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THE WEATHER:
MODERATE WINDS, FAIR, WARM.
TOMORROW—FAIR, COOLER.

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FIREBURN TO BURN CHURCH
Three Hurt When Autos Meet Head-On Near TalbotvilleHAMILTON
CHURCH IS
SET AFIREIncendiary Fails in Two At-
tempts To Destroy St.
Mark's Edifice.

CONTROVERSY RAGES

Rev. H. A. Powell Assists in
Extinguishing First Blaze
Sunday Night.Canadian Press Despatch.
Hamilton, Aug. 31.—Incendiaryism is
given as the cause of two fires, the
second early today, which menaced
St. Mark's church, center of a sharp
controversy since the theft of two
crosses from the building a few
weeks ago.But for the early discovery of the
blaze this morning it is certain that
the church would have been destroyed.
Mannie Raphael was passing the
building at about 1 o'clock this morn-
ing when he noticed smoke pouring
from the roof and windows. He turned
in the alarm and the fire de-
partment, on its arrival, found the fire
controllable, but gaining speedy head-
way. After a half hour's fight the
fire was extinguished, but loss of
several hundred dollars had been
done.Rector Suspects Firebug.
The blaze evidently originated in a
kitchen in the cellar of the church,
directly beneath the central part of
the edifice. Fire officials, investigat-
ing, saw no possibility of natural
causes in the origin of the fire. In
this they voiced the opinion also of
Rev. H. A. Powell, acting rector.At the conclusion of the evening
service yesterday Mr. Powell, in com-
pany with a member of his congrega-
tion and a Toronto newspaperman
had gone into the kitchen to brew a
cup of tea. Later, the fire stood for
hours chattering together in the church
house. They smelled smoke, and as
the three rushed back into the
kitchen they saw a refuse and it was
burning on the floor. It was quickly
extinguished.Rev. Mr. Powell himself said: "This
is amazing. It looks like incendiary-
ism. Call the police."However, little more was thought
of the incident until its significance
came to light with the discovery of
the second blaze. Inspection of the
premises revealed that a window in
the kitchen was open. The sexton
was certain that on his last visit
the window had been closed and that
all windows were shut.The theory entertained is that the
firebug concealed himself in the
kitchen during last night's outdoor
service and had then made his first
attempt. When this was defeated, it
is thought he fled and hid a short
distance away only to return when
the coast was clear.A controversy over ritualism has
been raging in St. Mark's for several
months with Rev. Mr. Powell as the
opponent of any form of service
which might show an Anglo-Catholic
trend. A reward is now being offered
for the recovery of the crosses stolen
from the church.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Lower lake
and Georgian
Bay, moderate
winds; fine today
and Tuesday and
not quite as
warm.A shallow de-
pression is mov-
ing eastward
over the lower
St. Lawrence val-
ley, while pressure is high to the south
and west of the great lakes. A few
light scattered showers have occurred
from Ontario eastward. In the west-
ern provinces the weather has been
fair and moderately warm.Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures
previous to 8 a.m. today were:Stations High Low Weather
Victoria 61 34 Cloudy
Calgary 73 44 Fair
Winnipeg 72 50 Clear
Port Arthur 62 32 Clear
Parry Sound 62 38 Clear
Toronto 86 65 Fair
Kingston 78 65 Cloudy
Ottawa 90 66 Fair
Quebec 86 66 Cloudy
Father Point 74 64 Cloudy
St. John 88 68 Cloudy
Halifax 68 58 CloudyLOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures
recorded in London during the 24 hours
previous to 8 o'clock last night were:
Highest, 83; lowest, 53.The official temperatures for the 12
hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 77; lowest, 65.Sun rises at 5:40 a.m. and sets at
6:56 p.m. (Standard time).Barometric Readings.
Sunday—5 p.m., 29.25.
Today—8 a.m., 29.42.Hotel Bylaws Explained
To City Factory Workers
By Campaign CommitteeAdvantages To Be Gained by
New Hotel Stressed by
Mayor and Others.

