EMENT HAS EEN REACHED

OMPANIES TO USE N. P. LINE

nents for Traffic Be- Puget Sound and Portland.

Vash., May 26.—The follow- statement was given out to- D. Farrell, vice-president manager of the Oregon and railway.

ments have been made be- Northern Pacific, Union Pa- reat Northern roads, under Northern Pacific line be- h Tacoma and Vancouver, the bridge over the Colum- will be used jointly by the anies named. The Northern at once begin work to com- e tracking its road so as to e business of the three com- e property will be used for l kinds of business by the and will be maintained be- tland, Ore., and Puget

eement was negotiated in between the highest officials ective railroads. oma, Harriman will use the he Chicago, Milwaukee and d railroad to give him an attle. In Seattle, he has se- odious freight terminals on e south and has also pur- nds for passenger termi- fth avenue, adjoining the he Hill lines.

y End Legal Battle.

, May 26.—J. K. Ruttschitt, operations of the Harriman officially announced that ar- have been completed through Union Pacific, the Northern the Great Northern railroads to "bury the hatchet" in the nd use jointly the bridge over a river and also the Northern between South Tacoma and Wash.

ern Pacific will begin work ble tracking its road so that le the business of the three

ment between Hill and Harri- elieved in Wall street to-day, e legal battle between the fic and the Northern Pacific e questions affecting the Port- y.

al circles the move is looked ving great significance. It is neans the big roads are work- w in close harmony and that e no building of "unnecessary g lines" where similar agree- possible.

was not in his office to-day, stated that he probably would re until after a vacation in

orted in Wall street that the fic will finance the double the Northern Pacific, elimin- ecessity for a bond issue.

EN-AIR CONCERT.

ale Voice Choir Sang in Beacon Hill Park.

day afternoon concert given toria Male Voice Choir in park on Sunday afternoon d to with pleasure by a ring of citizens. Under the ship of J. M. Morgan, the h occupied the band stand. number of choruses in a hed manner. These includ- lleluja Chorus, De Rille's f the Arena," Protheroe's " Becker's "The Little nd one of local interest, National Song of Freedom," f which are by W. J. Dew- y clerk, and the music by rner. Solos were rendered Evans, Harold Shandley, E. A. Kellway. W. S. War- s accompanist. Mr. Morgan econded by the members of nd Sunday's concert is an- tic triumph for them.

GS SHAKEN BY ARTHQUAKE SHOCKS

Are Reported From consin, Iowa and Illinois.

May 26.—Reports from Oak b say that almost every s levelled by an earthquake 0 o'clock this morning. Sev- fires were started by stoves urned. The weather bureau t the shocks lasted from 3 s. The motion apparently e north to the south. f tremors this morning come s throughout Wisconsin, llinois and shakes in some ting four seconds or more. damage has been reported. y were terror-stricken. s from Dubuque, Iowa, say ocks were felt there and rger buildings were badly

e and other cities of Wis- rt shakes at 8.34 o'clock this

, Mich., reports a shock at damage was done there. Wis., reports that three re felt in many places in y. Two distinct shocks Rockford, Ill. rban car standing on a Rockford, was started by nd ran down hill at great ly striking a wagon driven , who barely escaped death. s stopped when it reached f up-grade.

been decided at meeting of committee of the Natural iety to hold a field meeting next. Members and their take the E. & N. train at d get off at Stewart's, one d Esquimalt station.

FOUR LOSE THEIR LIVES IN FIRE

ROBBERS SUPPOSED TO HAVE STARTED BLAZE

Police Believe the Victims Were Chloroformed by Thieves.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Oskaloosa, Iowa, May 25.—James Carter and his three grandchildren, Lille, Hazel and Lynn Shaw, were burned to death by a fire which destroyed the Shaw home at Eldon, Iowa, early to-day.

Police investigating the fire declare they believe that the inmates of the house were chloroformed by robbers who set the house on fire to cover up their tracks.

