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THE WEATHER: Probabilities —Fair and Warm.

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## GOVT. DENIES SENDING TROOPS TO SYDNEY

### SNOW AND HAIL COVER GROUND AT ST. THOMAS

Strip of Land Two Miles Wide Assumes Wintry Appearance.

REMARKABLE HAPPENING IS WITHOUT PARALLEL

Thermometer Dropped Suddenly During Storm—Sun Quickly Melts Snow.

After a particularly severe thunderstorm, accompanied by a torrential downpour of rain, a strip of country about two miles wide and extending several miles south of St. Thomas towards Port Stanley, was last night encased in a beautiful white coating of snow and hail. After the storm had subsided the ground very quickly assumed a wintry appearance, the fields within this area being thickly coated as they would be during the most severe winter.

According to motorists who passed over the ground the temperature dropped to a remarkably low degree, and even early this morning the snow blanket had not altogether cleared away, although when old King Sol made his appearance it did not long withstand his smiles.

**DAMAGE RESULTS.**  
This sudden plunge from a temperature hovering near the century mark down to a mild wintry atmosphere is undoubtedly a most remarkable phenomenon, and as far as is known is without parallel in the history of this part of Ontario. It is likely that considerable damage will be done to the berry crops of the district, especially in view of the fact that the temperature soared up to nearly 80 degrees of heat soon after sunrise this morning. The storm of yesterday also did considerable damage in and around St. Thomas, although as far as is known the hail and snow were confined entirely to the area mentioned above.

**DIES OF EXCITEMENT.**  
ST. THOMAS, July 4.—Farmers and gardeners residing south of St. Thomas are to-day counting cost of the severe hailstorm that passed over the territory two miles in width and 10 to 15 miles in length last evening. Hail larger than hickory nuts fell to a depth of several inches on the level and in places to a depth of over a foot. Whole fields of grain and vegetables were ruined and orchards stripped of fruit, this state of affairs being general throughout the affected area. In some places chickens were killed and certain farm birds are lying dead under the trees. Scarcely a field of corn is left standing. At Vinaford Park, where Southwood Township schools were picnicking, the storm was particularly severe and the excitement of picnickers was added to by lightning striking a tree near the pavilion and by the sudden death of Charles E. Ross, aged 71, who succumbed to heart trouble as he was preparing to return home.

**G. T. PACIFIC STOCK JUMPS SIX POINTS**

Advance To 44 Made In Expectation of New Adjustment.

LONDON, July 4.—(Canadian Press Cable).—Grand Trunk Pacific stock, debenture stock jumped six points to 44 on the market here to-day in expectation of an early change in the situation of the debenture holders as a result of their committee's efforts in their behalf.

The holders of Grand Trunk Pacific securities guaranteed by the Grand Trunk Railway Company contend that the taking over of the Grand Trunk Railway by the Dominion Government should place them and their debentures in a more favorable position than has been the case.

