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## TWO BURNED TO DEATH IN TORONTO HOTEL FIRE

### Many Guests Were Injured and Property Loss Is Over \$150,000

#### OBSTRUCTION IS RESORTED TO BY ROWELL

#### Legislature Held Stormy All-Night Sitting as Result of Government Measure Designed for Protection of Member for Grenville.

The Ontario Legislature yesterday afternoon passed thru a period of rare turmoil and dramatic tension. Uproar broke forth time and again and the din in the chamber drowned the voices of speakers striving to be heard. Members rose in their seats and hurled uncompromising suggestions, and, falling to make intelligible their ideas in shouts, resorted to wild gesticulations. In the midst of the stress the Speaker had occasion to threaten to name several members, and although the actual call was not extended to the sergeant-at-arms, feeling ran very high throughout the whole afternoon and evening. At 12:30 o'clock the opposition was carrying out a threat to extend the session into the following day.

The matter at issue was a special bill which the attorney-general introduced and asked the house to put thru as an urgent matter. It suspended certain rules applying to members of the assembly, who had served the federal government and received pecuniary remuneration. There was so much opposition to the measure for Grenville had done good work for the government at Ottawa and had been paid. The acting premier wished the bill put thru the three readings at the one session.

Rowell Strongly Opposed. This Mr. Rowell opposed as involving a very serious matter in its broad nature. He wished the first reading alone, granted and then time for consideration given. The battling thru of the stages brought the excitement and involved the house in a tangle of parliamentary authorities. At the time of going to press the matter was not settled and the house was in session. One argument of the government was that the opposition wished to bring a writ against Mr. Ferguson for \$40,000 following the present rule. T. W. McGarry declared that many unsuspecting members were liable under the present act. He intimated that Mr. Hayes, partner to William Proudfoot of Huron, had been connected with the Succession Duties Act. Hon. W. J. Hanna followed up by saying that he knew of more than two men in the house who would be concerned, although they never dreamed of it.

#### A DISCRIMINATING KNIGHT WATCHMAN



This photograph shows Thomas McCauley, his wife and baby. Mrs. McCauley was burned to death at Brechin early yesterday morning and her husband had a narrow escape from death.

#### HEAVY LOSS IN FIRE AT SARNIA

#### Big Thresher-Plant Destroyed—Damages Estimated at Quarter of Million.

SARNIA, Ont., March 17.—Fire this afternoon totally destroyed the plant and contents of the John Goodison Thresher Company. The loss, which is covered by insurance, is in the neighborhood of \$250,000.

The cause of the fire is not known definitely, but it is believed to have started from a spark from a locomotive on the company's private switch. The flames were noticed first in the early afternoon, and for several hours the firemen fought to keep them under control and prevent them spreading to adjoining buildings. Several nearby houses caught fire, but these small blazes were promptly smothered by streams of water and very little damage was done except to the Thresher Company's premises.

#### TORONTO GETS SIX MEMBERS

#### Ten Seats for the City and York County Provided by Redistribution.

OTTAWA, March 17.—The government today gave out its proposed redistribution of Toronto and York, ten seats in all. The proposal must be taken as tentative and some changes are likely to be made in its final draft.

The first feature is that North York remains as it was, with the exception that the Village of Stouffville, on both sides of the line between Whitechurch and Markham is taken from North York and put with Markham in South York. The village has a Liberal majority. North York will be purely county and will include a population of 21,381, and all located north of Vaughan and Markham Townships.

The other nine seats are six purely city ones, and three city and county mixed.

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#### CANADIAN'S NEW NOSE MADE FROM HIS RIB

#### Ross Allen, Terribly Disfigured in Accident, Subject of Unique Experiment.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 17.—With a new nose made from one of his ribs strapped to his face, which was denied features in a sawmill accident three years ago, Ross Allen, a young Canadian, is recovering from a remarkable operation at a hospital here.

It was the most important of a series of skin grafts which has given back to him new lips and now a new nose covered with skin taken from the man's forehead. This last operation was completed a week ago and is considered a success by the surgeons. Allen was said today to be doing well.

