

MEDIATORS JUST  
FEELING THEIR WAY

LAST  
EDITION

51st YEAR. No. 22037 Tomorrow's Weather—Fair and Warm.

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Sun rises, 4:50; Sun sets, 7:38.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

London Branch of W. M. S. Re-elects Mrs. Gordon Wright to Presidency—Policemen May Force Commission to Grant Day Off—Board of Health Will Act on Meat Inspection—Liner Vaterland Broke Loose From Tugs in Huason and Caused Much Trouble Before Being Caught Again.

## A. B. C. MEDIATORS TRY TO FIND OUT MEXICANS' IDEAS

Follow Same Plan as With  
Americans in Informal  
Talks.

WILSON IS KEPT POSTED

Rebel Successes Force Them  
Into Consideration More and  
More—Other Difficulties.

[Canadian Press.]  
Niagara Falls, Ont., May 21.—The three South American mediators, in an informal conference today with the representatives of General Huerta, sought to learn in a general way the viewpoint of the Mexican representatives on various tentative plans for a solution of the Mexican problem.

The mediators pursued the same course with the Mexican delegates today as they did with the American peace commissioners last night. No formal expressions of views were required, but the mediators suggested hypothetical steps looking to a settlement of the Mexican imbroglio, and learned the trend of thought of the delegates. No proposals of a definite character had been made to the Americans, and it was understood that none were contemplated today with the Mexicans. In fact one of the principals to the conference expressed the opinion that it might be several days before a definite and comprehensive plan would be submitted for formal consideration to either side.

Just "Talks."  
Minister Naon of Argentina described the informal sessions with each side as "talks" or "conversations," indicating that what was being done was chiefly for the "guidance" of all parties in shaping the course of the mediation. In the talk of the mediators with the American delegates, no points were mentioned as having been authorized by the Mexican delegates, but the substance of the talk was, nevertheless, communicated today by the American delegates to Washington in line with the policy they have adopted of keeping President Wilson and Secretary Wilson and Secretary Bryan closely advised of developments here.

End of First Step.  
Today's conference between the South American mediators and the Mexican delegates marked the conclusion of the first step in the attempt being made to compose differences between the United States and Mexico.

Error Explained.  
Niagara Falls, Ont., May 21.—Much interest is displayed here in an explanation circulated today respecting the erroneous dispatch of yesterday saying Huerta would retire. As received here the dispatch read: "Huerta gave out statement saying he authorized peace delegates to offer resignation. If necessary, to arrange peace." Correspondents of the Associated Press in Mexico, who received the dispatch, said Huerta's verbal statement, which order disclosed, after several hours, that the word "saying" had been written "denying" and that the sense of the dispatch had been reversed by an error in transmission. An investigation is proceeding to fix responsibility for the error.

[Canadian Press.]  
Niagara Falls, Ont., May 21.—There is feeling on the part of principals to the mediation conference here that the advance of the Constitutional army under Gen. Villa must inevitably have a bearing upon the settlement of the difficulties between the United States and Huerta party. Official reports coming yesterday from Constitutional sources reciting the victories of Villa and his army in the Saltillo campaign have convinced the Mexican representative here that Huerta's Continued on Page Eleven.

## THE WEATHER

### LOCAL TEMPERATURES

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to eight o'clock last night: Highest, 84; lowest, 66.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 70; lowest, 49.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARM.

Today—Moderate westerly winds; fine and warm.

Friday—Local showers, but mostly fair and continued warm.

Temperatures.

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

Stations. High. Low. Weather.  
Victoria. 62. 44. Clear.  
Calgary. 62. 44. Clear.  
Winnipeg. 76. 44. Cloudy.  
Port Arthur. 74. 44. Cloudy.  
Perry Sound. 78. 50. Clear.  
Toronto. 82. 54. Clear.  
Ottawa. 82. 54. Cloudy.  
Montreal. 76. 42. Clear.  
Quebec. 80. 40. Fog.  
Father Point. 58. 38. Cloudy.

Notes.

A shallow area of depression is now moving slowly eastward across the Great Lakes.

