

## WAWA HOTEL FIRE DEATH LIST STARTS AT TEN

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### DEATH LIST NOW TEN IN WAWA HOTEL FIRE

Identify Bodies of Seven Persons—Others Still in the Ruins.

CLAIM DOORS LOCKED

Fire Marshal Investigates Mysterious Blaze Which Destroys Muskoka Summer Resort.

Canadian Press Despatch. Huntsville, Aug. 20.—This afternoon, it is thought that the list of dead in the fire which in less than half an hour reduced the Wawa Hotel at the Lake of Bays summer resort to ashes on Sunday morning will amount to ten.

The bodies of seven persons have been identified, and it is thought there are others in the ruins. With the hotel register and all the books with the records of the hotel help destroyed, it is impossible to definitely establish the number of casualties. Some of the servants came from outlying settlements and farm houses, and their homes have not yet been checked up to see whether they escaped from the flames.

One authority this morning gives as "missing, and presumed dead," Mrs. Emily McNally, wife of James McNally of Chicago. Most of the United States guests left on the special train for Toronto, but Mrs. McNally's name is not given as among those who arrived safely in that city. It is also stated that Miss Elizabeth Kroger, of Cleveland, who was earlier mentioned as missing, is now known to be dead, also Miss Annie Carroll, a Toronto girl.

**Blames Cigarette.**

In an interview, J. D. Warde, secretary-treasurer of the Canada Railway News Company, owners of the hotel, gave it as his opinion that the fire was caused by somebody throwing a lighted cigar or cigarette down the elevator shaft. Mr. Warde occupied a cottage near the hotel, and this morning, on the site of the once beautiful hotel, there is a heap of ruins. On the rusted spring of one battered elevator, the charred remains of a cigarette were found. The bed dropped through the two burning floors below, carrying the body with it. Near this grim evidence he found more charred masses of bones, the remains of other help who lost their lives in the tower.

Dr. McDonald formally opened the inquest today and adjourned it until Wednesday.

**Tells Vivid Story.**

The origin of the fire is still a

### The Victims of Hotel Fire

DEAD.

Mrs. James Alexander, 329 Roncesvalles avenue, Toronto.  
Mrs. Helen Barrett, Hamilton.  
Miss Annie Lee, Toronto.  
Miss Annie Carroll, Toronto.  
Miss K. Roger, Cleveland, Ohio.  
Marjorie K. Bower, aged 14, daughter of C. G. Bower, general manager central region, Canadian National Railways, Toronto.  
Two, perhaps three women employees whose names are not yet available.

MISSING.

Miss Phyllis Bernard, aged 19, Thorold, Ont.  
Mrs. Elizabeth Kroger, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
Mrs. Emily McNally, wife of James McNally of the Rand, McNally Publishing Company, Chicago.

INJURED.

Mrs. H. Duncan, Hamilton, badly burned about the face and arms.  
Miss E. Duncan, Hamilton, badly burned about the face and arms.  
Miss E. Simpson, Toronto, injured back.  
Miss Young, Toronto, injury to back, head and arms.  
Miss E. Simpson, New York, left arm fractured and legs and arms bruised.

