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KINGSTON, ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 1919

ST EDITION.

DISCUSSED HIGH COST OF LIVING

Whole Morning Session of U.C.M. Was Devoted to the Subject.

ECONOMIC CAUSES TO BLAME

THIS WAS OPINION OF MAYOR ELSON, ST. CATHARINES.

Discussion Was Opened by W. D. Lighthall, K.C., of Westmount—Resolution Was Drafted and Will Be Presented.

The high cost of living received the attention of the convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities on Wednesday morning. W. D. Lighthall opened the discussion and blamed the advance in prices upon combinations which fixed selling prices and margins. To remedy this condition he suggested that there be rigorous investigation of the margin of profit, the appointment of courts and commissions and prevention of monopolies from exercising control.

Mayor Hardie, of Lethbridge, pointed out the very dangerous conditions that were developing in Western Canada and he too urged the investigation of the causes for the high cost of living by experts.

Ald. Grant, of Calgary, was of the opinion that the government was trying to shift the onus of investigation upon the municipalities and he contended this practice was wrong.

On the other hand Mayor Elson, of St. Catharines, pointed out that he advanced in prices was due to economic causes. He showed that the reduction in production with the withdrawal of millions of men from productive to destructive pursuits during the war resulted in an advance of prices which could only be reduced by production and thrift on the part of every citizen of Canada. He urged that individuals, the municipalities and the press should educate the people and make them realize that conservation and development would reduce the prices of commodities to be lowered.

Ald. Kyle pointed out that food was going to waste in cold storage plants and that this practice should be stopped. He said that the cost of living Commissioner makes his reports should be brought to the attention of the provincial attorney-general who could prosecute if necessary.

Mayor Harold Fisher, of Ottawa, agreed with the remarks of Mayor Elson, but believed that there should be investigation into the activities of certain big corporations.

Mayor Hardie, of Lethbridge, wished to go on record as being in favor of the continuance of the tariff despite allegations that it was responsible for some of the raising of prices.

Ald. Common, of Westmount, thought the Government should penalize those who wasted foodstuffs and Dr. M. C. Costello, of Calgary, was of the opinion that the federal government should shoulder the burden of analyzing and remedying the high cost of living.

Mrs. John MacGillivray, of Kingston, also pointed out the losses of food in the cold storage plants and agreed with Ald. Common that production was useless unless this production was stopped.

A resolution was introduced calling upon the Government to investigate and remedy the existing conditions, but it was not put to the vote. The meeting was adjourned at half past twelve and a photograph was taken on the steps. On Wednesday afternoon the delegates were guests of Mayor Newman and the City Council at a trip down the river through the Thousand Islands.

The Whig's Edition Receives Praise From Delegates

Many of the delegates to the convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities were agreeably surprised when they perused the "Biggest Kingston Edition" of the British Whig with its wealth of facts and figures about the Limestone City. A number of them took the opportunity to congratulate the Whig's representative at their meetings with the enterprise of his paper and declared that it was particularly opportune that it should have been printed during their stay in the city. Most of the men are preserving copies of it and are taking it back to their home towns from coast to coast to show the initiative of the British Whig and the way the splendid facilities of the city were advertised.

The executive of Britain's Triple Alliance of Labor has decided the postponement of its direct action referendum on political demands. This is another triumph for Lloyd George.

STEAMER ENGLEWOOD HIT A MINE

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Dover, Eng., Aug. 13.—The American steamer Englewood struck a mine in the North Sea, off the Thames river, at 7.30 o'clock this morning, and sent out a wireless message for help. If she takes on more water the steamer probably will be beached at Sheerness.

THE RUMANIAN PREMIER'S REPLY

To Supreme Council Reported To Be of a Conciliatory Nature.

THE RUMANIAN OFFICERS

AT BUDAPEST TO HOLD A CONFERENCE.

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(Canadian Press Despatch.) Paris, Aug. 13.—The replies of Premier Bratiano of Rumania to the notes of the supreme council of the peace conference, concerning the activity of Rumanian troops in Hungary, have reached Paris and were being decided to-day by the Rumanian delegation. While the full and exact texts of the notes are not available, members of the Rumanian delegation say they are of a conciliatory nature.

It is said that Premier Bratiano has instructed the Rumanian officers at Budapest to hold an immediate conference with Allied generals there and to make every effort to avoid complications. It was not known to-day when the notes would be presented to the supreme council.

The supreme council of the peace conference held no meeting to-day. It discussed the Thracian question yesterday.

Premier Clemenceau will leave Paris to-night for Vendee to spend a week's vacation. His place as head of the council will be taken by Foreign Minister Pichon.

