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PREMIER MACKENZIE KING SPEAKS

BRADY AND STEVENS BOTH URGE CLAIMS WESTERN PORTS

Premier Mackenzie King Gives Liberal Women Principles of Liberalism at Banquet His Honor

Party is set against any upward revision of tariff, declares Premier, but sticks by Imperial Preferences

OTTAWA, April 19.—Premier Mackenzie King, in an address given at a banquet in his honor last night by the first national assembly of Liberal women on "Liberalism" told his audience that Liberal outlook and thought was directed toward the future; Conservative was directed to and found its justification in the past.

"In fiscal matters," the Premier said, the principle of future had found its expression in Liberal politics, of customs duties for revenue rather than for purposes of protection to special interests

WOMEN'S WORK IS ON ANVIL

MARY ELLEN SMITH STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF ORGANIZATION SPEECH IN OTTAWA

OTTAWA, April 19.—Mary Ellen Smith addressing the National Assembly of Liberal women yesterday said: "Women's work is on the anvil today and I hope it will be beaten out of pure gold. Organization is the key-note."

"Women should remember that men are not perfectly organized yet and when we accomplish that we shall be many leaps ahead of the men. Organization is a woman's job and it is up to the women to do it."

TAYLOR WILL NOT RETRACT

REFUSES TO TAKE BACK ANY OF STATEMENTS MADE REGARDING SAM PLASTINO

VANCOUVER, April 19.—Mayor Taylor will not make any retraction of the statement alleged to have been made by him at the police commission meeting on April 15 in regard to Sam Plastino, he said today.

Counsel for Plastino recently demanded that the mayor retract certain statements purporting to have been made.

ROTHERMERE COMING WEST

TO VISIT PEACE RIVER AND GIVE PUBLICITY TO BRITISH COLUMBIA

VANCOUVER, April 19.—The Sun yesterday carried a London cable saying Lord Rothermere is to visit Vancouver next August and that he will go into the Peace River country.

To friends Lord Rothermere has stated his intention of giving enormous publicity in his papers to British Columbia and western Canada generally.

WINNIPEG PIONEER DIES AT VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, April 19.—Arthur Wickson, 81 years of age, a pioneer citizen of Winnipeg and first manager of a chartered bank to open in the west, is dead at his home here.

MARY ELLEN SMITH IS HEAD LIBERAL WOMEN

OTTAWA, April 19.—Mrs. Mary Ellen Smith, M.L.A. for Vancouver, was chosen by the First National Assembly of Liberal women as their president.

MACKENZIE KING TO VISIT THIS COAST MONTH OF AUGUST

OTTAWA, April 19.—Premier Mackenzie King will spend August in Western Canada on a tour carrying him to the Pacific Coast. A week will be spent in his constituency at Prince Rupert.

The Premier will give special attention to meetings arranged by the Young Liberal Associations.

HEAD OF POLICE MAKES STATEMENT REGARDING MURDER

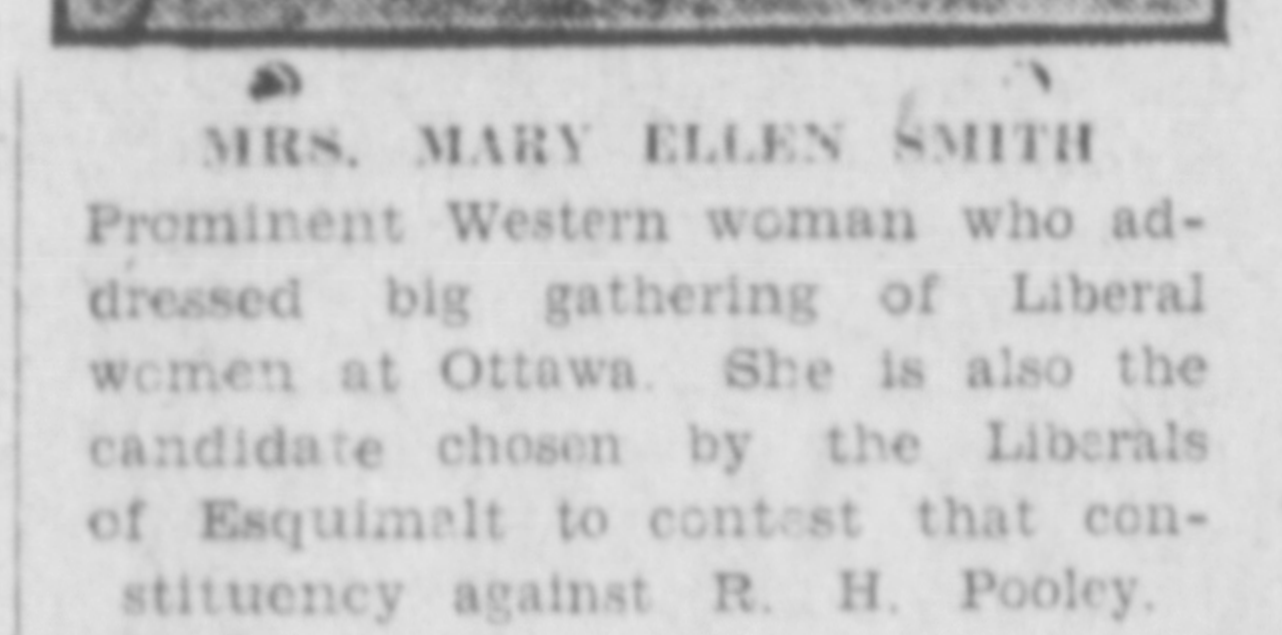
Although information leading to the taking of the murderer of Mrs. Esther Killas on Tuesday so far received, has gone down without result, Inspector W. Spiller, in an official statement this morning, said that the police desired to encourage the bringing forward of any suspicion that any one might have.