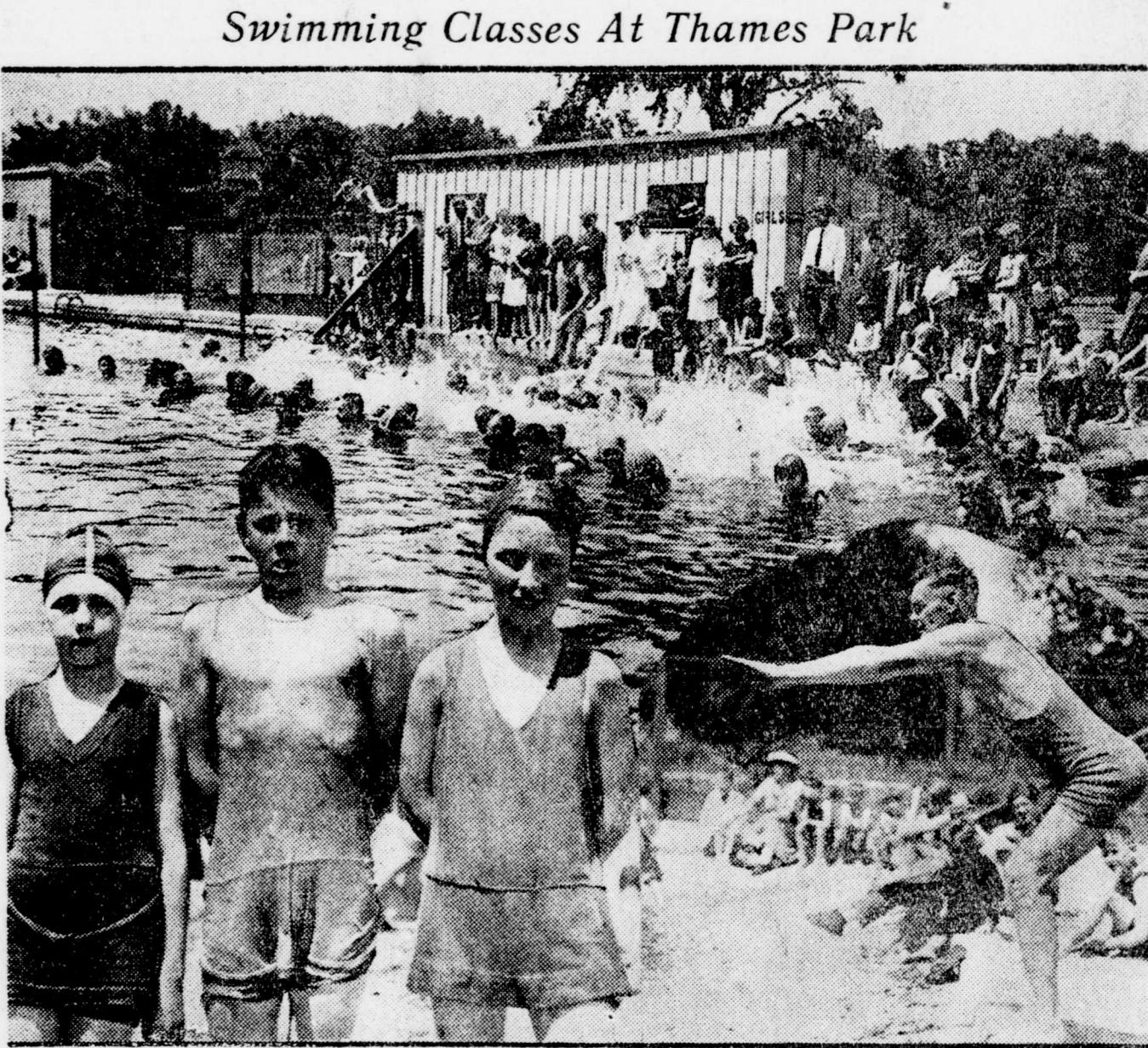
**MAY DETERMINE FATE OF PROGRESSIVE PARTY AT NATIONAL CONVENTION**

Decimation of U. F. O. Party In Ontario Likely To Have Considerable Influence On Whether Group Remains Independent Or Becomes Absorbed.

Special to The Free Press.

OTTAWA, July 4.—A national convention of the Progressive party to consider whether it is to remain as an independent entity or be absorbed, and whether there is to be a process of broadening out or drawing in to radical lines, is expected to be held this fall, according to members of the party who attended the final caucus after the election.

In the light of the past session record there is much to suggest that the party is somewhat divided in its own councils. There is a small group, mainly from Alberta, whose tendencies are decidedly radical, and these came into full play on the Bank Act.



