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## MANSON WITNESS IN ABDUCTION CHARGES

### ATTORNEY GENERAL CLEARS HIMSELF OF ALL SUGGESTIONS OF COMPLICITY

**EDITORIAL**

**TERMINAL RATES**

Prince Rupert has always had the same terminal rates as Vancouver but until recently these were not published. Recently these were published and it is probably to those rates that reference has been made in Vancouver. Victoria has the same rate as Vancouver, even though the cars have to be loaded on to barges and towed to that port, there is no howl about a reference being given to Victoria. It is customary for railways to give similar terminal rates to competing ports, either east or west, and Prince Rupert is no exception to the rule. While the distance from Edmonton and points east is slightly farther to Prince Rupert than to Vancouver there are several offsetting features. Apparently Vancouver is just speaking to the fact that we are a competing port.

**PRINCE RUPERT RATES ARE DISCUSSED**

**Equal Freight for Grain to this Port Mentioned in Vancouver.**

VANCOUVER, Nov. 7. — From prairie points grain rates to Prince Rupert are the same as to Vancouver on the Canadian National since September 15, according to information received from Hugh Dalton, secretary of the division of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. The rates were put into effect by the railway itself independently of the Board of Commissioners and was made in order to develop west-bound traffic on the northern line to balance the eastern movement of lumber and other goods, it is believed.

**RECORD BROKEN GRAIN TO COAST**

**Year-to-Date 3,492 Cars Sent to Vancouver by Canadian National Alone**

WINNIPEG, Nov. 7. — Wheat is moving rapidly toward the Pacific Coast, the number of cars of grain so far shipped in that direction over the Canadian National alone amounting to 3,492, a record movement to Vancouver compared with 999 cars during the same time last year and \$20 for the previous entire grain season.

**SNATCHED CASH BOX IN POST OFFICE GOT AWAY WITH MONEY**

BOSTON BAR, Nov. 7. — An unidentified man entered the post office here late yesterday and while the postmaster's back was turned he snatched the cash box containing approximately \$200 in cash and \$50 in checks and is believed to have escaped on a passing freight train.

**NO PAPER MONDAY**

Monday being Thanksgiving day, there will be no issue of the Daily News.

## Neither Manson nor Jackson Countenanced in Any Manner Abduction of Wong Foon Sing

VANCOUVER, Nov. 7.—Emphatic denials that Attorney General Manson and M. B. Jackson, K.C., who were appointed to investigate the death of Janet Smith that they in any way countenanced or sanctioned the abduction of Wong Foon Sing, featured the trial yesterday afternoon of Oscar and William Robinson, charged with kidnapping. Counsel are delivering their addresses and the judge is charging the jury today. Mr. Manson narrated his activities in connection with the Janet Smith investigation and the Wong abduction. Following the receipt on December 1, 1924, of a letter from Oscar Robinson offering his services in connection with the Smith investigation, Mr. Manson said he telephoned M. B. Jackson, who was then in Vancouver, and instructed Jackson to see Robinson. Jackson subsequently reported the result of his investigations and stated there was no direct evidence involving anybody in the homicide.

**Wholly Untrue**

"That statement is wholly untrue," said Mr. Manson when asked by Crown Prosecutor Craig, whether he in conversation with the elder Robinson unofficially consented to the abduction. The only meeting with Robinson was one in Vancouver subsequent to the date when he saw Robinson at the Court House. On that occasion Robinson mentioned the Janet Smith case and the proposal to abduct Wong. "I interrupted," said Manson, "and said to him, 'Man, do you understand you are in Canada. We can't do these things here.' I put down my foot firmly and effectively and that ended it."

**Knew Nothing About It**

M. B. Jackson testified: "Neither myself nor any person in the department of the Attorney General knew of nor expected any abduction. What was done only embarrassed us and frustrated our expectations of results from prosecution of Sing, which had been decided upon weeks before."

**The case is concluding today.**

**(Special to Daily News)**

VICTORIA, Nov. 7.—His political career at stake Hon. A. M. Manson was two hours in the witness box at the assizes yesterday beating off every attack and countering every legal trick to make him admit that he knew of the abduction of Wong Foon Sing, for which Oscar Robinson and his son William, private detectives, were on trial. Time and time again Manson swore he knew nothing of the kidnapping, had not authorized it and had never promised immunity to Robinson Senior. The latter swore that at all times he was in the confidence of Manson and M. B. Jackson, K.C., special representative in the Janet Smith murder mystery. Manson also swore that when Robinson broached the abduction plan he told him things like that could not be done in Canada. On the other hand Robinson testified solemnly that the Point Grey authorities, while he was working for the provincial police, had paid him \$1,200 for abduction costs. There was amusement in court when Mr. Manson testified that he was playing golf in Victoria when Mr. Jackson crawled through a fence to tell him of Wong's disappearance. Under pressure for black and white reports in regard to this case, letters, etc. Mr. Manson declared that all his instructions to Jackson and others were given

by word of mouth. The jury retired at noon. VANCOUVER, Nov. 7. — The two Robinsons were found guilty of abduction by the assize court this morning, the jury accompanying the verdict with a strong recommendation to mercy. Mr. Justice McDonald's charge to the jury occupied but three minutes while the defence counsel spoke for an hour and twenty minutes. The jury deliberated a little more than an hour.