NEW YORK GREETING.

To the Prince of Wales on His Visit to Canada.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) New York, Aug. 13.—Several New York papers in leading editorials join in welcoming their cousins to the north, the Prince of Wales upon his arrival on the soil of North America.

The Sun says: "Americans will join with their cousins to the north to-day in welcoming the heir to the British throne, not because he is Prince of Wales, but because he represents officially and most conspicuously a nation which through the dark days battled determinedly for freedom, for justice and for right."

The World recalls the visit of the prince's grandfather in 1880, declaring that the American welcome to the present royal visitor as a comrade in arms, an envoy in the friendship of a nation closely connected in world aims as in language and in history, will be none less warm.

The Herald hopes that in future the prince may look back on his tour of America as one of the greatest events of his life.

BASEBALL TUESDAY.

International League.

Newark . . . 6-1 Toronto . . . 0-4
Buffalo . . . 7-3 Baltimore . . . 2-0
Jersey City . . . 7 Rochester . . . 6
Reading . . . 15-9 Binghamton 7-13

National League.

New York . . . 2 Brooklyn . . . 1

American League.

St. Louis . . . 10 Boston . . . 3
Detroit . . . 9 Philadelphia . . . 6
Cleveland . . . 2 New York . . . 1

Memorial to Soldiers.

Trenton, Aug. 13.—The Governor Simcoe Chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire held a special meeting at the home of their regent, Mrs. George A. White, at which it was resolved to erect a memorial to the men who have fallen in the great war. The memorial is to take the form of stone pillars forming the entrance to Governor Simcoe Park, which was presented to the town by the I.O.D.E.

Gen. von Falkenhayn, former German chief of staff, in announcing to the German newspapers that he assumes responsibility for the decisions and commands of former Emperor William from September, 1914, to August, 1918, declares he has no intention whatever of voluntarily placing himself at the disposal of the Allies.

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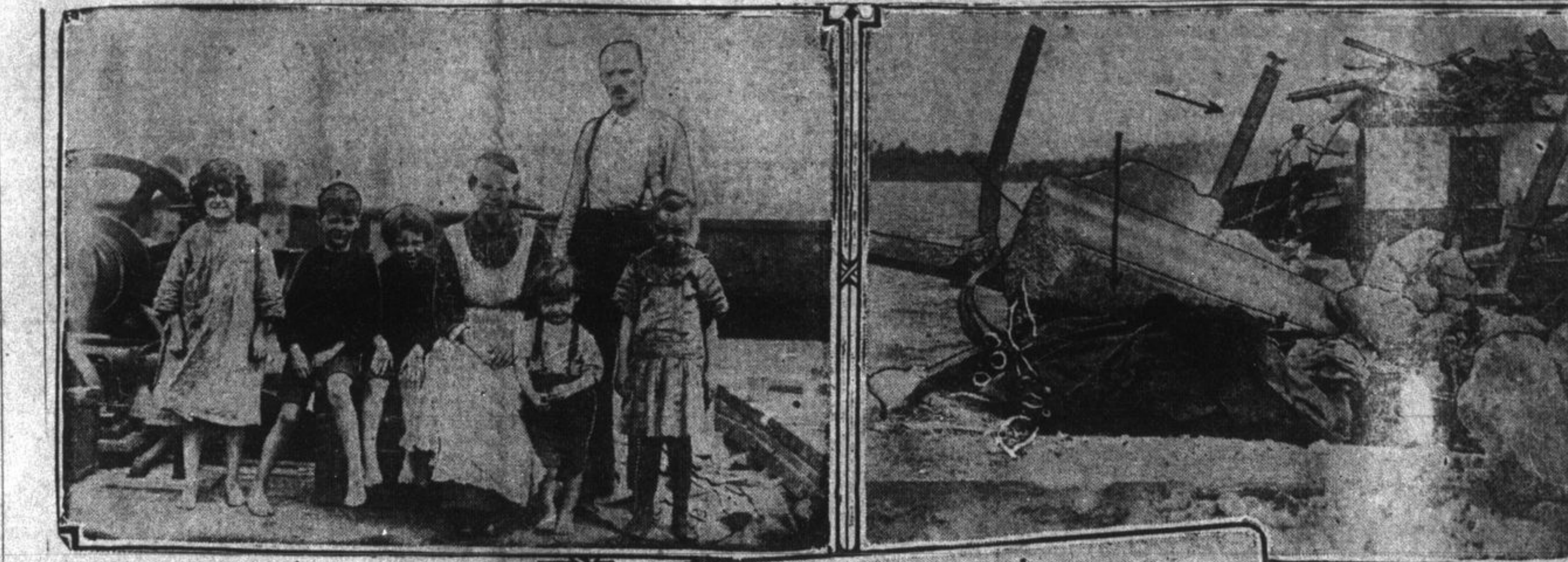
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MIRACULOUS ESCAPE OF THE LETOUR FAMILY FROM TOW-BARGE QUEBEC IN PORT COLBORNE EXPLOSION.



