

# Heiress Wife Of Slaying Victim Disappears

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Province says the estranged wife of slaying victim Harry Randall has disappeared, despite the fact she is heiress apparent to his bank balance, stocks and property.

Florence Victoria Randall, about 53, was last reported working for a federal government department at Ottawa, but there the trail ends, says the newspaper.

The entire place, the refrigerator—well-stocked with old food and bread—had not been defrosted for years.

Neither the bath nor the toilet had been used in years, and the front and back doors were secured by an intricate rope system which police believe was overcome by the men who caused Randall's death.

Mrs. Randall walked out of her businessman husband's life in 1941. If located, she is presumed to have first claim on her husband's bank balance of \$10,000, cashed \$1,500 in bearer bonds found cached in the upholstery of his new model car, the car itself valued at about \$5,000, the once-fashionable Randall home, plus the assets of his Vancouver business—Western Hydraulic Services.

Randall died in hospital Nov. 7, more than a week after he was savagely beaten in his home. Neighbors reported seeing three young men drive off in his car which later was found abandoned.

Police believe Randall's murder was based on robbery, but they're not clear what the murderers were looking for or whether they found it.

The police commission has posted rewards totalling \$2,000 for the arrest and conviction of the killers.

**DOUBLE LIFE**

The newspaper describes Randall as a man who lived a double life. Although his business was prosperous and he dressed well and had a fondness for big cars, his once-showpiece home had fallen into disrepair through years of neglect.

A police officer who went through the house said it was "just like walking back into 1920." Only three light bulbs worked in

## Liberal Meeting Opens

OTTAWA (CP)—The Liberals, with their political fortunes at their lowest ebb, Monday began a three-day conference to assess their faults and future and try to pick the kind of organizational talent that will steer them back to the government side of Parliament.

Officially billed as the annual meeting of the 260-member advisory council of the National Liberal Federation, the gathering is more than just a routine affair. It is the first major consultation among the federal and provincial party leaders, and heads of associated groups, since the devastating March 31 election defeat.

And it marks the first report on the stewardship of party leader Lester B. Pearson, the former diplomat elected to the leadership last January. He heads a band of 48 Liberals in the 265-seat Commons where the Progressive Conservatives have an overwhelming 207 members. The CCF have eight. Two seats are vacant.

But despite the ill winds of March 31, the Liberals are not seeking any switch in leadership at this time. In fact, top officials predict the three-day conference will give Mr. Pearson a strong vote of confidence.

**SISTERS TOO**

ST. LOUIS (AP)—The brotherhood of carpenters has officially taken in several thousand sisters. Delegates to the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America meeting here adopted a resolution recognizing 8,864 women members.

**OPEN GIANNELS**

A new Norwegian icebreaker with engines of 4,000 horsepower will keep open the shipping lanes to Oslo.



"Hey, move over, mister," says little Michelle to the towering snowman in the yard. The young lady is just 18 months old and had her first chance over the weekend to play in snow. That's the first snowman she's ever seen, too, and he's a pretty stubborn fellow. Michelle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marok, 4 Stevens apartments.

## Manitoba To Appeal Tuesday

Premier Duff Roblin announced Monday that he will appeal directly to the federal cabinet Tuesday to have the latest freight rate increase quashed because it was based on unsound principles.

He said there would be three points in the Manitoba appeal:

1. The award was "premature," and took into consideration wage increases still unsettled.

2. The principle of flat rate increases was unjust and placed an "abnormally heavy burden on long-haul freight."

3. Any increase at this time—and in the manner awarded—would be "inequitable, prejudicial and detrimental to the economy of Manitoba."

The premier said the effect of the flat rate boost was that 30 per cent of the population of Canada would have to shoulder 75 per cent of the increase.

Some alternate method of apportioning the costs should be devised, said the premier. Manitoba recommended a compromise formula in which half the increase was on a percentage basis and the other half on a straight cents-per-pound system.

