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MURDER IS SUSPECTED

Coster-Musica Case Takes More Sinister Turn as Detectives Renew Probe of Unsolved Killings
NEW YORK, Dec. 22: (CP)—F. Donald Coster-Philip Musica mystery, already involving millions of dollars and international duplicity, took a new and more sinister turn yesterday as Brooklyn detectives began investigating the suicide-windler's possible connection with the unsolved murders of Joseph Cohen, wealthy poultry dealer, and his brother, Barnett Cohen.

COLD SNAP CONTINUES

As Western Europe Continues to Shiver, Iceland is Having it Unusually Mild
LONDON, Dec. 22: (CP)—British teeth continue to chatter as the coldest wave in ten years enters its fifth day with a slight rise in temperature but no sign of a final let-up. While western Europe shivers, Iceland, oddly enough, is experiencing exceptionally mild weather with temperature of 45 degrees above zero enabling farmers to work the land which is usually frozen hard from October until spring.

WOMAN IN ROBBERY

Threatened Chicago Bank Manager With "Soup" and He Hands Over \$5000
CHICAGO, Dec. 22: (CP)—A blonde woman, carrying two hot water bottles which she said were filled with nitro-glycerine, intimidated a Chicago bank manager yesterday into giving over \$5,000. She threatened to throw the bottles and blow up the place if the money was not handed over. Nearby police took the woman into custody as she stepped to the street and the money was promptly returned to the bank.

New Clerk Of Senate Named

L. Clare Moyer K.C. to Succeed A. E. Blout Who Has Held Post for Many Years
OTTAWA, December 22: (CP)—L. Clare Moyer K.C. of Ottawa, one time secretary to Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King, has been appointed clerk of the Senate. It is announced. He succeeds A. E. Blout who is retiring after nearly fifty years in the civil service of which twenty-one was as clerk of the Senate.

Halifax Advances To Third Round

Defeated Mansfield Town Two to One in Overtime English Cup Football Game Yesterday
MANCHESTER, Dec. 22: (CP)—Halifax Town defeated Mansfield Town two to one in an overtime third replay of a second round English Cup football match and won the right to meet Birmingham in the third round.

FINAL BULLETINS

1000 SPIES ARRESTED
LONDON—Official reports reaching London asserted today that "approximately a thousand" arrests have occurred in insurgent Spain in a great spy hunt which authoritative persons suggested might affect the entire course of the civil war. The arrests are a sequel to a search of the baggage of Harold Goodman, British vice-consul at San Sebastian, last Monday. "Incriminating information" found inside a dirty shirt led to the arrests, it was said. Informants stated that Goodman had been absolved of guilt in the affair but several British consular officials in insurgent territory were under suspicion.

JAPAN TO HELP CHINA?
TOKYO—Premier Konoye declared today that Japan is prepared to help China abolish foreign concessions and extraterritoriality, a system of special privileges enjoyed by some foreigners in China for nearly a Century. By China is meant that part of the country under Japanese domination. The statement coincides with a strong press campaign for abolition of foreign concessions including the retrocession of Hong Kong.

WHAT HITLER SAID
LONDON—Premier Neville Chamberlain told the House of Commons today that Chancellor Hitler "informed me at Berchtesgaden that he was glad to leave Memelland as it was so long as the Statute of Memel is observed by the Lithuanian government." Sir Samuel Hoare assured the House that any attempt to intimidate German nationals in Britain into joining the British branch of the German Workers' Front would be a "punishable offence."

British Parliament In Favor Of Immigration To Dominions; Croft Settlement Plan Is Up

LONDON, December 22: (CP)—The House of Commons last night unanimously approved a motion urging the government, in the vital interest of Empire safety, to encourage British immigration to the Dominions. Earlier Rt. Hon. Malcolm MacDonald, Secretary for the Dominions, had said that the government was to confer with Dominion authorities on financially assisted Empire settlement schemes. It was decided to refer to the Empire Settlement Board for consideration the plan of Sir Henry Page Croft to send ten thousand British settlers to British Columbia which he toured recently. "I have not dismissed that plan," said MacDonald. "I have not rejected it. It is to be considered. I understand, by authorities in Canada in the first place." MacDonald added that Premier T. D. Pattullo of British Columbia had offered free land grants for such settlement. However, the Dominion government must also "show willingness to co-operate. This could be done by straight cash grants or by giving land Imperial assistance would be limited to one-half of the project. MacDonald admitted that more heavily populated Dominions would afford the Empire more influence in dealing with international matters. At the same time, he pointed out that, if new agriculturalists were to succeed, the development of secondary industries was an essential.

