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SOWASH CONFESSION IN THE GILLIS CRIME

PEOPLE LINED UP TO BUY HOCKEY TICKETS THREE O'CLOCK IN MORNING

Inspector Parsons at Murder Trial Puts in Sensational Evidence

Written Confession by Harry Sowash Places Blame for Hijacking Crime on Cannonball Baker

VICTORIA, Mar. 27.— Sensational evidence consisting of an alleged voluntary confession by Fred Myers, alias Harry Sowash, who is on trial with Cannonball Baker for the murder of Captain William Gillis and his son on the schooner Beryl G. was introduced by the Crown Thursday afternoon.

The confession, declared by Inspector Parsons of the provincial police to have been given him by Sowash when bringing him from New Orleans to Victoria, was a written statement. It placed the blame for the crime on the shoulders of Baker and declared that Sowash himself had been the victim of evil companions.

The alleged confession described the events leading up to the actual boarding of the vessel and the shooting of Gillis and his son.

BRINGING MADAM FAHEY HERE FOR CONCERT IN MAY

Concert Will be Given Under Auspices of Rotary Club

The Rotary Club yesterday endorsed the action of their executive in arranging tentatively for the bringing to the city under their auspices of Madam Fahey, the famous soprano singer, who is to tour Canada this summer. It is probable she will be here in May. A committee consisting of W. E. Williams, J. W. Nicholls and Colonel McMordie will have charge of the arrangements.

In reporting to the club yesterday W. E. Williams stated that Mme. Fahey was known internationally as one of the great singers. She had been making a splendid record in the East and ranked very high among operatic and oratorio soloists of the world.

LICENSES TO HOTELS GIVEN

Six in Prince Rupert to be Allowed Privilege of Selling Beer

VICTORIA, Mar. 27. — Beer licenses have been granted to the following:

Prince Rupert—Knox, Central, New Empress, Old Empress, Savoy and Prince Rupert.
Port Essington—Caledonia.
Smithers—Bulkley Valley.
Terrace—Terrace Hotel.
Burns Lake—Omineca.

CLEARING UP SNOW DIFFICULT WINNIPEG

Heavy Snow Filled Lanes Higher Than Fences and Caused Trouble

WINNIPEG, Mar. 27. — Clearing up snow has been one of the expensive jobs here this spring. Within the week there was a heavy snowstorm with drifts piled everywhere and while plows took care of the work in the suburban streets, the lanes were fence high and higher, packed solid and with no hope of immediately disappearing.

In the streets where traffic is heavy the snow had to be carted away.

CALL FOR TENDERS ELEVATOR HERE AT ONCE SAYS DAWSON

Hon. J. H. King, minister of public works, whom F. G. Dawson met in Ottawa a few days ago in company with Fred Stork, member for this district, announced that tenders would be called for almost immediately for the superstructure of the Prince Rupert elevator. This would be in time for the work to proceed about the time the foundation is finished.

TELEGRAPH MANAGER TRANSFERRED SOUTH

G. W. McKay Will Leave Here About April 15 to Take Charge at Ashcroft

George W. McKay, who has been manager of the Dominion Government Telegraphs in this city for several years, is being transferred to Ashcroft as manager there and will leave the city about April 15 to take over his new duties. Mr. McKay's departure will be regretted not only here but throughout the district. For several years he was stationed at Hazelton before coming here. His successor here has not yet been appointed.

ENGINEER INJURED HEAD IN DERAILMENT

Herb Tanner is in the Hazelton Hospital Where Seventeen Stitches were put in

When the Canadian National westbound train ran into a mudslide near Woodcock last Wednesday morning, Engineer Herb Tanner received gashes in his head which necessitated seventeen stitches being put in at the Hazelton Hospital where he is now a patient. The impact, on hitting the slide, was terrific and the engine reared up and came to a stop across the rails. Realizing that the engine could not stand up, the engineer jumped and it was when he was landing on the rocks that he was hurt.

BONUS SCHEME WELL RECEIVED

Plan of C.P.R. President to Delay Building of Peace River Railway Approved

ALL WELL AT OTTAWA

F. G. Dawson Returns Home After Attending Meeting of Railway Board

The East is much interested in the proposal of E. W. Beatty, president of the C.P.R. that the Government should bonus the two railways concerned to carry the Peace River products to Pacific ports at the same rate they would get if they had a direct route says F. G. Dawson, who returned from the East this morning. This would enable the building of the railway to be postponed for a short time and would at the same time enable the Peace River people to sell their products without putting the nation to any great expense.