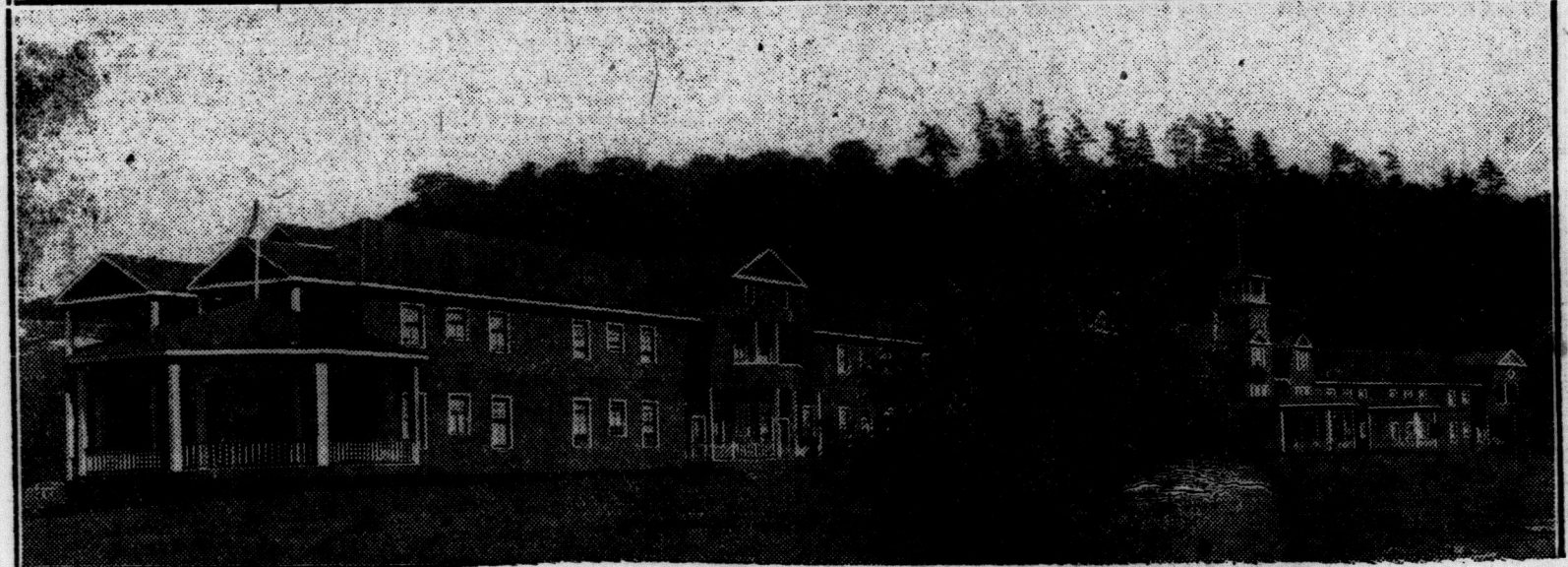
mystery. Some of the survivors arriving here last night attribute it to a carelessly thrown cigarette, but other persons say it was friction in the elevator shaft, where it apparently started.

A vivid account of the outbreak of the fire is furnished by Bryan Doherty, son of Hon. Manning Doherty of Chatham. Young Doherty, with his brother and his chums, were sitting in the rotunda of the hotel, where a bridge game was in progress, when they learned of the fire. He had probably been burning five minutes, said Bryan Doherty, when they became aware of it.

The elevator shaft runs up through the rotunda, it acted as a chimney through which flames spread to all parts of the building. There was a fire beam chandelier with 30 points of pressure, supposedly. We found it would not work and seized fire extinguishers about the building. We worked there rather in the nature of a long as we could, and then left with the other people, who were driven out in their night garments. The big hose which the building was working all night.

**Doors Were Locked.**

Doherty said doors on the main turn to Page 11, Column 3.



WHERE THE FIRE FIEND CLAIMED TEN LIVES.

Wawa Hotel, Lake of Bays, Muskoka, which was destroyed by fire early this morning. Ten lives were lost and more than a score of persons injured. The hotel was full of summer visitors at the time the fire started, and the majority of them were in their rooms, escaping with

practically nothing. Jewelry, money and clothing were left behind in the rush to get outdoors. The fire started in the elevator shaft, and inside of

30 minutes the building was in ruins, nothing being left standing except a few derelict timbers.

### PESSIMISTIC OVER FRANCE'S REPLY ON REPARATIONS

British Foreign Office Discouraged Due to Forecasts On Document.

