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BEER TAPS FLOWING AGAIN

Methodists Raise Over Million :: Suicides With Rat Poison

CITY DIPS IN 'FERGIE'S FOAM' AND LIKES IT FAIRLY WELL

Critical Londoners Hold Various Opinions After Testing New Beer.

TREK TO HOTELS
"Ice Is Best Part Of It," Says One Young Imbiber.

BREWERIES RUSHED
Places With Permits Are Scene of Activity From Early Morn.

A critical London sat down to tables this morning, slipped four-point-four, and pronounced it good beer.

All through the night cushioned sounds of the carpenter's hammer and the plumber's wrench as the beer parlors were rushed into condition. At 8 o'clock this morning the Richmond hotel poured the city's official maiden glass, and the trek to "double-strength" stations was on.

An hour later, every downtown hotel, with the exception of one, was bustling with patrons, many of them strangers to the premises. Attendance figures jumped with the minutes, and by noon seats in hastily assembled "gardens" were few.

The old barroom of the Tecumseh house did not arise from his rejuvenation until 11:30, but the moment the reception of four-point-four on the whole was generous.

Market day found the men folks slipping away to the corner hotels to introduce friends to the baby beverage. Both the Clarendon hotel and the Walrus house put in a busy morning, trying to keep pace with orders.

Some of the bartenders were a trifle excited, and were trying hard to accustom themselves to the new order of things. A lot of nervousness was soon laid to rest, however, as though one stout veteran of the brass rail became so flustered every time an inquisitive one would stoop to gaze on the mechanics of beer serving that he had to make a retreat from the strain.

"Get away from there," he shouted as a man approached the end of the bar according to pre-war practice. "Don't you know you have to sit down?" The correction absorbed, the absent-minded one went sheepishly to a table.

More than one seemed suspicious of too inquisitive questions, as if some new regulation would loom up to smash their permit for an invidious branch of a jealous code of ethics.

"Have a Drink."
The "have a drink" echo of other years was louder today than it has been in a long time, even though the new beer is 10 cents a glass and 20 cents a bottle. The spirit of brotherhood urged, some of the men went to the street to a newly-decanted oasis.

One young man proffered a dime for a whole bottle. "Twenty cents," said the clerk with a touch of reproachfulness. "Twenty cents," mused the lad with surprise as he walked back to the market square.

Men smiled superior smiles in their offices this morning. They felt a sort of feudal concession to the "moderate" class. Of course, having been given women an equal right to beer parlors, with their tables, neatly arranged chairs and a general air of new culture. Tolerant smiles from the girl employees of the office were met with darts.

No Women There.
"Come on and I'll treat you," was said hundreds of times, but a close morning survey did not reveal a bright frock among cosmopolitan gatherings at the tables.

Every man who entered a hotel wore a sheepish grin. Pedestrians cast glances, he knew, as they passed hostilities.

"There goes someone else to try the new beer," he knew they said. And among those glances of disapproval would be ones of strong disapproval, and not a few of scorn. Therefore, Mr. Man grinned a reply to the therefore, spoken invectives against himself and others who were entering other hotels. He felt like a boy stealing his uncle's apples. A real feeling of guilt, but no one with the power to deny him what he was doing.

Deliveries were made to city homes today. C. Burns, manager at Carling's, said that there was no pronounced rush. A fair volume of business was coming from residences. Carling's had sent no beer over the highways to outside points. They had made some shipments by rail.

Some of the grocers had a stock of Continued on Page 3, Column 5.



THE DAWN OF THE NEW BEER ERA.

A critical London greeted the first popping of 4.4 beer this morning. Here is shown the Grigg house parlor, where the thirsty ones gathered from 9 o'clock this morning to sample the baby concoction and compare it with the varieties which it is to replace.

CURIOSITY, NOT THIRST, LEADS MANY TO IMBIBE

Wait In Vain For Permit

The mailman at Port Stanley was the most popular resident of the town today. Never was his coming so eagerly awaited.

Twenty-five men sat on the steps of the Clifton house and waited for one letter. In it they knew would be found a pink paper and when the pink paper was scrutinized they could welcome four-point-four beer.

Twenty-five men sat on the steps. The letter did not come. Twenty-five men's hopes were shattered.

WORKER PERMITS ISSUED IN LONDON

Fifty Permits At Dollar Each Have Been Issued To Waiters and Others.

In order to facilitate the distribution of employees' permits to handle 4.4 beer, a batch of permits has been forwarded to License Inspector Walter Bolton by the Ontario license commission.

Mr. Bolton spent a busy morning selling permits at \$1 each to hotel waiters and brewery employees.

"How is business?" The Advertiser asked the license inspector. "Business is good," he smilingly replied, as he placed another dollar bill on top of a fat roll of bank notes.

