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# MISSION WORK IN THE WEST

## DEBATED AT SESSION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

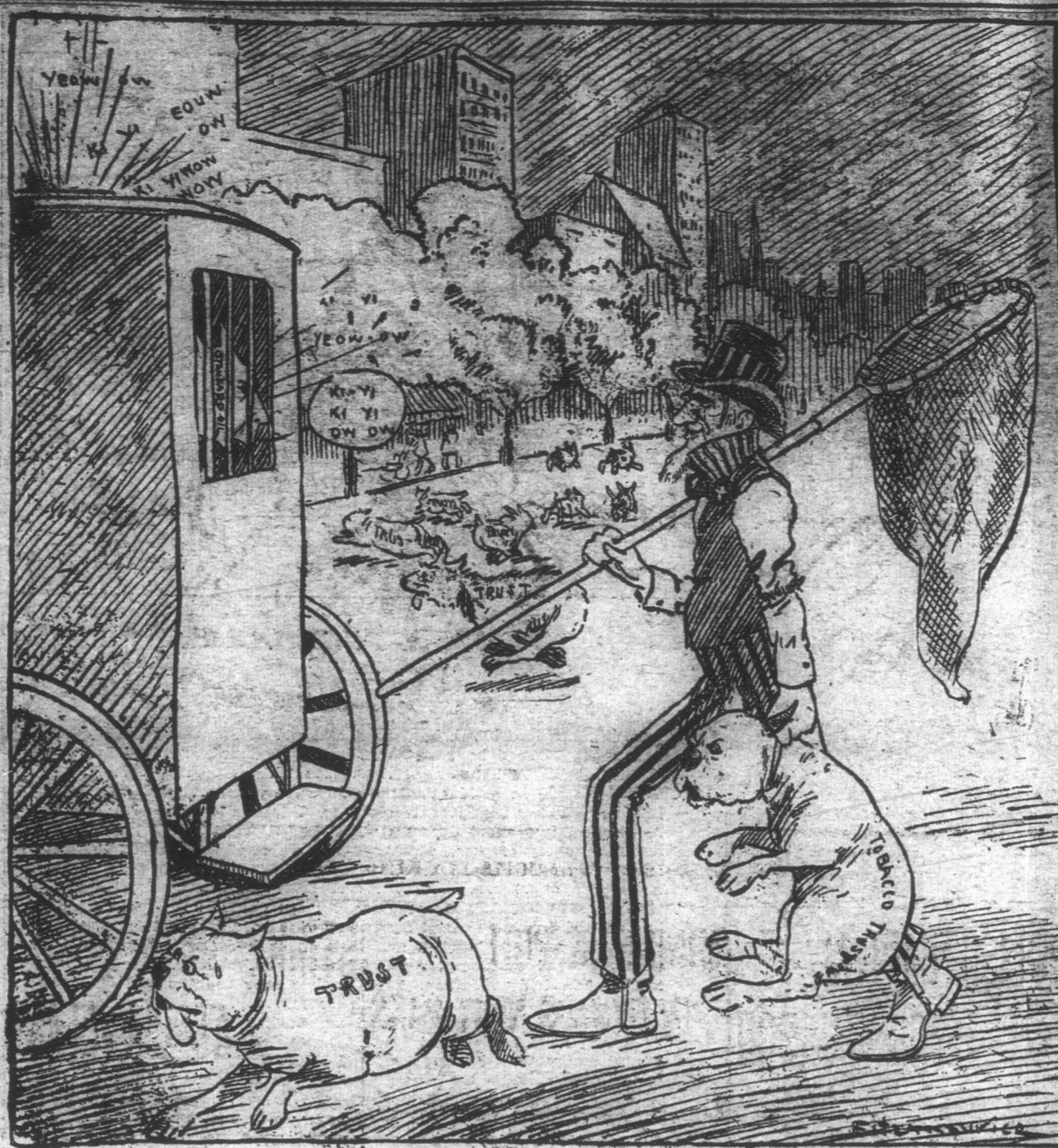
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ROUNDING THEM UP

—Montreal Herald.

# LOCAL LUMBER FIRM IN MERGER

## CANADIAN AND SOUND LUMBER CO. FORMED

Five Million Dollar Capital—Victorians Among the Officers of Corporation

Grand Rapids, Mich., June 9.—The Canadian and Puget Sound Lumber Company, with \$5,000,000 capital, was formed by the merger last night of the Michigan Pacific Lumber Co., capital \$1,500,000, and the Michigan-Puget Sound Lumber Company, capital \$1,000,000. The president and directors are Charles W. Liden, of Sheboygan, Mich.; vice-presidents, Edwin B. Caldwell, of New York, and John H. Moore, of Victoria; B. C. secretary, O. B. Taylor, of Detroit; treasurer, G. S. Brown, of Central Lake, Mich.; and now of Victoria; directors, Dudley E. Waters, of Grand Rapids, Charles A. Phelps, of Grand Rapids, Wm. F. Langley, of New York, and Delbert Hankin, of Victoria. The majority of the stock is held in Grand Rapids.

