

SIR ADAM BECK AND HIS LEADER SNEER AT THE O.T.A. Public Utility Linemen Strike; Switchmen May Follow

MAYOR SAYS THAT BECK AND SUPPORTERS HELD UP L. & P. S. INCREASES

Alleges Tory Candidate Prevented Smaller Paid Men on Port Stanley Railway From Being Considered For Wage Increases and Thus Prevented Justice From Being Promptly Done.

MUST GO OVER UNTIL JULY, MAYOR CLAIMS

That Sir Adam Beck and his supporters on the London & Port Stanley Railway Commission were trying of yesterday's session of that body to "bunco" the proposed revision of wages of the employees of that corporation is the flat charge today by Mayor Wenige, member of the commission who, at the May meeting, seconded a motion by Commissioner Donald Wright (Labor representative) that the complete pay list be available yesterday in order that a revision be instituted and increases inaugurated at once.

It is Mayor Wenige's belief that with a complete knowledge of this proposal, Sir Adam Beck and his supporters undertook in a barefaced manner to sidetrack a proposition whereby the wages of every employee of the L. & P. S. R. would be considered.

"Everyone knew that this question was coming up as the chief item of business at yesterday's session," Mayor Wenige explains. "They should have remembered all about it. In fact Commissioner Donald Wright, the Labor member, moved at the close of the May meeting that the pay list would be available yesterday, when we would consider every person in the employ of the road. I seconded that motion and it was passed."

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"At the May session Manager Richards submitted his recommendation for increases in four or five instances in the clerical department. Commissioner Wright suggested that all these be left in abeyance until yesterday's meeting, when the entire payroll could be viewed and all deserving cases be dealt with, inasmuch as circumstances and available finances would govern."

"But Manager Richards explained that it would be imperative to deal immediately with two of these cases as the men had been offered more lucrative positions elsewhere and could not wait until yesterday's meeting. In view of this we accepted his recommendation. Donald Wright was quite willing and, as the second of my motion, I was also willing. There was one thing, however, such time as we would be able to consider everyone yesterday, and treat the little fellows as well as the higher-ups."

"Now what happened? They have set back the contemplated revision of wages until July at the earliest. What assurance have we that anything of a definite nature will transpire then? Sir Adam and his supporters told us that they would be able to deal with the matter at the end of the month, but they have not done so."

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MICHIGAN "BAD MAN" CAUGHT HERE.

Karl Regis, alias Earl King, burglar and escaped prisoner, who was captured by Sergeant Percy Last early Monday morning. Regis, who escaped from a Michigan state prison, where he was serving a term of from three to fifteen years on a like charge, pleaded guilty to six counts of burglary in the city. Regis, who is 24 years of age, gave his residence as Windsor, Detroit and Chatham, claiming the latter as his birthplace. He is a printer. His weight is about 140 pounds, and he is 5 feet 3 inches tall, medium build and fair complexion, although his hair is dark. He has several scars and birthmarks on his body by which he was easily identified. The above picture is the official police photograph, front and profile views of Regis.

TORIES WORRIED OVER LATE ENTRY AGAINST BECK

Trying To Get ex-Ald. Winnett Out of Local Field At All Costs.

MOSSOP WON'T RUN

New and vexing problems confront the Tories at every turn. Now they are battling again amongst themselves—the latest tussle precipitated by the contemplated entrance of ex-Ald. Harry Winnett into the arena.

The latest East London prospect has certainly "thrown the monkey wrench into the Tory machinery." The well known pandemonium cut loose at Conservative headquarters last night and the order went forth to "get Winnett out of the race at all costs."

But ex-Ald. Winnett is not going to be hustled back-stage just because he does not please J. Cameron Wilson, Ald. William Wilson and the other self-appointed leaders of the local party who hold forth at the Beck headquarters.

"I'm in the hands of my friends and supporters," he told The Advertiser this afternoon. "I have made no definite decision as yet. I am still considering the proposal and everything will depend largely upon the wishes of my friends, not only in this district but in other sections of the riding. The proposal that I should enter the field against Sir Adam came quite suddenly and I must take sufficient time to consider the question."

When informed that his nomination papers had been obtained from City Clerk Sam Baker, Mr. Winnett stated that he would not be surprised if some of his friends had not taken this step as many of them had been urging him to come into the fight. He will have a definite answer for them within a reasonable time, he assures, however.

While the little Free Press announced yesterday that there was a likelihood that W. T. Mossop would enter the race at the last minute as a straight O. T. A. candidate, Mr. Mossop informed The Advertiser definitely this afternoon that he would not be a contender for provincial honors.