Mrs. Shaw, mother of the children, is a widow, and works at night in a restaurant. She was not at home when the fire broke out and neighbors who discovered the flames were too late to save the lives of the aged man and the three little children. Mrs. Shaw was reputed to have insurance money concealed about the premises and it is supposed the robbers were after this.

CAPITALIST DISAPPEARS.

Believed to Have Jumped Overboard From Steamer Off Point San Pablo.

Vallejo, Cal., May 25.—Friends of William Streichan, a local capitalist, believe to-day that it was he who jumped overboard from the steamer Arrow of Point San Pablo last night.

Streichan's disappearnce was reported simultaneously with the news that a man who was not recognized, jumped overboard from the Arrow on its 8.30 trip from Vallejo to San Francisco. The capitalist had started to San Francisco to attend a lodge meeting and would have had just time enough to make the boat. Streichan had been suffering from mental trouble, but it was believed that he was cured.

RETURNING TO WORK.

Montreal, May 25.—According to the officials of the Dominion Textile Company, the strike of cotton workers of Magog is nearly ended. It was stated yesterday that more than two-thirds of the strikers had returned to their work unconditionally, and it was expected that within the next forty-eight hours both mills would be running at full swing.

The board of conciliation, composed of Mr. Justice Fortin, chairman, A. Gibeault, representing the cotton workers, and J. Daniels, representing the Dominion Textile Company, appointed to investigate the demands made by the spinners, concluded the inquiry on Saturday. Judge Fortin decided to send his report to the minister of labor before making it public.

NEW CLASSIFICATION OF COAL LANDS

Ruling Means More Revenue for United States Government.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., May 25.—Details of a revised plan for the classification of about 90,000,000 acres of valuable coal lands on the public domain of the United States which have been put into effect by Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, with a view to securing for the government the most return from the sale of the lands, and at the same time looking toward the best development of the west, were announced to-day by the geological survey.

Secretary Ballinger has extended even further than did Secretary Garfield the principle of classification of coal lands. Under the revised ruling of the interior department it is said the government will secure from the sale of these lands more than twice what it would have received under the Garfield plan of classification and more than ten times what it would have received under the other schemes, where no classification was attempted and the land was sold for the minimum price provided by law.

The law, except as regarding Alaska, provides a minimum price at which coal lands may be sold by the government, but does not provide a maximum price. The maximum price under the new ruling is to be dependent upon both the tonnage and character of the coal deposits.

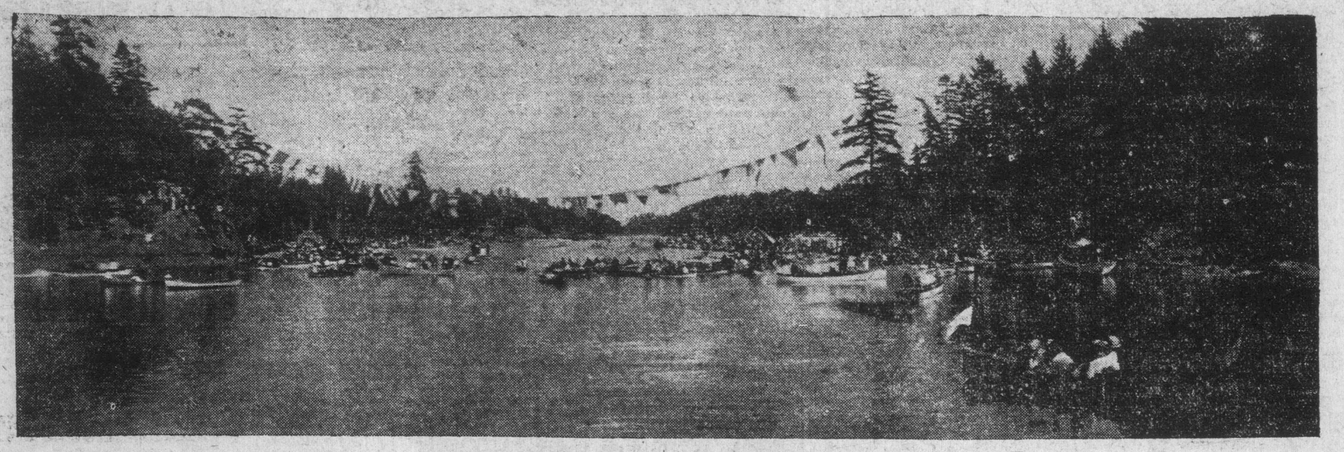
These conditions are being ascertained by the geological survey through a series of field investigations and the land put up on the market as fast as its character can be determined with any reasonable degree of accuracy.