Mercy Flight On West Coast

Pilot Len Small Faces Unfavorable Weather Conditions To Deliver Insulin
PORT ALBERNI, Dec. 22: (CP)—Pilot Len Small, in the face of unfavorable weather conditions made a mercy flight yesterday from Zeballos to Port Alberni to pick up insulin and carry it to Ceepeece hospital where it was essential to save the life of a diabetes patient.

Weather Forecast

General Synopsis—Pressure is high south of British Columbia but low on the north coast. Rain has been general along the coast with snow flurries inland. Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Strong southeast to southwest winds, mild with rain. West Coast of Vancouver Island—Fresh to strong south winds, mild with light rain.

Collections From Recent Auction Are Being Made

Collections are being made of the monies bid at the recent radio auction for the Salvation Army Fund and also a number of people are making their donations independent of the auction. The financial condition up to noon today was: Previously acknowledged, \$257.50 Port Edward Crew 17.50 Jean and John 2.00 Gilbert Campbell 5.00 Radio Auction collections 47.00 Anonymous 5.05 A. M. Davies 1.00 Anonymous 2.00

MONTREAL TERMINAL

Project of Canadian National Reduced from \$60,000,000 to \$12,000,000—Three Million Next Year
MONTREAL, December 22 (Canadian Press)—The Canadian National Railways will spend \$3,000,000 next year in construction of the first stage of a \$12,000,000 rail terminal and station here S. J. Hungerford, president of the Canadian National Railways, said last night. The entire program will be speeded up several years. The original \$60,000,000 terminal planned by the late Sir Henry Thornton is being modified. The work has been held up during the depression with only preparatory work so far done.

XMAS SALES HOLDING UP

Some British Columbia Centres Report Increased Yuletide Buying—Others Are Down
VANCOUVER, Dec. 22: (CP)—Their stores besieged by shoppers on a frantic last-minute buying spree, British Columbia merchants, looking at rapidly dwindling stocks, have decided that holiday sales will probably be equal to last year's post-depression record. A few selected centres report business increases, a Canadian Press survey shows, but these have been countered by other reports of much slower selling. Better holiday buying is reported at Kamloops, Nanaimo, Stewart, Vanderhoof, Victoria and Williams Lake. Reductions are heavy in Armstrong, Cranbrook, Golden, Mission City, Smithers and Powell River.

Another Alberta Session Looming

Legislation to be Called on February 9, Adjourning Before Visit of King and Queen
EDMONTON, Dec. 22: (CP)—February 9 has been tentatively set for the calling of the next session of the Alberta Legislature. The intention would be to prorogue before the King and Queen visit the province next May.

QUARREL IS FATAL

One Man Dead at Rock Bay, Down the Coast, and Another is Badly Injured
VICTORIA, December 22 (Canadian Press)—Provincial police here said last night that it had been reported Leslie Spense jumped overboard and was drowned and James E Lee had suffered head injuries too serious to enable him being questioned after a dispute aboard their gasboat yesterday at Rock Bay north of Campbell River. Both men were employed by the Dominion government and leave families at Rock Bay.

CHILDREN WENT GYPSY

GRAVESEND, England, Dec. 22 (CP)—Giving evidence when his wife was charged with unfitnes to care for her four daughters, aged four to 14, the father said while he was away working the children had been allowed to wander about like gypsies.

Washington Refuses To Take Back What Ickes Said About Actions of Nazi Government

Declares That it Represents the Feeling of Overwhelming Majority of American Citizens—Senator Pittman Heaps Further Fuel on Flames

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 22: (CP)—Sumner Welles, acting Secretary of State during the absence of Cordell Hull who is attending the Pan-American conference in Peru, disclosed today that the United States had rejected Germany's demand for an official apology for a speech by Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes in Cleveland last Sunday attacking dictatorialships. Welles told Dr. Hans Thomsen, German charge d'affaires, that the request came with singular ill grace and impropriety from a government which so persistently permitted controlled press officials to attack American leaders including the late President Woodrow Wilson and President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Welles said that Ickes' remarks represented the feeling of an overwhelming majority of Americans who were profoundly shocked with recent events in Germany. Ickes said that German treatment of Jews had carried that nation back to a "period in history where man was unlettered, benighted and bestial." The exchange has brought about a sharp new strain on German-American relations. Key Pittman Too Senator Key Pittman, chairman of the United States foreign relations committee, issued a statement today without immediate clarification saying that people of the United States do not like the governments of Japan or Germany, adding that they opposed any form of dictatorial government and have the right and power to enforce morality and justice in accordance with peace treaties.

