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Witch Doctor Danced Around Woman and Cured Her from a Crippled Knee According to Evidence Given Today

Kispiox case in county court this morning & idea of ancient customs of coast natives in treating sick

MYSTERIES of the medicine man's witchcraft in curing of human ills were revealed in County Court this morning in the case of Billy Williams of Kispiox who was tried on a charge of practising witchcraft on Emma Skulsh, a young woman of the tribe. Picturesque description was given by the witnesses of the aboriginal regalia and rites involved in the removal of the evil spirits which cause illness and pain and the substitution therefore of the good spirits from the person of the medicine man. As a defence, it was suggested that religious differences might have had something to do with the laying of the charge. L. W. Patmore appeared for the crown and Milton Gonzales for the defence. Miss Blanche Curtin acted as stenographer and Indian Agent W. E. Collison as interpreter, the evidence having to be translated to accused who is unable to speak English.

The accused was a well dressed bespectacled man, and elderly, who was evidently having his first experience in a courtroom, judging from curiosity he displayed. He seemed rather restless and there was an air of amusement on his countenance as certain portions of the story against him were told. He wiped his eyes on one or two occasions with a bright crimson handkerchief. The chief witnesses for the crown were Emma Skulsh, who was alleged to have received witchcraft ministrations for a contracted knee; her husband, Jasper Smith, who gave a vivid and detailed description of the ceremonies involved; and Timothy Harris, who testified that he delivered a gold watch costing \$30 to Williams as Skulsh's payment for his wife's treatment.

ACQUITTED ON MURDER CHARGE

ANGUS NICHOLSON FOUND NOT GUILTY AFTER FOUR MINUTES' DELIBERATION

VANCOUVER, April 4.—Angus Nicholson was acquitted by the assize court jury of the murder charge arising out of the death of Marshall Douglas, an advertising man, on the morning of April 3 last year. The jury deliberated four minutes.

It was the second trial for Nicholson on the charge. At the fall assizes he was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to four years imprisonment. The appeal court ordered a new trial. Douglas was found dead in a room in a downtown hotel. The dead man with Nicholson and Robert Moore had engaged the room the previous night, according to the evidence adduced at the trial. Moore was also tried on a murder charge last fall and was acquitted.

EXPLOSION IN LOS ANGELES

MAN LIGHTING CIGARETTE CAUSED TROUBLE WITH GASOLINE, BLOWING OUT STORE FRONT

LOS ANGELES, April 4.—Thirteen persons were burned, seven seriously, and are not expected to live, as a result of a gas explosion in front of a neighborhood grocery store.

The craving for a cigarette by an amateur plumber who was repairing the gas line is declared by the police to have caused the blast. The most seriously injured were children who were playing in front of the store. The blast blew out every window in the store and hurled the victims and contents of the store in every direction.

WILKINS READY FOR BIG FLIGHT

SEWARD, April 4.—If Captain George Wilkins hops off to fly over the top of the world Thursday he will take off at six in the morning. This was the substance of a radio message received last night from Pilot Harrow. Weather conditions, he said, would largely determine whether he would try to make the 2,100 mile flight to Spitzbergen.

DOUKHOBOR SCHOOL BURNED NEAR NELSON

NELSON, April 4.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the small Doukhobor school and contents at Hall Sidings here.

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GIBBONS HEAD SWIMMING CLUB

OFFICERS ELECTED AND PLANS MADE FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT LAKE LAST NIGHT

E. C. Gibbons heads the swimming club this year with a strong support and the outlook is very good, judged by the meeting at the city hall last night which was attended by nearly forty persons. The full list of officers is: President—E. C. Gibbons.

Secretary—D. Prizell. Executive—P. W. Anderson, Paul Armour, W. Gilchrist, E. Mann, D. H. McDonald and L. W. Patmore. It was decided to proceed at once with the cleaning up of the children's swimming pool, making it safe and attractive to the youngsters. Then it is proposed to pull down the ladies' dressing room and build a larger and better one farther around, just beyond the point. Another improvement may be the moving of the float to the outside of the diving pier instead of inside and thus having the high diving inside instead of outside the float. Sanitary conditions are to be improved and other improvements made.

