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Frank E. Leonard's Estate Valued At Over \$186,000

POSTAL SERVICE REORGANIZATION BEGINS IN LONDON

New Appointments in This District Will Be Made in Near Future.

MAKE PROMOTIONS

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Aug. 14.—Announcement of the transfer of E. J. Lemaire from the postoffice department to the privy council marks the beginning of the reorganization of the postal service throughout the Dominion. In connection with all the positions that are to be filled, two principles, it is announced, will govern—promotion from within the department and a knowledge of postal duties.

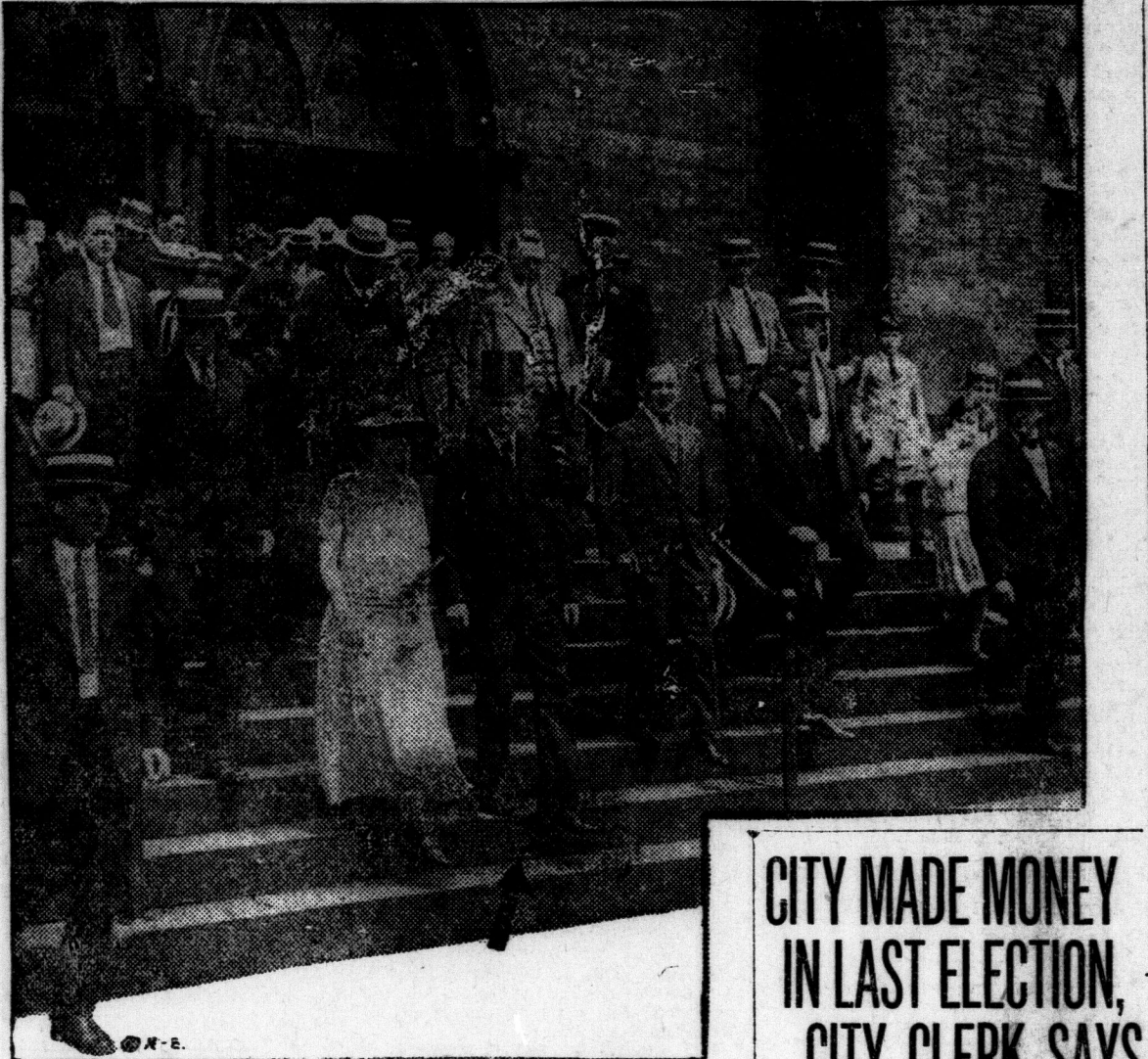
Three appointments announced today are: L. J. Gaboury of Montreal, appointed deputy postmaster-general; P. T. Coolican of Ottawa, appointed general superintendent of the postal service of the Dominion; and T. P. Murphy of Ottawa, appointed to take charge of the equipment and supply branch, the post vacated by Mr. Lemaire on his appointment as clerk of the privy council.

