

## A HECTIC DAY OF SPEECH-MAKING FOR PREMIER MEIGHEN

### NO RAILWAY AMALGAMATION PREMIER MEIGHEN DECLARES

Story Beneath Contempt, He Says--Heckler Says the People Do Not Believe His Promises Concerning the Canadian Farmer --Promises to Pass Old Age Pension Legislation.

New Westminster, B. C., Aug. 17.—Premier Meighen, in such words here yesterday afternoon, referred once again to "rumors" that he proposed to amalgamate the Canadian National with the Canadian Pacific Railway. The same rumor, Mr. Meighen said, had been spread in the last election, and was successful in "stealing" the votes of many thousands, and in determining the result in some doubtful counties.

his policy on the Australian treaty and old age pensions, here last night, Premier Arthur Meighen emphatically denied that he had any intention of striking a red ink line through the treaty. "We will make an effort to reform that treaty along the lines of agreement Australia has signed and when we get it reformed it will be fair to the Canadian farmer, and we will get the admission of these goods from Australia just the same," he proceeded.

### Liberal Rally Wednesday Night

Candidate Will be Selected at Meeting in Liberal Headquarters.

A great deal of interest is being taken in the Liberal convention called for tomorrow (Wednesday) night, to select a candidate for the Kingston-Portsmouth riding, and a record attendance is being looked for. All the old-time, as well as the young members of the party, will gather to put a candidate in the field, and now that it has been announced that the fight is on, there is a great enthusiasm over the nomination meeting.

### Hemlock Park Dairy Herd Is 100 Per Cent. Clean

The Health of Animals Branch of the Dominion Government have just completed another half-yearly test of the large herd at the Hemlock Park Stock Farm. Not a single reactor was found in the herd of over 200 animals and they passed the test 100 per cent. clean.

### WONDER IF PENALTY CAN BE IMPOSED

In Connection With the Story About Lord Kitchener's Body.

London, Aug. 17.—British newspapers to-day were raising the question whether any legal penalty could be imposed in connection with the discovery that the coffin delivered at Waterloo station and alleged to contain the body of the late Lord Kitchener was empty. Some of the papers say that the police and Home Office officials are studying the affair to determine if anything punishable has been done. Frank Power, who was responsible for the story that Kitchener's body was picked up off the Norway coast, has given no explanation regarding the empty coffin.

### THREE PETERBORO BOYS ARE DROWNED

Peterboro, Aug. 17.—Three boys, Allan Barnes, Leonard Barnes and Bert Cookman, were drowned in the Otonabee River, on the outskirts of the city late yesterday afternoon.

### EMPIRE WILL BEGIN TO SUFFER A SHOCK

As Soon As We Depart From Constitutional Practice, Says King.

Calgary, Alta., Aug. 17.—"England expected Canada to take its full measure of self-government within the Empire, but unless the relationship of the Governor-General to the Prime Minister in Canada is the same as the King to the Prime Minister in Great Britain, Canada's position is no better than a crown colony," Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King told his audience here last night.

### ANOTHER COAL CONFERENCE.

An Effort to Find a Settlement of Strike. London, Aug. 17.—Conference of British coal miners' delegates this afternoon authorized the executive board of the union to seek the reopening of negotiations with the coal owners and the government in an effort to find a way to end the strike. The result of these negotiations are to be reported to future conferences. It was stipulated that all such negotiations for settlement must be of a national character and not by districts.

### Mexican Catholics Do Not Want U. S. Interference

Mexico City, Aug. 17.—Executive, the leading Mexican newspaper, editorially says that the Mexican Catholics neither seek nor would accept United States interference in the religious controversy and that any sort of attempt of interference by that country would hinder rather than help the solution.

### Sir Howard Spicer Found Dead of Bullet Wound

London, Aug. 17.—Sir Howard Spicer, member of the well known firm of paper manufacturers to-day was found dead from a bullet wound, in the Strand hotel, of which he was shareholder. He was fifty-four years of age.

### Given Prison Sentence.

Cobalt, Aug. 17.—Pleading guilty to a charge of high grading, forcing and entering at the Keeley Mines, Pete Haskin was sentenced to three years in Portsmouth penitentiary before Magistrate Atkinson in police court here yesterday. The driver of the car used to convey the high grade was acquitted.