The permits are all numbered, and judging by the amount of traffic through the inspector's office the license commission will be forced to purchase a new carpet in the very near future.

Some fifty permits have been issued locally, while a number of applicants have received the desired papers direct from Toronto.

WEST WOULD TAX LAND FOR SOLDIER SETTLERS

Deputation Asks Right From Federal Government—Consideration Promised.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, May 21.—The right to tax patented soldiers' settlement lands in Saskatchewan and Alberta, which have been taken over by the soldiers' settlement board, was asked by a deputation which, waited upon Premier Mackenzie King, Hon. Charles Stewart, minister of the interior, and Hon. W. R. Motherwell, minister of agriculture, this afternoon. The deputation, which included several unoccupied patented lands held by the board and all patented lands sold by the board to civilians was also asked.

It was pointed out to the prime minister and members of his cabinet, that it was stated afterwards, that when the soldiers' settlement board was appointed it was given authority to purchase lands from private parties who were owners and title holders, and resell these lands upon the amortized repayment plan to returned soldiers who wished to establish themselves as self-supporting farmers.

IMPERIAL VETERAN SUICIDES

George Oliver Consumes Rat Poison When Overcome by Despondency.

INQUEST UNNECESSARY
Body Was Found This Morning by St. Joseph's Hospital Nurses.

George Oliver, 50 years old, an imperial army war veteran, committed suicide some time last night by eating a small quantity of rat poison. His body was found lying in a clump of bushes on Grosvenor street, near St. George street, this morning.

Miss Alice Healy and Miss Winnifred Mackness, nurses at St. Joseph's hospital, saw the body first, and called to Archie Mohr, 885 Horton street, who was working in front of a home nearby. The police were summoned. Underneath the man's body was found a tube of white phosphorus rat poison, a portion of which had been consumed.

On one postcard a picture of Christ and the Virgin Mary, was inscribed: "Peace, perfect peace, with sorrow surging 'round.' On Jesus' bosom nought but calm is found."

On the other side, written in his own hand in pencil, could be seen: Continued on Page 3, Column 5.

GROOTSON WANTS PROBE OF BLAZE

Will Ask Fire Marshal To Investigate Junk Yard Fire.

Morris Gootson, owner of storehouses at Philip and Maitland streets, which were destroyed by fire Sunday night, will ask the provincial fire marshal's department to investigate the cause of the blaze, which he himself believes to be incendiary.

Mr. Gootson was in Toronto when the building was burned. Arriving in London yesterday and inspecting the ruins, he placed the total loss at more than \$25,000. No insurance was carried.

From an examination Gootson agrees with Fire Chief John Aitken that the storehouses were "set." The fire broke out suddenly, and at the start was seen to be burning in three different sections at once. A few minutes later the structure was a mass of flames.

It would cost \$7,000 to rebuild, Mr. Gootson said today. From papers, rags and other junk material which was stored in the building is valued at \$20,000.

KITCHENER COAL DRIVER IS INSTANTLY KILLED

Harry Seegmiller Meets Tragic Death Beneath Wagon Wheels.

Canadian Press Despatch. Kitchener, May 21.—Harry Seegmiller, 35, employee of D. Christner, coal dealer, was instantly killed here this morning shortly after 8 o'clock when the wheel of the coal wagon he was driving ran over his head, crushing the skull. Seegmiller was on a downgrade at the time and apparently had noticed something wrong with the harness. He got out on the shafts to remedy the trouble when his horse broke into a canter. This threw him off the wagon under the wheels. There will be no inquest.

NO RUSH IN BROCKVILLE.
Brockville, May 21.—Inauguration of the much-heralded 4.4 beer era here was attended by little incident. Due to the non-arrival of the necessary permits. Continued on Page 11, Column 5.

