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## CRUEL DEATH OF INDIAN BOY RECOUNTED

### MORE PEOPLE INTERESTED IN POWER EXPECTED IN CITY IN NEAR FUTURE

#### More Officials Coming to Look over Power Possibilities of City

James J. Warren, managing director of the Bonnington Falls concern, and general manager Blaylock expected

#### PATTULLO TELLS OF CITY'S NEED

"I have had this matter of power in mind for a long time," said Hon. T. D. Pattullo, at the Rotary Club luncheon yesterday afternoon. "Without power we shall not attain that ultimate success in this city which otherwise would be the case. It is my honest opinion that if it could be advertised in one edition of the newspapers that the city had installed a plant sufficient to produce 25,000 horse power, a lot of the problems would be hearing solution. It would not then be necessary to go to either the Dominion or Provincial governments asking for favors but such development would take place as would eliminate the need for them."

#### PILOT GEYER IS LIBERATED

Was Held at Victoria For Landing in Canadian Waters Without Authority

#### MACHINE STILL HELD

VICTORIA, Aug. 21.—Kenneth Geyer of Bremerton, airplane pilot, whose machine crashed late Tuesday off Discovery Island and who later was detained by the immigration authorities for investigation, was released last night. The machine is held by the officials but it will likely be returned.

Geyer explained that when he left Bremerton he had no intention of visiting Vancouver Island but was blown out of his course by the wind and forced to land. It became rough later and when the engine started missing the machine upset and was badly damaged.

The police were suspicious that the plane might have been engaged in smuggling operations.

#### ST. LOUIS NOW SECOND PLACE

Rain Today Causes Postponement of Games in Big League Baseball

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—Philadelphia by losing the third straight game put St. Louis back into second place this morning. Washington, by virtue of a twelve inning victory over Cleveland, leaves Pittsburg still three games ahead of the Giants.

Two teams were scheduled to meet today in a four game series but rain caused postponement.

#### PLANE WILL LEAVE ON WEDNESDAY NEXT FOR Q.C. ISLANDS

Next Wednesday Flying Officer A. H. Hull will leave the Digby Island base of the Royal Canadian Air Force in flying boat GM for the Queen Charlotte Islands where he will remain in the fisheries patrol service until the end of the season. Before going to the Islands, Flying Officer Hull will spend this week-end at Swanson Bay on patrol work.

#### MISSIONARIES ARE KIDNAPPED

Bishop Mowill and Wife Included in Party of Eight Held by Bandits in China

LONDON, Aug. 21.—A cable despatch received by the Church Missionary Society from Mungang in the province of Szechwan, China, states that a party of eight British missionaries, which includes five women were kidnapped on August 6 by Chinese bandits. Among those in the hands of the bandits are Bishop S. W. Mowill, formerly dean of Wycliffe College, Toronto, and his wife. All are safe and said to be well treated.

#### IMBRECARIA OFF ROCKS

VICTORIA, Aug. 21.—Tug Imbrecaria, which went aground at Discovery Island was pulled off the rocks late yesterday and suffered no damage.

## Cruel Death of Lad Moccasin Described in Court This Morning

#### REFUSE OBEY SHIPS ORDERS

Chinese Crew Arrested on Arrival of British Vessel at Vancouver Today

VANCOUVER, Aug. 21.—Propaganda against British ships and merchandise which is creating a serious situation in China reached Vancouver today when sixteen Chinese members of the crew of the steamer City of Victoria berthed here were arrested for refusal to obey the orders of the captain.

The only explanation given by the Chinese was that they had received instructions from Shanghai to stop work. They refused to divulge who was responsible for this order.

#### TRAIN COLLISION IN SOUTHERN STATES ON DENVER RIO GRANDE

SALIDA, Colorado, Aug. 21.—Two trainmen killed and fifteen passengers seriously injured are in the hospital while 75 others received minor hurts as a result of a head-on collision between two passenger trains on the Denver, Rio Grande and Western Railroad near Granite yesterday.

Fred Hale, former well known dry goods traveller in the north, arrived on the Prince George this morning.

## Gross Discrimination Against Japan and Great Britain seen in Chinese Shipping Regulations

LONDON, Aug. 21.—Chinese coastal regulations discriminating against British and Japanese shipping is engaging the close attention of the government and has raised a storm of protest in the press.

The regulations framed by the Cantonese authorities permit steamers and nationalities except the British and Japanese the use of any port provided they omit calling at the British port of Hong Kong and that all steamers entering the ports must be subject to inspection by pickets of the anti-imperialist union.

#### QUARTER MILLION DOLLAR ROBBERY JEWELLER'S STORE

CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—Four robbers late yesterday afternoon held up the offices of Lazarus and Weil, manufacturing jewellers and rifled the safes, escaping with a quarter of a million dollars worth of jewellery, mostly diamonds.

#### EDMONTON MAY HAVE SWIMMING IN WINTER

EDMONTON, Aug. 21.—Following a trip to Victoria and a visit to the Crystal Gardens swimming pool in that city, City Commissioner D. Mitchell proposes to investigate the cost of covering in one of the city swimming pools with a view to operating it throughout the winter.

#### CHINAMEN MUST STAY IN JAIL

Effort to Release 25 Under Writ of Habeas Corpus Fails at Victoria

VICTORIA, Aug. 21.—Lim Wah, Long Wong, Wong Dim, convicted at Prince Rupert by Magistrate McClymont and McLeod for violation of the Narcotic Act were ordered detained in custody following refusal of the court of appeal today to hear application for writs of habeas corpus. These applications, with four others also dismissed, were made in an effort to release 25 Chinamen held at Okalla on the grounds that they were charged in contravention of the amended Federal Drug Act.

