

LABOR TO QUIZ BECK ON 'STRIKE BREAKER' CALL

Quebec Villages Wiped Out By Fire—Fear Two Dead

LABOR WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT SIR ADAM BECK'S ACTION IN HYDRO STRIKE

Ald. McKay To Demand Explanation as to Tory Candidate's Reported S. O. S. Call For Strike-Breakers From Chippawa.

OFFICIAL CALLS LABOR MAN BOLSHEVIST

Did Sir Adam Beck, Tory candidate in London, and chairman of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission, wire his chiefs at Niagara Falls for strikebreakers to replace local workers, who had differed with General Manager E. V. Buchanan of the London Public Utilities Commission?

And if so—why?

These are pertinent questions that demand an immediate answer from the Tory candidate. And these questions come today from officials and prominent members of the London Labor party.

Ald. Frank McKay, one of Labor's two representatives in the city council from ward three, is vigorous in his contention, that if Sir Adam Beck did send for strikebreakers, he should explain his position in this respect.

"We should know if Sir Adam Beck did send to Niagara Falls for men to replace local city employees who had disagreed over wages and working conditions with the officials," Ald. McKay stated.

And if Sir Adam sent to Niagara Falls for this purpose, the people of London and the workers of London should know his reason.

Ald. McKay questions why the public utilities commission did not prepare for contingencies. There would be no need to import strikebreakers from Chippawa or anywhere else," he contends. "The utilities commission has every right, as have the workers, to seek a government board of conciliation. The commission could, and should, have taken this step even while the men were on strike, if they did, as Manager Buchanan declares."

"No Need For Strike-Breakers." "There was absolutely no need to seek men from other centers. When the commission expected trouble and a possible strike, arrangements should have been made immediately for an official request for a board of conciliation."

Ald. McKay points out that if the machinery provided by the Dominion

government had been used in this case, and it was for just such cases that legislation was enacted, it is very doubtful if a strike would have occurred, and as quite often happens, a satisfactory settlement would have been arrived at.

Manager Buchanan, discussing the situation, says there is no change on the work. He served notice on the strikers last night to the effect that their campaign of intimidation must cease forthwith, or he will swear out warrants for their arrest.

Says He Will Be Severe. Mr. Buchanan also stated that the strikers are doing all in their power to intimidate the men who have taken on the work. He served notice on the strikers last night to the effect that their campaign of intimidation must cease forthwith, or he will swear out warrants for their arrest.

He states that the attitude of Ernest Ingles, the strikers' representative, has been most offensive throughout the whole affair. The intimidation of his staff was brought to his attention yesterday, and this morning Buchanan said he has given the strikers all kinds of latitude in their strike dealings, but since they don't appreciate this, he will adopt a firmer attitude.

"It is time," he said, "that Ingles and his following learned that there is no room in London for Bolshevists. The strikers' local representative of the International Workers' Union, is in Windsor, presumably in connection with the strike, and until he returns the men who have struck refuse to make any statement."

CHARGE DR. SERVICE WITH O. T. A. BREACH

Arrested For Drunkenness, Young Man Implicates Tillsburg Physician.

Canadian Press Despatch. Woodstock, June 15.—Dr. H. E. Service, Tillsburg, was charged in court today with an alleged infraction of the O. T. A. The absence of the only witness necessitated the adjourning of the case for a week.

The doctor was sentenced some time ago to a term in the Kingston penitentiary on a charge of bigamy. He was successful a month ago in his efforts to secure a new trial, and is at present out on \$10,000 bail, awaiting trial next December.