Swimming Classes At Thames Park  
Photo shows a class of young swimmers starting across the Thames Park swimming pool under the supervision of George H. Corsan, of New York, a world famous swimming instructor who is employed by the Utilities Commission to instruct London youngsters. In the background Mr. Corsan can be seen with arms outstretched, demonstrating the proper position of the shoulders during swimming. In the foreground three young swimmers, who have taken lessons from Mr. Corsan during his visit here, are seen in one period of instruction. On the left is Jean Hall, Adanac Apartments, who in one period of instruction learned the back crawl; Mack Dundas, 946 Queen's avenue, comes next. He learned during one period of instruction and gave a demonstration at the end of swimming and the back crawl; Patricia ("Pat") Marnell, 23 Marley Place, on the right, gave a demonstration of the back crawl with what is known as the "dipper kick," which she had learned in one-half hour's lesson.

### START SURVEY OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Staff Consists of Only 52 Men In Two Platoons.

MUCH OLD EQUIPMENT

Central Fire Hall Not Fireproof and Poorly Located.

Antiquated equipment, fire halls that are themselves fire traps, and insufficient officers and men to man the department are three main points that may be brought to the Council's attention by the Citizens' Research Institute.

The fact that the central fire hall where the city's most valuable fire fighting material is located, is by no means fireproof was carefully noted by the survey party report of the survey, on King street, will also be subject for criticism, it is believed, in view of parking regulations, which at times permits the street to be partially blocked.

Administration and firemen's pensions will also be taken into consideration.

Dr. H. L. Brittain, chief of the survey staff, is assisted by Joseph Howes and C. C. Wyatt. Mr. Wyatt assisted in the Victoria Hospital survey.

### MATTHEW BULLOCK'S BROTHER LYNCHED

HAMILTON, July 4.—Friends with whom Matthew Bullock stayed here while fighting extradition to North Carolina, where he said he would be lynched, believe that Jesse Bullock, who was lynched at Schulenburg, Texas, was a brother of the famous Matthew.

### JUNE MARRIAGES BROKE RECORDS

Over Five Per Cent. of Births Shown As Illegitimate.

MORE MALES BORN

Death Rate Continues Below General Average.

During the first six months of the current year 718 children were born in London and 612 died. Marriages for the year total 311, an unprecedented high total for the past few years.

During June there were 317 births, more than this year; 82 marriages and there were 82 marriages solemnized. That illegitimacy is still a problem in London is proved by statistics showing 49 such births up to May 31. The percentage is higher than 5 per cent. of all births.

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### THE WEATHER

FAIR — WARM  
PROBABILITIES  
Light to moderate winds, fair and warm to-day and on Thursday.

NOTES  
Pressure continues above the normal over the eastern half of the continent and it is still relatively low from the Western Provinces southward.

SHOWERS  
Showers have been fairly general in Alberta and Saskatchewan and they have occurred more or less locally from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, but the weather over the Dominion has been, for the most part, fair.

TEMPERATURES  
Following are the highest and lowest temperatures registered between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m.:

	High.	Low.	Cloud.
LONDON	75	62	Clear
Victoria	66	52	Fair
Winnipeg	62	56	Cloudy
Port Arthur	60	50	Clear
Park Sound	73	59	Clear
Toronto	67	53	Clear
Kingston	74	60	Cloudy
Ottawa	70	60	Fair
Montreal	66	62	Cloudy
Quebec	78	64	Cloudy
Father Point	68	66	Cloudy
St. John	70	66	Cloudy
Halifax	62	56	Cloudy

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS  
Arrived at  
From  
New York.....Pres. Monroe  
Plymouth.....Paris.....New York  
Quebec.....Baltic.....New York  
Southampton.....Beregaria.....New York  
London.....Adonia.....Montreal  
Antwerp.....Melita.....Montreal  
Bremen.....Pres. Arthur.....New York  
Lisbon.....Defic.....Montreal

### CHAMPION IS PICKED TO WIN IN 4 ROUNDS

Fight Fans Want To See Gibbons Win, But Are Placing Money On Dempsey.

BOTH CONFIDENT OF WINNING HEAVY TITLE

SHELBY, Mont., July 4.—While little or no betting was reported on the championship battle between the various fight pools in operation here was unanimously in favor of Dempsey as the winner.

