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## SIR JAMES REPLIES TO ELECTRIC RING

In Letter to Economist, Says Government is Interested in Hydro-Electric Scheme Only as Agent of Municipalities in Securing Cheap Power.

## WATERED STOCK EXPERTS AND GAMBLERS OPPOSED

Sir James Whitney has written the following letter to The London Economist, which appears in to-day's issue of that journal, in which he protest against the statement that the Government is interested in the hydro-electric scheme only as an agent of the municipalities in securing cheap power.

The letter is introduced by The Economist in the following terms:

"Respecting the electric power legislation of the Ontario Government, which has been criticized in certain quarters in England and Canada, Sir James Whitney, the first minister of that province, has been good enough to furnish the subjoined statement for publication in The Economist. As will be seen, the statement is not intended as a reply to his critics—that will doubtless come later on—so much as a protest against what are regarded as their sensational and unfair methods."

### SIR JAMES' LETTER.

"Interested persons have for some time been making attacks on the government of the Province of Ontario with a view to, first, obtaining the control of the electric power in the province, and, second, destroying what is known as the power scheme of the government."

"As a matter of fact the government is not interested in the power scheme beyond being the agent for certain municipalities—a sort of agent by which cheap electric power is to be conveyed to them at their expense. The attack was made ostensibly in the interest of the Electric Development Company, a company the value of the bonds of which it was alleged had been lowered by the power scheme, but Mr. Wm. Mackenzie, the managing director of the Electric Development Company, removing that cause of complaint, if cause there was. It may be said that the statement is a mere propaganda in English language all connection with and responsibility for the attacks made upon the government in this matter."

"The attack has been directed against an act passed at the last session (1909) of our legislature, and which was rendered necessary by a defect in an act of the previous session (1908) passed at the request of fifteen municipalities and dealing with the same subject. Application has been made for the disallowance of it."

### Quotes From Indictment.

"For reasons which I shall give later on I do not propose to enter into explanations in reply, but in order to show the methods of these gentlemen I will refer to just one point in illustration, and quote from the indictment against Sir James Whitney, dated August 1, 1909, which I have mentioned. 'Their statement in The Statist says:

"It is also declared, in the case of one municipality, that Sir James Whitney, in order to obtain the approval of the municipality had refused to sign the amended contract, the contract should have as full force as if it were signed. Sir James Whitney, in order to obtain the approval of the municipality had refused to sign the amended contract, the contract should have as full force as if it were signed. Sir James Whitney, in order to obtain the approval of the municipality had refused to sign the amended contract, the contract should have as full force as if it were signed."

### The Facts.

Now, the facts are, and the truth is, that when the legislative assembly passed the act of 1908, as it did unanimously, it was understood by the members and made as clear as specific declarations in debate could make it, that its provisions did not require the submission to a vote of the ratepayers of the contracts entered into by such municipalities with the hydro-electric commission where bylaws authorizing such contracts had already been passed by the vote of the ratepayers of such municipalities. In other words, fifteen municipalities acted upon the original legislation, bylaws in each case were passed by the vote of the ratepayers, the contracts in thirteen cases were approved and entered into by the municipalities, with the exception that the mayor of the Town of Galt refused to sign the contract after it had been passed by the municipal council of the town. Then a mandamus to compel him to sign the contract was applied for, but a judge held that under the act such contracts should be again submitted to a vote of the ratepayers. The twelve municipalities at once petitioned the government and the legislature to remedy the defect by legislation. Their request was complied with, and there was nothing strange, or unusual, or improper in the amending legislation, as all English financiers who deal in municipal securities know very well. These are the facts. Surely the SUPPRESSIO VERBI and SUGGESTIO FALSI apparent in the extract I have given from the attack made by The Statist are not necessary to a good case."

### PUT IT UP TO THE BOSS.

The World was told by a member of the legislature yesterday that if the two bylaws for parallel streets and for the sewage system by reason of the defiance of the ratepayers by the mayor and one or two members of the council, and if they go in a body, or rather send in a petition to that effect to Sir James Whitney, prime minister of the province, he will certainly grant relief in the way of a special act at the forthcoming session of the legislature."

### HANGMAN'S IDENTITY A SECRET.

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## Sir James Whitney's Points.

The government is not interested in the power scheme except as the agent of the municipalities.

The Electric Development Company, which was alleged to have suffered, has had its bonds guaranteed by Wm. Mackenzie, who utterly repudiates the attacks on the government.