ACCUSES HUSBAND OF SHOT

Mrs. Victor Beynon Tells Her Story Of Killing of Prince Rupert Fisherman Near Powell River
POWELL RIVER, Dec. 22: (CP)—Mrs. Alice Beynon, wife of Victor Beynon, aged 28, charged with murder in connection with the shooting to death on Sunday at Egmont, near here, of Kenneth Brown, former Prince Rupert fisherman, testified before an inquest Tuesday that her husband had fired the shot from which Brown died. The coroner's jury, however, returned an open verdict, not definitely deciding who had fired the fatal shot. Brown was shot in a cabin near Egmont Saturday night and died on Sunday in the Pender Harbor hospital. Mrs. Beynon testified that she was in the cabin with Brown when Beynon came to the door and ordered Brown out of the house, then shooting.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Prince Rupert—Light rain, southeast wind, fourteen miles per hour; barometer, 29.66 (falling); temperature, 41; light chop. Triple Island—Showery, southerly wind, ten miles per hour; light swell. Dead Tree Point—Light rain, calm; barometer, 29.73; temperature, 36; light swell. Bull Harbor—Heavy rain, southeast wind, fifteen miles per hour; barometer, 30.00; temperature, 42; moderate swell. Alert Bay—Raining, southeast wind, ten miles per hour; barometer, 29.99; temperature, 38; sea choppy. Estevan—Raining, southeast wind, six miles per hour; barometer, 30.12. Victoria—Raining, southeast wind, fourteen miles per hour; barometer, 30.18. Vancouver—Raining, easterly wind, six miles per hour; barometer, 29.86. Prince George—Snowing, southerly wind, twenty miles per hour; barometer, 29.86. Terrace—Cloudy, calm, temperature, 30. Aiyansh—Snowing, calm, 27. Alice Arm—Light snow, calm, 32. Anyox—Cloudy, calm, 30. Stewart—Light dry snow, calm, 27. Hazelton—Cloudy, calm, 25. Smithers—Cloudy, calm, 20. Burns Lake—Dull, calm, 24. BOSTON, Dec. 22 (CP)—A speaker at a women's meeting here the other day reminded her hearers that even in England up to the 18th century tea was so costly it invariably was kept under lock and key.

BY-ELECTION GOV'T WIN

Duchess of Athol Appears To Have Been Beaten in Kinross-West Perth
LONDON, Dec. 22: (CP)—Incomplete returns from the Kinross-West Perth by-election from which seat Duchess of Athol resigned as a protest at government policy and in order to test the public feeling indicate a victory for the government. It is conceded that the Duchess had been defeated by the straight Conservative candidate, W. M. Snadden. Stormy weather caused a light vote in the rugged riding and there has been delay in getting in the returns.

ARGENTINA RESOLUTION

Pan-American Conference Thrown Into Uprow by New Development Last Night
LIMA, Peru, December 22 (Canadian Press)—Argentina threw the Pan-American Conference into uproar last night when it rejected completely the draft of a declaration on continental solidarity and defence and tossed its own resolution in with the implication of "take it or leave it." Argentina said it had rejected the draft because it constituted a military alliance while its own mentioned aggression from any source.

PLAN FOR REFUNDING

Alberta Finance Officials Consider Idea of Issuing Two Percent Baby Bonds
EDMONTON, Dec. 22: (CP)—Alberta government officials are still considering the province's public debt situation. A proposal for refunding has now been made whereby two-percent perpetual bonds, callable at any time, would be issued in denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100.

Fifty Canadian Workmen Will Be Trained Abroad

OTTAWA, Dec. 22: (CP)—Fifty Canadian workmen will cross the Atlantic, it is announced, to receive special training in British factories to fit them to work on orders for bomber contracts for the building of which have been given to Canadian manufacturing plants.