

THE WEATHER:  
LIGHT WINDS, FINE, WARMER.  
TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARMER.

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# FIRE, EXPLOSION AT GRAND BEND

## Pals of Condemned Bandit Kill Two Who Gave Police Tip

### CITY GIRL INJURED; 3 ESCAPE

Summer Home of A. J. Walker of London Completely Razed by Fire at Resort.

MISS ADAMS INJURED

Money, Clothing and Furniture Destroyed in Fierce Blaze After Explosion.

Special to The Advertiser.  
Grand Bend, Aug. 15.—When fire, following a gasoline explosion, razed the summer home of A. J. Walker of London early today, four young women had a close call from death. One of them, Miss Mary Adams of London, suffered burns while attempting to rescue her belongings from the blazing house. Three others, Miss Leah Haycock of London, Miss Graham and Miss Lumsley of St. Thomas, narrowly escaped injury. The house, a fine frame structure on the London side, was completely destroyed.



HER ACTION CAUSED BISHOP TO RESIGN.  
Mrs. Bidwell, whose change of faith to the Roman Catholic religion caused her husband, the Anglican bishop of Ontario at Kingston, to send in his resignation from the diocese. A statement, explaining her reception into a faith different from that of her husband, was given by the Roman Catholic authorities at Kingston.

### CHANCELLOR GIVES OPINION ON MRS. BIDWELL'S ACTION

J. B. Walkem, K.C., Declares Loyalty to Husband Was Important Thing.

MATTER FOR HERSELF  
Anglican Official Says Christian Life in One Church as Well as Another.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Kingston, Aug. 15.—Asked if he had anything to say in connection with the statement made at the Roman Catholic archbishop's palace regarding the conversion of Mrs. Bidwell, wife of the bishop of Ontario, to Roman Catholicism, J. B. Walkem, K.C., chancellor of the diocese of Ontario, said:

"The statement emanating from the archbishop's palace, I have been asked whether, as chancellor of the diocese, I cared to reply to it. I do not think that as chancellor I should do this, but as an individual I might say that Mrs. Bidwell had a perfect right to do as she has done, and that if she wished to be disloyal to her husband, that was a matter which should have been settled by her own feelings.

"Loyalty to her husband was, to my mind, just as great, if not greater, than loyalty to the faith she has lately espoused. She did not require to belong to any particular church to find her way to Heaven. She could lead a Christian life as effectively in one church as she could in another.

"If she had been the wife of a layman, I do not suppose her action would have given rise to any comment."

### GERMANY AND FRANCE SIGN FRONTIER PACT

Associated Press Despatch.  
Paris, Aug. 15.—A treaty between France and Germany, defining the frontier between the two countries, was signed at the foreign office yesterday. The document is of a purely administrative character and restores the line to where it was at the time of the Franco-Prussian war outbreak in 1870.

### COMMERCIAL FAILURES.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Toronto, Aug. 15.—There were 26 commercial failures in the domestic market during the week ending yesterday against 27 for the corresponding week of last year, according to Dun's report today. This week's failures by province were: Ontario 11, Quebec 10, Manitoba 3, Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island 1 each.

### THE WEATHER

### REGIMENT BAND MUST PLAY FREE

Occasional Favor to Public Only Fair, Col. Little Tells Fusiliers' Bandmaster.

PUBLIC PAYS SHOT

No Union Bands Have Asked Executive For Permission To Play Free.

All that can save the Canadian Fusiliers' band from oblivion is the refusal of all the other city bands to play for the Lions' club and the Victoria park bandstand free of charge.

Col. G. W. Little, commander of the regiment, insists that the band must play, if other bands are willing to do so without remuneration, and, if the Fusiliers' band maintains its stand in refusing to play, then regimental support will be cut off.

"We regard the \$1,500 paid the regimental band as public money," stated Col. Little this morning, "and if the band can't play occasionally for the public in return, it is a sad state of affairs, and we can't afford that expenditure any longer."

Though Capt. A. W. Slater, bandmaster, steadily declines to talk, it is understood that the Fusiliers' band has decided to quit, rather than submit to Col. Little's dictum, and that they will shortly turn their uniforms and band instruments.

