

LABOR SAYS BECK'S TORYISM MUST BE BEATEN

Driver Hurt When Truck Crashes Into Street Car

BEAT BECK; SAVE HYDRO IS ATTITUDE OF LABOR IN PROVINCIAL BATTLE

Sir Adam's Placing of Toryism Before Public Weal Alarms Workers.

LABOR LEADERS TALK

All Public Utilities Must Be Kept Clear of Politics, They Believe.

London Labor is steadfast in its belief that the public-owned enterprises of this province must be safeguarded against the inroads of the political tricksters.

This has always been Labor's attitude, and this is why Labor today has not changed its attitude of 1913.

London Labor believes now, as then, that Sir Adam Beck should be defeated in order that Ontario's public ownership ventures, including the vast hydro-electric projects, shall not be jeopardized by contact with those interests that have already launched hydro into the political field.

"Beat Beck and keep hydro out of politics," Mayor Wenig has declared, and it meets with the approval of Ald. John Colbert, one of Labor's two representatives in the city council.

"That's a very sensible stand to adopt," concurs Ald. Colbert, whose prominence in Labor circles is undisputed, as the president of the London Street Railwaymen's Union and a past president of the London Labor party.

Ald. Colbert conscientiously believes, as do the workers of London generally, that the time has come when the people of this province must stand together in line and prevent the passing of their public utilities, whether they be railroads or electrical developments, into the hands of those who would project them ruthlessly into the political cockpit of personal and party aspirations.

"All our public utilities should be kept free from politics of any description, provincial or otherwise," Ald. Colbert declares, and the great mass of the working men and women of this city echo his sentiments.

"Hydro should be kept free from politics, and Sir Adam Beck and his friends are certainly a grave error," says Ald. Frank McKay, another of Labor's representatives from Ward Three. "What we expect that the people of London will rule again to defeat Sir Adam Beck and so safeguard the interests of our public utilities."

SAYS LARGE NUMBER ASK WORK PERMITS

Dr. George Weir States Given Only When Sufficient Income Lacking.

In his last report to the board of education Dr. George S. Weir records an unusual number of applications for employment certificates during the month. A large number of these have been refused. The report goes on: "The act permits certificates to be given for only one reason—lack of sufficient income. A number of parents claim their children are learning nothing and wasting time, others are unable to control them and try to avoid trouble by securing permission to discontinue school attendance."

"It has been firmly impressed on my mind that some people with small incomes are able to educate their families, while others with larger incomes consider it a great hardship if they are refused permits."

TEACHING STAFF HONOR THIRTY YEARS' SERVICE

Special to The Advertiser. Windsor, June 8.—Nearing 30 years' service as a public school teacher, Miss Mary Robertson Friday afternoon was presented with a purse of gold by the teaching staff of Douglass Avenue School, Windsor. Miss Robertson recently recovered from injuries sustained when she fell while visiting a sick friend. Miss Robertson will complete the 30-year term as a teacher at the end of June.

PROTESTS D. S. C. R. REMOVAL

The London Chamber of Commerce has prepared a vigorous complaint which will be forwarded to Dr. Beland, head of the soldiers' civil rehabilitation department, and also to the prime minister at Ottawa, in connection with the removal of the local D. S. C. R. to Toronto. The chamber feels that London's interests in this way are being slighted and that there is a real need here in Western Ontario for the service which the D. S. C. R. was giving. Several other civic associations are also preparing protests in the same vein.

AUCTIONEER AND LABOR M.P. CLASH ON CITY MARKET

Dr. Stevenson Turns Auction Wagon Into Improvised Rostrum.

FLAYS THE TORIES

Then the Wagon's Owner Comes Along and Objects to Proceedings.

Dr. Hugh Stevenson, M. L. A., has acted in humorous capacities during his long public career, but never until this morning has he attempted the time-honored role of auctioneer.

Early this morning, the doctor, while going through the city market, was urged by some of the crowds who come every Saturday morning to the local square, Dr. Stevenson thought the idea a good one, for he ascended an auctioneer's wagon near King street, and proceeded to address the "electorate."

