

Winter Returns To Manitoba In Gale And Snow

Frost Hits West But No Damage To Grain Reported

THOUGH the entire west shivered in as much as 10 degrees of frost, returning winter struck hardest Thursday and today in south-western Manitoba and north-western Ontario in the form of heavy, wet snow, driven by gales. Strong northerly winds, which reached a peak of 35 miles an hour during the night, will continue in Manitoba along with chill weather and snow today. Saturday will remain cloudy and cool. But a glimmer of hope for Sunday is seen in the forecast for a little higher temperature and fair weather further west tomorrow.

If it were not for the delay to seeding, Manitoba farmers would welcome the moisture. In southern Manitoba where 81 percent of wheat seeding is completed, some wheat is already up but no damage has resulted from the three to five degrees of frost experienced in that area. Farmers say the young wheat can take it.

Better Than Normal

Further north in Manitoba there was no snow and no frost damage. Seeding is much less advanced and little, if any, grain is above ground. In Saskatchewan and Alberta light showers and snowfalls were confined to southern districts. Frosts, heaviest at Yorkton, which reported 10 degrees, is not believed to have caused crop damage. Half an inch of moisture in the form of snow has put Winnipeg above normal in precipitation for the first time this year. The total moisture since April 1 is 1.97 inches, compared to the normal for the same period of 1.63 inches.

In Saskatchewan 24 representative points report receiving three times as much moisture in the past month as they got in the same period last year.

Lake Levels Rise

The heavy precipitation this spring has raised the level of the Rainy Lake and other boundary lakes so quickly that huge volumes of water are being spilled at International Falls and Fort Frances to prevent Rainy Lake from rising above international treaty limits.

This was reported today by the local surveys and engineering branch of the federal department of mines and resources. Outflow from Lake of the Woods will be increased to 30,000 cubic feet per second by Monday and higher rates of outflow are probable to prevent the lake reaching levels that will affect property at Minaki and Kenora.

Lilacs may not bloom in Winnipeg district this year because of the "blasting" buds received when the thermometer dropped here to 27 above during the night. Expert gardeners advised householders who have plants out in cold frames to leave them there, as the frost will come out slowly, doing no damage.

Birds Beg Food

Chief sufferers from the snow are the birds who have arrived from the south, prematurely they now think. One robin flew in through the window of a house on Hargrave st., early today, perched on a bedpost and woke a young girl by chirping demands for breakfast. A brother robin was on the window sill making the same demands. They and hundreds of other birds were fed with bread crumbs outside.

Heavy fog today blankets Port Arthur and Fort William. Seamen say that is a sign warm sunny days are coming.

Britain To Form Army Of Women In War-Time

Modish Society Leaders Trip To War Office To Confer On Mobilization With Army Chiefs

(By The Associated Press)

LONDON, May 6.—Modishly-garbed women tripped into the colonnaded War Office today to confer with army chiefs on plans for mobilization of an army of women for non-combatant military duties in the event of an emergency.

In preliminary talks over which Major-General Sir John Brown presided, the formation of a women's military organization was discussed in accordance with ideas of the secretary for war, Leslie Hore-Belisha. General Brown is deputy director-general of the territorial army.

In Step With The Times—

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Parents Must Choose Death Or Sightless Life For Child

Operate? Let Die? Is Quandary Faced By Chicago Couple

Opinions Favor Giving Infant Chance To Live

THE heart-rending decision that must be made by a young Chicago couple, parents of a five-weeks-old baby girl—whether they let their child be operated on and blinded for life, or die—brought ready sympathy and comment by Winnipeg people, doctors, churchmen, parents and sightless persons this morning.

In seeking local comment today The Tribune learned of the remarkable case of a 17-year-old boy, totally blind since infancy, who last year passed his Grade XII chemistry exams, with the highest mark in the province. The boy is a confirmed optimist concerning his chances in life.

By far the majority of opinion was that the child should be submitted to the operation and given a chance to live—even though it be sightless life. One medical man said he did not think the operation should be performed, that the case was so unusual and serious, death would probably result anyway.

Death or Blindness

The report, a copyright Chicago Herald-Examiner story, tells of a young dentist, Dr. Herman Colan, 30, and his wife, Estelle, 23, whose infant daughter has gliona, a tumor that first attacks the retina of the eye and spreads through the optic nerve to the brain. Specialists have said the child will die in less than two months unless the eyes are removed.

Diagnosis was confirmed by several specialists, one of whom recommended that nature be allowed to take its course while others advised an operation.

