

POLICE SAY HUSBAND MURDERED; PAIR HELD

Lakehead Area is Deluged

A torrential downpour of rain and hail yesterday left in its wake crop damage, flooded basements and interrupted power at the lakehead and district. Nearly one-and-a-half inches of rain was recorded.

The heavy downfall — described as one of the year's worst storms — started at 2:46 p.m. and continued intermittently until 1:28 this morning. Hail showers of considerable force were recorded on two occasions.

Port Arthur and points east appeared heaviest hit by the rain and hail, the weatherman at the Fort William airport reported. The fall of hail was the first recorded at the lakehead this year. Pieces bigger than marbles fell in some spots.

Because of yesterday's heavy rains, the Trans-Canada highway, number 17 is washed out at Arnold's creek, three miles west of Kakabeka Falls. The detour at this point is also blocked and the department advises west travellers to take route 17A out of Port Arthur.

Some Areas Unscathed

Hail and rain damage was fairly heavy although some areas escaped unscathed with only a patter of rain.

Corn and grain crops were levelled by the hammering hail, the first seen here in some years. The wind added to the crop devastation and the Trans-Canada highway (three miles west of Kakabeka Falls) was washed out by rain-swollen Arnold's creek. A barn was reported lost by fire in the Marillo district.

Around Kakabeka Falls and in Conmee and O'Connor townships, all crops, corn, grain and potatoes, were said to be flattened by the storm, although garden truck was exaggeration of course.

At Kakabeka Falls one resident described the hailstones as "big as footballs," adding that this was an exaggeration of course.

Afternoon rains yesterday washed out the highway west of Kakabeka Falls and guards were posted throughout the night in shifts to warn traffic at Arnold's creek in Conmee township. While there was heavy hail in the Kakabeka Falls district between six and seven p.m., one O'Connor township farmer stated no damage resulted to his farm property.

In South Gillies, to the east of O'Connor and Conmee townships, J. Couch reported that the sun shone all day, with a little rain last night, "hardly enough to settle the dust."

Slate River was clear of the storm. (Continued on Page 3, Column 4)

Record Wheat Crop Forecast On Prairies

WINNIPEG, Aug. 14 (CP) — The largest wheat crop ever grown on the Prairies was forecast today in the crop reports of the Winnipeg Free Press and the Winnipeg Tribune.

Both preliminary estimates were well above the record western harvest of 648,000,000.

Principals in Police Probe



Above are shown Josef Panok, 34, whose iron-weighted body was recovered from the McIntyre river, Port Arthur, last Friday, with his wife, Margret, 29. At right is George Hlady, 32, who roomed and boarded with them at 745 Simpson street. Chief T. A. Connor said this morning Panok had been murdered and that his wife and Hlady are being held in connection with the case on vagrancy charges laid yesterday afternoon.

BRIEF CIVIL CEREMONY

Anthony Eden Weds Niece of His Boss

LONDON, Aug. 14. (AP) — Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden today married his boss' niece, 32-year-old Clarissa Spencer-Churchill, in a brief civil ceremony.

Prime Minister Churchill was a witness as the daughter of his dead brother was united with his 35-year-old political heir apparent in London's Caxton Hall.

It was Eden's second marriage and his bride's first. Because of his divorce two years ago from the former Beatrice Beckett, today's ceremony could not be performed in the Church of England.

Crowd Cheers

Eden drove to the hall with his elder brother, Sir Timothy Eden, through a crowd estimated at some 2,000. The bridegroom wore a blue lounge suit with a white carnation in his buttonhole. He waved and beamed as the spectators clapped and cheered.

Ten minutes later the bride arrived, accompanied by her brother, John. She wore a lilac tulle dress with a dark, close-fitting hat and veiling.

The 77-year-old prime minister arrived with his wife and walked slowly up the steps of the hall. Mrs. Churchill wore mauve.

No Royalty

None of the Royal Family was



CLARISSA SPENCER-CHURCHILL

big day. He ignored the wild cheers of the crowd as he and Mrs. Churchill stepped from his limousine.

The romance between Eden and Churchill's vivacious blonde niece took all London by surprise when it was announced earlier this week.