GANGWAY COLLAPSED CAUSING FATALITIES

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Quebec, Aug. 13.—Two men are dead, two are dying, eight others are suffering injuries while many received minor casualties as the result of the collapse of a gangway at Champlain dry docks at Lauzon yesterday evening.

WIFE OF CAPTAIN AND FIVE CHILDREN ESCAPE CERTAIN DEATH WHILE HAVING DINNER.

The photo to the left is of the Letour family, who especially posed on the tow-barge Pennington, where the family took up a temporary home after the disaster in which they were killed last Saturday. To the right, arrow points to the kitchen, in which Mrs. Letour and the children were having dinner, and in front arrow shows a piece of the cornice of the elevator, weighing at least half a ton, under which one of the killed was found. The lower view shows the vessel Quebec, as it lies on the bottom of the bay to the west of the elevator, where it was towed following the disaster. The hull is filled with debris and grain.

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WILL CONTINUE UNION POLICY

This is the Undoubted Purpose of Prime Minister Borden. INSTALLATION OF TOLMIE MAKES SECOND STEP IN CABINET RECONSTRUCTION.

OTTAWA MINIMIZES THE PROBABILITY OF A TORY PARTY CONVENTION—NO ARRANGEMENT YET FOR KINGSTON BY-ELECTION.

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—The swearing in, Tuesday of Hon. S. F. Tolmie, as Minister of Agriculture, in place of Hon. T. A. Crerar, marks the second step in a very gradual process of cabinet readjustment. Sir Henry Drayton was recently installed to take the place of Sir Thomas White, but no appointment is yet ready for the New Brunswick representative, vacated by Hon. F. B. Carroll.

Sir Robert Borden is about to leave for St. John and while there he will have an opportunity of giving ear to his friends and followers as to the selection which should be made to fill the vacancy.

Sir Douglas Hazen was first mentioned for the position and he came up to Ottawa, being followed by S. F. Elkin, M.P., for St. John city. One question to be determined is whether the new Minister will be a Liberal or a Conservative Unionist.

There are some local considerations which enter into the situation and these will be taken up by the Premier when he is down east, welcoming the Prime.

Such other changes in the cabinet as are contemplated, are likely to come one at a time, and it is possible that part of them may be deferred until after the coming session.

It is undoubtedly the purpose of the Prime Minister to continue the principle of union and the leadership selection made by the national Liberal party, as well as the general character of the gathering, are such as not to place any great obstacle in the way.

ONTARIO TORICS ACTIVE.

There has been a movement, notably in Ontario, for a Conservative party convention, and it is thought that this should be accomplished, its effect might be considerable, Ottawa, however, minimizes the probability of such action.

The new Minister of Agriculture was sworn in yesterday before Sir Louis Davies, administrator of the Government, in the presence of the Prime Minister. He is now in Parliament, having been elected first in 1917, but he comes to the department with the qualifications of intimate knowledge of its affairs. He is a stock breeder on an extensive scale—the first of that branch of agriculture to head the department. His immediate predecessors were, in turn, a fruit grower, a grain grower and a gentleman farmer. Dr. Tolmie represents Victoria City, British Columbia now has two cabinet ministers, and the Premier has announced his intention of continuing that policy. When, in a short time, Hon. Martin Burrell retires, a British Columbian will succeed, with the likely choice between H. H. Stevens, of Vancouver, and R. F. Green, of Kootenay.

KILLED WHILE RESISTING ARREST.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Port McNicoll, Aug. 13.—In resisting arrest, Wheelman Hervey of the steamer Athabasca was shot and killed yesterday morning by Constable Fleurey.

BROOKVILLE MILKMEN BOOST PRICES.

Brookville, Aug. 13.—Commencing yesterday, local milk vendors charged thirteen cents per quart, an increase of one cent, increased cost to producers is given as the cause of the rise.

THE PRINCE OF WALES LANDED AT ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., TUESDAY AND RODE THROUGH AN ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD LIVING TWO MILES OF CITY STREETS OVER WHICH DECORATED ARCHES HAD BEEN ERRECTED.

