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# CRIME RECORD WAS SHORT BUT STRENUOUS ONE

**Man Who Was Executed at Week End Had Faithful Wife**

BALTIMORE, Aug. 17. — Although at outs with the law from the age of short trousers, the criminal career of Richard Reese Whittemore, who was executed at the week end, left him cast in a petty role until, at the age of 25 and with a noose dangling above his head, he crowded into the space of a few months most of the highlights of a fiction bandit's life.

He was a comparatively little known gunman, with a prison reputation for being "hard," when, serving a term for burglary, he walked out of Maryland penitentiary on February 20, 1925, with the keys of a mortally wounded guard. Thirteen months later, when a New York police night patrol picked him up as a suspicious character after a chase at guns' points from the door of a night club, he was the active head of one of the East's most successful criminal organizations of recent years.

**Went to Gallows**

Whittemore went to the gallows for slaying the guard — Robert H. Holtman—the first important act for his brief, spectacular career. Holtman, his skull crushed by an iron bar, died two days after Whittemore escaped. Whether Whittemore actually was guilty of other murders laid by police at his door or that of his gang, may never be known.

Baltimore, New York, Chicago, Cleveland and Buffalo were included in the Whittemore gang's scope of operations. Many lucrative hauls were made from New York jewellery establishments. The "million dollar crime trust," so dubbed later by police because of the fabulous goal set, and reported nearly reached when the crime organization was shattered, revealed itself as an almost entirely self-supporting crime unit when police dug into its secrets. It had its own private "fences" for receiving stolen goods and maintained its own channels of disposal, realizing a much higher profit on its loot than is usually the case. The profits were apportioned among the gang members, the apportionment being made by Whittemore, who personally superintended its operations. So successful had the gang's system been that police at first declined to make public the details of a confession of Anthony Paladino, one of Whittemore's henchmen, on the grounds that it set a dangerous example.

**Gang's Breakup**

The gang's breakup was rapid after Whittemore and two companions visited the Chantee night club in the early morning of March 19 last. He was trailed from the door by a roving patrol, forced from his automobile several blocks away, and taken to headquarters where his identity was established. The remainder of the gang were rounded up one by one, largely through a police watch on Mrs. Margaret Whittemore, the bandit chief's wife, who was living with him in a downtown hotel.

**Wife Arrested**

Mrs. Whittemore also was arrested in New York, but her bandit husband effected her release, on an agreement with District Attorney Banton, by admitting his part in thefts totalling hundreds of thousands of dollars. Whittemore, however, refused to incriminate any other member of the gang. After her release, Mrs. Whittemore dedicated herself to an attempt to save her husband's life.

She appeared in Buffalo and sat silent in the court room as a jury was discharged after failing to agree on Whittemore's guilt in connection with the slaying of a bank messenger in a $93,000 daylight holdup there. She followed him back to Baltimore when New York state, itself having robbery indictments against the gang leader whose penalties would total 200 years, released him to Maryland, where States Attorney H. R. O'Conor, whose youthfulness matched that of the prisoner, promised a "perfect hanging case."

**Found Guilty**

Whittemore was found guilty of first degree murder on May 21. Later both the Supreme bench of Baltimore and the Maryland Court of Appeals had denied Whittemore a new trial. Governor Ritchie of Maryland reviewed the case. Edgar Allan Poe, Whittemore,'s counsel, contended the evidence justified nothing more severe than a verdict of second degree murder. Whittemore's defense was that he struck the guard down in self-defense during an altercation, and not for the purpose of escape. Governor Ritchie declined to interfere.

The slayings of "Chicago Tommy" Langrella, an underworld character of Chicago and Baltimore, who was found shot to death in North Arlington, N.D., last February, and of Simon L. Gilden, of Baltimore, believed a former member of the Whittemore gang, in New York last December, were attributed by police to Whittemore or his followers. Neither of the crimes, however, was ever fastened directly on the gang. Whittemore admitted shooting Edward "Spike" Kenney at a Middle River roadhouse on the outskirts of Baltimore, last Hallowe'en night. Kenney recovered in a hospital with a police guard around the building.

Whittemore pleaded poverty when arraigned in Baltimore. What became of his reputed fortune in loot was never developed. Edgar Allan Poe, who was appointed by the court to defend him, was a former states attorney of Baltimore, former attorney general of Baltimore and former president of the Baltimore bar association.


