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HORRIBLE MURDER DISCOVERED HERE

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SHERIFF REMOVED COLONEL JACK CURRIE FROM COURT

Woman Killed on Comox Avenue Early Yesterday Morning and Efforts Made to Find Perpetrator

Horrible case in restricted area rouses whole city; body was first discovered last evening

WORKING behind drawn shades at 857 Comox Avenue, where the tragedy occurred, and evidently endeavoring to obtain some clue as to the identity of the supposed assailant before making an official announcement, district and city provincial police officers, under Inspector William Spiller and Sergeant J. P. M. Hannah, were this morning conducting an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the killing of Esther Killas, an English Jewess and a resident of the city for some years, whose body was found last evening with throat virtually slashed from ear to ear and her head practically severed. It was about 8 o'clock last evening, according to unofficial report, that a laundry driver had occasion to visit the premises and, suspecting that something was wrong, finally made entry and the subsequent shocking discovery. Police officers were at once summoned and a physician estimated that death had occurred possibly seventeen or eighteen hours previous, probably in the early hours of Tuesday morning. These were such details as were to be gathered this morning from unofficial sources. There were stories of a trail of blood to the back room of the house and of the finding of a gory towel upon which hands had been wiped—all pointing to the fact that it was a case of murder and not suicide.

Police were silent upon the matter all morning and finally a visit to the premises was made shortly before noon by a representative of the Daily News who was denied admission. Inspector Spiller responded at the door and stated that the officers were still busy, that no official statement could be made at that time but that insistent reporters would possibly be called into interview this afternoon to receive what details the police could divulge.

Meantime, the city has been seething with street talk of the tragedy. It is rarely that such an occurrence has been known here and it may be the first real murder case the city has ever had. The man or woman who had committed the killing was apparently far from identity this morning. The scene of the tragedy was the eastern portion of a double dwelling about midway down Comox Avenue.

END RESTRICTED DISTRICT

One thing that seems certain as a result of this horrible crime, judging from street conversation, is that Prince Rupert's restricted district will have to go. Some citizens express themselves very strongly in regard to this. It is stated that people from all walks of life have been in the habit of frequenting the neighborhood and that the law has been openly defied there. The demand for a change in this respect seems likely to be very strong.

The police had no statement to make this afternoon. No arrest has yet been made and, evidently, the police have little material evidence upon which to work. The case promises to be a baffling one. The lights were left on in the death chamber, it is reported, and the killer had gone to a washbasin and cleaned the blood off his hands before making his clean getaway. The woman lived alone in the house. An inquest will be held but no time has yet been set. The police investigation is proceeding.

The unfortunate woman was 39 years of age and had resided in Prince Rupert for fifteen years. She was the daughter of the late Jack Solomon and Mrs. Anna Soloman of England. A sister resides in the city. Residence in the death certificate was given as 618 Sixth Avenue West.

Funeral arrangements are in the hands of the B.C. Undertakers.

Inquest will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the city hall.

L. B. Jones, C.N.R. agent at Skagway, arrived in the city on the Prince George this morning from Vancouver where he spent the winter and will proceed on Saturday aboard the Princess Alice to Skagway. Meantime, he will make the round trip to Ketchikan aboard the Prince George.

PREVENT TREK FROM COUNTRY TO THE CITIES

WHAT IS PROBLEM FOR MODERN STATESMEN STATED HON. ROBERT FORKE TO LIBERAL WOMEN

OTTAWA, April 18.—When is this trek from the country to the city going to stop? Are we going to abandon our rural life to be supplanted in the country by immigrants from the continent? These questions were put by the minister of immigration, Hon. Robert Forke, to over 500 Liberal women meeting here for the first national assembly. "The statesman who can stop the drainage of rural population to the city will be doing a great patriotic service. No country will long retain permanently great, whose roots are not planted in the soil," Mr. Forke declared.