URGES LAW BE TAUGHT IN CANADIAN SCHOOLS

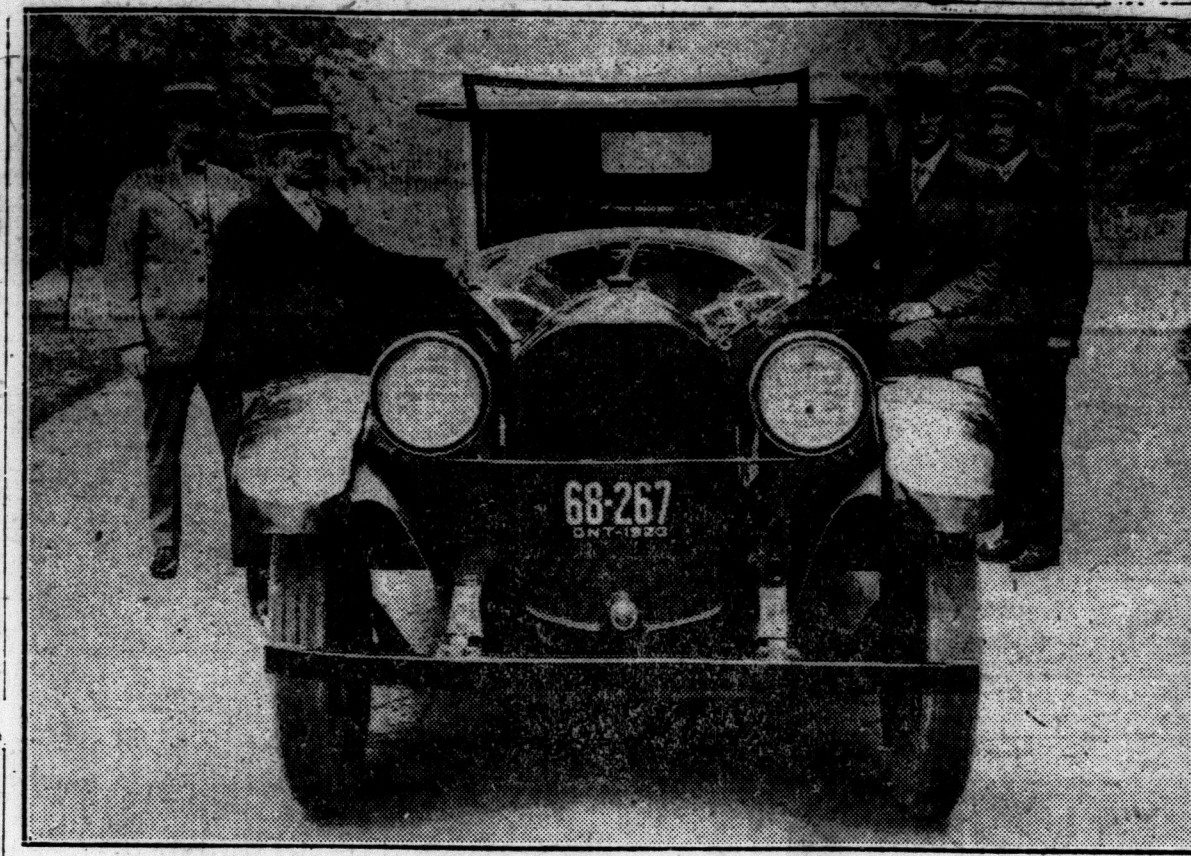
Kingston Grand Jury Deplores Abnormal Increase of Crime.

Special to The Advertiser. Kingston, Ont., June 15.—The grand jury, which submitted its report to the court of general sessions this morning, commented upon the abnormal increase in crime, and recommended that a book in civics be used in the public schools in order that the youth of the land might receive adequate instruction in the fundamental laws of Canada.

The grand jury holds that the system of education in Ontario lacks instruction in moral and civil law, too much being left to inference merely. If the children were instructed properly it thereby there would be far fewer crimes committed.

MUST CURB FOOD MAKERS TO LOWER BABY DEATHS

Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, June 15.—So long as the government permits undue claims to be made by the manufacturers of patent baby foods, so long will we be unable to reduce infant mortality to the level we might, declared Dr. George A. Campbell, Ottawa, in his address on "The Child's Food," given yesterday before the Canadian Medical Association convention here.



CITY SLEUTHS AND THEIR SPEEDSTEP. Detectives of the London police force and their demon speedster, photographed by The Advertiser staff photographer on the occasion of the annual inspection yesterday afternoon. Reading from left to right, they are, Detective Bolton, Inspector of Detectives Nickle, Detective Down and Detective Walsh. The car shown in the picture is the one which made the record run from London to Melbourne on the occasion of the attempted bank robbery two years ago, and for which Sid Murrell is being held in California. The speed reached on that occasion averaged better than a mile a minute.

