

BEGGARS SUDDEN TRIP HOME

Firebug Suspected In Junk Blaze :: Frost Loss Serious

BECK FOOLS EVERYONE AND IS HOME AGAIN WEARY BUT IMPROVED



Sir Adam Springs Surprise On His Friends—Left Hospital Saturday.

RESTING AT HEADLEY

Health Is Much Improved, But May Require More Blood Transfusions.

Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the hydro-electric power commission, who has been under treatment for pernicious anaemia at Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore for the past three months, unexpectedly availed himself of his physicians' permit to leave on Saturday evening, and without notice to his London friends, quietly returned to "Headley" on Sunday afternoon.

SIR ADAM COMES HOME.
Sir Adam Beck surprised everybody, including his closest personal friends and his daughter, Mrs. Strathairn Hay, by suddenly leaving Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore Saturday night and coming home to "Headley." He is still suffering from anaemia and must continue treatment and rest.

BOY HAS SLIM HOPE IN FIGHT FOR LIFE

Donald Ward, Hit by Truck Saturday Morning, Is Still Unconscious.

Donald Ward, 4-year-old son of Mrs. Joseph Ward, who was knocked down by a London Pure Meat Company truck in front of his home, No. 4 Stanley street, on Saturday morning, "has a fighting chance for recovery," it is reported at Victoria hospital, where the child has been in an unconscious condition for the past two days.

The accident happened while Mrs. Ward was shopping on the market, at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning. She had left the boy with his grandmother to play in the back yard of his home. He ran onto Stanley street in pursuit of a ball, with which he had been playing, and in darting back across the street to his home was struck by a truck driven by Horace McJure. The boy was immediately taken to Victoria hospital, where X-ray examination revealed a concussion.

His condition shows a slight improvement today, hospital physicians and Mrs. Ward say. He has not regained consciousness, but hope is held for his recovery. His mother has been in constant attendance at the child's bedside since he was admitted to the hospital Saturday.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Moderate to fresh west-southwest winds; fine today and Tuesday; becoming warmer.

The depression which was approaching the great lakes from the southwest on Saturday passed quickly eastward in the St. Lawrence valley, and caused a general rain in Ontario and Quebec. It is now centered near Anticosti.

The weather is quite warm again in the western provinces.

TEMPERATURES.

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

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	52	40	Fair
Calgary	53	40	Fair
Winnipeg	50	40	Cloudy
Port Arthur	50	38	Clear
Parry Sound	50	38	Clear
Kingston	50	38	Clear
Ottawa	52	38	Clear
Montreal	53	38	Clear
Quebec	54	34	Clear
Father Point	54	32	Clear
St. John's	48	40	Clear
Halifax	46	42	Fair

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

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

Highest, 42; lowest, 36.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Highest, 40; lowest, 27.

Sun rises at 4:50 a.m., and sets at 7:39 p.m., standard time.

Barometric Readings.

Sunday—8 p.m., 29.35.

Today—8 a.m., 29.37.

SOLDIER ORGANIZATION UNION TERMED FAILURE

Calgary Veterans Approve Disbandment of Dominion Alliance.

Canadian Press Despatch, Calgary, Alta., May 18.—Amalgamation of soldiers' organizations in Canada is practically a hopeless task, the opinion of local members of the Great War Veterans' Association, as expressed in a resolution passed at the general meeting on Saturday is any criterion. The veterans approved of a motion asking for disbandment of the Dominion Veterans' Alliance on the grounds that it had failed in its primary object of effecting an amalgamation of soldiers' bodies in Canada, and further adding that a committee from the G. W. V. A. should be appointed to carry on the work.

MAN FATALLY INJURED WHEN AUTO DITCHED

Canadian Press Despatch, St. Catharines, Ont., May 17.—John Kartyas, aged 23 years, of North Tonawanda, N. Y., died in the hospital here today from injuries which he received Saturday night when a motor car in which he was driving with John and Henry Klien, also of Tonawanda, and Frank Kelly of St. Catharines, went into the ditch near this city.



DONALD WARD, four-year-old son of Mrs. Joseph Ward, 4 Stanley street, who is still unconscious after being struck by a truck in front of his home Saturday morning. He suffers from a severe concussion, but some hope is held for his recovery.

