

CARUSO DIES IN HOME CITY

World's Most Famous Tenor Passes Beyond, Near Where he Was Born

BEST KNOWN IN U. S.

At Height of Career Got as Much as \$10,000 for Single Performance

NAPLES, August 2.—Enrico Caruso, the famous tenor died here today in the city where he was born and where his great career as the world's most famous tenor was begun. He died of heart failure.

HAD AN OPERATION

LONDON, Aug. 2.—A despatch from Naples announces that Mr. Caruso reached Naples on Sunday night, when specialists decided an operation for an abscess between the liver and the diaphragm was necessary. He failed to rally from the operation. Until a week ago the tenor was on the way to recovery from the long illness which began in New York last winter. The breakdown in his health followed a series of mishaps and culminated on December 11th last in Brooklyn when he broke a blood vessel while singing at the Academy of Music. He sang after that; his last public appearance was on Christmas Eve at the Metropolitan. Later he was stricken with pleurisy.

Story of His Career

Enrico Caruso, for more than 25 years a celebrity in the world of song, the tenor with "his golden voice," idolized by millions, had an artistic career as well known as that of any famous statesman or military leader. He was born in Naples, Italy, February 25, 1873, the son of Marcellino Caruso, a mechanic who detested music but was persuaded to permit his son, when 11 years old, to sing in the churches of his native city. An unpromising pupil, for three years he studied under Guglielmo Vergine, pledging his teacher that when ready for a professional career he should pay him one-quarter of his earnings for the following five years.

He made his debut in "L'Amico Francesco" at the Nuovo Theater, Naples, in 1894; later toured Italy and Sicily and was engaged for four seasons at La Scala, Milan. Subsequently he sang in St. Petersburg, Moscow, Warsaw, Rome, Lisbon, Paris, London, and the leading cities of Germany. When he came to the Metropolitan Opera House in New York on November 23, 1903, the critics did not go into ecstasies over him. One of them wrote, on the opening night, "Signor Caruso (as the Duke in 'Rigoletto') has many of the tiresome Italian vocal affectations which he neglects to cover his tones, as he always does when he becomes strenuous, his voice becomes pallid."

It is interesting to note that when Caruso made his Naples debut he sang the title role four times for which he received 100 francs, a pair of stage shoes, a suit of furnishings and a neckerchief. Some years later Maurice Grau, the impresario, negotiated with him to sing in America for \$700 a month but thought the salary excessive and the deal fell through. Grau was quick to perceive the opportunity he had lost and finally engaged Caruso for 50 performances at \$1,000 a night. But Mr. Grau became ill and Caruso when singing in Lisbon, received word that he must abandon his hopes of singing in America. Heinrich Comrad, who followed Mr. Grau at the Metropolitan, however, cabled Caruso an offer to cross the Atlantic and his ambition at last was realized.

Although no official statement of his earnings was ever made public, it is known that Caruso, at the height of his Metropolitan career, was receiving an average of \$3,000 for each performance. On special occasions, such as his 1920 season in Havana, he was paid \$10,000 a night. Never Spared Himself

The list of Italian and French operas in which the noted tenor's name figures since he first sang in New York revealed an amazing versatility. In 16 years he sang no less than 549 times in one season, 1907-08 making 51 appearances, a great test of endurance for any voice. He was unsparing, if not reckless, of his vocal powers.

Caruso, after his strenuous opera seasons, sometimes had trouble with his throat, which he usually overcame with a little rest and care and at certain intervals, rumors that "Caruso would never sing again" were frequently printed. In the winter of 1920, however, he suffered a serious affliction when a small blood vessel in his throat burst while he was singing in "Erlene d'Amore" in the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Recovered from this mishap, Caruso



LATE ENRICO CARUSO

was stricken with pleurisy.

In the spring of 1921 for a time his life was despaired of and it was after a long convalescence that he sailed for sunny Italy to recover his health. There he was to die.

During his indisposition, Caruso was the object of devoted attention by his wife, formerly Miss Dorothy Benjamin, of New York, whom he married in 1914. One child was born to them: Caruso had a son by a former wife, a singer named Ada Ciachetti, with whom he had been associated in opera at Treviso and Bologna.

Mr. and Mrs. Caruso resided in New York City during the opera season. They had a summer home on Long Island and another residence, Villa alle Panche, at Florence, Italy.

MILK AT 12 CTS. STARTING TODAY

Dairymen in This District Get \$2.50 per Cwt.—High Winter Prices

Milkmen are now getting twelve cents a quart for milk throughout the city. For some weeks one of the local vendors has been charging that figure. The advance in the price is a reflection of the drive upwards in cheese quotations, due to the foreign demand, as one of the dealers explained to The Ontario. This means that the producer asks more for the milk from the dealers. Some of the vendors increased the price yesterday.

