

Toronto Probes Double Murder

Bodies of Man, Girl Found In Car Luggage Trunk

By Canadian Press
TORONTO, (CP)—A man and woman found crumpled in the luggage compartment of the man's automobile were "murdered," Chief Coroner Dr. Smirle Lawson said today.

His finding at an autopsy ended speculation over the lovers' late deaths of George Vigue, 39, and Iris Scott, 21, dead 12 1/2 hours when found crumpled in the compartment of the car early today.

Police said they believed the married man and the girl were murdered elsewhere, since in the car and driven to West-End High Park where they were found.

Dr. Lawson said the autopsy showed bruises on Vigue's throat, indicating he had been throttled as with a rope. There were two bad bruises on the girl's chin and what appeared to be finger marks on her throat as if she, too, had been throttled.

Meanwhile, a man identified as Cecil J. Hemmings of Welland, Ont., died in hospital today of a bullet wound and police said the result of an autopsy taken care of them.

Hemmings was brought to hospital from Maple, 10 miles north of here, after a possible fight was a fight during a drinking party in a shack there. No arrests have been made.

Dr. Lawson said apparently two men and two women met in a rooming house and went to the cottage. Early today and the fatal auto crash and the fatal auto crash and the fatal auto crash.

Police said a shotgun was found in the shack at a gravel pit where the party was held.

Ship Blast Kills 18, Injures 50
By Associated Press
BELFAST—Fifteen dead and 50 injured were brought ashore today from the British liner Reina Del Pacifico, which docked here badly damaged by an explosion at sea.

While hundreds crowded the dock area, the 17,702-ton motorship was towed in and police began an inquiry, studying among them the things which they described as the possibility of sabotage.

The wartime troop transport, on a trial run after being refitted for resumption of peacetime service, was torn by an explosion in the rooming house about 12 miles north of Copeland Island, near the mouth of Belfast.

As SOS, brought five tugs and a lifeboat carrying doctors and nurses. One of the doctors, "terribly burned" and said "possibly would die."

Fifteen men were killed outright and three died this morning in hospitals.

CRIME OFFICIALS ABOARD
The injured, taken off at sea in lifeboats, were put in hospitals in Bangor, Donegal and Belfast.

Belfast newspapers said only crew members, technicians and a few of the passengers of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company were aboard at the time of the explosion.

The 17-year-old Reina Del Pacifico — the name is Spanish for "Queen of the Pacific" — was voyaged 50,000 miles on war service without sustaining damage.

Reconditioned, she was due in Liverpool next Thursday upon a trial run to Belfast. She has carried 17,700 passengers on her first post-war civilian voyage beyond the Pacific coast of the United States and for Chile via Bermuda and the Panama Canal.



MR. JUSTICE BIRD Powers widened

Japanese Probe Broadened

OTTAWA — Justice Minister Wiley announced today that the order-in-council providing for an inquiry into the disposition of the property of Japanese property on the West Coast has been broadened to meet with suggestions made by the public accounts committee in its report at the recent session of parliament.

Under the changes, the commission, Mr. Justice Bird of the B.C. Court of Appeal is to be allowed to hear claims that the property of Japanese was disposed of for less than a fair market value.

He was also able to hear claims of personal property, stolen or the stolen while under the control of the custodian or a person appointed by him.

Salmon Area 7 Extended
There will probably be a hectic salmon harvest season at the Gulf of Georgia next week.

At a union official said the proposed formula is unacceptable.

Fire Destroys Douk's Home
(See Early Story on Page 3)
Home of a Doukholder reported to be a member of the fanatic sect, was destroyed by fire Thursday night at 3200 St. James St.

Arab Leader Assassinated
JERUSALEM (AP) — Sama Efendi Taha, secretary-general of the Arab Labor Federation, was assassinated at his home tonight.

'Relax' Lineup System Ends Registration Queues
B DAVY LETTERMAN
Students were lined up by the hundreds at UBC today — but couldn't see them.

38 Escape As Bus Leaves Okanagan Road
Special to The Daily Province
E. L. O'NEILL — Thirty-eight persons narrowly escaped serious injury when a school bus in which they were riding slid off a road through the north of the Pacific School. The vehicle was proceeding about 15 miles an hour when it struck the side of the road.

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Hottest Summer In 35 Years Ends For Londoners

LONDON (Reuters) — London's hottest and driest summer for 35 years ended today when mist and rain brought back umbrellas, raincoats and safety sidewalks to the capital on the first time in weeks. In several places it broke a drought of 37 days.

10,000 Packers Now Out

Three Provinces To Fight Tieup
As 4000 more meat plant workers left their jobs across Canada today, it appeared that a country-wide meat shortage will be prolonged by Provincial-Dominion government deadlock.

Ten thousand workers are now involved in the packingshop strike.

