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## WATSON'S ALIBI COMMENCING TO WEAKEN

### LARGE NUMBER MEN TO BE EMPLOYED AT ISLAND PLANT STARTING MARCH

#### Seattle Police Chief is Not so Certain Now Where Detective Was

SEATTLE, Dec. 30. — Chief of Police William Severson, who had announced his belief in the innocence of Ex-Detective Ross Watson accused of participating in the Nanaimo Royal Bank robbery, was less positive today after checking up Watson's alibi.

"Some details of Watson's alibi don't pan out," said the chief, "and of course that doesn't do him any good."

Two of Watson's strongest alibi witnesses also denied that they had testified against Watson in Washington State at the time the robbery occurred.

The extradition hearing has set for January 12. The attorneys for the four suspects are applying for bail.

#### DIRECTOR OF HOME BANK IS FOUND GUILTY

J. F. M. Stewart is Convicted and Sentence Will be Passed January 15

TORONTO, Dec. 30. — J. F. M. Stewart of Toronto, a director of the Home Bank, was today found guilty of negligence in signing false and deceptive statements in connection with the affairs of the bank. Sentence will be passed on January 15.

Three directors and one official have now been convicted following the investigation of the affairs of the defunct bank.

#### ENGLISH GALE DOES DAMAGE

Terrific Wind Sweeps Water Before it on to Shore

LONDON, Dec. 30. — The gale which has been sweeping the English coast endangering shipping and causing much damage has subsided.

At Fleetwood the sea advanced like a tidal wave causing the only road leading inland to be impassable.

Selby, in Yorkshire, was almost washed out by the rising of the river Ouse. Household fires were extinguished by the flood and the furniture set afloat. Preston was also flooded out.

In the upper reaches of the river Thames the water is still rising.

#### FORMER ALDERMAN OF VANCOUVER IS DEAD

Body of William P. Roberts Found Beside Open Gas Stove in West End Apartments

VANCOUVER, Dec. 30. — Seated in a chair near a gas stove in his room in a west end apartment block with the gas pouring forth from open jets, the body of William P. Roberts, pioneer resident and former alderman, was found late Monday afternoon by the janitor. He had been dead an hour.

#### TO REWARD FLYERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30. — President Coolidge has asked the general staff of the army to recommend suitable reward and recognition for the army's round the world flyers it is announced at the White House.

Legislative Library  
Parliament Buildings  
Mon. to Sat.

#### NOT IN FAVOR CHURCH UNION

Local Presbyterians Vote Against Combination under Federal Act

#### LOCAL CHURCH AGAINST UNION

The congregation of the local Presbyterian Church last night voted against Church Union by 64 to 11. The voting took place in the church and those in charge of the balloting were J. L. Christie, Geo. Rorie and Thomas McClymont.

Yesterday the voting commenced in all Presbyterian Churches throughout Canada on the question of entering into the United Church of Canada with the Methodists and Congregationalists or staying out of the United Church in a "continuing Presbyterian Church." The membership of the individual churches as at July 19 last, the date of the passing of the "United Church of Canada Act," has the say, one member one vote and the majority carries. If the majority of registered members in any church decides to stay out, that church will remain with the "continuing church" and church property will be transferred to it.

#### JAILER'S WIFE STOPS ESCAPE OF PRISONER

Pelted Rocks at Man Trying to Get Out of Prison Window

EDMONTON, Ky., Dec. 30. — Mrs. C. T. Garrett, wife of the jailer of Metcalfe county, blocked a jail delivery here after she discovered Edward Jennings, awaiting trial on a charge of highway robbery, half way out of a window, the bars of which he had loosened.

Mrs. Garrett gathered an armful of rocks and began to throw them at Jennings. They came so close that the prisoner crawled back out of range.

Jennings said later the first three rocks were "three strikes" and, as Mrs. Garrett's aim was improving, he abandoned his attempt to escape.

#### DATE OF ELECTION IS FORMALLY SET

Nominations Will be Received on January 12 and Voting Will Take Place on January 15

A motion by Ald. Collart and Ald. Perry setting January 12 between the hours of 12 and 2 as the time for receiving nominations for the civic election, January 15 from 8 in the morning until 8 in the evening as the time for balloting and appointing City Solicitor E. F. Jones as returning officer was passed at last night's meeting of the city council. Mr. Jones' assistants will be drawn as far as possible from the city hall staff and the deputy returning officers will be Ernest Enwin, Herbert Hampton, D. Balfour and E. S. Allison.

#### HOME NAVY IS FAVORED

A. W. Neill Will Bring up Canadian Defence at Next Session

OTTAWA, Dec. 30. — The question of naval defence of the Canadian coasts will be brought before the House of Commons at the approaching session by A. W. Neill, member for Comox-Alberni, who has given notice that he will move "that Canada should prepare to bear some portion of the naval defence of our sea coasts and of our ocean-borne lines of commerce."

#### PETER WRIGHT OF VANCOUVER DEAD

Was Pioneer Retail Merchant and Came to Southern City 25 Years Ago

VANCOUVER, Dec. 30. — Peter Wright, one of the city's best known retail merchants and a pioneer resident, is dead. He came from West Neath, Ontario, twenty-five years ago and was a partner with Ex-Mayor T. S. Baxter in the furniture business.



U.S. Senator Francis Warren, aged 82, of Wyoming, has been re-elected for another six-year term, is the oldest member in Congress.

