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## BLACKMAIL ALLEGED IN HI-JACKING CASE

### ELECTION BATTLE AT HERRIN, ILLINOIS, BETWEEN KLAN AND OPPONENTS

**Weird Story of Blackmail Told by Milo Eggers to Judge of the Superior Court in Self-Defence**

TAGOMA, April 14.—Fighting to avoid extradition to British Columbia as a hi-jacker, Milo Eggers before superior court judge Ernest Card yesterday, revealed the inner working of what he declared to be a liquor and blackmail ring in Seattle. Eggers charged that he was the victim of a blackmail conspiracy engineered by William Elwood, whom he alleged to be in partnership with Lizzie Madsen of Seattle in the liquor importing trade.

**ALASKA SOLD AT A BARGAIN**

Statesmen of Day Did Not Realize Value of Country at That Time

TORONTO, April 14.—"If the statesmen of the time had only realized the tremendous value of Alaska when the United States picked it off the bargain counter it would be of great value to Canada today," said George P. Mackenzie, who will head the Canadian Government expedition to the Arctic this year. "Although only on the verge of development, Alaska is worth twelve times the purchase price today," he said.

**McCLYMONT PARK HAS POLICEMAN**

Fred Riffou, Caretaker, to be Sworn in as Officer and Phone Will be Installed

McClymont Park will in future be equipped with the authority of the law. On recommendation of the board of works, the city council decided last night to swear in Fred Riffou, the caretaker, as a special constable and to have a telephone installed at the park.

**BAGLEY APPEAL IS COMPLETED**

Decision Will be Rendered Within Next Few Days by Court of Appeals

VANCOUVER, April 14.—Argument is completed in the appeal of William Bagley against a sentence of ten years and twenty lashes in connection with the Royal Bank Robbery at Nanaimo in December, 1924. The decision of the court is reserved but will be given in a few days.

**BYLAW VOTE TO BE TAKEN ON APRIL 29**

Ratepayers Will Decide Fate of Elevator Exemption and Street Surfacing By-laws

Ratepayers of the city will vote between the hours of 8 and 8 on April 29 on the elevator taxation exemption and \$28,000 street surfacing by-laws which were given their third readings by the city council last night. E. F. Jones will be returning officer with E. S. Allstone and W. H. Wilson Murray as deputies.

**FAMOUS GOING TO VANCOUVER**

Repairs Made and Steam up, Vessel Left Balmoral for South Under Own Power

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**DIRIGIBLE NORGE REACHES OSLO ON ROUTE TO THE POLE**

OSLO, Norway, April 14.—The dirigible Norge of the Amundsen-Elsworth polar expedition, arrived here this afternoon after flight from Pulham, England.

**MOVE TO CASSIAR IS NOW PROCEEDING AND MINERS ARE GOING IN**

SEATTLE, April 15.—Word has been received here that the first steamer of the season sailed from here for Telegraph Creek, Robert Martin, of the Cassiar Imperial Mining Company landed an outfit of supplies and equipment at Palmer creek on March 30 and struck good pay.

**CHAMPIONSHIP IN BASKETBALL WILL BE PLAYED APRIL 23**

VANCOUVER, April 14.—The New Westminster Adanacs, the British Columbia basketball champions, will meet the Winnipeg Totlers there in a two game series on April 23 and 24 for the right to go East after the Canadian championship.

**ASSISTANT LIQUOR VENDOR DROPS DEAD**

NEW WESTMINSTER, April 14.—J. W. Vincent, assistant liquor vendor, dropped dead in the store last evening. He had been unwell for several days.

**FIRE AT ST. JOHN'S.**

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., April 14.—Fire this afternoon in Mount Cassel Roman Catholic boys' industrial institution near here threatened to wipe out the entire building.

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After having been beached on Saturday near Alexander Cannery, temporary repairs were made to the Famous and she was towed to Balmoral where her cargo of tinplate was unloaded and her engines put in operation again. The local gasoline boats Zanardi and 28 assisted the vessel in the work.

**STOCKS DROP WALL STREET**

Selling Attack Brings Down Almost All Industrials on Market

NEW YORK, April 14.—A savage selling attack against sugar stocks most of which broke from two to twenty points to a new low level for the year unsettled the stock market today.

A renewed drive followed against motors which dropped as much as 6 points, General Electric 8 and other industrials 3 to 5 points before the close.

U.S. Steel hit 117 3-8, a new low level for the year.

**VANCOUVER EXCHANGE**

	Bid.	Asked
Wheat	156 3/4	
Indian	08 1/2	.10
C. P. R.	153.00	
Marmot	07 1/4	.08
B.C. Silver	1.95	2.10
Porter Idaho	.09	.11
Daly Alaska	.10	
Silvercrest	.11	.14
Dunwell	1.98	2.10
Surf Inlet	.08	.09
Howe Sound	32.00	36.00



**NEW IMMORTAL:** Georges Lecointe, the noted novelist and ten times president of the Societe des Gens des Lettres, photographed on the recent occasion of his official reception into the French academy, succeeding Frederic Masson.

**BISHOP OF LONDON DUE IN VICTORIA SEPTEMBER NEXT**

VICTORIA, April 14.—Right Rev. F. Winnington-Ingram, Bishop of London, will be in Victoria in September to lay the corner stone of the new Anglican Cathedral which is to be built here, the Cathedral authorities announced last night.

