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WILL HALE 100 BUSINESS MEN TO COURT

ASSERTS PINE LAWN HOUSES BADLY BUILT

L. O. Swift Appeals to Ward Three Court of Revision For Relief.

TOO HIGHLY ASSESSED
Alleges Leaky Roofs, Warped Floors and Various Other Defects.

Vindicating the stand taken by The Advertiser in face of many denials one year ago, L. O. Swift of Pine Lawn appeared before the court of revision for ward three Friday night, on behalf of a deputation of citizens who have purchased homes in that district from the London housing commission, and declared that the "houses are extremely faulty."

Mr. Swift, and his neighbors, who backed him up in his statements Friday night, gave the lie to the statement published in London Thursday that "practically all of the houses have been disposed of to home-seeking citizens, who state that they have no reason to regret their bargains."

More Than Worth.
"We are paying a lot more than the houses are worth," said Mr. Swift, approved by eight other assessors who appeared against the assessment on Pine Lawn property. Owing to the fact that Mr. Swift declared that "a majority of the faults are common to all," he was allowed to state the case for the entire delegation of indignant Pine Lawn citizens.

Despite the published statement that the occupants of these houses "in repeated interviews have declared to be as good as may be found on similar priced houses anywhere," Mr. Swift, with the approval of the deputation, said: "The roofs are all leaky, and the price is extravagant for that locality."

Additional faults listed by the deputation in connection with these dwellings purchased from the city included the following: "The basement lot in water, most of the roofs are leaky, there are gaps in the floors, the houses are so rough when we shake the furnace, the windows are warped, and there are a lot of smaller defects."

"All of us took the houses on the understanding that the assessment would not be more than \$2,000," Mr. Swift informed the court. "The language used to sell the houses was low taxes and easy terms. We are paying a lot more than the houses are worth."

"Who made those promises?" asked Sheriff Graham, a member of the court.

"J. W. Cunliffe and Mr. Tallant of the housing commission," replied Mr. Swift.

"You know they have no power to do as they said," commented Chairman P. E. Feary.

"But, gentlemen, they represented the housing commission," protested Mr. Swift. "Surely we could take a letter to them asking the support of the housing commission in this appeal, but received no answer. We claim the property is assessed over its actual value at \$2,200 for a four-roomed house, \$2,500 for a five-roomed house."

"We feel that an extraordinary mistake has been made," he continued. "The houses are extremely faulty. You can repair them," advised Chairman Feary.

"That is not up to us," replied the spokesman for the delegation, pointing out that the houses were purchased in good faith as being in first-class condition.

"We will take it up with Mr. Grant," Turn to Page 3, Column 2.

SHOWERS ASSURE WESTERN CROPS

Calgary, June 24.—The district enjoyed intermittent and copious showers yesterday. The precipitation was not great, but cool weather and showers mixed with a couple of downpours within the last two weeks have made the farmers practically certain of a splendid crop this year.

LATE SPORTING NEWS

MONTREAL MEN IN GOLF FINAL

Anacost, Ont., June 24.—C. C. Fraser and N. M. Scott, both of Montreal, are today engaged in the final struggle for the Canadian amateur golf championship at the links of the Hamilton Golf Club here.

Scott goes into the contest a slight favorite because of his conservative methods and orthodox style.

LATE NEWS BULLETINS.

INTERNATIONAL RACER WRECKED.

Halifax, N. S., June 24.—The Gloucester schooner Puritan, prospective international racer, has been wrecked on Sable Island. Seven men reached shore, fifteen missing.

JAPAN TO QUIT SIBERIA.

Tokio, June 24.—Japan will evacuate Siberia by October 30 next, it was learned today.

Demands British Home Secretary Quit

ASK REMOVAL OF SHORTT IN WILSON PROBE

Coalition Unionists Inclined To Go Over To "Die Hard" Party.

SECRETARY MAY RESIGN

Waverers Take Attitude That Irish Treaty Fails To Bring Peace.

LONDON, June 24.—The probable effect on the political situation of the assassination of Field Marshal Wilson attracts attention this morning, and all the newspapers speculate as to the position of the British government in view of the outbursts of anger in Parliament at the withdrawal of protection from prominent men.

The intense indignation over the murder is mingled with widespread feeling that it should have been prevented, and consequently a scapegoat is being sought. Home Secretary Shortt, as responsible head of the police, has been singled out particularly as a necessary victim, and his removal is demanded. That he will forestall the political pressure on the government by voluntarily resigning is predicted in some quarters.