U.S. ATTITUDE ON WATERWAYS

OPINION IS MATTER HAS BEEN POSTPONED INDEFINITELY AND NO ONE WILL TALK

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Canada's attitude toward immediate development of the St. Lawrence deep waterway is variously interpreted here as a positive negative or neutral, following the publication of the exchange of notes between Washington and Ottawa on the subject. Advocates of the scheme here see in Canada's letters to Secretary of State Kellogg, the basis for immediate negotiation of a treaty looking toward development in the near future of a joint deep waterway. Opponents declare the subject has been postponed indefinitely. No responsible member of the U.S. Government will add anything to the bare text of the notes made public yesterday.

3200 NAMES VOTERS' LIST

THIS IS WELL AHEAD OF LAST; MANY NEW ONES BEING ADDED

The voters' list for Prince Rupert polling division will now contain something over 3,200 names as a result of the recent campaign of registration stated Norman A. Watt, government agent, this morning. At the last court of revision there were 2,417 names on the list and since then approximately 800 applications have been made. It is not expected that many names will be withdrawn at the next court of revision.

These figures apply only to Prince Rupert polling division. The lists for outside points in the riding have not yet been compiled.

FLYER TELLS EXPERIENCES

SAYS HOPE HAD BEEN ABANDONED WHEN LAND WAS SIGHTED BY BREMEN CREW

CLARKE CITY, Quebec, April 18—About sixty seconds before the Bremen actually sighted land, the crew had practically given up all hope, Major Fitzmaurice said here today. They had made up their minds to exhaust the last drop of fuel to remain in the air as long as possible.

Fitzmaurice said he believed Hinchcliffe and Elsie MacKay must have been carried out of the way in their attempt and landed somewhere in Labrador.

MINISTER DUE HERE FRIDAY

HON. W. H. SUTHERLAND AND DEPUTY MINISTER PHILIP TO INSPECT HIGHWAY

Word has been received in the city that Hon. W. H. Sutherland, minister of public works and deputy minister Philip will be here on Friday to inspect the work on the new highway and to investigate conditions generally in connection with provincial public works in this city. They will probably return south on Sunday.

It is understood that the question of the bridge over the Galloway Rapids will be one of the matters to engage the minister's attention. It is a rather large undertaking and both the minister and his deputy were anxious to view the site and also discuss with the engineers the question of route, whether to keep along the Skeena River or turn inland along a chain of lakes to Mile 21 on the railway.

Dr. Sutherland represents the big spending department of the Government and he is a man that a great many citizens would probably like to meet. It is suggested that a luncheon might be arranged or some other function at which the minister could meet the people and also might tell of his plans for this district.

ICE BREAKER IS RECALLED

WILL NOT VISIT GREENLY ISLAND SINCE MEN HAVE BEEN TAKEN OFF

OTTAWA, April 18. — The government's ice breaker Montcalm has been recalled from an attempt to reach Greenly Island. Officials of the department of marine stated that the reason for recall was the success of the airplanes in flying to the island.

NINETEEN YEAR OLD GIRL SUCCUMBS TO INFLUENZA ATTACK

Succumbing to an attack of influenza with which she fell ill only yesterday, Miss Eva Helmer, aged 19, died at noon today in the Prince Rupert General Hospital. The girl, who was an orphan, has a brother at Massett. She was in the employ of Walter Hume, Seventh Avenue East, when stricken.

Funeral arrangements are in the hands of the B.C. Undertakers.

PRICE OF WHEAT.

VANCOUVER, April 18.—The price of wheat yesterday was quoted as $1.57¼.

620-MILE HORSE RACE: Mlle. Gaiatry, Hindu equestrienne, rode her horse to victory in a race from Cannes to Paris. It took 19 days.

PRAIRIES IN GRIP OF WINTER TODAY HEAVY SNOWFALL

WINNIPEG, April 18. — The prairies are in the grip of winter with a heavy snowfall, storms of near blizzard proportions and sharp dips in temperature.

The barometers show five degrees below zero at The Pas.

C.P.R. CLAIMS AGENT IS DEAD

SEIZED WITH APPOPLENY WHEN ON WAY TO TAKE NEW POSITION

SASKATOON, April 18.—Seized with a stroke of apoplexy yesterday while visiting a brother-in-law at Prudhomme, R. I. Bodkins, the newly appointed assisant general freight claims agent of the C.P.R. western lines, died at noon, aged 56.