WESTERN GETS \$1,000 BEQUEST

Will of Late Frank Glass Leaves an Estate of Over \$27,000.

CHURCH REMEMBERED

The University of Western Ontario benefits to the extent of \$1,000 from the estate of the late S. Frank Glass, former member of the federal house for East Middlesex. The board of managers of the First Presbyterian church receives \$500 for the installation of a radio broadcasting outfit and Kilwinning lodge, No. 64, London, \$500 as an endowment for lodge relief purposes.

The amount of the estate is \$27,450, and after a number of minor bequests are paid, Mrs. Glass receives a life interest in the remainder.

The London and Western Trusts Company is appointed executor and trustee, the will being filed for probate by Ed. Flock.

EARL OF YPRES REMOVED FROM HOSPITAL TO HOME

Associated Press Despatch, London, May 18.—The Earl of Ypres, formerly Field Marshal Sir John French, who in March underwent an operation, had recovered sufficiently yesterday to be removed in an ambulance from the hospital to his Kent residence, Deal castle. The patient stood the journey home well.

Forest City Is Ideal Center For Treating Child Cripples

Rotarian "Daddy" Allen Urges Possibilities Before City Club.

VALUES ARE MANY

The combined forces of Rotary and Kiwanis were present at the medical school today to greet "Daddy" Allen of Elyria, Ohio, and Rotarian Alex. Fitzgerald, president of the Windsor club, and also president of the Ontario Society for Crippled Children. A plea that London seize its opportunities for becoming a center for orthopedic work in Western Ontario was made by Rotarian "Daddy" Allen of Elyria, Ohio, who devotes all his time to work among crippled children.

Here For Rotary Conference.
The speaker was in London at the time of the district conference, and since then he has been in Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio and Michigan, and as he puts it himself, "Mighty glad to be here or any place else where I can arouse some new interest in this work." Just here it is interesting to tell how "Daddy" Allen came into this work. He was engaged in the lumbering business, and his own son was killed in a wreck, his death being due to the fact that there were not proper appliances for the treatment of the case. "That sort of got me," he remarked in discussing this with a friend, "and since then I have been working for other people, especially the crippled children of the country."

"In North America there was nothing done for the crippled child for years, and the first thing to find out was where the crippled children were, and in the next place why they were crippled. We have not got at the real needs of the case yet, nor are we handling it in the right way. So far much of our attention has been given to professional care and financial aid, but that is not enough, good as it may be. We must go this city."

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PERMITS GRANTED HOTELS

Additional Help Taken On At Toronto Offices To Meet Rush.

CAN MAKE DELIVERY

Virtually All Standard Hotel Keepers Successful in Applications.

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Reporter.

Toronto, May 18.—It is a case of all hands on deck, and extra help to tackle the work at the Ontario license board offices connected with the granting of 44 beer permits.

Today everybody was hard at the job, and F. P. Brennan, assistant solicitor of the attorney-general's department, and A. W. Rogers, legal secretary, moved from their own offices at parliament buildings to Grenville street to assist in the work.

Recently the staff of stenographers has been increased at the license board offices to deal with the temporary rush. A large number of applications have been decided favorably already, and it was stated today that in practically every case a standard hotelkeeper would be granted a license.

There was a report that the King Edward hotel in Toronto had not made application, but on inquiry this was found to be incorrect.

Though the sale in hotels and other places does not commence until Thursday, breweries with permits can deliver from today, this being to enable distribution in time.

Deliveries from breweries of the new 4.4 beverage commenced this morning in Toronto, and other outside points in the province. Despatches from Windsor state that hotel men and restaurants in that city are receiving their supplies, which will be on sale after the 21st of the month.

"Breweries that have permits already in their possession, are entitled to commence shipments to their customers, providing none of the beverage is retained prior to Thursday next," stated the attorney-general.

ANTIS PREPARE FOR ASSEMBLY

Nearly 2,000 Delegates Are Expected At Toronto Congress.

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Toronto, May 18.—"When the Presbyterian congress meets here on June 8 it will have between 1,800 and 2,000 delegates," said Rev. Dr. A. S. Grant, outlining to The Advertiser today the plans for the constitution of the new church to be created by the non-concurrenents when union takes effect.

"We will probably have to have overflow meetings in the evenings, for St. Andrew's church, King street, will not be large enough to hold them all," he said. "We will have representatives from each non-concurring congregation and each minority staying out of union."