"I will not enter the contest," he stated, "and I have prepared a formal statement which will be submitted to the papers and which will explain my stand in the matter and why I am not entering the race."

PUBLIC UTILITIES POWER HOUSE MEN MAY LEAVE WORK

Report They Will Follow the Linemen If Grievances Not Remedied.

FOURTEEN MEN OUT

Manager Buchanan Says Men Refused To Arbitrate and Left Work.

Fourteen electrical workers, employed by the Public Utilities Commission have gone on strike. Manager Buchanan, of the commission, says the strike has been local in character, and as far as can be seen is simply the quitting of a number of disgruntled workers who have demanded a wage increase coupled with a request for shorter hours.

Manager Buchanan said: "I have offered to arbitrate the matter if they were willing to take it up in a decent way, and promised that should it be decided that the men striking had a case, their readjustment of pay would be dated back to the 1st of June when they made their request. Mr. Ingles, their labor representative, refused to meet me in this, and for my own part I can see no reason why we should pay our linemen more than they would receive in proportion if they were working in Toronto or Windsor."

"They have elected to strike, but as far as our work is concerned we were never in better shape for a strike. Yesterday we had only one house to connect with the transmission wire, and today we have none. By a small reorganization we are able to carry on, and if the men do not come back to work at once they will be replaced."

The difference between the men and the utilities commission is an increase from a minimum of 66¢ an hour for a 9-hour day to 82¢ an hour for an 8-hour day. If this was granted, it is said, the men would be receiving more than they did in 1920, with living at its highest in that year.

Say Strike Unsanctioned. Members of the Trades and Labor Council, when questioned about it, said they knew no reason why the electricians should strike at present as they are well paid and work under the best possible conditions.

As far as could be ascertained this strike has no official sanction from the local unit of the Electrical Workers' Union of America.

Wm. Jarvis, one of the linemen on Turn to Page Two Column Three.

CLEAR HOSPITAL REGARDING DEATH OF LIEUT. E. PRINCE

Investigating Committee Finds Rumors of Carelessness Without Foundation.

PROBED ALL RECORDS

Evidence Disclosed Transfer of Erysipelas to Deceased Impossible.

The special Institute of Public Health committee of three which, on account of rumors in certain quarters, have been investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of Lieut. Ernest Prince in Victoria Hospital on Tuesday, May 22, have concluded that he did not die from erysipelas, that he did not contract erysipelas from other patients, and that there is no evidence to show that erysipelas cases in the hospital were carelessly handled.

Shortly after the death of Lieut. Prince reports that he had died as a result of contracting erysipelas in the hospital through the careless handling of other patients infected with this disease were heard, and the hospital trustees requested Dr. H. W. Hill, director of the Institute of Public Health to searchingly investigate all available records that would throw light on the matter.

The committee was composed of Dr. Hill, Dr. F. W. Luney, chief of the division of pathology and bacteriology of the Institute of Public Health and Miss M. E. McDermid, R. N., chief of the division of public health nursing.

After looking into the nursing, the original hospital medication and the temperature records and other data concerning the cases the committee exonerated the hospital authorities of all blame in the death.

The committee members report that in their opinion the erysipelas rash on the face of the patient was incidental to his general condition following that of May 11. The report also says there is much evidence as to the constant and careful attention of each of the three erysipelas patients who were in the hospital at the time, and in view of the incubation periods a transfer of the disease to Lieut. Prince was practically impossible.



EDWARD FLANNERY, of 236 Charlotte street, popular commercial traveler, who has been seriously ill with sleeping sickness since last Thursday.

WORKMAN FRACTURES WRIST. While working on top of a passenger coach at the Campbell street C. N. R. car shops this morning, William Sambell of 383 Salisbury street slipped and fell to the ground, fracturing his left wrist.

He was removed to Victoria Hospital, where he was attended by Dr. S. G. Henry. Mr. Sambell's wrist is badly injured, and it will be a matter of six weeks or more before he will be able to resume his work. He suffered no other injuries, and his condition at 2 o'clock today was reported by hospital authorities to be satisfactory.

WOMEN AND THE O.T.A. ARE MET WITH SNEERS FROM SIR ADAM BECK

Sir Adam Beck, London's Tory candidate, looks upon the Ontario Temperance Act and the anxiety of the women of Ontario concerning it, with a sneering and contemptuous evasion patterned after the performance of his Tory leader, Howard Ferguson, to whom he seeks also to surrender the people's hydro as a Tory plying.