Monday's session of the House of Commons may see the defection of a large number of the Coalition Unionists, who have hitherto supported the government's Irish policy, but who are now more than ever inclined to attach themselves to the "die hards." These Conservative waverers are represented as taking the attitude that they supported the Anglo-Irish treaty because the government assured them it would settle the Irish question and peace would follow. Peace has not followed, they say, and the government must take the consequences. Nothing, it is declared, has occurred since the last general election to weaken the party allegiance so dangerously.

Whether this resentment will crystallize during the week-end into a solid opposition menacing the existence of the government or whether a calmer view will prevail by Monday will only be seen when the commonsense of the political writers seriously perturbed at the outlook and that the government whips are anxiously reckoning the strength of the support they may expect should the issue come to a head.

Whether the result of a widely-organized plot of violence and outrage against British public men persists, but nothing tangible has been unearthed to support it, and it is stated in some quarters that if such a plot ever existed the slayers of Field Marshal Wilson cannot be connected with it. British officials are understood to have been in communication with the provisional government in Dublin concerning crime, but nothing authoritative in this connection is disclosed.

The official precautions to protect public men have not yet been extended to include the closing of the public galleries in parliament. They were open yesterday as usual, but some of the occupants apparently were detectives.

The Morning Post prints prominently a statement from a unnamed correspondent that Lady Wilson yesterday sent a message to the cabinet to the effect that the presence of any cabinet minister at her husband's funeral would be distasteful to her. The message caused much consternation, and a letter was written to Lady Wilson begging her to reconsider her position.

WM. ROCKEFELLER, OIL MAGNATE, DIES

Tarrytown, N. Y., June 23.—William Rockefeller, oil magnate and brother of John D. Rockefeller, died here today from pneumonia shortly before 7 o'clock. Mr. Rockefeller had been ill at his home, Rockwood Hall, in North Tarrytown, since Sunday, but word of his condition was not made public.

Enjoying "Absolute Rest With No Visitors" At Home

LONDON, June 24.—Alfred Charles Harmsworth, Lord Northcliffe, still remains today in seclusion in his home here.

His condition remains serious, and he is reconciled to his doctor's instructions, which are "absolute rest and no visitors."

When 21, Harmsworth founded "Answers" on the theory that a paper cheaply produced could be made within financial reach of the masses. As this was a departure from established journalism, failure was emphatically predicted for the young publisher. But a few years later, he sold Answers for \$6,000,000.

Next he bought the London Daily Mail, and with it ventured into the then untrodden field of "tabloid journalism," the telling of news briefly and concisely. In three years the Daily Mail attained the largest circulation of any newspaper in the English language.

Harmsworth rapidly obtained control of other newspapers and magazines (including the London Times), until he became the largest newspaper and magazine owner in the world and one of the richest and most powerful men in the British empire.

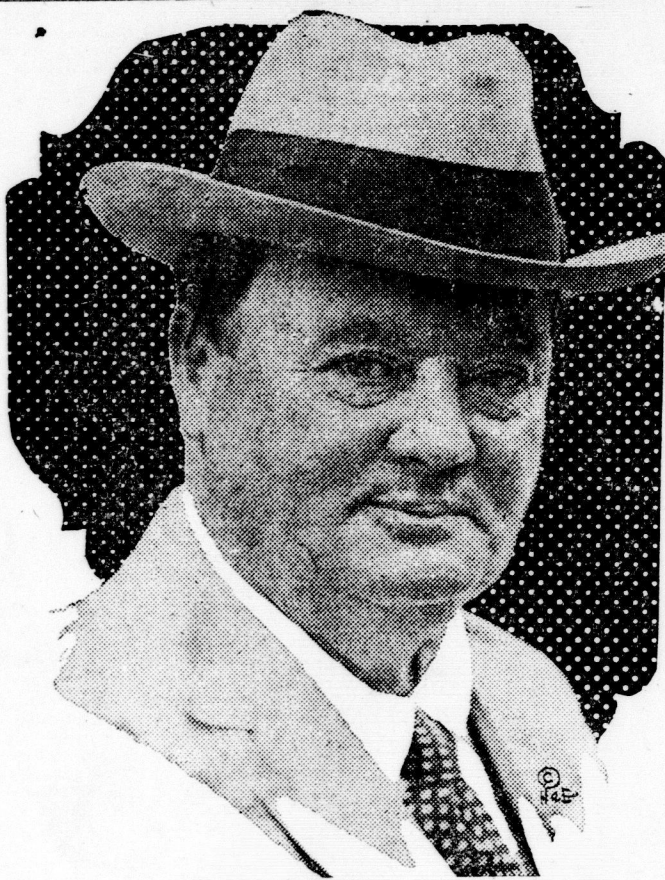
He was created baronet in 1904 and raised to the peerage as Baron Northcliffe in 1905. He was made viscount in 1917.

