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DEATH TOLL 32 IN STEAMER EXPLOSION

LIST EXPECTED TO REACH 45; MANY SCALDED

Terrible Scenes Attend Fatality On Naragansett Bay

NO REPORT HEARD

Most of Victims Were Trapped Between Decks, Caught Without Warning

Canadian Press.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 19

The death of three more victims of the Mackinac excursion steamer boiler explosion brought the total list of dead to 32 at noon today, with several additional deaths expected momentarily.

Two are missing and 48 were seriously burned by escaping steam, when a boiler in the engine room exploded at 5:57 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

When the boat was passing the Newport Naval Training Station, in Naragansett Bay, bound from Newport to Pawtucket, with 677 excursionists aboard.

Physicians at the hospital stated that they expected the death list to amount to at least 45 within the next few hours. It will be days, they said, before the more seriously injured are out of danger.

The majority of the dead and injured were trapped on the first and second decks when the boiler exploded. No report was heard, and those on board said that their first warning was the escaping steam, which came in such volumes that they were unable to breathe.

The accident happened within a stone's throw of the naval hospital, less than 100 yards from shore, otherwise the casualty list would have been trebled, passengers on the boat said today.

PATCH UP BOILER.

The excursionists, most of them from Pawtucket, were returning from a vacation voyage to Newport. A patch on the boiler, which had been placed just before the departure of the boat, gave way, exploding the boiler and throwing the passengers into a chaotic state.

Captain Thomas McVey of Pawtucket, skipper of the stricken vessel, said the boat was moving at an hour, its full speed, and was loaded to its capacity.

Passengers who described the scene, said it was one of tremendous confusion, but no panic developed. A distress call immediately sent out by the wireless operator and launches from the 40 naval ships at anchor, in the Cove rushed to the rescue.

Passengers on the two lower decks, were the victims, observers said, estimated.

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BEAUTIFUL GIRL IS FOUND MURDERED

Berlin Police Raid Film Director's Home—Servant Kills Self.

British United Press.

BERLIN, Aug. 19.—A dramatic raid by police in full armor upon the villa of F. W. Murnau, noted film director, has disclosed another of the series of mysterious murders which have been occurring with such frequency in Germany.

In the villa a Russian servant of the film director was standing guard over the body of an extraordinarily beautiful girl whom he is believed to have killed a week before and when the police with breast plates, helmets and tear gas bombs broke open the door the Russian killed himself, after firing a fusillade through the door.

NEW FOX COMPANY

Moncton Partnership Arranged—Ministers Registered to Perform Marriages.

FREDRICKSON, Aug. 19.—The Colwell-Mollins Fox Co. has been formed by a co-partnership being made by Mrs. Agnes A. Colwell, of Sunny Brae, and George G. Mollins, of Moncton. The company is to carry on business on McLaughlin Road, parish of Moncton, foxes and other fur-bearing animals being reared.

Rev. C. E. Pines, of Parkdale, Albert county, and Rev. A. H. Thomas, of St. John's, are to perform marriages.

MEIGHEN TO LONDON

TORONTO, Aug. 19.—Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the Conservative Party, left here this morning for London, where he will address a Conservative rally. Mr. Meighen anticipates a Dominion election shortly.

Belgian Press Reserves Comment on U. S. Agreement on Debt Question

ENGINEERS O. K. QUODDY POWER PROJECT

Cleveland Man Fasts 52 Days

United Press.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 19.—

Withered almost to a skeleton, Alexander Varga, advocate of health by starvation, has rounded out his 52 days of abstinence from food. Varga is a physical culturist and a well-read dilettante.

He started abstaining from food to cure attacks of fever which had become almost chronic. He is 36 years old.

THOUSANDS ATTEND AS BECK IS BURIED

Funeral is Largest Ever Held in Hamilton—Five Truck Loads of Flowers.

Canadian Press.

HAMILTON, Ont., Aug. 19.—

With simple but impressive ceremony the remains of Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission, were laid to rest in Hamilton cemetery yesterday afternoon.

The funeral procession was the largest ever seen in this city and probably the largest ever held in the province.

