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Victims Sleep as Bold Chief Rifles Bedroom

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. (Alf) Doan and another resident at the Pavilion Apartments, 703 Eighth Avenue, were victims of a bold robbery early Sunday morning, according to conversations with the victims today.

"I must have crept past my baby," said Mrs. Doan, who was sleeping in her crib near the parent's bed. "I woke up and looked over the top of the dresser, and I saw only two dollars in the drawer."

The robber took my 17-jewel watch from the case, but left it on top of the dresser. My husband was in the clothes closet, and I found that, too, but there was no money in it," said Mrs. Doan.

"The poor girl was so frightened she couldn't talk," said Mrs. George McGinnis, who lives in the upstairs apartment, whence the police were phoned.

Police weren't notified until nearly an hour after the robbery when the occupant of the middle suite returned home at five a.m.

"Two constables came. They stayed until about 7:30 asking questions," she said.

"I had left some sheets on a chair, brought in clean from the clothesline. The robber must have sat on them or brushed them—they were covered with oil. The place was filthy—it took me some time to clean up. I had left \$32 in a glass in the kitchen, but he didn't get that," she added.

The Doans returned to sleep after their disturbance.

"My husband didn't want to cause unnecessary trouble over what seemed to be nothing, but whoever the robber was, he sure tracked in a lot of dirt—there was grease on my floor from where he had walked," said Mrs. Doan, adding, "The police were amazed that one man could carry so much dirt."

"Anyhow, he didn't get my watch. And now we are going to lock our doors. Besides, my husband has given me a 22 which I keep here in case of any more trouble."

Air Passengers

From Vancouver (yesterday)—A. McDermott, A. Martin, D. Selkirk, Mrs. S. C. Holey, Mrs. N. Nelson, A. Sheardown, Mrs. Sheardown.

From Sandspit (yesterday)—J. A. Secord, C. Kullander, J. Sorenson.

To Vancouver (today)—R. McArthur, C. Naylor, S. Blanchard, D. Carr-Harris, R. O. Evans, Gunnar Selvig, A. Chapman.

To Sandspit (today)—Mrs. Ann Sinoski, M. Sinoski, Master M. Sinoski.

To Masset (Friday)—Mr. and Mrs. T. Choquette.

H. Cotton, 1805 Graham Avenue, was admitted to the Prince Rupert General Hospital yesterday.

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By ELMORE PHILPOTT
FLASHBACK

ON MY DESK is a fat file of papers concerning my forthcoming trip to India.

One letter is from Her Excellency, Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, Ambassador of India to the USA. It informs me that all arrangements are being made for the interviews with her brother, Prime Minister Nehru, and other leaders in India.

My mind goes back to my first meeting with the lady herself. For what could be a more striking proof that our world has not gone plumb to hell, since 1945?

What could so massively demonstrate how the political liabilities of the democracies can be transformed into mighty assets—if only the right actions are taken IN TIME?

I HAD HEARD Mrs. Pandit's voice at a mass meeting in favor of India's independence.

It was held during the early days of the San Francisco conference which midwifed the UN baby. But as the hundreds were turned away from the meeting, and we had arrived late, we never did get to see the lovely lady speaker, although we could hear snatches of what she said.

At that meeting, though, I did stumble on a real newspaper scoop. Sitting just off stage, where he could see and hear the speaker without being himself seen by the audience, was Russia's iron diplomat, Mr. Molotov.

In those days the Soviet was assiduously cultivating the Indian nationalists. Hence the presence of the Soviet Foreign Minister. I might add that after India won her independence Mrs. Pandit became her country's first ambassador to Moscow. I gathered the impression, from other sources than Mrs. Pandit, that during her year in Moscow she was rarely able to get as close to Mr. Molotov had come at San Francisco, when a resentful, unliberalized (and hence anti-British) India was right down Molotov's alley, so to speak.

MY FIRST interview with Mrs. Pandit was arranged by the then head of the Sikh community in Vancouver—a black-bearded, be-turbaned Nagindar Singh Gill.

It took place in the San Francisco home of Mrs. Ogden Reid, the present owner of the New York Herald Tribune.

Mrs. Pandit was dressed in Indian style, and wore a pure white sari, with a single golden ornament on the breast. She is vital, slight and radiates intelligence. She has keen eyes, deep brown. Even then her black hair was tinged with grey.

LATER WHEN I met her great brother, and got the chance to study his thought processes, I clearly realized that there is a family pattern.

The Nehrus seem to me to combine what is best in the Asian culture with what is most vital in the democratic thinking of the west.

