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Strange Murder Case Is Now Being Tried At Santa Ana, Cal.

Strange Murder Case Now Being Tried at Santa Ana, Calif.—Mrs. Guy Post Found Dead Ten Months After the Accused—Case Has No Parallel In 600 Years of Jurisprudence—Trial Necessary In Order to Settle An Estate.

SANTA ANA, Calif., Feb. 19—Ten months after she was found dead with two bullet wounds in her body, Mrs. Guy Bates Post went on trial today charged with murder in a case that had no parallel in the 600 years of jurisprudence.

The wife of the noted actor is accused of killing Mrs. Doris Murray Palmer, who in life was her inseparable companion. The case said by attorneys to be the strangest ever placed on a docket, began last April, when the bodies of the two women were found in their Laguna Beach bungalow.

Insanity the Plea

"Not guilty by reason of insanity," was the plea offered by Attorney A. Morsby White, executor of Mrs. Post's estate and her representative in the strange trial.

Judge George K. Scovel ordered the trial to untangle problems relating to probate of Mrs. Palmer's will, under which Mrs. Post or her heirs were to receive \$1,500. Under California law, a murderer cannot benefit from the estate of his victim. It therefore was necessary, Judge Scovel held, either to convict or exonerate Mrs. Post of the charge of murder even though she herself is dead, before the Palmer estate could be settled.

BRITAIN TO DEFEND THE SCHNEIDER CUP

London, Eng., Feb. 18—Aeroplanes capable of travelling 400 miles an hour, will, it is expected, represent Great Britain at the Schneider Cup races this year, when she makes her bid for permanent possession of the famous trophy, emblematic of the aeroplane speed and championship of the world.

More than six miles per minute, so fast that no human can time them; only the most skilled pilots can handle them; only, in the vernacular, "wings and motor" will carry the Union Jack into action against the best pilots of France and Italy.

Toady the Royal Aero Club announced that the United States would not be represented this year. Lieut. Al. Williams, one of the greatest United States Navy pilots, and himself a winner of the trophy, will not compete.

Great Britain has won the trophy twice. In the last contest Major A. H. Olebar gave his ship the "gun" to win easily at 357 miles an hour. Just three days later, but after the race was over, Flying Officer, H. R. D. Waghorn also of England, flew at 368 miles an hour. That was faster than human ever travelled before on land, sea or in the air. But this year's record is expected to surpass Waghorn's 368 miles by a considerable margin.

Is Optimistic

Senator F. M. Black, of Sackville, president of the N. B. Telephone Company said today that there would be no changes in the directorate of the Company for the coming year. He spoke optimistically of the company's welfare in the ensuing year and expected a continued prosperity.

MRS. PIERCE PASSES AWAY AT WOODSTOCK

Woodstock, Feb. 18—Friends in different parts of the province will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Thomas Pierce, at her home here this morning. The end came suddenly, although Mrs. Pierce had been in failing health for some time and had been confined to bed for the past week. Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed. The body will be taken to Sussex for interment in the family lot.

Besides her husband, asuperannuated minister of the United Church of Canada, Mrs. Pierce is survived by one son, A. G. Pierce, of Mount Pleasant, N. Y.; four daughters, Mrs. F. C. Squires, of Woodstock, wife of the Speaker of the New Brunswick Legislature; Mrs. F. M. Grant, Woodstock; Mrs. J. A. Inches, St. Stephen; and Mrs. J. H. Baird, Richibucto.

WILL APPEAL CASE OF YOUNG BANK ROBBER

Toronto, Feb. 18—Intervention by the Attorney-General's Department in the case of Robert Kitowski, 16 year-old Fort Francis bank robber, was announced today by Hon. W. H. Price, Attorney-General.

The Department will appeal the sentence to the Supreme Court of Ontario. Kitowski was sentenced to five years and 20 lashes for holding up a bank in Fort Francis. He was captured 45 minutes after the robbery with a loaded revolver and the stolen money in his possession.

MANY KILLED WHEN TRAIN WAS WRECKED

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Hankow, Feb. 19—Thirty-six Chinese were killed and 72 were injured in the derailment of a Peiping Hankow railway train near Tungwangti station on the Jonan-Hupeh border.

The locomotive jumped the track during a heavy blizzard. It was estimated the damage was more than \$500,000, in addition to the necessary suspension of traffic along the line.

Roger Babson says that farmers who raise spinach are making money. And yet, what is money, with a troubled conscience?

NEW BRUNSWICK TELEPHONE COMPANY IS HOLDING ANNUAL MEETING IN THIS CITY TODAY

Despite Business Depression the Company Had a Satisfactory Year—Capital Expenditure Was Curtailed—A Good Operating Surplus Shown.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the New Brunswick Telephone Company Limited is being held at the Company's head office here this afternoon, with the president, Senator F. B. Black of Sackville in the chair. Those in attendance include: Col. R. O'Leary, Richibucto; F. R. Sumner, Moncton; H. P. Robinson, Saint John; J. M. Robinson, Saint John; Walter C. Allison, Saint John; Col. J. L. McAvity, Saint John; R. B. Hanson, K.C., M.P., city; Archibald Fraser, Edmundston; N. Marks Mills, St. Stephen; E. W. Mair, Woodstock; J. E. Macpherson, Montreal and G. P. Burdill, Nelson. Dr. A. P. Barnhill, another director is at present in Los Angeles, Calif. Another member of the board Angus McLean of Bathurst passed away recently.

N. E. Moore of Saint John Secretary of the Company and Otty T. Fraser, general manager are also in attendance.

Had Good Year

The financial statement submitted, showed that despite business depression the company had a satisfactory year. The gross revenue was \$1,551,420.54 and the expenditure \$1,168,011.32, leaving a net revenue for the year of \$383,409.22. The company had a total surplus on December 31st of \$544,409.02 out of which dividends of \$391,527.80 were paid leaving a balance to be carried forward of \$152,881.22.