Heavy showers have been almost general during the past few days in the Western Provinces and moderate showers occurred yesterday in the Lake Superior district.

The weather continues fine and decidedly warm over the greater portion of Ontario and Quebec.

# BECKER TRIAL NEARS ITS END

## The London Advertiser

Supt. of G. T. R. Ontario  
Lines, Seriously Ill.

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## London's Pretty Girls



The above picture is the second in the series of pretty girls of London. If you have a picture of a girl friend whom you desire to enter in this series, mail it to the Pretty Girl Editor of The London Advertiser.

## OLD SYSTEM IS BEING RESTORED

Hospital Trust Reverting to the  
Idea of Medical  
Superintendent.

THROWN OUT BY BECK

Made His First Bid for Popular-  
ity in Dismissal of Dr.  
Balfour.

A reader of The Advertiser this morning asked for information regarding the salary paid to the new resident chief at Victoria Hospital, and also for the salary paid to the late Dr. J. B. Balfour, who was dismissed many years ago from the position of medical superintendent at the institution of Hon. Adam Beck.

The facts in the case are that Dr. N. A. Morrison, the new medical chief at the hospital, who has charge of the medical work, receives a salary of \$800 a year to start. His appointment was made this year, the position being created because of the demand of years that a medical head be appointed for the institution. Previous to that time the chief surgeon was given \$300 a year.

At the time of his dismissal from the position by Mr. Beck, Balfour was receiving \$1,600 a year, or \$700 more than Dr. Morrison receives, and had complete charge of the hospital.

Those who opposed Mr. Beck in his attack upon Dr. Balfour, maintained that a medical head was required at the hospital. This contention has been kept up for many years, and many irregularities have been caused through the lack of such a physician. The trust recently decided that it was necessary to appoint a medical head, and it is understood that the salary will be advanced until it becomes large enough to reimburse a good physician, and that the position will be made permanent.

The Hon. Adam Beck made his first bid to popularity by the usual methods, through the dismissal of Dr. Balfour. The appointment of a medical head at Victoria Hospital is the first of his chickens to come home to roost.

## Wars Horrors Are Nothing Compared to Hat Cleaners

Ralph Benenati is the voucher for this story, which is a good one anyway.

Ralph says that one of the Greek hat cleaners, who recently returned from the Balkan war, and is now in a local parlor, was working on a hat-cleaning machine when the machine came apart. One of the parts struck the warrior in the forehead.

"I go to the war and no getta shot," he yelled, "I come home and get shot by the—hatta-clean!"

## TRY TO CLIMB WATER WAGON WITH DISASTROUS RESULTS

Farmer's Team Pulls Off Spectacular Runaway Effect at  
York and William Streets This Morning.

A city watering cart, a farmer's wagon, an iron fence and two teams of frightened horses staged a drama, that threatened to have serious results at the corner of William and York streets about 10:45 this morning, for the excited attention of about 500 people.

Watering cart No. 7, driven by Jack Stinchcombe, was standing at the hydrant at the corner of William and York streets taking water, when a frightened team, belonging to L. Smith, a dairyman of Dorchester, and driven by F. R. Clarke, swung out of the lane behind the premises of the London Pure Milk Company, on the wagon swung a disc harrow and a plow. Down William street the frenzied horses rushed. Ere danger could even be thought of, the heavy team had collided with the city cart, bursting in the rear end.

## ROWELL'S SOCIAL REFORM PROGRAM DRAWS BOTH SIDES

Prominent Men, Not Hitherto  
Active in Politics, on Pro-  
gressive Committee.

IN NORTHEAST. TORONTO

Young Men Show Interest and  
Other Similar Organizations  
Are Probable.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, May 21.—One of the most significant features up to date in the provincial election campaign is the announcement of a non-partisan Progressive committee to arrange for the organization of the riding of Northeast Toronto in the interests of the social reform program submitted by Mr. Rowell and his colleagues in the Legislature.

The committee list is quite unusual for several reasons. It contains the names of well-known Conservatives, such as ex-Ald. James Hales, law partner of Hon. I. B. Lucas; A. R. Williams, a prominent wholesale machinist; T. W. Self, a contractor and an industrial Orangeman; and Harry Goodman, vice-president of the Langmuir Company. There are also the names of several independents.

