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NOTED LOMBARDO DANCE ORCHESTRA TO LEAVE SUNDAY

"All London" Troupe Steps Into Famous Shea Vaudeville Circuit.

SIX MONTHS TOUR

After completing a successful season at the Winter Gardens, the Lombardo Orchestra, under the leadership of Guy Lombardo and composed of nine London boys, will commence their six months tour in Shea's vaudeville circuit on Sunday night, when they are billed to play in Akron, Ohio.

The orchestra will tour the western and southern states for the winter months and will probably return to this city in May to open Port Stanley Casino, where they played last summer.

All the young men studied music in this city and commenced to play in public as an orchestra nearly nine years ago. The average age of the musicians is 20 years. The original Lombardo Orchestra was composed of Guy Lombardo, his brother Carmen and Fred Kreitzer. For several years they played at private dances in the city. Their popularity became so great and offers to go into something bigger so numerous that the orchestra was enlarged two years ago to nine pieces. At that time the music as played by the famous Paul Whiteman became the vogue, and the Lombardo Orchestra adopted the symphonic style in preference to jazz.

Guy Lombardo always refused to allow outside men to join his orchestra and confined his players to local boys, working on the plan that the people of London would be more interested in local talent. Their first stand at a public dance hall was at the Springbank Pavilion, where they played for two seasons. They have been playing recently at the Winter Gardens and the Port Stanley Casino.

Last summer when an advance agent of the famous Shea vaudeville circuit was in Hamilton, he was told of the Lombardo Orchestra, which had played there on several occasions. The people of Hamilton were so impressed with the Lombardo boys that they advised the agent to come to this city and hear them. A month ago Guy Lombardo, the leader, received a letter from Mr. Shea, head of the American circuit, asking if the London orchestra would be willing to sign a contract to enter vaudeville. It was first thought the members of the orchestra would be unable to leave their positions in the city. It was finally arranged, however, and a week ago Mr. Lombardo signed the contract in Cleveland. They will leave the city on Sunday.

Carmen Lombardo, saxophone player, is probably the most outstanding musician of the troupe. He has received many offers to join larger orchestras in Detroit, Chicago, and each time has refused, preferring to remain with his first "job."

The other musicians in the orchestra are: Guy Lombardo, leader; Francis Henry, George Gowans, Archie Cunningham, Tom Mason and Fred Kreitzer.

BRITISH MAILS

The next mails for Great Britain and Europe will close as follows: Sunday, Nov. 25, at 10 p.m.—Letters and registered matter only via Berengaria from New York, Nov. 27. Tuesday, Nov. 27.—Letters and registered matter at 10 a.m. Parcel post and newspapers at 2 p.m. via SS. Montaurier from Quebec, Nov. 28. Thursday, Nov. 29, at 10 p.m.—Letters and registered matter only via Leviathan from New York Dec. 1.

Victims of Love Tragedy Now In Victoria Hospital After York Street Shooting

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to die, Miss McNaughton said she thought Constable Harpur fired the shot that pierced her breast.

Topping, who was immediately arrested by Constable Harpur, appeared in police court this morning, charged with shooting with intent to do grievous bodily harm. He was remanded for a week.

PLEADED WITH GIRL TILL 2 A.M.
George Cook, a veteran of the Great War, and who was shell-shocked overseas, gave The Advertiser a graphic account of the tragedy, his wife adding details from time to time.

"Topping was here last night to see Miss Durston, whom we call Gerry," said Cook. "He stayed till 2 o'clock this morning pleading with Gerry to marry him, but she wouldn't have anything more to do with him. 'He came back again at 7:10 this morning, and wanted her to go to talk to him over with her. I think he was jealous, as Gerry had been going with another young man lately, and she liked him better than Topping. 'Both girls were in the kitchen when Topping came, and Gerry, when she heard the knock at the door, ran into our bedroom. 'I followed her into the bedroom," said Mrs. Cook, interrupting her husband's story, "and I told her not to worry, and I called Mr. Cook in from the kitchen, and asked him what to do. He said he would phone for the police, and he went to Crane's up the street and sent in a call to the police station."

ASKED TOPPING TO LEAVE HOUSE
"Before going, however, Mr. Cook asked Topping to leave the house, but he wouldn't make any reply. While my husband was gone Topping came into the front room with Viola McNaughton and they talked. I couldn't hear what was said because I was in the bedroom with Gerry and I pressed myself against the shut door to keep Topping out."