#### CY WARMAN SERIOUSLY ILL

CHICAGO, March 17.—Cy Warman, poet and author, is seriously ill at a hotel here. He was stricken on Sunday and remained unconscious for more than 24 hours. Physicians said today his chances for recovery were bright.

#### SPRING HATS.

St. Patrick's Day has "been and gone," and now for Easter and for the new hat you have to buy for that important season. The Dineen Company have received the entire consignment of the very latest English and American styles for spring, and these are now on sale. See our window display. The W. & D. Dineen Co., 149 Yonge street, corner Temperance.

Fast and Furious Farce. If you enjoy a farce that is fast and furious, with every line a laugh producer, do not miss "Stop Thief," which is at the Princess Theatre this week. The matinee today is at popular prices.

## BODY OF ONE MONTREAL MOVING PICTURE MAN RECOVERED FROM RUINS OF WOODBINE HOTEL WHICH WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY FIRE

### Max Cohen and Frederick Levison Cut Off From Escape and Perished in the Flames—New Hotel Worth \$200,000 Was Guttled and Guests, Consisting Principally of Actors Playing in Toronto This Week, Lost Clothing and Jewelry—George Speers, Manager, Had Narrow Escape, and Others Jumped from Windows—Search for Second Victim Resumes This Morning.

Two persons are known to be dead, and the lives of two others are feared for, and damage to the extent of \$150,000 was done as the result of a fire which completely gutted the Woodbine Hotel on West King street at 7:20 last night.

The bodies of Max Cohen, representative of the Union Feature Film Company of New York, and Frederick Levison, a representative of the same company, were recovered from the ruins shortly before midnight.

A. Lee, of New York, who was an intimate friend of the victims, was sitting with them in room 301 when they discovered that the building was on fire. They rushed from their room, which was situated in the rear of the hotel, towards the fire escape. Before they had reached it, however, Cohen and Levison decided to try the elevator. Lee called to them to follow him as he knew where the fire escape was, but they did not do so. Continuing on his way he broke open the door of one of the rooms leading to the fire escape and climbed down it to the street, jumping from the second floor to the pavement.

It was further stated that the bell on the elevator was heard ringing and the indicator pointed to floor No. 3. An attempt was made to respond to the call, but it was impossible to get the elevator higher than the second floor. In the meantime access to the fire escape had been cut off.

#### Men Became Panic Stricken.

Judging from the position in which the bodies were found, the men had apparently become panic stricken, and losing all idea of direction, had rushed towards the rear of the building in an attempt to escape. By that time the rear part of the building was a roaring furnace and the men had absolutely no chance of escape. Mr. Lee thought that Cohen had hesitated for a few moments in an effort to rescue a valuable bull dog, which always accompanied him in his travels, and these few moments he thought had cost him his life.

George Giles, Montreal, a guest, was seriously injured by jumping from a third storey window to the pavement in the rear of the building. He had been asleep when the fire started and was completely cut off from the stairs or fire escape in the front of the hotel. Realizing that his only chance of escape lay thru the window, he took that chance and jumped. Although unconscious he was unable to move and had to be carried into a nearby store whence he was taken in the ambulance to the General Hospital, where it is reported he is paralyzed from the waist down, and in a critical condition.

W. E. Gray, assistant manager of the hotel, sustained serious lacerations on his wrists and arms, by breaking the windows with his fists. He was removed to St. Michael's Hospital.

#### Damage Estimated at \$150,000.

George Speers, manager of the hotel, stated last evening that the loss so far is unknown. Roughly he thought \$150,000 damage had been done to the building contents. This would be mostly covered by insurance.

There was some doubt as to the origin of the fire, but it is agreed that it started in the extreme rear of the building. E. Belmont, a guest who occupied room 214, when interviewed by The World, claimed to have discovered the fire. He had been sitting in his room when he heard a crackling in the room adjoining, 215. A friend, Mr. Martin of Bracebridge, occupied that room, so he rapped at the door, but received no answer. He looked in and saw flames issuing from the bathroom and immediately sent in the alarm to the office. His opinion was that it had been caused by defective wiring in the bathroom. He rushed back into his room and seizing as much of his belongings as he could conveniently carry, he escaped thru the front of the hotel. By this time, he said, the whole back part of the building was burning and he had much difficulty in finding his way thru the smoke, which was already very thick. This he said was at 7:20.