Bodkins was formerly district freight claims agent at Vancouver and was only recently promoted. He was on the way to Winnipeg to assume his new position. Burial will take place at Vancouver.

STOCK QUOTATIONS

Noon Closing Prices Today on Vancouver Exchange

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co., Ltd.)

	Bid	Asked
B.C. Silver	1.35	1.70
Bayview	.09	.09½
Big Missouri	.58	.60
Cork Province	.39	.40
Dunwell	.33	.36
George Copper	3.50	4.00
Glacier		.05
Gladstone		.09
Golconda	.88	.89
Independence	.17	.19
Indian	.08	.10
Kootenay Florence	.30	.31
L. & L.	.15½	.16
Lakeview	.05	.05½
Leadsmith		.05
Lucky Jim	.39	.40
Marmot Metals	.14	.14½
National Silver	.18½	.19¼
Pend Oreille	20.50	21.00
Premier	2.26	2.27
Porter Idaho	.65	.66
Richmond		.16
Rufus-Argenta	.43	.44
Ruth Hope	.59	.59½
Selkirks	.03	
Silver Crest	.10	.10½
Silverado	.90	
Silversmith		.20
Sunloch		3.50
Slocan King	.06¾	.07½
Toric	3.00	3.30
Whitewater	2.55	2.65
Woodbine	.45	.46½
Cotton Belt	.80	.90
Georgia River	.47	.48
Grandview	.64	.65
Duthie	1.05	1.25

BOAT RAMMED BY STEAMER

MERICAN TROLLER ELSIE III BEACHED FOLLOWING ACCIDENT NEAR GRIBBLE ISLAND

Northbound this morning in the neighborhood of Gribble Island the American trolling boat Elsie III. was run down by the steamer Prince George early this morning. The boat was beached but is said to be rather badly damaged.

The Elsie is a forty foot boat.

The accident occurred about 4.30 this morning and there was plenty of excitement among the passengers aboard the coast liner as six short blasts were sounded on the whistle. Aboard the boat, which is a brand new one, were the owner, Al Johnson, who has resided in Ketchikan for many years and is a well known fisherman, and his wife. They were bound for Seattle. The boat went over on her beam ends after the impact and both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were thrown into the water, clinging to the hull. The Prince George, meantime, had hove to and the man and woman were quickly taken aboard. In connection with the rescue, it was said that one of the C.N.R. officials from Vancouver, who was aboard, figured prominently and not without some courage and presence of mind. Members of the crew of the Prince George were preparing to take the wrecked boat ashore and beach her when another fishing boat came along and took charge. The Prince George, which had been delayed for three hours, then proceeded, bringing Mr. and Mrs. Johnson to the city this afternoon. The seineboat Zanardi is being sent down the coast to bring the wrecked vessel here. There is a gaping hole aft in the hull of the wreck.

DOMINION TO POLICE SASKATCHEWAN PROVINCE

MOUNTIES WILL TAKE PLACE OF PROVINCIAL ORGANIZATION IN AT LEAST ONE PROVINCE

OTTAWA, April 18.—As a consummation of negotiations between the Dominion and the prairie provinces in regard to policing, it has been arranged that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police take over the policing of Saskatchewan in place of the provincial police.

So far the negotiations with Alberta have not had any definite results.

HONEY PRODUCTION IN ALBERTA LARGE

EDMONTON, April 18.—Honey production in Alberta during 1927 totalled 300,000 pounds, according to statistics compiled under the direction of Hon. Geo. Hoadley, minister of agriculture. This is an increase of 85,000 pounds over 1926, when production totalled 215,000.

The value of the 1927 production was $30,000 as compared to $36,550 in 1926.

Scene in Court When Colonel Jack Currie Insisted on Talking

Judge Orders Sheriff to Remove Him After Several Threats of Jail or Removal Had Been Made in Currie Libel Case

COBURG, April 18 (noon)—Colonel John A. Currie, member of the Ontario Legislature, was this morning removed from the court room on order of Mr. Justice Rose during the hearing of the Sir Arthur Currie libel suit. Colonel Currie insisted on addressing the court and asking permission to make a statement.

"Mr. Sheriff, please remove that man," said His Lordship. The sheriff then instructed an officer to remove Colonel Currie.

