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MA GAZE EDITOR KEEPS TRYST WITH DEATH

Mayor Expects To Open Swimming Pools On Sunday

ADD MANY SIGNATURES TO PETITIONS ASKING FOR SUNDAY SWIMMING

Definite Action Likely To Come by Thursday, the Mayor Announces—Meeting of Public Utilities Commission To Be Held Then, When the Whole Matter Will Be Discussed.

MR. VINING SAYS MAYOR CAN'T OPEN POOL

Mayor Wenig's supporters in his fight to reopen the bathing pool on Sunday next are massing for the attack, but no definite decision can be expected before Thursday next, when the public utilities commission will convene.

In the meanwhile each passing hour witnesses the addition of signatures to the several petitions now in circulation throughout the city and even at this moment, the mayor states, more than 5,000 names of bona fide residents of London have been secured.

"They are going after all the names they can get," the mayor reported. "We have over 5,000 now, and no doubt we shall reach the 10,000 mark before the commission meets Thursday. I understand that Thursday is the regular meeting day. If not, we shall have to call one for that day."

As a matter of fact, however, the commission meets Tuesday, and the mayor stated that he would be at the meeting at the city hall that day.

Whether the latter will consider a special session imperative remains to be determined, but it is the general opinion at the city hall that a petition of such proportions as claimed by Mayor Wenig will prompt speedy action.

Thinks Commission Will Act.

And Mayor Wenig believes that the commission will open the bathing pools. "I do not see how they will rule against the wish of the people," he said today. "I honestly believe that the majority of the ratepayers of this city desire that the pools shall be available on Sundays. We are receiving ample evidence of that almost every minute of the day and the names that we are securing are not minors but bona fide residents and ratepayers of this community. Surely the commissioners will hearken to the will of the people who have elected them to their position."

Mayor Wenig continues to receive encouraging reports from those interested persons who are petitioning him in his latest venture.

"DIRT FARMER" WINS IN MINNESOTA VOTING

Majority of Mangus Johnson Over Governor Preus Likely To Be 50,000.

Special to The Advertiser.

Minneapolis, Minn., July 17.—Mangus Johnson, picturesque, horn-handed "dirt farmer," who speaks in the dialect of Sweden, and is most comfortable without his collar, was carried by the sudden slump in wheat prices throughout the middle west, overhauling victory over Gov. J. A. C. Preus, Republican, in the Minnesota elections for United States Senator, to succeed the late Knute Nelson. Nearly complete returns today showed Johnson's plurality over Preus, the administration choice, might reach 50,000. The "dirt farmer's" victory was conceded by the governor early today.

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA ACT IN ROLE OF MEDIATOR

Premier Tries To Bring Britain and France Together on Reparations.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

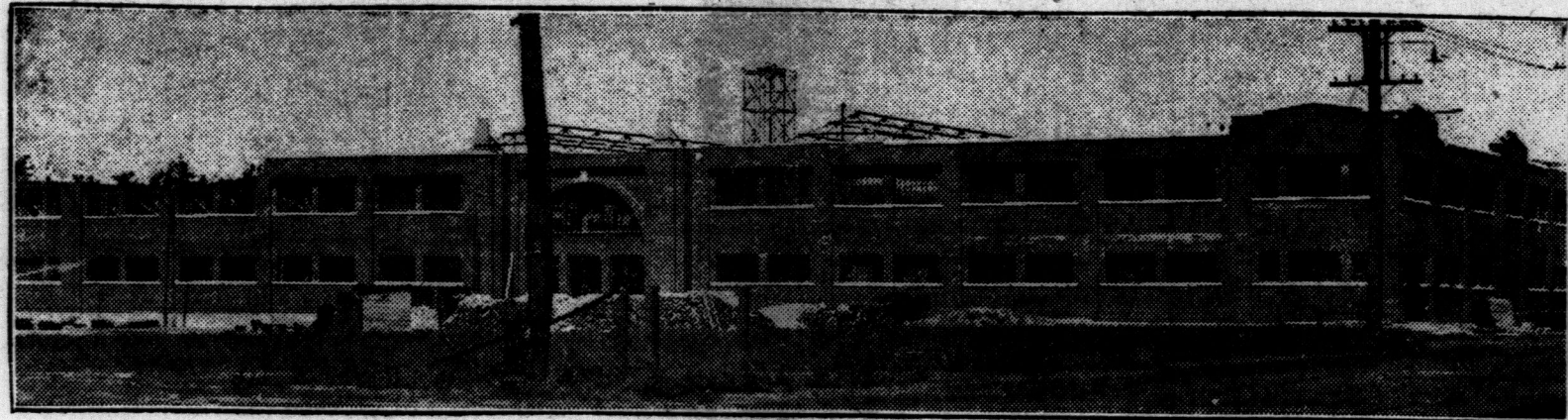
Paris, July 17.—Premier Bene of Czechoslovakia is here, attempting to play a role as mediator and bring France and Britain once more together on the subject of reparations. His efforts indicate anxiety on the part of the Little Entente lest the parent entente be dissipated.