**Sensational Pitching Marks Opening Big League Baseball Before Large Crowds of Fans**

NEW YORK, April 14.—Approximately 221,000 fans braved the generally chilly weather yesterday to see the major league races get away to a thrilling start.

Sensational pitching featured the opening battles, Walter Johnson starting the twentieth season by blanking Philadelphia one to nothing in 15 innings and allowing six hits, while Ed. Rommel was touched for nine.

Jess Petty, the Brooklyn southpaw, shut out the Giants with one scratch hit at the polo grounds before 45,000 fans. Scores for the day follow:

American League	National League
New York 12, Boston 11.	Brooklyn 3, New York 1.
Philadelphia 9, Washington 1.	Boston 3, Philadelphia 6.
Cleveland 2, Detroit 1.	Pittsburg 6, St. Louis 7.
St. Louis 1, Chicago 5.	Chicago 6, Cincinnati 7.

**Herrin, Illinois, Again Scene of Faction Fighting and Six Killed in Gun Fight at Election**

HERRIN, Ills., April 14.—Bitterness between Ku Klux Klan and anti-Klan forces brought gun play back to faction torn Herrin yesterday as citizens went to the polls to vote in the primary election. The result was that six men were killed and one wounded in the fighting which took place.

**GOLDEN GATE REACHES PORT**

Norwegian Vessel Had Good Voyage Across Pacific Until Nearing Queen Charlottes

After a twenty-one day voyage direct from Moji, Japan, the Norwegian freight steamer Golden Gate, Capt. A. Kolsto, arrived in port at 8 o'clock last night to clear customs and take on oil and stores here. This being done, the vessel cleared at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon for Queen Charlotte to load one million feet of lumber. She will complete at Englewood and other southern mills with lumber cargo for Boston and New York.

Capt. Kolsto reported a good voyage in ballast from Japan until nearing the Queen Charlotte Islands when she ran into a stiff southeaster which delayed her two days in arriving here.

The Golden Gate, which is a vessel of 2,950 tons net, was built in Seattle in 1917 for her Norwegian owner, Knut Knutson. Her home port is Hauge-sund, Norway, but she has only been there once in 1921. Toward the end of the war she was in service on the Pacific Ocean. Two years ago she called at Swanson Bay to load lumber for the Southern Alberta Lumber Co. which was then operating there and which now conducts the Queen Charlotte City mill.

**EDMONTON GRADS WERE DEFEATED AT TORONTO YESTERDAY**

TORONTO, April 14.—In one of the greatest basketball games ever witnessed here the Lakeside ladies team defeated the famous Edmonton Grads last night by a score of 24 to 19 in the first of a two game series for the Canadian Championship. The second game will be played tomorrow.

**Fisherman's Death Result Scuffle when Thrown Overboard**

Wesley George confessed to police being cause of death of Patrick John Burchall in Warke Channel, April 2

That Patrick John Burchall came to his death by drowning in Warke Channel on April 2 as a result of a scuffle in a boat with Wesley George was the verdict brought in by the jury yesterday afternoon at the inquest into Burchall's death. George is now being held by the provincial police and his preliminary trial on a charge of murder will proceed on Thursday before Stipendiary Magistrate H. F. McLeod. Burchall's body was interred today in Fairview Cemetery by the B.C. Undertakers.

**WARRANT OUT FOR BABE RUTH**

Hero of Baseball Field Fails to Pay Income Tax and Rouses Collector

BOSTON, April 14.—Warrants for the arrest of Babe Ruth are held by the Massachusetts state police, it was learned today, when the New York Yankee baseball player visited the income tax headquarters. After a conference, the service warrants were postponed a week.

**KILLED SON KODIAK ISD.**

Drunken Man Said to Have Shot Through Door Which Was Slammed

SEWARD, Alaska, April 14.—Advices received here state that John Numoff is held by the grand jury for killing his son George, fifteen years of age, in a cabin at Uzinki on Spruce Island in the Kodiak group. It is said the father was in a drunken condition and he shot through the door which the boy slammed behind him, the bullet entering the boy's head.

**DAIRY COWS HERE TO BE INSPECTED**

City Council to Ask Provincial Authorities to Have Tests Made for Tuberculosis

The city council feels that the time has arrived when dairy cows in this city should again be inspected for tuberculosis. It was decided last night, on recommendation of the board of works, to get in touch with the provincial authorities with a view to having the tests made.

**ANCIENT LIGHTHOUSE TOPPLED INTO THE SEA**

PHILADELPHIA, April 14.—The recently abandoned Cape Senopen lighthouse, built by the British in 1765 when hit by a northeast gale yesterday toppled into the sea.

**Could Not Agree**

C. B. Flewin, the next witness, told of George and Burchall having arrived the Monday previous at his fish camp. Wesley George complained of nervousness and that he had not been sleeping. Later he said that he was not satisfied as things had been misrepresented to him. From George's conversation, witness had obtained the impression that George and Burchall could not agree. He had advised George that if he and his partner could not agree, it would be advisable for them to separate. First Burchall had said that he would (continued on page two)