"I dread the possibility that my baby some day might be left to the care of strangers in a sightless world," the father is quoted as saying. [Continued on Page 4, No. 1]

Driver Deaf To Victim's Plea

Tells Injured Youth He Won't Help Him

A hit-run driver in an Ontario car who stopped briefly after he ran down a cyclist at the corner of Portage ave. and Colony st. just before midnight Thursday and shouted a blunt refusal of any aid before driving away, is object of a police search today.

Alex Morrison, 19-year-old cyclist, who lives at 949 Crane ave., Fort Garry, is the victim, at home today with black injuries after receiving hospital treatment. He was riding south on Colony and across Portage when the car, going north on Colony, turned west into Portage and struck him, sending him crashing to the pavement.

Dazed, he sat up to see the motorist stop and climb out of his car. His hand on a painful, injured back the boy looked up: "My back is hurt," he said. "What are you going to do about it?" "Nothing," snapped the driver, "I'm leaving town tomorrow."

He jumped into his car and drove west on Portage ave. Police found young Morrison, hurt beside his twisted bicycle. They took him to the General hospital where he was treated for spine injuries and then sent home. A search for the driver was begun but, to noon today, was fruitless.

Anderson Trial Will Go Ahead

Crown authorities, after considering an appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada from the Court of Appeal decision, which ordered a new trial for T. Cuthbert Anderson, today decided to drop it. Hon. W. J. Major, K.C., attorney-general, said that the Crown would proceed with the new trial at the next assizes which opens May 17. The attorney-general said that the decision justified an appeal. Main reason for abandoning it was that the proceedings would take the greater part of a year and it was felt that the case had already been too long before the courts.

The main submission in Mr. Anderson's appeal, said Mr. Major, "was that refusal to allow certain cross-examination in the trial court constituted an unfair trial and brought a miscarriage of justice. Three judges held that view, two did not."

"It is the decision of the Crown that as the majority of the court held there was an unfair trial, we should accept that view whether we agree with it or not."

Story Without Words



Duce Gives Hitler Glimpse At Chemical War Horrors

Soldiers Look Like Beings From Another Planet As They Go Through Latest Drills

(By The Associated Press)

ROME, May 6.—The next European war—if it comes—will be largely a struggle with chemicals, flames and artillery if Premier Mussolini's line-up of armed forces today in honor of Chancellor Hitler is an indication.

Also, it will be the "totalitarian war" of which the late master strategist, General Erich Ludendorff, wrote, meaning that women and children would be drafted into service as well as men.

Mussolini showed his guest a whole "chemical regiment" that sent a shudder through the mass of spectators. The soldiers looked like beings from another planet in their gas masks.

Among their equipment were tanks and tubes and compressed air containers. There was, however, some reassurance for Italians in equipment for fighting fire and disease germs.

A further feature of the impressive two-hour parade was the prominence given to artillery, from machine-guns and anti-aircraft pieces, to heavy cannon.

Besides Hitler and his entourage of high Nazis, Mussolini's guests included two former kings, Alfonso of Spain, and Amanullah of Afghanistan.

How seriously Mussolini is thinking of future war as "totalitarian" may be judged by the fact his review included not only regular army units—infantry, cavalry, artillery and Colonials—but also small boys, girls in black uniform, teen-age youngsters on horseback, military units of university students, various Fascist formations, including the Colonial Fascist police, and spade-carrying labor camp conscripts.

An interesting phase of the display was the jaunty march-past of Alpine troops with their rucksacks and skis. Among them one could detect many a Teutonic face from South Tyrol. When the Alpine passed Hitler looked on gravely, pensively, while Mussolini, who usually explained each formation in his capable German, lapsed into silence.

Both relaxed into smiles soon afterward as the picturesque Bersaglieri trooped by on the run, their hand playing as the musicians trotted along.

Hitler stood in the monuments of Imperial Rome of old to witness the review. It was in the Via dei Trionfi, through which Caesar's legions once marched. Most of the troops made snappy use of the "passo Romano"—the Italian version of the German goosestep.

German quarters today denied a military alliance had been offered to Premier Mussolini, or that one was contemplated. With their general staffs already in working agreement, it was explained a formal alliance was not necessary.

Health should provide more leadership in home economies. "One of the biggest problems of child welfare today," she said, "is the inadequacy of relief."

Beads Case Results In Changed Police Rules

Murderer Hangs

(By The Canadian Press)

MONTREAL, May 6.—Georges Dagenais, 23-year-old farm youth, who came to the city from the Laurentian town of Joliette, was hanged today at Montreal jail for the murder of Joseph Sylvio Benoit, tobacco merchant, slain during an attempted holdup of his Jacques Cartier Square store last Dec. 22.

