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## ALLEGED NANAIMO BANK BANDITS TRAPPED

### UTILITY RATE REVISION WOULD MEAN DECREASE OF \$14,000 IN REVENUE

#### Six Men, Two of Them Formerly on Seattle Police Force, Fall Into The Hands of Their Pursuers

SEATTLE, Dec. 23.—With a single cast of their net over western Washington last night, Canadian and American officials, assisted by detectives, trapped six of the eight men accused of the spectacular hold-up and \$30,000 robbery on December 12 from the branch of the Royal Bank of Canada at Nanaimo.

The two most noted prisoners are Ross C. Watson, until recently of the Seattle police force, who was dismissed from the detective department a few weeks ago and charged with completely in the \$22,000 Bon Marche robbery here on August 8, and Clarence H. Shively, former Seattle patrolman, convicted and sentenced to two years for a dry law violation and awaiting trial in connection with last year's Bank of California bond robbery here. The others are William Bagley, T. N. Johnson, Harry Stone alias Ladean, and another suspect whose name is given as Hunter and who is said to have been Shively's boatman in rum running ventures.

**CEMETERY ROAD BYLAW WILL BE PUT TO PEOPLE**  
Measure to Authorize the Expenditure of \$17,000 for Grading Park Avenue to be Voted Upon

**SERBIA WILL FIGHT REDS**  
Foreign Minister says Struggle Against Bolshevism is Starting in Europe

**DEATH CAUSED BY EXPLOSION WHEN THAWING PIPES**  
VICTORIA, Dec. 23.—Abe Grump, aged 42, is dead as a result of burns sustained when the substance he was using to thaw frozen pipes exploded, the flaming liquor enveloping him. He died soon after.

**IMPERIAL CONFERENCE TO TALK DISARMAMENT**  
British Government Today Asks Dominions to Agree to Meeting Being Held

**MARRIED TODAY**  
Lilly Woods of Aiyahs was married this morning at 10 o'clock to Kenneth Cecil of Port Simpson in the Indian Agent's office, Rev. G. G. Hacker officiating. The witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cecil, father and mother of the bridegroom. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left for Port Simpson by gashoat where they will in future reside.

**WIRELESS REPORT**  
(8 a.m.)  
DEAD TREE POINT.—Clear; calm; barometer 30.18; temperature 22; sea smooth.  
BULL HARBOR.—Clear; light southeast wind; barometer 30.56; temperature 28; sea smooth; 7.45 p.m. spoke steamer Griffon 156 miles from Anyox northbound; 9.45 p.m. spoke steamer Venture leaving Wadhams southbound.  
DIGBY ISLAND.—Clear; calm; barometer 30.82; temperature 34; sea smooth.  
Noon  
DEAD TREE POINT.—Clear; calm; barometer 30.53; temperature 37; sea smooth.  
BULL HARBOR.—Clear; light southeast wind; barometer 30.44; temperature 37; sea smooth; Canadian Rover due Ocean Falls 9.30 p.m. northbound.  
DIGBY ISLAND.—Clear; calm; barometer 30.82; temperature 35; sea smooth.

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**VOLUNTEER COMING TO LOCAL DRY DOCK**  
The Canadian Government Merchant Marine freighter Canadian Volunteer, Capt. Gilbert, will arrive in port on Saturday evening to go on the Canadian National Dry Dock for general overhaul. The Canadian Volunteer is engaged in coastal freighting between Ocean Falls and California and formerly called here for over-cargoes.

**QUESTION OF EXPERT IS AGAIN DISCUSSED**  
Superintendent of Utilities and Former Chief Engineer Gave Opinions to Council Last Night

The matter of obtaining an expert to make a survey of hydro-electric extension possibilities at Woodworth Lake was again discussed at last night's meeting of the city council. Superintendent Love gave reasons for recommending the engagement of Mr. Youill of Vancouver. James Black, former chief engineer at Shawatlans, was of the opinion that Mr. Anderson, through past experience, was perhaps the best fitted to give the advice the city now required. Both Mr. Love and Mr. Black agreed, however, that Mr. Ross, the Seattle expert, was possibly the most eminent authority the city could obtain.

**FUNERAL OF LATE GEORGE COOK TODAY**  
Well Known Fisherman is Laid to Rest in Fairview Cemetery, Archdeacon G. A. Rix Officiating

The funeral of the late George Cook, whose death occurred in the Prince Rupert General Hospital on Friday evening last, took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the B.C. Undertakers parlors to Fairview Cemetery, Archdeacon G. A. Rix officiating. There were a large number of friends of deceased and his family present to pay their last respects. Pallbearers were Herbert Gormier, Joe Prince, James Parsons, Lawrence Lawler, Pete Peterson and Harry Goodman.

