

THE WEATHER:
SOUTHERLY WINDS, THUNDERSTORMS,
TOMORROW—FAIR.

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LABOR PROTESTS SPRINGS SALE

Nickle Opposes Legislation Against Double Marriage

HIGH VALUE PLACED ON RIVER LAND

Labor Organizations Will Act
With Chamber of Commerce
To Block Sale.

QUESTION ALDERMEN

McKay, Ashton and Clift To
Appear at Joint Meeting
Tonight.

A move to bring official labor condemnation upon the plan to sell the sulphur springs property at the foot of Dundas street for \$1,500 will be launched at a joint meeting of the executives of the trades and labor council and the London labor party to be held in the Labor Temple to-night. Frank McKay, John Ashton and Thomas Clift, labor aldermen, have been specially invited to attend. Their attitude on the sale of riverside property to private capital will be demanded.

While the privately-engineered scheme to build an all-year health resort on the site of the newly acquired city property will be discussed impartially out of fairness to its promoters, an influential bloc of labor is unsympathetic in its stand that the river site is far too valuable to London to be released at any price. This group is confident that the meeting will see the matter in this light.

Defends A. McKay.—The committee's unanimous approval of the sale of the ground to private interests. If the thought there was the least likelihood of the city developing the potentialities of the sulphur springs he would condemn the sale, he said, but under present circumstances its release to parties who will promote the worth of the health-giving waters is advisable for the progress of the municipality.

It is pointed out in fairness to the council, that the sale of the sulphur springs property was discussed at last week's meeting of the committee, with Mr. A. McKay, chairman of the committee, absent. The condemnation of the trades and labor bloc add strength to the arguments of the public utilities commissioners, some of the aldermen, members of the chamber of commerce and other supporters of the retention of the property.

MEIGHEN IN TORONTO

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, July 9.—Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the Conservative party, was in Toronto today. He had a conference with local leaders of the party.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—Moderate southerly winds, thunderstorms in many localities tonight. Friday—Westerly winds, clearing.

Pressure is now highest over the St. Lawrence valley and the northwest states, with a trough of low extending from Lake Superior southward to Arizona.

The weather is fine throughout Canada, except for thunderstorms near Lake Superior.

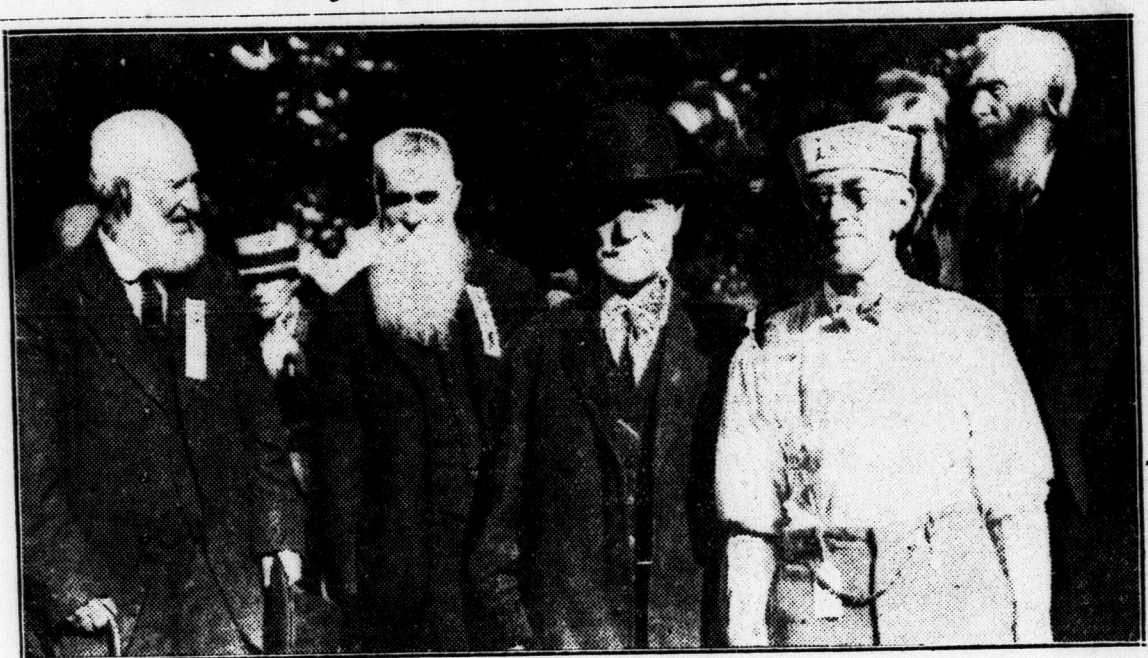
The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Vancouver	66	54	Fair
Calgary	78	44	Cloudy
Winnipeg	70	50	Clear
Port Arthur	74	56	Clear
Perry Sound	70	50	Fair
Toronto	78	64	Clear
Kitchener	72	64	Fair
Ottawa	74	60	Clear
Montreal	74	56	Clear
Quebec	74	52	Clear
St. John's	64	42	Clear
Halifax	74	56	Clear