GET DAILY REPORTS

Committee Members Will Meet
Every Day During the
Coming Week.Speaking at four of the city's largest
industrial plants at noon today,
members of the citizen's committee,
which is getting behind the project to
have a new hotel erected in London,
outlined in brief addresses the salient
features of the proposal and recom-
mended it to the favorable considera-
tion of voters next Saturday when
the bylaw will be voted upon.
Mayor G. A. Weninger was the
speaker at the downtown plant of the
McClary Manufacturing Company,
while J. J. McHale addressed the
workers at the McClary foundry. T.
Wood addressed a meeting at Can-
plant of the Kellogg Company of Can-
ada. All four speakers reported that
they were given an attentive hear-
ing, and the questions asked re-
lated to the proposal which, if favor-
ably voted upon next Saturday, will
result in the building of a million-
dollar hotel on the federal square
site.No City Liability.
Mayor Weninger in his address point-
ed out that the city is only interested
as a municipality in the exchange of
properties. It guarantees no bonds
and assumes no liability. The city
paid for the federal square \$125,000,
and will receive in exchange the prop-
erty on Richmond street from Fullerton
to Queen's avenue, for which the
previous hotel company paid \$100,000.
The city will receive \$25,000 cash to
make up the difference in value.During the eleven years the federal
square was vacant it has cost the
taxes that will be paid in furnishing
supplies and building material. This
should greatly relieve unemployment
this winter. An hotel of this size,
which would be an industry and
will employ 100 people permanently.
It's construction will reduce taxes
by turning an annual loss of \$10,000
into a profit of \$14,000 in new
taxes received, and it will also in-
crease the value of all city-owned
property in that block, of which there
is considerable.Means More Conventions.
Similar points were stressed by the
other speakers, who pointed out that
the city needs an hotel for more con-
ventions, more tourists, and more
travellers, which will result in more
money being left with the merchants,
which in turn will cause more em-
ployment.It was hoped, they stated, to make
the opening of the new hotel a fit-
ting part of the centennial celebra-
tion next summer.Questions regarding the proposed
finances of \$200,000 for ten years
were answered by statistics
gathered from many other Canadian
hotels.

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J. C. STOTHERS,
assistant school inspector for London,
who reported for duty today.BUILDING MARK
\$85,000 AHEADAugust Construction Responsible
For Putting Total Ahead
of 1924.

OVER FIFTY HOMES

Construction during August of this
year was more than \$85,000 in excess
of the same month in 1924. The boom
during the past month was re-
sponsible for putting the construc-
tion values for the eight months of
1925 ahead of the mark set for the
same period last year.In August of this year 155 permits
were issued through Inspector T. C.
McBride's office. Values total \$293,100,
according to the monthly report
which is being completed today. In
August of last year, 133 permits
were issued, with a total value of
\$207,515 altogether.Half a thousand dwelling houses
will be constructed in London this
year. During the past month there
have been authorized some 54 resi-
dential permits, with an average
value of \$3,493. In fact, dwelling
permits amount to two-thirds
of all building values for the month.Larger building commenced dur-
ing August includes the \$250,000 ad-
dition to the Masonic temple, \$12,000
addition to the warehouse for the
Davis Taxi Company and a \$14,000
apartment house alteration job by C.
O. E. Smith.Building totals for 1925, up to the
end of August, are \$1,588,825, rep-
resenting 1,449 jobs. Last year,
during the same period, 1,101 permits
were issued, but values total only
\$1,521,685.CAPT. HAWKS IN ENGLAND.
Capt. Francis Hawks, formerly
cashier of the London headquarters
of the Salvation Army, has arrived
in England, according to word re-
ceived here today. Capt. Hawks left
some weeks ago. She will stay for a
short time in England, from where
she will proceed to India for a ten-
year stay in the mission fields.Owen Sound, Aug. 31.—Menacing
bush fires, threatening to destroy
farm crops and property, are raging
in Keppel township, about five miles
from Owen Sound and on the Bruce
peninsula in the vicinity of Lion's
Head and Barrow bay.The high winds of Sunday fanned
the incipient fires into dangerous
conflagrations. In Keppel township
about 400 acres of slash is on fire,
and a squad of 50 men were out all
day Sunday in an endeavor to keep
the flames from farm property. Un-
less there is a heavy rain there is
no hope of checking the fires within
a few days at least.Crops in Keppel Township Are
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SUPPLY BE
ASSUREDPremier Ferguson Asks King To
Call Special Probe of
Rates.

STAGE IS ALL SET

Walkout of Thousands of Miners
Becomes Effective at
Midnight.Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Aug. 31.—Premier G. How-
ard Ferguson today sent a telegram
to Hon. W. L. King, dominion prime
minister, urging that he ask for a
special inquiry by the board of rail-
way commissioners into the question
of bringing coal from Alberta to
Ontario.Mr. Ferguson's message urged that
it was very desirable that the
province should not be dependent on
a foreign nation for its coal supply,
and that the money used to purchase
coal should be kept in Canada.STRIKE AT MIDNIGHT.
Associated Press Despatch.
Philadelphia, Aug. 31.—The widely-
heralded coal suspension in north-
eastern Pennsylvania becomes effec-
tive at midnight.The strike of twelve marks the
expiration of the two-year working
contract of 158,000 mine workers, who
have been unable to agree with the
mine owners upon its renewal and
who decline to work until some re-
newal is negotiated.The walkout will place a virtual
blackout upon 828 rich mines. It will
involve, in addition to the bulk of the
miners, a great number of whom bread-
winners. Those for whom bread-
winning accordingly stops are esti-
mated at 500,000.A skeleton force of about 8,000
maintenance men will remain in the
mines by mutual agreement to pre-
vent flooding and to attend to their
general upkeep.They will be assessed a day's pay
every two weeks for the union's
emergency fund.Something like 10,000 railroad men
who are employed in the handling of
coal shipments and in local shops
and car repair work will probably be
thrown out of work by the shutdown,
according to word from roads in the
vicinity.Suspension will be practically 100
per cent effective, operators and min-
ers agree. The region has been thor-
oughly organized by the union, and
the handful of men the union has per-
mitted its members to associate with,
despite the lack of union buttons, is
expected to quit as well.In consequence, no disorder is an-
ticipated, at least at the outset.
Union officials contemplate no picket-
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Aquatic Champions and Runners-Up