In the principal pool, in which it is estimated over \$75,000 has been wagered, the majority of the speculators pick Dempsey to win in either four or five rounds.

One Shelby sporting man said that up-to-date only \$500 in Gibbons money had appeared. He said it had been offered at one to three.

A clear sky and blazing sun greeted Shelby early this morning. The crowded fight boom town was astir early and the streets were filling up rapidly.

**DEMPEY IN FORM.**  
GREAT FALLS, Mont., July 4.—Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, left here at 1 o'clock this morning on a private car attached to a regular Great Northern train to risk his title this afternoon against Tommy Gibbons in the big pine bowl at Shelby.

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### Just Out For a Stroll



The Free Press Photo.  
Here are four young ladies caught by a Free Press photographer at Wingham after they had hiked all the way from London last week-end. They left London at 4 a.m. on Saturday and reached Wingham, a distance of 80 miles away, on Sunday at 9 o'clock in the evening. They will return to London on foot at the end of the present week. The quartette also visited Shears, Florence Aldington and Marjorie Torrens.

### EXPERTS TO REPORT ON COMMISSION GOVT. PLAN

Civic Research Institute Asked For a System Suitable For All Cities.

INVITE PREMIER AND ONTARIO CABINET

Municipal Convention Here In August To Deal With Big National Problem.

Dr. H. L. Brittain, head of the Citizens' Research Institute of Canada, now in London with a staff of experts, making a survey of civic departments, was asked to-day by Mayor Wenige to prepare a tentative plan of commission government that would be acceptable to Ontario municipalities in general and to London in particular. This plan, when prepared, will be submitted to the Convention of Ontario Municipalities to be held here in August as a basis of discussion.

City Clerk Baker to-day sent out invitations, at the instance of the Council, to Ontario cities, requesting that they appoint delegates to the commission government convention, suggesting tentative dates, and asking that each municipality state whether that date would be suitable.

As soon as replies are received, the municipalities concerned will be notified. Invitations will then be sent to prominent citizens.

Mayor Wenige to-day declared that Premier-Designate Ferguson and members of the Cabinet will then be sworn into office will be urged to attend at least one session.

**COMMISSION GOVERNMENT.**  
I asked Dr. Brittain to-day, Mayor Wenige stated, "to prepare a tentative plan of commission government that would be suitable not only for London, but would meet the needs of other Ontario municipalities, while, at the same time, coming in conflict with basic provincial laws regarding city government."

"Dr. Brittain and the Citizens' Research Council probably knows more about municipal conditions and problems than does any body of men in the Dominion. London, for its own sake, should not let the opportunity pass of securing their advice on the problems of commission government, and having them submit a plan applicable to the whole province would increase London's prestige through rendering a fine public service."

"I also hope that Premier-Designate Ferguson will accept the civic invitation to attend the commission government convention. We want to give this gathering national prominence because the problems that are to be discussed are national ones."

In the meantime, Mayor Wenige hopes to form a local commission government council of prominent citizens in addition to aldermen and councillors, who will be asked to take part in discussions and present the standpoint of the private citizen during the convention.

### BALDWIN WILLING TO STATE U. S. PROPOSAL

Agrees to State Liqueur Rule Suggestion If America Consents

LONDON, July 4.—Prime Minister Baldwin told a questioner in the House of Commons to-day that he was perfectly willing to be on the table of the House the terms of the United States proposal asking for power to seize outside the three mile limit ships alleged to be engaged in smuggling intoxicating liquor, providing the consent of the United States could be obtained.

Steps will be taken, it is said, to obtain this consent.

It is alleged by those behind to-night's promised row that the Trades Council is being used as a means of obtaining possible labor support for an Opposition candidate, and it is understood that the officers who thus gave vent to their own personal feelings will be censured at to-night's gathering.

Both the officials in question are well prepared for such accusations and they will put up a lively scrap, it is understood. They insist that no organization has any right to dictate their policy or personal views on any public question, and while some members of the Trades Council have demanded the resignation of these two officers, they state that they have no intention of paying any attention to such demands.