#### Hon. Fred A. Pauline is Appointed Agent General For Province at London

(Special to Daily News.)  
VICTORIA, Dec. 30. — Hon. Frederick Arthur Pauline of Saanich, former speaker of the British Columbia Legislature, has been appointed Agent General for B.C. in London succeeding the late F. C. Wade.

The new Agent General was born at Henley-on-Thames, England, on September 19, 1861, of Huguenot ancestry. He received his education in England and came to Canada in 1883 and in 1890 was married in Victoria. For many years he was in the wholesale dry goods business in Victoria, having retired in 1911.

Besides having served two terms as member for Saanich and one as Speaker in the Legislature, Mr. Pauline has been a member of the Victoria city council as well as president of the Board of Trade. Experience gained at all these posts will fit him well for his new sphere but, perhaps of more benefit to British Columbia will be his enthusiasm for industrial development in the province particularly with reference to the creation of an iron and steel industry.

It is generally conceded that the choice of a new Agent General has fallen on a man who will fill the office with effectiveness and dignity, making a worthy successor to the late Mr. Wade.

#### Kid McCoy is Found Guilty of Manslaughter and Sentence is to be Passed on Friday Next

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30. — Kid McCoy, former famous pugilist, has been convicted in the Superior Court here on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the shooting of Mrs. Theresa Mors. The penalty for the crime is from one to ten years' imprisonment.

Shedding tears, McCoy said he believed the verdict was unjust. "If I am not guilty as charged, I am not guilty at all," he said.

The foreman of the jury said it was a compromise verdict. McCoy was charged with murder.

Sentence will be passed on Friday. An appeal will be entered by McCoy's counsel.

#### CANADIAN VOLUNTEER HERE FOR OVERHAUL

C.G.M.M. Freighter Arrived From South at Six O'clock Last Night

C.G.M.M. freighter Canadian Volunteer, Capt. Sutherland, arrived in port from the south at six o'clock last night for general overhaul at the Canadian National dry dock. She discharged 500 tons of coal at the Albert McCaffery dock this morning and will be taken up on the pontoons early tomorrow morning for inspection and necessary repairs.

#### Lumber Mill at Queen Charlotte City Taken Over and Will Resume

The lumber mill at Queen Charlotte City, formerly owned by the North American Timber Holdings Co., has recently been sold to Messrs. Ewart and Sirell of Vancouver. A. J. McCullough, who was superintendent of the Buckley Bay mill for a considerable time, is leaving on the next trip of the Prince John to get the machinery in order and have the mill running in March.

The mill at present has a capacity of 50,000 feet a day and this will be increased by the new owners to 75,000 feet a day by the installation of a re-saw and a new boiler and engine. A bath mill is also to be installed.

When operations commence in March between 125 and 150 men will be employed. Several mechanics and millwrights will arrive from Vancouver in the near future to assist with the installation of new machinery at the mill.

Speaking of the lumber situation in the New Year, Mr. McCullough says that the lumber men in Vancouver are very optimistic as to the future outlook and that the bad times will soon be a thing of the past. Already the price of logs and lumber has gone up a little which augurs well for the future market.

#### REDUCTION IN UTILITY RATES DECIDED UPON

Ald. Macdonald's Bylaw Wins Out After Long Debate in City Council

Ald. Macdonald's light and power rate reduction bylaw won its way into the city council last night and was given its first readings after permission for its being introduced was granted on the following division: for the bylaw, Ald. Macdonald, Ald. Casey, Ald. McMorde and Ald. Smith; against, Ald. Collart, Ald. Perry and Ald. Clapp. Ald. Ewert did not vote.

Having given notice of motion last week, Ald. Macdonald moved that the bylaw be introduced and found a seconder in Ald. Smith. Ald. Collart, seconded by Ald. Perry, moved an amendment that the bylaw be referred back to the committee with a view to bringing about an equalization of rates without reducing the revenue so drastically. This done, Ald. Collart declared he would support the bylaw.

Ald. Macdonald stated that the bylaw proposed would bring about the desired equalization. As the objection to reduction in revenue, he was of the opinion that this would be made up for in a degree by increased consumption.

#### LIQUOR HEAD TO TOUR PROVINCE

Hugh Davidson Will Investigate Conditions Throughout British Columbia

VICTORIA, Dec. 30. — To investigate liquor conditions, Hugh Davidson, recently appointed British Columbia liquor commissioner, is planning a tour throughout the province shortly.

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#### APPLICATION OF PROVINCE

Premier Oliver Says Discrimination Against B.C. re Crow's Nest Rates to be Pro-tested

VICTORIA, Dec. 30. — The British Columbia government yesterday prepared a formal application to the railway commission for an order making the Crow's Nest freight rates applicable to eastbound as well as westbound goods.

Premier Oliver issued a statement saying the government was protesting any discrimination against this province arising from the federal government's decision to temporarily restore the Crow's Nest rates.

#### JAP STEAMER CATCHES FIRE

Passengers and Crew of Ginyo Maru Forced to Lifeboats on California Coast

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30. — A fire which broke out aboard the Japanese steamer Ginyo Maru last night and forced 79 passengers and most of the vessel's crew of 103 to take to the lifeboats, is still being battled against today.

According to signals received the occupants of the lifeboats have been picked up. One hold is loaded with nitrate and an explosion is feared. The passengers were forced to leave hurriedly without their belongings.

#### FOR MAYOR

At the request of many friends and ratepayers in the city I beg to announce myself as candidate in the mayoralty contest for 1925. I will announce my platform in the course of a few days.

THEO. COLLART,  
Alderman.