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**CANCELLATION OF RESERVE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the reserve existing over Lot 4607, Cassiar District, is cancelled.

Deputy Minister of Lands.
G. R. NADEN,

Lands Department,
Victoria, B. C.,
29th June, 1926.

**WATER NOTICE**

**Diversion and Use**

TAKE NOTICE that Somerville Cannery Company Limited, whose address is Gore Avenue Wharf, Vancouver, B. C., will apply for a license to take and use 50 gallons per minute of water out of un-named stream, which flows northerly and drains into Ferguson Bay, Masset Inlet, about 30 chains west from N. E. corner Lot 1571, Q. C. District. The water will be diverted from the stream at a point about 6 chains from mouth of stream and will be used for industrial and domestic purpose upon the land described as Block A, Lot 1571, Queen Charlotte District. This notice was posted on the ground on the 14th day of July, 1926. A copy of this notice and an application pursuant thereto and to the "Water Act" will be filed in the office of the Water Recorder at Prince Rupert, B. C. Objections to the application may be filed with the said Water Recorder or with the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B. C., within thirty days after the first appearance of this notice in a local newspaper. The date of the first publication of this notice is July 29, 1926.

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**"GOVERNMENT LIQUOR ACT"**

**Notice of Application for Consent to Transfer Beer License.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 28th day of August next the undersigned intend to apply to the Liquor Control Board for consent to transfer of Beer Licence numbered 470 and issued in respect of premises, being part of a building known as Port Clements Hotel, Port Clements, B. C., upon the lands described as Lot 7, Block 47, in Subdivision of Lot 746, Queen Charlotte Islands, Prince Rupert Land Registry District, in the Province of British Columbia, from Frank Hicks to Herbert Hampton, Theodore Musconi and J. Ciccone of the Town of Port Clements, in the County of Prince Rupert, in the Province of British Columbia, the transferees.

DATED at Prince Rupert, B. C., this 31st day of July, 1926.

HERBERT HAMPTON,
THEODORE MUSCONI,
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Applicants and Transferees.

**LAND ACT.**

**Notice of Intention to Apply to Lease Land.**

In Land Recording District of Prince Rupert, and situate on north shore of an Unnamed Bay on South-West Coast of Pitt Island, about one mile east from Bluff Point.

TAKE NOTICE that E. Rousseau, of Lowe Inlet, Province of British Columbia, occupation, Cannery Manager, intends to apply for a lease of the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted on the shore of an unnamed bay on the south-west coast of Pitt Island, about one mile east of Bluff Point; thence north twenty chains; thence east twenty chains; thence south twenty chains, more or less, to High Water Mark; thence following high water mark westerly to point of commencement, and containing eighty acres, more or less.

DATED July 30th, 1926.

E. ROUSSEAU,
Applicant.

**LAND ACT.**

Cassiar Land District. Land Recording District of Prince Rupert, and situate on Atlin Lake about 35 miles southwest of Atlin Townsite.

TAKE NOTICE that Edwin Jules Eggert, of Atlin, in the Province of British Columbia, occupation operating tourist launch, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner of Glacier Bay, in Atlin Lake, situated as above; thence following the shore line west 20 chains; thence south 20 chains; thence east 20 chains; thence north 20 chains, to point of commencement.

EDWIN JULES EGGERT,
Applicant.

Dated May 10, 1926.

**TIMBER SALE X8109.**

There will be offered for sale at Public Auction, at noon on the 23rd day of August, 1926, in the office of the District Forester, Prince Rupert, B. C., the Licence X8109, to cut 3,360,000 feet of Spruce, Hemlock and Cedar, on an area situated on Logan Inlet, Queen Charlotte Islands.

Two (2) years will be allowed for removal of timber.

Provided that any one unable to attend the auction in person may submit a sealed tender to be opened at the hour of auction and treated as one bid.

Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, B. C., or District Forester, Prince Rupert, B. C.

**TIMBER SALE X8108.**

There will be offered for sale at Public Auction, at 5 p.m., on the 23rd day of September, 1926, in the office of the District Forester, Prince Rupert, B. C., the Licence X8108, to cut 16,841,000 feet of Spruce, Hemlock and Cedar, on an area situated on Selwyn Inlet and adjoining Lot 315 and S. T. L. 6191p, Queen Charlotte Islands.

