

### Today's Weather

Prince Rupert — Part cloudy, calm; barometer, 30.33; sea is smooth.

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### Tomorrow's Tides

Saturday, May 9, 1931  
High ..... 6:38 a.m. 16.1 ft.  
                  20:29 p.m. 16.4 ft.  
Low ..... 0:39 a.m. 10.8 ft.  
                  1:16 p.m. 7.0 ft.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

## BANK MANAGER KILLED BY BANDITS

## HEARING INDIAN MURDER CASE PROCEEDING AT ASSIZES

### Witchcraft Introduced In Samuel Douse Trial In Local Assize Court

Crown Evidence Will All Be in Early This Afternoon—  
Many Native Witnesses Heard as Well as  
Doctor and Police Officers

It became evident this morning from the cross-examination by R. L. Reid K.C. of Vancouver, defence counsel, of crown witnesses in the case of Samuel Douse of Kitwanga, charged with the murder of Silas Brown of Kitwanga on January 10 last, that witchcraft practice prejudice is to be introduced by the defence so as to test the credibility of crown witnesses under such circumstances.

Under cross-examination, more than one of the native witnesses testified that the accused had been suspected of witchcraft practice and was, therefore, feared.

When the hearing adjourned at 1 o'clock this afternoon until 2:15, there remained but one more crown witness to be heard, Inspector John Macdonald of the provincial police. It is understood that the defence will put in evidence in which case the trial may extend into tonight.

Jeffery Sidney Morgan, a native Christian of Kitwanga, testified that he went to Kitwanga in response to an invitation to attend a feast. The feast was held in Richard Douse's house. He went to bed and was awakened about 5 a.m. by hearing a gunshot fire. George Sampare was brought in with a wounded leg and he had taken the bullet out. Then Silas Brown was carried in with his arm broken by a gunshot wound. He had accompanied the two men to Hazelton Hospital, stopping at Kitwanga for Dr. Ardah to bandage the wounds.

### MINISTER WAS BUSY

Hon. Joshua Hinchliffe Visits  
Schools—Meets Teachers and  
Members of Board

Hon. Joshua Hinchliffe, minister of education, who is spending a few days in the city, visited the city schools yesterday and was welcomed by teachers and pupils. It is a long time if ever that a minister of education has personally visited the schools of the city. Mr. Hinchliffe was accompanied by H. C. Fraser, inspector of schools. Yesterday afternoon, after school meeting with the teaching staffs of the city. Matters of interest were discussed and tea was served. Last night the minister was in conference with the board of school trustees.

### FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral of the late William G. Hamilton will take place Saturday at 2:30 at the Presbyterian Church.

### BENNETT SUSTAINED ON GRIT AMENDMENT

OTTAWA, May 8.—The government was sustained last night by a majority of 46 in the division on the Liberal amendment which condemned the agricultural policy of the administration. The vote was 61 for the amendment and 107 against.

Dr. Leonard Wrinch told of seeing Brown and Sampare at the hospital. Brown had a wound on the right forearm which had broken the arm in several places and badly lacerated the flesh. It was his opinion that the bullet had entered the inside of the arm near the elbow and followed the bone going out on the same side near the wrist. The man had a weak heart and infection soon set in. The arm was amputated two days later but the infection and fever continued and he died February 15.

In cross-examination Dr. Wrinch admitted that there had been accident at the hospital, the thermometer having broken in Brown's mouth during a momentary absence of the nurse. All the particles had been removed and there were no ill effects. Mercurial poisoning would have been evident in the patient had it occurred.

Pictures taken with the x-ray machine showed the broken bones in the arm. George Sampare, 18 years of age of Kitwanga, told of being shot in the leg. He was standing about 25 feet from Brown. He had gone to the village for the feast but had not taken part in it. He had walked around all night with the Tait boys most of the time, and had remained in the road all night.

Defence counsel wanted to have the jury see the scar in Sampare's leg but it was objected to as witness could not be put in as an exhibit. It was finally decided to have a doctor examine the wound and give evidence in regard to it.

