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OFFICER KILLS PENTICTON MURDERER

NINETY THOUSAND RAILWAY EMPLOYEES ASK MORE PAY

Okanagan Man Slays Wife and Falls Victim to Policeman in Duel

Household quarrels end in tragedy—armed man resisted arrest and lost life in battle with game warden

PENTICTON, January 7.—Armed with two rifles, George Barden, a garage man, shot and killed his wife here yesterday and, after being pleaded with by William Steel, owner of the house where the tragedy occurred, and others, for more than two hours to surrender to the police, was fatally wounded in an exchange of shots with Game Warden Robertson.

Hearing a woman scream as he passed the Steel residence on his way to court shortly after ten o'clock, Magistrate T. A. Hope ran into the house where he found Barton beating and kicking his wife.

WELL KNOWN NORTHERNER IS NO MORE

J. A. FRASER, FORMERLY GOLD COMMISSIONER AT ATLIN, DIES IN VANCOUVER AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

VANCOUVER, Jan. 7.—J. A. Fraser, aged 75, gold commissioner at Atlin for twenty-two years, died at his residence here yesterday. The news of the death of Mr. Fraser, who had been ill for only a short time, will be received with sorrow by hundreds of friends of "Trail of '98 days". He was born in Glenora county, Ontario, and went to Winnipeg in the early days, later coming to British Columbia.

AMERICANS TO LEAVE HANKOW

THEIR POSITION ALSO BELIEVED TO BE PERILOUS IN CHINESE CITY

HANKOW, Jan. 7.—Anxiety for the safety of Americans in Hankow arose last night when a British steamer was placed opposite the United States consulate. Frank Lockhart, the consul, has circularized the American colony, advising that women and children go aboard and take three days' provisions. Fifty women already are aboard and are prepared to sail for Shanghai.

CANADIAN GOLD IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Gold bars valued at \$3,500,000 were received at the Bank of Montreal today from Canada. This foreign exchange transportation—as the Canadian dollar, being at a discount of five thirty seconds of one per cent—permits the shipment of gold at a profit.

CRUISER LEAVES IN PURSUIT MEXICAN GUN RUNNERS, CORINTO

MANAGUA, Jan. 7.—The United States cruiser Galveston left Corinto today for the Gulf of Amasco where gun runners, allegedly Mexican, are reported attempting to land arms for the Liberals.

A fog cost Londoners \$250,000 in extra laundry bills.

SEINE BOAT BUT NOT MEN FOUND

FEARED THAT EIGHT PERSONS ON JESSIE ISLAND NO. 4 LOST THEIR LIVES

WHITES AND INDIANS

Masset Native was Among Those on Ill-fated Little Boat.

VICTORIA, Jan. 7.—The Vancouver seining boat Jessie Island No. 4, which left Chemainus two weeks ago for the West Coast was picked up this morning off Pachena Point, a total wreck, by the Canadian Government steamer Givenchy. There was no trace of eight persons who were on board. The boat left Chemainus with a cargo of herring nets for Barclay Sound on December 26.

The boat piled up on the rocks in Pachena Bay on the West Coast during the recent storms. The Bamfield life boat found the wrecked hull of the craft high and dry in Klotus Bay almost ripped to pieces but without sign or trace of the crew of three and five passengers.

The eight persons aboard the vessel when she cleared from Chemainus for Barclay Sound included two whites and six Indians.

THOSE ON BOARD

Those on board the ill-fated boat were Capt. George Brown of Clayoquot Sound, Engineer "Brownie" James of Hesquiat; Michael Ambrose of Ehatset; Joseph Harry of Nootka Sound; Henry James of Nanaimo; Leo Peter and wife of Clayoquot Sound, and an Indian named "Pat" believed to have been from Massett.

Fears for the safety of the craft were felt a few days ago when the vessel failed to reach her destination. Her sister ship, Jessie Island No. 2, left eighteen hours later and arrived at the usual time, reporting no sight of the Jessie Island No. 4.

Inquiry at the office of the Indian Agent here this morning failed to lend any light on the identity of the Indian nicknamed "Pat."