As the first step in raising money a dance is to be given in the near future.

MAN KILLED ALICE ARM

FRED MARTINSON MET DEATH BY DROWNING WHEN WORKING ON BOOM

ALICE ARM, April 4.—Fred Martinson, who was employed as boom man at Falconer's logging camp a mile down the Arm met his death last night by drowning. He had gone out some time during the night to change boom sticks and evidently slipped and fell, striking his head against a log and stunning himself, as his head showed a cut and bruise. He was found lying on the beach this morning with the boomsticks loosened.

Deceased, who was a well known logger, miner and prospector of the north coast was a native of Sweden and about forty years of age. There are relatives in Tacoma and the body will probably be shipped south.

PRICE OF WHEAT

VANCOUVER, April 4.—The price of wheat today was \$1.55 1/2.

H. L. Shadwell, new accountant for the Canadian Bank of Commerce here succeeding A. H. Carmichael, who is transferred to Victory Square branch, Vancouver, arrived from the south on the Prince George this morning, accompanied by Mrs. Shadwell and son. Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael will be leaving for Vancouver on Sunday night.

Dr. H. T. James, resident engineer for the provincial department of mines, returned to the city on the Prince George this morning following a two weeks' trip to Vancouver and Victoria on official duties. He was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. C. James, who will visit here.

Motorship Bellingham, Capt. J. E. Anderson, arrived in port at 8:30 this morning from Ketchikan with a cargo of fresh halibut for transshipment East over the Canadian National Railway.

J. Field Strang, manager of Sunny-side Cannery, arrived on the Prince George this morning from Vancouver after having spent the winter in the south.

Mrs. P. A. Meuse, and family returned from the south on the Prince George this morning. Mrs. Meuse is a woman and, by her walk, disclosed no knee trouble.

Timothy Harris, an old man, told of delivering the watch to Williams. The case was opened at 8:45 in the morning so that it might be completed in time for the witnesses to return to the interior on today's train.

After hearing all the evidence Judge Young sentenced Williams to forty days in jail and cautioned him that this was not to be considered a precedent but any offender in future would get a much more severe sentence.

TOLMIE COMING TO THE COAST

WILL CONFER OVER LOCAL SITUATION AND PROBABLY NOT RETURN TO OTTAWA

VANCOUVER, April 4.—Hon. S. F. Tolmie will arrive Saturday to take stock of the political situation which has arisen during his absence at the House of Commons session.

It is generally believed that in view of the possibility of an early election in this province he will not return to Ottawa for the remainder of the session. There will be a conference of leading members of the party at Vancouver next week.

WELL KNOWN MOUNTIE TRANSFERRED SOUTH

Corp. Thomas Brice Moved to Victoria and Succeeded by Corp. Cameron

The last remaining member of the "original" garrison which came here nine years ago, Corp. Thomas Brice, R.C.M.P., has been transferred to Victoria and will leave next week for the south to take up his new duties. Corp. Brice is succeeded here by Corp. Cameron of Victoria, who arrived from the south on the Prince George this morning.

Captain Stobart of the Salvation Army announces that in reply to the request made yesterday through these columns he received some coal and groceries for the family reported in need. However more things are yet needed. The widow is very unwell, the oldest boy is ill and the young family, two boys about 7 and 9 and the girl of 5 all need clothes badly. Doubtless it is necessary only to mention these things to have the aid given.

Charles Goldstein, prominent Juneau merchant, was a passenger aboard the Princess Mary this morning bound for Ketchikan, and Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Brynildsen and daughter Seattle.