The maximum price of coal lands has been raised from $100 to $300 per acre and it is provided that the maximum does not hold in "districts which contain large coal mines where the character and extent of the coal deposits are well known to the purchaser."

ANOTHER SHOCK.

Walls of Ruins at Messina Collapse—Inhabitants Panic-Stricken.

Messina, May 25.—One of the severest shocks since the great earthquake occurred here yesterday afternoon. The movement was both vertical and horozontal, and lasted ten seconds. The populace fled panic-stricken and the walls of the ruins in various places collapsed.



SCENE AT THE GORGE DURING THE WATER CARNIVAL.

SOLDIERS AND VILLAGERS FIGHT

SIX ARE KILLED AND SEVERAL WOUNDED

Trouble Arises Over the Distribution of Relief Funds.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Reggio, Italy, May 25.—Six men were killed and several others wounded in a clash with the soldiers in the village of Sinopoli, during a riot by the populace over the manner in which the relief funds for the earthquake were distributed.

The people became enraged over their neglect by the distribution committee of the fund and attacked the barracks and the authorities of the village. Several soldiers were wounded and a volley was fired into the crowd to cause their dispersal.

SECRET SOCIETIES ARE DENOUNCED

Attacked by Archbishop Bruchesi in Address at Longueuil.

(Special to the Times.)

Montreal, May 25.—In the course of a pastoral visit to Longueuil yesterday archbishop Bruchesi denounced in strong terms secret societies, Masons, Knights of Phytias and Odd Fellows, all of which he claimed were hostile to the teachings of the catholic church. It is a long time since Archbishop Bruchesi came into open conflict with secret societies.

TRAIN ROBBERS MAKE RICH HAUL

Bandits Believed to Have Secured $125,000 From U. P. Express.

Omaha, May 25.—Despite the failure of the authorities to apprehend the bandits who robbed the Overland Limited Saturday night, Chief Canedy, of the Union Pacific detective service, is confident the fugitives will be captured.

"We will land them in the penitentiary or in the cemetery," said Canedy to-day. "We will follow them around the world if necessary, and the world isn't big enough for them to escape the army of men we will put on their trail. They can't get away.

While it is impossible accurately to estimate the amount of money secured by the bandits, it is believed that at least $125,000 was stolen.

That the plans for the hold-up were laid in Reno is a theory that has been accepted by the secret service. When the robbers entered the mail car, they immediately demanded the Reno puch. This fact has given weight to the belief that an employee of the postal service was among the plotting gang. None of the present employees, however, is suspected. The authorities entertain the possibility that a discharged employee, or a clerk in another locality, furnished the necessary information.

Arrests Expected Soon.

Washington, D. C., May 25.—Bandits who held up and robbed the Overland Limited near Omaha Saturday night are now in Chicago according to information secured by the postoffice department to-day. Detectives refuse to discuss the case, but it is expected that arrests will be made without delay.

DAILY MAIL CONTEST.

Scores Made by Members of 6th Regiment, Vancouver.

Vancouver, May 25.—Scores in the London Daily Mail overseas contest here yesterday were: Sergt. A. J. Berwick, 31, 34, 31—96; Staff Sergt. H. Welford, 32, 34, 29—95; Sergt. W. A. Taylor, 31, 31, 32—94; Capt. W. H. Forest, 32, 30, 32—94; Lieut. J. Sclater, 32, 31, 31—94; Lance Corp. J. Sclater, 30, 34, 28—92; Major J. Duff Stuart, 28, 33, 30—91; Capt. W. Hart McHarg, 32, 29, 30—91. Total, 747.

