Sir Adam Beck Urges Care In Deal With Street Railway

WARNS CITY **OF DANGERS**

Sir Adam Beck Opposes No tice of City's Intention re Street Railway.

WOULD BIND CITY

Member for London Says Reduced Fare May Force Company to Sell Property.

"If the city councillors notify the street railway authorities that they intend to take over the road in 1925 they will place the city at the entire mercy of the company."

This was the significant warning today from Sir Adam Beck, M.L.A. for London, following a meeting of the L. & P. S. Commission. It is his contention that such notification will open the door for arbitration proceedings in accordance with Bylaw 916, the agreement between the municipality and the company.

The member for London cites the case of Toronto and relates that the council of that municipality undertook similar procedure. No vote of the people was taken, and twice as much money was expended as should have been.

"Once the company-receives notification that the city is going to take the road over in 1925, they can appoint their arbitrator," Sir Adam stated. "Then the city must appoint one, and if these two cannot agree as to the third, the judge appoints another. The three bring in their arbitration figure and the city will pay." Questioned if this price must be then accepted by the city, regardless of any further vote of the people, as has been suggested, the member for London answered in the affirmative. point their arbitrator," Sir Adam London answered in the affirmative.

And he made it clear that the motion proposed by Ald. Wilson for contion proposed by Ald. Wilson for consideration at the next session of the council—that immediate notice be served the company that the city will buy in 1925—would "place the citizens at the mercy of the company."

"And you will have to pay a figure that will necessitate a 6 or 7-cent fare," he added.

Cheaper in Future.

Sir Adam discussed briefly with Mayor Wenige the company's rights with respect to the 5-cent fare grant. ed by the Drury administration, the member for London explaining that it was the opinion of the present gov-ernment that in 1925 this right would expire, and the company "ould be forced back to 7 and 9 tickets for 25 cents. "The city is very fortun-ate in this regard," Sir Adam stated "And it will be the company's mis-fortune, not ours."

Sir Adam predicted that within five

years the cost of materials for stree tion will have been materially decreased, and it was also Mayor Wenige's opinion that it would be best to defer any purchase of the road until the price would be right from the municipality's standpoint.

It is quite clear now that all conreduced fare staring them in the face street railway shareholders will be only too willing to sell March, 1925, or before, for a price much

FORECASTS.

Moderate northeast winds; mostly cloudy today and Tuesday; not much change in temperature.

High pressure extends from the
Western States across the Great Lakes
to the Atlantic, and fair weather pre-Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures past

today were: Stations.		Low.	Weather.
Victoria		42	Cloudy
Calgary		18	Fair
Winnipeg		4	Clear
Port Arthur		12	Clear
Parry Sound		26	Fair
Toronto		- 35	Cloudy
Kingston		32	Cloudy
Ottawa		24	Fair
Montreal		30	Clear
Quebec		26	Clear
Father Poin		- 18	Fair
St. John	52	34	Clear
Halifax		32	Clear

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last aight were:

Mighest, 48: lowest, 34.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 37; lowest, 32.

Barometric Readings.

Sunday—8 p.m., 29.46.

Today—8 a.m., 29.48.



FIRE CHIEF GIVES DOLL AND PHYLLIS IS HAPPY

Beer Is Offered To Secure Loan

Associated Press Despatch. Braunsberg, East Prussia, Dec. 10.—Among the new methods employed by communities and private concerns to raise "real money" on the security of rye and other brewery company here has invited subscriptions to a loan se-cured by 2,500 gallons of beer, safely stored in the company's

Retailers Report That Usual Buying Rush is Slightly Belated.

TURKEYS PLENTIFUL

Influx From West Will Materially Increase London's Supply.

The benevolence of the weather-

man in the last few weeks with his warm, mild weather and rather dull for a price that would be acceptable to Sir Adam Beck, Mayor Wenige and all others who have become involved in the proceedings.

THE WEATHER

crisp edge off the Christmas attraction of shopping as far as London retail paid a visit to Phyllis.