Manitoba freight counsel Arthur Mauro had calculated that the railways would get approximately the same amount of revenue if they were awarded a 9½ per cent increase plus a three-cent per hundred pounds of freight, regardless of distance.

He said this would be important to the long-haul customer but would not affect the pattern of freight movement in the more populated areas of central Canada.

Evan McCormick, speaking for the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, said the increase is "bound to result in a loss of traffic."

But now that it's done, he said, he hopes the indecision about a railway workers' strike can be removed and that business can proceed. There has been considerable uncertainty in the business world as a result of the strike threat.

## Will Honor Dead Troops

The 2nd Regiment, RCMA, which lost 17 men in a train accident eight years ago, will hold memorial services at Camp Shilo Friday.

The men died when the troop train taking them to a staging camp before they were to leave for Korea in 1950 crashed into a passenger train at Canoe River, R.C. Fourteen soldiers were killed immediately and three died later from injuries.

Senior officers in the regiment and the artillery will join in the service.

## Brigadier To Speak Here

Brig. Cameron B. Ware, commander of the 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade Group, will speak to all troops under his command in Winnipeg this week.

Brig. Ware, who has his headquarters in Calgary, plans to discuss the past summer's exercises with the 2nd Regiment RCMA and 4 Transport Company, RCASC. Brig. Ware was formerly director general of military training for the army. He won the DSO for gallantry and leadership when he led the PPCLI at the Moro River crossing in Italy during the Second World War.

## Ice, Snow 'Worst In 2 Years'

The city engineering department has been waging a full-scale battle since Saturday night against the worst snow and ice conditions Winnipeg has experienced for two years.

At 8:30 p.m. Saturday the department sent out 10 sanding trucks and spreaders with extra work gangs to combat slippery conditions brought about by the first general snowfall of the season.

Treated sand was spread on the approaches of all bridges, subways and railway crossings. Work gangs continued operations through Saturday night, all day Sunday and through Sunday night well into Monday morning.

Early Monday morning, nine more sand trucks were put on and four tractor plows were employed to remove snowdrifts.

**19 SAND TRUCKS**

At the moment the city is using 13 sand trucks and the four tractor plows with about 47 men.

Up to noon Monday more than 300 cubic yards of treated sand had been spread on bridge, subway and intersection approaches.

J. H. Hindle, business manager for the department, said work would continue through the day and if weather conditions permit the city streets will be back to normal by 4 p.m. Monday.

He said conditions brought about by the snow were the worst encountered in the city as far as traffic was concerned since 1936.

## MORE ABOUT Storm

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The worst jams occurred on bridges. Taxi companies reported congestion around bridges in St. James, River Heights, St. Boniface and St. Vital, and some companies ordered their drivers not to pick up people hailing them, but to carry on with dispatcher calls.

The average delay on these calls Monday morning was about one hour and 15 minutes. Some were delayed as long as two hours.

On the Elm Park bridge, motorists reported that uneven pavement was forcing cars to the centre and sides of the structure. A spokesman from the St. Vital works department which maintains the bridge said pavement was uneven, but had been improved by the application of more asphalt this fall. The spokesman said the bridge was sanded Saturday night, and again Sunday, but that crews were having a hard time to keep up with the falling snow.

**COUNTRY ROADS**

Elsewhere in the province, the snow added to traffic difficulties and country roads were described as "treacherous" by RCMP. Bus companies reported no delay in east-west traffic, but the Greyhound lines said its regular early morning run to the Twin Cities was cancelled Monday.

At the airport, Trans-Canada airlines cancelled early morning east-bound flights, and said no flights would be arriving from the east. The airline is originating flights to the west from Winnipeg.

Northwest airlines reported its early flight from the south was cancelled Monday, but that the afternoon flight was expected to arrive on schedule.

The weather office at Stevenson field reported .29 inches of fresh snow in Winnipeg during the 24-hour period which ended Monday morning. The weekend storm dumped from four inches in the Virden area to three inches around Dauphin.

Temperatures averaged 31 degrees in the Winnipeg area. Churchill, the coldest point in the province with 14 below.

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