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Burning of Barns at Oconto Raises Suspicion of Insurance Company

FIRE MARSHAL WILL ENQUIRE INTO BURNINGS AT OCONTO

Several Barns Have Been Destroyed and the Residents Think That a Firebug Is Operating--An Insurance Company Has Brought Things to a Head.

It is likely that the Ontario fire marshal of Oconto will investigate several fires which have occurred near Oconto recently. The people of the district are of the opinion that the fires are the work of a firebug, and feeling runs very high regarding them.

In the same mysterious way that has characterized the other cases. One of the insurance companies has decided to bring the matter to a head and has asked the fire marshal to investigate, which he probably will do in the course of a few days.

FURTHER MOVE TOWARDS PEACE

In British Coal Fields--Premier Baldwin to Receive Church Deputation.

London, July 17.—A further move in the churchmen's programme for peace in the coal fields, where the miners are on strike, was made this afternoon. Prime Minister Baldwin, in a letter to the Bishop of Lichfield, agreed to receive the deputation from the Anglican and Free Churches Monday evening. The Prime Minister made it clear, however, that the Government could not possibly assent to any further coal subsidy such as was seemingly implied in the peace propositions worked out between the churchmen and the executive of the miners' federation in their recent conference.

BARRED FOREVER

From National Rifle Association Meetings at Bisley

Bisley Camp, July 17.—Two competitors in the final stage of the King's prize were yesterday debarred forever from the National Rifle Association meetings at Bisley. They are Lieut. G. Medland, late of the Field Artillery, Devon, and Armorer Staff Sgt. Uglow, late of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, both of whom were found guilty of using rifles which did not comply with the N. R. A. regulations.

Thousands of Peasants Take Refuge on House Tops

Budapest, July 17.—Forty thousand acres of the best soil of Yugoslavia has been flooded by the bursting of a dike near Apatin and Wodjodine. Thousands of peasants have taken refuge on house tops, from which they are being removed by organized relief parties. Other vast regions in Yugoslavia are threatened and the floods give no sign of abating.

BURGLARS FORCED TO FLEE OVER ROOFS

When a Peterboro Constable Stumbled Over Some of Their Loot.

Peterboro, July 17.—Two burglars who broke into Chester's ladies' wear store this morning were forced to flee over roofs without their loot when Constable Joseph Wheeler stumbled over a bundle of silk dresses in a back lane while making his patrol at two o'clock. The constable telephoned in an alarm and a cordon was thrown around the block, other policemen chasing the intruders through the skylight and over adjoining roofs. Dresses, valued at \$700, had been thrown from a second-story window, while the burglars prepared another bundle.

Cyclone Does Great Damage

Moose Jaw, Sask., July 17.—A cyclone, accompanied by hail, which struck the village of Expanse, thirty-four miles south of Moose Jaw, demolished buildings in the village and surrounding territory, and destroyed or damaged 7,000 acres of crops. Damage to property is estimated at many thousands of dollars.

NORTH YORK LIBERALS

To Elect Their Candidate at Newmarket Monday. Toronto, July 17.—Liberals of North York riding, which Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King represented in the House of Commons from 1921 to 1925, and in which he was defeated by Col. T. Herbert Lennox last October, will select their standard bearer for the coming election at Newmarket on Monday. It is uncertain who will be the candidate, but the Liberal leader may be offered the nomination.

FIVE PERSONS ARE KILLED BY A TRAIN

Sedan Stalled on Track at a Grade Crossing Near Lackawanna.

Buffalo, N.Y., July 17.—Five persons were killed and another probably fatally hurt when a Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh passenger train struck a sedan at a grade crossing south of Lackawanna last evening. The automobile is said to have stalled on the railroad tracks. The dead are: Mrs. Anna Jablowski and her sixteen year old son, John; Joseph Dylong, Mrs. Eva Marchinkowski, all of Lackawanna, and Louis Wolpa of Buffalo, driver. John Storch, Lackawanna, is dying from a fractured skull and other injuries.

Brakeman Crashed to Death When Tender Jumps Tracks

Smith's Falls, July 17.—An accident on the C.P.R. at St. Telephore, near Montreal, resulted in a Smith's Falls man, John Lemay, losing his life, he being instantly killed while on duty. The freight on which the unfortunate man was working as brakeman was going east, and at the station was engaged in shunting cars. It appears the tender of the engine jumped the track, and crashed into the granary beside the track. Lemay was badly crushed and died instantly.