The fire chief gave her a beautiful doll in a lovely blue cress just like though the 10th day of December is here, and all the stores are filled with the usual seasonable things wherewith to tempt the heart of the housewife and the appetites of small that the didn't know whether the stores are filled with the usual seasonable things wherewith to tempt the heart of the housewife and the appetites of small that the didn't know whether the stores are filled with the usual seasonable things wherewith to tempt the heart of the housewife and the appetites of small that the didn't know whether the stores are filled with the usual seasonable things where with the usual seasonable things are concerned. Althen all paid a visit to Phyllis.

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London this year.

Many retailers in London this morning told The Advertiser they had just as large Christmas supplies on hand as in any other year, and just as much to offer the buyer in in purchases made for themselves and the garage at the time he was acin presents for giving away, as in past seasons, but that up till the present there had not been the depresent there had not been the demand they had discovered in former years. Most of them blamed general conditions without being particularly specific. Some of them thought the weather man had a good deal to do with it, and others believed that it was simply a matter of the Christmas buying coming a little later than was usual. Unemployment was given as a reason for lack of interest in shopping in some instances, though it was not common.

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It was not that there was any general pessimism over conditions, and any suggestion of what has come to be known as the "Blue Ruin" atmosphere was indignantly rebuked in every case. There was one man whose philosophy led him to remark: "Oh, well, you know there are flowers blooming in Labrador by all accounts and the cattle there are outside on the grass, and even the codfish I see have retreated to colder haunts on Turn to Page 2, Column 4.



NEW BABY BUGGY, TOO

W. D. Thomas of Thomas Furniture Company Presents Finest Buggy in His Store.

To the property destruction in yesterday's big fire on Dundas street must be added another loss. And to little Phyllis Griesman it is about as important as anything in the world. Betty was burned.

Doll Lady gave to Phyllis last Wednesday. Phyllis was the first little girl in London to win a doll from the Doll Shop and the Doll Shop, and she was very happy with Betty, making new clothes for her and fixing up the new baby buggy, which her father bought for her.

And now Betty is gone. Phyllis was in Wong's restaurant having dinner when word came of the fire. She thought of Betty at once, and her mother almost had to once, and ner mother almost had to spank her right then and there to restrain her from going to the rescue. Phyllis was broken-hearted when she heard that Betty had really been burned. She cried and cried. Any

But everything is sunshine again now.

Last night The Advertiser told the
Doll Lady about it, and she felt almost as badly as Phyllis herself. The Doll Lady decided right away that Phyllis must have another doll. And W. D. Thomas of the Thomas Furniture Company generously de-cided that there must be a new baby

little girl would.

buggy as well.

This morning Fire Chief Aitken and Mr. Thomas and The Advertiser

to cry or to laugh. So everybody is glad again.

The new doll's name is Betty,

SAID CAR WAS IN GARAGE BUT IS ASSESSED FINE

E. J. Wood claimed his car was in cussed of floating along Waterloo street at 30 miles an hour. The con-

TO UTTERMOST LIMIT

Mayor Wenige reports that the Detroit members of the London Old Boys' Association are already preparing for the 1926 reunion. Branch organizations are being formed in every section of Detroit he states, following his visit there Saturday night when he addressed a gathering of former Londoners.

POLICE TAKE CARE OF ALL

Fire Department Officials Sav Present System Lowers Efficiency.

HANDICAPPED SUNDAY

Pulmotor as Aid in Emerg-

The need for removal of the pulnotor from the fire department to the police department in order that the latter might handle drowning cases was no better illustrated than cases was no better illustrated than yesterday, fire department officials said this morning. A call was received by the department for a drowning accident when every member of the force was out fighting the Royal Millinery fire on Dundas street.

Fire Chief John Aitken predicted on Friday that sometime a condition Friday that sometime a condition would arise when a drowning and would arise when a drowning and fire would happen at the same time. One of them would have to be neg-tected. Such a case arose yester-day. The call for the pullmotor was ved at the central fire hall by the only fireman on duty at the time and was stationed at the bells. No

to the call. Phyllis Griesman lost her new doll Betty in yesterday's fire. Above on the left, Fire Chief Aitken is giving

Rough After Two or Three Drinks.

St. Michael may be the patron saint of Russia, and he may be work-ing overtime at home, but he should have taken a few minutes off to dean early hour on Sunday morning.