The act of 1908 did not require the submission of contracts to a vote where bylaws had already been passed, and at the request of the municipalities the defect in legislation was remedied.

It is anticipated that reputable English journals should have failed to ascertain the facts, and instances a case in English legislation where no appeal is permitted.

All the watered stock experts and stock gamblers in the country are against the government on this point and their newspaper campaign is all paid for.

The government holds property rights inviolable and appeal to the privy council remains open.

## ENGLISH AVIATOR WINS \$10,000 GRAND PRIZE

Henry Farman Unexpectably Beats All Records in an Air Flight of 111 Miles.

BETHANY AVIATION FIELD, Rheims, Aug. 27.—(Special.)—The English aviator, a dark horse in the aviation contests in a biplane of own design to-day broke the world's record for duration of flight and distance in a heavier than air machine and won the Grand Prix De La Champagne—the endurance test—by a remarkable flight officially recorded as 150 kilometres (111.7 miles) in three hours 4 minutes 34.2 seconds, although actually covered an extra ten kilometres and remained in the air ten minutes after 7.30 o'clock this evening, the hour that the timekeepers under the rules ceased to keep a record of the flight.

The other contestants finished: Hubert Latham in monoplane No. 25, 154 kilometres (95.7 miles) in 2 hours 18 mins. 9.3 seconds; Louis Paul Dan, in a Voisin biplane, 131 kilometres; Count De Lambert, biplane, 116 kilometres; Hans Lacham, in monoplane 13, 111 kilometres; M. Tissandier, biplane; Roger Sommer, biplane; M. Delagrangue, monoplane; M. Bleriot, monoplane; Henry H. Curtiss, biplane, 101 kilometres; H. Lefebvre, biplane.

## RACE DEVELOPMENT

The Biggest Problem Confronting English-Speaking Peoples.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 27.—(Special.)—In addressing the engineering section of the British Association for the Advancement of Science to-day, Col. Anderson of the marine department, Ottawa, stated that he believed the St. Lawrence River could, with properly constructed vessels, be made navigable the year round.

E. Shipley, addressing the zoological department, regretted that governments took so little interest in zoological work. We were living in an age with rapidly disappearing fauna and numerous as the museums of the world are and painstaking as are zoologists, they are all too inadequate. He hoped that millionaires would in due season to study the fauna of Africa.

Prof. E. H. Starling, addressing the physiological section, discussed the question of race development and the problem of the future of the British Empire. An entire subordination of each part to the welfare of the whole is the lesson which he thought the English-speaking races have at the present time most to learn.

In the educational section, Prof. Murray, principal of the new Saskatchewan University, told of some of the difficulties which are being encountered in that province. He expressed regret that the tax levied for the support of the new university is not such as will yield a revenue that will expand as the country progresses.

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## TRAIN KILLS BIG CONDOOR CHARLIE BERTRAM PETRIE SLUGGED IN A FIGHT TO BE WITH US DROWNED IN LAGOON WILL OPERATE ON HARRIMAN

Third Occupant of Wagon Narrowly Escapes in a Level Crossing Accident at Streetsville.

Admiral Beresford Will Arrive at 4.30 This Afternoon, Will Spend Sunday at Niagara and Open Fair Tuesday.

Bertha Petrie, Sixth Daughter of H. W. Petrie of the Petrie Machine Works, Front-street, was drowned in the lagoon at Centre Island at 6.50 o'clock last evening by accidentally upsetting her canoe.

Dr. Brown and Archibald, and five nurses worked on the body for over an hour after removal from the water, where it had been for about ten minutes, but no signs of life were evident at any time.

The accident has cast a shadow over the colony at Centre Island, where the family have summered for fifteen years, and are well known. The unfortunate young lady was 20 years of age, and was engaged to be married next November to a young man residing in Detroit. The sad news was conveyed to him by telegram last night.



Charles Beresford

Lord Charles Beresford will spend Sunday quietly at Niagara Falls, accompanied by several prominent men and his private secretary, Hon. W. C. Carleton.

Immediately after his arrival in Toronto by special train from Montreal on Sunday afternoon, the ex-commander of the Channel fleet will board the George H. Goodwin's yacht, the Orisla II, and will be the guest of Mr. Goodwin on Monday morning. Others of the party will be W. K. George and M. H. Irving. The yacht will head for Niagara and will anchor there until Monday morning when she will return to Toronto.