While three veteran speakers tried to gather an enthusiastic crowd about them, London's provincial representative, auctioneer some awe-inspiring information regarding G. Howard Ferguson and his cohorts. What Howard hadn't done to ruin the country wasn't worth doing, the doctor averred, and the plaudits of the crowd showed the approval with which his remarks were accepted.

Just as Dr. Stevenson was well into the tale of Tory perfidy, the auctioneer who owned the wagon from which Dr. Hugh was delivering his oration tried to push him over the rail. But the doctor gave the gentleman a look that would squelch a wildcat, and proceeded with his rhetoric.

The subject of the speaker's discourse was hydro and Sir Adam Beck. Dr. Stevenson claimed Sir Adam had squandered the people's money recklessly. He quoted figures to prove it. The crowd cheered.

The owner of the rig was getting impatient. He gave Dr. Stevenson another push, but the latter foiled his efforts by seizing the rail, and standing as firm as the rock of Gibraltar. A heckler in the crowd taunted the doctor for "not doing anything when you were in parliament," but the doctor always had a wicked come-back.

"Look what we Labor men did for the street railway," he said. "Look what we did for Western University." "You're not a Labor man," the heckler shouted.

But Dr. Stevenson ignored him. He went on to tell of the vast expenditure of money in connection with hydro-electric enterprises. He referred to Mr. Ferguson's questionable competence in regard to Northern Ontario timber. The crowd liked it, for they voiced their approval frequently.

By this time the legitimate auctioneers were getting plainly resentful. The doctor was spoiling their chorus, and effectively drowned out their competitor's voice.

However, Dr. Stevenson had said his say and was satisfied. He leaped gracefully off the pedestal from which he delivered his speech and edged his way through the throng.

WILL ATTEMPT SWIM ACROSS LAKE ONTARIO

Associated Press Despatch. Cleveland, June 9.—Clair Walker of the Central Young Men's Christian Association of this city, announces that he will attempt to swim from Point Peter, Ont., to the light-house at Lorain, Ohio, a distance of 32 miles, on June 8. Walker was formerly a member of the Olympic team of San Francisco. He is engaged in practice swims of various distances daily.

DONAHUE AND STEVENSON TAKE OUT THEIR PAPERS

City Clerk Baker declares that after 1:30 p.m. June 13, the day preceding nominations, he will not check over provincial candidates' papers. Two nominees have already taken out their papers—J. M. Donahue and Dr. Hugh A. Stevenson, and the campaign managers in both instances state that they have secured without difficulty the signatures of 100 bona fide electors, as required by law.

POPULAR LONDON GIRL IS HONORED IN DEATH

Miss Dorothy L. Welch Is Laid to Rest at Woodland Cemetery.

Dorothy L. Welch, the 23-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Welch of 452 Queens avenue, who died after a lengthy illness on Wednesday last, was laid to rest this afternoon in the family plot at Woodland Cemetery.

Miss Welch was one of the best liked and most energetic among the younger members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and before her illness was a member of the choir. Her friends in this district and her church members were many and the required tributes to the cemetery.

In the absence of Rev. Dr. MacGregor of St. Andrew's Church, who is attending a Presbyterian assembly, the assistant pastor, Rev. F. W. K. Harris, conducted the services which were held at the house at 2:30. The pallbearers who were members of Mr. Welch's girl's Sunday School class were A. Johnston, G. Black, E. Hughton, G. Hussey, R. Petrie and K. Marsh.

Mrs. Marjorie Anne Weber, 34 years old, was rescued after jumping into the Detroit River early today. She said her husband, Hugh, a traveling salesman, returned from a trip on Thursday night to find her shorn of her locks. There was a scene and she carried out her threat to jump into the river.

Harry Wentworth, of Windsor, who heard her telephoning her determination to the husband followed her to the water, where he rescued her.

Two Bobbed-Haired Women Try to End Their Own Lives Detroit Wives Attempt Suicide When Husbands Disapprove of Shorn Locks.