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 82; lowest, 56. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 72; lowest, 55. Sun rises at 4:45 a.m. and sets at 8:01 p.m. standard time. Wednesday—8 p.m., 29.35. Today—8 a.m., 29.25.

Old Boys at East Williams Reunion



CHAIRMAN AND GUESTS AT NAIRN GATHERING.

Gathering of the clans at Stewart's including this group. Left to right, D. A. McIntyre, president of the association, and Allan McLean, East Williams, aged 93.

LAST TRIBUTES PAID TO EIGHT VICTIMS OF BOAT DISASTER

All St. Thomas Business Houses
Close During the Funeral
Services.

PATHETIC SCENES

Last Chapter in Pinafore Park
Tragedy Closed This
Afternoon.

Special to The Advertiser.
St. Thomas, July 9.—Seldom have such pathetic scenes been seen as those witnessed at the funerals of the victims of the Anglin church picnic tragedy this afternoon. Never was such evidence of public sympathy shown as marked the ceremony attending the burial of the seven children and one adult. Five were buried from their own homes, and seven found a last resting place in graves in the St. Thomas cemetery.

A last minute effort to have the combined funerals held from the St. John's Anglican church was unsuccessful, and the original arrangements with funerals from the separate homes was carried out. In accordance with the proclamation issued by Mayor Sloggett, all houses of business drew their blinds, and closed their doors from 2 to 3 o'clock as a token of sympathy for the bereaved, while factories observed a two-minute silence.

The funeral of little Frances Vidler was held privately from the home of her parents at the foot of the Talbot street hill. This funeral was held at 1:30 o'clock, with Canon J. W. J. Andros officiating. Interment was in the St. Thomas cemetery.

In Double Coffin.
At 2:30 o'clock, the funeral cortege had left the Vidler home, across on the other corner of the street, the hearse was pulling up for the funeral of the two little Robertson girls, Edith and Jean. Placed in a double coffin, side by side, were the little girls, their light dresses blending well with the multitude of flowers and wreaths banked on all sides.

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DIFFICULT TO PLAN RECEPTION FOR HAIG

Time of Great Soldier's Arrival
Not Even Known to
Local Authorities.

Complete plans for the London visit of Lord Douglas Haig of Bernerside have not yet been made, owing to lack of information regarding the time of arrival of the distinguished British soldier. Harry Wray, president of the London command of the G. W. V. A. is awaiting information from District Supt. Forester of the Canadian National Railways. It is understood that Earl Haig and his Empire association party will reach Sarnia on the morning of July 24, two weeks from tomorrow. Visits of Earl Haig at Sarnia and London will depend entirely on the time of arrival of the earl's boat from the head of the lakes. The arrangements on Earl Haig's itinerary is being heard in other centers. Thomas I. Church, M.P., of Toronto, declared yesterday that those responsible for arranging the itinerary of the distinguished soldier had mismanaged things so badly that he doubted if it would be possible for Toronto citizens to give him a reception as planned.

Coal Shipments Now on the Way

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, July 9.—The shipment of 25,000 tons of coal for Ontario has left Alberta. J. A. Ellis, Ontario fuel commissioner, reported to the minister of mines today. The shipment is being made at a freight rate of \$7 per ton, and it comprises the entire 25,000 tons. The first train-load is expected in the province early next week.

CLERK WORKS FOR BIG CONVENTION

Seeks Co-operation of Niagara
Falls in Plans For U. C. M.
Trip.

Efforts are being made to interest the city of Niagara Falls, Ont., in the 1926 convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities and the Province of Quebec Municipal Association. City Clerk Samuel Baker, secretary of the union, will visit Niagara Falls tomorrow afternoon with a view to securing co-operation from that city.

It is the intention of the municipal associations to charter a boat at Prescott for a trip up the St. Lawrence, across Lake Ontario for a visit to Toronto, then to the Welland canal, visiting the Falls while the lake steamer is passing through the locks, and then on to Port Stanley and London.