Seven Canadians in Final

Bisley Camp, July 17.—The seven Canadians in the final of the King's Prize match today and their scores out of a possible 150 in the second stage yesterday, are as follows: Sgt. J. Borland, Toronto, 144; Pte. J. Houlden, Hamilton, 144; Major R. M. Blair, Vancouver, 142; Sgt. G. Elmslie, Toronto, 142; Q.M.S. Parnell, Verdun, Que., 140; Captain Alex. Martin, Calgary, 140; and Sgt. K. McGregor, Ottawa, 140.

STORY GIVEN BY SURVIVOR OF TUG BOAT

That Was Sunk With the Loss of Six Lives.

SUNKEN TUG'S POSITION

Is 400 Feet to South of the Navigable Waterway--Cannot Account for Reason.

Montreal, July 17.—The collision between the steamer Brulin and the small tugboat, Emma L., on Lake St. Louis, late Thursday night, resulting in the sinking of the tug and the drowning of five seamen and one woman aboard, occurred near Windmill Point, the south-east point of Ile Perrot, and the position of the tug is given as being 4,000 feet below gas buoy 98-A, and about eleven miles from the Lachine wharf. Instead of being in the centre of the channel, the sunken tug is lying 400 feet to the south of the navigable waterway, the reason for which cannot be accounted for at present, though charts show the depth of water in the vicinity to be thirty-five feet. Four hundred feet to the north of the channel there is a shoal, where the water is shown as being only two and sometimes three feet deep, which, it is believed, may account for the tug having kept well clear of that portion of the lake.

Whether the lake steamer struck the smaller boat a glancing blow or head-on can only remain a matter for conjecture until the tug has been examined by divers.

Story of Survivors

According to an account of his experiences given to the managing officials of the Sincennes-McNaughton Line, the sole survivor, Silvio Mongeau, appeared to have been taken by surprise and was thrown into the water when the crash occurred. The captain of the tug was in the wheelhouse directing the course of his vessel towards Montreal, while the others, with the exception of Rosa Paulhus, who was asleep, were performing their various duties on the ship. Mongeau said he heard a crash amidships, and before he could shout a warning to his comrades, found himself in the water. The tug keeled over and sank at once. In his estimation, Silvio Mongeau swam about for three-quarters of an hour before being picked up by a boat that was lowered from the S.S. Brulin. The lake steamer remained in the vicinity for about an hour in the hope of recovering other survivors, and then continued her voyage to Port Colborne, apparently undamaged.

Officials of Sincennes-McNaughton declared that Capt. Babeau had been in their service for about fifteen years, and was an experienced

ONE OF HIGHEST OF ROCKIES SCALED

Jasper, Alta., July 17.—Mt. Frayatt, one of the highest and most formidable peaks in the Canadian Rockies section of the Canadian Rockies, has been scaled by Howard Palmer, of New London, Conn., and Dr. J. Hickson, of Montreal, according to word received in Jasper.

Veteran Northcote Couple Married Sixty Years

Renfrew, July 17.—Mr. and Mrs. Briscoe of Northcote, a few miles from Renfrew, celebrated on July 14th, the diamond jubilee of their marriage. Sixty of their friends and neighbors gathered to participate in the celebration. Both Mr. and Mrs. Briscoe are in good health, and at the Orange celebration in Pembroke this week Mr. Briscoe won a prize award for the oldest Orangeman on the grounds. He has been for fifty-nine years a member of the Order, and has missed in that times only two 12th of July celebrations. Mr. and Mrs. Briscoe have a family of four sons and five daughters. There are thirty-six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Briscoe have always been identified with better farming methods, and their farm is one of the best in the Ottawa Valley.

A NEW CHURCH TO BE ERECTED IN KINGSTON

The Standard Church People Are Building New Edifice on Barrie Street.

The congregation of the Standard Church of America, which opened a mission here about seven years ago, has grown to such an extent that they feel the need of larger quarters and have decided to build a new church on Barrie street, near the corner of Raglan Road. The foundations are in and work has started on the walls. A subscription list is being circulated by two members of the congregation, in an effort to raise funds and a very generous response has been met with. The pastor of the church is Rev. R. J. Druce.

BRIGHT SCHOOL CHILDREN

Pembroke Class Tried Entrance Two Years Earlier.

Pembroke, July 17.—Twenty-nine pupils in the senior third class, taught by Miss Hazel Fraser in the public school here, in the usual course of events would have passed into the junior fourth this summer and into the senior fourth next year. Then in 1923 they would have tried for entrance into the high schools. However, they decided to cut out two school years and accordingly tried their entrance examinations this summer, with the result that twenty-eight out of twenty-nine passed.