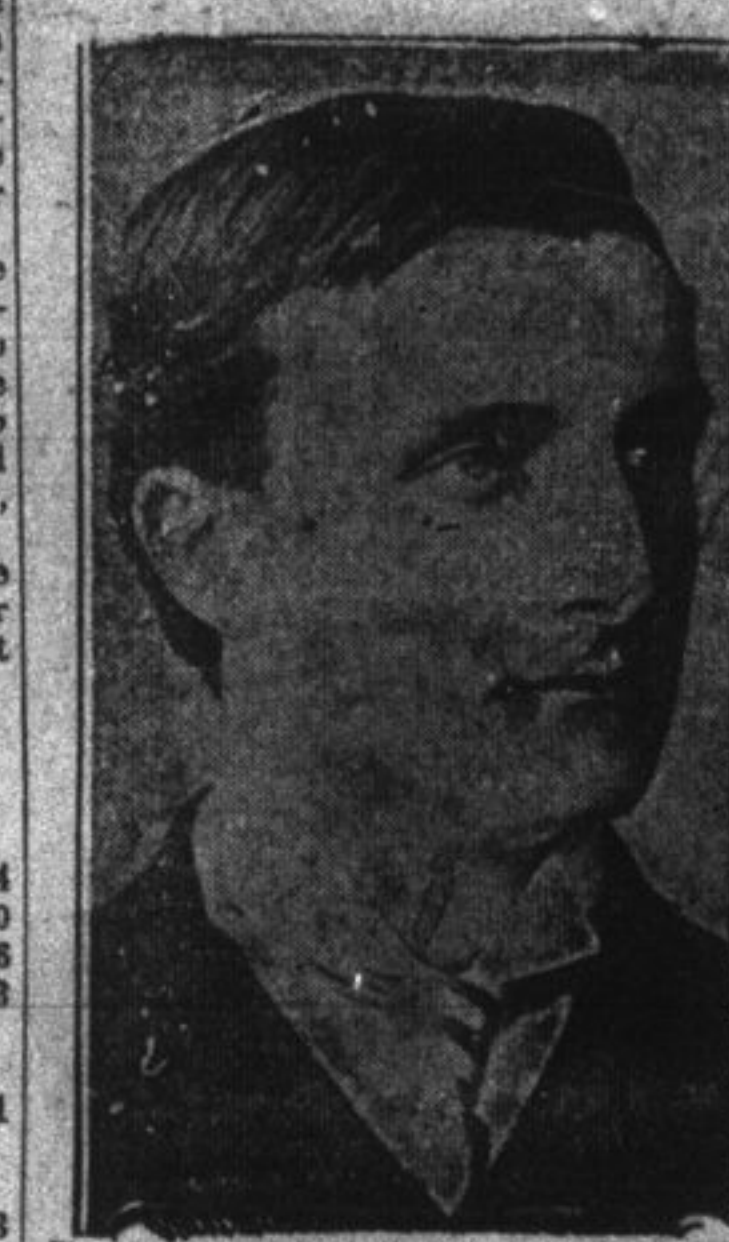
Even in British circles, which were formerly strongly opposed to the Rumanians and where there was even talk of compelling them to fight—though how the compulsion was to be exercised was not specified—it is now admitted that their presence gives the best assurance of order and prevents civil war which would be almost certain to break out if the Rumanians had no such deterrent. While still declining to condone certain high-handed actions by the Rumanians, opinion appears to have swung pretty much into line with the French view that, finally, there is nothing to be gained—and much prestige to be lost—by antagonizing the Rumanians at the present juncture, and, secondly, that when all is said and done, they are allies; they suffered greatly from Hungarian spoliation after Mackensen's victory and had extreme provocation recently. Whatever has been the attitude of the French representatives of the Supreme Council, it is beyond question that this is the standpoint of the best-informed French press and public opinion. It is also that of the Quai d'Orsay, whose permanent officials have a deliberate and carefully planned foreign policy which bends when it must be for some of the decisions of the Supreme Council that it approves, but which, nevertheless, it continues to keep on the whole as closely as possible to its own line of action.

LABOR'S STRONGHOLD, EAST HAMILTON, SO FAITHFULLY REPRESENTED FOR FIFTEEN YEARS BY THE LATE ALLAN STUDELMAN, IS TO BE INVADED BY THE NEW PARTY.

Samuel L. Sanders announcing himself as the soldier candidate in the riding. It is understood that Controller Halcrow will be put into the federal fight by labor in East Hamilton.

Charges that eighteen of the largest railroads in the United States gave away over \$450,000,000 in bonuses from 1906 to 1919, were made in Congress on Tuesday.

Ignatius Tribich, Lincoln, former member of British parliament, has been deported. He had been in London.



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