

A TRAGIC DEATH

ON AUGUST

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**Search for
Loot Ends
In 4 Deaths**

OAK ISLAND, N.S. (AP) —
A six-year, \$200,000 hunt for a
legendary pirate treasure
has ended in death for Robert
Restall, his son and two oth-
ers.

The four men died Tuesday
on tiny Oak Island, off Nova
Scotia's south coast. They
were overcome by gas in a
shaft 27 feet deep, one of
about 200 bored by treasure
seekers in the past 170 years.

Two treasure hunters who
escaped from the shaft
thought the men were over-
come by "swamp gas." Oth-
ers theorized that a gasoline
pump engine over the mouth
of the pit had filled the hole
with carbon monoxide.

A fifth man was pulled un-
conscious from the pit, and
two others climbed to safety
before they were overcome.

Restall was convinced he
had found the key to the net-
work of tunnels and shafts
where legend says Captain
Kidd and other pirates hid
treasure worth between \$30
million and \$200 million.

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