

THE WEATHER:
MODERATE WINDS; WARMER
TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARMER.

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40 CITY GROCERS TO AFFILIATE As Eyes Turned To Tennessee As Evolution Trial Opens

WAR OPENS ON CHAIN GROCERIES

Western Ontario Wholesalers
Arrange System on Plan
of Their Own.

MIDDLEMAN STAYS

Small Retailers Fear They May
Be Squeezed by Powerful
Groups.

Alarmed by the growing strength of chain stores, a group of Western Ontario wholesale grocers, including London firms, is planning to launch a counter movement that will soon result in the absorption or affiliation of 40 London retailers under the name "Red and White Groceries".

London wholesalers were in session with promoters of the plan from yesterday morning until midnight, at a private convocation at the Tecumseh house and it is reported today that substantial progress was made.

Though no official reports have been given out it is said that the wholesale grocers have become quite as much alarmed at the progress of chain store operation as have the retailers. The reason lies in the fact that the chain grocers maintain their own warehouses and practically eliminate the middle man, thus garnering the bulk of both middleman's and retailer's profits.

Big Merger Coming.
The fact that so much of the country's groceries now finds its outlet through a channel that passes out the wholesale, has stirred the grocers to action. It is reported that an organization has already been effected in Windsor and the Border Cities and that a similar organization will be formed in London.

Leading retailers in all sections of the city are to be admitted to the new group, but will be compelled to operate on a standard system and to buy all their supplies through the wholesale chain of the amalgamation.

Small grocers who have not been invited to join in the new group are reported to be greatly alarmed at the prospect of being squeezed between two big machines.

**BRICK FRONTS FOR ROW
OF BUILDINGS AT FAIR**

Committee Well Pleased With
Appearance of Those Now
Completed.

Chairman J. H. Saunders of the Western fair board, accompanied by E. S. Little, secretary R. D. Jackson and Ald. Bottrell, inspected this morning the work being carried on in connection with the building of brick fronts on certain of the horse and cattle barns at the Western fair grounds. They were so well pleased with the appearance of the buildings that it was practically decided to recommend the extension of the work to make uniform all the buildings which line the south end of the grounds.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Light to moderate winds; fine and warmer today and Saturday.
The pressure is rather low over most of Canada, and a somewhat higher to the south.

The weather is showery in the province of Quebec. Elsewhere fine and warm.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	68	52	Fair
Calgary	78	52	Fair
Winnipeg	78	56	Fair
Fort Arthur	74	52	Fair
Perry Sound	74	52	Fair
Toronto	74	52	Fair
Kingston	78	56	Fair
Ottawa	80	58	Fair
Montreal	78	56	Fair
Quebec	72	58	Cloudy
Father Point	56	46	Cloudy
St. John	70	52	Cloudy
Halifax	70	52	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperature recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 85; lowest, 55.

The official temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 77; lowest, 66.

Barometric Readings.
Thursday—8 p.m., 29.16.
Today—8 a.m., 29.20.



LEADING FIGURES IN EVOLUTION TRIAL.
William Jennings Bryan (left), leading counsel for the prosecution in the trial of Prof. John T. Scopes of Dayton, Tenn. Bryan is regarded as one of the leading anti-evolutionists in the United States. Clarence Darrow (right) of Chicago, famous criminal lawyer, is the mainstay of the defense. The trial opened this morning, and one of the greatest legal battles of the century is predicted.

JUDGE ASKS FOR DIVINE AID IN EVOLUTION TRIAL

William J. Bryan Cheered As
He Enters Dayton, Tenn.,
Courtroom.

BEFORE GRAND JURY
Leading Men in Great Britain
Condemn Law Against
Teaching Theory.

Associated Press Despatch.
Dayton, Tenn., July 10.—With a prayer by the Rev. Wm. M. Cartwright, pastor of the Dayton Methodist Episcopal Church south, a special term of Rhea county circuit court was convened here this morning at 9:10 o'clock for the trial of John Thomas Scopes, charged with violating the so-called anti-evolution law of Tennessee.

The opening of court was marked by what was expected to be the first of many demonstrations when the entrance of William Jennings Bryan provoked a burst of hand-clapping from spectators, packing the courtroom. As the leading member of the prosecution's staff of attorneys walked within the bar of the court, he was greeted cordially by Clarence Darrow and Dudley Field Malone, leaders in the defense group of lawyers.

Activities of the court were held up for a few minutes, while counsel for both sides posed with the judge on the stand for photographs.

The jury was then sworn in, and Sheriff R. B. Harris announced that court was duly in session.