Northcliffe headed the British war mission abroad in 1917, and was director of propaganda in enemy countries in 1918.

It is generally conceded that Northcliffe's attack on the conduct of the war was responsible for the changes which resulted in the elevation of Lloyd George to the premiership. Later, however, Northcliffe

and Lloyd George became embroiled in a violent disagreement.

Lord Northcliffe married Mary Elizabeth Milner in 1888.



LORD NORTHCLEFFE.

YOUNG DOCTORS LEAVE HOSPITAL

Members of Staff of Victoria Accept Appointments Elsewhere.

Senior Medical Students Will Fill Vacancies Created by Resignations.

Several changes on the staff of Victoria Hospital were announced Saturday. The appointments of internes who are senior students at Western University Medical School was made necessary in view of the fact that several young doctors have resigned to follow their chosen profession elsewhere.

This practice has been in vogue at Victoria Hospital since the period of the war.

The new internes appointed this year at Victoria Hospital and their homes are as follows: J. E. Hunter, London; H. G. Fletcher, Hilderton; G. M. L. Beattie, Sarnia; H. H. Stothers, London; G. C. Leckie, Sarnia; A. R. Post, St. Thomas; L. G. Cargill, Carleton Place; M. C. G. Fletcher, Strathroy; and Dr. Roy Kingswood of London, who is chief resident physician.

Internes who have resigned are: Dr. W. E. Macdonald and C. A. Cline of London, who have accepted appointments to the staff of Hamilton General Hospital, Dr. T. O. Smith of London and Dr. Murray S. Douglas of Hilderton, who will practice medicine in this district; Dr. Hugh Lewis and Dr. John Fisher, both of Guelph; Dr. Kenneth Johnson of London, who will follow post-graduate work in England, and Dr. Murray Simpson and Dr. Carl B. Bowen of Niagara Falls and Aylmer respectively, who have accepted appointments elsewhere.

Dr. Robert Johnson of this city, chief resident physician of Victoria Hospital, has resigned in order that he might practice his profession in London.

APPROVE WASHINGTON TREATY.
Tokio, June 24.—The Japanese privy council today approved unanimously the quadruple treaty recommended at the Washington arms conference. The treaty was sent to the prince-regent for ratification. He promised that this formality would be carried out.

Court Awards \$200 Balm For Tax-Sick Stomach

H. SIGEL, a resident of Horton street, provided a laugh for the court of revision, which heard appeals against assessment of property in Ward Three Friday night.

Mr. Sigel did not take kindly to the prospect of having his taxes boosted, and so informed the court.

"The increase in assessment made me sick with the stomach," was the startling declaration made by him to the court.

Not desiring to accept responsibility for causing a citizen to suffer such inconvenience, the court reduced Mr. Sigel's assessment by \$200.

RIDICULES WAR CRITICS WAGE TO DISCREDIT UTILITIES BODY

Acting Manager A. O. Hunt Believes Success of Water Well Is Assured, and Points Out That City Is Protected by Iron-Clad "No Water, No Pay" Contract.

Branding it as a deliberate attack upon the public utilities commission, A. O. Hunt, acting general manager of that body, took decided exception Saturday to the recent report with respect to London's deep-well undertakings in East London and elsewhere throughout the city.

Backed by the assurance of the experts in the employ of the Ohio Well Digging Company engaged by the city, Manager Hunt is confident that the 90-foot well now being sunk in the southeastern section of the city, will measure up to expectations at least 1,000,000 gallons of water every 24 hours.

By Saturday at 11 o'clock a depth of nearly 65 feet had been reached, and Manager Hunt points out that the progress from now on will be steady and satisfactory.

"We have come through the worst now," he explains. "The drillers have passed the clay, and are now in the gravel. They believe that from now on they will be able to sink two feet a day until the required depth of 90 feet is reached."

Believe Supply Sure.
Manager Hunt, as well as the drillers themselves, are enthusiastic concerning the volume of water that the well is calculated to yield despite all the pessimistic reports and rumors to the contrary.

"As an instance," the manager pointed out, "before the present well was commenced the drillers sunk a 4-inch test well, and when water was encountered it shot up five feet above the surface of the earth. You can imagine what a force must be behind it."