M.P. Vanishes From Ottawa

Fred C. Betts, London, Feared To Have Drowned

(Special To The Winnipeg Tribune)

TORONTO, May 6.—Mystery deepened today as members of parliament, police and private citizens united in the search for Major Fred C. Betts, 42, M.P. for London, who disappeared Tuesday or Wednesday when he was believed to have gone on a fishing trip into Quebec.

This afternoon Mrs. Betts is on her way to Ottawa from Hamilton where she had been visiting friends. In an interview with The Tribune she stated that she firmly believed that her husband was not drowned, as feared, but was lost in the bush with a farmer of the district who also was missing.

Wore Fishing Clothes

There is no definite proof of when Major Betts left Ottawa. Dr. A. B. Hyndman, M.P. for Carleton, and Major Betts' desk mate, told The Tribune that as far as he could recollect the major was at his desk in the House of Commons Tuesday afternoon. An official of the Y.M.C.A., where Major Betts lives while in Ottawa, is sure that he left there Tuesday morning wearing fishing clothes.

The car which Major Betts rented from an Ottawa garage was used later on the bank of the Blanche river, near Buckingham, Que., 25 miles east of Ottawa. The men who found it believed it had been there since Tuesday night. Police started dragging the river this afternoon.

Isaac Lorrain, a farmer living near the place where Mr. Betts' abandoned car was found, said he saw a "tall, dark man" leave an automobile Tuesday night about 150 yards from his home and go towards the river carrying what he thought was fishing tackle.

Lorrain customarily retires about 7:30 p.m. and said he went to bed after seeing the man. "In the middle of the night I heard a shout," he said. "A short time later he heard another shout. "I said to myself that if I heard another shout I would get up and investigate but there was no further cry."

Major Betts is the second member of his family to disappear under mysterious circumstances.

Too Busy To Examine His Funeral Wreaths

(By The Associated Press)

DRUMHELLER, Alta., May 6.—Gerry Fish knows today how popular he is in Drumheller.

The bakery manager took ill Tuesday and was in bed until Thursday afternoon. In the meantime a rumor that he had died circulated.

The minister called at his home to offer his services, florists received many orders for wreaths and friends kept the telephone ringing to offer condolences.

Meanwhile, Mr. Fish said he was too busy catching up with his work to attend funeral services.

Duluth Ball Game Called Due To Snow

(Special To The Winnipeg Tribune)

DULUTH, May 6.—Just when the Winnipeg Maroons will play their initial game of the 1938 Northern Baseball league is entirely up to the weatherman. Following upon days of rain, a heavy fall of snow forced postponement of the second game of the schedule against Duluth Dukes today, Saturday the Maroons are booked to play Superior, but if a sudden change in the weather does not take place it's doubtful if they will play until next week.

Italy Leading

(By The Associated Press)

DUBLIN, May 6.—Italy gained a lead of two matches to one in Davis Cup tennis play against Eire today, winning the doubles. V. Tarioni and A. Quintavalle defeated Lytleigh Rogers and Dan McLaughlin, Eire, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2. Two singles matches complete play Saturday.

Feminine Leads Cast For Next Quint Film

(By The Canadian Press)

CALLANDER, Ont., May 6.—Claire Trevor and Joan Davis have been cast as the female leads in the third quintet moving picture tentatively titled "Five of a Kind," it was learned today.

Twentieth Century-Fox film company is to start making the picture here about June 1. Jean Hersholt, who will play the role of doctor, plans to leave Hollywood for Callander May 15.

No Infraction

(From The Tribune's Ottawa Bureau—Copyright by Southern Publishing Co.)

OTTAWA, May 6.—Reported calls by German consuls for Germans in Canada to register for military service are not regarded here as an infraction of any international law—so long as there is peace. A consul of any country is free to call on any of his "nationals" to enroll. Any foreigner, naturalized in Can. ad, would not be supposed to respond, but if he did his naturalization certificate might be revoked.

Unconscious Persons To Be Taken To Hospital, Commission Agrees

WINNIPEG'S police commission will take no chances on a repetition of the Beads case, which brought down a storm of criticism on the heads of the Winnipeg police force. At its meeting Thursday it approved an order by Chief Constable George Smith, requiring that all unconscious persons picked up by police shall be taken to hospital for examination.

The regulation covers all persons unconscious, in a drunken stupor, or otherwise unable to give their names.

Mayor Queen announced last week that he would urge such a regulation be made. He suggested it following the case of Victor Beads, 21-year-old mine worker, who died in hospital April 23, where he had been placed after spending more than four hours in a police cell booked as a drunk.