HAVE LITTLE HOPE

Associated Press Despatch. London, Aug. 20.—Downing street was in an expectant but pessimistic mood today while awaiting France's latest note on the reparation question due shortly. The inflexible tone of Premier Poincaré's speech yesterday, together with prospects that the forthcoming note would show no alteration in his attitude, struck a chord of discouragement among those identified with the foreign office. The officials there feel that if the document is as contentious and uncompromising as the press forecasts say there is little hope of bringing the interminable reparation problem any nearer a solution, and a further exchange of ponderous and discouraging notes is foreseen.

One official expressed the hope that the French premier's note would at least indicate France's willingness to reduce the occupation of the Ruhr to "invisible" reparations in return for abandonment of passive resistance by Germany, and also that the document might pave the way for a meeting between Premier Poincaré and Premier Baldwin when the latter passes through Paris on his way to his vacation stay at Aix Les Bains. It was admitted, however, that these hopes were rather in the nature of the wish being father to the thought, and most British officials make no attempt to conceal the fact that they expect a French note which will be likely to take.

The expectation was that the French note would be handed to the British embassy in Paris today and be despatched to London by courier arriving tomorrow. If the forecasts prove accurate the document seems likely to be as lengthy as the note sent by Lord Curzon.

### NEW BANK MANAGER TO ARRIVE TODAY

Walter J. Ambrose Succeeds H. F. Skey as Bank of Montreal Local Manager.

Walter J. Ambrose, who is replacing H. F. Skey as manager of the main office of the Bank of Montreal in this city, is expected in the city today, according to information received at the bank.

Mr. Ambrose, who has been manager of the Bank of Montreal at Halifax, N. S., for a number of years, will take over his duties tomorrow. He has been connected with the bank for a number of years, having occupied practically every subordinate position and knows the banking business thoroughly.

### TURKS FIGHT PLAGUE

Special Cable to The Advertiser. Constantinople, Aug. 20.—Authorities here today were instituting strong measures to prevent further spread of the plague which an official statement admitted had broken out in several localities.

### Home Bank Shareholders In London May Lose \$29,400

Double Liability On 147 Shares Owned Here Will Reach That Sum.

BISHOP LOSES MOST

Rt. Rev. Dr. Fallon the Largest Local Shareholder, Owning 51 Shares.

While Home Bank depositors are confident their deposits will be redeemed dollar for dollar, London shareholders stand waiting and ready to lose not only their stock, but also the double liability to which they are susceptible under the provisions of the bank act.

This clause provides that stockholders are liable to forfeit double the amount of their investments. Thus, if a man holds one \$100 share he will lose that plus an additional \$100, a provision made for the purpose of giving depositors and other creditors the utmost protection.

Fifteen Londoners hold stock in the defunct institution. Their losses total \$14,700, and if, as they anticipate, they must assume a double liability, they will be out exactly \$29,400. This is the largest loss suffered by any one group of individuals in Western Ontario.

Right Rev. Bishop Michael F. Fallon is the largest shareholder in the city, having purchased 51 shares. His loss is likely to be \$10,200. W. A. Stevenson and M. H. Moorhouse hold 34 and 22 shares respectively. Other Londoners are involved with smaller holdings, varying from one to ten shares.

**Port Stanley Losses.**

The biggest loss in these parts will be experienced by the banking community of Port Stanley. William Jackson, having 38, Miss A. H. Jackson 10, and Miss E. K. Jackson 10 shares each.

A number of citizens had no knowledge of the double liability provision when they purchased stock, and when informed they were likely to lose twice the par value of their holdings were highly indignant. In at least two instances the extra liability condition under which shares were supposed to have been purchased will work great hardship.

Mrs. Francis Seel, 796 William street, owner of ten shares, will be compelled to forfeit virtually her entire savings if the double liability clause is enforced.

The Jackson family of Port Stanley, according to Miss Martha Lloyd, sister-in-law to William Jackson, who holds 38 shares, will simply be unable to assume the unexpected burden.

"It's a terrible situation," she said. "What if we cannot pay?"



### DROWNING VICTIM, WITH HIS DOG

Gordon DeHart, who was drowned yesterday in the "Cherry" swimming hole, St. Thomas. The faithful collie swam around the boy two or three times and would have saved him if the dog could have obtained a grip on the boy.