Regarding the London Veterans' Band, Limited, playing without charge, W. A. Bleuthner, president of the Musicians' union, reiterates that the constitution prevents any union band from playing free of charge without the executive's special permission, and that they face automatic suspension, Mr. Bleuthner adds that the executive has not been asked for permission by any band, and that there was no case to prosecute him for his intelligence with the enemy.

### TURNER CANCELS VISIT TO LONDON

Toronto Stay Cut Short by Meeting of Commission at Ottawa.

Lieut.-Gen. Sir Richard Turner, V.C., Montreal, dominion G. W. V. A. president, will not be able to visit London next week as planned. In a wire to Harry Wray, president of the local command, Sir Richard states that he must return to Ottawa on Thursday after the provincial amalgamation conference in Toronto on Wednesday to attend a meeting of the battlefields' memorial commission.

Thus all arrangements are off for Sir Richard's visit next week, but while in Toronto plans for his promised visit some time later in the fall will be made by Mr. Wray, who will attend the conference as one of the two delegates of the G. W. V. A. here.

### MACMILLAN IS CHOSEN.

Saskatoon, Sask., Aug. 15.—F. R. MacMillan, ex-mayor of the city, was the unanimous choice of a Conservative nominating convention here last night as Conservative standard bearer for Saskatchewan constituency in the next dominion election.

Under ordinary circumstances, Mr. MacMillan would have been a delegate to the Conservative convention in London, but he has been unable to do so because of his illness.

### STRIKING PARIS BANK CLERKS OBSERVE HOLIDAY

Associated Press Despatch.  
Paris, Aug. 15.—The striking bank employees who have been staging demonstrations for the last three weeks in an effort to bring the banks to a standstill, observed a holiday today, holding no meetings and making no demonstrations.

### Mill Hand Cut to Death

Three Rivers Man Meets a Horrible Death on Circular Saw.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Three Rivers, Que., Aug. 15.—Falling on a circular saw while at work at the Wrayganey pulp and paper mill, Wilfred Bouvette was terribly injured yesterday, and died at the hospital here after several hours of suffering. The victim fell seated on the saw, which was in movement at the time, and was cut up to the bowels. Bouvette was 42 years of age, married and had two children. He lived at Ste. Angele de Laval.

### TELLER IS FACING CHARGE OF FRAUD

H. G. Brewer Held by Police and Arrest of Second Man Expected.

Herbert G. Brewer, 24 years old, an employee of the Bank of Montreal, arrested last night on a charge of fraud and manipulation of the bank accounts, was remanded to jail for one week when he appeared in police court this morning before Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon.

Although Brewer is being held on a charge of fraud, a theft charge arising out of the same case is expected to be laid before his next appearance in court. Between \$5,000 and \$7,000 is involved. Another arrest is expected to be made this afternoon.

Crown Attorney Albert M. Judd and J. M. McEwen, counsel for the bank, are expected to appear for the remand in court this morning, that the case might be thoroughly investigated. Brewer made no election nor plea.

He was arrested at his home, 469 Ontario street, by Detective George E. Walsh last night, and held with the information was sworn out by Gerald Pearson, manager of the bank branch at the Bank of Montreal. Brewer was a teller and ledgerkeeper at a branch office, having been a trusted and popular employee for a number of years.

As many as five or six checks were being cashed by Brewer each morning. They refused to state definitely how much money he was handling, but they declared that it would be impossible to make an approximation until bank inspectors went over the books this morning making a survey of the books which Brewer is said to have juggled.

### MAN KILLED BY AUTOIST SPEEDING TO HOSPITAL

Associated Press Despatch.  
Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 15.—While speeding to a hospital last night with two women who had been injured in an automobile accident, John W. Rockwood ran down and instantly killed Abram Fucigna, of Fargo avenue.

Rockwood was driving in Niagara street when he saw the accident in which the women were hurt. He volunteered to take them to the hospital, half a mile away. He admitted to the police that he was going fifty miles an hour when he struck Fucigna.