This morning The Advertiser spoke to Sir Adam Beck regarding the O. T. A. His reply, contrasted with views held by London women, and an open letter by Hon. W. E. Raney addressed to Mr. Ferguson, are given below.

What Beck Says:

In front of the city hall this morning, The Advertiser asked Sir Adam Beck when he intends to tell the women of London his views on the O. T. A.

"OH, I'M GOING TO HAVE A MASS MEETING OF WOMEN SOON," SAID THE TORY CANDIDATE, "AND TELL 'EM ALL ABOUT HYDRO AND WASHING MACHINES AND CURLING IRONS AND WHAT-NOT."

"But the O. T. A.?" persisted The Advertiser. "OH, I'LL TELL THE WOMEN ALL ABOUT THE O. T. A.—WITH THE WASHING MACHINES," SNEERED SIR ADAM, AND ADDED: "I'VE PLENTY IN MY CELLAR ANYWAY."

What Women Say:

Following this explanation of Sir Adam's stand, The Advertiser received from the following representative London women these expressions:

MRS. F. HARDING, treasurer of the Women's Labor Party: "I'm not giving an official statement, but my view is shared by a large number of women of Labor sympathies. The O. T. A. is the only thing, and its strengthening and enforcement is of the greatest importance."

MRS. GEORGE EDDIE, president of the Women's Labor party, expressed similar strong feeling against relaxation of prohibition measures.

MRS. A. E. TUTT, past president of the London Union Mothers' Club, and a prominent Conservative: "The O. T. A. looms as the big issue. My personal feeling and the feeling of a large number of Conservative women is that the act must not only be backed up but strengthened in every possible way."

MRS. JARED VINING, president of the London Women's Liberal Association: "The O. T. A. and keeping hydro out of politics are the big issues of the campaign, and I am putting the O. T. A. first."

The women of London will find little assurance in the contemptuous attitude of the Tory candidate, and the doubt is increased by the performances of his leader, Howard Ferguson, whose public utterances are dealt with in the following open letter addressed to him by Hon. W. E. Raney:

What Raney Says:

Toronto, June 11th, 1923.

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson. I have before me clippings from the Mail and Empire newspaper and other newspapers of reports of speeches delivered by you during the past few days in which very serious charges are made against me, against General Williams, commissioner of police, and against the provincial police generally. The charges are so serious that I think I ought to set them out in the exact language of the different reports.

The Mail and Empire newspaper reports you as having used this language at Spenceville on Monday, 28th May last:

"It was not thought necessary in those days to debauch young boys with whiskey to entrap offenders and secure convictions. There were no women of questionable repute engaged at the public expense to help improve the morale of the province."

"These things coupled with the employment of law breakers of the lowest type to enforce this moral law have debauched the dignity and majesty of the law and created disrespect and contempt for the law."

At St. Thomas. At St. Thomas on Friday, 1st June, you were reported by the Mail and Empire as having spoken as follows:

"Fancy them paying a fifteen-year-old boy to get drunk in order that they might get a conviction. It is also on the records of the government books which you may see at the Parliament Buildings that public money was paid to street-walking, abandoned women to be used to induce men to break the law, to worm their way into the lowest dives in cities to secure evidence upon which to make convictions."

"Is it necessary to go into the lowest slums to get the worst characters in our province to secure convictions?"

Then at Stratford on Saturday, the 2nd inst., according to the Mail and Empire, you were even more explicit and emphatic, using the following language:

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Carl Regis, being held in the local jail on charges of burglary, told the police yesterday when they were inquiring the whereabouts of a gold watch stolen from John Graham, 223 Burwell street, that he had thrown it away.

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PRESENT FORCE NOT TO GO BACK, COUNTY MEN SAY

Expect Clean Sweep Will Be Made of Middlesex County Constabulary.

MANY COMPLAINTS

Motor Club Official Joins in Protest Against Methods of County Officers.

Not one of the present personnel of the Middlesex County constabulary will be appointed to the new force. This prediction is safe, county officials who will supervise the organization of the new force, have stated. Top long, county officials and motorists of London and Middlesex say, have reports of alleged unfair methods of present members of the force, been reaching the city.

A few summers ago the persecution of motorists in the county came to an abrupt end, after a "lay off" order had come from Toronto, and a change in the handling of cases was announced.

Some of the constables who were fired have since been able to get back into harness by having two justices of the peace recommend their appointment by the senior county judge.

However, at last week's session of the Middlesex County council, this avenue of reinstatement was blocked apparently. The council resolved to request Judge Macbeth to ignore these applications signed by justices of the peace, so that the county might be able to limit its force to the desired number—sixteen constables and a high constable.