"John had been drinking too much of that there St. Michael's wine,"

dered to Stop-Poked

Manager.

FOUR APPEAR

There was a small-sized riot at the

Simcoe roller skating rink last Wed-

the police by the manager, which re-

nesday night, and a call was sent for

sulted in the appearance of the said

manager, David Rogers, his floor

manager; Clifford Hewitt, Charlie

McKay and John Clarke in police

According to the manager McKay had been speeding on the floor which was against the rule of the rink.

Hewitt told the young man he would have to stop it, and ordered him off-the floor. McKay dared him to come outside. The invitation was accepted and the fight started, with McKay

taking a poke at Hewitt. He then hurried in and phoned for the police.

Sergt. Oakley stated that when he arrived at the rink, McKa ywas in

the center of the crowd mopping blood off his fate.

"Apparently, in the slang of the street, McKay got all that was com-ing to him," opined the court. "I'm

going to dismiss this case with warning."

ASSURES LONDON MOTORS WILL BE SOLD THURSDAY

positive assurance today that the sale of the London Motors' plant would take place Thursday as order-

"Nothing can stop it now unless the company officials step up and pay their taxes," he stated. "They have had plenty of warning. This move was not unexpected. We have not received the taxes for 1922."

PREPARING FOR 1926

court today.

job."

"The Three Muskeeters" of the party, Bob, John and Ed, stated they had just been singing a bit, but Sergt. Tomblin said there was much bad language between verses, and the four could be heard a block off. One man was so drunk he fell off a veranda.

"This is his first appearance in court, your worship."

"I have been making inquiries about this man," came back the magistrate, "and I find he is not supporting his family."

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BRITISH PREMIER WILL TEST STRENGTH IN HOUSE

Baldwin Visits King George, But Does Not Tender

TO INFORM CABINET

Will Inform His Ministers Tomorrow of His In-

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 10.—Prime Minister
Baldwin arrived in London from Chequers Court this morning and shortly before noon had an audience with the king at Buckingham Palace. Previously, the premier had re-ceived brief visits at No. 10 Downing street from Sir Worthington Evans, the postmaster general; Neville Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer; Ronald McNeill, under-s retary of state for foreign affairs, and B. M. Byres-Monsell, the chief overnment whip, Mr. Baldwin's visit to King George

roused much speculations.
The Central News says it learns "from well informed sources that the purpose of Mr. Baldwin's visit was to give Mis Majesty his views and intentions regarding the political stuation following the general election. Mr. Baldwin did not tender his resignation, and t is understood he will inform the cabinet tomorrow that the is prepared to retain the reins of the government till parliament meets next month."

AWAIT BALDWIN'S ACTION.
Special Cable to The Advertiser.
London, Dec. 10.—The British peo

ple apparently must wait until to-morrow's cabinet meeting before learning how Prime Minister Baldwin Fireman R. H. Barnes who was not on duty at the time volunteered to carry the pulmotor to the scene of the drowning and he requisitioned a car from a passing motorist. As it was, he arrived on the scene too late for the pulmotor to be of any use. Had the police department been called they could have responded in the police patrol instruction, the fire chief said this morning. the patrol impadiately, the fire chief said this morning.

'Thave talked on the question long enough," Chief Aitken said. "No acturn to Page 2, Column 3.

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King Street Boarders Cut Up Man Charged With Coal Stealing Allowed Off on Suspended Sentence.

"Technically he was wrong," stated

stated the woman, who was also accused of disorderly conduct. "I tried to keep him quiet, but it was a hard "This is his first appearance in court,



WILL NOT RESIGN. Premier Stanley Balwin of Great Britain in a visit to King George to-day declared his intentions of directing the affairs of government until

Provincial Constable Here to Get Evidence for Sid Murrell's Next Trial.

VICTIM'S GARMENTS

Crown Still Lacks Important Link in Its Chain of Evidence.

Although Sidney Murrell will not es are already at work in an endeavor to weave a further chain of rain was nil, and forecasts say a continuance of present weather is of evidence against the bank robber likely for two days to come. and gunman who it is alleged shot

have taken a few minutes on to defend his wine in police court today.

