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CONSERVATIVES CHOOSING A LEADER

PORT ESSINGTON MURDER CASE MAY CLOSE SOME TIME TODAY

Bowser and Ladner May be Both Dropped When Leadership Considered

Conservatives busily engaged formulating platform for party and will ballot for leader tonight or tomorrow

KAMLOOPS, November 24.—Many rumors were heard this morning that a compromise candidate for the party leadership would be chosen, the most persistent being that Mr. Bowser would drop out and Senator Taylor would be nominated. In this way, it was declared, Bowser supporters hope to upset the plans of the Ladner backers, the belief being expressed that many interior delegates who are against the return of Bowser but not pledged to Ladner, might be induced to vote with a solid Bowser bloc and thus defeat Ladner. Balloting is not likely to take place before late tonight or tomorrow morning.

NEW CABLE IS OPENED UNDER NEWEST PLAN

DOMINIONS HAVE MORE CONTROL
AND GREAT BRITAIN LESS THAN
FORMERLY

OTTAWA, Nov. 24.—The powers of the Dominion Government are increased and the powers of the British Government diminished with regard to the control of the Pacific Cable under a new agreement made by the Premier's committee of the Imperial Conference. Two members of three members will represent the British Government on the board and a chairman will be appointed by agreement among the partner governments instead of by the British Government solely.

Revision of the agreement marks the end of a dispute of several years regarding the management of the Pacific Cable between Canada and Australasia. The British Dominions interested are represented on the board and will share the profits on the operations of the cable.

CHINESE WIFE AS WITNESS

BEAUTIFUL ORIENTAL WOMAN HELD
ON \$1,000 BOND IN CHARGE
AGAINST HER PARAMOUR

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 24.—Mrs. Thomas Mayford, the beautiful young Chinese wife of the former postmaster of Sitka, was ordered held in the county jail by United States Commissioner Brown as a material witness against L. R. Mars, who is bound over by a federal jury on a Main Act charge.

Mars and the woman were arrested last Friday on a vagrancy charge by the Sacramento police. Investigation disclosed that Mars and the woman met in Seattle where she lived after leaving Sitka. They came to California recently and registered as man and wife at a Sacramento hotel. Mars was taken to the county jail under \$5,000 bonds and after the hearing the woman was held under bonds of \$1,000.

PRIVY COUNCIL NOT TO TRY VANCOUVER CASE IS DECIDED

VICTORIA, Nov. 24.—Leave to appeal to the privy council for decision as to whether another jury trial should be held was refused today at the special meeting of the court of appeal in the action brought against the B.C. Rapid Transit Company by Janie and Helen Bradshaw for \$35,000 damages as a result of alleged injuries sustained during a collision by the company's bus.

GOVERNOR ON TEAM WORK OF THE RAILWAY

BACKS UP SIR HENRY THORNTON
ON HIS REMARKS AT LUNCHEON
IN OTTAWA

OTTAWA, Nov. 24.—Speaking here today at the annual luncheon of the professional institute of the civil service of Canada, Sir Henry Thornton, chairman and president of the Canadian National Railways, was greeted by an audience of upwards of five hundred senior representatives of the public services of the Dominion, by its Governor General Viscount Willingdon, and by many members of the federal cabinet. "Team Play" was the subject of Sir Henry's address, and it led the Governor General to request the chairman of the gathering to allow him to thank the speaker and say a word from his own place on the national fabric about the value of teamwork.

"I think that what Sir Henry has told us has been extremely interesting to us all," said Lord Willingdon. "For anyone who, in administrative life or at play, has been engaged in leadership must know that teamwork 'playing unselfishly for the side' is the one thing that generally succeeds. I am sure you will all agree with me that Sir Henry Thornton may very well take great pride to himself for the wonderful success of team work on the Canadian National Railways. With his usual modesty he was not going to say anything about the captain of the side, but referred only to the wonderful work that was done by all the members of his team, but I do think we might well give him credit where credit is due: he has captained his side admirably and has altered the whole position of the Canadian National Railways since he took the command of the side."