Messrs. Gaboury and Coolican at present hold the chief positions in the postal service in the order of seniority. Mr. Murphy is now private secretary of the postmaster-general and has been acting deputy postmaster-general since January 1 last.

The successors to Messrs. Gaboury and Coolican will be chosen from among the present employees.

The foregoing appointments, with the exception of that of deputy postmaster-general, will be made by the postoffice department and the civil service commission acting in conjunction.

Reorganization of the several postal districts on business principles, as provided in the new plan, will, it is anticipated, begin at once. Those of London and Halifax will be dealt with first. "When the reorganization of all districts has been completed," says an official memorandum, "it is confidently expected that the general reorganization will produce a marked increase in postal efficiency throughout the country."



NEW PRESIDENT JOINS IN PRAYER FOR CHIEF.

A memorial service for his late "chief" featured the ceremonies at the First Congregational Church, Washington, D. C., where President Coolidge and Mrs. Coolidge attended services for the first time since he became president. The pastor, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, preached his sermon on "Love Is Near," eulogizing the late President Warren G. Harding. The picture shows President Calvin Coolidge (indicated by arrow) and wife and members of his party leaving First Congregational Church in Washington after services for late President Harding.

'Food and Money For All' Is Slogan of New Chancellor

Gustav Stresemann Will Present Members of New Coalition Cabinet—Occasion Not Regarded as Auspicious as Red Revolution Looms Above Political Horizon.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.
Berlin, Aug. 14.—Chancellor Gustav Stresemann was scheduled to present his new coalition cabinet to the Reichstag at noon today with a slogan of "Food and money for all."

The occasion was not auspicious, with the nation apparently on the brink of dissolution, with red revolution, strikes, rioting and separatism hurrying here toward catastrophe.

Observers saw calamity ahead for the new regime, but Stresemann faced the situation with apparent calm. He planned an opening speech calling on the workers in the interests of themselves and the fatherland to abstain from warring the forces of communism.

Overnight flashes in the kaleidoscope of German events included a strong movement for separation of the Rhineland and formation of the long proposed Rhenish republic.

blood rioting in Hesse, Silesia, Hanover, Silesia and other towns; strikes in a score of cities, and misery and famine everywhere.

The steady spread of the communist movement, however, appeared to have been checked by the overthrow of the Cuno regime and formation of the Stresemann government.

Communist leaders privately admitted their fears that the proposed general strike would not succeed entirely, although they said they were ordered to put in full time on the work of inspecting the herds and milk supply of the city. Less than that, he said, would mean that he could not do the work efficiently. The general opinion of the board was that his salary should be substantially increased.

Thomas Duncan, London postmaster, is away on his holidays, but W. H. Skinner, deputy postmaster, declared positively to The Advertiser today that the local office had not been officially notified that the district is to be reorganized.

"Of course I've seen reports in the papers that a general reorganization of the postal service in Canada was contemplated, but this is the first definite news that has reached me, just what form the shake-up will take, I do not know, but after months of evident preparation plans have no doubt been formed that will add greatly to the efficiency of the postal service in this country."

PASSENGER STEAMER DAMAGED ON ROCKS

Princess Ena Strikes Submerged Reef in Crossing English Channel.