HOSPITAL BYLAW DEFEATED

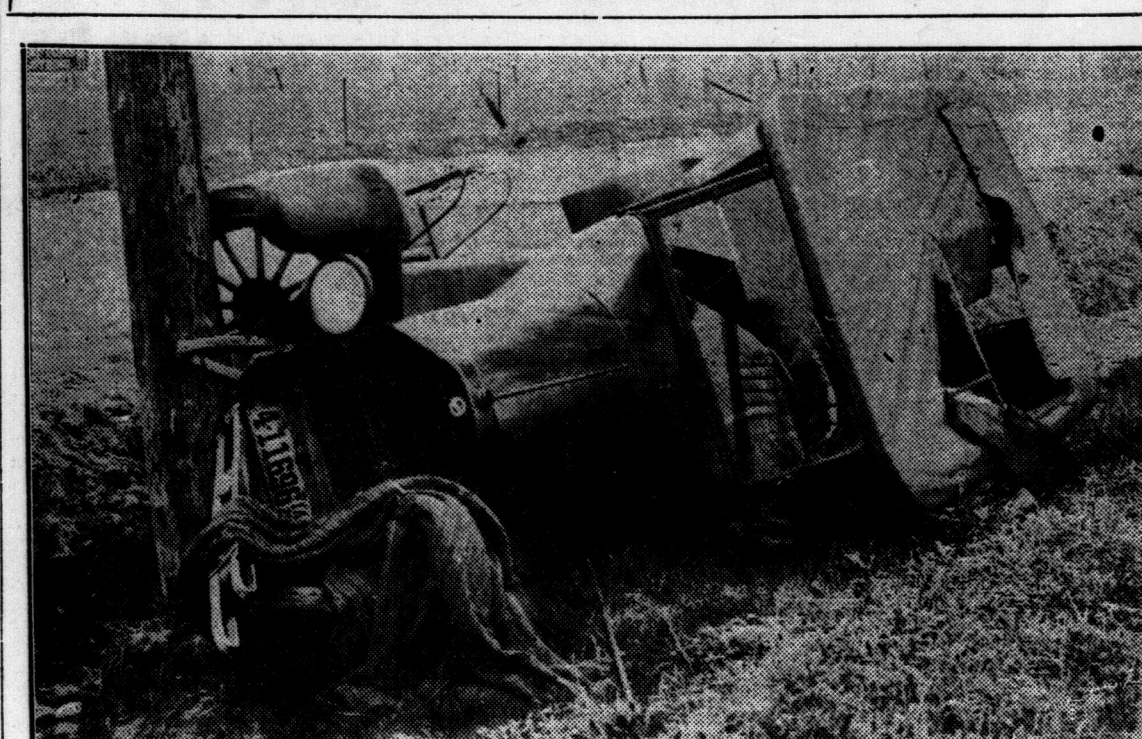
Canadian Press Despatch. Welland, May 21.—By an adverse majority of 108, the ratepayers yesterday defeated the bylaw to raise \$25,000 by debentures for a new wing for the county hospital. Only 544 votes were cast out of a total possible vote of 1,800.

Dogs Earn for City, \$6,000, Forty-Seven Give Up Lives

Dogs may be a nuisance in London but they contribute \$6,000 every year to the city treasury. That is the amount of dog tax paid in each year in London, and covers the taxes on about 3,000 dogs.

In the meantime George Tustin, the inspector of the humane society, is waging war on lost and stray dogs, and has destroyed 47 this month.

Wrecked Car Puzzled City Police



WRECKED CAR ABANDONED NEAR CRUMLIN.

The above picture, taken by an Advertiser staff photographer early this morning, shows the position in which a motor car, owned by Walter M. Thurston of Davenport, Iowa, was found abandoned in a ditch on the Dundas highway east of Crumlin last night. Police were unable to find any trace of the owner or other passengers. The top was cut away to allow occupants to crawl from the wreckage. Blood stains were found on the rear seats and it was feared someone had been seriously hurt. It was learned this morning, however, that Thurston and his companions left the car to spend the night in an East London hotel. They suffered from minor cuts and bruises.

Two Civic Bodies at Work In Real Campaign To Save Bathing Pool For Children

Health Board and Public Utilities Commission Seeking Solution.

While C. H. Mitchell, chairman of the London board of health favors opening the Thames park swimming pool this year and asking for permission from the provincial health authorities in Toronto to do so, the public utilities commission is holding a meeting this afternoon to see what it can do.

The provincial law will not allow of the opening of the Thames park pool until three things are installed—a filter plant, a scum gutter and shower baths. All these things, say the commissioners, had been intended this year, but the reduction of their estimates by the city council prevented their accomplishment.

In any case the authority lies with the provincial department in Toronto, and both local bodies must act according to instructions from headquarters.

As far as London is concerned, the public utilities commission acts in health matters under the sanction of the city board of health, who in turn rely on Toronto for their power and authority.

Mr. Mitchell is inclined to believe that the regulations apply only to indoor pools while the commissioners lean to the belief that it applies to any kind of swimming pool.

If the provincial department stand adamant in its determination to make London toe the mark from a sanitation standpoint there will be some 10,000 Londoners who will be looking for satisfaction elsewhere. "It is said," Of the 40,000 who used this pool in 1924, 30,000 were children, and the daily average was 650.

The pool has an educational value as well. In 1924, 600 children were taught to swim and 200 grownups learned the natatorial art. It was open last year from June 15 to Sept. 15, and if the pool is opened this year the supervisor, Jerry Goodman, hopes to have regular swimming classes at fixed hours. This is one of the most important sides of the pool's activities in view of the number of drowning accidents which take place every year.