Associated Press Despatch. Detroit, Mich., June 9.—Bobbed hair and the strenuous resultant disapproval expressed by their husbands drove two Detroit women to suicidal attempt today. Mrs. Julia Alamo, 32 years old, had her hair bobbed Wednesday. Yesterday, she said, her husband beat her, and otherwise showed his objections to the bobbing. She took poison, but is recovering at a hospital.



AUTO TRUCK AND STREET CAR COLLIDE. Murray Johnston, owner and operator of a 3-ton truck for Silverwood's Limited, received severe injuries when his vehicle collided with an Ottawa street car at the corner of Rectory and King streets at 7:30 this morning. While the truck, which was loaded with milk and ice cream was overturned it was not badly damaged but the street car suffered severely by the impact. Inset shows Bill Blanchard, ice cream packer, who was traveling on the truck when the accident happened, and who suffered a slight cut on the face. Of the six passengers traveling on the street car, one, a former street car company employee, sustained a slight cut on the wrist.

LONDON SHRINERS RETURNED TODAY AFTER FINE TRIP

Mocha Temple's Representatives Home From the Great Washington Meeting.

TIRED BUT HAPPY

The special train carrying the returning Shriner from Washington pulled into the Grand Trunk station at 10:55 this morning. Their cars were brought as far as Hamilton on the train carrying the Toronto and Hamilton contingent, and at Hamilton the train separated, one section going into Toronto and the other to London.

Several of the London Shriners and their wives stopped off at Hamilton and Toronto, but about 100 of the party have come back to settle down after what London Shriners speak of as the most successful imperial council meeting ever held.

Ernie Ross told The Advertiser that notwithstanding the immensity of the gathering at Washington, everything went forward without a hitch. "The Shriners gathered at Washington amounted to almost the original population of London, so you can imagine the crowds we had," he said. Asked about the terrific heat that prevailed during their stay in Washington, the Shriners are unanimous in stating that it was the hottest time they have ever put in. One happy-looking Shriner said: "The effect of the heat at the time of the parade was so great that between the heat, the crowds, and the excitement, the ambulances were kept busy, and private cars were used to help out."

The statement is made that throughout the whole of the Shriner gathering not one case of a Shriner being overcome by the heat came to the notice of the London party, nor was there any untoward accident or occurrence to mar the celebration.

The Shriners looked on themselves as if they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and they made a gay picture in their red fezzes as they gathered on the station platform, and sang an improvised song, indicative of their joy at returning, and saying that the return was necessitated by the drought that the Shriners had brought about in Washington.

The party broke up at the station, and no parade took place, the Shriners evidently having had their share of parading in Washington.

EMPLOYEE AT RUGGLES LOSES PART OF THUMB

William Simms Suffers Painful Injury at Work This Morning.

William Sims, an employee of the Ruggles Truck Company, met with an accident this morning while operating a machine at the company's plant.

In some manner he got his left thumb crushed in the machine and almost severed it at the first joint. His fellow workers saw his plight and rushed him to the office of Dr. P. C. Banghart, 477 Dundas street.

On examining the injured thumb, Dr. Banghart decided that the amputation of the first joint of the thumb would be necessary and took Sims over to Victoria Hospital and removed the first section of the thumb.

Dr. Banghart says that Sims is doing nicely although it will be a few days before he will be about, and several weeks before the wound will be sufficiently healed to permit his returning to work.

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Water Swirls In Streets of Arcola, Saskatchewan

Cloudburst Floods Town, Ruins Crops and Does Many Thousands of Dollars Damage.

Associated Press Despatch. Arcola, Sask., June 9.—Arcola was inundated and in darkness last night. Crops in an area of many square miles were under water, or beaten flat, basements were flooded, and several families were driven from their homes as the result of a cloudburst, which broke over this district late yesterday afternoon. Last night it was impossible to estimate the extent of the damage, as lines of communication, especially with the south, are out of commission. The torrential rain was accompanied by vivid lightning and much hail. It is feared that crops that are not on low-lying land, and therefore not under water, have been badly damaged by the large hailstones which broke hundreds of windows in the town and such surrounding territory as has so far been heard from.