"Mr. Attorney General, I am calling the case of the state of Tennessee against John Thomas Scopes," announced Judge Raulston.

The attorney-general asked that the grand jury be drawn and the calling of the names of the jurors proceeded with frequent suggestions of "let's have order," from Judge Raulston. Proceeding to charge the grand jury, the judge said that some question had arisen as to the legality of the previous meeting of a special grand jury and he had decided to reconvene the grand jury and charge its members again. He read the act of the general assembly prohibiting the teaching of evolution and then read the first chapter of Genesis.

The judge then pointed out to the grand jury that if it found that the law had been violated it was the duty of the jury to indict the guilty person or persons. He added that the question of the wisdom of the law did not enter into the equation so far as consideration by that body was concerned.

Statements of the principals in the Scopes evolution trial were as follows:
Judge Raulston: "If man without inspiration attempts to delve into the mysteries of God, he finds himself overwhelmed in perplexities. Therefore, I am much interested that the unerring hand of Him who is the author of all truth and justice shall direct every official act of mine."
W. J. Bryan of counsel for prosecution: "The control of what is to be taught (in the public schools) is in the hands of those who employ the teachers—the taxpayers and parents, acting through the boards of education and legislatures. It would be better for Tennessee to give up school books than to abandon the Bible."

Clarence Darrow, of defence counsel: "Scopes is on trial. Civilization is on trial. They (the prosecution) are opening the doors for a reign of bigotry and heresy equal to anything in the middle ages. No man's belief will be safe if they win."

BRITISH INTERESTED.
Associated Press Despatch.
London, July 10.—It has been a long time since any occurrence in Continued on Page 6, column 2.

WARD TWO VALUES UP \$45,029

Increased Assessment of Build-
ings Features Report of
Assessors Today.

TOTAL \$16,112,413

Population Increase in Three
Wards Already Covered
Is 675.

Increased assessments of \$45,029 are reported in ward two, according to the ward report completed today by city assessors. New buildings are responsible for the increase which more than offsets reductions in land, business and income assessments and a lower population.

Departure of young men from the city has not been offset in West London and ward two shows a reduction of 51 in population. Last year the total count was 10,209, while the total is 10,158 for 1925.

In his report today Assessment Commissioner H. J. Bennett points out that the total increase in population for wards four, three and two is 675. The total assessment increase from all sources is \$522,948, though this increase will be very materially affected by the reduction in income assessment made through increased exemption on dependents.

Land assessments in ward two this year total \$4,825,808, a decrease of \$10,787 from last year. Buildings are valued at \$7,958,655, a pick-up of \$169,840. Business assessments reach \$1,871,944, or \$23,245 less than last year. Income assessment is down \$90,779. Total assessments in the ward this year are \$16,112,413, in place of \$16,067,284 last year.

There is a decrease of \$4,065 on land exemptions, but buildings exemptions have been increased by \$54,810. There is now \$1,726,425 exempt property in the ward.

An increase of 190 on the part three supplementary voters' lists, a dog population of 385, statute labor taxes cut by 70 departures and a total of 2,604 school children are reported.

NICKEL CO. SELLS FOR \$5,000,000

Anglo-Canadian Firm Pur-
chases Assets of British-
American Concern.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, July 10.—The Anglo-Canadian Refining and Mining Company are the purchasers for \$5,000,000 of the assets of the British-American Nickel Corporation, it was announced today.

On the reference before Charles Garrow, K.C., master of the supreme court for the purpose of completing the details of the sale, G. R. Munro, for the liquidators, stated that D. W. Saunders, K.C., who appeared for the hitherto unknown purchaser, has nominated the Anglo-Canadian company to take title in his stead, and a vesting order asked.

Mr. Saunders had with him bonds of the British-American Nickel Company to the extent of \$4,571,700, which are to be accepted as part payment on a valuation of the bonds to be made by Mr. Garrow. The balance will be covered by the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

FIRE LOSSES DECREASE.
Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, July 10.—Fire losses in Canada in June are estimated by the Monetary Times at \$1,973,200, compared with \$3,189,850 in May, and with \$2,322,450 in June last year.

Makes Silver Beach Camp In Three Hours On Bike

While his fellow campers were content to bump over the road between London and Silver Beach camp in a truck, Wilf Fenton, bicycle enthusiast of the Y. M. C. A. here, preferred to shed all necessary garments, mount his trusty speedster and pedal the distance in three hours.