SIR HENRY
Sir Henry Thornton in his address urged that loyalty and leadership are the two essentials that make for effective team play. The commonwealth of British nations was the finest expression of teamwork on a large scale that was in existence today. Patriotism was only a form of teamwork, in that patriotism represented love of country or loyalty to country. In whatever institution we might be assembled to coordinate our efforts, loyalty must be the groundwork and foundation, but loyalty has to be accompanied by good, capable and just leadership, leadership which was unprejudiced and which dealt fairly with every member of the team. Turning to the lesson that Canada as a nation might learn from observing the rules of good teamwork, Sir Henry said that Canadians were too few in numbers and not sufficiently opulent collectively to enjoy the luxury of fighting among themselves. He added: "Interprovincial hostility should be reserved to that time when we become a greater and wealthier nation, and when that time arrives we shall find it an unproductive occupation."

KING SENDS FIRST MESSAGE ON CABLE THREE DOMINIONS

OTTAWA, Nov. 24.—The first message over the new Pacific Cable between Canada, New Zealand, and Australia was one from the King to the people of the three countries which reads:

"I have learned with much interest of the new cable across the Pacific which is open today. I welcome this addition to the facilities of rapid communication which are so essential not only for the advancement and material prosperity of my people but also for the promotion of mutual good understanding between them."