Wallace Morgan of Kitwanga was the final native witness. He told how Douse had been accused of witchcraft, a meeting being held at Kitwanga about it.

R.C.M.P. Officer  
Corp. Berger R.C.M.P. gave evidence in some detail as to a portion of bullet he had received which was said to have come from George Sampare's leg. Berger got the ball from Dr. H. C. Wrinch and turned it over to Constable Raybone. The only time he had heard of Douse being in trouble before, witness said, was in connection with the objections taken by the Indians against white surveyors coming in. They had obstructed these surveyors because they feared they were going to lose their lands.

Berger expressed the opinion that the mushroomed bullet presented to him in court had not caused the wound in Sampare's leg which he described as being a clean one. This bullet would have caused a rotary tearing wound. The bullet might have gone through Sampare's leg first and then entered Brown's forearm where the bones were shattered.

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### Welcoming the Arrival of Spring



A feature of annual spring flower show, Pasadena, Calif. Dancers of the Collette ballet formed this beautiful tableau during the coronation ceremonies of "Miss Springtime."

### YACHT IS ON ROCKS

Rio Bonita Piled Up This Morning  
at Entrance of Metlakatla  
Passage

### BOUND FOR KODIAK

The palatial Vancouver yacht Rio Bonita, owned by A. Melville Dollar, under charter for a natural history expedition to Kodiak Island in Western Alaska, went ashore on the rock patch near the light at the entrance to Metlakatla Passage at 7:30 this morning and is fast aground with shattered forefoot. Evidently, the vessel was taking the wrong side of the light.

The Rio Bonita arrived here yesterday from Vancouver and took on supplies here, leaving this morning in continuation of her voyage north. It is expected she will be refloated on the high tide about 7:30 tonight. The Pacific Salvage Co.'s power tugs Pachena and Red Boy are standing by ready to pull the yacht off.

The Rio Bonita is 90 feet long and is a converted sub-chaser. She is equipped with two diesel engines.

According to later report, it is stated that the Rio Bonita ran up at full speed about an hour after the high flood. The time at which she went up the water was two feet higher than it will be tonight at the high water mark. In addition to that she ploughed up four or five feet higher than she would have had she not been running so fast. Salvors consider they will be lucky if they succeed in refloating her tonight.

Efforts are already being made to obtain a new boat for the people on the vessel who were bound north to get a specimen of Kodiak bear.

The vessel's hull has been hogged, her keel, stem and forefoot are shattered and it is believed that she has been extensively holed.

### LIEUT. WALTER HINTON PAYING SEATTLE VISIT

SEATTLE, May 8.—Lieut. Walter Hinton, noted American ocean flyer, is a visitor in Seattle in the course of a tour of the United States.

### Vancouver Wheat

VANCOUVER, May 8.—Wheat was quoted on the local exchange today at 60 3/4c.

### Robbers Fatally Shoot In Holding Up Branch Of Bank in Winnipeg

P. B. R. Tucker Victim of Highwaymen Who Took \$6,000;  
Was Deaf and May Not Have Heard Command  
To Throw Up His Hands

WINNIPEG, May 8.—P. B. R. Tucker, bank manager, was shot and fatally wounded when he failed to put up his hands for three bandits who robbed the branch of the Dominion Bank of Canada of between \$6,000 and \$7,000 this morning. One of the trio shot Tucker several times. The bandits escaped in a car. Tucker was hard of hearing and may not have heard the command.

### RIOTING IS CONTINUING

FRANKFORT, May 8.—Rioting was still continuing in the Kentucky coal mining district yesterday and Governor Sampson ordered national guards dispatched to the scene to control the situation.

The uprising is attributed to the work of Communists and Reds among unemployed miners.

### Must Not Ride Engine Tender

Police To Take Active Steps To  
Prevent Illegal Practice

The police announce that the practise of men riding on the tender of a passenger train will not be allowed after this. It has always been illegal but from now active steps will be taken to prevent it.