"I opened the door because I thought Viola was asking to get in. Topping brushed right by me and into the room and Viola came in too. Gerry was terribly frightened and heard what was said because I was kept asking her to go to bed with him. Then she fainted."

"My husband came back shortly after that and said he had sent for the police. He said Topping to leave the house quietly, but got no reply from him."

"Then I heard a knock on the side door and I went to open it. A policeman (Constable Harpur) stepped into the kitchen and asked what the trouble was. My husband came out into the kitchen and said he wanted to give Topping one more chance to leave, but he wouldn't before he did anything about the police."

THREE SHOTS AND GIRL FELL
"Just then we heard three revolver shots in quick succession and the officer rushed to the door of the bedroom. We heard two shots almost together and then saw Viola McNaughton stagger from the bedroom door. She walked through the living-room to the kitchen and sat on the chair for a few minutes and then fell fainting to the floor. She had been hit in the chest with a bullet."

"Before I went to let the policeman in, Topping asked the girl finally if she would go with him to Watford and she said she wouldn't."

"All right then," he said, "if I can't have you nobody else can." That is the last thing I heard him say."

"Mr. Cook said, 'Don't be a fool, Topping, what's your common sense? You're a nice fellow, but Gerry

doesn't want you and I'm going to give you a chance to get out before the police come."

DIDN'T KNOW HE HAD GUN.
"Topping didn't reply, so when the knock came to the door, we went out. We didn't know he had a revolver at that time. He hadn't produced it, and it was a shock to us when we heard the shots fired."

"I was standing in the kitchen when I heard the shots," Constable Harpur said. "I ran through the kitchen door into the living-room and to the bedroom doorway. I saw Topping with the revolver pressed against a girl, and I didn't know the girls were in the room. The McNaughton girl was not in sight at that time. Topping saw me and, quick as a flash, he turned his gun in my direction. I had pulled my revolver, and when I saw him make a motion to shoot, as I thought at the time, I fired. Miss McNaughton, I shot her, must have come sharply around the corner of the bedroom door just as I fired. I didn't see her anyway."

"Drop your gun," I told Topping. "I have; it's on the bed," he replied.

"No monkey work," I told him. "You come with me."

GOES QUIETLY WITH POLICE.
"I'll come quietly," he said, and he walked toward me. I grabbed him and took him to the living-room. Mr. Cook phoned for more help, and after taking Topping to the police station, the girls were taken to Victoria Hospital, concluded the constable."

"Gerry walked out of the room after Viola," said Mrs. Cook, taking up the story of the tragedy where Harpur left off. She sat down in a rocking chair by the kitchen stove for a few minutes, and didn't seem to know that she had been hit by two bullets. She talked to me, while Mr. Cook was away phoning for Dr. Black."

"Then she said: 'I think I'm shot and better let me down.' She went into her room and laid down till she was taken to the hospital. When Viola fell off the chair in the kitchen, my husband and a man called from the street carried her into our bedroom, and she was taken from there to the hospital."

GEORGE COOK TELLS HIS STORY.
When The Advertiser reporter entered 11 York street, the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Cook, to take a flashlight photograph of Mr. Cook's bedroom, where the shooting took place, the young couple broke down weeping.

"You may not think it mainly for me to have tears in my eyes," George Cook said, "but the shock has been terrible to us both."

"I do think Dan Topping was a nice fellow, and decided to let the girls entertain their young men in this house if they wanted to. A young fellow can't take his girl in his boardinghouse, you know, so the wife and I decided they could come here."

"Mr. Topping was let into the house by Mrs. Cook said, but he forced his way into Miss Durston's bedroom, pushing me out of the way."

"Cook was almost certain, he said, that Constable Harpur shot the McNaughton girl through the chest."

"Viola was lying on my bed, to get out of the way of the bullets apparently. Then she decided to get out of the room and rose to leave. She got to the door a bullet went through her chest. Topping was behind her in a corner with Geraldine, so he couldn't have shot Viola."

"This thing has unnerved me. I was blown up in France, and the strain is awful."

"If that Topping had shot you, girlie," addressing Mrs. Cook, "I would have put him out of the way if I had to do it with my bare fists."

THINKS POLICE OFFICER SHOT HER.
In her deposition, made at the hospital this morning to Deputy Crown Attorney A. Gillanders, and in the presence of Detective Inspector Nickle, Viola McNaughton said she thought the policeman had fired the shot that penetrated her chest."