The list is notable, too, for the number of prominent business, financial and professional men, many of whom, up to the present, have not taken an active interest in practical politics, but who are frankly attracted now by the program of social reform presented by Mr. Rowell.

Contained in the list are the names of Liberals who, on the reciprocity issue, are said to have voted against their party. Another significant feature is the inclusion in the list of a number of young men, which is another indication of that movement of young men to the side of the progressive and social reform party, which is reported to be general throughout the province.

Several speakers at the recent Conservative meeting in North Toronto warned their colleagues that they were face to face with the "young men's" movement. The announcement of this committee explains at least part of the Conservatives' nervousness.

It is expected that similar committees will be announced within a few days for some of the other Toronto constituencies.

## HEALTH BOARDS TO CONFER WITH BUTCHERS

City and County Officials Will  
Go Into Meat Inspection  
Question.

City and county boards of health will meet the wholesale and retail butchers of the city at a meeting in the county buildings tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, when the matter of meat inspection will be thoroughly gone into.

Nearly all the butchers are in favor of a municipal abattoir and it is likely that the petition now being circulated by J. A. Ashplant and others asking for the establishing of such an abattoir will be almost generally signed by the butchers, but there are several who take different views of the matter, among them George F. Morris and C. Newcomb. They favor meat inspection but think the inspectors should visit all the individual abattoirs in the country and contend that it would be a hardship for every butcher to have to drive his stock to one central abattoir which might be a considerable distance from his shop, yards and place of residence.

## G. T. R. COBALT EXPRESS DERAILED; NO ONE HURT

[Canadian Press.]  
North Bay, Ont., May 21.—The Cobalt special Grand Trunk express, which left Toronto eight-thirty last night, was derailed near Trout Creek at four o'clock this morning. The passengers were shaken up, but no one was injured. Some of the cars turned partly over, but no great damage was done.

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## GOING TO SCHOOL IN A TENT



London youngsters getting full benefit of open-air class work in tent school at the corner of Florence and Egerton streets. Going to school in a tent has a wonderful attraction, if the statements of the kiddies who attend are any criterion. Open-air classes have been considered in London for some time but the "movable side" tent that gives the youngsters a chance to see the trees, the grass and the flowers while studying their lessons is an innovation in London education that is proving an interesting experiment in showing just what can be done with the proper environment.

## Chinese Laundries Jolted by Piper

Building Inspector Prevents "Chink"  
From Carrying Laundry Business  
To Dufferin Avenue.

The growth of Chinese laundries in London has received a rude setback by Building Inspector Piper, who recommends to the board of control that no permit be issued to Charlie Frank, who wants to open a laundry at the southeast corner of Maitland street and Dufferin avenue. The chief objection is that it comes within the restricted district, while neighbors protested against that kind of business going on that particular corner.

There are other laundries that ought to come within the restricted district," said Building Inspector Piper, referring to the new Chinese laundries recently opened in the city.

The board of control upholds the building inspector.

## TO LAY THE DUST IN CITY SUNDAY

Engineering Department to  
Fight Dirt Nuisance With  
Oil and Water.

WEATHER NOT RIGHT

Could Not Oil Last Week Be-  
cause It Ran "Like Mo-  
lasses in January."

It's dusty on the highway.  
It's dusty on the street.  
It's dusty on the byway.  
It's dusty on the feet.  
It's dusty everywhere in fact.  
Where Asphalt's oiler ain't:  
So let's rejoice it's just plain dust  
And not buckets of red paint.  
—The City Hall Poet.

City Engineer Ashplant will recommend to the board of control tomorrow that all the paved area of London be sprinkled Sunday, so as to prevent a repetition of the dust clouds which filled the city last Sunday. The city engineer has been busy all week trying to appease the rate payers who have lodged complaint against the dusty roads in the city, while hundreds of auto owners and drivers claim that five minutes in their cars will make them look like flour mill workers.

