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## *Bassoff, the Bandit Leader Captured Near Bellevue*

DESPERADO WHO SHOT OFFICERS USHER AND BAILLIE AT BELLEVUE CAPTURED ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT THROUGH C. P. R. ENGINEER—MAKES CONFESSION OF HIS GUILT.

CALGARY, Aug. 12.—Basoff, the bandit leader, who last Saturday shot Policemen Usher and Baillie at Bellevue, was captured last night 27 miles east of that place and was taken to Lethbridge jail where he was charged with murder. He has made a full confession of his part in the shooting.

The shrewdness of C.P.R. Engineer Harry Hammond is responsible for the Bassoff capture. The desperado had broken through a cordon of police at Frank two days ago and was miles away from the place of search where bloodhounds were put on the trail on Wednesday. Hammond saw Bassoff on the track and gave the alarm. Four officers half an hour later made the capture. "I am the man you are after," said Bassoff calmly. Strapped under his arm was a Colt automatic pistol with seven shots in the magazine.

### UNFORTUNATE SHOOTING CASE PRISONER HERE

**Edward Nolan, of Francois Lake, Accused of Attempted Murder, in Jail Here.**

On Saturday last Edward Nolan, of East Francois Lake, brought here by Constable Henley to be detained in the South Fort George jail pending the hearing of charges against him of shooting with intent to do murder, was incarcerated in the local jail. On the above charge he was committed by Stipendiary Magistrate Fraser, at Fraser Lake.

It appears that trouble has been brewing for some time between the accused and two young men named Ray who brought the charge. It is alleged that four shots were fired, three of these by Nolan, who used a 30-30 in the affair.

The accused is known as a fine character in the Francois Lake country, and considerable sympathy is felt for him in this matter. A number of influential men have signified their willingness to go bail for him.

Nolan served or our years in the navy. He had appeared as a witness in certain litigation alleged to be hostile to the Ray interests. Further interesting developments in this case are said to be pending.

### NEIL GETHING TAKES PARTY INTO THE PEACE

**Well Known Pioneer of Central Interior Conducts Party Inspecting Coal.**

Early in the week Mr. Neil Gething, formerly of Prince George, and a candidate for the office of mayor in the first civic campaign here, left for the Peace River by way of Summit Lake with a party of twelve ladies and gentlemen. The objective of this party is the coal field on the Pine River in which Mr. Gething is heavily interested.

About the year 1906 Mr. Gething, accompanied by the late Capt. Geo. Ager, a Canadian officer who fell at Mons, and who was very well known to old timers here, located the coal field near the mouth of Pine River. Since the field has been examined it has proved to be a valuable semi-anthracite coal, which those interested compare with the Pennsylvania product.

**Going by River.**

The party left for Summit Lake by motor cars and arrangements have been made for them to proceed down the Crooked, Parsnip and Peace rivers in boats. A prominent member of the party is Mr. W. S. Johnson, of Lachine, Que., who is a brother of the Mr. Johnson who died in the Peace River, was known as "The Asbestos King," controlling enormous asbestos interests and mines, and his work in contemplating the development of the Peace River coal field, now being carried on by his brother, is significant of the interest attaching to this prospect among capialists. Mr. W. S. Johnson has also visited this coal field on former occasions.

Another member of the party is Mr. Neil Gething's brother, and his bride, who hail from the United States, and who had not seen his brother for over thirty years until recently. Mrs. Gething, of Vanderhoof, is also a member of the party, and she and her husband, Neil, will return to their fine Nechaco Valley ranch after the expedition they are now engaged in.

### BETTER HOUSING COMMITTEE MET MONDAY EVENING

**Other Applications Will be Accepted Shortly—More Detail Is Wanted.**

A meeting of the Better Housing Committee was held in the City Hall Monday evening, Mayor Pery, Alderman Baird, and Marshall Sales, representing the G.W.V.A. being present. The following applications for loans were read: P. Thompson, $3000; J. Aitkin, $3500; M. Caldwell, $3000; F. C. Saunders, $3000; A. Ogston, $3500; A. McB. Young, $3500; and J. M. McLean, $3500.