The chief obstacle to be overcome is that of securing the boat of sufficient size to carry 600 delegates, with ample cabin space and room for holding convention sessions on board. Co-operation is expected from Ontario cities as the convention will be one of the most important to come to this district in the history of the province.

BLIND VETERAN IS HAIG ADVANCE GUARD

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, July 9.—Captain William Appleby, one of the delegates of the British legion to the recent meeting at Ottawa of the British Empire Service League, arrived in Toronto today from Winnipeg as the advance guard of the legion.

He will meet the representatives of Toronto veteran organizations in an effort to pave the way for the legion's visit to the city. A union which has already been accomplished in England. Captain Appleby was blinded and severely wounded in the war.

NEW BRANCH RAILWAY SOON TO BE CONSTRUCTED

Canadian Press Despatch.
Quebec, July 9.—In an interview here last night Premier Taschereau stated he had received assurance that the new extension of the Canadian National railways from O'Brien to Rouyn township would be started immediately. He said the information came in a personal letter from Sir Henry Thornton and the Premier added that he had no hesitation in stating that the mining district would possess a railway within a few months.

EVOLUTION TRIAL OPENS TOMORROW

Dayton, Tenn., To Be Scene of
Battle Between Fundamen-
talists and Evolutionists.

Associated Press Despatch.
Dayton, Tenn., July 9.—The statement of defence counsel that a move for a new constitutional amendment was the inference to be drawn from addresses by William Jennings Bryan and announcement that Bainbridge Colby, defence attorney, would be unable to be present at the Scopes trial, were topics of interest today as Dayton made final preparations for what has been termed a battle between fundamentalism and evolution.

Dr. John R. Neal, chief defence counsel, declared that Mr. Bryan had forecast he would move from the defence court to the state supreme court, then to the supreme court of the United States, and having lost his fight on account of religious and educational liberties, he intends immediately to wipe out these constitutional immunities by a new constitutional amendment.

Attorneys, witnesses, newspapermen and visitors arriving on every incoming train and bus were greeted by the monotonous clanging of hammers as carpenters applied the finishing touches to the concession stands springing up in alleyways and along the sidewalks.

No indication has yet come of the possible line-up of attorneys for the defence and the prosecution in the courtroom. Attorneys said this feature would not be known until after conferences today. The trial begins tomorrow morning.

WHEN ORATORS MEET. BY ROBERT T. SMALL.

Dayton, Tenn., July 7.—The seemingly important discovery has been made here that Clarence Thomas, defense of Chicago, heavy gun in the Scopes, once referred to as a man of the work of God. This has given much joy to the fundamentalists who are high school teachers who dared to uphold the biological theory that a man was evolved rather than created.

The anti-evolutionists are anxious to know how Mr. Darrow can at one time refer to man as "the work of God," and a few years later hold him to be the creature of evolution. Mr. Darrow's statement was made in the course of one of his impassioned pleas against capital punishment. It Continued on Page 11, Column 1.

MAIL-CARRIER MUST FACE THEFT CHARGE

Joseph R. Connelly Brought
Back From New Orleans
To Windsor.

Special to The Advertiser.
Windsor, July 8.—Joseph R. Connelly, former mail carrier here, was brought back from New Orleans yesterday in charge of an officer of the R. N. W. M. to answer a charge of stealing a check for \$60 from the mails on May 30.

COURT MAY PUT TAX ON GARAGES

Test Case Argued on Whether
Sellers of Used Cars Are
Second-Hand Dealers.

MEANS FEE OF \$20

Defence Claims License Fee of
Garages Covers the
Point.

Is a garage or auto agency, handling used cars in connection with rendering other services, liable to a second-hand dealer's assessment of \$20 in addition to carrying municipal and provincial garage licenses and paying property, sales and gas pump taxes?

Deputy Magistrate Gladman must give a ruling in this problem which developed in police court this morning through Chief Birrell laying a charge against Duncan Martin, 213 Talbot street. The outcome of this test case may have a direct bearing on the future attitude of other municipalities as this is the first move in Canada, as far as is known, to assess a second-hand dealer and sell used autos as second-hand dealers and, as such, liable to special tax.

The case was given a week's adjournment in order that the court may have ample time to probe and interpret the various bylaws involved.

Chief Presses Case.
In pressing the case, Chief Birrell maintained that used machines, sold under the heading of "goods" involved in second-hand transactions, are incorporated in the police commissioners' bylaw of 1923.