Years ago I wrote of what Mrs. Pandit told me in 1945 and how true she then predicted came true in later years. That was absolutely true of the relationship which India worked out with the British Commonwealth.

India would declare her complete independence, said Nehru's sister. But once having done so, India would stand ready to become a fully free WILLING partner of the British Commonwealth. That seemed an impractical proposal at that time. But the obvious fact is—it has worked.

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Mrs. J. B. Gibson Addresses W.A.

Mrs. J. B. Gibson, guest speaker at the annual meeting of St. Peter's Church W. A., afternoon branch, Thursday afternoon, gave an interesting resume of Dominion annual convention which she attended with Mrs. L. Polby. She also spoke on other items of interest to all.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. J. W. Moorehouse with Mrs. A. J. Croxford presiding. Following reading of last year's annual meeting, reports were read. Arrangements were made for the spring sale to be held the latter part of April. Eleven members answered roll call. Two visitors later joined the auxiliary.

Mrs. Croxford, after the wind-up of business for 1950, welcomed incoming President Mrs. W. B. Skinner and wished her every success for 1951. Mrs. Skinner replied suitably and said, "With the continued support of all members we should have a happy new year."

Other officers are: Vice President, Mrs. M. Viereck; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. H. V. Tattersall; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. A. J. Croxford, assisted by Mrs. N. E. Morrison; Thank Offering Secretary, Mrs. J. Prince.

Following the meeting, the hostess served delicious refreshments and a social half hour was spent.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

M. H. McLean, manager of the B.C. Packer's cannery at Namu, returns south on Union steamer Chilcotin, Sunday night.

Legion masquerade party Friday, February 16.

Dance at Valhalla Hall tonight. Music by Mike Colussi. (1tc)

ELKS MEETING, January 17, POSTPONED to January 24. Oddfellows' Hall, 7:30 p.m. (11)

Dr. D. McBlack, director of the Prince Rupert Health unit, returned to the city on the Chilcotin yesterday after a trip to Victoria.

Fishing Vessel Owners Association meeting 2 o'clock Sunday, Civic Centre. Important business. (11c)

Attention, Members Deep Sea Fishermen's Union. There will be a meeting Sunday, January 14, 2:30 p.m. Members please attend—it is important. (1tc)

Coming January 29 and 30, Wrangell High Wolves series with Rupert Rainmakers. Game starts 8:30. Tickets on sale at Civic Centre, 75c and 50c. (H)

First Class Chief Stoker Stanley Pelan has received word that he will be transferred from H.M.C.S. Chatham in March. Chief Pelan has been stationed here for more than two years and has made a wide circle of friends.

doxes about the British Commonwealth is that the liberation of India, which was described by pessimists as the death blow to the British world community has become, in fact, the key to a stronger body than has ever been.

I FAILED IN 1945 in one respect with Mrs. Pandit. I tried hard to get her to come up to Canada to let Canadians hear free India's story.

But no. Canada was a British dominion, she said. The British would put her in jail again if she set foot on British soil.

I even got our Prime Minister to give his official pledge that such would not happen. But no—she was taking no chances. She would laugh at that now—but not in 1945.

THE HARD HEADED realists are saying that India's world plans for peace are impracticable as the hard headed realists said India's plans for free association silly.

But the realists could be wrong again.

• Cash for old gold. Bulger's.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis H. McLeod, it is understood, are still in Glendale, California, and may remain there for the rest of the winter.

• ATTENTION ODDFELLOWS—Special meeting Sunday, Jan. 14. Visit of Terrace Lodge and installation, 2 p.m. sharp. (11c)

• LADIES... Be budget-wise... stretch that dollar to the limit... Take advantage of the wonderful values that are to be found at the big sale that is now on at DOMS DEPARTMENT STORE. (12c)

• Mrs. Christensen and Mrs. Franklin of the SPORT SHOP wish to announce that Mr. A. E. Jones has retired from the business. They would also like to take this opportunity to thank their many customers for their patronage and hope that they will continue to give the same courteous service in the coming year. (13c) 26.

Announcements

Legion Card Party, Jan. 17, 1951.

Scotch dance in the Armories, 6th Ave. West, Jan. 19. Sponsored by Job's Daughters. Dancing 9-12:30.

Conrad School P-TA card party, January 19, 8 p.m.

Tea and home cooking at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Saturday, January 20, at 2:30.

Presbyterian Burns Banquet, Friday, Jan. 26.

W.O.T.M. Tea at Mrs. A. Ritchie's, 146 7th East, February 1, at 2:30.

Women's Hospital Auxiliary Tea, Nurses' Home, February 1.