The applications of F. C. Saunders and J. Aitkin were accepted, the others being held for a little more detail.

### PLANS ARE CHANGED FOR PEACE RIVER TRIP

**Vancouver Board of Trade Will Visit Peace River via Edmonton and Railway.**

Under date of August 6th, Secretary W. E. Payne, of the Vancouver Board of Trade, wired to Mr. Fenwick, secretary of the local Board, stating that the Vancouver visitors to the Peace River country will not proceed, as originally intended, by way of the Summit Lake and Parsnip route, down the Peace River, but are coming via Prince Rupert and Prince George to Edmonton and into the Peace by the new C. P. R. branch line.

**Explained the Situation.**

Sometime ago Mr. Fenwick explained the situation to the members of the Vancouver Board of Trade in a letter as follows:

"In the first place I would point out that the trip from Summit Lake to Hudson's Hope will cost $750 for thirty persons or under that number. The time occupied covering this part of the journey will be about five days. A cook and 'bull' cook will be provided, but you will be required to furnish provisions and equipment. These can be purchased in Prince George after your arrival here. I understand boats run from Hudson's Hope to Peace River Crossing twice a week. The charge will be between $25 and $30 per head, including meals. This part of the trip takes two days. At Hudson's Hope you will be able to hire saddle horses to ride over to Rocky Mountain Canyon, which is about the only thing of interest at that point. No cars, I believe, are available here. The boat, on the trip from Hudson's Hope eastward, makes several stops, the principal one being at Fort St. John."

The road to Summit Lake has been given the complete "once over" by the road department here, and the party would have been able to make excellent time over the Parsnip River route, which would have given it a wonderful insight into the country to be traversed by the P. G. E., and would also have given these members some idea of the difficulties which settlers in that country have to face today.

### CITY WILL ENDEAVOR TO ASSIST BAND

**Mayor Perry and Alderman Baird Will Confer With Committee.**

A deputation from the newly-formed Prince George Band Association waited on the city council last Tuesday evening and asked for financial assistance to some extent in the purchase of instruments for the band. The matter of having a band in this city was discussed at length and favorable opinions were expressed by all the aldermen in having a good band organization. While the city, according to the mayor, is not empowered to grant any money for this kind of an organization, he was in favor of having a band, and he suggested that a committee from the band organization meet a committee from the council and try and reach some solution of the problem. This was acted upon, and the council appointed Alderman Baird and the mayor to meet a committee from the band organization Friday evening in the city hall.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian church at its meeting next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock will be led by Miss Gertrude Lawson, on the topic, "Lessons From the Poets." All young people of the city are urged to be present.

### OGLE ARRESTED AT QUESNEL ON SATURDAY

**Accused Murderer of Thomas Dodd Submits Quietly to Arrest by Senior Const. Greenwood.**

The arrest of Orville Ogle, the man who murdered Thomas Dodd, the Mud River rancher, was effected near Quesnel on Saturday last by Senior Constable Greenwood of the provincial police. The trail of Ogle was picked up through his having given a construction worker on the P. G. E. a letter addressed to his wife. Ogle succeeded in eluding the police cordon in the Mud River district, making southwest in the direction of Blackwater and building a log raft on the Fraser River he drifted downstream. He was arrested by Constable Greenwood while working on the McDonald ranch, helping to get in the hay crop.

"I guess you've got me," he said when approached by Greenwoood, and he put up his hands. Constable Greenwood is a well known provincial officer. He served in the navy during the war in the motor boat patrol and won the D.S.O. for destroying a German submarine in the North Sea. He also served in the 16th and 103rd Battalions.

**The Preliminary Hearing.**

At the preliminary hearing before Magistrate Herne this morning at the provincial barracks, Ogle was charged by the provincial police with the murder of Thomas Dodd on Monday, July 26th. No new evidence was produced, the testimony being practically a repetition of that given at the coroner's inquest.