The electric light plant was flooded, and as a result the town was all in darkness. The extreme violence of the storm appears to have been felt in a strip seven miles long, of which Arcola is approximately the centre. Reports of damage and serious inundation of farm lands have been received from as far as four miles north, but how far south the storm extended is not known.

Many residences in Arcola were last night marooned, and on Railway avenue some families have been forced to vacate their homes. The streets are under water, which in some cases is 2½ feet deep. The crops in this district were in splendid condition before the cloudburst.

PREMIER DRURY TO LAY VARSITY CORNER-STONE

Over Five Thousand Invitations Will Be Sent to Prominent Men.

On Monday, July 18, Premier Drury will lay the foundation stone of the new buildings at Western University. All arrangements have been made by Colonel W. J. Brown, the executive secretary of the university, and over 5,000 invitations to prominent men and women in the city and province have been sent out.

The actual ceremony will take place about 3 p.m. Present arrangements include the laying of the foundation stone of the administration building by the premier, and of the science building by Dr. Grant. It is possible, though, that Mr. Drury will officiate at both ceremonies.

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STREET RAILWAY EMPLOYEES MAY GET WAGE RAISE

Special Mass Meeting Will Be Called in East London Tonight.

HOLD CONFERENCES

All platform employees of the London street railway corporation—motormen and conductors—face a possible 2-cent-an-hour increase in wages, if optimistic reports emanating this morning from the Labor Temple are well founded.

In fact, a special mass meeting has been called for midnight, and the men will assemble in the Foresters' Hall, East London, as it is handy to the car barns and their homes.

It was explained to The Advertiser this morning that for some time past the executive members of the street railwaymen's union have been conferring with the company authorities respecting an elevation of wages and certain changes in working conditions. The latter are of a minor nature, however, it is further stated, and not of sweeping significance.

The situation as explained to The Advertiser is this: The men were subject to a decrease of 2 cents an hour some time ago, and to secure the return of this negotiations have been in progress.

Many of the men were under the impression today that the executive has been tendered the willingness of the company to elevate the wages to the former standard.

Tonight's special session has been called, it is explained, to receive this report from the executive and to accept or reject accordingly. One prominent member of the union stated to The Advertiser at noon that "so far he had heard no protest," concerning the expected report.

WILL REPRESENT CITY AT GOOD ROADS MEET

Robert Greene Going to Hamilton to Represent London Motor Club.

Robert Greene of Greene, Swift & Co. will journey to Hamilton tomorrow to attend the annual Canadian Good Roads Association convention as representative of the London Motor Club.

The session commences Monday next and lasts three days. Questions of interest to all car owners will be threshed out and ways and means for improving tourist facilities in this district will be discussed in the course of the program.

Delegates from every town of any size in Canada will attend the conference. The assembly, it is predicted, will take definite action in the way of enhancing the convenience of motor driving all over the province.

REPORTS NEW FAMINE BROKEN OUT IN RUSSIA

Associated Press Despatch. Moscow, June 9.—Another far-off corner of Russia—Perkhana Province, in Turkestan—has been stricken by famine. A message received here says that 400,000 persons are affected by the food shortage, which has already resulted in many deaths. The population is reported to be eating grass.

Amundsen Expects to Fly To North Pole In 24 Hours

Explorer Plans To Commence Flight Into Polar Regions From Wainwright on June 20.

Associated Press Despatch. Bergen, Norway, June 9.—It is now settled that Captain Roald Amundsen and his pilot Omdal will start on their North Pole flight from Wainwright, Alaska, to Spitzbergen on or about June 20. The flight is expected to take about twenty-two hours. It is thought that the greatest danger of engine failure will arise after the machine has been in the air many hours, that is to say, after it has passed the pole and is approaching the edge of the polar ice north of Spitzbergen. In summer this ice pack is a considerable distance north of the island. If Amundsen and Omdal are forced to land and abandon their airplane they will, if within reasonable distance of the ice edge, try to reach it on skis. The Norwegian government has assigned two naval hydro-aeroplanes and one fishing patrol vessel to assist Captain Amundsen in his quest for the pole. As soon as a message is received at Spitzbergen stating that Amundsen has started, the aeroplanes and patrol ship will at once proceed to the edge of the ice.