LOCAL GIRLS PASS EXAMS

MISS HUNTER, CASTELL AND PALMBOM SUCCESSFUL IN RECENT R.N. TESTS

(Special to Daily News)
VANCOUVER, Jan. 7.—Results of the Registered Nurses' examinations held at various training schools in the province during the month of November have been announced by Miss Helen Randall, R.N., registrar of the Graduate Nurses' Association of British Columbia.

The results show three successful candidates from Prince Rupert General Hospital—Miss Georgina Hunter, Miss Ann Castell and Miss Zada Palmboom.

The three young ladies mentioned above are now entitled to the privileges accorded to the use of the letters "R.N." after their names. All three are members of this spring's graduating class from the local hospital. Miss Hunter will have completed her training next Monday and Miss Castell and Miss Palmboom will be through soon thereafter.

WELSH CITY STARTS LOADING AND RYOKA WILL FOLLOW SOON

A quick job of lining having been done at the ocean dock by a dry dock crew, the Smith Line freighter, Welsh City, went on berth at the elevator yesterday afternoon to start loading grain for the United Kingdom or continent.

As soon as the Welsh City gets away, the Ocean Transport Co.'s freighter, Ryoka Maru, will move down from the dry dock to start loading for Shanghai. Lining of this vessel will be completed today.

Railway Minister Frankly Admits Responsibility for Cancelling Vancouver Hotel

OTTAWA, January 7.—Hon. Charles A. Dunning, minister of railways, states that he would welcome a parliamentary investigation into the reasons for cancelling the contract for the erection of a \$5,000,000 Canadian National hotel in Vancouver. The contract was authorized by the late government and was later cancelled by the present administration.

In making his statement regarding a parliamentary investigation, Mr. Dunning said he would be glad to take the responsibility as minister of railways for recommending the cancellation to the government.

"Regarding the future," the minister stated, "the president and board of directors of the railway company have not yet recommended provision for the construction of the hotel at Vancouver in 1927."

Enthusiastic Toronto Financier Predicts Several Stewart Mines to Rival Premier in Few Years

John P. Kendall, prominent young Toronto financial man, has visited and had practical experience with most of the great mining fields on the continent but the Portland Canal is the most wonderful he has yet seen. Such was the opinion which he enthusiastically expressed to a representative of the Daily News this morning on his arrival from Stewart where he has been for the past week inspecting interests he already holds and acquiring others. "From the standpoint of activity, mineralization and the spirit of its residents and investors I have never seen anything like it," asserted Mr. Kendall.

"And from what I have learned during my brief visit, I venture to say that, within five years' time, there will be four or five mines there as great as the Premier."

Mr. Kendall made a minute inspection of some of the properties immediately north of the Premier including the National Silver and the Premier Extension. In the Extenuate property, now operated by Grant Mahood, he saw what he described as wonderful mineralization. The B.C. Silver and Big Missouri, he said, are already established and proven mines that will some day outrival the Premier. In the Bear and Marmot River valleys were also mines which he considered had marvellous prospects.

Mr. Kendall also conversed with many of the residents of Stewart and Hyder. Their spirit of optimism he said was surprising for the people on the ground are often the most skeptical.

"I came west with great expectations; but those expectations were even surpassed with what I saw," declared Mr. Kendall.

Financial people of the East are realizing the wealth and possibilities of the Portland Canal region and money for development there is becoming increasingly available, he said.

"British Columbia," Mr. Kendall said, "will be the scene of the next great mining boom and the Portland Canal will take a large share of attention and investment. There have been a few regrettable stock promotions on certain mines but that will no longer have a serious effect for the public is becoming educated and confidence has been restored."

Mr. Kendall, who is a guest at the Hotel Prince Rupert, will leave for Toronto tomorrow morning.

WEATHER REPORT

Prince Rupert.—Clear, calm, temperature, 29.
Terrace.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 26.
Aiyansh.—Clear, calm, temp. 18.
Alice Arm.—Clear, calm, temp. 24.
Anxox.—Clear, calm, temp. 25.
Stewart.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 20.
Hazelton.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 8.
Telegraph Creek.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 10.
Smithers.—Cloudy, calm, zero.
Burns Lake.—Cloudy, calm, temp. 13.
White Horse.—Clear, calm, 17 below.
Dawson.—Clear, light south wind, 10 below.
Selkirk.—24 below.