### London Holders In Home Bank

Following are the London shareholders of the Home Bank of Canada:

Rt. Rev. Michael F. Fallon, 51 shares.  
W. A. Stevenson, 34 shares.  
Judge R. G. Fisher, 1 share.  
H. E. Gates, 1 share.  
Mrs. P. J. Seel, 10 shares.  
A. H. Murphy, 5 shares.  
Miss E. L. Moorhouse, 8 shares.  
M. H. Moorhouse, 22 shares.  
Miss E. E. Kelly, 10 shares.  
J. E. Lee, 1 share.  
W. G. R. Barram, 2 shares.  
William F. Boughner, 1 share.  
Graham A. Buchner, 4 shares.  
C. H. Elliot, 1 share.  
W. F. Roome, 30 shares.

### THROWN FROM TRAIN, COLASKY RECOVERS

Patient Who Told Thrilling Story Discharged From Victoria Hospital.

Joseph Colosky of Chicago, who was removed to Victoria Hospital on Aug. 7, following injuries which he claimed were sustained when he was thrown from a C. P. R. passenger train passing through the local yards, has recovered, and was discharged from the hospital on Saturday. Colosky, who is a Ukrainian, and 43 years of age, was picked up in an unconscious condition, lying on the C. P. R. right of way between William and Adelaide streets.

He informed the police that he was thrown from the vestibule of a west-bound passenger train by thieves, after they had relieved him of his money. Colosky was at first believed to be fatally injured, but examination at the hospital showed him to be suffering from a broken collar bone and severe scalp wounds. He continued his journey by train to Chicago on leaving the hospital here.

### MURRELL IS GUARDED 24 HOURS EVERY DAY

Prisoner in Good Health and Spirits, and Talks Cheerfully to Sheriff.

"Sid" Murrell, incarcerated in the county jail for his alleged participation in the Melbourne bank robbery two years ago, is taking things easy these days, and apparently is not worrying over his fate. Sheriff Donald Graham stated this morning that the prisoner was in the best of health and appeared in good spirits. The sheriff said he has a chat with "Sid" once in a while, and that he was not grouchy on any of these occasions. As far as he knows Murrell has not requested any smokes lately, and seems quite willing to abide by jail rules without making a fuss.

Guards are in front of Murrell's cell day and night, and his every movement is known to his watchers. The doors are of the massive gate type, permitting one to look through the grating and see every corner of the cell.

### SHIPS RUSH TO RESCUE OF STEAMER ON ROCKS

Special Cable to The Advertiser. Sydney, Aug. 20.—Three steamers were today racing to save the steamer Chang Sha, stranded on a reef off North Borneo. The Chang Sha had sixteen white passengers aboard, and fourteen of her crew were white.

### RADIO CONCERTS INSTEAD OF BAND IN VICTORIA PARK

Suggestions of Victor Blackwell To Give Londoners a Chance To Hear Best Music.

MAYOR IN FAVOR

The want of a band stand in Victoria Park has long been felt by many Londoners and but for lack of funds the park commission would have built one at the beginning of the summer. Victor Blackwell, of Watt & Blackwell, architects, at the beginning of the year offered to supply drawings for a band stand free of charge to the city, and is still willing to do this, but believes that it would be better and cheaper to install a first-class radio set in the park.

"If we had a really good radio outfit in the park we would have the benefit of the best bands and orchestras in the American continent, and at a very much lower cost than with the band stand idea," Mr. Blackwell told The Advertiser. "While a proper band stand would cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000, the radio installation could be erected for \$1,000 at the outside, and that sum would give the city a wide range of musical centers and the power of listening to the very best music that is being played in the country."

The mayor is enthusiastic over the scheme, but thinks that the \$1,000 should come from the works board as part of the expenses of the parks. He thinks the idea of radio concerts in Victoria Park a very fine one, and he said today, "The only question is to where the money is to come from. One thousand dollars seems to be a very reasonable price for the service that we would obtain, and I am sure Londoners would appreciate the benefits of the music and other forms of interest that they would get from the instrument."