Southampton, Aug. 14.—A party of 280 excursionists aboard the steamer Princess Ena had an exciting experience early this morning, when the vessel in crossing from Southampton to St. Malo, France, struck some submerged rocks near St. Malo. A hole was cut in the steamer's hull and a number of passengers were transferred to the boats. However, excellent provisions prevailed and there were no casualties.

The Princess Ena later proceeded under her own steam. Two of the lifeboats, containing 80 passengers, were still missing at noon, despite efforts to find them, but the authorities believed there was no cause for anxiety.

FAMILIES ARE FORCED TO FLEE DURING FIRE

Toronto Blaze Believed To Have Been Caused by Spontaneous Combustion.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Aug. 14.—Two automobiles and one motor truck were destroyed, three families were forced to flee in scanty clothing, one man was burned about the arms, and a large stock of groceries and foodstuffs suffered smoke spoilage, by a fire which broke out in three large two-story frame sheds on Yonge street north early this morning.

The fire, probably caused by spontaneous combustion of the hay, was seen by the constable on the beat in the art of the sheds facing the lane.

With the aid of police and neighbors the grownups and children, about twenty in all, got out safely. One mother had to go through a pall of smoke to rescue her baby. The damage amounts to about \$25,000.

Wanted In Saskatchewan Found In City Hospital

Wanted in Regina, Saskatchewan, on a charge of theft, William E. Brown, of that city, has been found in Victoria Hospital, where for some weeks past he has been suffering from pneumonia.

Provincial Officer T. Y. Stratton discovered the man there after he had received a wire from the head of the provincial police of the western province, stating that it was believed that Brown had gone to London and was living on Colborne street. Constable Stratton investigated and discovered the man he was looking for was in the hospital.

Calling on the doctors in charge, he told them that the man was wanted and that under no consideration was he to be allowed to go without notifying the police. For some time he has been convalescing, but is still not able to undertake the long trip back to Regina.

As soon as he is sufficiently recovered for this, officers will be sent from Saskatchewan to take him back to stand trial.

CITY MADE MONEY IN LAST ELECTION, CITY CLERK SAYS

Provincial Contest Put \$400 in Treasury For Rent of Polling Booths.

"That's fine, let's have another election and make a little more," said the mayor this morning when he heard that the city had some \$400 to the good as the result of renting halls and buildings for voting purposes in the provincial election. City Clerk Baker said this morning that the city had benefited to this extent from the election. Perhaps the money will go to increase the amount that is ready to be used as bonuses or increased salaries at the proper time.

Last night at the meeting of the board of health Alderman Douglas scouted the idea that bonuses should be granted. "Bonuses are not wanted," he said. "It's got to be salary increases."

The mayor was heard to murmur, "The matter will be settled when the results and recommendations of the surveys are returned and not before."

The matter was brought up when it was found that Dr. C. S. Tamplin was putting in full time on the work of inspecting the herds and milk supply of the city. Less than that, he said, would mean that he could not do the work efficiently. The general opinion of the board was that his salary should be substantially increased.

TWELVE LOSE LIVES IN UTAH CLOUDBURST

Terrific Storm Causes Damage Estimated To Exceed Million.

Associated Press Despatch.
Salt Lake City, Utah, Aug. 14.—Twelve lives are believed to have been lost in Northern Utah as a result of a series of cloudbursts last night and early today. Property damage is expected to total upward of \$1,000,000.

Four persons are known to be dead at Farmington, Utah, just north of Salt Lake City; two men and a woman are reported dead at Willard, Utah, and five Boy Scouts are reported drowned in a canyon east of Farmington.

The cloudburst, preceded by a severe electrical storm, tore down telegraph poles and communication is crippled.

Farmers declare that flood waters carried away and drowned countless of motor cars stalled on low lying roads.

REGAN MAY BE APPOINTED SHERIFF OF WENTWORTH

Special to The Advertiser.
Toronto, Aug. 14.—It is understood that T. H. Regan of Ancaster, a former Conservative member in the legislature for South Wentworth, will be appointed sheriff of Wentworth.