FIVE DEAD AND SCORES INJURED

FLOODS FOLLOW HEAVY RAINS IN OKLAHOMA

Number of Houses Washed Away and Crops Damaged.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Oklahoma City, May 25.—Five persons dead, scores injured, crops inundated and property damaged to the extent of thousands of dollars is the result of the unprecedented rains that prevail over Oklahoma.

Mrs. W. W. Brown and her three children were drowned while attempting to escape from the high waters by fording Salt Creek. Mrs. Mattie Jones, a negress, died of fright when water surrounded her home near Enid.

Railroad tracks in several sections of the state have been washed out for miles. Traffic of all kinds is delayed or suspended altogether.

The flood is the worst in many years and the loss of crops will amount to many thousands of dollars. A number of houses have been washed away and it is feared that when the full details of the ravages of the flood are known, it will be found that scores of people have lost their lives in the raging streams.

EMPIRE DAY.

Celebrated With Greatest Enthusiasm in All Parts of the Empire.

London, May 25.—Messages received here indicate that Empire day was celebrated in all parts of the empire with greater enthusiasm than ever. There was a splendid display of Imperial patriotism in London and great cities, whilst the British colony of 500 in Berlin observed the occasion for the first time. The chief item in the capital was a review of ten thousand children by Lord Roberts and throughout the empire over one million children celebrated the day.

RUSSIA BORROWS IN ENGLAND.

London, May 25.—It is announced that Russia will very soon issue a £3,250,000 sterling 4½ per. cent loan at about 90, through a group of English capitalists.

W. T. R. PRESTON WINS HIS SUIT

JAPAN HERALD TO PAY DAMAGES TO HIM

Article Copied from Colonist is Held to Be Libelous.

(Special to the Times.)

Tokio, May 25.—W. T. R. Preston, Canadian trade commissioner in Japan, has won his libel action against the Japan Herald. He has been awarded $5,000.

The action which Mr. Preston took was based upon a criticism of his work which appeared in the paper, being copied from the Victoria Colonist. The original article in the Colonist was published during the federal campaign here when a garbled account of an article written by Mr. Preston in the National Review appeared and was criticised and misrepresented. The Japan Herald copied the article and was promptly got after by Mr. Preston, who has now won his suit.

The trade commissioner intimated some time ago that he would take action also against the Colonist in due course.

UNION PACIFIC ROBBERY.

Detectives Are Searching for Man Who Gave Information to Robbers.

San Francisco, Cal., May 25.—Detectives here working on the Overland Limited hold-up case believe that they have located the man who gave the robbers the information which assisted them in successfully looting the registered mail. The man is said to be hiding on the "Barbary coast."

ORDERS 100 LOCOMOTIVES.

Dunkirk, N. Y., May 24.—It is reported that the Union Pacific railroad has placed an order for 100 engines with the American Locomotive Company, and that they will be built at the Schenectady and Brooke plants.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.

Genoa, Wis., May 25.—A baby was burned to death and five persons were injured, probably fatally, when a section house was destroyed by fire to-day. All of the occupants of the house were foreigners.

MINERS WILL RETURN TO WORK

STRIKE IN THE COALFIELDS SETTLED

Agreement Between Operators and Employees Will Be To-morrow.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Winnipeg, May 25.—The coal miners' strike in Southern Alberta and British Columbia has been settled.

The strike affected nearly all the mines in Southern Alberta and eastern British Columbia for three months. It was settled yesterday by the board of conciliation, appointed by the government, assisted by the board members of the United Mine Workers of America. The miners yielded on the open shop contention and the mine operators yielded as to the discrimination against union men. The agreement will be signed Wednesday and work resumed the following day.

STRIKE MAY SPREAD.

Engineers Ready to Support Georgia Central Railway Firemen.

Atlanta, Ga., May 25.—Commissioner of labor Neill arrived here to-day and will attempt to settle the differences between the Georgia Central railroad and its striking white firemen. The firemen object to the employment of negroes and the railroad declares it will not draw the color line.