The first witness, Roberts, who reported the death of Dodd to the police, gave the same evidence as that at the inquest, as also did Deputy Inspector Parsons, Harry Dhryman, Marvin Kaska, Fred Dhryman and Fred Kinzle, who was the last witness called before the court adjourned at noon to hold session again at 2:30 this afternoon.

**Boy Witness Weeps.**

Harry Dhryman, the 13-year-old boy who saw Ogle kneeling at the side of the dead man when he, with Marvin Kaska, came upon him, broke down and cried when Inspector Parsons asked him if that was Ogle in the prisoner's dock, and if that was the man he saw kneeling at the dead man's side when he came upon them. The boy in answering "yes" broke down and sobbed as he cast a frightened glance at the prisoner. Inspector Parsons comforted the boy and he was himself again in a few moments.

All through the examination of the witnesses Ogle sat apparently calm and collected, but evinced a keen interest in all that was going on. He watched every move of the two boys, Harry Dhryman and Marvin Kaska, as they were giving testimony, and when little Harry was asked if he thought Dodd was dead when he came upon him, a smile came over Ogle's face.

**Photographs in Evidence.**

Inspector Parsons had photographs and maps of the scene of the crime and these were of a very comprehensive nature and complete.

Other witnesses to be called this afternoon are R. Corless, who brought the body to the city, Mrs. Dodd, wife of the murdered man, and Constable Greenwood, who captured Ogle. Dr. Ewert, who was to give expert medical testimony, is out of town, and after hearing the above three witnesses the hearing will be adjourned until the doctor returns.

The prisoner Ogle while in the box is being carefully guarded by three provincial constables, as they are taking no chances of any untoward event happening.

The accused is being defended by Mr. P. E. Wilson.

### OLD MEN WORK ON POLISH COMMUNICATIONS

**Old Men and Boys on Lines of Polish Communications—Women Act as Couriers.**

WARSAW, Aug. 12.—Hundreds of conveyances of all descriptions, loaded with barbed wire and driven by boys and old men are streaming through the Polish capital towards the battle front. Mingled with them are endless trains of supply wagons guarded by elderly civilians armed with rifles. All able-bodied men are being relieved from other duties so that they may be made available in the fight for the defence of Warsaw. Women are acting as couriers.

A Paris despatch states that a great battle is in progress on the Russo-Polish front upon which hangs the fate of Warsaw, according to information reaching the French foreign office.

Latest despatches to the Echo de Paris from Warsaw represent the military situation as improved, and the Poles are foregoing reinforcement of the northern army in conformity with the advice of General Weygand of the French mission. The Polish army is said to be equal numerically to the Soviet army.

### CHINESE GAMBLERS WERE FINED $100

**Celestial Celebration Ends in Judge Robertson's Court.**

The nineteenth of July proved to be a very expensive day for Lim Chung festivities at his place costing him $100, and what rasped Lim's soul was that he was not even there on that day to participate in the frolic.

On the evening of July 19, Chief Sinclair, hearing loud and raucous tumult issuing from the home of Lim Chung, walked in, much to the astonishment of about eighteen Celestials who were there busily playing fan tan, nix kum arous and other Chinese gambling games. Sinclair pinched the entire party. Bills and silver were heaped on the table, and there was a wild scramble to grab the money, but the chief was there first and copped the prize. One agile Celestial grabbed his roll and attempted to make a flying exit through the window, but the chief got him in midair, tapping him on the cranium with his night stick, and it suddenly became dark, black Egyptian night for the Chinaman, who woke up later after having been attended to by kind friends.

Lim Chung all this time was absent being far away up the line, but it was found that Lim knew of these little festivals at his house, in fact encouraged them—for a consideration—and in the County Court on Tuesday morning Judge Robertson fined him $100.

Lim paid.

## *Flyers Left Here at 8.40 and Landed at Hazelton 12.15 Today*

FLIGHT RESUMED FROM HERE TODAY—MACHINES TAKE OFF WELL—EXPEDITION IN HIGH SPIRITS—AVERAGED ABOUT 60 MILES PER HOUR.