The main argument of Defence Counsel J. G. Gillanders, of the firm of Frey, Elliott & Gillanders, is that the municipal city garage license applies to the holder of the license, and not to the person who is empowered to buy, sell and deal in automobiles. A person cannot be compelled to take out a license for what they are already licensed to do, he claims.

Quoting the police bylaw of 1923, in which pianos, sewing machines and other large articles are exempt from motor cars come in the same category. Anyway, he declared, the inclusion of autos in the second-hand ruling is never contemplated at that time.

What a Garage Is.
"A public garage shall include a place where cars are kept for sale," he read from the 1923 bylaw, which was passed in 1923, also designates the same thing. The same municipal license is held by every garage in the city. Of course there are certain places where the buying and selling of autos is an exclusive business and these may be classed as second-hand dealers. But a garage licensed to buy, sell and repair motor vehicles and to conduct a general garage business cannot be taxed also as a second-hand dealer.

According to the chief of police, the municipal garage license is no broader than those of the pool rooms and bowling alleys and is enforced only that the city may enjoy the right to inspect the premises.

SCOTT'S FATHER WILL PRESENT BIG PETITION

Parent of Condemned Man Is
Making Final Appeal to
Governor.

Associated Press Despatch.
Chicago, July 9.—Thomas H. Scott, aged father of Russell Scott, former wealthy Canadian businessman, who is sentenced to hang here July 18 for murder, was in Springfield today with a petition to Governor Small, asking executive clemency.

The elder Scott carried not a legal paper, but a scroll carrying the names of more than 100,000 citizens. Legal formalities in connection with a petition for clemency will be presented the governor next week.

LAUNCH IS RELEASED BY AMERICAN OFFICIALS

Associated Press Despatch.
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., July 9.—The 48-foot motor launch, "Dancer," which was seized at Olcott, N. Y., last week and towed to Fort Niagara directly across the river from here, was released yesterday, as no evidence has been produced to show that she was in American waters illegally. The seizure was made at Olcott by United States customs officers following reports that a quantity of Canadian ale had been thrown overboard.

City Will Need Champion If Franchise Is Extended Just as Much as In Purchase

Talk of Public Ownership of
L. S. R. Is Raised and
Finds Advocates.

MAY APPEAL FINDING

Mayor Answers Sir Adam's
Attack by Citing L. and P. S.
Railway.

A fight to the finish for old street railway franchise rights of the city of London is forecasted following the attack of Sir Adam Beck upon Mayor Wenig's argument for a 15-year franchise to the L. S. R.

On the heels of Sir Adam's attack on the mayor, comes a revival of the old public ownership cry, talk of a principle which has not been accorded the greatest popularity in recent years. Purchase of the road would necessitate an affirmative vote of the people, with a new franchise agreement as an alternative measure. Should time come to draft such an agreement, there is a strong feeling that the city's rights should be upheld by representatives who are not ready to sell out to the railway company.

May Be Appeal.

Belief is strongly held by some aldermen and leading advocates of public ownership that the city should press an appeal against the railway board's far-reaching ruling. Instructions were given two weeks ago by T. C. Meredith, city solicitor, to enter an appeal against the ruling. "I believe Mr. Meredith will ask the council for backing before he goes further with the appeal," declares Ald. Frank McKay, chairman of No. 1 committee of the council. "At the same time he has authority from the council sufficient to justify him entering an appeal and going ahead with it for that matter, if he wishes. He is certainly protecting the city's interests in this matter."

Supports Beck Idea.
Support for Sir Adam Beck's call to battle for the city's franchise right is avowed by Philip Pocock, public utilities commissioner and one of the foremost of London's public ownership advocates.

"London should certainly not lose this opportunity to appeal the decision of the railway board has been unfair. Unless such steps are taken now we shall have to wait until the expiration of the present five-year term of the street railway's extension."

Statements credited to Mayor Wenig show him to be the enemy of public ownership. "Crazy" public ownership, he calls it.

The Mayor Talks.
Arguments set forth by Mayor Wenig today were swabbed plentifully with an anti-public ownership brush. Taking great pains to put emphasis upon a statement that he is opposed to "crazy" public ownership, his worship lauded Sir Adam Beck and declared that he had greater respect for the power minister than did most people. According to the mayor he has no personal grievance with Sir Adam and it is solely because of the municipal ownership interests that he appears to be fighting Beck.

"Look at the London & Port Stanley. Continued on Page 3, Column 5.