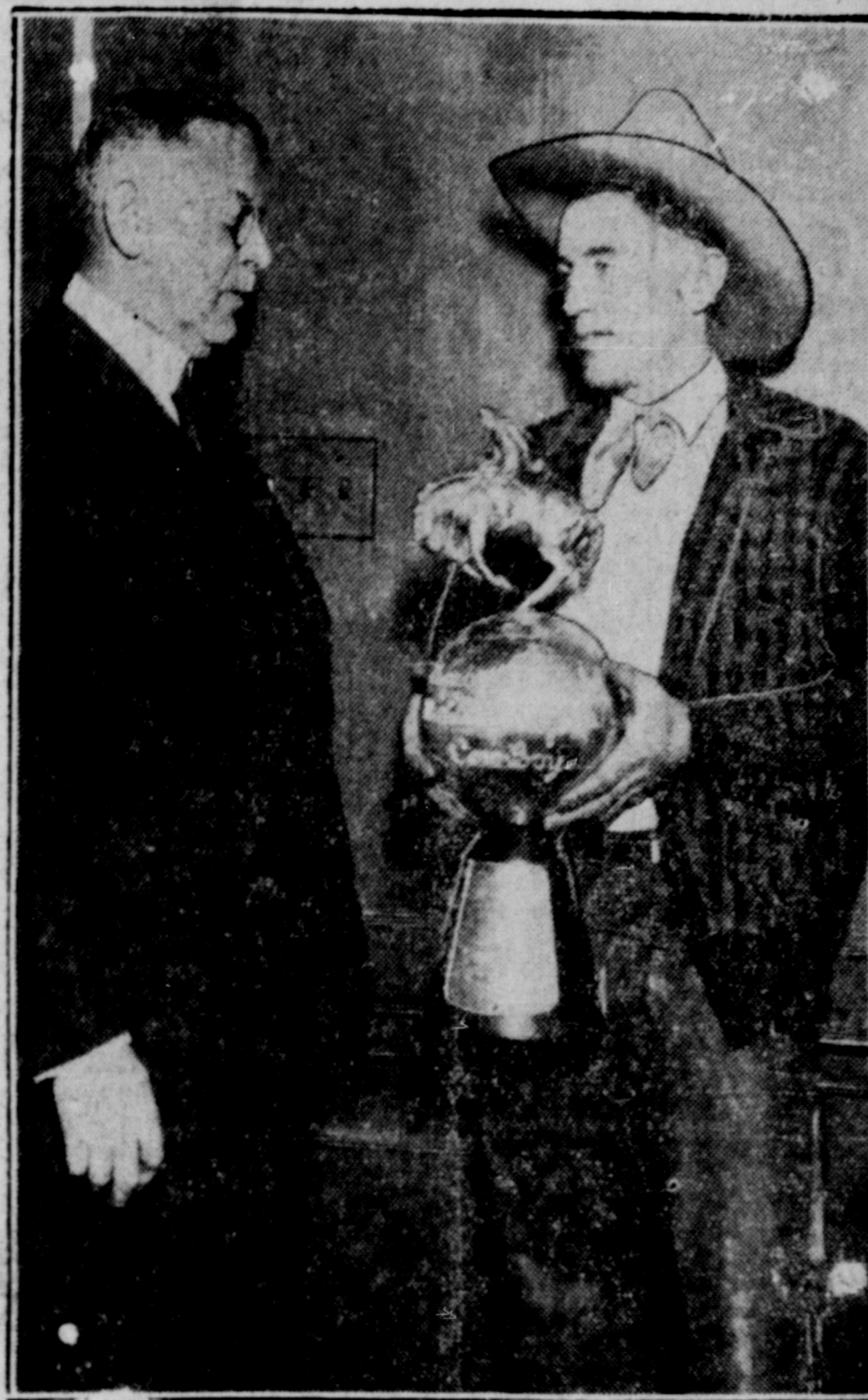
LEONID KRASSIN DIES

LONDON, Nov. 24.—Leonid Krassin, Soviet Charge D'Affaires in London, died suddenly this morning.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked.
Wheat	1.26 3/4	
C. P. R.	163.00	
B. C. Silver	1.74	1.80
Dunwell	.90	.95
Gladstone	.30 1/2	.32
Granby	35.00	37.00
Howe Sound	40.00	42.00
Independence	.08 1/2	.09
Indian	.04 1/2	.05 1/4
L. & L.	.05 1/2	.07 1/4
Porter Idaho	.09 1/2	.09 3/4
Silver Crest	.07 1/2	.07 3/4
Sulf Inlet	.01 3/4	.02 3/4

A common sort of enemy is the friend who does not oppose us when we do wrong.—Holmes.



NORMAN COWAN, winner of American Cowboy championship this year at the annual round-ups at Cheyenne, Wyoming and Pendleton, Oregon, receiving the Roosevelt trophy from Edward C. Fogg in the Roosevelt Memorial Library.

Ashes to be Scattered on South Pacific Ocean During Moonlight Night According to Early Pact

VANCOUVER, November 24.—In accordance with the last wish expressed of Gardner Johnson, pioneer shipping man of British Columbia, who died Friday, his ashes will be scattered on the waters of the Pacific between here and Honolulu.

It was learned today that Johnson cruised in the south seas many times and years ago agreed with his friend, Captain Sydney Phillips of the Canadian-Australian Royal Mail line, that whichever died first the other would have the mission of bearing the ashes of his friend to the South Pacific and scattering them to the waves on a moonlight night.

Phillips is now superintendent of the line stationed permanently at Sydney but the agreement with Gardner Johnson will be carried out by Captain Crawford of the Abrangi and another intimate friend of Johnson's.

ADVERTISING SIGNS WILL BE TAKEN DOWN

VANCOUVER, Nov. 24.—Steps will be taken immediately to remove all advertising signs from provincial highways, Minister of Public Works Sutherland stated at a conference of officials of the provincial and municipal governments and the auto club of B.C. today. Yellow signs for all highways will be adopted hereafter.

Priest and Canadian Nuns Are Robbed by Pirates and Clothes Articles Taken but All Survive

HONG KONG, November 24.—Father W. A. Fletcher and seven Canadian nuns survived raids made by 21 different gangs of pirates on the steamer Waihoe bound to Hong Kong. The priest and nuns were robbed, locked in a small stateroom for 60 hours while the vessel was being looted.

Twelve well-dressed Chinese, posing as passengers, shot and killed the Chinese soldier guards, the purser, cashier, and clerk of Waihoe, beached the vessel, robbed the passengers and then leisurely removed the cargo of kerosene, food supplies and furniture.

The Chinese passengers were taken ashore and are held for ransom. After the first band of pirates left the ship, twenty other gangs boarded the vessel at different times for loot. The last gang was reduced to stealing the shoes worn by the nuns and priest's hat and coat.

Sankey Murder Trial Defence Now Going on in the Assize Court

Case will probably go to jury late this afternoon with Sankey trying to prove he was not there

The end of the Sankey murder trial at the Supreme Court Assizes being held here before Mr. Justice D. A. McDonald is now in sight and the jury will probably retire late this afternoon or in the evening to consider its verdict. The last crown witness, Dr. J. A. West, who told of human bloodstains being tested on accused's clothing, was heard this morning after which four defence witnesses—H. Kameda and Rev. W. H. Pierce of Port Essington and Joshua McKay and Arthur Wesley of Port Simpson—were called to the stand before adjournment was taken at 12.40 until 2 o'clock this afternoon. The next witness this afternoon is Mrs. Kameda and she will be followed by accused who will take the stand to give evidence in his own defence. Then will come the addresses of counsel and the charge of His Lordship before the jury retires.

