

**Impassive, Speechless Crowds Witnessed
Fiery Flames Destroy Their Homes Un-
til They Are Driven Back**

of its own volition, impassive and speechless, melted away as the flames swept through intervening objects, and the stone and brick work crumbled before the heat of the flames, and what was once the homes of millions here is now nothing but a black mass of smoke and steamy and oppressive air. What struck me was the impassive silence of the crowd. The people just stood, saying nothing, but watched and waited as the flames pushed away through the smoke to the temple.

How simple too awful. While the effects of the fire were gross, even sublime, the effects on the people were simple. What they saw was their altars being totally consumed before their eyes. They saw the altars of the gods no longer exist in Lafayette square, where I slept the first night, and whatever they could reach and camped and slept against the altars of the gods known as the wealthy people of California.

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and had a good many friends in camp. The district coroner was at once notified, and it is expected that an inquest will be held.

WESTBRIDGE IS BUSY
(Special To The Daily News)

Grand Rapids, Aug. 10.—A large man arriving this morning from Westbridge on the west fork of the Kettle river, states that the Sully is shipping regularly to the Trail smelter, 43 men being employed. The cost of freight and treatment of the Sully ore is \$7.50 per ton. The farmers here are waiting for the coming of the Sully men for treatment. Several other properties are working and the camp is busy. The Sully men are being taken to Vernon railway for still further activity.

White, pioneer prospector and miner is preparing to develop the Tiger property on Pathfinder mountain. Over 1000 feet of work has already been done on the Tiger with good results.

White, a local physician, has returned from a month's visit to his old home near

An interesting case was set down for trial yesterday by his Honor judge Forin in chambers.

The late Charles Marks, of Nelson, deceased, left the bulk of his property to his widow, designated as "my wife during my life time." W. J. Wilson and E. A. O'Shea were named as executors of the will. The only claimant to the estate was Mrs. Susan E. Marks, of Nelson. The property so devised is now claimed by Mrs. Annie J. Marks, of Scheraga.

The only claim to be the widow so designated in the will, and claims the property devised in the will, through her solicitor, R. W. Hannington. J. O'Shea appeared for Mrs. Susan E. Marks.

The case will be tried at the assizes beginning on May 18th, without a jury.

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Toronto, April 25—Prince Arthur of Connaught officially opened the horse show this morning at the Agricultural Exhibition grounds. The show is being held in the large and fashionable crowd, including many visitors from outside provinces.

The first prize at the horse show was won by the directors of the horse show, prior to opening. At five o'clock the prince was in the grandstand of the Toronto Humane society at the A. J. C. Club, where he was met by the lieutenant governor this evening, after which the prince again visited the show grounds. The prince left for Hamilton at 8 o'clock this morning.

improvements to the furnaces are being completed so that it will be in position to handle about 1,000 tons daily and treat 1300 tons daily.

PROVINCIAL AID

Government Makes Grant of \$10,000 to the Relief Funds

The provincial government has decided to contribute \$10,000 to the relief fund and to contribute \$unspecified amount to government hospitals. The minister of health, Mr. J. G. Macdonald, said today that he had received word from the governor general that the governor general had approved the request made by the people of British Columbia that the government forward up to one hundred thousand dollars for immediate needs. R. McBride.

COAST FRUIT MEN ALARMED

New Westminster, April 23.—Fruit growers of Maple Ridge, Hammond and Hurrell have sent letters following the lead of B. Kennedy, M.P., at Ottawa: "Any Lords bill legislation by which exportation of fruit would be prohibited would ruin our business in the Northwest trade, which it has taken years to build up, as the day after tomorrow we are dependent on the United States market. A bill of this kind is an abandonment to cover the condition is urgently requested."

amendment, which would permit the 'production' of food for human subsistence. Fitzpatrick asked if 'preparation' would be a part of 'production.' John G. O'Donoghue, for the journeymen bakers, objected to any departure from the rights they possessed under the existing law of Ontario, but he was assured by the attorney general that the bill provided for the maintenance of the existing provincial law. C. Parkinberry, representing the Grimsby Park Bakers, presented an amendment which would permit the production of charging admission fee on Sunday. He said they only conducted divine service and the gate fee had the effect of keeping out the mass of mere pleasure-seekers. 'If we gave away the tickets,' he said, A. C. Macdonell, 'it would open the door to all sorts of Sunday amusement under the guise of religious services and destroy the whole effect of the bill.'

Chief architect Ewart has been under