The managers in British Columbia will be, treasurer, G. S. Brown; vice-presidents, J. H. Moore and Delbert Hankin. The company owns approximately 55,000 acres, located on Juan de Fuca Strait, and on the Gulf of Georgia. The standing timber is estimated at more than four billion feet. There are three large mills located at Victoria and employing 1,200 men. The plant has a capacity of 130,000 feet of lumber daily and a logging capacity of 7,000,000 feet per month.

# REV. H. S. MAGEE ENDS HIS LIFE

## Commits Suicide in Fit of Despondency Caused by Ill-Health

Toronto, June 9.—Word reached the city last night that yesterday morning Rev. H. S. Magee, a well-known divine in Toronto, had shot himself in the woods from the Gleason health resort on Elm Hill, Elmira, N. Y., and hanged himself, the body being found by an attendant.

Rev. H. S. Magee was associate secretary of temperance and moral reform of the Methodist church of Canada and was known from coast to coast. He was in the sanitarium suffering from neurasthenia, partly due to hard work and partly to financial worries occasioned by the misfortunes of a relative.

# ENDORSE POLICY OF RECIPROCITY

## VANCOUVER LIBERALS PASS RESOLUTION

Association Expresses Confidence in Liberal Government—Officers Elected

Vancouver, June 9.—The most important business of the annual meeting of the Vancouver City and District Liberal Association last night was the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows: Hon. president, Sir Wilfrid Laurier; hon. vice-presidents, F. C. Wade, K.C., and Robert Kelly; president, J. H. Senkler; vice-presidents, James Stables of Ward 9, P. Dickie of South Vancouver, W. J. McMillan of Ward 5, and W. J. Dick of North Vancouver; treasurer, F. J. Gillespie; secretary, S. L. Prenter.

There were a number of candidates for the various offices and the contest was spirited, although many proposed retired in favor of other nominees. There were 176 delegates present, who after they had been accredited by their various secretaries, moved to their proper positions in the hall.

The meeting began with a resolution of sympathy for A. M. Pound, whose presence was prevented by the death of his father.

Following the election of officers there was passed a resolution of confidence in the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and one endorsing the policy of reciprocity with the United States. There was also a resolution condemning the provincial government for failing to appoint commissioners to take a voters' list in this city.

# HEAVY RAINFALL IN BRANDON DISTRICT

## Will Benefit Grain—Cool Weather Permits Moisture to Soak Into Soil

Brandon, Man., June 9.—The heaviest rain storm this season, accompanied by hail and thunder, passed over the city last evening. The rain came down in torrents, flooding cellars and streets, the sewers not being able to carry it away fast enough. Hailstones were very large, but did no damage except to gardens. About an inch of rain fell, although in some parts the fall was much heavier than in others. In Kenyon and Souris districts they had no rain.

This, with the heavy rain of Thursday morning, has greatly helped growing crops. Grain is making good progress and is in first class shape. The best wheat which followed the recent rain has allowed the moisture to soak into the land and roots are well set and show great vigor and stability.

# BIRKBECK BANK SUSPENDS PAYMENT

## Deficiency May Reach \$3,750,000—Institution Will Probably Be Reorganized

London, June 9.—The Birkbeck Bank which withstood a run last fall, caused by rumors that the institution was in trouble, suspended payment yesterday with liabilities of \$4,380,100. The total liabilities of the bank are \$43,389,910. An official receiver has taken charge of its affairs.

The directors in a circular say the depreciation in the market price of the bank's securities has been so great that they do not feel justified in continuing the business without a reconstruction. A petition asking that the affairs of the company be wound up will be presented to the court, with a view to reorganizing the bank.

The stock exchange was practically unaffected to-day by the suspension of the Birkbeck Bank. Consols opened at 1-6 to 3/4 lower than yesterday.

Small knots of anxious depositors had gathered about the bank at daylight, but the crowd when at its largest was probably less than 1,000 persons. Pathetic scenes were witnessed in the neighborhood of the suspended bank all day. Many of the depositors were elderly men and women whose whole life's savings were behind the closed doors.

An authoritative statement given out by the directors that the bulk of the deposits are amply secured had a reassuring effect, and it is the general opinion in the city that the suspension will not be such a disaster as was first expected.

