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REWARD OF \$5,000 FOR BANDIT

Many Killed As Boston All-Night Dancing Hall Collapses

ROBBER ELUDES PURSUIT

Cool Youth Who Looted Thorndale Bank Leaves No Trace Behind.

HAD AN ACCOMPLICE

Man in Straw Hat Kept Car Running While Job Was Pulled.

The cool youth who, single-handed, robbed the Bank of Montreal branch at Thorndale of between \$6,000 and \$7,000 yesterday afternoon, and then joined an accomplice in a motor car, after locking Manager Arthur Reid and his staff of three in the vault, has so far baffled pursuit.

The car, which came from the east, parked 50 feet west of the bank on the opposite side of the road. The engine was kept idling by another young man wearing a dirty straw hat, and the minute that the bandit's foot was on the running board, the car shot forward and disappeared down the street, with the paper package containing the loot.

There is a standing reward of \$5,000 offered by the Canadian Bankers' Association for the apprehension of information leading to the arrest of a bank robber, and it is expected that the Bank of Montreal will offer a substantial addition to this amount. Middlesex county will not offer a reward, County Clerk John Stuart stated, pointing out that no person had been killed as in the famous Home Bank robbery at Melbourne in 1921, when Russell Campbell, garage man, was shot and killed.

High Constable Wharton is again on the trail after a few hours' sleep, arriving from a fire at Denfield at 5 o'clock this morning. The high constable was on the road at 9:30, endeavoring to trace the movements of the old McLaughlin touring car in which the robber vanished from the village.

A Cool Customer. The youthful robber stood carelessly by the side of his car in front of the bank yesterday, waiting for a customer to conclude a conversation with the manager. The customer came out of the bank and noticed the youth slowly entering the front door as he motored away, dreaming that the slight young man was about the coolest bank bandit who has ever operated in this district.

It is believed that the robber hailed from Detroit and is a former resident of the district, knowing the exact layout of the Thorndale bank. A close watch is being kept at all border points, especially Windsor and Walkerville.

While bank clerks are expected to do everything possible to protect the bank's money, they are not expected to jeopardize their lives, a local bank manager stated this morning. "If a bandit asked me to open the safe, I know quite well that I would open that safe," he declared. "The banks may be a little hard-hearted in some respects, but they are human in some respects, as far as holdups and robberies are concerned."

No Ill-Effects.

Manager Reid, in conversation with The Advertiser this morning, stated that he were no new developments as he knew. He said that none of the staff was suffering from ill-effects after being locked up in the stuffy vault for over half an hour.

Mr. Reid came to Thorndale from the village of Denfield, where he moved to Thorndale, where he was a former resident of Oxford street, London. Miss M. Baker, the other member of the bank staff, hailed from Lakeside.

Week-End Tips For Motorists

In planning week-end trips, motorists advised to bear in mind the following roads closed to traffic:

Hyde Park highway—Detour advised by County Engineer Talbot is from Line road to 5th street, to Sarnia. To concession west to Sarnia. To get to Hyde Park, turn left on bridge, Detour to Mills' side road on first road east of Melrose.

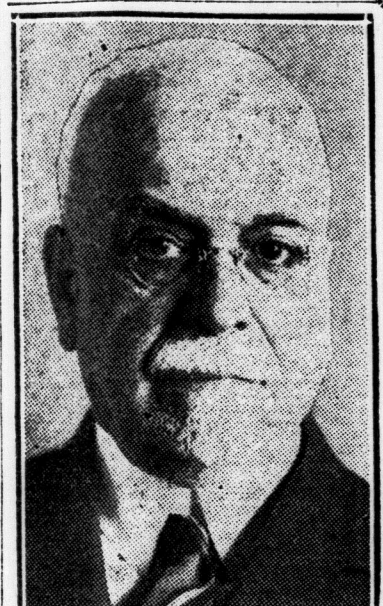
Byron bridge still closed to traffic. Will open next Wednesday night.

Longwoods road, Delaware to Strathburn, closed for paving.

Detour from Delaware to Strathburn, via Glenora to Strathburn. Detour in good shape.