On Monday morning he decided to make an early start. He was up at dawn. At 4:30 he was on the highway, breezing along in the direction of Aylmer. He arrived at the Lake Erie resort just in time to have breakfast with the boys. He made the trip in three hours, averaging about 10 miles an hour.

There are half a hundred campers at Silver Beach, which is ideally situated for a summer's fun and good health.



SHE HAS NO REASON TO WORRY.
The prospect of losing her 16,000-acre English estates, yielding a cool million a year, need not worry the Countess of Seaford, 19-year-old daughter of the Earl of Seaford, who was killed in the war. She inherits \$300,000 from Mrs. Joseph Townshend of New Zealand. Her title is also disputed by male members of her father's family.

London Beer Not Ambitious; Shows No Signs, So Far, of Surpassing Legal Strength

Private Analysis Shows Local
Beers To Be Around
4.3 Per Cent.

STRONG AT TORONTO

One Hotelman Claims Beer
Gets Stronger in the
Keg.

London 4.4 beer has so far shown none of the ambitions of the beverage sold in Toronto, some of which, police charge has reached the 5.3 mark in its summer enthusiasm. While he has not analysed the local drink recently, License Inspector Walter Bolton said this morning that he doubted whether any of the beer selling here would test above the lawful strength.

Called in the defence of a Toronto hotelkeeper charged with selling 5.5 Kitchenbrewer told the court that 4.4 beer is liable to ferment and increase in alcoholic content, if exposed to a temperature of more than 49 degrees, the increase being more if the kegs are old and the weather hot.

Inspector Bolton agrees that this is plausible where kegs are concerned. But bottled beer is not affected to an appreciable extent by fluctuation in temperature, he thinks, or through local causes that you have been divided among yourselves. The thing is to get united as soon as you can."

HAIG RENEWS APPEAL FOR UNITY AMONG VETS

Canadian Press Despatch.
Calgary, Alta., July 10.—Field Marshal Earl Haig, former commander of the British troops, addressed 1,500 ex-service men in the Great War Veterans' association memorial hall last night, rousing them to heights of enthusiasm with a plea for unity among the veterans.

"I have come to Canada to do what I can to get my old comrades to unite," he said. "I find them already united in spirit; they all aim toward the same ideal. It is only by chance or through local causes that you have been divided among yourselves. The thing is to get united as soon as you can."

QUEBEC LIQUOR BODY HAS \$4,300,000 SURPLUS

Canadian Press Despatch.
Quebec, July 10.—For the fiscal year which ended on April 30, the Quebec liquor commission will have a surplus of about \$4,300,000, it is stated, a figure which shows a little change from the previous year.

Debt Falls \$11,000,000

Current Revenues For First
Three Months Show Big
Increase.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, July 10.—Within the last twelve months, according to the monthly statement of the finance department, issued today, the total net debt of the dominion has dropped eleven million dollars. On June 30, the net debt stood at \$2,378,000,000. On June 30, a year ago, the net debt was \$2,389,000,000. During the month of June last year there was an increase in net debt of \$4,648,729. During June, this year, there was a decrease in net debt of \$175,000.

Current revenue for the first three months of the present fiscal year shows an increase of three millions over the first quarter of last year; current expenditure, a decrease of two millions, although this is chiefly pensions.

The increase in customs revenue during June is practically equivalent to the improvement during the whole quarter.

STILWELL GETS DESIRED TERM

Sentenced to Six Months For
Drunken Driving and Resist-
ing Officer.

Alex. Stilwell, who four months ago sobriety requested County Magistrate Hawkshaw to give him six months in jail instead of the two months' imprisonment meted out, had his request granted by the magistrate this morning, and will do six months at the Ontario Reformatory, Guelph.

Stilwell pleaded guilty a week ago to charges of driving a car while intoxicated and resisting a police officer in the execution of his duties. He tried to stab one of the county police with a screwdriver, and endeavored to beat the officer up when he was arresting him on the Hamilton road.

Before passing sentence, the court lectured Stilwell severely, pointing out that he had been given every opportunity to get out of the county jail, some time ago, of an attempt to steal a motor car from a London township garage. He had been sentenced to only two months' imprisonment, and the magistrate had consented to parole after one month had been served. He hoped that Stilwell would leave the reformatory determined to leave liquor alone in the future.

Stilwell on his previous appearance said that he would never be able to stand in the office, and would probably die if confined to the cells. As a matter of fact he gained 13 pounds during his month's stay in jail, officials state.