TIMEKEEPER FOUND DEAD

FERNIE, Jan. 7.—Michael McNeil, timekeeper at Corbin, was found dead on the right-of-way of the railway at that place. An inquest has been ordered.

Montreal Faces Sequel to Increases Recently Given Others of Staff

MONTREAL, January 7.—More than ninety thousand railway employees are involved in negotiations on wage increase demands ranging from ten to twelve cents per hour. Thirty-five thousand maintenance men on all lines and a similar number of railway shopmen demand a ten cent increase; eighteen thousand Canadian National office staff and freight shed employees are seeking a ten per cent hourly rating increase and twenty dollars a month for rated men; six thousand Canadian Pacific clerks demand wage increases and improved working conditions, and eight hundred Canadian National sleeping, dining and parlor-car employees request a twelve per cent increase. These demands result from increases recently granted conductors and carmen.

PRINCE COMING IS ANNOUNCED

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL ATTEND JUBILEE OF CONFEDERATION AT OTTAWA AND VISIT HIS CANADIAN RANCH

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The first news despatch received from London over the newly inaugurated radiophone transatlantic commercial service, opened to the public this morning, was an official announcement that the Prince of Wales would visit Canada next summer.

Only urgent demands for his presence in England on official business will prevent the Prince making an official American visit next year. After attending the Jubilee of Confederation in Ottawa in July, His Royal Highness plans to spend a vacation at his ranch in Alberta. He will then visit middle western United States later going to New York for the Anglo-American polo matches before returning home.

GRAIN SHIPPED AT VANCOUVER

DURING THIS WEEK TOTALLED ABOUT HALF MILLION BUSHELS MOSTLY IN PART CARGOES

VANCOUVER, Jan. 7.—The following vessels loaded grain here during the present week, mostly all being part cargoes:

Shunshel Maru, for Nagoya, 116,523 bushels.
Hayo Maru, for Yokohama, 33,333 bushels; for Kobe, 33,333 bushels.
Age Maru, for Moji, 66,666 bushels; for Yokohama, 199,641 bushels.
Baltimore Maru, for Osaka, 18,667 bushels; for Kobe, 80,833 bushels.
Yonatan Maru, for Shanghai, 162,500 bushels.
Yokohama Maru, for Kobe, 16,666 bushels.
Lochmonar, for Rotterdam, 37,333 bushels; for Liverpool, 37,333 bushels.
Moerdyk, for Hamburg, 37,333 bushels.

LOSES LIFE WHEN BURIED WITH CLAY

Vancouver City Workman Met Appalling Death Yesterday Afternoon by Suffocation

VANCOUVER, Jan. 7.—Suffocated when he was buried beneath four feet of clay, George Gibson, a city laborer, died before fellow workmen could remove the debris from a cave-in which occurred yesterday in a sewer under construction here.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked.
Wheat	1.33 1/2	
B.C. Silver	1.50	1.59
Dunwell	1.20	1.23
Glacier	.08 1/2	.08 3/4
Gladstone	.28	.30
Independence	.09 1/2	.09 1/2
Marmot	.10 1/2	.12
Premier	1.80	1.91
Porter Idaho	.12 1/2	.13 1/2
Silver Crest	.05 1/2	.06
Surf Inlet	.00 1/2	

BOXES MADE TO CONTAIN DOPE

EXTENT OF DRUG TRAFFIC SHOWN BY OFFICER IN CONNECTION WITH TRIAL IN MONTREAL

MONTREAL, Jan. 7.—Judge Monet in police court here set bail at \$10,000 for every one of the five men who were arrested here last week in connection with what the police claim is the biggest drug trafficking ring on the North American continent. The men will appear this week end.

Francis W. Cowan, chief of the narcotic division of the federal department of health, today told newspapermen he had learned that in the last three years orders had been given to and executed by a single concern for the manufacture of 31,500 boxes to contain 50,000 ounces of illicit drugs valued at \$1,000,000 wholesale. This was not taking into account orders given for boxes destined to contain raw opium and so forth.