They would be pleased to investigate any clue, however trivial, and were desirous of encouraging the reporting to them of any rumors or suspicions.

The inspector stated that over thirty rumors and clues had already been traced down with no result.

"There will be no one more anxious than myself to inform you when an arrest has been made," added the inspector. "Meantime, news of such is the best thing we can expect."

All possible avenues of escape have been and are being guarded and there is difference of opinion as to whether or not the killer is still in the city.



THROWN FROM AUTO DIED IN HOSPITAL

J. P. Morkin of Vancouver Victim of Accident When Car Failed to Turn

VANCOUVER, April 19.—J. P. Morkin, Vancouver timber inspector of the Canadian National, was fatally injured yesterday when his auto failed to take a turn in North Vancouver and crashed into a building. He died in the hospital.

Carlton T. Nelson, an occupant of the car, manager of the Alberta Lumber Co. here, was severely injured about the head.

BASEBALL SCORES

Coast League
Missions 10, Portland 3.
Hollywood 1, Seattle 10.
Oakland 0, San Francisco 1.
Sacramento 3, Los Angeles 2.

Canadian Soldiers Tell at Currie Libel Trial What Took Place on Armistice Day in City of Mons

COBourg, April 19.—In the Currie libel case in which Sir Arthur is suing the writer and publisher of an article in a small eastern newspaper, the defense brought a number of ex-service men to testify they saw bodies of Canadian soldiers lying in the streets and some related that they heard gunfire in the city at a certain hour on the morning of November 11. Others testified to knowledge of their comrades having been wounded by machine gun or other gunshot on that day.

Yesterday was the third day of the trial and for the most part the evidence dealt with the spectacle seen in the city of Mons by Canadian soldiers when they visited it around armistice time.

Nearly three thousand questions and answers are contained in the examination for discovery of General Currie.

EARTHQUAKE IN SOFIA
SOFIA, April 19.—A violent earthquake shook Sofia at 9:25 last night and a general panic follows.



ELABORATE MACHINE: An exterior view of the new Totalisator, a betting machine being completed at the Longchamps race track for the coming season

J. C. Brady Urges Development of Prince Rupert Port Instead of Quebec and Stevens Vancouver

OTTAWA, April 19.—During a discussion of a resolution in the House yesterday authorizing eight and a half million dollars loan for the Quebec Harbor Commission, J. C. Brady, member for Skeena, said the future of shipping would be on the Pacific. What was the government doing to develop the great Oriental trade which must be handled either by Canada or the United States? "The port of Prince Rupert was conceded to be a second Portsmouth." The government should direct its attention toward the development of the port of Prince Rupert.

Hon. H. H. Stevens declared as "sheer nonsense" to suggest that the Quebec Harbor Commission was to earn anything commensurate with its needs out of storing grain, as was intended. The fact of the matter was the Port of Quebec had never attempted to pay interest on the advances made by the Federal Government. He said Vancouver was handling a much larger quantity of grain than Quebec through an elevator with smaller capacity.

Hon. P. J. A. Cardin said it was impossible to take advantage of the reduced rate on flour over the transcontinental railway to Quebec with the present facilities. Progress on the resolution was reported.

UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL TEAM CHAMPS

BEAT WINNIPEG IN SECOND GAME WINNING SERIES BY POINT

WINNIPEG, April 19.—It was a close and exciting game of basketball between the University of B.C. and the Winnipeg Totlers in which the Vancouver team won and by a single point clinched the series entitling them to carry home the trophy as champions of western Canada. It also gives them the right to meet the eastern champions in the Dominion title contest. In last night's game the Totlers were beaten 19 to 14 and in Monday night's game they won 13 to 9.

KING WINNER AT NEWMARKET

NEWMARKET, England, April 19.—King George won his first race of the season today when his three year old Scuttle captured the Brandon Handicap. The race was over a nine furlong course and seventeen horses started.