### Two Bullets Fired Into the Body of Montreal Publisher, Autopsy Shows

Montreal, Aug. 17.—Two bullets were fired into the body of Joseph Antonio Beaudry, well known editor and publisher, as he sat in his office at "Prix Courant," a weekly review, on Saturday afternoon. This announcement was made by Dr. Doreme, medico-legal expert, who performed an autopsy on the body of

the victim. The examination showed one shot was fired through the back of the head, while the second entered the back. As a result of an all-night search and investigation, the police today reported that a definite clue has been uncovered in the mystery. Retention marks the progress of the detectives.

### A Storm Forced Lillian Cannon To Quit Swim



Cape Gris, N.S., Aug. 17.—Lillian Cannon of Baltimore failed this morning in her first attempt to swim the English channel. A storm approached, with lightning and thunder, and forced her to quit the water after 2 hours and 35 minutes.

### Montreal Publisher Was Likely Murdered

Montreal, Aug. 17.—Joseph Antonio Beaudry, president of the Merchants' Printing Co., Ltd., past proprietor of Le Prix Courant, whose body was found in his office, 138 Notre Dame street east, Sunday afternoon, died of a bullet wound, Police investigating the case hold the theory of murder and medical experts of the Coroner's Court claim that the bullet, having penetrated between the shoulder blades, could not have been fired by the victim.

### Body Found at Brockville.

Brockville, Aug. 17.—The body of a man, believed to be Edward Kealy, was found floating in the St. Lawrence River at the waterworks wharf Sunday. The body had been in the water about nine days.

### Hog Prices at Toronto.

Toronto, Aug. 17.—Hogs are unchanged from last week's close at \$12, f.o.b., \$12.60 fed and \$13 off cuts, with premium of \$2.46 for select.

### Black Squirrel Jumps on Street Car And Rides Downtown on Trolley Pole

An Unusual Sight Witnessed by Citizens Monday Afternoon—Little Animal Hopped Off Tree at City Park and Rode Out King and Up Princess Street.

A Kingston street car carried a "dead head passenger" on Monday afternoon, and thereby hangs a tale.

When a street car was coming in King Street, alongside City Park, a black squirrel jumped from a tree on to the top of the car, and made a trip downtown. The mere fact that the squirrel perched on the top of the car and enjoyed the trip was not all. The little fellow evidently was out for some real excitement, and after sitting quietly until the car reached Princess Street, where he drew a big audience, he climbed up the trolley pole and in "dare-devil fashion" rode out the pole for a dozen blocks, and then evidently getting all the thrills he could on Manager H. C. Nickle's bus, the uninvited passenger made his way down to the side of the car and scampered off, no doubt to tell his many other little friends in City Park about the wonderful trip he had on a trolley car.

### The Political Field

King at Portage la Prairie. Lake Louise, Alta., Aug. 17.—Mr. Mackenzie King will carry his campaign into Portage la Prairie on Wednesday of this week. The meeting has been arranged in addition to the itinerary which was fixed some days ago.

Mr. King will speak in the interests of E. A. McPherson, who is the Liberal opponent to Premier Meighen in the constituency. On Wednesday afternoon Mr. King will be in Portage, and on Wednesday evening in Brandon.

F. W. Perras in Wright. Aymer, Que., Aug. 17.—F. W. Perras, former Liberal member of Parliament for Wright, was practically the unanimous choice of the Wright County Liberal convention held in the Town Hall at Aymer this afternoon.

Mr. Perras has been mayor of Gracefield, Que., for the past fourteen years. In the last election he defeated Notary F. A. Labelle, Conservative candidate.

### LORD BEAVERBROOK AT ST. JOHN, N.B.

The Former Canadian Glad to See New Brunswick Again, He Says.

St. John, N.B., Aug. 17.—Lord Beaverbrook, formerly of this province, arrived in St. John harbor yesterday on board the yacht Miramichi, accompanied by his two sons, Hon. Max and Hon. Peter Aiken; his secretary and a few friends. He will meet Lady Beaverbrook here today on her arrival via Quebec. Her ladyship will be accompanied by the eldest of their children, the Hon. Janet Aiken, and the family party will make a brief tour of places in the Maritime Provinces.

### PREPARED TO MEET ALL CHALLENGERS.

Bissingen, Germany, Aug. 17.—Gertrude Ederle today told the Associated Press that she was prepared to take on all male and female challengers in a challenge swim for a purse of \$20,000, before starting for the United States.