H. A. Stewart, K.C. Chosen

Brockville, July 17.—H. A. Stewart, K.C., member for Leeds in the late Parliament, was the unanimous choice of the Conservative convention for the riding of Leeds held here yesterday afternoon. He will be opposed by W. H. Comstock, Liberal, already in the field.

MEIGHEN TO OPEN CAMPAIGN TUESDAY

He Will Be Accompanied by Hon. E. L. Patenaude at Ottawa.

Ottawa, July 17.—Right Hon. Arthur Meighen and Hon. E. L. Patenaude will open the Conservative campaign at a mass meeting in the capital on Tuesday evening. It is expected that Mr. Meighen will announce at this meeting the date of the elections, and very possibly the names of two more French-Canadian members of his cabinet. It is hoped that J. L. St. Jacques, M.L.A. will enter the federal arena. Mr. Meighen leaves for the Maritime Provinces on Wednesday. He has invited C. H. Cahon, St. Lawrence-St. George, to accompany him.

DR. A. E. ROSS IS NOMINATED BY KINGSTON CONSERVATIVES

To Contest Kingston-Portsmouth Riding for the House of Commons--The Chief Speakers Were the Candidate and Hon. W. F. Nickle, Attorney-General of Ontario.

Dr. A. E. Ross was the unanimous choice of the Conservative convention for the riding of Kingston and Portsmouth, which was held in Garden Hall on Friday night. Mr. John Sowards, president of the Conservative Association of the riding, presided and Dr. Ross and Attorney-General W. F. Nickle addressed the meeting.

Dr. Ross made a powerful attack on the former Liberal Government charging it with being in league with the smugglers; with bringing in legislation to catch votes and then either amending it so as to change its purpose or killing it in the Senate by instructing Liberal Senators to stay away when the vote was taken; with failing to keep the immigrants in the country after they arrived; with failing to carry out the platform on which their party secured votes at the last election; with delaying the estimates for six months after they were ready and with blocking their passage at the last minute by refusing to co-operate with the Conservatives; and with attempting to carry on the Government of the country after the people had by their votes declared that they wished a change.

Preparations are being made by the Sincennes-McNaughton Line to have the tug raised to the surface without delay to permit recovery of the bodies.

The Conservative candidate declared that the last session of Parliament had been a great waste and that it had been all due to the Liberals trying to carry on without a majority. He referred to the Cabinet as a "Rip Van Winkle Cabinet" and he stated that in his attacks on the Governor-General Mr. Mackenzie King was allying himself with those who had anti-British tendencies.

Immediately the convention, which was attended by about 120 men and women, was opened by Mr. Sowards and the usual formalities disposed of, nominations were called for. Mr. Edward Jones moved the name of Dr. Ross and Mr. William Townsend seconded it. No other names were mentioned and Dr. Ross was declared to be the unanimous choice. Heartily applauded by this announcement and it was renewed when Dr. Ross made his way to the front of the gathering.

Dr. Ross, in opening his remarks, said that it was difficult to express his gratitude at the renewed confidence manifested in him and he was doubly grateful that he had been nominated in open convention. There was no machine in the Conservative convention, he said. No one had been asked to make or second any nomination. In looking around him he did not think the Conservative party need fear the result of any election. He believed they had the right policy and the right leader.

"For the past four or five years we have been drifting without any party or any leader in control," he said. "This policy of drifting has brought about a result of which no Canadian should be proud."

"It is all very well to publish trade returns but these depend for a favorable showing on large grain crops and the export of pulpwood and ores," the speaker continued. "When you withdraw these, nothing but importations of manufactured articles which are taking work from our blood relations and providing work for people across the border remains."

"I will give you," he said, "what I consider the most satisfactory gauge of a prosperous country--increase in population. We are spending \$3,000,000 a year to bring people to our country and we are losing them as fast as we can bring them. The next census to find that we had lost population. I think the country to-day has its eyes fixed on Mr. Meighen and the Conservative party to provide a policy that will bring Canada back to an era of prosperity."

The speaker said that at the last election the Liberal Government had promised to secure immigration, relieve taxation, provide a different mode of transportation and to reform the Senate. He charged that they had not carried out this platform. He referred to a statement made by Mr. Mackenzie King at the last election that in the previous Parliament he had not had a sufficient majority and that if he did not get a more substantial majority at the polls he would again immediately appeal to the people. Mr. King had secured even fewer members, said Dr. Ross, but he had been afraid to face another election and so had carried on.