Starting Monday, Wayne road south of Thorndale closed for three weeks; Detour to Mills' side road on bridge, Detour to Mills' side road and on concession of W. Nissouri.

Soft Drinks and Gasoline Both Sell Like Hot Cakes; Tax Objective In Sight



DR. W. J. ROBINSON, superintendent of Ontario hospital, London, was yesterday elected honorary president of the medical alumni association of the university of Toronto.

GOLFING STARS FIGHT FOR TITLE

Ross Somerville and Don Carrick Playing Before Big Ottawa Gallery.

Canadian Press Despatch. Royal Ottawa Golf club, Ottawa, July 4.—Don Carrick, of Scarborough, Toronto, and C. Ross Somerville, of London Hunt club, aged 13 and 23 years, respectively, athletes who have been taught in other branches of sport how to battle at close grips, commenced here this morning a 36-hole golf match, the winner of which will be crowned Canadian amateur champion for 1925.

Both have amply demonstrated their undying spirit on frequent occasions this week in the Canadian amateur tournament, and a rare struggle is expected before a decision is reached. A heavy rain was falling at 9 o'clock and prospects were for continuation of this throughout the day.

Somerville was runner-up to Frank Thompson in last year's final, and Carrick, young as he is, has also performed before large galleries in the Canadian junior championship, which he won, and in the Ontario final, which he lost this year to W. J. Thompson, of Toronto. "Gallery fight" probably had something to do with the downfall of Jack Caneron, of Ottawa, in yesterday's semi-final, as he never seemed to adjust himself to the task of playing before so many people. He is a recent comer in championship golf.

The match was all square at the third. Both had a birdie two for which a splendid shot on the green 25 yards away was responsible. Carrick got into a trap on the fourth. His approach shot was short and he took two putts, while Somerville was down in four.

Somerville was into a trap on his first shot on the fourth and Carrick found a bunker on his second. Carrick was down in five and went one up. Carrick found another bunker on the right with his drive on the blind fifth. He got out in one, his ball dropping twenty yards over the six-foot embankment onto the fairway.

He was on the green two feet from the pin with his third. Somerville's third was four feet from the hole. Somerville missed his putt and Carrick took his ball for a four, becoming two up. Carrick was on in one on the short sixth, Somerville finding.

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London Dealers Even Suggest That Levy On Gasoline Might Be Cut.

BUSINESS INCREASING

Tourists Credited With Much of Increase in Two Taxed Fluids.

Eventual redress from the recent provincial government levies on gasoline and soft drinks is predicted by London dealers and retailers, after a survey of trade since the taxes were enforced. Substantial sales increases have been noted in both industries locally during the past month, and as London is considered a dependable barometer of general conditions, city businessmen foresee an over-subscription of taxes, which should bring, they claim, a cut in the levies.

Government officials set a tax objective of \$2,000,000 in both soft drinks and gasoline. If the local business jump is indicative of a general increase then the year's total will likely show an overflow in each line. H. R. Colbert, city distributor for Kuntz Brewery, announces a large increase in the consumption of soft drinks where his own lines are concerned. Mr. Colbert pointed out that when sold this has been the chief complaint from local retailers, and when enforcement machinery was placed in motion a few weeks ago the creditable high school building on the site chosen would make the finest possible entrance to the city from the east. They point out that even if London's growth in the future is much more rapid than it has ever been in the past it would be a great many years before there would be any great retail development so far east.

Meanwhile the proposal by one of the utilities commissioners, that part of the site might be used as the Archie McMahen memorial playground and park, is said to be viewed with disfavor by Sir Adam Beck, who is adverse to the board re-selling any of the property. It was secured, he contends, at the price named on the understanding that it was to be used for educational purposes, and he is said to feel that any attempt by the board to re-sell part of the site would be a breach of faith which would justify the Ontario government in withdrawing from the deal.

In face of this attitude public utilities commissioners do not feel like pressing their suggestion. The board, but the city's attitude such use will have to be made of the surplus property, and whether a re-sell is made.

