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## BANDITS ROB NANAIMO BANK AND ESCAPE

### SAMUEL GOMPERS HEAD OF UNITED STATES LABOR DIED THIS MORNING

#### Six Bandits Held up and Robbed Royal Bank at Nanaimo of Forty to Fifty Thousand Dollars

##### Police Round up Suspect at Seattle and Search Being Made for Others: Airplane on Warpath

NANAIMO, Dec. 13.—Six armed bandits held up and robbed the branch of the Royal Bank shortly before three o'clock yesterday afternoon and secured cash estimated at between forty and fifty thousand dollars. They were evidently after the sack containing the miners' payroll of over \$100,000 which they failed to secure. It was in a section of the safe which they could not open.

The men with guns entered the bank and made the clerks and customers lie prone on their backs in the office. While covered with two guns in the hands of one of the bandits, the others proceeded to take all the cash in sight.

A car was waiting outside with the engine running and after taking the cash they escaped in it. Several hours later this car was found abandoned six miles south of here near Boat Harbor, and a half mile off the main island highway.

It is presumed that a speed boat was waiting for the men who immediately put to sea in an attempt to reach American soil. Police and armed posses were soon on the trail and speed boats set out in all directions in an effort to overtake the bandits.

At nine o'clock last night H.M.C.S. Patrician left Esquimalt in an endeavor to locate the robbers.

##### Rounding Them Up

SEATTLE, Dec. 13.—It is believed one of the robbers of the Royal Bank at Nanaimo has been identified. He was surrounded in the woods to the north of the city today by the police. All reserves are being rushed to the zone of the search, which is also being conducted for other members of the gang here.

It is believed that the bandits came here through Bellingham in an automobile.

##### Airplane Was Sent

NANAIMO, Dec. 13.—Among the efforts made to try to prevent the bandits escaping to the American side was the sending of an airplane from Vancouver by Attorney General Manson. The aviators were ordered to descend and engage in battle with the robbers if they were discovered.

#### FIRE ESCAPES AT HOSPITAL ARE NOW BEING CONSTRUCTED

The contract for the erection of fire escapes at the hospital has been let to Mitchell & Currie and work has already commenced. President D. G. McRae reported at last night's meeting on behalf of the executive committee which had been given power to act on the matter. The lowest tender, \$1,195, had been submitted by John S. Nelson but Mr. Nelson had discovered that he had made a mistake and had asked to withdraw his tender. The next lowest tender, that of \$2,297, submitted by Mitchell & Currie, had then been accepted.

It is rumored about town that a branch of the famous Army and Navy stores is to be established here.

#### ANYOX HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM IS TO PLAY GAME HERE

A basketball team representing the Anyox High School will visit Prince Rupert next week and, on the evening of December 19 at the Auditorium, will play a team representing the Prince Rupert High School.

As an additional attraction for the evening, there will be an all-star game between a picked team of local Senior players.

#### HOSPITAL BOARD HOLDS MEETING

Per Capita Cost in November was \$3.38—Shortage at End of Year Appears Probable

The per capita cost per day for patients at the Prince Rupert General Hospital during the month of November was \$3.38 according to report submitted at the regular monthly meeting of the hospital board last night by S. K. Campbell, chairman of the finance committee. This, considering the season of the year, Mr. Campbell felt, was satisfactory. Speaking of hospital finances generally, Mr. Campbell announced that there would probably be some shortage at the end of the year and it was proposed to seek assistance from the city.

Business of the meeting last night was largely of a routine nature and there was nothing of outstanding importance. President D. G. McRae was in the chair and other directors present were S. K. Campbell, Mrs. Parsons, W. E. Collison, J. H. Thompson, E. H. Mortimer, T. Ross Mackay and Harry Birch, secretary.

The matter of insurance for the ambulance was left with the secretary with power to act. A letter from M. M. Stephens, also regarding insurance, was read and ordered filed.

A letter from the Victor X-ray Co. in connection with the installation of the x-ray and instruction and service in connection with it was also read. Members of the board felt that the recent new installation was proving satisfactory and was giving good results.

##### Isolation Cases

The report of the lady superintendent stated that the isolation hospital was in use and would probably continue to be used for some time yet. One nurse had been ill during the month. There was a shortage of linen. The administration of the hospital was going along in the usual manner with little decrease in patients. The supplying of blinds for the nurses' home had been appreciated.

J. H. Thompson, chairman of the house committee, reported that the matter of observing Christmas at the hospital had been left in the hands of the lady superintendent, a limit on expenditure in connection therewith as far as the board is concerned being placed at \$50.



Alfred E. Smith, Jr., son of the governor of New York, is shown with his bride, Miss Bertha Gold, of Syracuse, N.Y., on their way to Albany to secure the parental blessings.

#### INTERIOR NEWS TELLS VALUE OF ELEVATOR OF WHOLE NORTH COUNTRY

Says Distinct Step Forward in Establishing Importance of Northern Port

The notice of the federal government calling for tenders for the construction of the foundations for the new grain elevator at Prince Rupert represents the first definite step to be taken since the dramatic and well timed announcement was made last summer says the Interior News. As is usual with government enterprises, there has been a delay in getting the actual work under way, but the news will nevertheless be received with gratification by everyone in the North.

##### Labor Required

It is almost impossible to exaggerate the importance of the new elevator to Prince Rupert and the interior, as it represents a distinct step forward in establishing the importance of the northern port to the Canadian grain trade. The work of construction will absorb a large amount of the surplus skilled and unskilled labor of Northern British Columbia, although it is not expected that ground will be broken until well into the new year. When finally completed the new elevator will offer an easy outlet for the grain of interior farmers with a minimum of transportation charges. Finally, and most important to Smithers and other divisional points between Edmonton and Prince Rupert, the building and operation of the elevator will undoubtedly result in giving an impetus to all branches of railway work.