The Birkbeck Bank is a combined bank and building association, and has some 90,000 depositors. Last November there was quite a run on it on account of the failure of the Charing Cross Bank. The Bank of England came to the relief of the bank at that time, with a loan of \$2,500,000.

# LORD HALDANE ON IMPERIAL DEFENCE

## War Secretary Says This Problem Brings Closer Governments of Empire

London, June 9.—Lord Haldane, secretary for war, speaking before the Victoria League, said: "This great problem of imperial defence was the great bond and means of bringing together the different governments of the Empire to a common mind on questions which a few years ago would have been handled by Downing street to the exclusion of other governments, but were now discussed by a larger and more extended cabinet than their ancestors could have conceived. My hope is that the bonds which hold the Empire will become so solid that they could feel themselves truly one family."

# MAY HAVE BEEN WORK OF FIREBUG

## Incendiary Believed to Have Set Fire to Three Houses at Cranbrook

Nelson, B. C., June 9.—Strong suspicion has been aroused in Cranbrook that the destruction by fire of three empty houses during the past three weeks in that city was the work of incendiaries, according to A. A. Richardson, of Vancouver, fire loss adjuster, who came here from the East Kootenay city last night.

Additional weight was given to this idea by the fact that at one of the houses which was only partially destroyed, a can of coal oil from which some of the liquid had been taken was found on the ground floor, while beside the can lay a plate which might have been used to throw the oil on the walk.

Mr. Richardson leaves to-day for Silveston, where he will adjust the losses in connection with the recent fire, and before returning to the coast he will visit the scene of the Vipond mill fire at Nakusp.

# FOUR MURDERED IN THEIR HOME

## TERRIBLE TRAGEDY IN SUBURB OF PORTLAND

### Man, His Wife and Two Children Found Dead—No Clue to Murderer

Portland, Ore., June 9.—The casual visit of Mrs. C. B. Matthews to the home of William Hill at Ardenwald, a suburb of Portland, to-day revealed one of the most terrible tragedies in the annals of crime in the Pacific northwest. Mrs. Matthews was horrified upon entering a bedroom to find the bodies of two little children, their heads split open with an axe. In another room was the body of Mrs. Hill, her head battered in, and in another part of the house Hill's body was found. His head had been split open with an axe.

Mrs. Matthews ran screaming from the place and her cries brought her husband and others to the scene. The police were notified, but so far they have been unable to find a clue which would indicate who the murderer was. Sheriff Stevens of Multnomah county, has been notified and poses are now out looking for the murderer. The country back of Ardenwald is wild and a man would have opportunity to escape in the brush and woods.

The community is wildly excited, and in addition to the officers in the case, hundreds of people are searching the surrounding country for the murderer. Following within a few months of the terrible murder of little Barbara Holtzman in a rooming house in this city, a letter was received at police headquarters, purporting to have been written by the murderer, in which the writer stated that he would soon commit a more terrible crime. Some persons to-day advance the theory that the murderer of the Hill family may be the same fiend who killed the little Holtzman child.

# CIVIC COMMITTEE STILL AT WORK

## STRIVING TO SETTLE VANCOUVER DISPUTE

### Labor Men Will Consider Only Union Shop as First Basis for Negotiations

Vancouver, June 9.—As a test of the relative strength of those contractors who are willing to accept union shop as against those who oppose that principle, it was suggested to the civic conciliation committee at its conference with the union representatives yesterday afternoon that all contracting employers prepared to adopt the union shop send in their names to the committee.

As the union delegates refused to accept any such basis of settlement as proposed by the committee yesterday, it is possible that some such action as this may be taken in order to keep the question open in so far as the pacifying efforts of the aldermen are concerned.

"We are prepared to say that the Master Builders are firm for the open shop," Alderman Ramsay told the union men.

"We will accept nothing but the union shop as a first basis for negotiations," replied J. H. McVeety for the union men.

"Then there is no use proceeding in the face of this deadlock," said Alderman MacPherson.

The discussion lasted over an hour, but no results, whatever, were reached.

When the tentative agreement basis was presented to the union representatives, Delegate Nagle promptly said that it was not as good in its terms as the condition under which the unions worked before they went on strike.

J. H. McVeety followed this up by saying that the proposed eight-hour day clause meant little as the eight hour day arrangement had been in effect for a long time. In fact the carpenters only worked four hours on Saturday.

Alderman Ramsay explained that the committee did not intend this clause to have any significance.

"As far as clause No. 1, asking for a minimum of \$4.25 is concerned," continued the labor representative, "at least 85 per cent. of the union carpenters were getting a minimum of \$4.50 before they left their jobs. Then, too, it says that there will not be any distinction, but now the Employers' Association is stated by the Seattle Times to be securing non-union men in Seattle. I had hoped to be able to file a letter with you to show that at least one Seattle carpenter was introduced by the Employers' Association of that city to Mr. Cope of the Vancouver Employers' Association."