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MOTORIST KILLED AS CAR OVERTURNS

Joseph Lovenger of Detroit Meets Death on Highway Near Brantford.

Canadian Press Despatch. Brantford, July 4.—A ditched car from which he emerged, and a greasy pavement took this life morning of Joseph Lovenger, 5541 Grand River boulevard, Detroit, on the Hamilton highway, about ten miles from Brantford, at 6 o'clock, and severely injured his wife and two children. Mrs. Lovenger had her foot smashed; Grace, 10, suffered injuries to her collarbone, and Minnie, 21, was badly injured. Jack, a lad, and a friend, S. H. Swartz, escaped injury, although the car landed wheels upward in the ditch. There were three other cars in the ditch, however. Brantford and the point where the accident took place.

Coroner Dr. Farmer was summoned, and an inquest will be held. The body will be shipped to Detroit.

LITTLE HOPE ENTERTAINED FOR FLAVELLE RECOVERY

Canadian Press Despatch. Lindsay, July 4.—The condition of J. D. Flavelle, former chairman of the Ontario license board, is reported as being quite critical this morning. Very little hope is entertained for his recovery.

Jerusalem, joined a party of 12 on April 7 on the way to Nabulus, to observe the ancient Jewish custom of animal sacrifice, still part of the rites of the passover feast at that place. Astride donkeys, the party was slowly proceeding over the mountainous terrain when a band of horsemen swooped down, circled them twice and began to throw stones.

Miss Wattenberg said the Arabs, far from being the heroes of fiction, were dirty, slovenly and vicious. They ignored the plea of the guide of the party, being taken to the shoulder, and then the leader of the band brought his whip down several times across Miss Wattenberg's back.

As the Arabs were looting their victims, a party appeared on the scene and frightened them away.

WENIGE RAPS SITE ON DUNDAS

Mayor Believes Hospital Location Wrong For School—Cites Technical.

PLAYGROUND FADES

Hopes For Two Collegiates Raised by Amount of Cash Available.

Popular interest in the school boards' choice of a site for the east end collegiate shows no sign of abatement, and suggestions for the proper use of the 20 acres acquired via such topics as golf and the weather in conversation.

There are still some who contend that the board will make a mistake by locating the new collegiate on Dundas street, the city's main thoroughfare. Among these is Mayor Wenige, who insists that Dundas street is not the proper location for a school of any kind. He instances the technical and art school as an example of a wrong idea of location. The mayor is looking to the future development of the city, and thinks that the logical growth of its business area will be east on Dundas street. Therefore the erection of any building which may at some time serve as a block to the extension of retail stores would be a serious mistake, in his opinion.

Many Uphold It. Quite the opposite view is entertained by other prominent citizens, who believe that the city's main thoroughfare should be the site chosen would make the finest possible entrance to the city from the east. They point out that even if London's growth in the future is much more rapid than it has ever been in the past it would be a great many years before there would be any great retail development so far east.

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HAIG RECEPTION PLANS LAUNCHED

Mayor Calls Meeting of Organizations For Tecumseh House Sunday.

The mayor has called a meeting for tomorrow morning at 9:30 a.m. at the Tecumseh house to make arrangements for the visit of Field Marshal Earl Haig to the city on Friday, July 24.

There is some uncertainty as to the length of time Earl Haig will spend in the city on that date, whether a whole day, an afternoon or only as long as the C. N. R. can be persuaded to hold the special on which the distinguished British officer is travelling from Sarnia to Toronto.

Until this point is finally cleared up little, if anything, can be done in the way of arrangements for the earl's reception, since the form of the greeting and celebration will depend entirely upon the length of the visit in the city.

The mayor hopes to have at least 20 people attend the preliminary meeting tomorrow morning representing the military authorities, G. V. A. Army and Navy Veterans, city council, I. O. O. F. chapters, service clubs, and other organizations interested in the matter.

HALBERT IS NOMINATED TO CONTEST NEW RIDING

Canadian Press Despatch. Gravenhurst, July 3.—At the convention of the Progressive party held here today, E. H. Halbert, M.P. for North Ontario, was unanimously chosen to contest the new Muskoka-Ontario riding in the next federal elections. Seven other names were proposed, but all withdrew in favor of Mr. Halbert.