CITY HALL WAGES TO BE DISCUSSED BY THE COUNCIL

Mayor Wenige Decides To Call Special Meeting Next Week.

NO REDUCTIONS May Be Increases Recommended in Certain Specially Deserving Cases.

City hall wages and salaries will be considered at a special meeting of the council next week, Mayor Wenige told the city treasurer this afternoon. Recommendations for increases will be submitted at that time by the several department heads. Referring to his pre-election platform, Mayor Wenige declared there will be "no reduction of wages."

He is not at all verbose, however, when questioned as to "salaries." He pointed out that his pre-election platform stated "reduction of salaries—in certain instances, yes."

His worship declines to commit himself further than to observe "this is 1923, and we have done pretty well with my platform to date." There may be salary decreases, he says, but then again there may not.

The mayor desires, however, that this question be cleaned up as speedily as possible, and pointed out that there were certain deserving cases pending that he was aware of. It was chiefly a question of financial resources, he explained, and he questioned just how much, if any, would be available for the purpose. He could not anticipate any general increase.

City Treasurer James Bell was not quite positive on this point either, but he reassured that certain provisions had been made in the estimates. It is expected also that the several 1922 recommendations for increases will also be considered.

Mayor Wenige and Ald. Douglas both believe further that all estimates for 1924 should be presented by the several departments in the fall preceding the municipal election. There is every likelihood that this course will be pursued this year.

Famous Specialist Finds Case Here To Interest Him

Sir Robert Jones Praises Dr. Banting For Treatment of Congenital Deformity in Child.

At the Children's Memorial Hospital yesterday afternoon an interesting case of congenital deformity was exhibited to the attending physicians by Sir Robert Jones, eminent English orthopedic specialist, in the course of a series of demonstrations conducted in the east ward.

Beck, Paid By the People, Scorns the People's Law

Sir Adam Beck, as a Tory candidate, seeks to hand over the people's hydro to Howard Ferguson, timber king and opponent of public ownership. That is bad enough. But there is more.

Sir Adam Beck, as a political candidate of any color, is scornful of the law of Ontario's parliament. The point was well brought out by Dr. Louis A. Wood, in addressing West London electors, last night.

In 1897, James T. Garrow of West Huron introduced the following resolution, which received the assent of parliament, and still stands as a fundamental of political honor.

The resolution reads: "Resolved, That this house is of opinion that officers or clerks of the civil public service of the province, or permanent employees, who solely or for the most part obtain their livelihood in the public service, should not actively participate in provincial or dominion election campaigns, and that officers or clerks of the civil service should not become candidates for municipal councilors."

HAS STOOD FOR 25 YEARS. That resolution has never been questioned in 25 years of hard political campaigning. It remained for Sir Adam Beck and a few Tory politicians in London to disregard Ontario's code of honor in the same spirit which prompted them a few days ago to try to block a meeting of London's city council—anything to win an election.

The Toronto Globe and some of Beck's henchmen are trying to dodge around the law. They say that Beck is not really a public servant because only \$6,000 of his \$18,000 salary is paid by the government.

Such quibbling means nothing except an admission of wrong. Is Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the hydro commission appointed by the government, not a public servant? His standing as a public servant has been his plea for election. It has been the Globe's excuse for not regarding him as an out-and-out Tory.

TO EVADE THE LAW. And now to evade the law Sir Adam and the Globe are trying to switch their flim-flam. Sir Adam Beck is a paid public servant. As a political candidate he is disregarding parliament's code of honor.

As a Tory candidate he is betraying the non-partisan trust of the people's hydro. The plain truth is that Sir Adam Beck is running as a Tory in London because, as he said at the Tory convention, he "was a casualty of the Conservative party" at the last election.

The people's hydro he is using merely as a crutch to recover from that wound. Beck wants to satisfy a personal grievance, and the people's hydro, political ethics, the law and everything else can go hang. It is an autocratic expression of supreme contempt for London and for Ontario.

FLOOD WATERS RISING, AGAIN MENACE KANSAS

Heavy Rains With Gales Causes New Overflow of Creeks and Canals.