### Naas-Kitsumkalum Route For Peace River Outlet Surveyed By Canadian Pacific Railway

TERRACE, May 8.—At the monthly meeting of the council of the Terrace Board of Trade Monday, a letter was read from the assistant chief engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway, stating that the route from Peace River via the headwaters of the Naas and Kitsumkalum Valley had been surveyed by his company during the past year and that it would be considered with sympathy in dealing with the problem of finding an outlet for the Peace River district to the Pacific.

### SCIENTIST IS FOUND

Augustine Courtauld, Who Was  
Lost in Greenland, is Safe

ANGMAGSALIK, Greenland, May 8.—Augustine Courtauld, youthful British scientist, who spent the winter on the Greenland ice cap in the course of assisting to survey an aerial route from England to Canada has been located by a dog sled rescue party and is being brought out.

The rescued and the rescuers were sighted by a search airplane yesterday.

### TRUE BILLS BROUGHT IN

Wiggins and Olsen Cases to be  
Heard Soon at Assizes

True bills against Fred Wiggins charged with arson at Southbank and Charles Olsen, charged with wounding Warren Scott in a razor affray here last fall, were returned by the Grand Jury at the Supreme Court Assizes yesterday.

After returning the bills, the Grand Jury was excused by Mr. Justice W. A. Macdonald from further attendance at the present Assize session unless called upon.

The bill of indictment charging Leo Contoli of this city with a statutory offence was not presented to the Grand Jury so it is assumed that the case is being dropped.

The Wiggins and Olsen trials will start on conclusion of the Rex vs. Douse murder case which is now being heard.

### New Residence At Hazelton

HAZELTON, May 8.—A new residence is being erected at the hospital for Dr. Leonard Wrinch, assistant superintendent, who, it is understood, will be married during the coming summer.

### SEAT KEPT BY LABOR

MacDonald Holds St. Rollox Division  
of Glasgow With Reduced  
Majority

GLASGOW, Scotland, May 8.—Labor retained St. Rollox division of Glasgow yesterday by the election with a greatly reduced majority of its candidate, William Leonard was elected over J. A. Kennedy, Conservative, by a majority of 1400. Miss E. Campbell, Scottish nationalist, was the third candidate.

### RECALL IS OVER TOP

But It May Be Two Months Before  
Mayor of Seattle Can Be  
Ousted

SEATTLE, May 8.—The recall movement against Mayor Frank Edwards appeared to have gone over the top when the city comptroller announced that well over the required number of names had been appended to the recall petition.

Meantime, the suit of Mayor Edwards' friends in the effort to block the recall movement threatened to hold things up for at least two months and nothing can be done until it has been disposed of.

### LOG SCALE DECREASE

Count For April This Year Was Negligible—Increase in Timber  
Products

Timber scaling in Prince Rupert forestry district for the month of April this year totalled only 524,503 board feet as against 6,788,042 in the same month last year. On account of this low figure for the month just ended, the total of timber scalings for this year to date amounts to 12,875,061 board feet or considerably less than 15,043,656 board feet for the corresponding period last year.

The timber-scale per varieties for the month just ended was as follows:

Cedar, 38,346 board feet.  
Spruce, 402,572.  
Hemlock, 59,088.  
Balsam, 24,497.

Lineal feet of piles, poles, etc. for the month of April this year totalled 40,449, showing a small increase over 31,742 in the same month last year.

Cords of fence posts, cordwood, pulpwood, etc. this April numbered only 31 as against 440 last year. No hewn ties were counted during the month just ended whereas there were 94,956 pieces in the month of April, 1930.

### TRADEFOLK BADLY HIT

Claim New Residence Regulation  
in Reno is Not Good For  
Business

RENO, May 8.—While lawyers are apparently benefitting through the new regulation whereby divorcees can be granted in Nevada after six weeks' instead of three months' residence, trades people, hotel keepers and apartment house owners report that it has hit them rather badly.