St. Andrew's Cathedral Tea, Mrs. W. C. R. Jones, 430 4th Ave. West, Feb. 6.

Conrad P-TA Valentine Masquerade Party, Conrad School, February 10, 8 p.m.

120th H.A.A. Valentine Dance, February 10, Armories.

Legion Auxiliary Spring Sale, April 4.

St. Peter's Spring Sale, April 26.

Hollywood Cafe



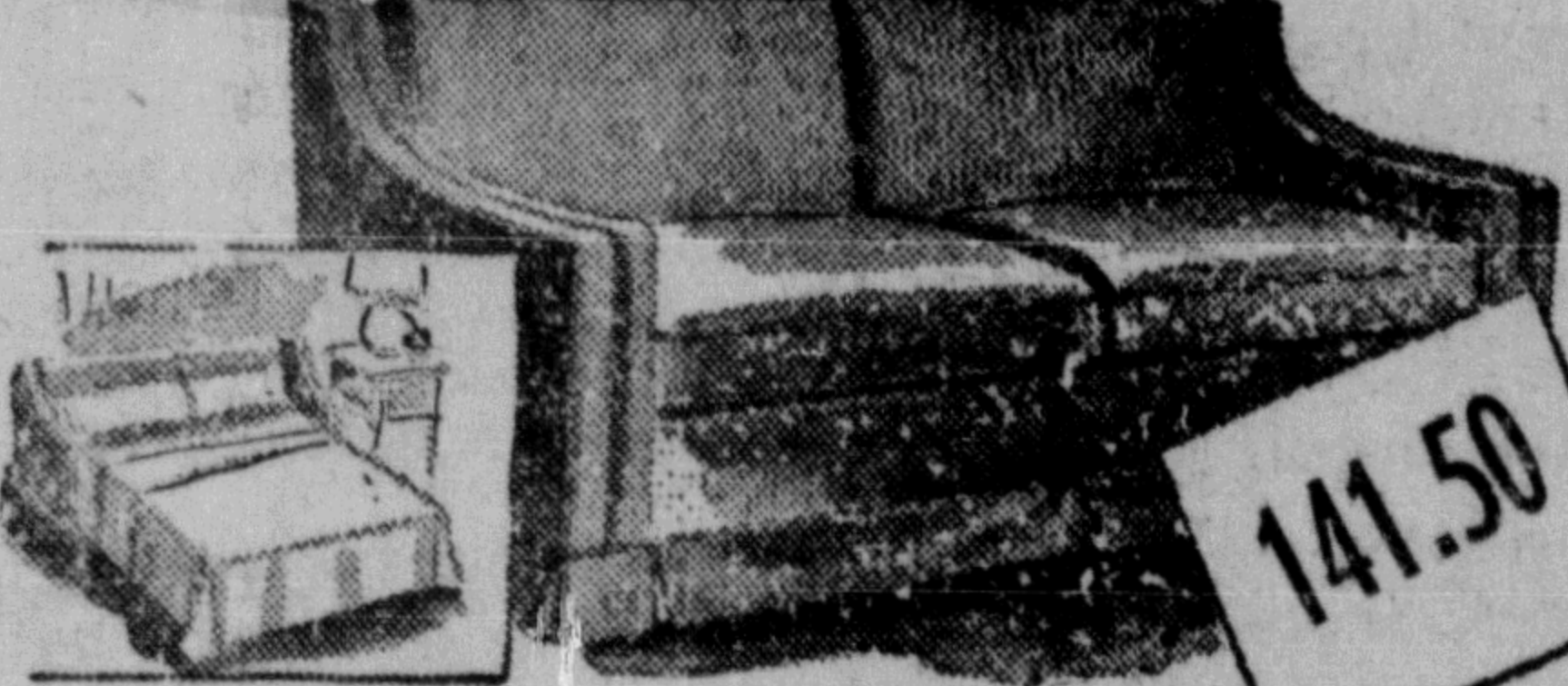
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Albert Holtby entered the General Hospital in Prince Rupert recently. Mr. Holtby ranks among the early Grand Trunk Pacific-Canadian National Railway officers, and came to Prince Rupert first, back in cinstuction days.

Orange Ladies Plan Easter Sale

Plans were made for the Ladies Orange Benevolent Association's Easter tea and sale, at a meeting held this week in the Oddfellows Hall.

On the committee for the sale, to be held March 21, will be Mrs. M. Skinner, general convenor, assisted by Mrs. E. Johansen, Mrs. J. Hill, Mrs. E. Croxford, Mrs. A. Field, Mrs. E. Blair and Mrs. F. Filison.

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