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### A MANIAC SLITS DRESSES OF WOMEN

Geneva, Aug. 17.—Women at Basle are in a state of consternation owing to a maniac, whose specialty is the slitting of women's dresses with a sharp instrument. The man generally works in a crowd, cutting the backs of the gown from neck to hem, so one victim was horrified suddenly to find herself standing half nude.

### SAWMILLS BURN DOWN

Plant at Callander, and Two Houses Destroyed. North Bay, Aug. 17.—The sawmills of the Canadian Timber Company at Callander, eight miles south of North Bay, were totally destroyed by fire early yesterday. The homes of two employees, near the mill, were also burned to the ground. The season's cut of lumber was not endangered.

### Import \$69 Worth of Cheese.

Woodstock, Aug. 17.—In arguing that the Australian treaty did not injure the Canadian dairy industry, Hon. James A. Robb said here that \$69 worth of cheese had been imported since the treaty came into effect. An error in transmission had it \$69,000.

### EMPLOYMENT BETTER THAN IN SIX YEARS

The Dominion Official Statistics Show Continued Upward Trend.

Ottawa, Aug. 17.—Reports on employment received by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics from firms with a minimum of fifteen employees in industries other than agriculture and fishing, showed a further large increase in the volume of employment at the beginning of July.

The number of persons added to the pay-rolls during June was greater than in the same month of any previous year of the record. Data was received from 5,898 firms, employing 850,718 workers, as compared with 830,019 in the preceding month.

The employment index number (the base 100 representing the number of employees of the same firms in January, 1920) stood at 103.7, compared with 101.0 on June 1, 1925, and with 96.8, 95.3, 99.5, 91.1, and 87.5, of July 1, 1925, 1924, 1923, 1922 and 1921, respectively.

Reports received from the offices of the Employment Service of Canada indicated a slight decrease in the volume of business transacted in June as compared with that of the preceding month.

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### DRIVERS OF FIRE TRUCKS MUST EXERCISE MORE CARE

When Responding to Fire Alarms--Chief Armstrong Instructed to Issue Warning--Enquiry Held by Committee into Mix-Up of Trucks at Corner of Montreal and Queen Streets.

Drivers of the Kingston fire trucks must be more careful in the future, in responding to fire alarms. Following an investigation held by the fire and light committee on Monday afternoon, into the circumstances surrounding the queer mix-up two of the trucks got into on Monday afternoon of last week, near the corner of Queen and Montreal streets, in answering a call for a fire on Stephen street, Fire Chief Armstrong was instructed to issue a warning to the drivers of the department, that they must be more careful, especially at street intersections.

The Ruggles hose truck, the ladder truck, and a delivery truck, figured in the mix-up, and as a result of the Ruggles truck going over the sidewalk, several feet of the stone wall surrounding St. Paul's church was wrecked. The members of the committee realize the danger the drivers of the trucks are up against in these days of congested traffic on the down-town streets, but at the same time, they feel that the drivers should use more care, especially in making the corners, and it will be up to the fire chief to impress on his men that "safety first" methods must be adhered to.

The investigation was ordered by the chairman of the committee, Aid. Harvey Milne, who felt that the chief should notify the chairman of the committee in writing regarding such accidents, placing the blame where it belongs, and that if this report was not forthcoming, that an investigation should be held, in justice to the taxpayers, who have to pay for the upkeep of the department. In this case the chairman estimated that the mishap would cost the city in the neighborhood of \$200 or \$300 in damages. The evidence offered was of a most conflicting nature.

Ald. Milne presided at the meeting, and also present were Aids J. F. Johnston, Crowley, Carson, Martin and Dunphy.

Fire Chief Armstrong and several members of the department were called before the committee to tell what they knew about the accident.

Have Been Warned. Asked concerning instructions given the drivers, Chief Armstrong stated that the rules of the department called for the drivers to be very careful, especially at all street corners. These instructions had been issued to the captains of the department, and given to the men. The chief told about the front part of the Ruggles truck being locked in the rear wheel of the ladder truck.

Capt. Fred Reid said that the drivers had been instructed to keep to the twenty miles limit, unless on a long run, and then twenty-five to thirty miles would be allowed. He had warned his drivers, time and time again, to be very careful at the corners. Capt. Reid was not on the Ruggles truck, therefore he could not give an estimate of the speed it was making the day of the accident.