"It is reasonably safe to assume that the Ohio Well Digging Company, after completing careful tests not only in Southeast London but throughout the district, would not proceed with this undertaking unless practically assured of success. The city is protected by an iron-clad contract; no water, no pay. They were not foolish to start if the location would yield good fresh water in abundance. They would stand to lose money."

Although unwilling to make announcements of too great optimism Mr. Hunt stated that after the depth of 50 feet was reached water was actually found in the gravel, and the well was then but a trifle over half completed.

SCORES CANADIAN LITERARY OUTPUT

Fort William, June 24.—Canada has no genius in literature as she has in art, declared Miss Lucy Doyle, prominent Canadian newspaper woman, at a luncheon at the convention of the National Council of Women yesterday.

Canadians need no encouragement to write, but they must be made to write well, she said. In spite of the output of Canadian fiction, the first-class productions are few. They are written for a great part in colorless English, and lack the vital element necessary in good literature. There is a tremendous lack of worthy criticism.

WILL CONSIDER PROTECTION FOR FRONT ST. LAND

Aldermen Attend Meeting of Residents of Menaced District.

CLAIM CITY NOT LIABLE

Ratepayers Claim Clinkers Still Dumped On River Bank.

Claiming that they are not engineering experts, and therefore cannot make any offer to the city, whereby their property can be protected from flooding by the River Thames, ratepayers of Front street, Friday night urged Ald. Ashton, May and Brighton, who attended their meeting, to obtain a report from the city engineer on the best method of protecting their land. Ald. John Ashton promised to obtain such a report, and to present it to No. 2 committee of the city council in session next Tuesday.

Devising a Scheme.
The meeting, which was called on the advice of the city council, was held for the purpose of devising a scheme for protecting Front street property to be presented to the council. In addition to the three aldermen, there were 20 ratepayers interested present.

A. R. Douglas, acting crown attorney, was also present on behalf of the ratepayers.

Ald. Ashton admitted to the meeting that no report on the matter had ever been given to the city council by the city engineer, and, therefore, the council had nothing definite to work upon. He promised to obtain a report from Engineer Brazier on the best method of protecting Front street from flooding, and to present it at the next meeting of No. 2 committee.

A report on various styles of a proposed breakwater will be obtained from Mr. Brazier, together with the estimated cost.

"The people have nothing definite to work upon," said A. R. Douglas.

No Claim On City.
"You have no legal claim on the city, but there is a moral obligation to protect every citizen," said Ald. John Ashton. "When a poor man needs protection his cause is seldom taken up. Everyone cannot live in the best residential section of the city, and citizens must often buy land Turn to Page 3, Column 4."

CELEBRATES 26TH YEAR IN COMMONS

Ottawa, June 24.—By the Canadian Press—"I feel as young as I was 26 years ago," Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, the speaker, informed the Commons last night, after the prime minister had congratulated him on celebrating the 26th anniversary of his entry into parliament.

No judgment on government was comparable with the friendship of the members of the house, Mr. Lemieux said. "I thank you all for the kindness and courtesy you have shown to me this session."

REPORTS BUMPER CROP OF BERRIES

Simcoe, June 24.—Heavy shipments of strawberries for various points in Ontario and Quebec have left the largely-horticultural county of Norfolk this week. The strawberries this year are a bumper crop, and raspberries and cherries will also probably be heavy. Vegetable yields, especially in the case of peas, promise well, and the big canning factories are already alive with this year's crops.

FLU DISRUPTS S. A. PARLIAMENT

London, England, June 24.—Canadian Press Cable.—Owing to a number of members of the South African parliament suffering from influenza, the parliament did not sit last night according to a cable from Reuters' Capetown correspondent. The outbreak of the influenza is widespread in the city of Capetown and Cape Peninsula, but there have been few fatal cases. All public offices and business houses in Capetown are affected by the disease.

KING'S DAUGHTERS ELECT OFFICERS

Vancouver, B. C., June 24.—Miss A. M. Brown of Toronto was yesterday re-elected president for the Dominion of the King's Daughters. Miss Brown, who has held this position in the order for the last 20 years, was unanimously re-elected. Mrs. W. E. Macdonald of Woodstock, was chosen vice-president, and Mrs. J. E. Austen, Toronto, was re-elected treasurer. The next convention will be held in Montreal.

Aid to Gardening



A GARDEN kneeling mat is one way to save your stockings, clothes and back while tending your flowers or vegetables. It protects you from contact with the earth, so that you rest your weight on your knees and save your back.

The mat is light-weight, water-proofed and very easy to carry. It looks very much like a basket.