IS DIVERTED TO RUPERT

ANGLO-INDIAN IS DUE HERE WEEK FROM TODAY FOR GRAIN

Prince Rupert's next grain ship, the twenty-third of the season, will be the British steamer Anglo-Indian, which is due a week from today. The Anglo-Indian, which has been diverted to this port enroute, will load full for the United Kingdom or Continent, where all Prince Rupert wheat so far this season has gone. The vessel is understood to be already lined.

The Anglo-Indian replaces another vessel which the elevator was advised yesterday would be coming here.

PREMIER DOWN OTHERS HIGHER

MUCH ACTIVITY ON VANCOUVER EXCHANGE WITH LARGE TURNOVER OF SHARES

VANCOUVER, April 4.—Premier had a record turnover yesterday of 21,000 shares, the price to \$2.46 at the close, a net loss of 31 cents.

Georgia River, on sales amounting to 30,000 shares closed nine cents higher at 48.

Big Missouri lost seven and a half cents to 67 on sales of 19,500 shares.

George Copper went up 25 cents closing at 4.50.

Whitewater went eight cents higher at \$2.68.

Passengers disembarking here from the north on the Princess Mary this morning were: Robert Wardrop, Whitehorse; John Monce, Vancouver; William Burke, Seattle; A. A. Hatfield, Puyallup; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Earle, Ketchikan, and Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Brynildsen and daughter Seattle.

Montreal Maroons and N.Y. Rangers Win Right to Meet in Finals for the World Hockey Championship Last Night

MONTREAL, April 4.—The Maroons and New York Rangers qualified to meet in the worlds professional hockey championship for possession of the Stanley Cup as the result of the games played last night, the spectacular Canadiens being excluded by reason of their defeat one goal to nothing, the Maroons thus taking the two-game series and the Rangers by defeating Boston four to one took the two-game series five to two.

After taking the lead in the second period when Bill Cook notched a lone counter, the Rangers, playing at Boston, outplayed the Bruins in the final stanza to mark up three tallies. Oliver scored the only goal for the Bruins in the last period.

It took overtime to decide the winner of the Canadian Maroon game. In the first three scoreless sessions both squads adhered to hectic defensive tactics interspersed with brilliant attacks which were brilliantly dissipated by rival goalies. Eight minutes and twenty seconds overtime period elapsed when Oatman, after a dazzling piece of stick handling, netted the winning goal on his own rebound.

Fourteen thousand people watched the intense struggle.

Howling Winds and Ravenous Waves Cheated of Their Prey When Four Vessels Come Home

Seventy-five Mile Gale off Coast of Oregon Endangers Lives of Many Seamen and Number of Ships

PORTLAND, Oregon, April 4.—Howling winds and ravenous waves were cheated of their prey in a four-day battle on the stormy Pacific off the coasts of Oregon and Washington and last night four vessels and the coastguard boat were safe. Altogether nearly 75 men were saved.

The storm had abated when the four-masted vessel K. V. Kruse, 112 days out from Australia with a hungry crew short of provisions for several days arrived off the mouth of the Columbia River after a four-day battle.

The disabled six-masted Helen B. Sterling was towed by the cutter Haid to Port Angeles through two tempestuous days and nights.

The steamer James Nettleton was reported on her way after being menaced by leaks and fire.

The steamer Ernest H. Meyer was safe in Astoria after springing a dangerous leak at the peak of the storm.

The lifeboat from Shuslaw coastguard station in Oregon was driven out to sea in a 75 mile gale yesterday after having searched on the water since Saturday morning for the Helen B. Sterling and returned safely yesterday.

SEATTLE, April 4.—Two United States coastguard vessels Tobokla and Snohomish have been out looking for the fishing boat Gowan, which left San Pedro for Seattle Friday with seven or eight men aboard.

PENSIONS IN YUKON

OTTAWA, April 4.—Yukon Territory will come under the provisions of the Old Age Pensions Act as announced.

Freeman G. Brynildsen, lumber broker, formerly of this city and now located in Seattle, arrived on the Princess Mary this morning from Ketchikan, where he has been on a business trip, and will be here until tomorrow night when he will proceed south on the Prince George. Mr. Brynildsen is accompanied by Mrs. Brynildsen and daughter, Grace.