After effecting excellent repairs on Captain Street's machine, following his crash when he landed here in a driving rain and thunder storm on Monday, 2nd inst., and after subsequent delay in securing a landing ground at Hazelton, when Captain Street condemned as impossible the site selected there, the whole expedition left the ground here this morning at 8:40 and landed at Hazelton at 12:15.

The repairs to Captain Street's machine were executed by local men and the flyers state that this work was done as well as if executed by expert aeroplane mechanics. This work was done by A. P. Andersen, G. C. Sinclair and Houghtaling and Sons.

Owing to reports of the smallness of the Hazelton field and the difficulties of approaches there, Captain Street went on in advance by train and found it impossible as a landing ground. He arranged to have a field of grain cut, and this work was finished last night.

The machines tried out their engines early this morning and at 8:40 No. 4 machine with Pilot Lieut. Ross Kirkpatrick and Master Electrician J. E. English taxied to the north end of the field and took off down the road in excellent manner. The machines followed in the order of No. 3 machine, with Lieut. G. H. Crumline in the pilot's seat and Sergt. Long as observer; No. 2 machine with Lieut. Clifford C. Nutt in command, with Lieut. Eric Nelson, engineering officer of the flight, as observer. The last to leave the ground, following service regulations, was Capt. St. Clair Street, commander of the expedition, accompanied by Sergt. Henriques. The machines circled for some time, to gain altitude, and picking up flight formation they sped away into the northwest. They were reported as passing over Vanderhoof at 9:45, and they landed at Hazelton at 12:15, all the machines landing well.

During their twelve days' stay here the expedition has entered into the life of the city with evident appreciation for the efforts of the citizens to make their stay pleasant, and they leave many fast friends here who wish them the best of luck on their flight, and look forward to meeting them on their return.

## *Britain Shocked at French Recognition of Gen. Wrangel*

SHREWD DIPLOMATIC COUP OF FRANCE IN RECOGNITION OF GENERAL WRANGEL FORCES BRITISH PREMIER INTO MOST DIFFICULT POSITION—COMMONS REASSEMBLES MONDAY OWING TO SERIOUS SITUATION.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—It is unofficially reported that Lloyd George and Earl Curzon, secretary of foreign affairs, plan to meet President Millerand at Boulogne on Sunday to discuss the situation arising from the French recognition of General Wrangel. Owing to the seriousness of the Russian situation, King George has postponed his visit to Scotland, which was to have started tomorrow.

Lloyd George and the King conferred last night. The Commons reassembles on Monday owing to the seriousness of the Polish situation and the French government's recognition of General Wrangel and his Southern Russian campaign.

France has apparently manoeuvred Britain into such a position that Premier Lloyd George must also extend recognition or break the combined front which the principal Allies have hitherto presented to Soviet Russia. The action of France is regarded as a shrewd diplomatic coup for the purpose of forcing Great Britain into line with France and the United States, which oppose the recognition of the Soviet government.

Lloyd George was holding the recognitioin of General Wrangel as a club over the Bolshevik. That was one of the steps which the Allies intended to take if the Reds showed bad faith at the Minsk armistice conference, and it became necessary for the Entente virtually to wage war against them. Consequently news of the French recognition comes as an shock to official Britain.

### GRANT OF GUNS FOR PRINCE GEORGE

**War Trophies to City Include105mm Gun and Trench Mortar.**

Word was received from the War Trophies Department, Ottawa, that there had been allotted to this city one 105mm. gun, one trench mortar and two machine guns, and that these will be forwarded shortly.

### KAISER IS VERY ILL.

**The Hague, Aug. 12.—The former Kaiser is in very bad health. He has frequent seizures and is very weak. While other reasons are given, it is known that it is his condition which has caused his sons, Oscar and Eitel Frederich, to come to his bedside. In the past few days there have been several consultations by physicians.**

### FIVE LICENSES WERE GRANTED TO CLUBS

**And Stella Hacker Will Sell Near Beer—Information on Clubs.**

The city council met Tuesday evening with a full council board, the following being present: Mayor Perry, Aldermen Wimbles, Baird, Keegan, McMillan and Livingstone.