Mr. McVeety noted with surprise the fact that the press had been excluded from the conferences with Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Smith and the other individual Master Builders.

Alderman Ramsay asked if the firm of Norton Griffiths put union labor only on the labor temple. He asked if the firm was willing to accept it.

Answering this, Delegate Cavanaugh said that unless the firm unionized all its work the union men would not be willing to go on the labor temple. He pointed out that there were more trades than the carpenters involved in the dispute, while the agreement, as proposed by the civic committee only specified them. The unions, he was sure, would agree to open shop, as the closed shop made the only competition among the workers, that of skill.

"There is nothing in the agreement for which we are contending," said Delegate Midgley. "This is the proposition of the Master Builders, not ours."

Alderman Ramsay said that the Master Builders had stated that they would not entertain the union shop in any form.

Alderman Enright asked about the number of contractors willing to have union shop, and he was informed by Mr. McVeety that there was not more than a dozen—and these all members of the Master Builders' Association, with perhaps one or two others—who were not ready for union shops. The fair contractors employed about 85 per cent. of the carpenters, painters, plasterers and such trades. The other building trades of the nature of the laying, structural iron work, granite and stone work, and marble setting, while more strongly organized than the carpenters, were principally employed by the Master Builders who are in the center of the city.

When the labor representatives reiterated their intention to stand out for closed shop, Alderman MacPherson told them that there was no possibility of getting it with the Master Builders' Association.

"Do you expect to win?" was asked them.

Replying, Mr. McVeety said that they would put up the hardest kind of a fight at any rate.

Alderman MacPherson pointed out that the fair contractors were getting very hard treatment, as they had lost all their union men in the strike while the unfair contractors had plenty of non-union workers.

"There is no chance of progress with this position of affairs," he said.

Mr. McVeety asked for the names of the labor men whom the Master Builders were decidedly against meeting, but the alderman said that they did not care to give them.

To this he returned that the labor management had decided that they would form its representative committees as it pleased, seeing that the Master Builders did the same thing.

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# SPANISH ACTIVITY ALARMS FRANCE

## Military Enterprises in Morocco May Lead to Renewal of Trouble

Paris, June 9.—The French government is concerned over Spanish activities in Morocco, especially at a time when France, having attained the relief of Fez, intends to withdraw her troops, after re-organizing the Sultan's army and having accepted the pacification of the country. Spain seemingly is determined to extend her zone in Morocco which is not limited to Mallila and Ceula and their environs.

Premier's Statement

Madrid, June 9.—Premier Canellas notified the chamber of deputies last night that Spain's projected military operations at El Arash, Morocco, was not inconsistent with the treaty of Algebras agreement. It was necessary, he said, for Spain to secure and preserve order in that part of Morocco.

# HEARTY WELCOME TO CANADIAN TROOPS

## Received by Lord Mayor of Liverpool and Members of the Council

Liverpool, June 9.—The Empress of Ireland arrived at noon with the Canadian coronation troops on board. They were welcomed by Lord Mayor Hutchison and a distinguished civic party, and the local territorials paraded in review order in honor of their guests. The Canadians paraded through some of the principal streets, exciting the keenest pleasure among the crowds.

# SCORES LOSE LIVES

## Blagoveshchensk, Asiatic Russia, June 9

The Amur river steamer Muraviev Amursk was destroyed by fire last night. The passengers jumped into the river and scores of persons were drowned.

# CHILD DROWNED

## Tacoma, Wash., June 9

While the care of his grandparent was relaxed for a few minutes, little Robert Ermin Garretson, 18 months old, son of Harry H. Garretson, principal of one of the city schools, toddled away alone to explore the beach fronting on North Bay. A short time later searchers found the small body floating in the bay tide, the child having fallen into the water and drowned.

# HENRY JOES IS UNDER ARREST

## Man Who Murdered His Wife Now in Jail at New Westminster

New Westminster, B. C., June 9.—Henry Jobs, who last Saturday murdered his wife following a quarrel, was arrested to-day at the St. Mungo cannery, opposite New Westminster, on the Fraser river.

The arrest was made by a man named Dauphinee, who in some way trapped Jobs in a room and locked the door.

Help was obtained from New Westminster and J. R. Darke identified him. He is now in the city jail and seems demoralized.

# THREATEN TO STRIKE

## Montreal, June 9

This city is threatened with a strike of the street railway employees as the result of the organization of the employees into a union.

# KNIGHT GARTER

## Order at Castle

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