COBOURG, Ont., April 18.—A threat of contempt of court proceedings against Colonel Jack Currie, former commander of the Fifteenth Battalion (Toronto Highlanders) was the outstanding feature of the second day's hearing of the $50,000 libel action instituted by Sir Arthur Currie against W. T. R. Preston and F. W. Wilson.

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The Colonel persisted in making comment in defiance of the Judge's order and this brought from the judge a warning that "You have heard that question ruled out. I have a good mind to commit you for contempt of court."

Later Colonel Currie was recalled to the stand by Regan and was on the point of commenting on one of the questions put to him when Justice Rose, looking around for the sheriff, declared: "If you don't get out of the witness box I will send for the sheriff to put you out." The Colonel stepped down.

A copy of the war diary of the Seventh Brigade for November 11, 1918, was produced which showed that on that date the Primess Patricia light infantry lost one killed, six wounded, six gassed, six men wounded of the 42nd battalion and five in the 49th. This showed that a total of 23 men were wounded on November 11, said Regan.

Regan asked for the production of the records of Corporal Fairley and Lieut. Germain, both of the 20th battalion, who were said to have been killed on November 11. The records showed that Germain was killed at Meshin on November 10. Fairley's record will be produced later.

NO HALIBUT SOLD AT EXCHANGE FOR LOW BIDS TODAY

Up to noon, no Canadian halibut boats, in with fares today, had accepted the offer of the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. of 7c and 4c for freezing purposes. Otherwise there were no sales although twelve boats offered their catches as follows:

American — Lansing, 18,000 pounds; Happy, 12,500; Peggy, 9,000; Gjoa, 7,000; Lavera, 7,000.

Canadian—Takla, 15,000; Ternen, 12,500; Viking L., 11,500; Zero, 11,000; Ingred H., 7,000; Toodie, 8,500; Melville, 28,000.

INVESTIGATING THE MOVING OF B.C. COAL MONTREAL BY PANAMA

OTTAWA, April 18.— The feasibility of moving British Columbia coal to Montreal via the Panama Canal is being investigated by the Canadian National Steamships, according to R. C. Henry, director of the bureau of economics of the Canadian National Railway in giving evidence before the railway and shipping committee of the House today.

PATTULLO OFF OTTAWA TODAY

WILL TAKE UP VARIOUS MATTERS WITH DOMINION INCLUDING TIMBER SELLING

VICTORIA, April 18. — Hon. T. D. Pattullo is leaving this afternoon for eastern Canada and will visit Ottawa to discuss with the federal departments several matters needing adjustment between the federal and provincial governments.

In addition the minister will take up the selling of B.C. lumber in the eastern provinces. The sales reached substantial proportions. Mr. Pattullo says, as the result of representations made by the timber department of B.C. through the office established in Toronto.

William Turnbull, assistant deputy minister of lands, will accompany the minister for the purpose of facilitating the timber business in the east.

PORTER IDAHO DEAL RATIFIED

SHAREHOLDERS CONFIRM ACTIONS OF DIRECTORS OF COMPANY REGARD TO PREMIER

STEWART, April 18.—At a meeting of the Porter Idaho shareholders here yesterday the deal made by the directors with the Premier Gold Mining Co. was ratified.

The deal involves the purchase by the Premier of 1,561,000 shares of treasury stock for half million dollars. If this money is not sufficient to fully equip the mine the Premier will loan the fund necessary at five per cent interest, the money to be repaid from dividends.

USED GASOLINE FOUR ARE DEAD

EXPLOSION AND FIRE AT FARMHOUSE IN WHICH WOMEN AND THREE CHILDREN LOST LIVES

SASKATOON, April 18.—Mrs. Peasley and her four-year-old son and two daughters 9 and 12 are dead and John Flanagan seriously burned as a result of an explosion and fire this morning at a farm house near Turtle Ford. Ignition took place when Flanagan used gasoline to light the kitchen fire.

BARON DALZIEL DEAD.

LONDON, April 1.—Baron Dalziel of Wooden, chairman of the British Pullman Car Company and introducer of motor taxis into London, is dead. He was born in 1854.