WEATHER REPORT.
Prince Rupert.—Clear, calm, temperature, 46.

Inquest Opens Into the Death of Esther Killas

Identification Established and Inquiry is Continuing This Afternoon Before Coroner Norman Watt in Police Court

After thirty-six hours of continuous investigation into which the entire police strength of the city has been thrown, solution of the killing early Tuesday morning of Mrs. Esther Killas was apparently vague this morning. Police are understood to be working on several underground clues, details of which were not to be learned. One belief seems to be that the killer is still lurking in the city and, possibly, in view of the lack of evidence, it may be necessary to wait him out. Circumstances point rather strongly to at least one conclusion—that it was a man who committed the horrible crime on Comox Avenue.

INQUEST into the death of Esther Killas, found brutally murdered at 857 Comox Avenue on Tuesday, was opened before Coroner Norman A. Watt in the city police court late yesterday afternoon. Evidence of one witness, Harry Levin, in the matter of identification was taken and the inquest adjourned until this afternoon at 1:30 when doctor's evidence will be taken prior to further adjournment, pending completion of police investigation.

The jury consists of W. W. Wright (foreman), Alex. McLeman, Claude V. Symes, Joseph Brown, George Frizzell and William Blair. Provincial Constable Wm. Smith was sworn as interpreter.

Before opening the inquest, Coroner Norman A. Watt, in view of his belief that the case was a particularly serious one, gave some special instructions to the jurymen as to the nature of their duties. It was their duty to determine the causes and circumstances of the deceased's death—how, when, where and in which manner death had occurred. If it was found that it was a case of murder or manslaughter, it was also the duty of the jury to determine the person or persons who had caused death or any accessory or accessories to the fact. The instrument causing death, if possible, should also be ascertained. In this connection the jury would have the opportunity of viewing the body. Care should also be exercised in identifying the deceased. There would be witnesses to assist the jury including the doctor who had performed the post mortem. Finally, it would be the duty of the jury to bring in its verdict and for that the jury and not the coroner was responsible.

Before the jury left the courtroom to view the body, Inspector Spiller, appearing for the province, explained that all the evidence to be presented to the jury at this time would be in the matter of identification. Later the inquest would be proceeded with. Meanwhile the investigation of the police, which had merely been started, would be proceeded with.

IDENTIFIES WOMAN
Harris Levine testified that the body was that of a woman he had known since the summer of 1914. She was known as Esther Solomon then. Two or three years later, she was married and he knew her as Mrs. Killas. Later she had reverted to the name of Mrs. Esther Solomon. He believed that she was 39 or 40 years of age. In response to an enquiry by the coroner, witness said he had no doubt that it was Esther Solomon.

Inspector Spiller asked that the precept be amended to read: "Mrs. Harry Killas alias Esther Solomon." Her husband had predeceased her, the inspector stated. In asking for adjournment, Inspector Spiller asked that as much time as possible be on time. (continued on page three)

EVERTON LEADS IN FOOTBALL

HEADS ENGLISH LEAGUE DISPLACING HUDDERSFIELD WHICH PLAYS CUP-TIE SATURDAY

LONDON, April 19.—Winning their match yesterday Everton once more took the lead in the standing of the clubs of the first division. Huddersfield, deprived of the leadership by the mid-week game will be unable to overtake Everton for a while as the English Cup tie game is to be played on Saturday. The mid-week scores follow:

ENGLISH LEAGUE, DIV. I.
Everton 3, Newcastle 0.
Middlesboro 2, Arsenal 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE, DIV. I.
Celtic 3, St. Johnstone 0.
Dundee 0, Rangers 1.

DIVISION II.
(Played Tuesday)
Third Lanark 3, Stenhousemuir 1.

FOUND GUILTY WILL HANG

CHINESE WHO SHOT CONSTABLE TO PAY SUPREME PENALTY FOR HIS RASH ACT

VANCOUVER, April 19.—Found guilty of the murder of Constable Ernest Sargent, who was shot down last November on the street, Leung Chong was sentenced to death by Mr. Justice Morrison on June 22. A jury of eleven men and one woman deliberated on the case for 20 minutes.

PEND'OREILLE TAKES A JUMP

RUMOR SENDS STOCK OF THAT COMPANY UP AND MUCH TRADING DONE IN IT

VANCOUVER, April 19.—Pend' Oreille closed at 21.25 on sales of 4,000 shares yesterday, a net gain of a dollar and a quarter. During the afternoon the stock reached 21.35 on an unconfirmed report that the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company was negotiating for control of the property.

AMENDMENT TO FLAPPER VOTE BILL DEFEATED

LONDON, April 19.—Amendments to the "Flapper Vote" bill to raise the voting age of women from 21 to 26 was defeated in the House of Commons yesterday by a vote of 359 to 16.

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