Wife and Roomer In Custody After "Drowning" Probe

Joseph Panok, 34-year-old German immigrant whose iron-weighted body was recovered from the McIntyre river last Friday morning, was murdered, Chief T. A. Connor of the Port Arthur police said this morning.

At the same time he announced that Panok's attractive brunette wife, Margret, 29, and a man who roomed with them at 745 Simpson street, Fort William, George Hlady, 32, are being held on charges of vagrancy.

Following intensive investigation by four of the department's detectives and the questioning of Hlady and Mrs. Panok Monday and Tuesday, charges of vagrancy were laid against them in Port Arthur police court yesterday afternoon.

"Definitely Foul Play"

Chief Connor intimated that a more serious charge or charges may be laid against the pair after the case has been taken up with Crown Attorney P. V. Ibbetson who has been away from the city since before Panok's body was taken from the McIntyre river, and is expected back either tomorrow or Saturday.

"This is definitely foul play," said Chief Connor. "I would say it is cold-blooded murder."

Chief Connor said he does not know what the autopsy performed by Dr. A. E. Alim, provincial pathologist, revealed in the way of causes of Panok's death because the report goes directly to the crown attorney.

The body, however, was taken from the river mouth waters by Det. Sgt. Joe Radford and Const. Don Deakin, and photographed by the police showed:

A quarter-inch hard-twisted rope tightly looped twice around the neck and the third time around the face and across the mouth like a bit in the mouth. To this was tied with wire a 22-pound railway riser plate about two feet long, six inches wide and half-inch thick.

Above the right ear a deep wound that could have been made by a blow of something the size of a railway spike. The skull, however, was not penetrated, Chief Connor said.

Around the ankles was another piece of quarter-inch rope looped loosely twice, once through a hole in a second 22-pound railway riser plate.

Friends in Germany

The man might have been garrotted, killed or knocked unconscious by the blow above the ear or merely beaten unconscious when he was thrown into the water, Chief Connor said.

Police investigation showed that Mr. and Mrs. Panok came from the village of Peesne near Hannover, Germany, with their daughter, Karin, now five, last December.

At home they were friends of George Hlady, a Ukrainian who (Continued on Page 3, Column 3)

HEATH STREET HOME HIT BY LIGHTNING

The house of Ernest Tremblay, 1311 Heath St. was struck by lightning at 4:56 yesterday afternoon. The fuse box was damaged, and the services of an electrician were required, before the power could be restored. A few boards were also knocked from the wall.

WOMAN, 2 GRANDCHILDREN DIE

3 Perish as Flames

Mayor Moves For Gardens Inspection

One of Canada's leading engineering experts will inspect the Fort William Gardens "as soon as possible," Mayor Hubert Badanal announced today.

The engineering probe of the Gardens is equal to Ald. Limbrick's charge Tuesday at city council that the building is "unsafe" and should be examined by a "competent engineer."

Mayor Badanal has asked for "the best engineering expert obtainable in Canada" to come here to inspect the Gardens. In view of the alderman's charge, "we owe this to the people of Fort William — our taxpayers," the mayor added.

The mayor phoned Mr. Jenkins, of Jenkins and Wright, architects of Kitchener, this morning to inform him of Ald. Limbrick's statements and ask for the services of an engineering expert in building construction.

Mayor Badanal said he took this step "to clear up any possible doubt as to the safety of the Gardens."

The mayor termed Ald. Limbrick's statements too "alarming" to go unchallenged.

"I feel most of what Ald. Limbrick said was in the heat of debate and perhaps he may not have meant all he said," the mayor added.

"In reply to the question of safety of the Fort William Gardens, we as builders are not too concerned with the statements made, which would infer the structure is not safe," Oliver Claydon, manager of the Claydon Company, Limited, Gardens general contractor, stated today.

"We would heartily welcome inspection by an experienced and accepted authority," Mr. Claydon added.

Mr. Claydon said "the structural design of the building was carried out by competent designing engineers accepted as outstanding in concrete structural design."

"The project was under constant competent inspection during construction and since completion has been written up by the Canada Cement Company as an outstanding achievement."

OTTAWA, Aug. 14 (CP) — The Defence Department has been ordered to make a survey of Canada's three-year, multi-billion-dollar defence program so the government can see where it stands.