TRUCK CRASHES INTO STREET CAR; DRIVER INJURED

Murray Johnston Has Six Stitches Put in Chin.

VEHICLES DAMAGED

Car Thrown From Track and Motor Is Turned Over.

Murray Johnston, 58 Askin street, was badly hurt when a truck driven by him collided with Ottawa street car No. 142, in charge of Motorman Dan Martin and Conductor Ross McKay, on Rectory street, at the corner of King street, this morning at 7:30.

Johnston, who owns and operates the truck for Silverwood's Limited, while traveling east on King street, attempted to cross in front of the Ottawa car, which was northbound on Rectory. But, miscalculating his distance, he struck the street car at the front, and forcing it across the curb and telegraph pole against the car, until it crashed on the street, badly damaging the street car and overturning his own truck by the impact.

Johnston was taken home in the public ambulance, after having six stitches put in a wound on his chin.

Six Passengers. There were six passengers on board the street car—two girls and four men. One passenger, Bert Johnston, received a cut on his wrist, and was attended by Dr. Clegg.

William Blanchard, an ice cream packer, was traveling on the truck at the time, and received a slight cut on the face.

According to Mr. Johnston, who was seen by The Advertiser at the home shortly after the accident, he had been driving east on King street following his accustomed morning route with ice cream, and was traveling at a usual rate of speed in his truck. Coming to the corner of Rectory street, he proceeded to make the crossing and not until he was on the tracks did he notice a street car coming towards him.

"I did not see the car before," reached the corner because from the way I was approaching, it was impossible to see either the truck or the car," Johnston said.

"When I got onto the tracks and saw it I jammed on my brakes and tried to stop but the car hit the rear end of the truck and threw it onto the grass turning it over on top of myself and Bill Blanchard, who was helping me, and I was knocked off the truck and landed on the street car, too," Johnston said.

"After the truck I don't know what happened as both of us were knocked out for a few minutes and could not even tell you who pulled us out from under the truck. The next thing I remember is some doctor putting some stitches in my chin, and I think, but I do not even know his name."

Asked as to who was to blame he stated that in the opinion of all who saw the collision, it had been purely accidental and no blame could be attached to either the street railway or himself.

Examination of the truck disclosed the fact that it was not badly damaged and will be ready for use again Monday morning. Mr. Johnston also stated that he would be working again at that time.

The street car did not get off so lightly, the front of it being smashed and the wheels broken up. The wrecking crew of the railway managed to get the street car again by 9 o'clock.

The contents of the truck, several freezers of ice cream and some cream and milk cans belonging to farmers who were making a delivery during the day, were scattered around but undamaged. About 2,500 ice cream cones and a bag of salt were lost, and a wheel broken off. The truck was towed to the street car yard and the salt having burst the bag it was in.

Police Sergeant Middaugh and two constables were in charge at the scene of the accident and did all that was possible in helping the injured. The traffic regulator till the street was clear and this was done satisfactorily.

THE WEATHER

Weather Prob.—Moderate to fresh northwest and wind winds, fine and somewhat warmer today, and on Sunday.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	50	42	Rain
Calgary	50	48	Clear
Winnipeg	52	44	Clear
Port Arthur	50	44	Clear
Perry Sound	56	44	Fair
Toronto	50	40	Clear
Kingston	50	52	Cloudy
Ottawa	50	50	Fair
Montreal	48	40	Cloudy
Quebec	50	50	Cloudy
Father Point	56	40	Fair
St. John	50	40	Rain

The disturbance which was over the coast of Nova Scotia, and pressure is high over the lake region. Rain has been fairly general since during the day, and a few scattered showers have occurred in the west.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 65; lowest, 48.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 64; lowest, 48.

Barometric Readings. Friday—8 a.m.—29.82. Today—8 a.m.—29.87.