Must Be Recommended. In order to get on the new force an applicant must be recommended by the reeve and deputy reeve of the municipality in which he is to be stationed, and then must meet with the approval of the special committee of the county council, appointed to consider such applications, and by the high constable.

Reports of loose methods of the present constabulary which have been reaching London, and which have reached the ears of the county councillors, have been responsible for the decision for a change.

Nightly, it is said, these officers go out to get their quota of spenders. At present London Township is proving a harvest field. Fanshawe's Corners on the fifth concession, east of Adelaide street, is said to be a county speed trap. Side roads and lanes are being scoured by county constables, accompanied by special officers, who constitute a corroborative force for the constables, for persons parking without lights.

Costs and Fines High. Costs in speeding cases and other cases under the motor vehicles act, in the county are much higher than in the city.

For the ordinary speeder, the fine is \$2 and the costs \$8.15. If the constables recommend it, the magistrate imposes a \$10 fine and the usual costs. One report, which came from a very authentic source, was to the effect that officers operating on the Wellington road, had been taking numbers at random, while they were sitting in an auto, and that while they went to supper, they left a boy to take the numbers. He is reported to have obtained several.

Secretary C. E. Bernard, of the London Motor Club, stated the methods employed by the county officers were wrong, but that the provincial police on the highway were carrying out their work in a manner which was satisfactory to the motorists. They use a motorcycle and speedometer.

It is expected the special county council committee will meet at the earliest possible moment to reorganize the force. They will fire the 75 constables now on the list, and hire sixteen new ones.

One county councillor at the regular June session recommended the present force be fired immediately. He stated: "Even if there were no constables until the others were appointed we would be as well off as we are now."

CITY BLACKSMITHS ASK EARLY CLOSING BYLAW

The proposed early closing on Wednesday afternoons for blacksmiths will again claim the consideration of the finance committee Wednesday night. It is claimed that a majority of them desire to close their establishments, and that the council will have nothing to do but to grant their request, as do three proprietors oppose the move.

Thrills!

You'll find them in the new mystery story on the Magazine Page.

"Midnight"

By Octavus Roy Cohen.

COUNCIL TO CONSIDER \$250,000 DEBENTURES

Mayor Calls Session To Discuss Public Utilities Commission Request.

Mayor Wenige has called a special session of the city council for Wednesday night to consider the public utilities commission request for permission to issue electric power debentures to the extent of \$250,000.

This question was shelved at the last session as sanction cannot be given without 75 per cent of the aldermen being in attendance. While certain criticism was leveled at the council because this question was "shelved," Mayor Wenige declares that if there is to be any responsibility for delay it must be placed where he says it belongs—upon those members of the council who remained away from the last meeting.

DEMAND FOR 8-HOUR DAY BY ASBESTOS WORKERS

Special to The Advertiser. Montreal, June 12.—Improvement in Asbestos Corporation at today's session reflected the feeling of satisfaction in the street that the attempt of Asbestos workers to force a general strike is not being successful. Though the demand for an eight-hour day, with the same rate of pay which is equivalent to an increase of between 20 and 25 per cent, is being made only on the Consolidated Asbestos Company, it is realized that the principle extends to the whole field, and that the Commission for the Asbestos state of that 360 men employed by the company only 40 are allowed, twelve of whom are voluntary strikers and the remainder believed intimidated.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS. Moderate north and northeast winds; fair today and on Wednesday; not much change in temperature. Pressure is low from Kentucky, along the Atlantic coast to Newfoundland; also over the Rocky Mountain States; and high over the Western States and Northern Ontario. Except for a few scattered showers in Southern Alberta, the weather over the Dominion is bright and fine.

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

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	64	48	Clear
Calgary	80	52	Cloudy
Winnipeg	75	54	Clear
Farm Sound	74	54	Fair
Toronto	76	50	Clear
Kingston	66	48	Clear
Ottawa	78	46	Fair
Montreal	74	46	Clear
Father Point	82	58	Clear
St. John	66	44	Fair
Halifax	68	46	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 77; lowest, 50. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 62; lowest, 46. Barometric Readings. Monday—8 a.m.—29.14. Today—8 a.m.—29.15.

FINES MRS. HAINES \$50 FOR DISORDERLY HOUSE

City Court Imposes Penalties Totalling \$165 During Morning Session.

Fines totalling \$165 were levied by Magistrate Graydon in police court this morning when he was called upon to deal with a number of cases brought in by the police last night.

