

### Death at Hollywood of Film Comedienne

"Mysterious and Unusual Circumstances in the Background," Says Official at Hollywood.

Death, generally supposed to have been caused by carbon monoxide poisoning, took from Hollywood this week one of the film colony's famous comedienne, Thelma Todd, the 30-year-old actress who went to Hollywood from Massachusetts five years ago. She had been a school teacher before entering the films.

Miss Todd had attended a party on Saturday night and had left about two o'clock Sunday morning. From that time until 10.30 Monday morning when the body of Miss Todd was found in her own car in the garage of Rowland West, half a mile from her own apartment, the movements of the actress have not been traced definitely.

Dr. A. F. Wagner, county autopsy surgeon, has stated that the poisonous carbon monoxide fumes from the engine of her car were the cause of death but Coroner Frank Nance said Tuesday that there is a multitude of "mysterious and unusual circumstances in the background."

Miss Todd and Rowland West, a former movie producer, were business partners in the Sidewalk Cafe. She lived in an apartment over the restaurant while he lived about half a mile up on a hillside.

She was driven from the party by her chauffeur, Ernest Peters, who understood her to say she had an appointment with someone for two o'clock in the morning. The theory that she was locked out of her apartment and went to get her car at Mr. West's garage, or went there to sleep in the car, and finding it cold early in the morning started the motor, held water until Mrs. Martha Ford told police she had talked with Miss Todd by telephone late on Sunday afternoon. Since this statement was made, the police have been working hard to bring out all evidence possible.

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### Ethiopians Drive the Italians Back

Retreat for Twelve Miles Admitted by Rome. Big Offensive Believed Started

According to despatches from Rome this week the long-awaited general battle in northern Ethiopia, toward which the Italian and Ethiopian armies have been manoeuvring for weeks, appeared to be under way on Tuesday with the first engagement a victory for the Ethiopians.

Italian outposts on the northern Ethiopian front have been attacked and defeated by an overwhelmingly superior Ethiopian force, a communique disclosed on Tuesday.

Desperate fighting is continuing. So far four Italian officers, nine white soldiers and several scores of Eritrean native troops in the Italian force are known to have been killed or wounded and three officers have been wounded.

The engagement occurred on the Takkaze River, 93 miles west-northwest of Makale which is the peak of the Italian front line, on the main caravan route back to Addis. The route is the line of communication to the front and has been harassed constantly by Ethiopian guerrillas.

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The Ethiopians, 3,000 strong, were believed to be of the warriors of the fierce Ras Seyoum, commanding the most advanced Ethiopian forces on the northern front. He has been restrained by the Emperor only with difficulty from attacking the Italians.

News of the fighting came in an Italian communique, which said:

"Marshall (Pietro) Badoglio (Commander-in-chief) telegraphs that strong enemy forces estimated at 3,000 attacked outposts along the River Takkaze near Mai Timchet.

"Our Eritrean bands after desperate resistance retreated to the Dembeguina Pass.

"At the same time another troop of armed Ethiopians crossed the river to effect an encircling operation in the Soire zone, whose population has submitted to us.

"The enemy's operation gave rise to a battle which is still in progress, in which our aviation and detachments armed with tanks are participating actively.

### Officers Elected at the Legion Monday

Very Large Attendance with Members in Enthusiastic Mood. Officers Elected are the Popular Choice of Members.

The general meeting of the Canadian Legion held on Monday evening in the Timmins Branch Legion hall, was one of the best attended for many a long time. Interest centred of course, around the election of officers and the result of the ballot in which eleven members contested the six seats. Those elected are as follows:

President—A. Neame, by acclamation  
1st vice-president—James Cowan  
2nd vice-president—A. Borland, Sr.  
Executive Officers  
T. Parsons, W. Graves, Dr. A. S. Porter and Fred Curtis.

The runners-up were: J. Bown, F. Burt, A. Bellamy, J. Harris and W. A. Devine.

During the evening each of the candidates addressed the meeting and their remarks brought loud applause. Everyone seemed set upon one thing—this being to put the Provincial convention over in a big way. Every member elected was a very popular choice and those who suffered defeat assured the members of their support to the branch and its officers.

One very important item of business was the placing of a cheque for \$1,450 towards the building. This with another very generous amount from the building committee will be returned as an initial payment to the mines of the district; the local mines advancing the money in the first place for the present fine structure. In showed that the officers of the branch had been very conservative in their expenditures and the activities engaged in had been for the sole purpose of seeking to pay off the indebtedness.

Walter Graves spoke for the Sick Visiting committee and asked for a vote of thanks for Comrades West and Harrison. This was accorded.

Austin Neame, spoke upon matters of relief. He voiced the thanks of the members to the Lions Club for their help in providing clothing, etc. "It is gratifying," he said, "to tell the members that transient relief has fallen to such an extent that I have not had many callers at all during the past month."

The policy adopted this year by the branch of dispensing with the Christmas parties for the children and providing food and assistance to the servicemen's families, met with enthusiastic approval of the members. One letter received was quoted: "Please don't send toys; it's grub we need." The

In all it was a most enjoyable meeting and with the spirit now showing five children will get both, among the members 1936 should be a banner year for the Legion here.