#### WESTMINSTER DEAN DIES

LONDON, Aug. 21.—Right Rev. Herbert Ryde, dean of Westminster since 1911 is dead.

## Manslaughter Verdict Against Big Alec for Inciting to Kill Lad

The fourth of the Liard River witchcraft murder cases being dealt with the present session of the Supreme Court Assizes was disposed of yesterday afternoon at 4.55 when the jury returned, after deliberating one hour and five minutes with a verdict of guilty of manslaughter against Big Alec who is alleged to have incited Edie Loot, wife of Pierre, to tie up Atol or Moccasin by the hands and feet in March, 1923, on Thirty Mile Bar, Liard River, the exposure in the bitterly cold weather causing his death.

Mr. Justice D. A. Macdonald reserved sentence until the end of the assizes. The charge against Edie herself opened at 10 o'clock this morning and is still proceeding this afternoon, the expectation being that it will be concluded this evening.

#### White Witness

The first witness yesterday afternoon in the case against Big Alec was Fred Allen, trapper and prospector and white husband of Mary Allen, the interpreter being used in the case. He told of having known Moccasin for six years. He, in fact, gave him the name of Moccasin. Moccasin and Big Alec were Mackenzie River Indians whereas the Loots were nomads of the Nelson River tribe.

Under cross-examination, witness said the latter were unorganized, had no chiefs, believed in witchcraft and were probably as primitive a band as there were in Canada. The Loots believed that, in tying up a man as they had done with Moccasin, they would expel the witch from him. On the other hand, Allen said that he had never heard of witchcraft among the Mackenzie River Indian tribe of which Big Alec was a member. Witness, after stating that the nights in March, 1923, had been very cold, the temperature sometimes dropping to as low as 40 below zero, went on to describe how the Loots had been living in four cabins on Thirty Mile Bar. Their father had been very ill and subsequently died. Witness described the open grave where the body of Moccasin had later been found with the hands and feet still bearing the marks of having been tied together. Witness had identified the body as that of Moccasin. The outstanding feature of Allen's evidence was his statement that he did not believe Big Alec had had much to do with the events leading up to Moccasin's death. He had probably been brought into the thing by the Loots. Witness stated the belief that Moccasin could not have been tied up by Edie if he had resisted.

#### The Loot Brothers

Jimmie Loot, the next witness and brother of Edie, gave evidence as to Big Alec having told Edie that their father's illness was due to witchcraft being practised by Moccasin. Three times Big Alec had urged Edie to tie Moccasin up in order to dispel the spirit. He did not see Moccasin tied up. Witness told of Big Alec also killing his dogs and saying that he felt better after they were killed. The dogs were hanged to a pole. Witness said he did not believe in witches.

Clem Loot, another brother, gave evidence substantiating that of Jimmie. He (Clem) had helped to bury Moccasin after he had died. They had put the body in a hole and had not attempted to hide it. His sister, Edie, had tied the body up but he (witness) had not helped her. He was with his sick father in the

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#### CAR IS THROWN LONG DISTANCE

Struck by Freight Train and Two in Hospital as Result

FERNIE, Aug. 21.—Mrs. Brown, wife of Edward Brown of Winnipeg, ex-provincial treasurer of Manitoba, is in a critical condition as a result of injuries received when the auto in which she and her brother, William Huston, storekeeper for the Western Canadian Collieries at Blairmore, was struck by a freight train at a crossing nine miles east of here. Huston was injured also and is in the hospital.

The car was thrown 85 feet and smashed to pieces.

#### DRY DISTRICTS MAY VOTE BEER

Order in Council gives them Right if forty per cent sign Petition

VICTORIA, Aug. 21.—Following requests from New Westminster and other constituencies for another chance to vote on the beer by the glass question, the cabinet yesterday passed an order in council ruling that any electoral riding may hold a new plebiscite if a petition signed by forty per cent of the electors is secured.

Under the new arrangement, once a plebiscite is taken no other vote is allowed for three years.

#### HOSPITALS ASSOCIATION IS HOLDING CONVENTION

Addresses of Welcome by Prominent People and Governor Lays Corner Stone of New Building

NANAIMO, Aug. 21.—The eighth annual convention of the B.C. Hospitals Association opened Thursday delegates from all parts of the province being present. Hon. William Sloan, member for Nanaimo, and Mayor Harrison delivered addresses of welcome. Later in the day Lieut. Governor Nichol laid the corner stone of the city's new \$150,000 hospital.

#### FIRE IN CALIFORNIA FOUGHT BY 1400 MEN

PASADENA, Aug. 21.—Fourteen hundred men are engaged in fighting an immense fire which is advancing on a four mile front and in some places is within four miles of Pasadena.

#### STEELE WINS GOLD MEDAL

Guelph Man Acclaimed Canada's Greatest Marksman by Winning Prize

OTTAWA, Aug. 21.—Lieutenant J. T. Steele of Guelph was this morning acclaimed Canada's premier marksman and was "chained" with due honor following his winning of the Governor General's medal, which in Canada is equivalent to the King's prize at Bisley. Lieut. Steele's score was 194 out of a possible 200.

#### FOREST FIRES ON VANCOUVER ISLAND DESTROY PROPERTY

VANCOUVER, Aug. 21.—Forest fires destroyed four donkey engines and four million feet of logs the property of the Deep Cove Logging Company ten miles from Vancouver.

#### BASEBALL

National League Cincinnati 8, Philadelphia 4. Pittsburgh 2, Brooklyn 1. Chicago 5, New York 3. St. Louis 3, Boston 6. American League Washington 1, Cleveland 0. Boston 7, Chicago 11. Philadelphia 6, St. Louis 7.