Neither of the women was seriously hurt, and they were discharged from the hospital after having their injuries tended. Rockwood is held by the police pending the medical examiner's investigation.

### NEWFOUNDLAND TO GET 1,000 CASES OF WHISKEY

Canadian Press Despatch.  
St. John, Nfld., Aug. 15.—The Dominion of Newfoundland receives 350 cases of fine quality whiskey as the result of the settlement adjusted last night between the finance minister and the government. Herbert Green, seized last month as a rum runner, was released after the settlement.

By this settlement awarding the government one third of the cargo, the ship will be enabled to sail with the remainder tomorrow. The arresting officers charged that liquor had been sold over the ship's side.

### 11 PERISH AS VESSEL FOUNDERS

British Cargo Steamer Saint Marie Runs on Rocks During Fog.

THIRTEEN SAVED

Survivors Are Brought Into Ouessant in Pitiable Condition.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Brest, France, Aug. 15.—The cargo steamer Saint Marie ran on a sharp rock in a dense fog in the English Channel off Ouessant last night and foundered in a few minutes.

The captain and ten members of the crew perished. Thirteen others of the crew, clinging to the bottom of a boat, managed to get to Ouessant in a pitiable condition.

Almost at the same time another steamer, the Berville, running from St. Nazaire to Swansea with coal, lost her way in the fog and ran onto a point at Ouessant. A hole was torn in her side, but calls for help brought tugs which towed her into Brest.

### OWEN SOUND MAN KILLED BY BUCKET

Wilfred George Meets Death at Cement Works on Elevator.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Owen Sound, Ont., Aug. 15.—Wilfred George, 24, single, was almost instantly killed this morning when he was struck on the head by the cement bucket used in the construction of the Great Lakes elevator here. George was employed by the construction company to clean out debris from the bottom of the wood trestle on which was operated the bucket which takes cement from the ground to the top of the elevator. His head was caught between one of the buckets of the trestle and the descending cement bucket. With his head crushed in, he lived only a few minutes. An inquest will be held.

### POPE CONFIRMS JUDGMENT.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Rome, Aug. 15.—The pope has confirmed the judgment of the commission of cardinals which early this year declared the marriage of Marquis Boni, 14 Montclair avenue, of English blood, Gould valid, refusing the annulment which the Marquis has sought since 1911.

### Couple Married 50 Years Leave to Celebrate Their Anniversary in Toronto

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Little of Highbury Avenue Residents Here Since 1883.

CIVIL WAR VETERAN

Son Was Member of London's African Contingent and Was Killed in Fall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Little, 681 Highbury avenue, left for Toronto today to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. The golden wedding will be celebrated at the homes of their eldest daughter, Mrs. James Cameron, 64 Farnham avenue, and their youngest daughter, Mrs. James Cameron, 14 Montclair avenue. Of English and Scotch parentage, Mr. and Mrs. Little have been residents of London since 1883.

Mr. Little, a member of London's contingent in the South African war, but was accidentally killed in a fall from his horse shortly after its conclusion. Two other sons were wounded in the last war. Mr. Little himself is a veteran of the American civil war, and fought under General Grant as a member of C company, 6th Massachusetts regiment of infantry. This was a famous regiment, and one of the first to suffer casualties in the struggle when two of its members were shot dead from a window as the regiment marched through the streets of Baltimore. Mr. Little remembers General Grant very well, and was once the recipient of a cigar from his hands. The general himself was an inveterate cigar smoker, and occasionally saw to it that his men were supplied with good cigars.

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HON. E. C. G. PAGE.

In introducing his budget in the Australian parliament, announced a surplus of more than £4,500,000 on last year's budget. Regarding the future Mr. Page promised to reduce the income tax by 12½ per cent and to establish rural credit departments of the Commonwealth Bank for the purpose of making advances on primary products. He also promised to increase the invalid and old age pensions to a pound per week.

### RIFFIAN FORCES GOING TO PIECES

French Troops Occupy Strong Positions Recently Held by Rebels.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Fez, French Morocco, Aug. 15.—Everywhere along the Franco-Riffian fighting front the situation is excellent for the French, while the Riffian forces appear to be going to pieces, according to reports from French sources.