**FINAL RETURNS ON FIRST COUNT THIS CONSTITUENCY**

The federal election ballot boxes failed to reach Aiyansh and Telegraph Creek according to information received by E. H. Mortimer, returning officer. Lateness of the season and bad weather being the reasons. All polls for Skeena riding have thus been heard from and the majority for Fred Stork stands at 722 subject to the official count which will be made on November 19 by the returning officer.

**HALIBUT BOATS OUT FOR LAST CATCHES**

**Arrivals Will be Light for a Few Days Now it is Expected**

It is expected that halibut arrivals will be light for a few days now until a number of the boats start arriving with their last catches before the close season starts. In view of the fact that it will be the last fishing of the year, the most of the boats will stay out as long as possible so that they may bring in large catches. Only four boats marketed this morning. They were as follows:

American	
Yellowstone, 11,000 lbs., at 16.5c and 8c, to the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co.	
Tahoma, 18,000 lbs., at 15.6c and 7c, to the Royal Fish Co.	
Canadian	
Dolphin, 2,500 lbs., at 17.5c and 6c, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.	
Cape Swain, 1,500 lbs., at 17.7c and 6c, to the Alfin Fisheries.	

**BANDITS GOT AWAY WITH \$13,000 WAD**

HARRISON, N.J., Nov. 7.—Six armed men this morning held up the paymaster of the Public Service Production Company and escaped with \$13,000. Twenty-five employees of the company were in the office at the time.

**FREAK SPRING SALMON RUN AT WARK CHANNEL**

**Camp of Flewin & Brown Was Open a Month Longer Than Usual This Year**

The salmon trolling camp of Flewin & Brown on Wark Channel closed down on November 2, having operated this season just a month later than last on account of a freak spring salmon run, reports C. B. Flewin who, with his partner, George Brown, is in town today from Port Simpson buying supplies. High prices were paid during the extra month and the fishermen made good, Mr. Flewin says. Mr. Flewin and Mr. Brown will leave next Friday morning for Vancouver where the former will receive treatment for war wounds at Shaughnessy Military Hospital. He still has a piece of shrapnel in his leg which he expects will be removed.

**CONSPIRACY FRUSTRATED**

**Attempt to Assassinate Mussolini in Italy Part of Plot to Form Republic.**

ROME, Nov. 7.—The newspaper Epoca yesterday published a story to the effect that the frustrated attempt to assassinate Premier Mussolini on Wednesday, which the Fascists allege was the result of a plot hatched by French radicals, was only a detail in a general conspiracy to overthrow the Savoy dynasty and establish a republic.

**BROADCASTING FOR GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES**

MONCTON, N.B., Nov. 7.—Last night a special broadcast intended specifically for listeners living in Great Britain and on the continent of Europe or in the United States, was made here last night and there was wide and immediate response to invitations for replies to test the effectiveness of the work. The special program marked the first anniversary of the institution of the station. W. D. Robb, vice-president of the Canadian National, under whose special department this work comes, gave a special address which was broadcast, telling of the opportunities that offered in the Dominion.

**OFFICER OF MELITA COMMITTED FOR TRIAL ON CHARGE OF MURDER**

SOUTHAMPTON, Nov. 7.—Thomas Towers, former first officer of the Melita charged with the murder of Captain Clews and the attempted murder of David Gilmour and John Holliday, ships officers, was yesterday committed for trial at the Hampshire assizes.



Robert Williams, of London, who steps up from the vice-chairmanship to the chairmanship of the Labor party in England. He was former secretary of the Transport Workers' Union.

**Parliament is Summoned for December Tenth and Defeated Members of Cabinet Resigned**

OTTAWA, Nov. 7. — Premier Mackenzie King announced that Parliament will meet on December 10 provided the legal requirements can be met. He further said that all the defeated members of the cabinet with the exception of Hon. George P. Graham, minister of railways and canals, had handed their resignations to the Premier and their resignations had been accepted. The portfolios held by the ministers who resigned will not be filled until Parliament meets and the attitude of the members has been made known.