Mr. Beatty's proposal included a suggestion that the E.D. & B.C. Railway should be operated jointly by the C. P. R. and the C.N.R. of that the C.P.R. would operate it giving all routing privileges to the other line, the railways to be paid $180,000 between them as a bonus for low carrying rates.

Mr. Dawson said the proposal was made just at the time he left Ottawa so he has no official information as to the attitude of the Government or the railways, but the people he met seemed to welcome any proposal which would do away with the necessity of spending millions of money this year until the finances of the country are in better condition.

In all probability another conference will be held soon when all the interests will be heard and the matter will be settled.

Mr. Dawson says that everything is going well at Ottawa. The business is so well advanced that the House expects to rise by about May 24. He attended the meeting of the railway board at Montreal.

FISHING NOT 8 HOUR DAY

All Branches of Local Industry Exempt From Its Provisions

VICTORIA, Mar. 27. —Further exemptions from the Eight Hour Day law include the fishing industry and all its attendant branches, including canning, preserving and the manufacturing of by-products.

NEW HOTEL IS INCORPORATED

VICTORIA, Mar. 27.— Incorporations granted this week, according to the B.C. Gazette include the Fraser Hotel Company of Prince Rupert, the authorized capital being $20,000.

Mrs. J. M. Clancy has arrived in Vancouver from Calgary to visit with Mrs. L. M. DeGex. Both ladies formerly resided in Prince Rupert.

H. C. Fraser, school inspector, returned on this morning's train from a trip to the interior on departmental duties.

Here is shown the fall of Eros, the famous statue of the god of love, which has stood over the fountain in Piccadilly Circus, London, for many years. It was temporarily removed recently during some excavations

Great Rush for Seats for Big Hockey Match Victoria Tonight Canadiens Practice a New Attack

VICTORIA, Mar. 27.—Fans seeking tickets for admission to tonight's clash between the Cougars and Canadiens started lining up at three o'clock yesterday morning and by half past six the queue was two blocks long. The arena was all sold out by noon.

The Cougars are condifent they can make it three straight and cop the Stanley Cup and with it the world hockey honors. The Canadiens, on the other hand, expect to win from sheer desperation because everything is at stake.

At the workout yesterday the Canadiens paid close attention to forward pass combinations, Morenz, Joliat and Boucher experimenting assiduously with a new attack they expect to make tonight. Vezina, the goal tender for the visitors, had his thumb injured in the Vancouver game.

Trading in tickets is being carried on today. Goodly sums are offered for seats to those who were lucky enough to get them yesterday. Three and four times the original value are figures mentioned in connection with some of the deals for well-located sittings. It is stated that many people bought tickets for the purpose of selling them again.

TODAY'S WIRELESS REPORT

(8 a.m.)

Digby Island — Part cloudy, calm; barometer, 29.67; temperature, 30; sea smooth; 6.45 a.m. spoke steamer Prince George passing in southbound; 5.30 a.m. spoke steamer Venture in northbound.

Dead Tree Point—Clear, calm; barometer, 29.73; temperature, 29; sea smooth.

Bull Harbor— Snowing, calm; barometer, 29.64; temperature, 35; light swell; 8.45 p.m. spoke steamer Venture off Klew Nuggett northbound.

(Noon)

Digby Island — Clear, calm; barometer, 29.80; temperature, 48; sea smooth.

Dead Tree Point—Clear, calm; barometer, 29.76; temperature, 44; sea smooth.

Bull Harbor — Cloudy, light southwest wind; barometer, 29.64; temperature, 40; light swell.

The halibut boats Cape Spear and Radio have been taken up on the local dry dock for repairs. The latter boat, an American vessel, has been leaking about the rudder post and is on the pontoons to have this remedied.

VACCINATION COMPULSORY

Provincial Board of Health Orders it For Every Person in B.C.

VICTORIA, Mar. 27.— Every person in British Columbia must be vaccinated forthwith or produce to the medical health officer of the district a successful vaccination within the past two years, according to the regulations advertised by the Provincial Board of Health.

The order provides that a person violating the regulation is subject to a fine of $100 or to six months' imprisonment.

ROBBERS TOOK ARMOUR CASH

SPOKANE, Mar. 27. — Two armed robbers held up employees of the Armour Company packers and escaped with the 85,000 payroll here this morning.