According to a woman who keeps a boarding-house on King street, it was "St. Michael's wine" that got her star boarder in trouble with the police at an early hour on Sunday morning.

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Crown authorities Contact the clothes and Provincial Constable Stringer arrived in the city this morning to clear up the mystery if possible. He has been assigned to soft coal on his back, taken from the department and will question every department and will question every the attorney-general's department and will question every the day anything to do with department and will question every person who had anything to do with the clothing.

Interviews Ex-Sheriff. This morning Constable Stringer

DECEMBER MORE LIKE THE SOUTH

THREE CENTS

Not a Sign of Frost and Temperatures Are Reported Unseasonably High.

GREEN CHRISTMAS

More Rain Than Usual Makes the Good Old Thames Look Like a Real River.

Weather experts are now placing ven bets that Christmas Day will be as green as a cucumber. The conviction has become general that not only Christmas but the great part of December and January will remain

The Advertiser weatherman, alhough usually averse to predictions, is out to make the odd copper on the chance that the 25th of this month chance that the 25th of this month will be distinguished for its lack of snow. He says the weather to date has broken every record within his memory, and is quite confident that a new "tropical age" has set in.

For the first time in decades, citizens are learning what it feels like to experience Christmas weather are to experience Christmas weather served in Florida and California. Indeed, the nights in California are frequently very cool and frost is often on the ground in the morning of the coldest days. In London not a sign of frost has been shown for three days. The thermometer has not once crept lower than 39 degrees

Fuzzy-coated squirrels and musk-rats abound throughout wooded areas in the city, indicating the winter of 1923-24 will not be any win-ter at all. This is rather hard on the youngsters, but directors of the new artificial ice arena are chortling for joy.

But if snow is lacking, rain is pourface judge and jury on a charge of murder till February 4 next, crown continuous to measurements, which is a conding to measurements, which is a

and gunman who it is alleged shot and killed.Russell Campbell in April 1921, at Melbourne at the time of the Home Bank robbery in that village.

The clothes that Campbell wore the day he was killed were produced before the grand jury in the fall of 1921 when a true bill was brought in against Murrell, but since that Arthur Rank, found guilty a week ago in police court on a charge of stealing coal, was allowed to go on suspended sentence, when he appeared today. Rank was caught cate the clother and Provincial Constants of the stable Stringer arrived in the city to lake the

> Even if a sudden cold snaps grips the city, it will be almost impossible to break the record for mildness made this month. The chances are against such an eventuality, however, and Santa Claus will have to keep his sleigh in the barn if the prognostications of weather seers prove true.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE LACK HALTS CASE

Frank Fisher is Charged With **Driving Auto Under** Age.

Frank Fisher found out in police court today just how important it was to have a birth certificate. The young man was charged with driv-ing a motor car under age and the case was finally adjourned for a week in order that the defendant's right age might be ascertained by

Frank Currann, appearing for Fisher, thought the mother's word should be taken in the matter. "His mother has given different ages at different times he has been ere." declared Magistrate Graydon. "I can't accept the statement of either parent. There must be some record of the boy's birth and it should be produced.

TRY TO RESTRAIN MINERS' HEAD FROM AIDING STRIKE

Canadian Press Despatch.
Calgary, Alta., Dec. 10.—An injunction has been issued against President William Sherman and other officials of district 18, United Mine Workers of America to restrain them from taking active part in the strike of the Sterling and Coal Valley mines at the Edson Field. Mr. Sherman is now in Calgary for the Sherman is now in Calgary for the purpose of getting the injunction set aside.

More of the Lovely Children



Lovely Children To Be Proud Of. Lovely children are reaching The Advertiser from all corners in the search for the Loveliest Child in the western counties. Here are three more picked at random from the photographs which have come in. On the left is Olive Irene Pineo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Pineo, Aylmer, Ontario, in the center is Ronald Orlando Lawrence Kay Shuttleworth, 6-year-old son of Hon. Mrs. Shuttleworth King, Wolse ley Barracks, London, and on the right is Betty MacNiven, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh MacNiven, Tillsonburg, Ontario.