Three (3) years will be allowed for removal of the timber.

Provided that any one unable to attend the auction in person may submit a sealed tender to be opened at the hour of auction and treated as one bid.

Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, B. C., or District Forester, Prince Rupert, B. C.

**TIMBER SALE X8148**

Sealed tenders will be received by the Minister of Lands at Victoria not later than noon on the 26th day of August, 1926, for the purchase of Licence X8148, to cut 35,000 Jackpine Ties on an area located on portions of Lots 4305 and 4306 near Knockholt, Canadian National Railway, Range 5, Coast District.

Three (3) years will be allowed for removal of timber.

Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, B. C., or District Forester, Prince Rupert, B. C.

# LABOR LEADER GIVES ADDRESS

**Speaks at Edmonton When John Lakeman is Nominated to Contest Constituency.**

EDMONTON, Aug. 17.—Giving full credit for the introduction of Old Age Pensions and Rural Credits, Re-valuation of Soldiers' Land Act and other measures which would have been of great benefit to the workers to the Mackenzie King government, J. S. Woodsworth flayed the Conservative senators for killing these measures, being particularly censorious of their actions in regard to the Old Age Pensions bill.

The address was given at the Labor nominating convention when John Lakeman was chosen as standard-bearer for the party in Edmonton East.

"These men, sitting there fixed for life with a pension of $4,000 a year and emoluments, deliberately turned down an old age pension scheme which would have given those who had not been able to put by enough for their needs during the time they could work, a paltry $20 per month," he said, and in vigorous terms stated that such action showed the absolute necessity of either abolishing or reforming the senate.

**True to Promises**

Labor in the last parliament had no general agreement to support the government of Mackenzie King, said Mr. Woodsworth, but Mackenzie King had proved true to his pledges and brought in measures asked for by Labor, and for this reason they had supported him. Hon. Arthur Meighen and R. B. Bennett, K.C., of Calgary, were two of the Conservatives who had bitterly opposed the Old Age Pensions bill, and the former was also blamed for the spectacle of the governor general of Canada being put in the position of acting contrary to the constitution of the Dominion.

**Stevens Amendment**

"If we had voted for Stevens' amendment it meant that the Conservatives would take office, and we would have a high protection party in power who would not give us old age pensions. It meant also the encouragement of imperialism and a lot of other things for which Labor could not stand, and I could not for the life of me see why Meighen should go over to the imperial conference in London because Jacques Bureau hadn't done the right thing by Moses Aziz or because Bisaillon had a secretary who wasn't what she ought to be," said Mr. Woodsworth.

"My position was that under the party system we couldn't get a fair trial in the house and that was why I brought in the amendment to have a full inquiry by a judicial commission to go into the matter in all parts of Canada, including Vancouver."

"That's Stevens' seat," shouted a member of the audience.

"I know it is, and I know that whiskey went out of there in shiploads to Mexico, a lot of it in launches which made the remarkable time of three days for a return trip to Mexico," shot back Mr. Woodsworth amid general laughter and applause.

**British Liberty**

Dealing with the constitutional question Mr. Woodsworth stated bluntly that his position was very clear, and that it was that the governor general in Canada should have no more power than the king had in England.

"I can't see why an Englishman who comes to Canada should have less power to run his own affairs than he had in England, and why he should permit any greater freedom on the part of the governor general here than on the part of the King of Great Britain. In this case the governor general was ill-advised by Mr. Meighen, as the king can do no wrong, having to follow the advice of his responsible ministers."

# MRS. SHAW DENIES SUGGESTIONS MADE ABOUT HER HUSBAND

**Declares Mr. Shaw Went North to Do Assessment Work and Not For Political Reasons.**

The charge made by J. C. Brady that Walter Shaw was put up by F. G. Dawson to interfere with Mr. Brady's meeting at Anyox is not true, according to Mrs. Shaw, who was present at the meeting Saturday night and who wishes to deny its truth. She says Mr. Shaw went north to do his assessment work on some mineral properties and there being a meeting at Anyox he, as usual ,wished to be present and if possible have something to say.

Mrs. Shaw says that she had intended to vote for Mr. Brady, but after such personalities she will not, even if, as he says, he did educate her son. She does not think that sort of political propaganda will help his cause here.

**HAWAIIAN PINEAPPLE PACK**

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