Premier Mackenzie King has been offered a number of seats by members who were elected by good majorities. Among these were Wetaskwin, Alberta, and Quebec South, seats held by S. G. Tobin and Major G. C. Power respectively. There is also a vacant seat at Bagot, the member for which, J. E. Marcile, died yesterday.

**OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL ENGLISH LEAGUE Division I.**

Birmingham 0, Bolton 1. Blackburn 2, Leeds United 2. Bury 1, Newcastle United 1. Cardiff City 5, Leicester City 2. Everton 1, Manchester United 3. Heddersfield - Liverpool game postponed. Manchester City 2, Arsenal 5. Sheffield United 4, Aston Villa 1. Sunderland 2, Burnley 2. Tottenham 4, West Ham 2. West Bromwich 4, Notts County 4.

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE Division I.**

Aberdeen 2, Celtic 4. Airdrieonians 2, Clydebank 0. Cowdenbeath 3, Hibernians 4. Dundee 3, Partick Thistle 1. Falkirk 2, Morton 0. Hearts 1, Dundee United 0. Kilmarnock 3, St. Johnstone 2. Motherwell 5, Raith Rovers 0. Queen's Park 3, Rangers 6. St. Mirren 1, Hamilton 0.

**VANCOUVER EXCHANGE**

	Bid.	Asked.
Wheat	1.36 3/4	1.37
B.C. Silver	1.38	1.40
Dunwell	1.37	1.50
L. & L.	.11 1/2	.12 1/2
Marmot		.10
Premier	2.20	2.30
Silvercrest	.07 1/2	.09
Surf Islet	.08	.09
Terminus		.20
Daily Alaska		.15
Howe Sound	30.50	32.50
National Silver	.14 1/2	.15
Ruth Hope		.37
Porter Idaho		.18
Hazelton		.02
Gladstone	.24 1/2	.26
Granby		19.50
C. P. R.		149.00
Rufus		.47
Silversmith	.24	.24 1/2
Lucky Jim	.11 1/2	.16
Glacier	.26 1/2	.28

**PRINCE CHARLES LATE.**

Having missed the tide in Seymour Narrows, C.N.R. steamer Prince Charles will not reach port from the south until 8 o'clock this evening and is scheduled to sail for Stewart at 10 o'clock returning here and sailing for the south at 11 o'clock tomorrow night. The train for the East today is being held pending the arrival of the Prince Charles.

**MILK SHORTAGE IS REPORTED**

**Bulkley Valley Farmers Produce Only Half Enough to Supply This City**

**MORE CATTLE NEEDED.**

Number of Cows Available Very Small and Interior Towns Take Part of Supply

Notwithstanding the fact that the consumption of milk in Prince Rupert is about one-third of normal, Bulkley Valley farmers are unable to guarantee a supply to come near the present needs of that city says the Interior News. This is the finding of the special committee appointed four months ago to make a survey of dairying conditions and possibilities following the agitation for a milk distribution depot and creamery at Prince Rupert, which was the outcome of a visit by Hon. E. D. Barrow, minister of agriculture, to discuss the situation. The committee consisted of E. M. Doekrill and J. G. Donaldson of Telkwa, D. D. Munro, L.S.B. Commissioner, George (Linton) Smithers, who have signed a joint report submitted to Mr. Barrow this week, and which deals with the number of cows available, number expected to be available next year, present consumption at Prince Rupert and other cities, as well as making several important recommendations for the development of dairying in this country. **Only 488 Cows**

Standing out prominently in the schedules accompanying the report to the minister of agriculture is the apparent difficulty encountered by the committee in (continued on page six)

**BRIDGE OPENED AT VANCOUVER**

**North and South Vancouver Now Connected Without Necessity of Using Ferry**

VANCOUVER, Nov. 7. — The second narrows bridge, built at a cost of two million dollars for the purpose of connecting north and south Vancouver without the necessity of crossing on the ferry, was opened for traffic this afternoon.

Hon. Dr. W. H. Sutherland, minister of public works, together with civic officials and others attended the opening ceremony and Dr. Sutherland declared the bridge formally open.

**DEMAND FOR COPPER RESULT OF GREATER ELECTRIC DEVELOPMENT**

VICTORIA, Nov. 7.—The development of electricity is resulting in a heavy demand for British Columbia copper and lead, it was said at the conference of the mining association of British Columbia, which opened here yesterday under president C. P. Browning of Britannia Beach.

**ITALIAN COMPLETES AIRPLANE FLIGHT**

ROME, Nov. 7.—Commander De Pinedo completing a return airplane flight from Tokio, arrived here this afternoon.