## CLUB IN MUNICIPAL FIGHT

Centre and South Toronto Conservatives Support Their Own

In announcing that the Centre and South Toronto Conservatives would lend their energies to the support of Conservative candidates for municipal honors, President Arthur Van Koughnet of the Centre and South Toronto Conservatives Association, who has been elected to the position of president of the association, said that the association would not divide its support between two Conservative mayoralty candidates and allow a Liberal to slip in, as was done two years ago.

Mr. Van Koughnet was addressing an audience on the lawn of the association, Simcoe-street Club-house, when he said that he looked with approving eyes in "Reggie" Geary's direction.

About 250 ladies and gentlemen enjoyed the function, the success of which drew from the president the promise that more such occasions were soon to follow.

During the program A. Claude Macdonell, M.P., presented on behalf of the workers, a framed portrait of Mr. Van Koughnet to the club. Edmund Bristol, M.P., tendered a vote of thanks to the entertainers.

## ALDERMEN ALL INNOCENT

None Guilty of Any Connection With Pavement Graft.

MONTREAL, Aug. 27.—(Special.)—None of the seven aldermen examined to-day before the royal commissioners, being part of the majority who have supported Ald. Groulx in the city council, would admit that they had received any advantage for their support.

Ald. Guay, Labrosse, Major, Messier, Turner, Nault and Gadbois all denied they had known that the middlemen were making large profits in the city's paving contracts and that their votes had been influenced in any way.

For his trouble, expense, loss of time, etc., entailed in going from the city to St. Helen's Island and received \$100 in cash, and wanted \$200 at first, according to his own testimony before the commission this afternoon. He was paid by one Dubois, who was building a miniature railway.

## BIG COAL DOCKS PLANNED.

PORT ARTHUR, Aug. 27.—(Special.)—T. W. McDermott of Ottawa, representing Ottawa and American capitalists, is asking the city for assistance in locating a big coal dock plant to cater to the western trade. He states \$30,000 would be expended in construction.

## REBUILDING OF TUDHOPE'S

Orillia May Lose Industry—Not Going to Winnipeg.

ORILLIA, Aug. 27.—(Special.)—J. B. Tudhope, M.L.A., head of Tudhope & Co., whose carriage works were destroyed last Saturday, gave emphatic denial to-night to a report that the firm would remove its factory to Winnipeg.

"We have no such intention," he said. "Winnipeg was not a good location for manufacturing in our line. Whether we will rebuild in Orillia is not yet decided, however, and will not be for a few days. We have received a number of invitations from other towns, and while sentiment would have us stay, still it is a matter of business."

## ASSAULTED BY STRIKERS.

SYDNEY, N.S., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—A Gorman, a workman from No. 2 colliery, was badly beaten by four strikers. About half an hour later another German was set upon by the quartet. He pulled out a knife and stabbed one of his assailants in the arm.

## DAUGHTER OF PROMINENT TORONTO FAMILY UPSET FROM CANOE BECOMES ENTANGLED IN THE WEEDS.

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## KAISER AWAITS ZEPPELIN

May Create Him a Prince When Balloon Arrives To-day.

BERLIN, Aug. 27.—Count Zeppelin occupies the minds of the people of Berlin to-night, and a welcome has been prepared for his coming to-morrow in his big airship, which has never been equalled since Prince Bismarck's return from the coronation of Emperor of Germany.

Early this morning a thrill of joy went thru the people, thousands of whom had gathered in front of the newspaper offices, when it was announced that the Zeppelin had departed at half past 4 o'clock from Friedrichshagen for Berlin, a distance of about 450 miles. A delay occurred, due to a broken propeller, and defective motor, which was repaired at Nuremberg.

## SAFE BREAKER CAUGHT

Albert Wamsley Wanted in Blythe For Robbing Bank.

Albert Wamsley, a noted crook, was arrested by Detectives Mackie and McKinney on Yonge-street in front of Scholes' Hotel about 9 o'clock last night. The warrant was issued over his name, and was sent from Blythe. He charges Wamsley with breaking open the safe of a bank and helping himself to \$1000.

Accused is a smooth-looking young man and has been arrested in Canada and the United States several times for picking pockets.

## HIT BY HOIST

Louis Garbovitz Has All His Teeth But One Knocked Out.

With only one tooth left in his head Louis Garbovitz lies at his home, 46 Agnes-street. He worked for Marks Granatstein of 48 West Wellington-st., and was struck on the head by the hoist. He had looked down the shaft to see if the hoist was coming up, but instead it was going down and hit him on the back of the head knocking him mouth against a bar along the edge of the shaft. Garbovitz is 46 years old.