**LESS UNEMPLOYED**  
LONDON, Dec. 23.—According to statistics recently issued by the Ministry of Labor the number of persons recorded on the registers of employment exchanges in Great Britain was 1,218,400. This was 9,623 less than on November 3 and 67,223 less than on December 31, 1923.



Some of the British cavalry which was on the spot during the recent Egyptian crisis are shown crossing a desert waste in that country.

#### MERCHANTS TO HELP DINNER

Donations of Foodstuffs are Promised Salvation Army For Christmas

Several of the local merchants have promised foodstuffs to the Salvation Army for the unemployed dinner. Mrs. Rea asks that those giving donations in this connection kindly send in the goods on Tuesday in order that it can be properly prepared for Christmas Day.

#### DIRIGIBLE IN XMAS STUNT

Los Angeles, Formerly ZR3, Will Take Role of Aerial Tree

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The huge dirigible Los Angeles (formerly ZR3) on Christmas Eve will fly over New York City after dark bedecked with lights like an aerial Christmas tree. From her radio will be broadcast messages from the good St. Nicholas.

#### HOCKEY SCORES

Regina 7, Edmonton 0, at Regina.  
Calgary 1, Saskatoon 0, at Saskatoon.  
Victoria 1, Vancouver 0, at Vancouver.

#### Council Debates on Subject of Reducing Electric Light and Power Rates This Year

Whether or not there is to be a reduction of electric light rates brought into effect by this year's council was the subject that engaged the city fathers in considerable discussion last night.

The matter came up when Ald. Macdonald, chairman of the utilities committee, asked leave to introduce a bylaw to this effect. Copies of the bylaw had been submitted to each of the aldermen and it was the request of Ald. Macdonald that they be perused carefully. It was not the desire of the utilities committee to rush the thing through.

Ald. Collart stated that he was not in favor of the council, in its dying hours, giving effect to any such bylaw. It was an important matter involving as it did a drastic cut in revenues. He had reason to doubt whether all the members of the utilities committee were fully aware of the contents of the bylaw.

**Asks Refer Back**  
Ald. Clapp asked that the bylaw be referred back to the utilities committee for further consideration. Neither he nor Ald. Smith had expressed an opinion upon it.

Mayor Newton was inclined to resent the suggestion made by Ald. Clapp. The proposal for reduced rates had been discussed by the committee many months since and he had understood that the committee was decided upon the question. In any case, no objection had been expressed. Improvements and savings had been brought about in the working of the utilities this year and it now looked like there would be a surplus for the year of \$34,000.

Ald. Clapp stated that there had never been a definite financial statement on the utilities submitted this year. To this, Superintendent Love, who was (continued on page 6)

#### GERMANS AND FRENCH SLOW IN AGREEING

Little Progress is Made Regarding Trade Matters After Weeks of Negotiations

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The suggestion that commercial negotiations between France and Germany are dragging because German and English manufacturers have already concluded an alliance is made by chief editor of "Le Journal" who declares the Anglo-German agreement was signed in three days practically without discussion. Negotiations between France and Germany have made little headway after weeks.

#### LEON TROTSKY STORM CENTRE

Split in Communist Party Results in Unceasing Attacks on Soviet War Lord

MOSCOW, Dec. 23.—Although Leon Trotsky is now out of the political arena and far removed from bitter party strife, attacks upon him from within and without the Communist party continue unceasingly. Throughout the fusillade, Trotsky remains silent, alone and in broken health. The fight against Trotsky is the unexpected result of a split in the Communist party but it is unlikely to go beyond a formal vote censuring the war lord of Russia at the coming party congress. It is not believed Trotsky will attempt to form a faction of his own but will defend himself by writing and speeches.

#### FRANCE WANTS TO PAY DEBTS

But Breathing Spell Will be Required, Ambassador Jusserand Declares—Expects Preference

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Referring French Ambassador Jusserand last night told an audience here that France, after a moratorium for breathing spell, would begin repaying her war debt to the United States. He said, however, that France would expect preferential treatment from the United States over other war debtors because France had suffered the greatest loss of life and blood and had been the battleground. M. Jusserand spoke vigorously of France's determination to hurl communism back.

#### DUNDEE CHOOSES LABORITE AGAIN

By-election Made Necessary by Death of Edmond Morel Results in Choice of T. Johnson

DUNDEE, Dec. 23.—T. Johnson, Laborite, was today elected to parliament over the Liberal candidate, E. D. Simon. Johnson received 22,973 votes and Simon 10,234. The election was necessitated by the death of Edmond Morel, Labor member.