Officials of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers announced to-day that if other railroads attempted to relieve the freight congestion on the Georgia Central, the engineers would be ordered not to take out the trains. A similar announcement was made by the Brotherhood of Locomotive firemen.

DEAKEN WILL LEAD UNITED OPPOSITION

Melbourne, May 25.—The fushion of various sections of the commonwealth opposition has been practically arranged. Alfred Deakin will lead the United party.

PANIC FOLLOWS FIRE IN THEATRE

EIGHT-YEAR-OLD GIRL BURNED TO DEATH

Several Other Children Fatally Burned During Fairy Drill.

Central City, Ky., May 25.—Nellie Geary, aged 8, died early to-day and four other children will not survive their injuries sustained in a fire and panic at the Gesh opera house last night during commencement exercises of Mrs. Boyd's class of girls.

Little tots, dressed in guaze and tinsel, carrying lighted wands, were executing a pretty fairy drill when the sparkler carried by Dorothy Clay ignited her gown. The flimsy material flamed up and the child became a human ball of fire. Panic stricken she dashed into the midst of her companions and in an instant half a dozen little dresses were blazing. Screaming with pain and terror the burning children jumped over the footlights into the auditorium and rushed to their parents. Scenes caught fire and the audience was thrown into wildest confusion. The house was crowded to its capacity and the stampede which followed was terrible. Women and children were trampled under foot, fires started in a dozen places and but for the adequate provision of fire escapes and exits, the death list would probably have been enormous.

Examination of the injuries sustained by the children in the drill revealed the fact that at least five of them had little chance for recovery. Little Nellie Geary made a hard fight for life throughout the night, but succumbed this morning. Four of her companions have been given up by physicians and it is feared that others may not be saved.

JAPANESE MEMBERS PLACED ON TRIAL

Hearing of the Sensational Bribery Cases Opens at Tokio.

Tokio, May 25.—Former Vice-president Fairbanks, of the United States, was one of the hundred interested spectators who packed the courtroom here to-day at the opening of the sensational bribery cases, which involve twenty members of the house and three directors of the Japanese sugar company. Fifty attorneys appeared to take part in the proceedings. All twenty-three defendants have confessed, but tremendous efforts will be made to show extentuating circumstances and to build up such defences as may be possible.

The scandal has aroused great interest among the people, who flocked to the trial to-day. The case is the outgrowth of trouble on the sugar plantations. The government was about to institute an investigation that might have resulted disastrously to that class known in America as "higher ups". The agents of the big sugar company became active and the matter was dropped. For a time it seemed that it would be forgotten. Then, under heavy pressure, Yokoi, a former Christian clergyman and educator, broke down and confessed. His statement led to the exposure of the entire plot and the discovery of corruption in the house. The greatest sympathy is felt by the public for Yokoi on account of his good record in the past. He comes of an illustrious line, being the son of the late Shonan, the celebrated patriot and reformer. It is probable that this feeling and the tragic nature of the confession combined with his heart breaking sorrow at his disgrace, may lead the court to deal lightly with him.

RICH STRIKE OF GOLD.

Nevada City, Cal., May 25.—More than $100,000 in gold has been taken out of the Eldorado mine at Alleghany in the last sixteen hours, and the entire district is wildly excited. This is believed to be the greatest strike in the history of the district. The ore chute was tsruck last night and its wonderful values show no signs of diminishing.

The Eldorado is in the vicinty of the famous Sixteen to One mine.

HOLIDAY IMPRESSIONS.

FATAL ACCIDENT ON CAR LINE

IAN CAMERON MET DEATH ON SATURDAY

Young Boy Was Crushed Beneath Fort Street Tram.

A sad accident on Saturday evening threw a cloud over what had been a most successful field meet of the public schools. Ian Cameron, one of the pupils of the Boys' Central school, on his way from the sports, was caught by a tram car at the corner of Quadra and Fort streets, and instantly killed.