Dairymen get about \$2.50 per cwt. for milk today. Last winter milk sold at 14c per quart in Belleville. It first dropped to 12c and then to 10c. To all appearances the price next winter will at least be as high as it was last winter; unless fodder prices are low, which condition does not seem likely.

IMPORTS OF HOOSH TEN TIMES AS GREAT

States Buys Whiskey in Britain, Bubbles in France, Wine in Spain

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—The United States imported more than five million dollars worth of intoxicants during the last fiscal year as compared with only \$500,000 the previous year. Britain shipped most of the whiskey, France, the champagne and Spain the wine.

SIX OR SEVEN DAYS

Magistrate Masson Has Flock of Remand Cases

Magistrate Masson had a griet of remand cases calling for his attention in the police court today, many of them being for breach of the Railway Act, by riding on trains without tickets. The following judgements were given: Frank Raymond, Chas. Raymond, each six days; Phillip Clare, Joseph Gillespie, Bernard Carson and R. Heinemann, each 7 days; William Bradley, again remanded to await arrival of Immigration Officer to escort him to the United States border.

BIRTH

BURKE—On May 6th at Arlington Beach, Gowan, Sask., to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Burke, (nee Evelyn Hawkins) a son, Norman John.

SAYS WAGE CUTS DO NOT APPLY HERE AS IN U.S.

Not Fair to Force Reduction in Canada Just Because Yankees do It

MR. MOSHER'S LETTER

Head of Canadian Brotherhood Writes in Reply to "Ontario" Editorial

The Ontario has received the following from Mr. A. R. Mosher, head of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employees, an organization of 12,000 men not connected in any way with American labor groups. The following communication outlines the Canadian Brotherhood view of the railway wages dispute and aims to show why in their opinion wages should NOT come down just because American wages are chopped. The letter follows:

Ottawa, July 30, 1921. Editor "The Daily Ontario," Belleville, Ont.

My attention has been directed to an editorial appearing in your issue of July 28 under the caption "Railway Wages." The statement is made that as Canadian railway employees accepted the increases as granted in past years to employees of United States roads, therefore they should accept the same wage decreases. In this respect I would like to direct your attention to the attitude of our organization, the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employees, which has been the most active in opposing wage reductions as proposed by the railway managements, and which has asked for the board of conciliation referred to in your editorial.

The assertion that the same awards of increases given to workers on United States railroads have in the past been applied to Canadian railroads, is not quite in accordance with fact. It is true that increases were granted in Canada about the same time as they were granted across the border, but there was considerable difference, in many instances, in the amounts. The matter was only settled upon each occasion by a series of meetings between the employees' representatives and those of the railroads. No one will deny that these increases were not warranted, especially in view of the fact that for two years after the beginning of the war railwaymen worked for practically the same wages as prior to the war, although prices ascended rapidly.

Why should not the same wage decreases as proposed for application to United States railroads be put into effect in Canada? In the first place there is a tremendous difference in the economic condition of the two countries, whereas a few years ago there was very little difference. The cost of living in the United States has fallen to a considerable extent, while in Canada lower food prices have been offset by higher rentals, increased prices of fuel, light and other household necessities. A study of the cost of living statistics issued by the federal department of labor will show that the greatest reductions in prices have been on items that should be classified as luxuries, pianos, phonographs, furs, candies, motor cars, etc. Very few railroad employees are able to make purchases in these lines.

Another marked difference at the present time in conditions between the United States and Canada is the value of currency. The United States dollar will purchase one hundred cents' value, while the Canadian dollar is discounted from 12 to 20 per cent. This means that 15 to 25 per cent. is added to the cost of imported articles, and Canadian manufacturers have not been slow in bringing their prices on a par with imported commodities. A careful estimate by a financial expert holds that it requires twelve Canadian dollars to purchase the same amount as ten United States dollars.