The defence will rest, as Mr. Patmore stated, in his outline of evidence that is being adduced to the effect that accused as alleged did not follow the girl along the trail on the day in question, and that it was impossible for him to be near, see or follow the girl that morning. Explanation, Mr. Patmore said, would be made to account for the bloodstains that had been found on accused's clothing which were later covered with sand or mud.

At the opening of yesterday afternoon's session His Lordship stated that he would meet with defence counsel's request that witness, John Sankey, be allowed to tell the court what he (witness) had said to accused on the morning of his violent nose bleed. John Sankey was then recalled to the stand and he stated that he told Joe that it was a very good thing his nose was bleeding.

Margaret Sankey, on entering the witness box, was apparently struck dumb for the first few seconds but, on getting into her stride, proved to be an intelligent and clear witness. The evidence she gave in her examination by the crown prosecutor, A. M. Johnson, K.C., was unshaken by L. W. Patmore's cross-examination and she turned out to be one of the best if not the best of the crown witnesses.

Witness came from Port Simpson in April with her father to live at Port Essington. Her evidence of the movements and dress on the day of May 23 of accused, who lived in the same house at Port Essington, was largely corroborative of that which had been given earlier in the day by her father, John Sankey. She had been present at the dance the night previous which accused had also attended. When she got home about 1 o'clock, Joe was in bed.

About a week before May 24, witness said, she had pressed the trousers of accused's blue suit. After a bit of clever questioning by Mr. Johnson, witness finally stated that she had not noticed anything out of the ordinary with the trousers at that time. She did not remember having mended accused's clothes at any time but had noticed, when she was pressing the pants, that there was a little patch on one leg.

IDENTIFIED THE PANTS
Under cross-examination, witness identified the trousers, an examination of which disclosed that there was one tear below the knee which had been mended with thread and another place further up where a patch had been put in. She did not remember whether or not accused had his vest at Port Essington. A vest had been found in the Port Simpson home to which they returned in October. A faded lavender shirt which was produced in court was identified by witness as accused's. It was his only good shirt and she supposed it was the one he had worn at the dance on May 23. On Sunday afternoon, she said, he had on a clean khaki shirt.

Re-examined by Mr. Johnson witness stated that she thought she had washed the lavender shirt the Monday previous to May 23. The shirt as produced in court was soiled and grimy.

Daniel Brown, Indian, who gave his evidence through the interpreter, W. E. Collison, told of having seen accused (continued on page four)

LAWN TENNIS PROFESSIONALS MAY NOT COME

VANCOUVER CLUB REFUSES TO POST
\$3,000 GUARANTEE TO VISITOR

VANCOUVER, Nov. 24.—Refusal of the Vancouver Lawn Tennis Club executive to post a five thousand dollar guarantee for the appearance here of the troupe headed by Lenglen resulted in the disruption of the plans for their appearance in the Pacific Northwest. It was learned that the committee was informed that only two dates were open next week for exhibitions in Vancouver and when they learned that the largest auditorium was not available on such short notice, they decided not to post the guarantee.

The decision, it is understood, will probably result in the cancellation of the schedule for the appearance at Victoria and Seattle as well as here.

TO ESTABLISH CREDIT BUREAU

RETAIL MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION
MADE DECISION AT MEETING
LAST EVENING

Bringing to a head a project that has been discussed for some time, the Retail Merchants' Association at its regular monthly dinner in the Commodore Cafe last night decided to establish a credit bureau in the city. The bureau, which is already being put in operation, will be conducted directly by the officers of the association.

Other business pertaining to the affairs of the association was discussed at the meeting which was presided over by P. H. Linzey and at which a good turnout of twenty-two members was present.

At its next meeting in November, the association will nominate candidates and in January the election of 1927 officers will take place.

USED GASOLINE TO LIGHT FIRE

WOMAN AND TWO CHILDREN LOSE
LIVES AND TWO OTHERS BURNED
BADLY

GILBERT PLAINS, Man., Nov. 24.—Mrs. Steve Latowski and two children, a boy of six and a baby thirteen months old, were burned to death here yesterday when the home was destroyed by a fire which originated in an attempt to light the kitchen fire with gasoline by the woman's sister-in-law. The latter and a brother of Mrs. Latowski were badly burned. The victims were not awake at the time of the fire and the charred bodies were found in bed in the ruins of the home.