Bene confers with Premier Poincare today, giving the French Premier impressions gathered in London. Tomorrow the Czech statesman will go to Brussels to confer with the Belgian government, seeking always a formula for mediation. He is trying to persuade France not to fear Britain's motives, and likewise to convince the British government that France does not wish to destroy or dominate Germany.

DESPONDENT OVER DEBTS, SLAYS SELF AND FAMILY

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, July 17.—Despondent over debts caused by her husband's inability to obtain work, Mrs. Josephine Antoinette Driggs, today turned on the gas in a bedroom of their home causing the death of their two children and then slashed her own throat with a razor.



NEW MANUFACTURERS' BUILDING.

This picture by The Advertiser staff photographer shows the fine progress made by the contractor who is building the new manufacturers' building at the Western Fair grounds. The work on the building is ahead of the time schedule in the contract. The space is nearly all let and in the opinion of the Western Fair board the building will add a much needed fillip to the interest of the fair.

WILL CELEBRATE CITY CENTENNIAL ON LARGE SCALE

Plans For 1926 Observance Will Be Commenced Old Home Week.

THE FIRST HOUSE

Reproduction of Peter McGregor's Cabin Used On Old Boys Literature.

Two years hence, in 1926, London will celebrate its one hundredth anniversary. His Worship Mayor Wenig and Edwin Smith, general secretary of the London-Old Boys' Association, reached the decision this morning that preliminary plans for the celebration of the centennial should be laid this year, in order to give ample scope for doing the thing on a big scale.

On Tuesday of Old Boys' Week, the international officers of the Old Boys' Association will be elected, and at the same meeting there will be discussed the early preparations for the 1926 reunion.

It was 95 years ago, in the fall of 1826, that the first clearing was made in a district which has come to be known as the most flourishing cities in British North America. Just where was the exact location of the log shanty built by Peter McGregor is an obscure point, but it is generally believed that it was on the southwest corner of King and Ridout street. It was at this point that a tablet was set in memory of London's first home.

Circulars sent out by the Old Boys' Association this year carry a reproduction of the original McGregor home, and if the present plans materialize, the next gathering of the Old Boys will be to celebrate the erection of this log cabin, just one hundred years before.

In a house erected shortly after, just one block distant, the first white native of London was born. Nathaniel Yerex, who died some years ago in Indiana, was born in the house built by his father, John Yerex, which stood for years afterward on the northwest corner of York and Ridout streets. This spot today is marked by a flaring billboard.

From the tiny log cabin which is shown on the Old Boys' circular, in just 95 years, London has grown to a city which has sent forth its thousands into all of the world's fields of industry and commerce. Hundreds of thousands will return next month for the centennial celebration, and to such an extent that the event would assume historical proportions in the romance of Western Ontario.

CLAIM BAKERS BENEFIT BY WHEAT PRICE DROP

Special to The Advertiser.

Kansas City, Mo., July 17.—Bakers are getting the gravy from the recent drop in prices of wheat and flour, millers here charged today. With flour selling at the lowest price since 1912—at \$4.50 a barrel, the price of bread in many cities remains unchanged, and the size of the loaf has not been increased. Millers say they are now selling flour at practically the same price of wheat that goes into it.