"We are doing all we can to meet the situation," declared Mr. Ashplant this afternoon, "but we only have two oiling machines, and they are working as fast as possible in the north and south end of the city."

The department has never started in as early as this before to oil the streets, and it has only been within the last few days that the temperature became right for proper oiling. Last week the oil ran out on the streets like "molasses in January." This is London's first experience with oil on such a large scale, but the engineering department hopes to reduce the number of complaints as soon as all the outlying streets are oiled.

The sprinkling on Sunday will be an experiment, and if it works successfully it will be adopted for the remainder of the summer.

## APPOINTED TO QUEEN'S

[Canadian Press.]  
Kingston, Ont., May 21.—Dr. A. P. Lothrop, assistant professor of physiological chemistry in Columbia University, New York, has been appointed professor of physiological chemistry in Queen's University. Dr. Lothrop will take full control of the teaching of chemistry in Queen's.

## MRS. GORDON WRIGHT IS AGAIN ELECTED AS PRESIDENT OF W. M. S.

Unanimously Chosen as Head of London Conference Branch  
—Sessions to Conclude This Afternoon — Resolutions of Sympathy.

Mrs. Gordon Wright, of this city, was unanimously re-elected president of the London Conference Branch Women's Missionary Society at the morning session of the annual convention today. Other officers elected were: First vice-president, Mrs. Marlatt, St. Thomas; second vice-president, Mrs. F. E. Harrison, London; third vice-president, Mrs. Leary; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Tennant, London. Balloting for the remaining offices will be resumed this afternoon after the lunch hour.

District organizers appointed for the coming year are: London, Mrs. (Rev.) Harvey; Stratford, Mrs. Harry White; St. Mary's, Goderich, Mrs. S. E. Hicks; Goderich, Wingham, Mrs. T. O. Johnston; Gorrie, Exeter, Mrs. Wilson; Greenway, Stratford, Mrs. W. B. Smith; Petrolia, Windsor, Mrs. Tillman, Walkerville, Sarnia, Mrs. Donaldson; Forest, Chatham, Mrs. (Rev.) Vance; Merlin; associate, Mrs. Austen; Ridgeway, Mrs. Alex. Douglas; Wardsville, St. Thomas, Mrs. Rossiter, associate, Miss Rumball. Mrs. Gordon Wright was appointed delegate to conference next year.

A number of resolutions of sympathy were passed at this morning's session, including one to Miss Morgan, returned missionary from China, who was prevented from attending the convention through illness. A resolution was also passed in sympathy with Mrs. McMechan, London, who has illness in her home, and to Mrs. (Rev.) Kirkwood, Watford, who recently sustained an accident. An expression of regret was also sent to the husband and mother of the late Mrs. Sutton, of Smoky Lake.

The reports of Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Tennant, Treasurer Mrs. Beal and Secretary of Circles and Bands Mrs. Graham (Sarnia), were all adopted. The tellers for the election of officers were: Mrs. Cosens, London; Mrs. Austen, St. Mary's; Goderich, Mrs. S. E. Hicks; Chatham, Mrs. Vance; Merlin; Mrs. Martin, Kingsville; Mrs. Heard, St. Thomas; Mrs. Rivers, Gorrie; Mrs. Diehl, Varna; and Mrs. (Rev.) Hazen, London.

At noon the quiet half-hour service was conducted by Rev. A. J. Johnston, of the Centre Church. Luncheon was served today, and on the two previous days by the ladies of the convention church. The afternoon session will conclude with this afternoon's session.

## PORT COTTAGERS ARE WAITING FOR HYDRO

Many Cancel Wiring Contracts  
When They Hear Rates Are  
to Advance.

Several Londoners, who have cottages at Port Stanley, are wondering when hydro power is going to be turned on. The announcement that rates were going to be raised has caused 20 out of 22 cottagers to cancel their wiring contracts with John Collins, the electrician at the Port.

Some merchants are complaining because hydro has not been turned on since the 1st of May. They believe it if it was turned on that there would be larger business for them.

## FIREMAN INJURED BY FALLING HOSE

Lieutenant Puthurbough Has  
Arm Fractured at Small  
Fire at McClary Plant.