BEER BY BOTTLES TO BE CARRIED AWAY IS DEFEATED IN ALBERTA

EDMONTON, Mar. 27. — The legislature defeated by a vote of 34 to 17 a proposal to amend the liquor act so as to grant the privilege of selling beer by the bottle to be carried away and consumed off the premises, just as when purchased from the liquor warehouse.

Amendments to Budget Moved by Conservatives and Third Party in Commons Yesterday

OTTAWA, Mar. 27. — Conservative amendment and Progressive sub-amendment to the budget followed each other in rapid succession in the House of Commons yesterday. Sir Henry Drayton moved the Conservative amendment that "conditions in Canada immediately demand a reduction in taxes" especially of the sales tax and other levies, which have been increased by the present government.

Robert Forke later in the day moved on behalf of the Progressives a sub-amendment to the effect that the budget constitutes failure to carry into effect substantial economies in public expenditure and the fiscal policy of the Liberal party as from time to time enunciated and calling for a revision of the tariff based on the need of revenue instead of on the principle of protection.

The sub-amendment was ruled out of order by Speaker Lemieux The ruling was appealed and the House sustained the speaker by a vote of 120 to 50.

DOUBLE CHANCE WINNER OF GRAND NATIONAL TODAY

LIVERPOOL, March 27. — Double Chance, a nine year old gelding won the Grand National Steeplechase this afternoon.

Old Laybridge, a favorite, came second while the third horse was Flymask.

VANCOUVER PARTY DUE HERE JULY 27

Tentative Time-Table Has Been Set For Board of Trade Excursionists Coming Here

The Vancouver Board of Trade excursion to central British Columbia this summer will arrive in Prince Rupert on the morning of July 27 by C.N.R. steamer according to a tentative time table that has been drafted. The next day they will proceed to Terrace where they will spend a day, then going on to Prince George with a stop at Smithers and Telkwa. The excursionists will return to Vancouver going south by motor from Prince George to Ashcroft.

DEER DESTROYED BY COYOTES IN THE SNOW

Even Moose Hovering Around Edges of Settlements in Interior B.C.

The deep snow, under the influence of a brilliant sun and westerly winds, has assumed a consistency which makes travel difficult for all the deer family says the Interior News. The coyotes are feasting merrily and taking a heavy toll from the does. Many of the deer are seeking shelter in the local barn yards, and even the moose are hovering around the edges of the settlements. Many snap shots have been procured and a strong feeling is evidenced in favor of careful conservation, the increasing game being one of our greatest assets.

CONDUCTOR DIED

SEATTLE, Mar. 27.—James Rourke, 70 years of age, for 23 years conductor on the White Pass and Yukon Railway, died last night.

FISH PRICES HIGHER TODAY

Stiffening After Slump of Yesterday at Fish Exchange

Fish prices stiffened a little after the slump of yesterday at the fish exchange. Sales were as follows:

American

Helgoland, 60,000, to Cold Storage, at 8.20c and 3c.

Sitka, 40,000, to Royal Fish Co. at 8.20c and 3c.

Rainier, 50,000, to Atlin Fisheries at 8.40c and 3c.

Havana, 32,000, to Booth Fisheries at 8.50c and 3c.

Mariner, 14,000, to Cold Storage at 9.40c and 3c.

Sadie K., 8,000, Vesta, 2,000, to Booth Fisheries at 9.40c and 3c.

Wave, 6,000, to Royal Fish Co. at 9.20c and 3c.

Canadian

Rose Spit, 6,000, to Cold Storage, at 7.70c and 3c.

E. Lipsett, 2,000, to Atlin Fisheries, at 7.20c and 3c.

P. Dorreen, 4,500 to Cold Storage at 7.30c and 3c.

Murineac, 1,000, to Royal Fish Co. at 7.20c and 3c.

PRAIRIE FIRE IN NEBRASKA

Million Dollars Worth of Property Destroyed and Probable Deaths

VALENTINE, Nebraska, Mar. 27. — After destroying property of ranchers to the value of over a million dollars, prairie fires ravaged 150,000 acres of country here today. It is reported that the fire is extinguished but that several persons have been burned to death.

So far there has been no confirmation and it is hoped that there have been no fatalities.

TORNADO IN ARGENTINE

Sweeps Santa Fe Province and Causes Many Fatalities

BUENOS AIRES, Mar. 27.— A tornado swept sections of the Santa Fe province last night causing numerous fatalities with heavy property damage, it is reported here. Details are lacking owing to the crippled wire service. A relief train left for the scene.

BIRTH

A son was born at the Prince Rupert General Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Kilbrath on March 27.