THINKS U. S. AND CANADA MUST CUT WHEAT ACREAGE

Associated Press Despatch.

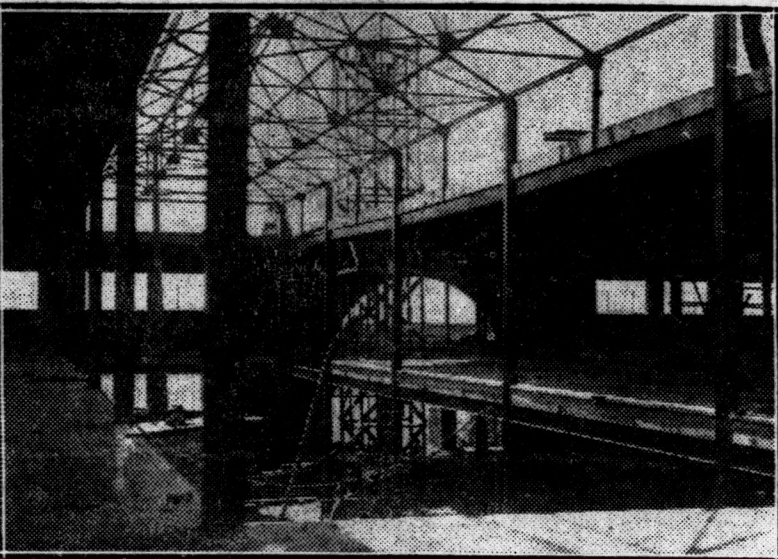
Sydney, Australia, July 17.—Representative Sydney Anderson of Minnesota, head of the newly-organized wheat council of the United States, today announced that plans are being made for a comprehensive investigation of the wheat problem in the United States. He believes that Canada and the United States must reduce acreage.

Heirs of Springer Estate Expect To Obtain Wealth

Many Western Ontario People Interested in Fortune Estimated at \$500,000,000—Will Meet in London Next Month.

Reading like a romance or fairy tale is the good fortune which has fallen to several individuals in Western Ontario of the late Christopher Charles Springer, who after the expiration of 100 years find themselves co-sharers in an estate valued at \$500,000,000.

During the war of 1812, Mr. Springer was mortally wounded, and in dying left considerable property, consisting of 2,654 acres of the choicest land in the state of Delaware, where the city of Wilmington is situated. Mr. Springer placed in trust of the state all this property, with deeds that were to be given to his descendants at the expiration of 100 years. This time was up in 1912, and the heirs of the late found themselves entitled to a vast property, far exceeding all expectations. A meeting of the co-heirs of this city was held recently and steps are being taken to prove their identity and descent. A large meeting will be held in London next month.



INSIDE THE NEW FAIR BUILDING.

From the inside the Manufacturers' Building on the Western Fair grounds looks even bigger than it is. The spaces in the building have all been modeled on the latest plans and are in conformity with the recommendation of the large fairs and exhibitions in the country. There is an elevator and the general arrangement will give the most up-to-date and efficient show building that can be devised. The building stands east and west and catches the eye as soon as the visitor enters the Dundas street gates.

U. S. MINE ENGINEERS PLAN ONTARIO TOUR

Provincial Department Officials To Accompany Visitors on Northern Trip.

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, July 17.—One of the first matters to come before Premier Ferguson this afternoon after taking his desk following the initial cabinet meeting, was a communication from the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, the largest institute of its kind in America, asking the co-operation of the government in the conduct of a trip its members propose to make through the areas of Northern Ontario in August. The institute will be in Toronto on August 20, and the government is arranging that when the visitors go north the officials of the department of mines shall accompany them and show them the great natural assets which Ontario possesses.

QUEBEC PRIEST HURT IN FRENCH AUTO CRASH

Father Langlois, 'Together With Montreal Citizens, Injured at Nimes.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

Nimes, France, July 17.—Father Langlois, director of the Quebec Seminary, Dr. Beauparlant and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. Coyne, and J. Clement, all of Montreal, were among those injured in a motor accident near here today.