### HONG KONG SUFFERS WHEN HIT BY TYPHOON

Steamer Ming Sang Reported Missing, Turns Up Safely at Manila.

Associated Press Despatch. Hong Kong, Aug. 20.—Hardly a house in the Peak district of Hong Kong escaped damage in the typhoon which struck here last Saturday.

An untenanted military sanatorium was wrecked. The wall surrounding the maternity division of the Matillon Hospital was blown down, and the iron gates were wrenched from their supporting pillars. The roof of Victoria Hospital was seriously damaged, and the Mount Gough police station was nearly destroyed. The roof of the building housing the junior mess of the Hong Kong Shanghai Bank fell in, damaging two floors. A corner room of the chief clerk's house was blown away and the Peak Hotel considerably damaged.

### Queen Marie Wants France To Recognize Greek King

Special Cable to The Advertiser. Paris, Aug. 20.—Queen Marie of Rumania, known as the most beautiful sovereign in Europe, will enter her wit and beauty in one of the most difficult diplomatic situations in Europe, a task in which the best Balkan diplomats have failed.

The principal object of the queen's coming visit to Paris is to obtain recognition of her son-in-law, King George of Greece, which diplomats have been working for ever since

### MOTORISTS FAIL TO HELP VICTIMS IN CRASH

Miss Christina Wilson Declares Several Ignored Call For Aid.

GIRL IN HOSPITAL

Miss Christina Wilson, 421 Hill street, who was with Miss Teresa Dalton when she was seriously injured in a car accident near Union village Saturday night, declared to The Advertiser this morning that the motorists who were passing their escape from death was little short of miraculous.

"As we approached Union village, we could see the car which struck us and which was occupied by four young London men, bearing down on us at a great speed, and it was swaying from one side of the road to the other. Mr. Wilkinson of St. Thomas, who was driving us, apparently realizing that we would be struck, steered his car as close to the ditch as possible and told us to remain seated. Miss Dalton, however, evidently became excited and attempted to jump just as the car struck. The force of the impact threw her heavily to the ground."

**Men Drive Away.**

Although badly shocked and in a nervous state, both Mr. Wilkinson and Miss Dalton, who was lying unconscious, did not fail to call for help. Miss Dalton did not realize that she herself was injured until she discovered a flow of blood from her forehead. Mr. Wilson was badly bruised. All three were left to the mercy of passersby.

The occupants of the other car made their getaway in the darkness, and did not aid the victims.

So enraged was he in looking after the injured girl, Wilkinson forgot to take the number of the London car, and Miss Dalton's condition is serious, she is suffering from numerous cuts and bruises about the head and body, as well as a dislocated hip. Doctors Tillman and W. J. Stevenson are attending to her. Late reports, however, state that her condition is somewhat improved.

**Suffers Injuries.**

Miss Wilson is confined to her home with a deep cut in her forehead, which required stitches, a badly swollen and bruised face, and she is suffering from shock.

The unfortunate girls had gone to Port Stanley on the train, in company with Teresa Dalton, sister of the injured girl, and friend of Teresa's. They missed the 11:30 train, and while waiting for the next train, they were picked up by a car, came along and offered to drive Miss Wilson and Miss Dalton home.

### MEXICO TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH U. S.

Representatives of Two Countries in Conference To Discuss Situation.

Special to The Advertiser. Washington, Aug. 20.—Conferences that are expected to result in a resumption of diplomatic relations between the United States and Mexico will open today in Mexico City.

The American commissioners to the so-called "Recognition Conference" in Mexico City, Charles B. Warren and Barton Layne, are due here today and are expected to go into immediate conference with Secretary of State Hughes, and later with President Coolidge.

**JOIN WITH FASCISTI.**

Associated Press Despatch. Bologna, Italy, Aug. 20.—Four thousand workers of Molinella, 30 miles from here, which is the greatest subversive center of Italy, have joined the National Fascist syndicates. This is looked upon as meaning the downfall of the power of the Communists there.