One-third of the representation at this anti-congress will be women, for on the Presbyterian committees formed there are two men and one woman—known as "keymen" and the "keywoman" in each unit. But the women, though in the congress, will not have seats in the general assembly of the new church.

The Carling brewery had received no intimation this afternoon that they could start delivering 4.4 beer today to hotels and other places in order to circumvent the rush on Thursday.

"We have received no intimation from the government as yet about that," declared Manager Burns.

Falls 200 Feet, Sprains Ankle

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CONVICTED WOMAN WARNS YOUNG GIRLS

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Associated Press Despatch, Paterson, N.J., May 16.—Following a brief trial, Mildred "Babe" Sage was convicted in county court here yesterday by a mixed jury of shooting to death Samuel Campello, her alleged lover. While awaiting removal today to state prison, where she will serve a five to ten year sentence imposed after she had been found guilty of killing Campello in a roadside in which she was his business partner, the Sage girl issued a warning to young girls to keep away from roadhouses.

"Think twice before taking your first drink, or smoking your first cigarette," she said.

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JUNK YARD FIRE MAY BE PROBED

Damage Estimated At \$5,000 Occurs At Gootson Storehouses.

OWNER OUT OF CITY

Incendiary Is Suspected in Case of Early Morning Blaze.

Fire, believed to be incendiary, wiped out junk storehouses at Philip street, the end of Maitland street, owned by Morris Gootson, at 4:30 o'clock this morning. The loss is placed at \$5,000.

The main storehouse, a two-story frame structure, filled with quantities of rags, rubber, old paper and scrap iron, is completely gutted. Only a scorched side of the building to the extreme north remains standing.

The suddenness with which the fire demolished the building apparently taking hold in different sections at once, leads Chief John Aitken to believe its origin to be incendiary. His opinion was formed following an inspection of the ruins today.

Spread Rapidly.

Employees of the L. and P. S. shops on Philip street, on duty at 3:30 this morning, declare that at that time the building showed no signs of fire. A half hour later smoke could be seen pouring forth from all sides. It was then that a call was telephoned to the central fire department. The structure was a mass of flames soon after. Nothing could be done to save the building itself from total destruction. Efforts of firemen were concentrated on preventing further spread of the blaze.

The fire raged on several hours after lines of hose were played upon the flames, but for more than ten hours the mass of rubbish smoldered, necessitating constant watch on the part of firemen. Two companies of the fire department were under lines of hose, with heavy water pressure, on the smoking ruins this afternoon.

Owner Out of Town.

Morris Gootson, owner of the storehouses, was out of the city today, and it is unknown whether or not the \$5,000 loss is covered by insurance. Chief Aitken's opinion as to the cause of the blaze will probably lead to a fire marshal's investigation.

PORT ALFRED STAY GIVES REST TO PRINCE

Spends Quiet Days at Seaside Resort—Resumes Tour Today.

Associated Press Despatch.

Port Alfred, South Africa, May 17.—The Prince of Wales has spent a couple of quiet and comparatively restful days at this popular seaside resort, which has few visitors at the present season. He has played golf and motored and enjoyed a little dancing and other amusements. The prince will remain here until Monday evening and then return to Grahamstown, where he will assume his official visits in that neighborhood.

The prince today expressed himself as glad that he had had an opportunity for rest amid the beautiful surroundings of Port Alfred after the past strenuous days of his tour.

CONSERVATIVES SUPPORT

PROGRESSIVE CANDIDATE

Canadian Press Despatch, Prince Albert, Sask., May 17.—Thomas E. Fear was chosen as Progressive candidate to contest the Prince Albert seat in the provincial election by a nominee convention held here yesterday afternoon. The Prince Albert Conservative organization was represented at the convention by 22 delegates and their offer of co-operation was accepted by the Progressives.

The first campaign meeting was held last night at the Harris Turner, M. L.A., opposition leader in the Saskatchewan legislative assembly, was the chief speaker.

LORD AND LADY ABERDEEN TO VISIT IN PHILADELPHIA

Associated Press Despatch, Washington, May 18.—Lord Aberdeen, former governor-general of Canada, and Lady Aberdeen, who came to Washington two weeks ago to attend the convention of the international council of women, left last night for a short visit in Philadelphia before sailing for home on May 23.