SAY EXCHANGE HAMPERS TRADING WITH DOMINION

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Aug. 14.—The Canadian exhibition train, which is traveling through France showing Canadian products, natural and manufactured, has arrived at Dijon. The business men of Dijon are displaying a good deal of interest in the exhibit, but they point out that the exchange seriously militates against the close economic relations between France and Canada, which they would desire to see established.

FRANK E. LEONARD ESTATE VALUED AT OVER \$186,351

Bulk of Deceased's Property Consists of Stock in Business of E. Leonard & Sons.

WIDOW CHIEF HEIR

The will of the late Frank E. Leonard, disposing of \$186,351.71, was admitted to probate this morning at the request of the executors, Lieut.-Col. Elton Ibbotson Leonard and the Canada Trust Company. The will shows a net personality of \$186,351.71, with realty of \$28,500.

The majority of the estate was bequeathed to his widow, Mrs. Alice Louise Leonard, who receives all clothing and jewelry, all furniture, pictures, household and stable effects, and the residence on Queen's avenue, "Oakwood." After several other bequests have been paid, the residue is left to Mrs. Leonard until death, after which time it passes to her three daughters, Alice, Estelle and Elaine.

To his son, Lieut.-Col. Ibbotson Leonard, is bequeathed all common stock in the firm of Leonard & Sons, amounting to \$57,000, while a request is also made that he be allowed to purchase the holdings of his sisters as long as she lives. To one of the daughters is to be given the sum of \$1,500 in the event of her marrying.

In detail, the estate is made up as follows:

530 shares preferred stock, Leonard & Sons	\$47,700.00
571 shares common stock, Leonard & Sons	34,260.00
164 shares common Huron & Erie Mortgage Corporation	3,608.00
387 shares common Huron & Erie Mortgage Corporation	44,892.00
10 shares Canada Trust Company	1,087.50
15 shares Sillierwoods	750.00
5 shares Cannon Huron Company	625.00
Insurance	16,700.00
Cash on hand and Victory bonds	4,847.96
Miscellaneous assets	4,500.00
Real estate	26,500.00

GUTHRIE MADE GIFT TO FERGUS TOWN HALL

Records Show Former Minister Secured Grant of \$6,000 For Improvements.

Special to The Advertiser.
Fergus, Aug. 14.—An interesting development from Hon. Hugh Guthrie's brief tenure as minister of militia in the late Meighen cabinet has come to light here. It involves a battle between this town and the government as it owns the Fergus town hall.

In 1921 Mr. Guthrie secured a grant of \$6,000 from his department for the improvement of the town hall of Fergus. The King government came into power and the grant was not paid. Guthrie, however, secured the grant, and the town hall was improved.

On referring to the arrangements, made by his predecessors, however, the present department of militia withdrew part of the grant, made a free gift of \$6,000 to this town with no strings attached to it. This week the government decided, therefore to abandon any attempt to claim the hall.

A similar situation exists in Aurora where Mr. Guthrie made an equally large grant. Fergus and Aurora are the only towns known where government generosity has attained such heights of extravagance.

NEWBORO FARMER MEETS DEATH ON C. N. R. TRACKS

Brockville, Ont., Aug. 14.—Edward Bolton of Newboro was fatally injured and his brother, Frank Bolton, of the same place slightly hurt when the automobile which the former was driving was struck yesterday afternoon at Noonans public crossing south of Westport, by the electric streetcar battery car operating on the C. N. R.

GASOLINE SLUMP WON'T AD LONDON IS DEALER'S VIEW

Over-Production Cause of the Price Decline in California and Southern States.

NOT TOO MUCH HERE

No appreciable effect on local prices will be felt as a result of the gasoline price war now raging in California and the Southern States, London automobile men believe.

The cause of the general slumping of prices through many territories of the United States is over-production, according to F. D. Baby, manager of the Imperial Oil Company here. Until the surplus millions of gallons are disposed of, gasoline will continue to sell there at 10 cents or less a gallon, he declared, but it is doubtful if any reduction is recorded in London and district.