There is a general impression that the proposed wage reductions amount to 12 per cent. of all employees' wages. I would like to point out that the heaviest reductions are to fall on those least able to bear them—the low paid men—and the high

BOTH BROTHERS' BARN BURN

Two brothers' barns burning at the same hour in the same township was the coincidence which befel Warner Wood, of the sixth concession of Sidney, and Walter Wood of the eighth concession. Both barns were struck during the electric storm on Saturday midnight. Mr. Warner Wood's barn was filled with hay and stored considerable of the season's grain. A brother had been passing and drove his horse into the barn during the early

Cold Wave Here? "Temp." Down to 50

The cold wave has struck! On Saturday the maximum was 88 and the minimum 63; Sunday, 74-50, and Monday 70-52. The highest temperature of the past three days has been below the lowest of the nights some two weeks ago, when the thermometer was as high as 77. The "break" promises showers and cool weather.

salaried executives are not called upon to participate, but in some instances are actually to be given increases. Freight handlers, carters, truckers, laborers and others who have been receiving from 48 1/2 to 55 cents an hour are to be reduced 8 to 10 cents. This amounts to more than 20 per cent. Men with wage cheques of \$150 to \$200 a month are only asked to accept five per cent. reduction. Railroad employees are ready and willing to bear their share of the common loss, but they insist that such loss shall come to the greater extent upon those most able to bear it, graded down to the smaller cut in the wages of the lower paid men.

When in the past employees have asked for wage increases, the question has been settled by arbitration. Why should not the question of decreases be settled in the same manner? It will be only a matter of common justice if the request of our brotherhood for a board of conciliation, be granted. The issue at stake is as much a public concern as it is the concern of the railroads and their employees. The decision of an impartial board, in the appointment of which both employees and railroads should have an equal voice, will be abided by as far as we are concerned.

Yours sincerely, A. R. MOSHER, Grand President, Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employees. P. S.—For your information I may add that the C.B. of R.E. has a membership of over 12,000 and is the only organization on Canadian railways in which the members have complete autonomy, free from the domination of officials in the United States. This will account for the fact that we have taken the lead in endeavoring to reach a settlement of the wage issue. We have a local division in Belleville, No. 128, of which H. J. Armstrong is president.

TWO NEW HOUSES

The first building permits in a month have just been issued by City Engineer M.H. to Mr. J. R. Harker for two brick-veneer houses of two stories each. The estimated cost of each of these dwellings is \$2,500. They will be erected on Dunbar St.

LINDSAY'S BALL YARD BEING DUSTED OVER

Workmen started today improving the diamond at Agricultural Park, which is conceded to be one of the best in the league area. The pitcher's box will be raised about eighteen inches and a graded slope maintained from this point over the entire diamond.

HAIL DOES DAMAGE

36 Panes of Glass Were Broken at Downeyville. Lindsay—During the severe electric storm which passed over Lindsay and Emily Township, much damage was done to crops by hail, which fell in considerable quantities. At Downeyville hail broke 36 panes of glass in Mr. J. Lucas' residence. Richard O'Donnell, grocer, had four panes broken. Windows were also broken in St. Luke's church parish hall and Rev. Father Galvin's residence.

CALECHE FOR NIAGARA FALLS

TORONTO, July 30.—A visitor who recently returned from Quebec says that there is a plan on foot to transport the old Quebec caleche to Niagara Falls for the use of sightseers. The Toronto visitor was told that the plans are being made to have a number of the historic, high-slung Quebec vehicles brought to the falls for the pleasure drives of the route near the mighty cataract.

BOWLING IN NAPANEE

Deseronto lawn bowlers played in Napanee last evening and won a game and lost one. The Deseronto club is a very active organization.

TOMATOES AT \$2.00 A BUSHEL

Two dollars per bushel was the price asked for tomatoes on the market today. Corn brought 20c per bushel and blackberries 25c a box. Vancouver Kwana Club state that unless the Government advance the money, they will start a campaign to raise the money to build a new university.

NARROW ESCAPE IN COSTLY FIRE ON FRONT STREET

Mrs. Bradford, Elderly Widow, Overcome by Smoke, is Carried Out

LOSS CALLED \$8,000

Hanley Building is Cut Off—Apartment Dwellers Upstairs are Victims

A loss of about eight thousand dollars was caused by fire which broke out in the rear of the W. D. Hanley building on upper Front street. The damage not only affects Mr. Findlay, flour and feed merchant, but a large number of tenants occupying apartments upstairs, and the owner of the building, Mr. Hanley.

The origin is at present in doubt. The first of the blaze was seen in a loft over the storage at the rear of Mr. Findlay's store. The fire ate away the flooring and spread into the apartment occupied by Mrs. David Bradford, an elderly widow. Mrs. Bradford had been in another room, and on the alarm of fire ran into her room. She was driven out by the smoke. She fell in the hallway, overcome by smoke, and was rescued by Mr. Bert Asselatine and Mr. Charles Hick and was carried to the Hastings House.

Chief Brown and his fire-fighters had their work cut out for them, so difficult was the fire to handle. Still they succeeded in preventing the spread of the flames and did not let the fire get out of their control. The blaze was restricted to the rear portion of the building. The structure is an old one.