A large amount of routine business was gone through and accounts were passed to the amount of $3207.14.

Applications from five clubs for licenses to do business here was granted, two of these clubs being Chinese. Application for a near beer license was also granted to Stella Hacker.

When the club licenses came up, Ald. Keegan asked for information in regard to these institutions. He wanted to know if they were being run in a proper manner. Chief Sinclair, who on orders from the council had been investigating them, told the council that as far as he was able to judge they were being run in a proper manner. Ald. Keegan stated that he was certainly glad to hear it.

The fuel question was also given considerable attention. It was considered advisable to get a supply of coal in early, as it was understood not only the freight rates were going up but that there was a possibility of there being a coal shortage. The city clerk had been instructed to write various coal companies for prices. This he had done and had received replies. A. F. Green, local coal dealer, also wrote the council tendering prices for coal, and it was found on comparing prices that Green's tender was lowest, and he was accordingly awarded the contract.

### SAD SETTLERS ARE GYPPED BY GYPSIES

**Band of Gypsies Accused of Light-Fingered Work Along the Road. The Move-on Sign.**

It took the combined diplomacy of the provincial and the city police to move a band of gypsies out of the city last week. The band arrived here from Quesnel and all through their route the gypsies, it is alleged, took everything that remained loose around the communities in which they visited. Word reached here to search them for stolen articles, but all that was found was a beaver skin, which was confiscated by the provincial police and the owner haled into court where he was fined the sum of $10 by Magistrate Herne for contravention of the Game Act. It was then gently intimated to them that a forward movement on their part, away from this city, would be greatly appreciated. They took the advice and left for a kindlier section of the country.

### COUNCIL DECIDES TO SELL CITY BONDS

The council at Tuesday night's meeting decided to sell 35,000 of the city's bonds to the National Bond Company, of Vanvouver, at 84.

There were $110,000 bonds offered and an offer was received from the Vancouver firm, the aldermen deciding to sell the above amount.

The hospital and school bonds were held in abeyance for the time being.

### DELINQUENTS' LAST CHANCE TO PAY ARREARS

All persons in arrears for their water and light will have to get busy at once and pay their accounts or theiir light will be disconnected and the water shut off. City Clerk Tate has cast-iron instructions to shut off light and water at once of those who are in arrears, and this is the last warning that will be given.

### BOWSER MEETING AT PRINCESS ON MONDAY

**Leader of Opposition in Provincial House Will Address Meeting on Public Issues.**

On Monday night the Hon. W. J. Bowser will address a public meeting in the Princess Theatre, Third Avenue, upon the public issues. Mr. Bowser comes here direct from the Peace River country where he has been looking into the transportation and other problems facing the settlers in the grain country. The Hon. John Oliver, Premier of the province, was also in the Peace River, and the rival politicians met up there on the public platform and some lively meetings resulted.

Everyone interested in the intelligent criticism of public affairs in the province will be interested in attending this meeting.

### MISS AGNES C. LAUT IS VISITOR HERE

A prominent visitor here is Miss Agnes C. Laut, the well known writer, whose work is familiar to Canadians through the columns of the "Saturday Evening Post," "McLean's Magazine," "Toronto Saturday Night" and other prominent journals. Miss Laut is on one of her trips of exploration. She is a great traveller and a brilliant and versatile writer.

The object of Miss Laut's visit to Central British Columbia is connected with future journalistic enterprises, and as she is very much impressed with the future of this city in the British Columbia scheme of development, it is felt that the city will profit by her future writings when and wherever they may appear.

### BOARD OF TRADE AND FAIR MEETINGS TONIGHT

**The City Hall tonight will be the scene of two important public meetings which those interested in should not fail to attend. The first is a special meeting of the Board of Trade, which commences at 7:30 and is called to discuss, amongst other matters, the roposed excursion to Vanderhoof on Labor Day. Following this the annual meeting of the Fort George Agricultural & Industrial Association will be held and the election of officers carried out. A large attendance is requested by the officers of these organizations.**