SASKATCHEWAN PREMIER IS LIBERAL NOMINEE

Canadian Press Despatch. Moose Jaw, Sask., May 21.—Premier Charles A. Dunning was nominated Liberal standard-bearer for the constituency of Moose Jaw at a convention in Moss Bank yesterday afternoon. Progressive and Conservative candidates were nominated on Tuesday to oppose the premier.

APPOINTMENT OF LLOYD OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED

Associated Press Despatch. London, May 21.—Foreign Secretary Austen Chamberlain yesterday formally announced to the house of commons the resignation of Lord Allenby as high commissioner for Egypt, and the appointment of Sir George Lloyd to that office. The appointment had been unofficially announced Friday.

THOMSON IS CHOSEN NEW HEAD

Pastor of Centennial Church Is Unanimous Choice of Conference.

RECORD IS MADE
Session Passes Resolution of Sympathy For Sir Adam Beck.

Rev. A. E. M. Thomson, M.A., B.D., of Centennial church, was elected president of the London Methodist conference at its forty-second annual session, convening this year for the final time as a distinct Methodist body.

The election of Mr. Thomson to this post of high honor was generally conceded, but when it was shown that he was to receive the post without opposition from any of his ministerial brethren, the enthusiasm of the conference knew no bounds.

Mr. Thomson was nominated by Rev. H. B. Parnaby of Mount Brydges, and Rev. J. A. Agnew, pastor-elect of Centennial church.

On being installed to the office by the retiring president, Rev. H. J. Uren, the assembled delegates rose to their feet and tendered Mr. Thomson a magnificent reception. Mr. Uren stated that never before in this conference had a minister been elected unanimously.

The insignia of office and the conference case were then handed over. Mr. Thomson made an especially eloquent address, in which he decried the Christian church from current criticism and in noting its accomplishments, said that no other organization on earth is rendering to mankind a ministry such as is being rendered by the church.

"It is not a question as to whether the work of the church is being imperfectly done, but whether we are actually doing our utmost," said the president.

Religion Practical.
"Methodism is but part of the Christian church," he said, and the speaker pointed out that Wesley and Whitfield made religion practical in a time when religion was moribund. Methodism has not had a long career, but it has been a glorious one. In America, where its work has been the greatest, the message has been one of missionary zeal and citizenship. It is an evangelistic church at a time when the world is hungry for faith, and is entering the United Church in Canada strong and splendid, and is ready to impart its ideals to the new body.

Sees Great Church.
Mr. Thomson pictured a great union church of over nine thousand congregations, a great church permeated by the spirit of God and ready to bring its marvelous united impact against the forces of sin. The motto of the church must be "Let King Jesus reign."

Following the address, on behalf of the conference, T. R. Wright and William Wilkie presented Mr. Thomson with a presentation. Continued on Page 2, Column 5.

SAYS CHURCH MUST AID TO KEEP ARMISTICE DAY

Field Marshal Haig Heads Delegation To Assembly of Church of Scotland.

Associated Press Despatch. Edinburgh, Scotland, May 21.—Field Marshal Earl Haig headed a delegation to the general assembly of the Church of Scotland here today, asking the church to assist in perpetuating Armistice Day as a day of national remembrance. It was unnecessary to remind people of mature years what Armistice Day meant, Earl Haig said, but each year it would become more difficult for the rising generation to appreciate the sacrifices that had been made in the great war unless Armistice Day received the public recognition due to that historic date.

The moderator of the assembly, the Earl of Elgin, signified that the Church of Scotland was ready to assist in the perpetuation of Armistice Day.

FOUR HELD AS SUSPECTS IN ROBBERY AT GUELPH

Canadian Press Despatch. Guelph, May 21.—Four men have been arrested and are being held as suspects in connection with the robbery of Chester McBain and Ernest Perryman, two Acton farmers, on the night of May 19. They are Stanley Hodgson, Casimir Carrere and Harold Goetz of Guelph, and Victor Goins, colored, of Hamilton. Goins and Goetz were arrested yesterday in Hamilton. Appearing before Magistrate Watt this morning, Goins pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and robbery. The other three prisoners elected to be tried by a higher court.

MAN MISSING 3 WEEKS FOUND IN WELLAND CANAL

Canadian Press Despatch. St. Catharines, May 21.—The body of Alfred Duncan Laurie, bookkeeper at the general hospital, was found in the Welland canal last evening, near Lock 7. Doctors state that the body had been in the water about nine days. Laurie, who is a returned soldier, aged 61 years, had been missing from his desk for three weeks. He enlisted in the 88th battalion, C. E. F., at Niagara Falls, and served in France.

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FORECASTS.
Fresh to strong northerly winds; fair and cooler tonight and Friday.