Scenes At Disastrous Denfield Fire



The disastrous fire which menaced the whole of the village of Denfield last night left the ruins of the home of William Harding across the road, are shown in the lower right picture. In the other corner are Mr. and Mrs. Saunders and their two children, Eva and Cecil, who were rescued from their blazing home along with Bert Paisley, a cripple.

HOTELS HERE SWAMPED BY U. S. HOLIDAY RUSH

Highways Black With American Cars For "Glorious Fourth" Trek.

RESTAURANTS BUSY

U. S. Motors On Downtown Streets Far Outnumber Local Cars.

Sullen and sultry weather greeted the thousands of American tourists who poured into London this morning on 4th of July jaunts. But still they came. Ontario, the home of good roads and 44 beer, is today amusing the greatest trek of American tourists that ever spent an Independence Day abroad.

Starting early yesterday, the flow of holiday cars swelled until this morning saw the highways leading into and out of London black with flag-decked vehicles. The majority stopped over for a breathing spell before speeding on to Toronto, Hamilton or Niagara Falls to complete the half of the week-end dash.

Four-point-four is enjoying a brief revival, but none of the local parlors is experiencing what could be termed a big rush. The past two days have strengthened the belief of hotelkeepers that the "Glorious Fourth" has lost much of its glamor.

The majority of tourists who are circling Western Ontario over the 4th are accessible to border points when they are home and have had ample opportunity of putting the new Canadian beer through its paces. With the inflow of American cars, which numbered some today by ten to one, the situation eased and commercial vehicles found the going better.

Most of the downtown hotels had full houses last night, while those with dining-rooms and grills were filled at meal hours. Downtown restaurants suffered from lack of help, and many places were kept open the night catering to the fast caravans striving for mileage records.

WILL FILE FORECLOSURE ORDER AGAINST D. U. R.

Detroit, July 3.—Foreclosure proceedings against the Detroit United Railways will probably be filed early next week, according to a statement today by company officials. The "foreclosure" is expected as a result of the action of stockholders in failing to subscribe in sufficient amount to a proposed \$8,000,000 general mortgage bond issue.

Interest payments on three of the company's bond issues were defaulted July 1. Although the railway had about \$600,000 in cash on hand, at that time it was deemed inadvisable to pay the interest charges on any of the consolidated 4½ per cent bonds sold to the city of Detroit. The Central Union Trust company of New York is holding \$500,000, ordinarily to be applied to sinking fund payments on the bonds, to be used for the pro-rate benefit of the bondholders.

HOMELESS FIND NEW SHELTERS

Residences Destroyed by Fire at Denfield Will Be Rebuilt.

Special to The Advertiser. Denfield, July 4.—The three families whose homes here were destroyed by fire last night, are being cared for at the homes of friends in the village, and in the surrounding country, while steps are being taken to rebuild their own homes.

Cecil and Eva Saunders, children of Mr. and Mrs. John Saunders, who were rescued along with a crippled cousin, W. Paisley, of Ilderton, from the burning dwelling by Walter Patterson, are staying with their parents in the village, while two other Saunders children are living in the country with friends. Paisley has gone to his home in Ilderton.

The other dwellings destroyed were tenanted by Miss Margaret Rosser and William Harding. They were burned to the ground, and nearly all the contents destroyed. Clothing has been given by neighbors to the destitute families, while it is expected that a subscription list to aid them will be started.

Aided by the London fire department and a sudden rain storm the flames were prevented from spreading to adjoining buildings. The general store of A. Freeborn, the general hotel owned by Hugh Bowman and the C. N. R. station were threatened, but a continuous stream of water was poured on the buildings and further outbreaks of fire were prevented.

Most of the residents of the village were at a picnic at Springbank park yesterday, being civic holiday here. It was not until late in the evening that the Saunders and Harding families learned of the fate of their homes.