**Premier Poincaré** was said to have promised recognition as soon as constitutional liberties were restored in King George's revolution-torn kingdom.

Queen Marie, at present, is resting at Saint Brice, on the sea shore. After her Parisian visit she will go to London to obtain recognition for her son-in-law from the British government.

### LOVE NOTES BRING SIXTY DAYS' JAIL FOR HOME-BREAKER

Charles Webster, Found With Another Man's Wife, Is Sentenced to Prison.

BABE SAVES WOMAN

Sixty days in jail was the sentence imposed on Charles Webster in police court this morning when he was found guilty of indulging in immorality in the presence of a child under 16 years of age to the detriment of the child's morals.

Flossie Reynolds, mother of the 7-month-old infant in question, was allowed to go on suspended sentence on a similar charge, laid under the criminal code.

Evidence for the crown, given by a boarding-house keeper, showed that Webster had gone to her and engaged a room for his sister, asking her to hold it till Monday last, when he took Mrs. Reynolds there. Webster and the woman stayed there until Friday night, when they were arrested by the police on the complaint of Children's Aid Inspector Kelly. There was only one bed in the room.

**Her Husband's Story.**

Elmer Reynolds, the next witness, stated that he had married Flossie Reynolds at Bay City, Michigan, on July 2, 1917. They had lived together until last Monday, when the woman told him she was going away with Webster. He gave her a chance to think it over, but she had decided. He then took their two boys over to his mother's house. He next saw his wife and Webster on Wednesday, walking along the street, but they jumped into a taxi and got away. He had complained to the police about them.

Sergeant Midland testified that on Thursday night or early Friday morning he had been walking past the house when the light in one room was turned on. He saw Mrs. Reynolds was attending to the baby and Webster was in bed. Both were in night attire.

**Dropped Love Notes.**

Mrs. Jean Gunn, a neighbor, stated that Webster and the woman had carried on a clandestine correspondence for some time, he dropping notes in front of the house, passing in the back yard, and she picking them up two hours on the day the woman left with him.

No defense was offered by the accused, although they pleaded not guilty. A. M. Judd basing his defense on the wording of the section under which the information had been laid.

"I have no hesitation in finding you guilty," declared Deputy Magistrate Gladman or Webster, a man who will deliberately interfere between husband and wife deserves no consideration. I do not feel that justice would be served by imposing a fine. It would not be adequate punishment. I therefore sentence you to 60 days in jail.

"As to you," he continued, turning to the woman, "I must also find you guilty. But in your case I will suspend sentence, owing to the fact that I am loath to send a woman with a small baby to jail. By sending him I have separated you. Perhaps some good will come of it now."

### STEAMER GOES ASHORE OFF SOUTH CALIFORNIA

Associated Press Despatch. San Francisco, Aug. 20.—S. O. S. calls saying the freight steamer Dakotan went ashore at 2:50 on the Pacific coast, 500 miles south of San Pedro, Calif. The ship was picked up early today by the Radio Corporation of America. No details were given but it later was learned that the army transport Henderson and the tanker Charles Pratt were speeding to rescue the Dakotan.

The Dakotan left Los Angeles harbor for New York several days ago.

### THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Light to moderate winds; fair and moderately warm today and Tuesday.

Pressure is low near the Gulf of St. Lawrence and over the states of Montana and Wyoming and high from Northern Alberta across Manitoba to the Great Lakes. Showers have occurred in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, also in some sections of Saskatchewan and Alberta, while in Manitoba and Ontario the weather has been fair.