## CHILD SMOTHERS IN TRUNK

Five-Year-Old Girl Trapped by Self-Locking Cover.

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Volia Parks, a five-year-old girl, met a shocking death while playing at hide and seek in her home near Clark's Lake.

The little one used an old-fashioned trunk which was placed in the attic to hide in. The lid locked itself when the child lowered it over her head, and she was smothered to death.

The mother is almost insane from shock.

## REV. DR. MILLIGAN IMPROVING.

Rev. Dr. Milligan of Old St. Andrew's Church, who is at present at Isle of Orkney, Scotland, is greatly improved in health, and will return to Toronto next month.

## ARTHUR BOLLARD, AGED 19, FATALITY HURT IN ENCOUNTER AT CHEMONG PARK, NEAR PETERBORO—CONFLICTING VERSIONS OF HOW IT OCCURRED.

PETERBORO, Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Arthur Bollard, aged 19, son of Arthur E. ("Alvie") Bollard, tobaccoist of Toronto, died at Chemong Park this afternoon as a result of an alleged assault on Monday night of this week. There are conflicting stories about the tragedy. One is that Bollard was set upon while returning thru the thickly wooded park to his home after attending a dance in the pavilion. Another is that death is the result of injuries received in a fist fight.

## TWO VERSIONS OF FIGHT.

Chemong Park is located six miles north of Peterboro on the shore of Chemong Lake, and is a popular summering place for Peterboro and Toronto people, and also many Americans. The Bollard family has been staying at the park for the past month, having rented a cottage there. Arthur came from Toronto nearly two weeks ago.

From the stories told by people at the park, it would seem that there was bad blood between Arthur Bollard and Harry Jopling, a youth whose home is in the Village of Bridgeport, about half a mile from Chemong Park.

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They got into a fight, as it is related, after a dance at the pavilion on Monday night about 10 o'clock, and Jopling was worsted. His older brother, Fred Jopling, came to his assistance, and a fight took place between him and Bollard.

## ANOTHER VERSION IS THAT BOLLARD WAS WAYLAINED IN THE PARK BY A NUMBER OF YOUNG MEN AND WAS ROUGHLY HANDLED; THAT A FRIEND OF BOLLARD, HARRY JOPPING, WAS WALKING ALONG WITH A YOUNG LADY, AND THAT HE WAS HELD AND PREVENTED FROM GIVING ASSISTANCE TO HIS FRIEND. MARKS HAS RETURNED TO TORONTO.

Either way, Bollard didn't appear to be badly used up at the time, but he was not well on Tuesday and on Wednesday was worse. Dr. Scott of Peterboro was called and was in attendance until death came at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon. It is thought that Bollard was injured internally in the fight.

Fred Jopling tore the skin off his hand during the fight and blood poisoning has developed. He is in a serious condition and will be brought to a hospital here.

## INQUEST TO-DAY.

Coroner Gray will open an inquest to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. A post-mortem is being performed to ascertain the cause of death.

The young man's father arrived from Toronto to-day, accompanied by son-in-law, W. E. McPherson of Toronto, and was overcome with grief. Arthur Bollard is survived by his father and mother and one sister.

## W. E. McPherson, all of Toronto. He was a student at St. Andrew's College.

The affair has started the district and cast a gloom over the summer. The residents of Bridgeport are reticent about the matter and are strongly shielding the Joplings.

## FIVE LIVES LOST IN WRECK

Steamer Ohio Strikes Rock Off the Alaskan Coast.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Five lives were lost in the wreck of the steamer Ohio, Seattle to Alaska, at 10 o'clock this morning, according to a despatch from Ketchikan, Alaska. The Ohio struck a rock and foundered in 20 minutes.

The dead were George Doles, formerly of Winnipeg, Man., and Almon, Ont., wireless operator; Purser Stewart, formerly an employee of the C. P. R. here, and three passengers who perished thru the upsetting of a small boat.

Fifty others were picked up by other steamers. The Ohio was valued at \$300,000.

## SEVEN YEARS AND LASHES

For Young Man of Respectable Family Who Became Highway Robber.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Beard, he beat and rendered unconscious, E. J. Deadman, an aged man, in Stanley Park, after robbing him of fifty dollars. Clay Boers, who comes of respectable family, was sentenced by Judge McInnes to twenty lashes and seven years in penitentiary.

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