Representatives Beemer & Co., Queen's avenue, attributes the desperate automobile fuel price-cutting in California to efforts on the part of the Standard and Imperial oil companies to squeeze out competition of smaller concerns. The battle, they believe, will last indefinitely until one or the other capitulate. All Standard Oil territories, including Indiana and California are affected.

"Tank wagon prices have changed all over," Mr. Baby said, "but wholesale figures remain the same. In London the cost of gasoline is nearer to that existing in Detroit and American border cities than it has been for years. Buffalo and Detroit prices are 20 and 22 cents a gallon, while London's are 28 to 30 cents. When you consider the Canadian gallon is larger than the American one figures are very reasonable."

"During Old Boys' week demand for gasoline exceeded ordinary consumption by 30 to 50 per cent. Beemer's increased their business by 50 per cent, while some service stations ran as high as 25 per cent."

Mr. Baby believed no serious aftermath of the situation in the United States would be experienced. In the event, however, of a reaction taking place in the form of a panic, he advised the giant refining plant at Windsor, under the control of the Imperial Oil Company, would take care of any possible emergencies.

LEWIS WILL CONFER WITH NINE OPERATORS

Workers' President Accepts Invitation To Again Discuss Wage Question.

Special to The Advertiser.
Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 14.—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, will accept the invitation of the United States coal operators to attend a conference with the anthracite operators. It was learned here today.

Lewis will give his acceptance some time during the day, it was understood. The conference will be held in New York tomorrow in an attempt to resume negotiations between miners and operators. Spokesmen for the miners here made it clear, however, that there was no intention to recede from the contention that recognition of the "check off" was a necessary condition to the resumption of wage negotiations.

FIRES BREAK OUT IN ITALY DUE TO INTENSE HOT SPELL

Associated Press Despatch.
Rome, Aug. 14.—Several fires, believed to be due to the heat wave, broke out today in the city of Italy. At Bologna, a hemp works was completely destroyed. At Fiume, two warehouses, containing straw, were burned out. At Torino, a church, containing artistic treasures, was burned down. Here in Rome a freight train standing in the station caught fire.

JENSEN IS CHOSEN HEAD OF THE GOOD TEMPLARS

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Aug. 14.—Lars O. Jensen of Norway was elected chief templar of the International Good Templars for the ensuing four years at the supreme lodge session here today.

George Cotterill of Washington was elected councillor. The next meeting of the supreme lodge will be held in the United States in 1927.

Find Body of Miss Fraser In Detroit River At Ecorse

Canadian Press Despatch.
Windsor, Aug. 14.—A three miles from the place where she was last seen on Thursday evening of last week, the body of Miss Grace Fraser, 25 years old, of Halifax, was found last night.

The body was taken out of the Detroit River near Fighting Island, opposite Ecorse, Mich.

Identification was made by a brother-in-law, William Sutton, whose family the young woman had been visiting here. Mrs. Sutton, Miss Fraser's sister, has not yet been told of the finding of the body, as she is in poor health and her relatives fear to tell her.

Indications point to Miss Fraser having struck her head upon some object in the river bottom while diving or having been seized with cramps in the water. When last seen Thursday night she was sitting on a diving raft, opposite the Walkerville Boat Club at Ford City, across a bathing suit. Her clothing was later found on shore.

Identification of the body was made by means of a bathing cap, which was on the body when it was picked up.

London Troops Coming Home

Associated Press Despatch.
Sydney, N. S. W., Aug. 14.—Although nothing official is available, it is stated in well-informed circles that the various units of the Canadian army from London, Ont. and other points, which have been stationed here on strike duty for over six weeks, will be sent for the mainland tonight. The provincial police force will remain on the ground.

STATES GERMAN READY TO CEASE HER RESISTANCE

Dr. Gustav Stresemann Outlines Conditions For Abandonment of Policy.