Police Criticized

Immediately after Beads' death, police were criticized for not having recognized Beads' serious condition when taken to the cells. Dr. H. M. Speesley, provincial coroner, at the inquest, denounced the press for publishing the criticisms. The inquest jury said in its verdict that the police had treated this case with the usual amount of care but urged more care in the future.

At the city council meeting Tuesday evening it was suggested that a staff medical officer be appointed for the police department. This was not discussed by the board Thursday but may be at the next meeting. Several commission members felt that the new regulation covered the situation.

As to the regulation, Chief Smith told the press it was just "an extra precaution." Since the order went into effect last week several persons had been taken to hospital to have their stomachs pumped.

Approve Reward

The commission approved the offer of a \$200 reward for information as to how Beads came to his death. He had been found by police in a lane north of Portage ave. When he was subsequently removed to hospital a severe skull fracture was found. It was this injury that caused his death. A lengthy police report to the commission revealed no clue as to the manner in which the injury had occurred.

Agree To School Fire Trap Probe

Province Will Name 3-Man Commission

The provincial government has agreed to appoint a three-man commission to investigate charges by Adam Beck, Ward 2 school trustee, that several Winnipeg schools are fire traps and are unfit for occupation.

The cabinet discussed the appointments this morning, but at noon had not decided on the personnel of the commission.

At a meeting of the management committee of the Winnipeg school board, Thursday night, it was suggested the commission would spend about one week listening to evidences. Cost of the commission "would not be much," Edward McGrath, chairman of the school board's sub-committee investigating the charges, told the meeting.

"The money will be well spent in view of the serious charges made," Mr. McGrath said last night.

Sad-Faced Stud Player Gives Up His \$150,000

Loser Drops Charge That Lew Brice Won His Pile By Device

(By The Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES, May 6.—The \$150,000 winnings of Lew Brice in a poker game weren't worth as much today as the matches he used for chips.

Between sad puffs on a cigar, the former Broadway hooper and brother of Comedienne Fanny Brice returned to Squire Harry Clifton of England the cheques he had written to cover his losses in a game with Brice last month.

In returning the cheques and waiving the debt, Brice was accepting a proposal made by Clifton's lawyer, Jerry Giesler, who in turn dropped a threatened court complaint that his client lost "by device."

"This is taken chances on the Irish sweepstakes for years and never won a cent. Now, I win the equivalent of the capital prize of \$150,000 at poker—and I can't collect!"

"It's like getting edgy out in a photo finish. I always play 'em on the nose, you know."

On the advice of the Rev. Violet Greener, mystic pastor of Agabeg Temple, Clifton had protested to the district attorney's office that the game he played was illegal stud poker.

A hearing scheduled for today on Clifton's petition for a permanent injunction to prevent collection is now a mere formality.

Keep Hands Off Czechs, Berlin Will Be Warned

Britain And France Co-operate; Prague Told To Compromise

(By The Associated Press)

PARIS, May 6.—A joint Franco-British appeal to Czechoslovakia to make utmost concessions to her German minority and a warning to Berlin against committing any "action of violence" will be made today, sources close to the foreign office declare.

Representations by the two governments will follow decisions made by the French and British ministers at their meeting in London a week ago.

Sir Neville Henderson, British ambassador at Berlin, will see acting Chancellor Hermann Goerring today, it is said.

The French and British ministers in Prague will call at the same time on the Czech foreign minister.

Sir Neville will tell Goerring, on behalf of France as well as his own government, these sources said, that a conciliatory settlement of the Sudeten German problem will be possible only if German Nazi leaders bring pressure on Czechoslovakia to compromise with the Prague government.

They said he would reiterate France's determination to fulfil her military alliance with Czechoslovakia in case Germany attacks her and also Prime Minister Chamberlain's warning that Great Britain will find it difficult to remain passive in such a contingency.

The two powers, it is said, also will ask the Czechoslovak government to do everything compatible with the maintenance of independence to satisfy the Sudeten Nazis' demands for autonomy.

TARDIEU URGES NEED TO HONOR OBLIGATIONS.

(By Havas (French News Agency))

PARIS, May 6.—Former Premier Andre Tardieu, writing in the weekly L'Echo, took a public stand today in favor of honoring France's treaty obligations.

"If there were a war involving us because of a Reich invasion of Czechoslovakia," the rightist leader asked, "would we be fighting for Czechoslovakia? No! No more than we fought for Serbia in 1914 would be fighting for Czechoslovakia in 1938. We would be fighting, as always, for ourselves—against the German colossus of more than 100,000,000 men reared against us in the heart of Europe."

FREE MEATS FOR POOR.

CAIRO, Egypt, May 6.—Free meals were given to the poor today as all Egypt celebrated the second anniversary of King Farouk's accession to the throne.



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