None was injured seriously. The injured persons were part of a Canadian delegation comprised of twenty-five priests and prominent professors and wives. The party was en route to place a memorial in the church where Montcalm was baptized and were riding in an automobile bus which hit a tree, many of them being hurled into a ditch.

FATHER AND SON DROWN TRYING TO RESCUE GIRLS

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, July 17.—In an attempt to rescue two girl members of the Bourcier canoe had upset, J. E. Bourcier, and his 14-year-old son Florent were drowned in the St. Francis River, near St. Francois Du Lac, last evening.

WORRIED OVER ILL-HEALTH, HAMILTON MAN KILLS SELF

Canadian Press Despatch.

Hamilton, July 17.—Wm. May, aged 56, who resided at 403 Emerald street north, committed suicide about 10:30 last night by cutting his throat with a razor. He was despondent because of ill-health.

MAKE BONUSES TO OFFICIALS PART OF SALARY

Mayor Wenig Will Move To Repeal Bylaw Passed in 1921.

HIS MIND MADE UP

His Worship Claims Aldermen Are Not Consistent.

Mayor Wenig moves to repeal the 1921 city council salary bylaw whereby certain bonuses paid city officials and employees became a portion of their salary.

Sensing that the mayor was still sitting in the salary game with an "ace in his sleeve," The Advertiser questioned him today as to the next probable manoeuvre from the mayor's chair. And the reply was that his proposed reconsideration of the 1921 salary bylaw was still "on tap."

"I included in my inaugural address the repeal of this enactment," his worship asserted. "And this question has yet to come before the city council. I believed before the last election that this was a question for further consideration and I have not changed my mind."

At the last session of the 1921 city council, with ex-Mayor E. S. Little presiding, it was moved and passed that all bonuses paid city officials and employees become a part of their salaries for the future. This was enacted by bylaw and could be repealed, by a majority vote of the council.

Mayor Wenig today characterized some members of the present council as "grasshoppers" when it comes to a consideration of civic wages, and he cites Ald. Gordon Drake as the glaring example.

"They are here and there with the wind and in and out," he explained. "They are here and there with the wind and in and out. Ald. Drake is that way. First he moves, then the Commission or Bennett receive \$4,000 salary. If he were consistent he would leave it at that. But we find him yesterday recommending that all city officials be cut to a \$2,600 total."

"There are others in the council just like him. They meet somebody on the street who says 'You must pay him \$4,000,' and they say 'All right.' Then they go along and they meet another fellow who says 'You'll have to pay him \$4,000 and not \$2,600,' and they say 'All right.' Anything to keep everyone suited. When they are in a \$2,600 crowd they urge \$4,000. When they are in a \$4,000 crowd they urge \$2,600."

"I have made up my mind on the salary issue as I see it. I am expressing my own personal opinion, not anyone else's, and I don't want anyone else to express my opinion for me. A person could talk and preach until doomsday that my left hand was my right, but he would never convince me. I know he would be wrong. Let the aldermen be consistent."

Ald. William Wilson delivered a scathing denunciation today, flaying Ald. Drake for even suggesting that they reduce the salaries of city officials. "Here is one who will support no such motion," was the fiery exclamation from the ex-chairman of the board of works. "What's the matter with that fellow Drake anyhow? He's getting more like the mayor every day."

BASEBALL UMPIRES STRIKE IN SYMPATHY

International League Officials Protest Discharge of W. J. Phyle.

Associated Press Despatch.

Rochester, N. Y., July 17.—Half of the umpires in the International League are on the free list as a result of a sympathetic strike just before the Baltimore-Rochester game yesterday, which was precipitated by the discharge of W. J. Phyle.

Whether the strike will spread to the other five diamond cars of the league remains to be seen when players take places for today's game. The situation already has aroused a controversy between George T. Stallings, president-manager of the Rochester Club, and Jack Dunn of the Baltimore aggregation.

Phyle was released on orders of John Conway Toole, president of the league, because, he said, the roster was overcrowded and Phyle could best be spared. Stallings said, however, it probably was because Toole had witnessed Sunday's game here in which "Phyle made a weird decision."