Mr. Findlay's loss will be heavy. A large amount of salt and grain was soaked with water. This is covered by insurance.

Mrs. Bradford lost a large number of articles of furniture and carried no insurance. Her loss will reach a thousand dollars. Among her lost possessions are a number of dishes which she had had for over forty years. The metal of these was melted into a solid mass.

Mrs. Susan Green, widow, carried \$400 insurance on her possessions, but her loss will exceed this amount. Mrs. F. J. McGuinness' household effects were damaged by water and smoke.

Smoke and water caused a loss to Mr. Levi Burnett, who is insured. Mr. Imball, residing on the second floor, was affected by the smoke and water.

FASHION NOTES HOT OFF WIRES

Everything Trimmed With Monkey Fur—Bobbed Hair Here to Stay

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—(By Canadian Press)—A revolution in women's styles involving everything except the short skirt was indicated for the winter by members of the National Wearing Apparel Association in convention here today.

Straight lines, flowing sleeves and coats almost to the knees will be worn this winter. Practically everything shown by the models was black with a profuse trimming of monkey fur. The Hair Dressers' Association is also meeting here. Delegates say ears will be popular for women this year. Bobbed hair has come to stay, they insist.

17 DIE OF THE HEAT

ROME, Aug. 2.—Heat around one hundred degrees in Italian cities yesterday caused 17 deaths. Alexandria fall fair will be held this year on September 8 and 9.

LASH WILL BE USED HERE TO STOP JUVENILE THEFT

Corporal punishment for juvenile theft will be put into effect in the case of three Belleville boys, whose ages range from sixteen to nineteen years. This is in accord with a recent enactment. Carl Vann, Harry Graves, Frank Godfrey in the police court on Saturday pleaded guilty to a charge of breaking and entering Pappas' poolroom and stealing a sum of money and various articles of trade. In passing sentence, Magistrate Masson expressed the view that in these cases

Boy, 16, on Long Swim

Leslie Smith of the Upstreamers Tuxis Square performed a notable feat on Civic Holiday, when he swam from Belleville to Massawaga Park, a distance of three miles and a half, in two

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IRISH DEBATE GOES ON
Valera and Deil Eireann Consider Britain's Offer.
LONDON, Aug. 2.—Eamonn de Valera has informally submitted to all available members of the Irish Republican parliament the peace proposals of Mr. Lloyd George. The members will be summoned to debate the offer in a secret session likely to last several days. The Daily Sketch makes this announcement.

BRITAIN SAYS "YES"
LONDON, Aug. 2.—Britain has dropped the proposal to hold a preliminary conference on Pacific questions and has agreed to participate in the Washington conference, as originally suggested, by President Harding.

CARD OF THANKS
The committee in charge of W. C. A. Fund for the Belleville Home for the Aged, wish to sincerely thank the ladies, who helped in the canvas for this purpose.

AUTO MAKES FOR
J. Goodberry and D. G. Newberry Escape Near Kingston—J. Goodberry and D. Graves of Harry almost miraculously injured when an auto in which they were driving suddenly struck the road in Kingston's south of Verona, and the mud at the side of the road was slightly on the face, Mr. Goodberry was and the front part of it slightly damaged, when into the swamp, but he escaped more severe injury why the auto was not wrecked is the surprise who saw the auto in the

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PAWN MEDALS TO BUY

Destitute Veterans Sell Trinket That Courage

PITIFUL STORIES Military Crosses and Medals Bartered, Dealers Refuse

MONTREAL, July 29 als issued to Canadian the great war are, thro ceasing, beginning to fit in large numbers into and into the hands of e stores which supply col Equaries at ten pe one street and within brought out the fact twice a week some e endeavor to bargain aw commemorating the wa to him in acknowledge courage and fortitude. es the reason is given t of work, has no money 87.

Medals of every de put to this use. One remarked, "Oh, yes, we in here last week who sell his medal, I don't you call it, but it was and had a purple and w Presumably a Military continued the man, "I buy such a thing from a Government property want any trouble with tion. The tales these pitiful, and they are tr justice of cases. In where a pawnbroker he medal the man had re ter, although some e mentioned in which have been sold outright posthumous medals give thers of the men who f are pawned, and the exes which are worn in the coat have been to pawnshops for sale, b been pawned because t would not be able to ge should he take them.

Souvenirs gathered der great danger in Fra so passed from the h owners to the man w hobby of collecting the wearing a story arri having already been to story of how the bomb some such thing had be and all for the sake of 60.

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