COMPETITORS IN WESTERN ONTARIO SWIMMING MEET.
Garvey, I. Deacon and V. Dyer, the youngest
entrant in the meet although only
ten years old he swims with the free-
ness of a finished swimmer. G. Byron,
V. Lombardo and C. Roberts. Second
row, R. Collins, W. Miller, H. Wardle,
C. Tuttle, B. Foote, J. Manuel, K.
Smith and D. Manuel.Phonetic Spelling Plan
Makes Big Strides In State
Made Famous by EvolutionLetter From Tennessee Proves
This, or Else Stenographer
Is On Vacation.

C. OF C. GETS MISSIVE

Hickory Billet Maker Sees New
Trade Connection in the
Dominion.Teaching of evolution in the
schools of Tennessee evidently has
wrought sad havoc with the remain-
der of the curriculum, judging by a
letter received by the local chamber
of commerce this morning. Phonetic
spelling must be making vast strides
there, or else the stenographer in this
particular office is taking a vacation,
making it necessary for the boss
himself to master the intricacies of
typewriting.At any rate, the following typew-
ritten masterpiece resulted, and
will be duly dealt with by the cham-
ber:"Secretaries of the boards of trade
London Ontario Ont.
"Dear sir I am in tennessee and I
am in the hickory Billet business for
make hatch and hammer handles all
with second growth split with the
grain 15 and 17 inches long as good
as can be got."From secon growth hickory split 2
by one and three fourth in diameter
would you be cinder a nuff to find
sales for this timber I ship no culls
at all graded and loaded on cars on
the middle Tennessee road in murray
county.""If you will help me find sales it
will be hile prished by me and would
do as much for you if I could so
please answer at once your friend."Associated Press Despatch.
Los Angeles, Aug. 31.—Divorce pro-
ceedings against Milton Sills, motion
picture actor, have been brought by
Gladya E. Sills, in a suit filed in
superior court here. The complain-
ant charges the actor with desertion.
Custody of their 14-year-old daughter
Dorothy is sought by Mrs. Sills.Associated Press Despatch.
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specialize on bright display windows
are to be allowed hereafter as oc-
cupants of the choice corner sites in
Regent street, one of London's
principal shopping thoroughfares. The
office of public works handed down
a decree recently banning banks and
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DEATH IN
COLLISIONCars Crash Head-On Near Tal-
botville and Three People
Go To Hospital.

MACHINES WRECKED

Thomas Watson and Two
Daughters of Blenheim Most
Seriously Hurt.Fourteen persons, three of whom
were seriously hurt, experienced ex-
traordinary escapes from death when
two touring cars collided on the high-
way near Talbotville at 11:15 o'clock
this morning.The cars, meeting in almost head-
on collision, were badly wrecked and
the occupants, seven in each auto-
mobile, were shocked and bruised.
Three of them were thrown clear of
the machines to the cement road and
into the ditch.The injured, who were attended at
a nearby farmhouse and later taken
to Hospital, include: Thomas Wat-
son of Blenheim and his daughters,
Ida Watson, 18 years old, and Thel-
ma, 15.

Collide Head-On.

A car owned by Robert Symonds,
of St. Thomas, but driven by Thomas
Watson of Blenheim, in turning out
from behind another, collided with a
touring car owned and driven by
Orville Burgess, R. R. 4, St. Thomas.In the Symonds' car were Robert
Symonds, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wat-
son and their four children, Ida, 18,
Thelma, 15; Mr. and Mrs. Burgess
and their four children, Ida, 18,
Thelma, 15; Mr. and Mrs. Burgess
and their four children, Ida, 18,
Thelma, 15.Occupants of the Burgess car were
Mr. and Mrs. Orville Burgess, their
four children, Betty, Donald, Robert
and Jean, and Mr. Burgess' mother,
Mrs. Donald Burgess, 74 years old.AGED WOMAN ESCAPES.
Mrs. Donald Burgess was thrown
ten feet from the rear seat of her
sons car onto the highway, and
escaped with only minor bruises and
cuts. A heavy cable and posts lim-
ing the highway at the scene of the
accident, prevented the Burgess car
from rolling into the ditch.Both cars were travelling at slow
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