**FIVE KILLED IN TRAIN SMASH-UP**  
Several Passengers Injured In New Mexico.

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico, July 4.—At least five trainmen were killed and several passengers were injured, some of them possibly seriously, when an Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe train bound from Chicago to Los Angeles was derailed near Domingo, 20 miles north of here, shortly after midnight. The train was a double-header, and both engineers and both firemen were killed, reports said.

### Napoleon's Fleet Was Defeated By Kitchener; Laurier Was Scotchman

Is School Curriculum So Heavy That Youngsters Are Unable To Digest All the Subjects Taught? — Answers To History Questions Show Fertile Brain, If Lack of Knowledge.

Are the youngsters of to-day being given a thorough all-round training in the huge array of subjects included in the public school curriculum? Here is a question that a great many parents of London and other Ontario cities are giving serious consideration just at the present moment, and while there is a great diversity of opinion, there are a large number who do not believe that the modern educational system can in any way compare with that of the "good old days."

Educationalists, of course, differ with those advocates of the methods of yesterday, but if answers to examination papers are any criterion, then to-day's modernized system is undoubtedly lacking in facilities or ability to impart knowledge to the student in many of the most important subjects.

The following list of answers, selected at random from history papers only, indicate beyond doubt that for some mysterious reason the writers are by no means fitted to leave the public school, yet these answers were given by pupils who have reached that stage where they are about to embark on a field of higher education.

**DEFEATED BY WELLINGTON.**  
"Nelson was defeated by Wellington at the battle of Waterloo. He discovered the Nelson River."

"The Crusaders were kings who believed in a Parliament."

"King Philip of Spain and the King of England both wanted to be mistress of the seas."

"The Crimean war was caused by Russia wanting two Christians for her guard."

"Walpole was a great man for poetry. He wrote the Canterbury Tales."

"Of course, there may be some who will say that a brain crammed full of ancient history is of little value in world affairs of to-day. These individuals might demand a more thorough knowledge of recent historic events rather than a wider range of information on semi-monthly sessions."

**LIVELY TIME AT LABOR MEETING**  
Secretary and Treasurer On Carpet To-Night.

COUNCIL NOW POLITICAL

Young and Burke Ready For the Fray.

While the eyes of fight fans are to-day focused on Shelby, Montana, the scene of the famous Dempsey-Gibbons bout, local labor men have already set the stage for an equally interesting encounter which is scheduled to take place to-night at the London Labor Temple, where the Trades Council will hold its semi-monthly session.

The trouble leading up to to-night's scrap, which from present indications has every likelihood of being a lively affair, started a week or two ago when Mr. Young, F. Burke and Treasurer Fred Young, of the local Trades Council, publicly gave their support to Sir Adam Beck, the Conservative candidate in the recent provincial election.

The Trades Council is a purely non-political body and not long ago its members adopted a resolution demanding the executive officials of the organization support only labor's nominee in an election contest. This was rescinded just a few weeks before the recent election, and during the campaign which resulted in Sir Adam Beck's election.

Mr. Young and Mr. Burke publicly gave their support to Sir Adam and declared that they could not possibly support Dr. Stevenson, the nominee of the Labor party.

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**LABOR CONVENES WITH FARMERS**  
National Convention Opened At Chicago To-Day.

CHICAGO, July 4.—The national convention of the Farmer-Labor party and delegates representing labor, agriculture, economic and industrial groups, combined in a single conference to-day and progress was expected to be made toward adopting a platform under which the minority political groups of the country could co-ordinate efforts in the campaign of 1924. Although officers of the Farmer-Labor party under whose auspices the conference was called stated that a platform and endorsement of candidates would remain to the convention next year there was said to be a possibility of eastern delegates leading a movement to obtain an expression from the conference on a candidate for the presidency.