**Stations—High Low Weather**

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|-------------|----|----|--------|
| Victoria    | 68 | 54 | Rain   |
| Calgary     | 64 | 54 | Rain   |
| Winnipeg    | 78 | 46 | Fair   |
| Perry Sound | 72 | 54 | Fair   |
| Toronto     | 72 | 60 | Clear  |
| Kingston    | 75 | 56 | Clear  |
| Ottawa      | 74 | 42 | Clear  |
| Montreal    | 76 | 52 | Clear  |
| Quebec      | 64 | 46 | Fair   |
| Thunder Bay | 64 | 44 | Fair   |
| St. John    | 62 | 52 | Fair   |
| Halifax     | 74 | 56 | Cloudy |

**LOCAL TEMPERATURES.**

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 65; lowest, 47.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 65; lowest, 47.

**Barometric Readings.**

Sunday—8 a.m., 29.23.

Today—8 a.m., 29.41.

### FAIR WEEK MARDI GRAS PLAN FINDS SUPPORT

Mayor's Suggestion Warmly Indorsed by Western Fair Directors.

The suggestion which the mayor put before J. H. Saunders, president of the Western Fair Association, that there should be a Mardi Gras celebration on the night of Friday in fair week, was received with pleasure by Mr. Saunders. The mayor said today that all the officials of the Western Fair Association with whom he had spoken of the idea had met the suggestion very gladly, and were of the opinion that it would not detract from the fair but rather help it.

"A Mardi Gras celebration during fair week would be the very thing I would, I am sure, bring extra people into the city, and would not in any way detract from the attraction of the fair itself," declared the mayor. "Dancing on the streets is always an unusual feature of any gathering in the city, and can be conducted here without any rowdiness or disorder."

### FOUR TORONTOANS DIE FROM VIOLENT CAUSES

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Aug. 20.—Four people died in Toronto early today from violent causes. Roy Thompson died in the General Hospital as the result of falling from a roof. Edward Cody, aged 74, died in St. Michael's Hospital from injuries sustained when he fell from a step, injuring his ribs. Chi Chow, aged 39, died suddenly following several hemorrhages. While walking along Queen street east, Charles Leonard, aged 45, collapsed and died from heart failure.

### ZIONISTS END CONFERENCE BEING HELD AT KARLSBAD

Associated Press Despatch. Karlsbad, Aug. 20.—After a session which lasted from 8 o'clock Saturday night till 5 a.m. yesterday, the thirteenth world Zionist conference came to a close with the election of the executive committee as proposed by Chaim Weizemann.

Among those elected to membership in the executive committee are Louis Kay, chairman of the American Association of Zionists; Joseph Cowen, and Dr. M. Selowsky.

### MINERS WILL MAINTAIN DEMAND FOR WAGES

Leaders at Atlantic City Conference To Insist On Increases.

Special to The Advertiser.

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 20.—Mine union leaders in attendance here today, decided to make demands for wage increases in the anthracite industry, and to insist on their meetings with operators to agree on a new contract.

The union men, led by John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, will endeavor to force a settlement of the wage question before taking up the check off and other disputed points.

A twenty per cent increase for coal cutters, and a straight \$2 a day raise for laborers is demanded.

**CLAIMS DAMAGE BY RUST TO WHEAT IS QUITE SMALL**

Canadian Press Despatch. Saskatoon, Sask., Aug. 20.—"The damage done to the wheat crop in Northern Saskatchewan by rust is surprisingly small, considering the unfavorable weather conditions that have prevailed during the last few weeks," said Professor W. P. Frazer, head of the Dominion laboratory of plant pathology at the University of Saskatchewan, last night.

**LIPTON ADMITS CHALLENGE TO RACE NEW SHAMROCK**

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Aug. 20.—Sir Thomas Lipton arrived today on the Cedric and confirmed reports that he would challenge for the America Cup in 1925 with his fifth Shamrock. The veteran yachtman will remain in the United States several weeks.

### G. B. Shaw Asks \$1,000,000 To Write Next Big Bout

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Aug. 20.—George Bernard Shaw, English author, is not particularly anxious to renew his activities as a boxing expert and writer on opinions on the Dempsey-Carpentier bout two years ago. The author said boxing was on the down-grade, so much so, in fact, that its descent might be termed a "detrimental."

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