Mrs. Mary Jane Haines, 192 Hlyman street, was fined \$50 and costs for being the keeper of a disorderly house. The option was 21 days. Evidence given by Sergeant J. Oakley and P. C. Pilgrim disclosed the fact that the house was in the nature of a nuisance and that complaints had been made regarding it. Richard Haines, charged as an inmate, was assessed \$25 or 21 days. One woman and two men were charged with being frequenters, and with the exception of one of the men, were fined \$25, the fortunate number of the trio escaping with \$10. A fourth man charged with frequenting, was dismissed.

William Johnston, 753 William street, and Cyril Atkins, 11 St. Patrick street, paid \$10 and costs each for having acted in a disorderly manner on the public street. Chester Herald paid the same sum for having been intoxicated.

Walter Kelly, charged last Friday with being intoxicated, appeared this morning and was allowed to go on condition that he start work immediately and keep away from liquor. This he promised to do.

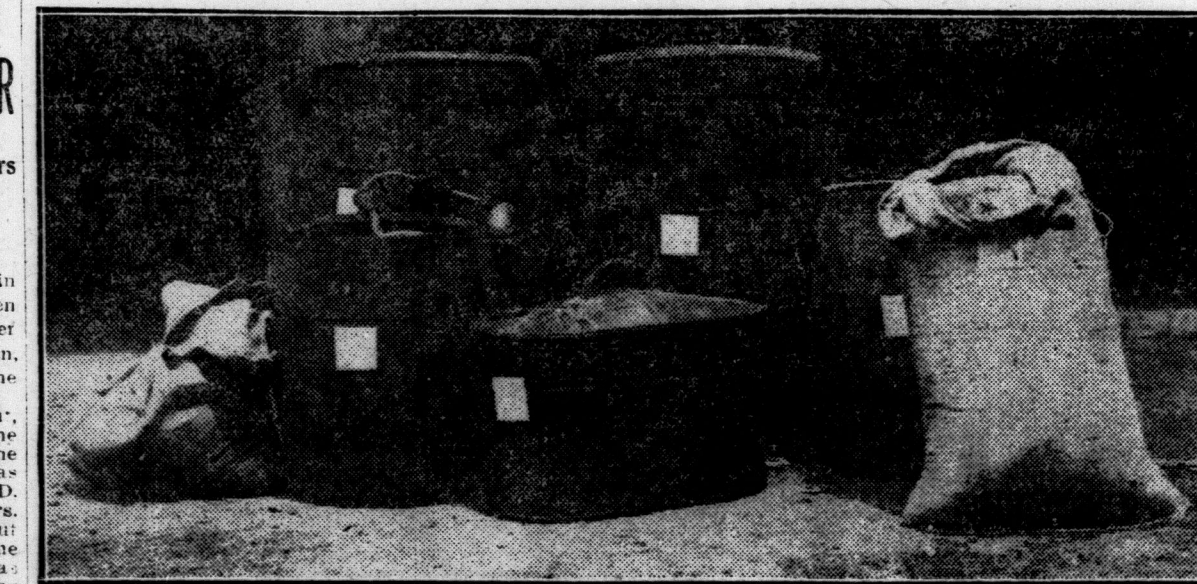
The case of William Chisholm, charged with driving a car without a license, was laid over until Saturday at his own request.

James L. Rusling, commercial traveler for Coca Cola company, appeared charged with driving a car without a license. The case was adjourned for a week.

CLAIMS \$760 SENT OUT TO WOMAN DURING WAR

Frank Barlow, Russian, Enters Action Against Mrs. Annie Nye.

An echo of the war was heard in the county court this morning when Judge Talbot Macbeth presided over the case of Frank Barlow, Russian, vs. Mrs. Annie Nye, in which the plaintiff is suing for \$760. Barlow, in claiming this amount, stated that it was money which he had sent home from overseas in the form of checks and assigned well as money received from the D. S. C. R. and other sources. Mrs. Nye admitted cashing the checks, but entered a counter claim for the same amount, claiming that the money was due to her for board and room, as well as for a gramophone which the plaintiff is alleged to have taken away when he left her house. J. W. G. Winnett is acting for the defendant and Frank Curran for the plaintiff.



STILL SEIZED AT LONDON JUNCTION. This is the still seized yesterday afternoon at the home of W. C. Cline, London Junction, by Inland Revenue Inspector Webb, County License Inspector Bolton and Provincial Constable Stratton, photographed by The Advertiser staff photographer. The picture shows worm tubs and worm boiler, barrel of mash, sack of corn, and two large barrels, also used for mash. Cline was fined \$200 and costs in police court this morning.

Heard the Call For Police; Threw Stolen Watch Away

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