#### Of the guests by far the heaviest losers are the theatrical people, as most of them had left the hotel and had no opportunity of saving any of their belongings.

Joseph Myers, proprietor of the garage on Orillia street, had perhaps the most exciting time in connection with the fire. After having made two trips thru the burning building to assist two excited women he answered the frantic appeals of a mother to look after her child. He went back for the third time and found the child, but was cut off by the blaze when he attempted to return to the street. With the youngster in his arms he jumped from the second floor at the rear to the street.

#### "I'M ALL IN," HIS ONLY COMMENT.

Shortly after his trying experience, when he was interviewed by The World, he said, "I'm all in." When I arrived on the scene it was pretty smoky inside the building. I heard that there were still some women there, and went upstairs and found Mrs. Speers, wife of the manager of the hotel. After assisting her out I went back and found Mrs. O'Brien, the housekeeper. When I arrived at the street another woman asked me to go back and save her child, which I did by jumping thru a window at the rear. The child was taken from me and I do not know what became of it."

#### MADE FIVE TRIPS INTO BURNING BUILDING.

Sam B. Hardy, one of the leading men with the "Stop Thief" company at the Princess Theatre, was asleep in his room when the fire started. His wife had left for the theatre some time previously and when she heard of the fire she went back and woke him. He dressed hurriedly and escorted his wife to the street, where he left her and returned to his room in an attempt to save their property. He made five trips thru the smoke and was successful in saving all of his own and his wife's belongings, including two heavy trunks. After that I had to go on the stage and try to be funny," he concluded.

Miss Glynn and Miss Chester, also playing at the Princess, were not so fortunate. They knew nothing whatever of the fire until they arrived at the theatre about nine o'clock. They occupied rooms 305 and 306 in the extreme rear of the building, and as this part was completely gutted by the flames, all their personal belongings and valuables, amounting to about \$2500, were lost. Miss Glynn said that she was quite unable to realize that they had lost everything and had no clothing except that which they wore to the theatre.

Another actor from the Princess, Thomas Findlay, who occupied room 203, lost approximately \$1500 in the fire.

#### COULD NOT GET OUT BY ELEVATOR.

James C. Marlowe and his wife, when interviewed at the Princess, related their experience in connection with the fire. They were occupying room 204 on the third floor, when they heard the call of fire. The flames had by this time made considerable headway. Rushing to the elevator they found that it was not in working order, and pushed on towards the front of the building and on the second floor they turned down two flights, and Mrs. Marlowe was carried the remainder of the distance by one of the firemen. She was almost overcome by smoke when she reached the street.

#### "IT'S TOO BAD," SAYS MISS RYAN.

It was because of Michael, the little dog who plays such an important part in "Peg O' My Heart," that Miss Elsa Ryan went to the Woodbine Hotel. No dogs were allowed at the King Edward.

Thru last night's performance, Miss Ryan knew that she had lost about five thousand dollars' worth of jewelry and several large trunks of expensive gowns and clothing. All Miss Ryan would say after the curtain fell for the last act was "It's too bad."

Mr. Yack, the manager, and another member of the company also had their personal belongings destroyed.

#### HEAD AND FACE BURNED BY FLAMES.

Charles Richards, a guest at the hotel, had a very narrow escape. Having been in a room at the rear of the building when the fire broke out he was cut off from the front, and in his desperate rush thru the flames was severely burned about the head, face and hands. He was treated at the General Hospital.

Mrs. Diamond of Diamond and Brennan Company at Shea's was in the building when the fire started, but she and her husband were able to retrace all their belongings.

Joseph Cole and Gertrude Denahy, who were also playing at Shea's, occupied rooms 302 and 303. They had left the hotel immediately after dinner and knew nothing whatever of the fire until 9 o'clock, when they arrived at the theatre. Their loss will amount to about \$100.