RESTORE CONTROL

Associated Press Despatch.
Berlin, Aug. 14.—Dr. Gustav Stresemann, the new German chancellor, outlined, in a statement today, the conditions under which Germany is ready to abandon the passive resistance in the Ruhr. The conditions are the complete restoration to Germany of her right of control over the Ruhr, re-establishment of the conditions in the Rhineland vouchsafed her under the Versailles Treaty, and the liberation of every German citizen who has been outraged, evicted or imprisoned. The statement was made in the course of his inaugural speech to the Reichstag this afternoon. Dr. Stresemann made no mention of evacuation of the occupied areas, merely stressing the conditions under which Germany is prepared to enter upon negotiations for the complete restoration of her jurisdiction and the freedom of her citizens there.

The new chancellor was cordially greeted by the majority of the houses, the only jarring note in his reception being in the form of boisterous heckling by the Communists.

TWELVE RIOTERS KILLED

Aix la Chapelle, Aug. 14.—Twelve persons were killed and more than 80 were wounded here last night when crowds attempted to storm the police headquarters and rescue prisoners taken during the day when the police broke up a food shortage demonstration.

All the victims were German civilians. In yesterday's demonstration 4 Germans were killed and 40 wounded.

The crowd was composed for the most part of idle workmen. It laid regular siege to the headquarters and refused to heed the police warnings to disperse.

After throwing hand grenades into the crowd and firing several volleys, the security police emerged and charged the mob with sabres and revolvers.

Mounted police now are patrolling the city. The Belgian troops did not interfere in the affair.

RESERVES SENTENCE IN CHARGE OF FRAUD

Court Finds George Wilson Guilty of Obtaining Credit Falsely.

Sentence was reserved on George Wilson, who was found guilty on a charge of obtaining credit by false pretences.

The original charge against Wilson, when he appeared in court last week, was one of forgery, but the crown consented to reduce the charge. Wilson pleaded guilty.

The information was laid by Inspector of Detectives Thomas Nickle, following a complaint from Mrs. Johnston, boarding-house keeper who stated that Wilson had given her a check which was no good.

She told the court this morning that Wilson had been sent to her home by the Salvation Army for two days. At the end of this period he had proffered her a check which he said he had received for working for a local plumber. On investigation the check proved to be worthless.

Wilson said he did not know why he did it. He has a sister in New York, and has only been in town four weeks. Magistrate Gladman remanded him to jail for a week for sentence.

GOVERNOR WALTON PLACES TULSA UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Associated Press Despatch.
Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 14.—Governor J. C. Walton has issued a proclamation placing the city of Tulsa under martial law. At 8 a.m. today guard units from Oklahoma City and Okmulgee were ordered to proceed to Tulsa. Issuance of the proclamation followed flooding of Nathan Hantman Friday night. All civilians must be off the streets by 11 p.m., and no one is to appear on the streets after midnight.

YOUNGSTERS MADE ILL FROM EATING CANDY

Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, Aug. 14.—More than twenty young boys are sick and under medical care, and six others are under arrest, charged with having given them heavy doses of chocolate-coated medicine which they are alleged to have stolen. In one family alone, six boys were sick. It was complained that the sick youngsters had all eaten candy which had been given them by other boys.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.
Today—Fresh to strong southwest winds; a few scattered showers, but mostly fair.

Wednesday—Fresh west to north-west winds; fair and moderately warm.

The disturbance, which was over the Maritime Provinces yesterday, is now over Newfoundland, and that which was over Manitoba is moving quickly eastward across northern Ontario. Showers have occurred in the St. Lawrence valley, eastern Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

Elsewhere the weather has been fair.

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	60	50	Fair
Calgary	80	48	Fair
Winnipeg	80	56	Cloudy
Port Arthur	60	50	Fair
Perry Sound	72	54	Rain
Toronto	72	64	Cloudy
Kingston	76	58	Fair
Ottawa	74	48	Fair
Montreal	68	54	Fair
Quebec	64	48	Clear
Father Point	48	42	Clear
St. John	66	50	Clear
Halifax	72	56	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 80; lowest, 60.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 82; lowest, 52.

Barometric Readings.
Monday, 8 p.m.—29.15.
Today, 8 a.m.—29.06.