Delegates from all units outside the Farmer-Labor party, which received the call for the conference, sat to-day as participating members, pursuant to action taken yesterday over the protest of many Farmer-Labor delegates. Decisions of the conference to-day will be brought before the reconvened session of the Farmer-Labor convention on Thursday.

**BOY MAKES PLUCKY RESCUE FROM WATER**  
HAMILTON, July 4.—Little Jack Regan made what Hamilton Beach residents think was a very plucky rescue yesterday when he pulled three-year-old Audrey Smith, daughter of ex-detective Jim Smith, to safety after she had fallen off a scow into Lake Ontario.

### 10,000 MEN SAY TROOPS MUST QUIT MINE AREA

Quarrel of Strikers Is Now With Provincial and Federal Governments.

INDUSTRIAL ACT VIOLATED, SAYS MINISTER OF LABOR

Hon. James Murdock Claims Dominion Government Did Not Send Militia.

SYDNEY, N. S., July 4.—(By Canadian Press).—With over 10,000 men on strike in the Cape Breton industrial area, the night passed without serious disturbance so far as police and municipal officials have been able to ascertain this morning. In the confined areas of pickets organized on a military basis are closely guarding the 22 colonies of the British Empire Steel Corporation, but no attempt is being made to work the mines and company officials bringing out the horses and trying to keep the pits pumped out have not so far been interfered with.

Semi-official information from British Empire Steel Corporation sources indicate that the company regards the trouble as between the men and the corporation, but no attempt is being made to work the mines and company officials bringing out the horses and trying to keep the pits pumped out have not so far been interfered with.

"The reason for building the C. P. R. was to join the provinces. It was started at both ends and was finished in the center."

"Lord Kitchener was a man of war. He was lost in the jungle of Africa, where he was drowned."

**WAS IN GREAT WAR.**  
"Canada sent nurses to the Great War. Florence Nightingale was one of these nurses."

"Kitchener was a great leader in the struggle with Napoleon. When Napoleon went to the battle of the pyramids, he left his fleet and Kitchener defeated it."

"Chamberlain found a way to Quebec by the Panama Canal."

"It should in all fairness be stated here that these answers are the exception rather than the rule, although they indicate a decided lack of knowledge. Here are a few more:

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier was an English soldier."

"The Crimean war was caused by Russia wanting two Christians for her guard."

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**URGENT CRIMINAL CODE BE REVISED**  
Vancouver Lawyers Recommend Federal Action.

ABOLISH GRAND JURIES

Would Have Commission Make Revision.

VANCOUVER, July 4.—Recommending a complete revision of the criminal code, a committee of lawyers has presented a report on the administration of criminal justice to the executive of the Vancouver Bar Association. The executives has referred the report to the members of the British Columbia Law Society, with the recommendation that H. S. Wood, chairman of the committee, be sent to the annual meeting of the Canadian Bar Association at Montreal, to support the recommendations.

Following are some of the outstanding recommendations:

Appointment by the Minister of Justice of a commission of three experienced criminal lawyers to make a two-year study of the criminal code through-out and present a complete revision, bringing the document up-to-date.

Abolition of the right to go from the jury box to the witness stand for counsel decisions, and provision for an appeal to the court of appeal in such matters.

Abolition of grand juries.

Appointment of one judge of wide criminal experience to the court of appeal.

Provision for conviction on a full offense where only an attempt is charged.

Sterilization of certain types of diseased and mentally defective prisoners.

**SCALDED WHEN KETTLE FALLS**  
Nineteen-Month-Old Infant Has Narrow Escape.

Scalded on the chest and knee, when a kettle of boiling water toppled over, the 19-months-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. James Noulty, 375 Hill street, had a narrow escape from death in an accident at the home of the parents last night. Though still suffering severely, hopes are held out for the child's recovery by Dr. Harold Little, who was summoned immediately after the mishap occurred.

The infant, it is stated, was playing around the kitchen and in some unknown manner pulled the kettle of scalding water off the stove. Severe scalds on the chest and left knee was the extent of the injuries sustained.