Directors Report

The following is the forty-first annual report of the Board of Directors submitted to the meeting by the president, Senator F. B. Black, and Adopted.

To: The Shareholders of the New Brunswick Telephone Company, Limited.

The Financial Statement submitted herewith shows a growth and development which, considering the general dullness in business and the amount of capital invested in new plant not yet earning, should be most satisfactory to Shareholders.

The expenditure outlined for 1930 in our last report was \$1,250,000, but,

STATISTICS ON BOOZE DRINKING INTERESTING

Denver Barber Has Put Down 3 Pints Daily For 25 Years

A TOTAL OF 13,000 QUARTS

Total Cost of Beverage Estimated At \$54,000

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Denver, Colorado, Feb. 19—P. H. Thomas, 52, a barber, sentenced to spend thirty days in jail for possessing forty pints of whiskey, admitted when arraigned that he had been drinking three pints a day for 25 years.

The statistics gleaned from his statements showed that he has drunk 1,095 pints a year for 25 years, or 27,375 pints, more than 13,000 quarts. At ten drinks to a pint he has raised the bottle to his mouth 273,750 times.

At present reported prices for whiskey, he has spent more than \$54,000 for beverage in the quarter of a century.

Hoover May Name A Commission to Negotiate a Pact

The Names of ex-Secretary F. B. Kellogg and ex-Senator Henry Allen May Be Asked to Act on the St. Lawrence Waterway Project.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19—President Hoover is considering appointment of Frank B. Kellogg, former Secretary of State, and former Senator Henry Allen of Kansas as Commissioners to negotiate a treaty with Canada for improvement of the St. Lawrence river, it was learned reliably today. Mr. Kellogg probably would be made chairman of the commission.

The appointment may be delayed, however, since negotiations with Canada regarding a deep-water route through the St. Lawrence still are uncompleted.

Great Progress Made

It may be opportune to point out that while each year millions upon millions of dollars are expended in experiments and research and through this work wonderful improvement has been made in all branches of the service so that today a subscriber in New Brunswick can talk to Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver or elsewhere much more satisfactorily than he could talk to Halifax a few years ago, so that the range and usefulness of his phone has been enormously increased and at no additional cost to him but on the other hand local service rates have remained the same and long distance charges have been materially reduced.

The estimates for 1931 are still under consideration. The expenditure will probably run from \$760,000 to \$1,000,000, including the completion of the automatic installation in Saint John.

Late Angus McLean

While the Financial Statement was in preparation, a sad event occurred in the death of our esteemed Director, Mr. Angus McLean. His passing has been a loss not only to this Company but to the Province of New Brunswick and the Dominion as a whole. Those associated with him feel that his loss is irreparable. To his wife and family we extend our utmost sympathy.

The Directors desire once more, to express their appreciation of the excellent work and sympathetic co-operation of the whole staff.

F. B. Black,
President.

Financial Statement

The following is the financial statement:—

Assets	
Plant	6,156,194.93
Supplies	320,493.77
Cash and Deposits	27,843.71
Accounts Receivable	192,716.32
Investments	124,538.50
Prepaid Charges	29,571.00
	6,851,358.33
Liabilities	
Capital Stock	5,273,110.00
Capital Stock Subscribers ..	12,624.22
Premium on Capital Stock and Bonds	58,277.10
Reserve for Depreciation ..	922,405.83
Employees' Pension Fund ..	23,457.94
Royal Bank of Canada ...	130,000.00
Accounts Payable	163,139.72
Dividends Payable Jan. 15th, 1931,	105,462.20
Total Liabilities	6,698,477.01
Surplus	152,881.22
	6,851,358.23
Earnings	
Gross Revenue	\$1,551,420.54
Expenses	
Operating Expenses	1,168,011.32
Net Revenue for Year ..\$	383,409.22

PAYMENT TO PENSIONERS TO CONTINUE

Ottawa, Feb. 18—Relief payments to pensioners will be continued by the Dominion Government at the same rate as heretofore. Official announcement to this effect by Premier R. B. Bennett tonight will be received with widespread approval by the pensioners affected throughout the Dominion.

"Payments already made to pensioners for relief purposes had exhausted the appropriation by Parliament," the Prime Minister declared, "and in addition, a considerable sum secured through Governor-General's warrants. The law provides that Governor-General's warrants can only be issued in cases of urgent necessity.

"The Minister of Pensions and National Health has been investigating the situation and being now satisfied of the great urgency of the case an additional warrant has been issued by the Administrator and relief payments to pensioners will be paid at the same rate as heretofore. There is no desire, much less intention to cause hardship to those who have been receiving relief."

FREDERICTON DEFEATED SAINT JOHN THISTLES

Fredericton curlers defeated five rinks of Saint John Thistles here yesterday in the eighty-fourth semi-final match, the score being 98 to 62. Two rinks a side curled in the afternoon and three rinks a side played at night. The two clubs have played 84 matches since the year 1876, at which time competition started, and during that time, the Thistles have won 11 games in this city and lost 31, while the capital rinks have lost 30 in Saint John while winning 11. Another game was tied.

Following were the rinks and scores of yesterday's matches:

Surplus Credit	
By Balance Dec. 31, 1929, ..	153,219.80
By Profit on Securities Sold ..	7,780.00
By Net Revenue, Year 1930 383,409.22	
	544,409.02
Debit	
To Dividends	\$19,527.80
Carried Forward	\$152,881.22
Certified Correct	
P. F. Blanchet, C.A.	
Auditor.	