##### Equal to Any

The elevator will have a capacity of 1,250,000 bushels and its equipment will be the equal of any terminal elevator in the Dominion.

Thousands of dollars will be paid out in wages and for material, which will directly or indirectly benefit all lines of business in Northern British Columbia. With the existing depression in the lumber industry and the lagging state of mining in the district, the building of the grain elevator at Prince Rupert stands out as the one bright star on an otherwise pessimistic horizon.

The News congratulates those responsible for the erection of the new northern port facility.

#### PREMIER OF SWEDEN IS SERIOUSLY ILL

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 13.—Hjalmar Branting, premier of Sweden, is seriously ill. It is understood that he has developed inflammation of the lungs. Great fears that he will not recover are entertained.

#### PASSENGER COACH ON FREIGHT TRAINS ASKED

SMITHERS, Dec. 13.—The regular monthly meeting of the Smithers District Board of Trade was held in the Municipal office on Monday night. Several important matters pertaining to the welfare of this district were under discussion among which was a suggestion endorsed by the meeting that the Canadian National Railway be asked to attach a coach to the regular freight trains, as an accommodation for travellers, which could be used on the days when no passenger trains are running.

##### SIR THOMAS LIPTON



Tea and yacht king, says he will make another attempt for America Cup

#### Samuel Gompers Passed Today Conscious to the Last and Full of Fight to the End: Last Words

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 13.—Samuel Gompers, the famous labor leader, died this morning. The primary cause of his death was acute heart disease with pulmonary Cadema. Mr. Gompers had been improving during the night but a change occurred this morning and he failed steadily until he died at 8:30 a.m.

Prior to his death Mr. Gompers was conscious most of the time and able to talk to the physicians. He apparently knew his end was near. Calling his closest friends to his bedside he talked over with them the funeral arrangements.

#### CONSTRUCT ROAD TO JASPER PARK DURING THE COMING SUMMER

EDMONTON, Dec. 13.—The Government of Alberta will make an effort to complete the highway to Jasper next year. No appropriation will be made for the work but the money will come out of the general appropriation.

The opening of the road to Jasper Park will mean a great deal for the park and also for this city. Many tourists will stop off here and drive to the park instead of taking train all the way and Edmonton people will have an opportunity to drive there for week ends.

#### MANY BOOKINGS CHRISTMAS BOAT

One Hundred Passengers Already Have Reservations for Prince Rupert—Leaving Here Friday

Many local people are planning on leaving here by the steamer Prince Rupert next Friday afternoon to spend the Christmas and New Year vacation in the south. Already one hundred reservations have been booked for the steamer at the C.N.R. city ticket office and those who delay much longer will have to satisfy themselves with upper berths for few entire rooms are left on the berthing sheet.

Other boats leaving here next week and reaching Vancouver in time for Christmas will be the Princess Mary Friday night or Saturday morning, the Princess Beatrice on Saturday afternoon and the Venture Saturday morning.

#### COWICHAN MEMBERS PLEAD FOR BEER

Asks Government to Give Right to Districts Favoring it to Sell by Glass

VICTORIA, Dec. 13.—Strong representations were made in the Legislature yesterday by C. F. Davie of Cowichan urging the Government to implement its promise of beer by the glass to ridings voting in favor of the sale. He protested against Attorney General Manson's declaration that the beer plebiscite was inconclusive. Twenty-three out of forty ridings had voted in favor of beer, he declared.

##### HOW BRITISH VOTED

Conservatives	7,822,817
Labor	5,473,298
Liberals	2,981,916
Independents	112,229
Constitutionalists	101,052
Communists	68,989

#### INDIANS GET BOOZE: NEAR DROWNING IS SEQUEL OF STORY

Tommy Woodhouse is Fined \$300 With Option of Six Months for Supplying

Celina McKay, Indian girl, and Edward Wesley, laddie buck, figured as principals in a near fatality at the dry dock floats early Thursday morning. A bottle of booze and Tommy Woodhouse of Georgetown who supplied it were contributory factors.

Celina and Edward obtained the liquor from Woodhouse at the Regent Hotel and proceeded to the dry dock float. After imbibing freely of the bottle's contents, Celina apparently ran amuck and plunged off the float into the icy waters of the harbor. Edward, it appears, still had presence of mind enough to act as her rescuer and he dived into the water and pulled her out. In the meantime, an alarm had been raised and Dominion Constable Watkinson was soon on the scene. He found the couple in the cabin of a native boat still in their drenched clothes. They were arrested and the next morning in the police court Celina was fined \$10 and costs for intoxication while the magistrate let Edward off in view of his services as rescuer.

Evidence obtained from the girl led to the conviction of Tommy Woodhouse as the supplier and he was fined \$300 with the option of six months imprisonment. It is understood he will do the time.

#### ENQUIRIES ABOUT KLEW NUGGET BODY

Vancouver Mother Reports That Her Son Was Lost off Coast Steamer in Vicinity Last August

Inquiries are being received at the provincial police office following the publication in the south of the details connected with the finding of a body at Klew Nugget with a gun shot wound in the skull. A Vancouver mother is now in communication with the police in an effort to ascertain if the remains found are those of her son who was lost overboard from a coast steamer in the vicinity last August while on his way from Skagway.

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