The nation's three largest provinces — B.C., Ontario and Quebec have signified they plan to fight the tieup under their own labor laws, while one Saskatchewan — has asked, the Dominion to end the dispute.

United Packingshop Workers (U.P.W.) members have walked out to support their demand for a basic minimum wage of 82 cents an hour, claims the industry.

The union says it will listen only to Ottawa.

CLAIM HANDS TIED
Ottawa says its hands are tied because wartime labor powers have been returned to the provinces. It says no action can be taken by federal authorities until all nine provinces waive their jurisdiction.

Johnson Guilty Of Manslaughter
Disregarding the trial judge's advice that he "doubted the presence of elements" justifying such a verdict, 12 Ontario Court Jurors Thursday night convicted five-foot-one-inch Elmer Johnson of manslaughter for the Stanley Park death of Mrs. Hilda Norma Burton.

The Burnaby baker will be sentenced at end of the session. The maximum is life; the minimum at the discretion of the court.

The jury was out 2 1/2 hours, returning once for clarification of the charges of murder and manslaughter. Johnson and his tiny wife — lone witness in his defense — took the verdict calmly.

Joe Celano, Bootlegger, Fined \$500
Joe Celano smilled today after he was fined \$500 or three months by Magistrate H. S. Wood in Police Court for liquor Act violation.

Dangerous Hurricane Hits Florida
By Associated Press
MIAMI, Fla. — The Atlantic Ocean became a sea of trouble today as a dangerous hurricane with roaring 145-mile-per-hour winds today struck the Florida coast.

Magistrate Becomes 'Mr. Justice'
Sweetness and Light Invades Old Police Court
By DON MASON
This was a "barge day" for the province's "magistrate" in Police Court.

Anthony Eden Article Saturday In The Province
Rt. Hon. Anthony Eden, one of the world's "foremost" statesmen, scans the forthcoming United Nations General Assembly in the light of critical international affairs for readers of The Vancouver Daily Province on an exclusive article Saturday.

Every Canadian has a stake in this vital meeting. Mr. Eden makes it plain what that stake is. His penetrating analysis is required reading.

Lumber Scarcity Tears End As Mills Recouple Shifts

Log Supply Higher Today Than Any Time In 1946
By ERIC LYONS
The lumber shortage that has crippled new housing projects and held back all types of construction for several years appeared to be near an end today with reports that many mills, now getting all the logs they need, are adding extra work shifts which in some cases will nearly double production.

Ottawa price board officials today denied rumors that price ceilings on lumber will be ended soon.

B.C. Logging Association officials said there are approximately 15 per cent more logs in the water now than at this time last year, and that supplies for mills, better than at any time since 1944, "are ample."

THREE SHIFTS
North Shore mills are putting on night shifts for the first time in years. Some on False Creek and the Fraser River have already hired crews for extra shift work. Still others are doubling up on extra shifts while working straight shifts in sawmills.

Supplies of upper grades of lumber for flooring and interior finish are still extremely scarce. Good quality dimension lumber for general building purposes is also short. But a large surplus of No. 2 and 4 common lumber has developed — which mills and yards are finding hard to sell.

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France Hit By Labor Unrest

PARIS — New demonstrations were staged throughout France today as workers made further demands for the rule in the bread ration, the general food situation, and the high cost of living.

More than 10,000 employees of the Cherbourg arsenal and of local industries marched through the city market during a two-hour protest strike.

They manhandled a peasant who expressed disapproval of the demonstration, and seized two calves and 22 young pigs which they led to a slaughterhouse.

Trolley cars lay idle and bus-stands closed in Bordeaux to strike 25,000 workers to hold a protest meeting at which they asked for an increased 3 per cent ration and energetic measures to stop rising prices of meat, potatoes and dried vegetables.

In Lille, 3,000 demonstrators, including textile and metal workers, marched through the streets calling for more and cheaper food. Several thousand housewives joined other thousands of workers in the main square.

Toulon to listen to spokesman of the Labor Confederation.

A few incidents broke out during a similar demonstration in Lyons when 15,000 workers marched to the prefecture shouting "down with the pretzel don't union (Premier) Ramadier!"

Under Communist leadership in the port of La Pallice, the port of La Rochelle, when dock workers struck in protest against lack of food.

Fire Damage \$1,000,000
ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — A general alarm fire in Atlanta's warehouse district was brought under control today after gutting a five-story building and causing damage estimated at \$1,000,000.

Weather Forecast
Today, cloudy tonight, showers tomorrow and Saturday.

Temperature
Overcast in the morning, becoming cloudy in the afternoon.
Winds light, becoming north west, 15 mph. Saturday afternoon, 15-20 mph.

FORECAST WINDS
High Thursday, 65.
Low Thursday, 52.
High Friday, 65.
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High Saturday, 65.

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