When Phyle was called off the diamond umpires McDewitt and Geisel followed, refusing to officiate for the Baltimore-Rochester series. Captain Galloway of the Reading team, Irving Wilhelm, former manager of the Philadelphia Nationals, and Chief Bender of the Orioles, who happened to be at the game, were thrown into the breach.

Umpires Majumdar and Derr, who officiated at Syracuse yesterday also have resigned, and two officials for the Toronto-Newark series are about to follow suit, according to a telegram McDewitt reported receiving last night. Toole had wired demanding their reasons, said McDewitt.

U. S. TOURISTS TO FLY CANADA FLAG ON CARS

Government To Instruct Customs Officials To Advise Visitors of Law.

Canadian Press Despatch.

St. Catharines, July 17.—The practice of American tourists passing through the Niagara district with the United States flag displayed on their cars unaccompanied by a Canadian or British flag, was brought before Lincoln County council this morning by Reeve Haynes of Grant-Ham Township, and it is likely that this afternoon formal action will be taken to request the federal government to instruct customs officials at all frontier points of entry to inform tourists that if they wish to fly "Old Glory" from their cars they must also display a Canadian flag while on Canadian soil.

Slick New York Thieves Plan Ingenious Robbery

Impersonate Detectives To Steal Silk, But Real Officer Arrives in Time To Spoil Their Game.

Special to The Advertiser.

New York, July 17.—Impersonating officers, four men, one in police uniform and the others wearing detective badges stopped a truck loaded with \$60,000 worth of unfinished silk belonging to William Skinner and Son, Holyoke, Mass., along the Boston post road in the Bronx and demanded to see the bills of lading. When the two drivers alighted they were ordered into the supposed officers' car and taken on a long ride that ended in the vicinity of the new Yankee stadium, two of the detectives climbed into the truck and started to drive off. In the meantime someone had tipped off Patrolman John O'Connor that a booze raid was in progress a few blocks away, he came up to offer his aid, and arrived just as the detectives were starting away. They leaped out of the car and disappeared by the time he succeeded in bringing the machine to a halt police reserves arrested a man found in the basement in the block on suspicion of being connected with the robbery.

JOHN M. SIDDALL, FAMOUS EDITOR, PASSES TO REST

Head of the American Magazine Guarded Secret of Expected Death.

CANCER TAKES TOLL

Passing Marks End of a Long Distinguished Career in Magazine Field.

Special to The Advertiser.

New York, July 17.—Told by doctors he had but a few months to live, John M. Siddall, editor of the American Magazine, guarded the secret from his friends and made plans, before keeping his rendezvous with death, for the publication he loved and made famous, to carry on his ideals.

Kept His Grim Secret.

Siddall died at his Ardley-On-Hudson home Monday afternoon of cancer. His most intimate friends had known for two weeks that the end was near, but the editor had kept his grim secret locked behind a cheerful, energetic exterior since early April.

The end of a long distinguished career in the magazine field, Siddall literally gave his life for his magazine. His days were shortened by his tremendous labors to have everything in order at the American Magazine when he passed.

Siddall's ambition was to produce a magazine in which every subscriber would read a bit of the editor's dominant makeup. He was author of the essays, "Sid Says." An increase in circulation from 400,000 to 2,000,000 under his editorial guidance is a testimonial of success.

In April, a counsel of doctors met with Siddall to discuss a wasting malady which was undermining his health. "I want the truth about the matter," he said, just as though he were ordering a reporter out on important stories, and they told him he had six months to live—providing he gave up all work and rested, relieved himself of editorial burdens and went outdoors.

With the calmness of an editor working out the details of an important story, he cloaked himself for several days. He did not tell a living soul of the trial he held with death.

Might Get Vacation.

It was some time before that he had saddled the important duties to the members of his staff, but they accepted bravely that their chief might get the vacation that was his rest.

Then he went to his summer home at Ardley-On-Hudson. The wait for the end was not long. Tomorrow morning he died.