EAST LONDON TAX PROBLEM WILL GO INTO THE COURTS

Delinquent Firms Will Probably Be Grouped in Blanket Action.

LAWYER HAS CASE

City Treasurer Invokes Power of City Solicitor and Prepares Action.

The first official step in the city's battle to secure additional school taxes from East London industries was noted today.

Upon receipt of a detailed statement from City Treasurer James Bell, the mayor directed him to take the entire problem to City Solicitor T. G. Meredith for prompt action. The solicitor will advise as to the proper method of approach through the courts.

In all probability, the charge will take the nature of a "blanket" action, and all the delinquent firms will be grouped together. It was at first considered whether the same purpose could have been better served if one industry had not been singled out for a test case.

The city treasurer reports, however, that the city solicitor favors the other plan. Mayor Wenige and Ald. Douglass, chairman of the board of works, who have been outstanding in their right to collect these taxes in question, involving approximately \$15,000, insist that the fight shall be carried to the high courts, if need be, for a definite decision.

There is one firm that declines to pay as much as \$3,000 or \$4,000," asserted Mayor Wenige today, in a scathing denunciation of the delinquent factories. "But the men in that plant, some of whom receive a princely \$2 per day, have come to the city hall and paid their taxes. They are not exempt, and what they pay means a greater effort than this expenditure means to these industries in the annexed districts of this city."

ROB PULLMAN CASHIER OF \$22,000 PAYROLL

Bandits Attack Official as He Enters Long Island Works.

Associated Press Despatch. New York, June 15.—A cashier of the Pullman Company and his bodyguard were robbed of a \$22,000 payroll by six armed men today as they were entering the Sunnyside works at Long Island City.

The bandits knocked F. R. McGuire, receiving cashier of the company, over the head with the butt of a pistol, and when he reeled, dashed, snatched the bag of money from him. The bandits jumped into a big touring car and sped off.

SAYS BELFAST CRIME RETURNED TO NORMAL

Sir Robert Baird, K. B., E. D. L., Declares Six Months' Record Low.

Special to The Advertiser. Toronto, Ont., June 15.—That Belfast has come back practically to normal and that so far as crime is concerned, it has now, as it had before the Sinn Fein outrages began, less crime than Liverpool, Leeds, London and most of the great cities in the British Isles, were borne out in a statement by Sir Robert Baird, K. B., E. D. L., leader of the Unionists in Ireland, and editor of the Belfast Evening Telegraph, who arrived in Toronto this morning on a business trip to Canada and the United States.

The total of specially reported cases during the past six months is very low for a city of almost half a million inhabitants and compared with a similar period for 1922 shows a decrease of approximately 75 per cent, said Sir Robert.

Bayly Tells Crown Case Against Sidney Murrell Rests Until America Acts

Mayor Goes Out After Old Boys

If the London Old Boys' Reunion next August does not prove the success anticipated, it will not be the fault of Mayor Wenige's. His worship is selling the proposition to the old boys and girls himself. On Thursday he goes to Detroit to speak to more than 400 former Londoners who will dine at the Tuller Hotel in that city.

"We must bring them back in August," cautions the mayor. "This must be the banner year."

QUEBEC VILLAGES ARE WIPED OUT BY FOREST FLAMES

Churches and Homes Completely Destroyed at Sully and Les Etroits.

REPORT TWO DEAD Residents Rescued From Fires By Means of Trains.

Special to The Advertiser. Quebec, June 15.—The villages of Sully and Les Etroits, Temiscouata County, have been completely destroyed by forest fires and unconfirmed reports have it that two lives have been lost. Even the churches of those villages and some 75 houses, which were occupied by settlers and lumberjacks, are nothing but a mass of ruins, and the fire is still extending.

The Edmunston express, which reached here last evening, carried on board a number of those who were able to make their escape. The fire had spread so rapidly that many of them had not been able to save hardly any clothing.

The story told by the trainmen who passed through the region is one of horrors, as at one time the express had much difficulty in continuing its journey, as smoke prevented the operation of the train. However, within ten hours' delay the train came in last evening. On board were some fifty young settlers who had started to clear the land in that region a few months ago and were forced to return to town with their wives and babies. The fire is said to have spread rapidly, breaking into the two villages after it had been circling the nearby district for some time.