Ernest Earle, Ketchikan fur dealer, and Mrs. Earle arrived in the city from the north on the Princess Mary this morning.

Vancouver Policeman Said to be Implicated in the McNab Burglary

VANCOUVER, April 4.—Testimony that Ray Gilmore, on trial on a charge of breaking and entering the home of J. G. McNab of Vancouver, formerly C.P.R. ticket agent at Prince Rupert, had told that he had been instructed by police sergeant John Robertson to break into the house in order that a conviction might be obtained against a man named James Fraser, was given by Detective R. McLeod in the course of Gilmore's trial today. Sergeant Robertson has been suspended pending the hearing of the case.

Detective McLeod said Gilmore had told him Robertson instructed him to break into the house after which he was to be with Fraser at a given spot, where the latter would be arrested.

Following the burglary, which occurred February 22 Gilmore and Fraser were walking along Gore Avenue, were stopped by Robertson and Fraser was arrested. Gilmore had stated, Gilmore himself had been chased for a short distance and then allowed to get away. Subsequently, according to the story, Robertson advised him to get out of town and gave him money for that purpose. Accused went to Abbotsford from where he telephoned Robertson saying he needed money and two days later received ten dollars.

Fraser, the man arrested, was allowed his freedom by agreement of the officers concerned in the case, it was testified.

Emphatic denial by Police Sergeant John Robertson that Gilmore participated in the looting of the home of J. C. McNab on his instructions was given at yesterday afternoon's session.

MAKING EFFORT TO BUILD NEW CHURCH HERE THIS SUMMER

The council of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, at its regular monthly meeting last night at the home of John Dybhavn, Fifth Avenue East, discussed preliminary plans for the new church which it is proposed to erect at the corner of Sixth and Dunsmuir Street. The design of the structure was approved and it was decided to make an effort, if at all possible, to have the edifice up this summer. The meeting was presided over by Rev. J. H. Hanson.

LAD CHARGED WITH ARSON

QUEBEC, March 4.—More than three months after the worst fire catastrophe in the history of Quebec, Arthur Antonio Bedard, 21 years of age of this city, was arraigned in court yesterday charged with arson in connection with the fires at the Hospice St. Charles and St. Bercham's Academy last December.

Bedard pleaded not guilty and was remanded without bail until April 5. Thirty lives were lost in the fire at the St. Charles Hospice.

BRITAIN WILL STAY IN EGYPT

FAILURE OF NEGOTIATIONS DECIDES REVERSION TO FORMER STATUS

LONDON, April 4.—The British government remains firm in the decision to maintain British troops in Egypt and will reject any claim from the Egyptian government for their withdrawal, it is stated.

After the failure of the negotiations for an Anglo-Egyptian treaty the British government announced it would revert to the status of 1922. That declaration terminated the British protectorate over Egypt, making that country an independent sovereign state with Britain reserving to its discretion the security of communications of the British Empire in Egypt against foreign aggression.

The recent Egyptian note, which is understood to state the willingness of the Egyptian government to secure the safety of foreigners, has not altered the British position.

Dr. Ingvaldsen of Winnipeg, who is to be identified with the staff of the Fisheries Experimental Station here, reached the city on the Prince George this morning.

BOXING TONIGHT

EXHIBITION HALL

Gurvich vs. McDonald

at 8.30. Admission \$1.50 and \$1.00

FISH ARRIVALS

One Catch Sold Privately This Morning and Two More are Holding Over

There was no halibut sold at the Fish Exchange this morning. The American boat Aiken sold 25,000 pounds privately to the Booth Fisheries for 10.5c and 6c.

The Canadian boats Cape Spencer, 6,000 pounds, and Olympia III, 7,000 pounds, are holding over until tomorrow.

Mrs. Robert McKay sailed by the Catala last evening for a trip to Vancouver.