Ohio, where he was born. But for many months the hand of John Siddall will dominate the magazine he built.

BOY BANDIT ESCAPES FROM PENITENTIARY

Benjamin Liverman Was Serving Sentences Aggregating 53 Years.

Special to The Advertiser.

Richmond, Va., July 17.—Prison authorities found early today on the western side of the state penitentiary a rope, a ladder and footprints that told the story of the escape of Benjamin Liverman, 17, known as the boy bandit, who was serving 53 years for burglary and robbery crimes. The young desperado had been missing since last Wednesday and it has been disclosed that he found a hiding place within the grounds and scaled the walls last night. He had help from outside, according to officials, who voiced the belief that he could not have made his escape otherwise. He was sentenced to Norfolk and entered upon a probable life term last March. He is wanted in Providence, R.I., and other cities for similar offences.

NURSES REPORT SIR JOHN HAS SUFFERED RELAPSE

Associated Press Despatch.

Baltimore, Md., July 17.—Reports from the Johns Hopkins Hospital this morning indicated that Sir John Hendrie, former lieutenant-governor of Ontario, who was operated upon by surgeons at the hospital last week. Nurses questioned this morning say that Sir John "was not resting" and that they reported to the police that the men who administered the whipping informed him he was being punished for "living with a white woman."

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Light to moderate winds; fine today and on Wednesday; not much change in temperature.

Pressure is quite high over the Great Lakes, and nowhere much below the normal.

Rain has fallen heavily in the Maritime Provinces, and a few scattered showers have occurred in Eastern Quebec and the Western Provinces.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

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

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Calgary	62	52	Cloudy
Winnipeg	68	58	Fair
Parry Sound	82	52	Clear
Toronto	62	52	Clear
Kingston	62	52	Fair
Ottawa	60	56	Clear
Montreal	60	52	Clear
Quebec	60	54	Clear
Father Point	58	46	Clear
St. John	62	52	Clear
Halifax	58	56	Cloudy

Barometric Readings.

Monday—8 p.m.—29.29.

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H. BARRY, CHATHAM DROWNS IN RIVER WHILE OUT BOATING

Twelve-Year-Old Boy Meets Death From Home-Made Rowboat.

FIREMEN FIND BODY

Companion Swam Ashore To Procure Aid, But Was Too Late.

Special to The Advertiser.

Chatham, July 17.—The Thames River claimed its third victim for the year today when Harry Barry, the 12-year-old son of W. H. Barry, 135 Selkirk street, was drowned following the rocking of a boat in the river. In the rowboat, a clumsy home-made affair, was also Ronn Bourdeau, son of George Bourdeau, Delaware avenue, a customs official.

The accident occurred about half past eight this morning. Young Bourdeau, 11 years of age, who is a good swimmer, struck out for the south shore of the river when his companion failed to come up and ran to the residence of G. G. Taylor, 106 William street north. Mr. Taylor immediately phoned the fire department, which promptly sent truck No. 1 and the river crew with the lifeboat to the foot of Stanley avenue.

After dragging the river for over an hour the body was recovered close to the north shore. Dr. Coulter, assisted by Fireman Rankin, administered artificial respiration, but without effect.

Covered by the facts of the case, declared no inquest would be held.

TORTURE TULSA CAFE OWNER'S WHITE WIFE

Gang Pours Acid On Girl Who Married Greek.

Special to The Advertiser.

Okmulgee, Okla., July 17.—Mrs. George Petipol reported to the police here today that she was kidnapped on the streets of Tulsa last night, and forced to accompany her abductors to Okmulgee, where she was tortured. Four men and a woman seized her. Mrs. Petipol, wife of a restaurant proprietor in Tulsa, said the kidnappers poured carbolic acid over her body and cut her hair off.

"We are going to mail your hair to your husband," they threatened the meaning of it," she quoted one of them as saying.

Tulsa, Okla., June 17.—Georges Petipol, whose wife reported to the police in Okmulgee that she had been kidnapped and tortured, was severely flogged by a masked band a few months ago. At that time he reported to the police that the men who administered the whipping informed him he was being punished for "living with a white woman."

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