Driver Lutz, of the Ruggles truck, said that he turned the corner of Queen and Montreal street, to go out Montreal street, within eighteen inches of the curb, and that he did not see the ladder truck at this time, but heard it coming along behind, and it hit a delivery truck belonging to Mr. Lane. Later the ladder truck hit the Ruggles truck on the rear wheel and ripped the tire.

Claimed Right of Way. Driver Lutz claimed that he had the right of way. He hit the church wall after the encounter with the ladder truck. His brakes, he said, were in good working order, and he was only travelling about eight or nine miles an hour.

Thomas Boucher, driver of the ladder truck, said he noticed the Ruggles truck coming up Queen street, as he neared the corner of Queen and Montreal street, and he said that the Ruggles truck hit the ladder truck on the rear wheel. He was travelling about fifteen or twenty miles an hour, and was on the right side of the road.

Fireman Jack Burns was on the ladder truck. He noticed the Ruggles truck coming up Queen street, and also noticed a delivery truck at a standstill, at the curb near this corner. He said it was his duty to ring the gong, and he sounded the gong all the way on the trip.

Asked as to who was to blame for the accident, Fireman Burns said, "I would not like to say. The Ruggles truck was not ahead of us," he added. "This truck struck us from behind."

Fireman Fred Shepherd was on the Ruggles truck and said that as this truck got to the corner he said, "Here comes the ladder truck." He heard the smash of the ladder truck running into the delivery truck.

"The ladder truck hit our truck," he said, "and appeared to give us more speed. We were travelling about seven or eight miles an hour. The accident occurred about thirty or forty feet from Queen street, on Montreal.

Fireman John Hall was on the rear of the Ruggles truck, and he said that the ladder truck hit the truck he was on. The Ruggles truck was going about eight or nine miles an hour.

Racing to Fire? Aid. Carson said that from the evidence it looked as if the firemen on the two trucks were trying to see who could get to the fire first.

Mr. Lane, the driver of the delivery truck, could not give an explanation of how the accident occurred, according to the chairman, and for this reason, he was not called.

A Congested Area. Fire Chief Armstrong told the members of the committee that Montreal street, from Princess to Queen street, was a very much congested area, and that on many occasions, Mr. Howard Marshall, hardware merchant, whose place of business is located at the corner of Princess and Montreal street, had directed the traffic so as to make the way clear for the firemen. He said the good work of Mr. Marshall had prevented many accidents at this corner and he warmly praised the work of Mr. Marshall, stating that he had assisted the fire department in this work on every occasion possible.

Ald. Martin also spoke of the traffic on Montreal street, between Princess and Queen street. Many cars were parked in this block for business purposes. "How the department is able to get through I do not know," he said.

"The downtown traffic is one of the biggest problems the fire department has to contend with," said Chief Armstrong.

Ald. Carson gave it as his opinion that both the drivers in this case were at fault, and should be reprimanded.

Ald. Dunphy thought that the blame was about equally divided.

"The first thing we should do is to place the blame," remarked Aid. Carson.

"But we are unable to do that from the evidence," said Aid. Johnston.

Chief Armstrong stated that the Reo truck was ready to go on duty while the Ruggles truck is undergoing repairs.

The chairman said that the cost of the mixup would reach \$200 or \$300. In addition to the damage to the fire trucks, the church fence would have to be repaired.

The members of the committee finally decided to have Chief Armstrong warn his men to be more careful in driving to fires, especially at street corners.

### WITNESSES VOUCH FOR EDERLE SWIM

Issue Signed Statement in Reply to Adverse Comment in Press.

London, Aug. 17.—Following complimentary comment in French and English newspapers on Miss Ederle's Channel swim, the full text of a statement to the effect that the swim was accomplished in accordance with the rules, signed by members of the party on the tug accompanying her today, it reads: "We, the undersigned witnesses of the Channel swim of Miss Gertrude Ederle, hereby certify in the presence of the American consul, Mr. Gaston Smith, that on the morning of Friday, August 6, Miss Ederle walked into the water at Cape Gris-Nez and swam to Kingsdown, England, where she arrived fourteen and one-half hours later, and that she received no aid to her swimming, and that she abided faithfully by all the rules of Channel swimming and international sportsmanship."

The question has been raised at Dover whether the two tugs accompanying Miss Ederle did not give her shelter. Although there is nothing in Channel swimming rules bearing two tugs, it is considered they gave a great advantage to the swimmer as compared with any swimmer accompanied by only a small motor boat.

Seven-year-old Emma Allen, Rose-land, a suburb of Windsor, died as a result of being struck by an auto.