NOVA SCOTIA PREMIER GRADUALLY RECOVERING

Canadian Press Despatch.
Halifax, July 10.—Hon. E. H. Armstrong, premier of Nova Scotia, defeated in the general elections of last month is gradually recovering from a dangerous infection of the lip following an operation. The report from the hospital late last night was that Premier Armstrong was no longer in pain and that his physician was satisfied with the patient's improvement.

Mr. Andrew Gump Is At Home On the Daily Picture Page

And the Crossword Puzzle, Bedtime Story and Radio Programs Are With Him On Second Back Page—Rotogravure and 8 Colored Comics on Saturday.

Andy Gump has now carved for himself a convenient niche in The Advertiser's daily picture page. With him every day on the second back page you'll find the Cross-Word Puzzle, the Bedtime Story by Thornton Burgess, and the list of the evening's best radio programs. Mutt and Jeff are now holding forth at the bottom of page three.

In the picture page today are Miss Doris Winona Blaney of Amherstburg, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ketchabaw of Maple Grove, Gertrude Veronica Burnett of London, and 5-year-old Gordon Green.

The Advertiser is glad to receive from its readers photographs of interest for publication in the picture page—particularly photographs of children. These should be addressed to the Picture Editor, and will be returned after a short interval.

In addition to the daily picture page and comics, The Advertiser gives its readers every Saturday four pages of rotogravure pictures, eight pages of colored comics and a magazine section, with no change in price—the only daily paper in Canada giving these Saturday features. Watch for them tomorrow.

MAY USE LAND FOR PARK ONLY

Penman's Have Agreement With
City About Sulphur
Springs Property.

PRODUCED BY C. OF C.

Members of Chamber Will Fight
To Last Ditch at Council
Session.

Charging that the sale by the city of the sulphur baths property at the foot of Dundas street would be a breach of faith with the Penman Company, which might eventually result in the company claiming heavy damages, members of the chamber of commerce are going to this afternoon's special meeting of the council prepared to fight the sale to the last ditch.

Records on file in the chamber's office prove conclusively that the Penman Company only agreed to purchase part of the property at \$8,000 on the distinct understanding that the remainder would be held by the city for park purposes only, and that no building would be erected thereon.

A letter from the secretary of the chamber, dated July 25, 1923, to N. P. Graydon, who acted for A. W. Gould in the transfer of that property, contains the following relevant passage: "The understanding is that if the Penman Company agree to pay \$8,000 for the city will purchase and hold the remainder for public or park purposes, and will enter into an agreement with the Penman Company to that effect."

In the face of this understanding it is felt that the city cannot entertain the sale of the property to private business interests without committing a breach of faith which may involve the city in heavy litigation.

Deal is Recalled.
Proposed sale of the Thames street property for commercial use has caused deep concern on the part of officials of Penman's.

"When we bought this ground, council said they would make a public park of it, with seats and a fountain and that sort of thing," Charles Cooper, superintendent of the London Penman plant said this afternoon. "I know Mayor Wenke promised us that. I helped influence our owners to get this property and we relieved the neighborhood of a sore. We've been trying all along to get action to open a park there, but haven't been able to get any satisfaction."

Mr. Cooper states that the Penman company has no written agreement with the city on the matter of park construction, but that the mayor agreed to the proposition two years ago.

Council's Attitude.

Important changes in previous sulphur springs sale plans will be proposed at this afternoon's special session. Several aldermen have reconsidered their stand on the matter, and while Ald. Douglass and Ald. Bottrell have declared they will not be present, a new note has entered the controversy.

The new attitude, which does not take into account the proviso in the previous sale, favors sale of the Thames street property, but retaining of access to the sulphur springs and the river bank, as well as requiring that private interests which take over the property carry out their agreement to build a modern swimming pool within a specified time.

Efforts to secure a fixed assessment on the property have been dropped. Resolution of No. 1 committee of the council sets forth that private interests be given an option on the property for the sum of \$25. While the resolution does not so state, this option would be binding only until Dec. 1 of this year.

It is understood that a special committee composed of Mayor Wenke, Chairman Frank McKay of No. 1 committee and City Engineer Near will make a compromise report tonight.

Representatives of the public utilities commission, the board of health, and the city solicitor have received notices of tonight's meeting and are expected to attend.

RESIDENT OF OTTAWA TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, July 3.—Hanging from a beam in his garage, the body of Joseph Alexander, aged 54, a transfer agent, was found by his son this morning shortly after he had left his home, saying he was going to market. Alexander had removed his hat and coat and laying them neatly down, climbed up on a motor truck, threw a half-inch rope over the beam and jumped to his death. He was born in Ramsayville, Ont., coming to Ottawa several years ago. He is survived by his widow, two sons and two daughters.