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N. B. INTERESTED

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Leopard, Which Fled Paris Zoo, Is Shot

Canadian Press.

PARIS, Aug. 19.—Zisou, the Bois de Boulogne leopard, which escaped from the zoological garden Saturday, and terrorized the neighborhood, was shot and killed today. The animal was detected crouching in a school garden in Auteuil, a suburb.

Mother and Child Die in Automobile Mishap

Canadian Press.

LONDON, Ont., Aug. 19.—Mrs. Edward Wilkinson, aged 86, of Detroit, and her daughter, Edna, aged eight, are dead here, as a result of a motor accident at Metrola yesterday. Mr. Wilkinson is in St. Joseph's Hospital here, but will recover.

Scenic Grandeur of Niagara In Peril; Hoover Urges Remedy

Canadian Press.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—Declaring that the scenic grandeur of Niagara Falls is threatened with destruction by natural erosion, Secretary Hoover urged that international engineering attention be given the subject.

Geologically, he said, the falls are based upon a strata of hard rock, underlain by softer material, and during the last 25 years, the incessant flow of water has cut deeply into the softer strata. Near the centre of the horseshoe, a V shaped section of the over-

APPROVE PLAN TO HARNESS BAY OF FUNDY TIDES

Dexter Cooper Projects 500,000 to 700,000 Horse Power

COST \$75,000,000

Referendum to Be Taken in State of Maine on Question of Export

Canadian Press.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—Hydraulic engineers in New York said yesterday that a project sponsored by Dexter P. Cooper, to generate 500,000 to 700,000 electric horsepower by harnessing the tides of the Bay of Fundy, in two inlets near Eastport, Maine, is feasible from an engineering standpoint, and "the most promising development in the electrical world in a decade."

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Pleads Murder Called Insane

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 19.—

Thomas McAvoy, a crippled pencil peddler, who started police headquarters here yesterday by claiming he was the man who, last May, killed Miss Florence Kane in a vacant lot in Brooklyn, N. Y., last night was declared insane and physically incapable of having gaged and tied the girl. McAvoy has but one arm and no hands.

WANTED FOR THEFT OF 8 AUTOMOBILES

Italian, Held in Montreal, May Be Sent Back to United States.

Canadian Press.

QUEBEC, Que., Aug. 19.—Extradition proceedings will soon be instituted in the local courts by U. S. authorities, to secure the return to Boston of Ignazio Raita, alias Salvatore Mas (Sis), an Italian, held here on a charge of stealing an automobile. Raita is wanted in the United States on eight similar charges.

The prisoner, it is understood, jumped his bail in Boston, after being locked up on a charge of stealing an automobile. He is alleged to have then come to Quebec, and attempted to sail for Montreal.

He was arrested with another Italian, giving his name as Joseph Raymond. Local police collected yesterday in the local courts by U. S. authorities, to secure the return to Boston of Ignazio Raita, alias Salvatore Mas (Sis), an Italian, held here on a charge of stealing an automobile. Raita is wanted in the United States on eight similar charges.

GERMANY CUTS TAX ON WINE AND HOTELS

Champaign Import Reduced Twenty Per Cent and Hotel Rooms, Too.

British United Press.

BERLIN, Aug. 19.—Berlin hotel-keepers on their first battle Tuesday in the campaign to recover the tourist trade, when the finance committee of the Reichstag consented to reduce the wine tax and the tax on hotel rooms. The champagne tax has been cut from 20 per cent to 10 per cent, and the hotel room tax from 10 per cent to 5 per cent. The hotel men opposing their campaign, demand the abolition of the municipal tourist bureau which they claim cost the treasury 45,000 marks in the past year.

WOMAN'S SECOND HUSBAND MURDERED

Two Placed on Trial Charged With Slaying on Vancouver Island.

Canadian Press.

NANAIMO, B. C., Aug. 19.—James King, white, and George Oleser, Indian, were charged in police court here yesterday, with murder on August 6, of Louis Jamieson, an Indian, at Village Island, on the west coast of Vancouver Island. They were remanded for eight days.

