss Bondfield had accepted an office in the trades union congress shortly before she was appointed under-secretary in the late Labor administration, but upon becoming a member of the government she resigned her office in the trades congress.

READY TO SCRAP NORTHERN SPUR

Street Railway Will Not Consider Paving Broughdale Trackage.

The London Street Railway, rather than pave the track allowance from Huron street to Brough's bridge, the northern terminus of the Richmond line, is prepared to scrap the line from the city limits to the bridge, company representatives have intimated to London township authorities who are anxious to have the balance of the allowance paved.

Two meetings between the interested parties have been devoid of developments, but the township council is confident that paving will be completed next spring.

At the present time the west half of the road has been paved, the regulation government highway 10-foot width and an additional 5 feet and curb paid for out of local improvement money.

The street railway tracks are on the east side of the road and the company through refusal to pay for track allowance paving, has held up the government paving program which calls for another 16 feet of concrete. Residents of the vicinity are favorable towards paving another 5 feet for local improvement, it is said.

The street railway company intimates that it would cost $40,000 to pave their county track allowance and they cannot spare the money at this time.

MERCHANT'S WILL LEAVES $18,000 ESTATE TO WIFE

John Arthur Newton, Strathroy merchant who died on July 19 last, left an estate of $18,505 entirely to his wife Martha Ann Newton, according to the will filed for probate at the courthouse today. Mr. Newton's personal estate amounted to $6,200. He carried $4,000 life insurance.

FENG TIEN SOLDIERS FIRE UPON NEUTRALS

Associated Press Despatch.

Shanghai, Sept. 25.—Feng Tien soldiers guarding the Japan-China cotton mill located at Pootung, across the river from Shanghai, fired on disaffected workers last evening, wounding nine persons, of whom three were women. The firing occurred when the managers of the mill requested the soldiers to disperse workmen who had refused to work.

FIRE LOSSES LOWER.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Sept. 25.—Fire losses in Canada during the week ended Sept. 23 are estimated by the Monetary Times at $157,700, compared with $175,000 the previous week and with $765,700 the corresponding week of last year.

Return Tide of Canadians Exceeds "Leak" To U.S.A.

Recent immigration figures from Ottawa and emigration statistics from Windsor show that the much talked of Canadians who cross the border are doing it in merry-go-round fashion. While a large number are hurrying into the United States, their brothers are rushing back.

A despatch from Ottawa yesterday places the return numbers at 12,170 for the last four months. A statement from the American consulate at Windsor puts the "leakage" there at 3,500 a year.

Assuming that three other smaller ports of entry to the republic handled nearly as many migrations as Windsor, the figures would show a much greater number of Canadians returning to Canada.

Figures from the office of G. R. Taggart, American consul here, show that 1,120 Canadian-born people and 68 of foreign birth left this district in the last four months.

For the first 23 days of this month the number was 275 Canadians and 10 of foreign birth. The district taken in by the local offices are the counties of Elgin, Middlesex, Huron, Bruce, Perth, about three-quarters of Oxford and half of Norfolk.

RIFFS HAVE REAL FAITH IN LEADER

Abd-el-Krim's Little Army Carries On Despite Heavy Odds.

AT BATTLEFRONT

Special Correspondent Tells of Subterfuge Adopted To Get Into Lines.

By VINCENT SHEEAN.
Special Correspondent of The London Advertiser and North American Newspaper Alliance with Riff Armies.

Riff general headquarters, Targhauit, Sept. 9, by courier to Tangier, Sept. 24.—Bombarded on all sides by sea, land and air, and cut off from all supply centers of food, arms and ammunition, Abd-el-Krim's little rebel state is still carrying on.

It is not only carrying on, but is actually displaying greater spirit and greater unity in the face of these new dangers than it showed when Spain alone was the enemy.

In my four days' journey across the Djebala country from Tangier, and in one day here at headquarters I have seen no evidence of panic in the face of the might of France.

During the past six months the Riff telephone system, consisting of French field telephones bought in Algiers before the beginning of hostilities with France, has been extended throughout the Djabala country and now reached from a point near Tangier to outposts all along the Thounat front between Taza and Fez.

Sidi Mohammed, younger brother of Abd-el-Krim, sits here at Tarhzuit, his general headquarters, and directs the campaign on three fronts. He keeps in constant and direct communication with his brother, Abd-el-Krim, who is at Adjdir, on the Riff coast.

Foch himself could not go about the job of generalissimo more coolly or with more authoritative efficiency than this Riff general who still in his early thirties has carried out military victories in the field while his brother, Abd-el-Krim, was building up an orderly government throughout the country.

Riffs Are Confident.

The general staff at Riff headquarters certainly show a confidence which is impressive, a complete confidence in the ability of one Riff warrior to withstand at least ten Frenchmen or Spaniards, a confidence in the military efficiency of Moroccan weather, a confidence in the ineffectiveness of European aviation and finally a supreme confidence in the semi-legendary genius of their two leaders, the Abd-el-Krim brothers.

My method of entry into the Riff lines was an adventure which will interest many. On Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock I sat on the terrace of the Hotel Cecil at Tangier, where groups of English tourists were idly watching the gunboats of three nations as they rode at anchor in the sunny harbor. As had been previously arranged, a certain Riff tribesman happened to stroll along the pavement beneath the hotel terrace. He looked up vacantly once or twice, then started to walk away towards the beach, where Tangier's many sightseeing visitors disport themselves under the African sun.

Dons Native Garb.

I strolled along after him to the end of the beach, where he turned sharply in the sand dunes and began to stride along at a brisker pace. Fifteen minutes later I caught up with him between two big hollow dunes. Here a silent and swift operation took place. The tribesman opened a bundle which he was carrying under his arm, and in three minutes I had donned a huge, shapeless gown, the djeelaba of the Moorish peasant.

With my hood pulled well down over my face I returned to the promenade again, following my silent guide until he led me into a small house in the Arab quarter of the town, toward the outskirts of Tangier.

Here an aged Arab woman, one of Abd-el-Krim's regular agents, put me through a severe examination and gave me a few last instructions about how to pass the French guards.

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FRENCH GRAPE HARVEST DAMAGED BY STORMS

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Sept. 25.—Damage by storms is reported from many districts in France and the grape crop has been seriously affected. It is estimated that this year's yield of grapes will not be more than half that of last year, although until quite recently the grape growers had hoped for a bumper harvest.

Throughout France there have been severe electric storms and some cattle and sheep have been killed by lightning.