City Will Need Champion If Franchise Is Extended Just as Much as In Purchase



VISITOR TO LONDON.
W. E. N. Sinclair, Liberal leader in the Ontario house, who, with Hon. Nelson Parlman, was a visitor to the city today.

LIBERAL LEADER IS VISITOR HERE

W. E. N. Sinclair Comes To
Attend Party Gathering
at Mt. Brydges.

SPEAKER IS IN PARTY

W. E. N. Sinclair, M.L.A., of Oshawa, leader of the Liberal party in the provincial house, was a visitor to the city today. He is accompanied by Nelson Parlman, speaker of the house.

Both visitors were guests of J. C. Elliott, K.C., at luncheon at the London Hunt and Country club. They will attend an organization meeting of the Liberal party at Mount Brydges this afternoon, and possibly will be on hand at the North Middlesex nomination meeting to be held in Allisa Craig tomorrow, although Mr. Sinclair stated that business interests may compel his return to Oshawa before that.

In a brief interview with The Advertiser, Mr. Sinclair expressed himself as pleased that the new trade pact with the West Indies was so acceptable to this district, but pointed out that it was a federal government activity upon which he did not feel qualified to comment at any length. Neither did he care to say anything on the present political outlook in the province at this juncture.

"Mr. Parlman and myself are merely here on business in the interest of the provincial Liberal party," he explained. "My visit must be a very short one, as pressing business engagements in Oshawa demand my early return here."

ADDITIONAL CEREMONY APPROVED

Attorney-General Nickle Sees
No Reason For Interference
by Government.

NOT BEFORE CABINET

Believes Legislation Against the
Present Plan Would Create
Discontent.

Special to The Advertiser
by Staff Reporter.

Toronto, July 9.—Attorney-General Nickle, in an interview today regarding the controversy about double marriage ceremonies, stated the matter had not been discussed by the government at any cabinet council he had attended, and what he had to say was his own opinion.

"From my point of view as a lawyer," he said, "marriage is a contract and those who enter the state of matrimony pursuant to the necessary proceedings are, of course, in the eyes of the law, legally married. On the other hand, there is with many, the conscientious conviction of religious education and if either party desires to bring to the union the ecclesiastical benediction of the church, why should those who feel this unnecessary or unessential object. The relationship is delicate and far-reaching, touching conscience and its influence on life."

With this in mind, religious satisfaction may be had by the mutual recognition of lifelong ecclesiastical differences as to the nature of the ceremony. Why should the state interfere with the freedom of individuals, particularly when one remembers that the recognition of the position of the other is conducive to contentment.

The move of A. C. Lewis, M.P.P., Northeast Toronto, to sponsor an amendment to Canadian marriage laws to prevent the Roman Catholic church remarrying couples already married has revived local interest in mixed marriages.

Local Catholic clergy coincide in the church's attitude that marriage of Roman Catholics lies entirely within the control of the church. That any hindrance imposed on the exercise of this authority would constitute an infringement of religious liberty. They point out that marriage is a sacrament and that a Catholic ceremony is necessary before Rome will recognize the legality of the bond.

"Even under the present law, a second solemnization of marriage is a legal nullity," contends J. M. Donahue, well known Catholic lawyer. "There is no necessity, whatever, of legislative intervention in the matter unless the object is to restrict personal liberties."

In his duties of issuing civil marriage licenses, City Clerk Baker has observed only one or two mixed marriages a month. But city hall records do not constitute an accurate survey of mixed marriages, he says, as the publishing of church banns obviates the need of the parties procuring a civil license.

SUES GAS COMPANY WHEN HE GETS SICK

Benjamin Stenning Issues Writ
Blaming City Firm For
Illness.

Benjamin Stenning, Westminster township, has issued a supreme court writ through Major G. N. Weekes, against the City Gas Company, claiming damages for illness caused by the alleged negligence of the gas company in permitting the escape of gas from pipes in the residence of the plaintiff. A second writ was filed by Major Weekes on behalf of Rosalie Gootson, who claims that L. Boom owes her \$1,000 on a promissory note.

BANK CLEARINGS HIGHER.

Bank clearings in London for the past week were \$3,680,263, as compared with \$3,427,450 in the same week last year, or an increase of \$252,813.

Picture Page People Today

On today's picture page appears: Mr. J. Fred Kennedy (Miss Katherine Tufford); Harry T. Edwards of Oil Springs; Petrolia's oil derricks monument; London's market in 1908.