It is charged that the accused visited Jamieson's home and, after a drinking spree, a row started, resulting in the death of Jamieson. Jamieson's widow was bereaved three years ago in a similar manner, her husband at that time, a man named Constantine, being murdered by an Indian of the same tribe, who later committed suicide.

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C. N. R. SHOPS BURN

MONTREAL, Aug. 19.—Fire which broke out in the boiler shop early today, did considerable damage to the shops and 9,800 in Dominion shops at Point St. Charles, Que. It is believed that most of the valuable machinery was saved.

VIENNA RIOTS CAUSE \$3,000,000 DAMAGE

Several People, Mistaken For Jews, Badly Beaten by Manifestants.

Canadian Press.

VIENNA, Aug. 19.—Demonstrations by the anti-Semitic Hakenkreuzer organization were renewed last night, but the police, although taxed to the limit, managed to keep the crowds in hand. Several persons mistaken for Jews were severely beaten, and a number of manifestants were arrested. Hotels, bars and stores put up their shutters early to preserve their plate-glass windows and to keep out looters. The Abend estimates at \$3,000,000 the direct and indirect loss to the city caused by the disturbances which have broken out in connection with the congress of the Zionist organization.

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Halifax Population 9,300 More in Year

Canadian Press.

HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 19.—The city of Halifax and town of Dartmouth, Greater Halifax, have a population of 76,300 of which 66,800 live in Halifax and 9,500 in Dartmouth, according to figures contained in a city directory, just published. These figures represent an increase in population of 9,800 over figures published a year ago.

B. C. LEGISLATURE

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 19.—The British Columbia Legislature will assemble here for its annual session on October 26, Premier Oliver announced yesterday.

CANADA AND U. S. UNITE TO STOP ALL SMUGGLING

Federal Government Officials Leave For Ottawa

To Clear Border

Bootlegging and Import of Contraband Silk Are Among Features of Plan

Canadian Press.

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 19.—The delegation of government officials, consisting of the Deputy Minister of Customs, Justice and Interior, left for Washington yesterday afternoon to take up with the United States government definite plans for enforcing an anti-smuggling treaty.

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Canadian Press.

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Fugitive Wife Returns



Mrs. Isabella de Puy Thompson, 22, New York and Long Island society matron who has returned home after being missing from New Gardens, Long Island, for a week. She refused to discuss her trip, which was made to Yarmouth, N. S. Photo shows Mrs. Thompson and her five-month-old son.

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EFFECT OF PACT NOT KNOWN FOR SOME 48 HOURS

Finance Department Is Busy Studying Terms

TO REPORT LATER

Prominence of News in Paris Papers Indicates Importance Attached to Settlement

Canadian Press.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 19.—The Belgian Department of Finance today began its study of the agreement reached at Washington for the funding of this country's obligations to the United States. It is understood that at least 48 hours must elapse before the effect of the agreement will be known on Belgium's finances can be judged and an opinion rendered as to whether it is considered satisfactory or not.

Great interest is shown by the Belgian press in commenting on the news of the agreement reached.

PAPER SKEPTICAL

Vingtieme Siecle emphasizes the conditional character of the proposed arrangement, and recalls the manner in which the American Senate refused to honor the signature of President Wilson, to the peace treaty. The paper questions whether Belgium is to be congratulated on the terms reached at Washington even if the concessions outlined in the agreement are not accepted.

COMMUNIQUE LATER

During the forenoon the Belgian foreign ministry received the first official cables dealing with the arrangement reached in Washington, thus confirming the analysis published in the morning papers. A communique is to be given out when more complete details are received.

PARIS ATTITUDE

PARIS, Aug. 19.—The news of the settlement of the debt question between Belgium and the United States, arrived in Paris too late for publication except in the briefest form, in late editions of a few of the morning newspapers.

The prominence these journals give the news, however, indicates the importance they attach to it.

LONDON SILENT

LONDON, Aug. 19.—Official circles here were silent today regarding the settlement reached in Washington for funding Belgium's debt to the United States. The impression in London is, however, that the favorable nature of the terms, was to be expected, and that unless close study revealed new angles at present unknown, the British government would not depart from its previous policy of retaining from praising Belgium in connection with her financial obligations to this country.

HEADS U. S. UNDERTAKERS