The accident was a most distressing one to all who saw it. Ian Cameron, who was 15 years of age, a son of John Cameron, 315 Pembroke street, had been enjoying the sports at Oak Bay with his schoolmates. He watched the games until well on in the afternoon, and while not taking part himself in them was deeply interested in the success of his companions. Generously he offered to take the place of George Dickson, one of those engaged in the competitions, who is employed in delivering papers. Ian Cameron stayed as late as he could assisting the Central boys, and then started for the city to accommodate his friend, alighting from the car at Quadra street to go over home. He was in a hurry, and running around the rear end of the car he had come in from Oak Bay on he attempted to dash across the street, never thinking of the cars coming the other way.

One of the big new cars, with Motorman Doyle driving, was passing at the time. The unfortunate boy was immediately struck and a second later was horribly crushed to death beneath the front end. A few persons were about at the time and saw the accident. They say the boy was caught by the fender. Some thought he jumped on it, but it is not certain whether this occurred or whether he fell on it. Eye-witnesses, however, say that he immediately fell off again, some attributing this to the tightness of the leather straps which constitute the receiving part of the fender.

The boy was immediately taken under the front of the car. The tram was stopped within about 100 feet, but the young boy's life had been crushed out, and his mangled body wedged in between the motor and the front trucks was in such a position that it was found that backing up would not relieve it. The car had to be raised by jacks in order to extricate him. All traffic was stopped on the line for over half an hour and an immense crowd was attracted to the place.

Death was instantaneous. The motor box in the new cars comes down close to the ground. Wedged in there the unfortunate boy had been pushed along the road bed for some distance, crushing his body, causing death. The front wheels on the left hand side had cut into the lower part of his legs, while his neck and skull and other bones of the body were fractured.

The funeral took place on Tuesday being attended by a large number of his schoolmates of the Central school, the members of the Caledonia baseball team, of which he was a member, and a large number of other friends. The pall-bearers were: M. F. McGregor, W. Wilson, J. J. Gillis and G. A. McDonald. There was a profusion of floral tributes sent, among them beautiful wreaths from the public schools.

NEGRO LYNCHED BY MOB IN ARKANSAS

Prisoner Taken From Jail and Hanged to Telegraph Pole.

Pine Bluff, Ark., May 25.—Leavitt Davis, a negro 25 years old, was lynched to-day by a mob of 300 white men.

The negro confessed to having choked Amy Holmes, a fifteen-year-old white girl, who discovered him robbing her parents' home last Friday. He said he feared that she would make an outcry and have him arrested.

When news of the negro's confession got abroad to-day a mob was quietly formed, took the negro from the authorities and quickly lynched him. Sheriff Philpot and his deputies tried to prevent the mob from harming the negro, but their pleading was in vain. The prisoner was taken from the jail and hanged to a telegraph pole in the business section of the town. There was no shooting and the mob did its work so quietly that the rest of the population knew nothing of the affair until they saw the body hanging from the pole this morning.

No arrests have been made.

NANAIMO UNITED DEFEATS LADYSMITH

Championship of Vancouver Island is Still in Doubt.

Nanaimo, May 24.—Before a crowd of 2,000 spectators the Nanaimo United football team defeated Ladysmith on Sunday afternoon by 3 goals to 2. As a result the championship of Vancouver Island is still in doubt, the teams again standing a tie, and it will need a game on neutral ground (possibly Victoria) to decide supremacy.

The first half was almost entirely in favor of Nanaimo United, the score at half time standing, Nanaimo 3 and Ladysmith 0. With a comfortable lead the locals after half time played a defensive game, and were kept busy repelling attack after attack of the Ladysmith forwards, who, however, succeeded in scoring twice in this period of play, and the game ended: Nanaimo 3 and Ladysmith 2.

FRAFFIC RESUMED.

Butte, Mont., May 25.—Overland traffic was resumed by the Northern Pacific to-day after being tied up since Sunday night by washouts in eastern Montana. The flood on Sunday night was the most disastrous since last May.