DIAMOND SCULLS WON BY J. BERESFORD, JUNIOR

Associated Press Despatch. Henley-on-Thames, England, July 4.—J. Beresford, Jun., of London, won the diamond sculls in the Henley regatta today by defeating G. H. L. Golan, of the Leander club. Beresford won the event last year. Yesterday he eliminated Walter Hoover, United States oarsman, from the competition for the jeweled sculling trophy.

Peel Statue Following Example of Famous Venus

The tragedy of Venus de Milo, considered the most beautiful of Greek statues, which was found aimless in the island of Melos in 1820, is the prototype for a similar tragedy in London.

The Grecian statue is on view in the Louvre. The other is a Canadian work of art. It stands in the public library here. It is Paul Peel's creation, called by the children, "The Lady With the Pussy Cats."

Alas! The lady is suffering the same fate as the world-famed Venus. She is going to pieces. One arm has disappeared. Bit by bit the plaster falls away. The kittens with their one-time fuzzy tails have long since turned to Manx cats. Now it looks as if nothing will remain of the lady but the torso.

But she has accomplished something. It is whispered in the library corridors that now and then a woman passing by catches a glimpse of the natty hat that pleases the feminine mind and it is copied. Such is style. And such is fashion.

EIGHT DIE AS DANCE HALL FALLS

Boston Is Scene of Disaster At Early Hour This Morning.

WITHOUT WARNING

Building Under Repair Collapses, Carrying Merry-makers To Death.

Associated Press Despatch. Boston, Mass., July 4.—Police estimated at 9:30 o'clock this morning that at least eight persons had lost their lives in the collapse of a wall of the Pickwick club, an all-night dancing resort in Chinatown, early today. One unidentified girl was taken from the ruins and rescue workers reported seeing the bodies of two other women and five men in the wreckage. It was believed others would be found as the work of clearing away the debris proceeded.

A man who was on the second floor when the crash came said that there was no warning. "The place came down with a rush," he said. "I heard what I thought were firecrackers popping, but that must have been the cracking of timbers. I ran into a corner by the piano and then down a fire escape."

A fire swept the three top floors some months ago, and the weakening of the partitions therefrom was believed to have helped in the collapse. Survivors said the crash came with a rumble that resembled an earthquake.

Firemen and doctors arrived, the scores and until dawn poked about the ruins with flashlights. An iron fire escape fell as the men labored and layed their work for a time. Interiors from the city hospital crawled beneath the ruins wherever they could, giving hypodermic injections to survivors in pain, but who could not be released. A priest from St. James church, just around the corner, gave absolution to the victims who were carried out.

Crews of wreckers and riggers arrived soon after daylight to aid the firemen in clearing away the debris. Little hope was held out, however, of reaching all the victims before nightfall, and it was thought likely that the work would continue through most of tomorrow before all could be found. The labor was considered extremely precarious as it was believed the front and rear walls of the building might fall at any time and thus delay for a much longer period the end of the search.

The wall fell outward, firemen said, but seemed to fold in the center and the top of it crashed to the ground, and nearly all the upper floors were unoccupied. The building formerly was the Dreyfus hotel.

A patrolman who had been on the roof of the building said that there was a noise like an earthquake, and that three walls and then the roof went down. He leaped to an adjacent building and made his way to the street. He said that there had been 125 men and women dancing and drinking in the place when the collapse came.

SEVEN DIE IN FIRE

Associated Press Despatch. Saratoga Lake, N. Y., July 4.—Seven persons are dead and one is believed to be dying as the result of a fire in a three-story apartment house here early this morning.

The Weather

FORECASTS. Today—Moderate westerly winds; clearing. Sunday—Northwest winds; fine and moderately warm. A shallow depression is moving eastward across the great lakes.

Showers have occurred during the night in Southern and Eastern Ontario. Elsewhere in Canada the weather continues fine and warm.

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

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	72	52	Fair
Calgary	82	59	Fair
Winnipeg	72	49	Clear
Port Arthur	74	56	Fair
Parry Sound	76	58	Clear
Toronto	74	58	Rain

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 73; lowest, 53.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 70; lowest, 64.

Barometric Readings. Friday—5 p.m., 29.14. Today—8 a.m., 29.12.