### Vimy Monument the Most Outstanding in Europe

The Canadian war memorial on Vimy Ridge is "the most outstanding" on the western front, Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, former Canadian High Commissioner to Great Britain said at Toronto this week. Mr. Ferguson returned from London over the week-end. He saw the monument on his way back to London from Geneva recently. "There was a time," he said today, "when I feared Canada would be disappointed with her Vimy memorial, but I have changed my mind. It is beautiful—the most outstanding memorial on the western front. The great French memorial doesn't begin to compare with it."

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SCHUMACHER Men's and Boys' Wear

### North Bay Christmas Tree is Going Round and Round

W. E. Brady, of North Bay, has an unusual Christmas tree on the veranda of his home. It is a revolving Christmas tree. The trunk of the tree is set in the hub of an automobile wheel and the latter is made to spin by the use of a small motor. As a result the Christmas tree turns round and round and being brilliantly lighted with coloured bulbs, it certainly makes an unusual picture.

But nevertheless it does seem that there should be a law against it—especially in North Bay. Imagine a typical North Bay man coming home from a party and seeing that contraption! Once some North Bay men saw two moons in the sky and they have never been the same since. What would an honest North Bay good scout think on his way home from the party when he would see, not only the gates and the houses going round a little, but a Christmas tree apparently outside and turning round and round? The poor

fellow would lose all his Christmas joy in the thought that not only were things upside down and topsy-turvy, but North Bay, like Glasgow, had started going "round and round."

### TWENTY-FIVE APPEALS FROM ASSESSMENT AT COCHRANE

There were no less than 25 appeals against the assessment at Cochrane this week, the number of appeal, and especially those of T. & N. O. employees creating more than usual interest. The T. & N. O. men pointed out to the court of revision that an agreement for a fixed assessment for them had been in effect for some years. After hearing the details of the matter the Cochrane council granted the appeals of the T. & N. O. employees, placing the assessments at former figures. Few other appeals were granted by the council. The Imperial Oil Co. appealed their business assessment claiming that they should have been classed as manufacturers rather than as wholesalers. The court of revision in this case, however, upheld the assessment. The case is expected to be taken before the judge.

### Hospitals Not to Succumb to High-Pressure Guys

A despatch this week from Toronto says that Ontario public and private hospitals have been warned to refrain from lending their names to promoters of fake or unethical charity drives under penalty of license cancellation. A letter was addressed to all hospitals over the signature of Dr. B. T. McGhie, Deputy Minister of Health. Dr. McGhie said the warning was issued following "complaints from the Toronto Business Men's Protective Association and other individuals," that numerous small hospitals had been "tools" of promoters.

### Baby Boy Burned to Death in Stove at Washago, Ont.

One of the most shocking stories to come over the telegraph wires for some time is that of the horrible death of a six-months-old baby at Washago, the youngster being badly burned through being dropped into the kitchen stove. On account of the condition of the mother it is impossible to learn what happened to the youngster—whether it fell into the stove from its mother's arms or how it came to fall into the fire. The story so far as can be learned until the mother is able to give an account herself is told in the following despatch from Orillia yesterday:—"Mrs. Collin Cudmore, 40-year-old wife of the assistant station agent at nearby Washago, slept under a powerful sedative in hospital here to-night while provincial police investigated the strange death to-day of her six-months-old boy, Jackie. The baby was fatally burned in the kitchen stove at the Cudmore home at Washago, 12 miles north of here. Police said he and his mother were alone in the house, two other children having left for school, and they asserted that Jackie could not have got into the stove himself. Coroner Dr. W. E. Brown, refusing to comment on the case in any way, ordered an inquest to be opened Thursday night. Police said no charges have been laid. An hour before noon, provincial police here were called to Washago. They were told that Mrs. Cudmore had dropped her baby in the stove. The woman, it was reported, had rushed across the road to the Canadian National Railways station, screaming for her husband, Roy, 12, and James, 10, the other Cudmore children, were at school. Cudmore ran to the house and rescued the baby from the flames. Witnesses said the mother was in an uncontrollable state of hysterics. The baby, horribly burned, its face seared almost beyond recognition, died shortly after the arrival of Dr. R. E. Hipwell. In the opinion of the doctor, the child had not been in the fire long. He said he was called about 11 o'clock, but he understood the baby was taken from the stove sometime earlier. Provincial Constables Bert Hammer of Barrie and Jack Woodward of Orillia worked in the investigation with Joseph Abernathy, Orillia constable. None of the three would discuss the case. Mrs. Cudmore was brought to Orillia Soldiers' Memorial hospital late to-day by Dr. Hipwell, who said she was distraught and extremely nervous. She was quieted and finally put to sleep by a sedative."

## Christmas Potted Plants

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- GEESE, Grade A, per lb. 24c
- DUCKS, Grade A, per lb. 26c
- HAMBURG, Pure Pork, per lb. 19c
- FRESH HAMS, whole, per lb. 19c
- FRESH HAMS, half, per lb. 21c

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