#### PEG O' MY HEART COMPANY LOSS IS FIVE THOUSAND.

The loss to the Peg O' My Heart Company at the Royal Alexandra will amount to approximately \$5000. When the fire was brought under control Deputy Chief Noble went to Miss Elsa Ryan's room and recovered all of her belongings, which were valued at over \$5000. The remainder of the company, including M. Moore of Chicago, Mr. Broughton of London, England, Mr. Burbeck of New York and M. A. Yack of New York, who were registered at the hotel, lost everything.

After the performances in the various theatres the actors thronged to the hotel in an endeavor to visit their rooms, in the hope of finding some of their property. This was not allowed, however. They then were forced to visit the other hotels to find accommodation for the night.

#### FIRE BRIGADE MADE A BRILLIANT FIGHT.

In the opinion of Deputy Chief Noble the fire brigade made a brilliant fight against the flames. The deputy declared that when the fire brigade reached the hotel flames were already shooting out of the roof. Within a few min-

#### Total Fire Loss \$150,000 With Insurance of \$135,000

The Woodbine Hotel was owned by the recently formed Woodbine Hotel Company, Limited, of which the Cosgrave Brewery Company, Reinhardt Brewery Company, Thomas W. Horne and George Speers are the largest shareholders. The building, which was on leasehold ground, including furnishings, was valued at \$200,000. A short time ago the hotel was remodeled and enlarged to one hundred rooms.

Insurance on the building is said to be in the neighborhood of \$100,000, divided among different companies, while the fixtures are insured for \$55,000.

Eight steam engines were working and throwing water at a pressure of 180 pounds. The firemen confined their efforts for the most part to keeping the fire to the rear of the building. Entering from the front of the building they cut off the flames from the back, gradually forcing the fire backwards. Both the second and third floors collapsed.

The blaze was best seen from the rear of the burning building, where, in the narrow lane, the huge water tower threw tons of water into the building. At 8 o'clock the flames from the back actually enveloped surrounding buildings, and only the superhuman efforts of the firemen and the absence of an wind prevented a conflagration extending thruout the whole block.

According to eye-witnesses, at one time nearly twenty women were congregated on the narrow fire escape, awaiting a ladder on which to descend to the street.

All the people interviewed by The World who had been in the building, agreed that it was extremely difficult to find one's way to the fire escape or to the street from the rear of the hotel, especially if one was not acquainted with the layout. In a later interview with Mr. Lee, the friend of the two victims, he stated that at the end of the hall there was a mirror, and that this is probably what had caused his two friends to rush to the elevator instead of the fire escape, as he himself could see the reflection of the fire in the mirror and had for a moment been deceived by it himself. His friends, he thought, also had seen this reflection, and thinking that there was a fire in the front part of the building as well had decided to try to escape by way of the elevator.

Late last evening fears were still entertained that two other persons who had not been accounted for, had also lost their lives but up to an early hour this morning these fears had not been confirmed.

The fire was eventually brought under control at 11 o'clock, when a vigorous search was instituted by the firemen, and this will be continued

#### BIG BATTLE REPORTED GOING ON IN MEXICO

JUAREZ, Mexico, March 17.—Heavy fighting, with the rebels hard pressed, was reported here tonight. A force of federals is said to have met Villa's army at Escalon, an important railroad town, 100 miles north of Juarez, and both sides have been reinforced, and the battle is said to have raged fiercely all day today.

#### Two Men Who Were Burned Were Well-Known in Toronto

Max Cohen, who is about forty years of age and unmarried, was Toronto representative of the Union Feature Film Company of New York, which position he has occupied for about three years. He was born and brought up in New York. His office was at 77 Victoria street, room 26.

Frederick Levison was also a New York man and had been here only about three weeks. He came to be Cohen's assistant here.

C. Bell, the Montreal representative of the Union Feature Film Company, was wired to last night, by Manager Kaufman of the Canadian Film Exchange, who will take charge of the body after it is released by the coroner pending the arrival of relatives from New York.