Mr. Gillanders, although he had deposited the statement at the police station, told the girl's story to The Advertiser. He did not take any statement from Geraldine Durston.

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John Anderson, who is a newcomer in the world of municipal politics, is standing in ward 1 as a candidate for one of the aldermen's chairs in the council. He is known as 'Honest John' to his old friends, and his stand on all matters affecting the welfare of the man in the street is well and favorably known to everyone in his ward.

who was shot through the lower abdomen.

According to Miss McNaughton, the two girls were in their room at 318 York street, and were getting ready to go to work at the Holeproof Company, when Clarence (Dan) Topping came into the room. He had been going with Miss Durston for some time past, and although at times the girl showed a disinclination for his company, had gone out with him.

ASKED GIRL TO MARRY HIM.

"He asked Gerry to marry him this morning," said the wounded girl, and she refused. He wanted her to marry him, and she wouldn't. He was with us for about two months. 'He always paid his board in advance. We didn't even know his first name. We always called him Mr. Topping. You would no more think he would do such an awful thing than I."

"We never had the slightest trouble with him," Mr. Dinsmore interrupted. "Last night he did not return to sleep, and of course, when we heard of the tragedy this morning, we were dumbfounded."

"He lived in Strathroy and worked for W. Left & Co. here. We didn't know he was going around with a girl. He didn't have a gun so far as we knew, and he must have got it last night."

A placard indicating that the house contained an infectious disease was on the front porch.

"One of our children had scarlet fever," Mrs. Dinsmore explained, "but it's all over now."

Topping had been noted for his reticence in connection with everything relative to himself or his people. He seldom spoke unless spoken to by Mr. and Mrs. Dinsmore said. They thought he would be about 23 years of age.

"He never gave us the slightest trouble," Mrs. Dinsmore added. "Mr. Topping was really one of the quietest young men I've known."

VICTIMS PARENTS RUSH TO THE CITY.
By motor and by train the parents of the two wounded girls rushed to

the city this morning, immediately on receipt of the news of the shooting.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McNaughton and Cecil McNaughton and his wife and sister, Miss Mabel, rushed to the city in a motor, making the long trip over bad roads in an hour and a half.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Durston came in by train, and arrived shortly after noon. The girl's pastor, Rev. T. De Courcy Rayner, Congregationalist minister, accompanied them.

Arriving at the hospital, they were allowed to see Misses Durston and McNaughton and, although badly broken up over the tragedy, bore up well under the ordeal.

Viola McNaughton, the more seriously injured of the two and for whom little hope is held, stated to her pastor that "he had not meant to do it," but whether this applies to the officer, W. Harpur, or to Topping is not known.

She told her parents the same story as to Attorney Gillanders. Although she would like to speak more fully than she has yet done, doctors point out that her only hope of life is in being kept quiet and with as little exertion as possible.

URGED GIRL TO RUN AWAY.
Geraldine Durston bore out the statement of Viola, there being little difference in the tale. She did say, however, that Topping had visited her last night and urged her to run away and get married at that time.

She had refused, telling him that she would have to go home first.

According to Mrs. Durston, the two girls left Watford in July to come to London, after having worked at the hospital in Strathroy for a year and a half. Since coming here they have been getting on well, and wrote bright, encouraging letters to their parents, who felt that their daughters were safe in London.

Both girls have excellent characters and are highly respected at their home. Miss McNaughton is a member of the Congregational church and always interested in church activities. Miss Durston, while not a member of the church, attended the Bible class and also liked church work.

GIRL'S FATHER LIKED TOPPING.
Mr. Durston told The Advertiser that his daughter had been keeping company with Topping for some time past. He had been to their home and had always appeared to be a nice, quiet boy and totally incapable of performing a deed such as this morning.

Mr. Durston said he knew that he wanted to marry his daughter, and told her that if this was the case and wanted to be allowed to call on her, he must do so at her home.

The mother's story varies a little, she declaring that she had warned her daughter against Topping.

Mr. McNaughton is a retired farmer of Watford and is quite well to do, having given up farming about four years ago. A son Cecil is now running the farm, about a mile outside Watford, fourth concession, Warwick Township. In addition to Cecil, Miss McNaughton has a brother Frank, residing near Wyoming.