ASSASSIN KILLS DR. RATHENAU

Fires Two Shots From Auto at German Minister.

Slayer Escapes, Leaving No Clue as to Identity.

Berlin, June 24.—Dr. Walter Rathenau, German minister of foreign affairs, was assassinated this morning.

The minister was shot and instantly killed as he was leaving his residence in Grunewald, a suburb of Berlin, for the foreign office in an automobile. The assassin escaped.

Official announcement of Dr. Rathenau's death was made in the Reichstag.

The murderer, who was driving in a motor car, slowed up as he was nearing Dr. Rathenau and shot twice at the foreign minister, the shots taking immediate fatal effect. Putting on high speed the assassin escaped. No clue of the identity of the murderer had been discovered up to noon today.

Dr. Walter Rathenau was styled the "wizard of the German empire," because of his high powers of organization and business ability, his readiness to adjust himself to the exigencies of the situation, and his calmness and army shooting, when the blockade had shut off the importation of raw materials during the war. After the war, as minister of reconstruction, his meetings with the French minister, Louis Loucheur, brought about with businesslike directness adjustments and accommodations which had been the despair of diplomats. He was of Jewish birth, and was described as a man of great force and energy, vision and initiative. His father founded the Allgemaine Elektricitats-Gesellschaft (German General Electric Company) of Berlin, commonly known as the A. E. G.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.
Today—Fresh to strong southwest winds; mostly fine and decidedly warm today; thunderstorms in some localities tonight.

Sunday—Fresh westerly winds; fair and not quite so warm.

An extensive area of low pressure covers Eastern Canada.

Pressure is high over the northwestern and southwestern States.

Light showers are reported from many districts in the West.

The weather is fair and warm in Eastern Canada.

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

	High.	Low.
Vancouver	75	61
Calgary	74	60
Winnipeg	76	65
Pt. Arthur	70	55
P. Sound	74	64
Toronto	84	62
Kingston	74	60
Ottawa	82	60
Montreal	72	60
Quebec	74	60
P. Point	60	44
St. John	63	48
Halifax	70	54

CITY FORCED TO ATTACK INCOME TAX SLACKERS

Delinquents Face Penalty of \$10 For Every Day Returns Are in Arrears.

WARD 1 MAIN OFFENDER

Commissioner Grant "Going Right Down List and Summoning Them All."

One hundred businessmen of London, who have disregarded notices served by the city to file income tax returns, will be summoned to police court next week, Assessment Commissioner Stephen Grant informed The Advertiser Saturday morning.

Mr. Grant pointed out that the penalty which those offenders may be called upon to pay is a fine of ten dollars for every day that the income tax returns are delayed.

As these returns in the case of the one hundred Londoners are long overdue, they may be called upon to pay heavy fines if the court so rules. As they have been notified several times by the assessment department, Mr. Grant states that failure to file the returns is not an oversight and that there is no excuse which may be reasonably offered by the defense.

"There are about one hundred citizens who are going to be summoned to police court to explain why they have not filed income tax returns," said Mr. Grant. "They will not come to us, so we will go to them. Every one of them has been notified to file returns three or four times at least. Bulk In Ward One."

"The bulk of these businessmen are assessed in ward one," continued the assessment commissioner. "The law provides a fine of ten dollars for every day that they have delayed filing returns, and some of them may be called upon to face a heavy penalty."

"We might just as well make a little money for the city as the Ontario temperance act, and I am going to summons these men. I do not know whether to grant or not, but I think the best system will be to go right down the list and summons them all."

"Four prominent citizens who failed to file income tax returns have themselves arbitrarily assessed by the assessment department," concluded the commissioner. "They then appealed this assessment, taking it to the court of revision, which met Friday night. The court allowed the appeals, as these citizens have since filed income tax returns."

URGES OPPOSITION TO SOVIET RUSSIA

Cincinnati, Ohio, June 24.—With adjournment tonight in sight, the American Federation of Labor convention began its last day's work with the question of recognition of Soviet Russia holding the right-of-way. Early disposition, however, was certain, for only two speeches—one for, the other against—was possible under the preliminary session.

President Samuel Gompers and other foes of the Soviet, having secured a preliminary victory in forestalling protected debate, were ready to press forward with their program calling for the federation to go on record for a third time as opposed to the Soviet.

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Montreal	72	60
Quebec	74	60
P. Point	60	44
St. John	63	48
Halifax	70	54

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 80; lowest, 61.

Barometric Readings.

Thursday—8 a.m., 29.28.

Today—8 a.m., 29.29.