King Responsible. That Mr. Mackenzie King was entirely responsible for what the speaker referred to as "the calamitous condition now prevailing in our country" was the assertion of the Conservative candidate. The old age pensions was a matter for provincial legislatures, said Dr. Ross, and he further stated that it had been decided at a previous session to get the opinion of the provinces on the matter before action was taken. He charged that under the bill brought in during the last session no one would ever have received a pension and he also claimed that the bill was killed in the Senate by the Liberal Senators purposely staying away when the vote was taken. He referred to the matter, he said, because he understood that some Liberals were telling old people in the city that the Conservatives prevented them getting a pension.

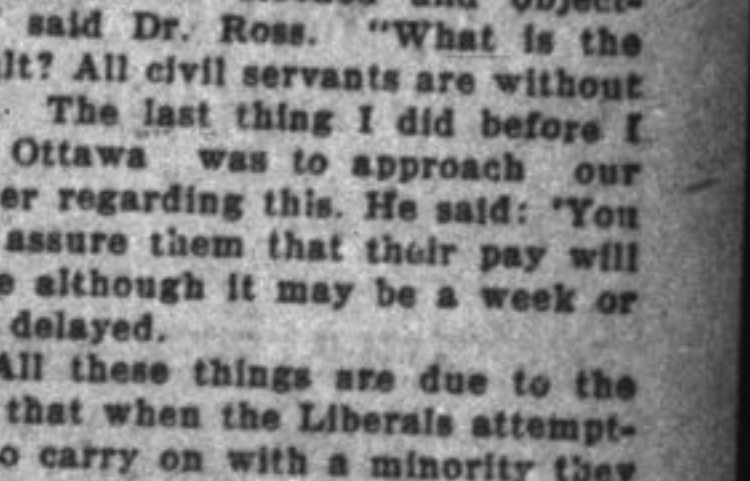
The tariff changes of last session were brought in to catch the Progressive vote, he said, and when this had been accomplished they were killed by amendments and changes. The estimates for the year had been ready for six months but had not been presented to the committee to be passed on. As a result they had not been passed when the Liberal Government resigned. Mr. King's action in refusing to co-operate with Mr. Meighen in passing the estimates, even before Mr. Meighen had been called to form a Government, was characterized by the speaker as childish.

"I want to draw the attention of all civil servants to the fact that Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King refused to co-operate in the passage of the estimates and blocked and objected," said Dr. Ross. "What is the result? All civil servants are without pay. The last thing I did before I left Ottawa was to approach our leader regarding this. He said: 'You can assure them that their pay will come although it may be a week or two delayed.'"

"All these things are due to the fact that when the Liberals attempted to carry on with a minority they were up against old British constitutional practice. Never before did a man attempt to carry on with a minority. Hon. G. W. Ross tried to carry on with a majority of two or three and the result was to break his party so that since that time it has never secured any standing in this province."

Smuggling Prevalent. Dr. Ross then gave his attention to the administration of the Customs Department under the King Government. There had always been some smuggling, he said, but under the King Government this had assumed enormous proportions. Business men and manufacturers had become alarmed at the sudden increase and had formed a committee to investigate the matter. This committee secured evidence and laid the facts before the Government many times but could secure no action, said the speaker. In June, 1925, Mr. E. P.

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DR. A. E. ROSS



Above are the members of the management committee of the Ontario Liberal Association, which, on Wednesday last, met in Toronto to lay plans in connection with the coming election. They are: Front row, from left to right--P. J. Malqueen, Toronto; J. J. Duffus, Peterboro; Max Clavir, Toronto; Hon. J. C. Elliott, former Minister of Labor, Lewiston; Senator A. C. Hardy, Brockville, President of the Ontario Liberal Association; Mrs. A. H. Beaton, Toronto, President of the Ontario Women's Liberal Association, and Mrs. H. H. Carpenter, Hamilton. Back row, left to right--Robert Cooper, Welland; Ross Munro, Toronto; A. J. Young, Toronto; Reginald Scarfe, Brantford; W. A. Dryden, Brockville; Hon. Duncan Marshall, Secretary of the Ontario Liberal Association, Toronto; Senator A. B. McColg, Chatham; T. B. McQueen, Hamilton; Sydney Little, London; Rupert Davies, Kingston; James H. Spence, K.C., Toronto; and E. D. Ross, Toronto. The picture was taken at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, where the committee was entertained at luncheon by Mr. A. H. Beaton.