Mr. McNaughton has a brother, Mr. Earl Roberts, Watford, who is a young man, also at home. Miss Durston has two stepbrothers by the name of Lawrence, to one of whom Viola McNaughton is engaged. She also has a married sister and a younger sister Bertha, and brother William, both at home.

STATES NATIONAL EFFORT NEEDED TO SAVE DRIFTING

Wilfrid Haney, M. P., of Sarnia, Addresses Weekly Kiwanis Luncheon.

UNITED IN WAR TIME

The submerging of all local or sectional differences in a great national effort to develop Canada to the utmost was characterized by Wilfrid Haney, M.P., of Sarnia, speaking to the Kiwanis Club today, as the one thing which would save the country from drifting back into a period of non-development similar to that which preceded Confederation, and during which the United States was rapidly forging ahead, and British capital was being used to develop the Western States, because with Upper and Lower Canada practically at each other's throats, British financiers did not regard the colony as a safe investment.

"A national debt of over two billion dollars would mean very little to our neighbors across the line," Mr. Haney said, "but spread over the nine million souls of Canada, it means a tremendous burden."

"There was a time when every speaker referred to our great national resources. Those resources are still there, but they need developing. Canada, since the war, has been steeped in something of the same spirit which prevailed before Confederation. It took nearly a century before reasonable men got together to sink their differences and a spirit of co-operation began to exist. And during that time, no headway was made, and America went ahead by leaps and bounds."

"A hundred years was lost out of Canada's national life. In later years, with the war, the country became more united. Internal and sectional differences are dissipated in a national cause. But since the war, certain elements have crept in, which sought to create a new spirit of sectionalism and labor. The spirit of unrest which followed the war stirred up those very things which kept the Dominion back before the war."

"A government can bring in a policy of economy and pare expenditures to the bone, but new wealth must be created also. We must induce people to think in actions, to compromise to follow the people and use our resources and create new wealth."

MISS EMMA NOULTY.
The funeral of Miss Emma Noulty, who died Tuesday afternoon, was held this morning at 8 o'clock from her mother's home, 371 Hill street, at St. Mary's Church. Solemn requiem of high mass was sung at 9 o'clock by Father Chisholm with Father Powell acting as deacon and Father Foulkes as sub-deacon. Interment was made at St. Peter's Cemetery. Father Powell conducted the services at the grave.

The pallbearers were: J. B. Murray, W. Regan, M. Smith, W. Connors, D. Angelo, W. McAteer.

FINANCE CHIEF POINTS OUT TORY INCONSISTENCIES

Fielding Asks Why Conservatives Condemned Dropping of 1919 Platform.

DEFENDS POSITION

Halifax N. S., Nov. 23.—Replying to criticism of the federal Liberal government by Right Hon. Arthur Meighen Right Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, last night, addressing a meeting here in the Majestic Theatre, asked why, if the opposition considered the tariff plank of the Liberal platform of 1919 so "rotten" they constantly criticized the alleged dropping of it by the Liberals. If it was so bad was it not a good thing to reconsider its adoption and to get rid of it? However, every tariff change so far made by the Liberal administration had been a change downwards. And, continued the finance minister, if failure to carry out a pledge was in question, what was to be said about the action of the late Conservative government in promising tariff reform—not in an election platform, but actually in a speech from the throne—and then totally neglecting to carry out anything of the sort.

Last night's meeting was held on behalf of the candidature of George A. Redmond, Liberal candidate in the Halifax by-election on December 5. Other speakers included Hon. R. E. Finn, M.P. for Halifax, and Hanco Logan, M.P. for Cumberland.

LONDON HEIRS EXPECT TO GET HUGE FORTUNE

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street, and George Cook, Dundas street. There are more than 300 people in Detroit, London, Delaware Township and Komoka, who can trace their ancestry to Robert Edwards.

Robert Edwards came to America from England at the age of nineteen. He bought a number of acres in New York city and leased the property to King George III for a period of 99 years. Robert Edwards had six brothers and one sister. One of his brothers, Thomas, landed in Detroit, which was then British property. From there he moved to the County of Kent, to compromise to follow the people and use our resources and create new wealth."

A meeting of the heirs of this district was held last night in Glencoe, at which it was decided that every heir must file his claim before Jan. 1. It is expected that another meeting will be held in London at the end of this week, and a general meeting in Detroit, at which every heir is asked to be present, is called for the first week in December.

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