Without a struggle the column of Colonel Freydenberg occupied the whole of the Djebel Suresar position, which was so formidable that the French staff had been hesitating for a fortnight about attacking.

The French troops have not completely cleared the Souk el Arba highway.

### ITALY CUTTING DOWN WHEAT IMPORTATIONS

Associated Press Despatch.  
Milan, Italy, Aug. 16.—Italy is making an effort to reduce the adverse balance of her trade by cutting down the importation of wheat and by buying wheat and other cereals in the cheap markets of Europe instead of the more expensive ones of the United States and South America. Taking advantage of this tendency, M. Salsaroff, the Russian trade delegate, has offered to export 7,000,000 quintals of grain from Russia to Italy this year at low prices. (The quintal in Italy is 220.46 pounds.)

### British Duke Seeks Divorce

Associated Press Despatch.  
Paris, Aug. 14.—The Duke of Manchester who filed application for divorce at Nice on July 25, insisted today that he is entitled to have his action for divorce tried in the French courts.

The Duke's lawyer, Leroy B. Delancy, said tonight that the Duke claims domicile in France and therefore is privileged to file a petition for divorce in the French courts.

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### CHAPMAN'S PALS KILL INFORMERS

Indiana Farmer and Wife Shot to Death on Leading Highway.

GASPS OUT NAMES

William Hance and Wife Lived in Constant Dread of Violent Deaths.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Muncie, Ind., Aug. 15.—Vengeance trailing those who testified against Gerald Chapman, notorious bandit condemned to die for the murder of a New Britain Conn. policeman, struck down Ben Hance and his wife near here yesterday. The Hances were shot to death on the Anderson-Muncie highway. In a dying statement, Hance laid the crime to the door of George (Dutch) Anderson, pal of Chapman and Charles ("One Arm") Wolfe of Muncie. It was at the Hance home that Anderson and Chapman lived after their escape from Atlanta penitentiary and after Chapman attempted the robbery of a New Britain department store, which resulted in the slaying of a police officer. Hance was one of the principal witnesses against Chapman, following his arrest here.

Woman Witnesses Tragedy.  
Just what occurred on the highway before the fusillade of shots riddled Hance and his wife has not developed, although Wolfe, arrested in Muncie last night, is held under heavy guard. Wolfe refuses to talk. Mrs. Hance died instantly. Hance lived long enough to gasp out an accusation against Anderson and Wolfe.

A terrified farmer's wife, Mrs. Charles Cromer, standing on her front porch, witnessed the tragedy. She related:

"Three machines were coming down the road, one a small coupe, a large red automobile and the Hance car. The red machine passed the others almost in front of my house. The coupe pulled up in front of the Hance car and stopped. Mrs. Hance fell dead with a bullet through her head, and a man, supposed to be Anderson, began wrestling in the road. Several shots were fired at close range. Other shots were fired after the Hance car. The man who wounded just as he leaped over a fence."

The gunmen then turned their guns on the red machine which had stopped 200 yards up the road. Another machine which passed also was fired at before the two slayers jumped into the coupe and drove away.

To a Middleton officer called to the scene, Hance gasped: "He stayed at my home. I told on him. They shot me—Charles Wolfe and Dutch Anderson."

Hance, after being rushed to a Muncie hospital called for Fred Puckett, chief of detectives, but before Puckett arrived, Hance died. Puckett was one of the officers who aided in the capture of Chapman January. Several hours after the shooting Wolfe was arrested at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Myrtle Strahan. Wolfe maintained a stoic silence.

According to local officers the Hances lived in constant dread of Continued on Page 3, Column 4.

### Week-End Tips For Motorists

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

Hyde Park highway—Detour advised by County Engineer T. J. Prof Line road to be closed west to Sarnia. Longwoods road, near Sarnia, closed for local traffic. The road open for local traffic. The road open for local traffic. The road open for local traffic.

Prof Line road closed for paving from Sarnia to Sarnia. The road closed for paving from Sarnia to Sarnia. The road closed for paving from Sarnia to Sarnia.