Working at a fire this morning, which broke out on the roof of the McClary plant, in the tinning department, on York street, Lieutenant James Puthurbough, of the central station, had his arm fractured, from a falling hose.

The hose slipped away from the man holding it, and fell on Puthurbough. He was attended by Dr. F. P. Drake, who reset the bone, after an X-ray examination.

The roof of the building caught fire from grease and oil at the furnaces. About \$100 damage was done.

## BECKER MAY KNOW FATE ON SATURDAY; EVIDENCE NOW IN

Defence Counsel Believe They  
Have Established Necessary  
Alibi.

PRISONER NOT ON STAND

Former Aides Testify He Was  
With Them on Raids at  
Conference Times.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, May 21.—The announcement of counsel for the defence that Charles E. Becker would not take the stand in his own defence to deny the testimony of Jack Rose, Harry Valon and Bridgie Webber led to the prediction today that the trial would be concluded in short order and that a verdict in the case might be expected by Saturday.

Only two or three witnesses for the defence remained to be heard today, and it was not thought that District Attorney Whitman would call more than three or four in rebuttal. Unless the unexpected happens, Martin T. Manton, chief counsel for the defence, is expected to be well started on his closing argument before adjournment today.

Becker, it is stated, was persuaded not to testify only after much argument of the part of his lawyers, who called to their aid Mr. Manton's partner, Bourke Cockran. Becker had insisted that it was necessary that he should personally deny the charge, but was finally won over to his lawyer's way of thinking.

Counsel for Becker said they believed their witnesses had so far proved an alibi for the ex-police lieutenant that it would not be necessary for him to personally deny that he attended the so-called murder conference.

Among the twenty witnesses heard yesterday were three former aides of Becker on the "strong arm" squad, who testified that he was with them on raids when the alleged conferences were held.

The defence in the case of Charles Becker, on trial for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, rested shortly after 11 o'clock today.

The prosecution called one witness in rebuttal, then rested. Court was adjourned until 2 o'clock, when the defence will begin summing up.

At the opening of proceedings, Martin T. Manton announced that the two remaining witnesses for the defence had not arrived, but that he would like permission to read the record of the testimony of a man named Victor before the grand jury that indicted Becker. The motion was denied.

Harford T. Marshall, of Becker's counsel, placed on the stand, said he was retained by Becker about two months ago. He denied "Bridgie" Webber's statement that he was counsel for Becker at the time he was representing Webber. Webber had said he discharged Marshall when he found this out.

William Shapiro, driver of the murder car, had testified that Marshall asked him to testify that Harry Valon and Webber were in the car when it left the Hotel Metropole.

On the stand today, Marshall denied this. The defence then rested.

The single witness in rebuttal was Matthew Ryan, principal keeper in the West Side prison. Ryan explained the arrangements of cells in the prison in which Rose, Webber, Valon, Schepps and Jack Sullivan were locked. He said at no time had he received instructions from the grand jury about the treatment of the prisoners. He denied any of them had ever had any whiskey in the prison.

## SUPT. WHITTENBERGER IS SERIOUSLY ILL

G. T. R. Official in Precarious  
Condition in Toronto  
Hospital.

H. E. Whittenberger, general superintendent of the Ontario lines of the Grand Trunk, was taken to Wellesley Hospital, Toronto, last night to undergo an operation. Physicians say he is in a critical condition, as the result of postponing the operation. He was advised to undergo the operation some time ago.

Superintendent Whittenberger had charge of the royal train on the Duke of Connaught's Western Ontario tour, accompanying it over the G. T. R. lines. It was on the last day of the tour that he was taken ill.

## SENATOR COFFEY RALLIES AFTER SINKING SPELL

Precarious Condition Wednesday Night Followed by Improvement Today.

Senator Coffey's condition, if anything, is improved, according to Dr. Hugh A. McCallum, one of the attending physicians. Senator Coffey has rallied wonderfully from a sinking spell which occurred yesterday afternoon.

"Late last night Senator Coffey was in a very critical condition," stated Dr. Tillmann to The Advertiser this afternoon. "He has rallied again, though, and is now resting much easier."