The little town of Etroits was the first prey to the flames, and then houses started to burn. The heat was so intense that for a time the inhabitants were unable to think they could make their escape.

They rushed away towards the west with what they could carry and succeeded in reaching the railway tracks where they waited for the train.

A few miles further on other similar scenes were going on. The village of Sully being also a mass of ruins. There has been no rain in Temiscouata county and the conditions, far from improving, are still bad. Fires have broken out on an area of 230 acres in the townships of Talon, Bedard and Weir.

FILIPINO RUNS AMUCK ON REFUSAL TO MARRY

Honolulu Man Kills Himself, His Girl and Her Mother.

Associated Press Despatch. Honolulu, June 15.—Angered because the mother of his 14-year-old sweetheart refused to permit her to marry him, Pomno Crocco, a Filipino, 35 years old, yesterday shot and killed the girl and her mother, seriously wounded the girl's father and her 12-year-old brother, and then killed himself.

The Deputy Attorney-General Holds Consultation With Crown Attorney J. C. Elliott.

PREPARING PAPERS

California Authorities Will Hear Plea For Extradition Next Wednesday.

Ontario officials are still in the dark as to the latest developments in the case of Sidney Murrell, wanted here for murder, and held in San Francisco jail, pending extradition or deportation.

In consultation with Crown Attorney J. C. Elliott, K. C., yesterday, Deputy Attorney-General W. H. Bayly, K. C., stated that no word as to what disposition will be made of the prisoner by the California authorities has been received in Toronto since the stated case against the Middlesex County jail breaker and bandit was sent to the British consul at San Francisco.

Judging from reports received from San Francisco by The Advertiser, the American authorities are planning to extradite Murrell. Yesterday The Advertiser received word that extradition papers would be completed next Wednesday. In that event, Murrell will be given an opportunity, if he desires, to satisfy Washington that he should not be taken back to his native land to face trial on the capital charge.

Intends To Fight. Although Murrell declares he does not care what the future may bring, he has stated since his arrest that he intends to fight extradition. However, a copy of evidence that would warrant his immediate return is now in the hands of United States officials, admiration of justice heads here.

As soon as word that the prisoner is ready to be taken back is received, officers will proceed from Canada to California.

Should extradition rather than deportation be arranged, the Canadian police will journey to San Francisco to get their man, but in no case will the American police will bring the prisoner to Canadian territory and turn him over to Dominion officials.

Talk Special Session. Governor Byron Dawson of the county jail, declares there will be no second session. He intends to see to it that the escape in September, 1921, took place before Governor Dawson took office.

There is even talk of a special session of the court being arranged to try the prisoner, so that he will not be given an opportunity to plan a getaway while he is in prison.

Efforts towards this end were made in 1921 by B. F. Waterworth, former deputy sheriff, but did not bear fruit. The prisoner was held in a room from April 1, the day of the shooting and bank robbery at Melbourne, to September 2, the day Sidney was taken to the hospital, where he died.

TORONTO MAN KILLED WHEN TRAIN HITS AUTO

Canadian Press Despatch. Stratford, June 15.—H. Simple of Toronto was killed and C. H. Moore of the same city badly injured when their automobile was struck by a Canadian National freight train on a level crossing at Varney this morning.

Moore escaped instant death by being thrown clear of the tracks.

CELEBRATES 108TH BIRTHDAY.

Canadian Press Despatch. Hamilton, June 15.—Mrs. Emma Brown, who claims to be the oldest woman in Canada, has just celebrated her 108th birthday. She was born in 1815.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS Light to moderate winds; partly cloudy and rather cool today and on Saturday.

Pressure is low over the southwestern portion of the continent and off Nova Scotia, and relatively high over Lake Superior.

The weather has been mostly fair and warm in the Western Province, and cool and somewhat unsettled from Ontario eastward.

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

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	48	48	Clear
Calgary	70	40	Clear
Winnipeg	84	52	Clear
Port Arthur	63	40	Clear
Perry Sound	58	36	Clear
Toronto	66	44	Fair
Kingston	58	40	Clear
Quebec	65	40	Clear
St. John	62	48	Clear
Halifax	58	42	Cloudy