

## BEAR FOR GROWERS

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August 18th, 1909.  
Department of Agriculture

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## DID VICTORIA PROFIT BY THE RACE MEETING

The Big Gambling Machine Cost the People of  
Victoria \$85,000, or the Book Makers  
Went Broke.

The race meeting cost \$85,000.  
Either the Victoria public or  
the bookmakers paid it.  
The visitors spent in Victoria  
\$55,000.

The Country Club salary list  
was about \$1,270 per week.  
Eighty-five per cent. of this  
money went to imported officials.

THE "SNAPS" (?) THAT VIC-  
TORIANS GOT.

From the standpoint of horse  
racing the meeting was a suc-  
cess.  
Did it benefit Victoria?

(By the Times Sporting Editor.)

The race meet is over, and the time  
for calm reflection without the attend-  
ant excitement of large crowds, run-  
ning horses, close finishes and betting  
boards, has arrived. Some have won  
and some have lost, but just how many  
of either and just how much it is im-  
possible to say. Through the week  
since the meeting closed all kinds of  
rumors have been circulating of win-  
nings on the one hand, and of ruined  
homes, losses, and coming hardships  
on the other. Stories of diplomatic  
reasoning with the rent man, the gro-  
cer and tradesmen generally, are chas-  
ing each other. Explanations of how  
sudden misfortune to the family  
treasury has occurred, loans made that  
cannot be collected and other excuses  
by the borrow-load are said to be un-  
der manufacture, and if report is true,  
the meeting of this week has had a  
great opportunity. Store keepers and  
real estate men are now said to be  
learning again from that stage where  
they thought they had completed their  
nauciation. Some would not take  
of sudden misfortune are related to these  
systematic gentlemen, but it will be all  
right-later, and people of Victoria  
are now basking in the calm reflection  
stage if the race  
meeting has been a good thing for Vic-  
toria.

Of the race meeting itself. From a  
sports meeting standpoint it cannot be  
denied that the meeting has been well  
conducted and that it was one of the  
cleanest and most satisfactory  
continent of America ever saw.  
The meeting was held at the Santa Ana  
meeting in duration, and as long as  
the Meadows, and more than half as  
long as the Emeryville meeting at San  
Francisco, it has been free from any  
objectionable features, and in this re-  
spect the local police are to be credited  
to a great extent. The meeting has  
been free from accident of a serious  
nature, but there was but one wet day  
during the meeting. The weather was  
ideal, and the officials as a whole  
performed their duties in a most satis-  
factory manner and although there  
were disputes on rulings, these were  
settled by two or three out of the meet,  
and the track management was equal to  
any racecourse in the world, and for this  
great credit was due to Manager Rob-  
ert F. Leighton, in whom the Victoria  
Country Club obtained the one right  
man in the right place. His services  
were invaluable and the large salary  
he received was undoubtedly money  
well spent.

Of the running of the horses—while  
there were surprises, as are bound to  
happen on any racecourse, the horses  
ran exceptionally well to form, espe-  
cially towards the end of the meet, and  
few instances of rigging were suggest-  
ed and what were would not stand  
investigation by the stewards. That  
part of the undertaking was not one  
called on to take drastic action regard-  
ing any frequent of the course.

Now the question arises that, given  
a perfect meeting such as Victoria has  
experienced, is such a race meeting of  
benefit to Victoria or otherwise? What  
good has been derived from it?  
Firstly, Victoria has recently admitted  
the presence of a large number of the  
continent of North America. The city  
has been heard of in the remotest parts  
of the continent and the name Victoria  
has been in the mouths and ears of  
millions of people. All this must be  
good advertising.

Second, what money has it brought  
to the town? Aside from the annual  
tourist travel the racecourse has brought  
many hundreds who have been contin-  
uous residents here two and three  
months. These have conducted them-  
selves in an orderly fashion and spent  
their money here. Just how much  
money has been spent it is impossible  
to say, but about five hundred men  
have been living at the racecourse and  
more than that number in the city at  
large during the racecourse season.

The City has derived profit from the maintenance  
of four hundred horses during seven-  
five days, but this, as in the case of  
holidays, has been profitable to the com-  
munity. The money spent in horse  
feed for four hundred horses on an  
estimate of a horseowner at the  
Willows is, at \$35 per month per horse,  
for feed \$28,000. The visitors have spent  
all of \$3,000 on actual hotel expenses,  
and what their cash trade at the stores  
has amounted to would swell the total.  
This will account for \$35,000 at the  
most. The Country Club spent \$14,000  
in improvement for the meeting and  
this sum was paid workmen, mostly  
residents of Victoria.

The visitors benefited the B. C. Elec-  
tric Company to the extent of perhaps

\$3,500 on an estimate of 350 visiting per-  
sons per day travelling to and from  
the races. Considering the number of  
men engaged at the course and the  
regular visiting attendance, all of  
whom would probably make at least  
one return trip per day, the estimate  
is probably low.

With the figures given the money  
spent here outside the betting ring by  
visitors for the races would be upwards  
of \$85,000.

All these favorable points taken into  
consideration first, the next question  
is why was the money spent? It was  
spent to run a race meeting, that is,  
a great gambling organization, for  
sixty days. Racing at the best is  
nothing but a big gambling proposition,  
called the "sport of kings," and it may  
well be said it is at the same time a  
sport "for" kings, whether they are  
narcissist or financial matters not. The  
public that paid their admissions  
(Whenever they could not share in the  
handful of free passes that were given  
out) are the people who kept the meet-  
ing alive. The constant changing  
hands of money, the possibilities of at  
any moment winning what in compar-  
ison to the amount staked would be a  
large sum, or in other words, getting  
"easy money," all tends to an excite-  
ment which is bound to unsettle judg-  
ment—in fact, horse racing, with the  
inside knowledge which some people  
have, followed for years, possesses, in  
even then a fortune meaning almost  
the betting attendance a sixty-day race  
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on Vancouver Island. The reason why  
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getting unlabeled money was the in-  
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Unfortunately it is impossible to form  
any kind of an estimate as to whether  
more money has stayed in the town  
than has been taken from it. That  
the money was spent here is evident,  
probably much more, by men engaged  
in the actual running of horses and  
others residing in the city temporarily,  
but this money is not what the race  
meeting cost.

Here is Victoria's share, and to show  
that it is Victoria's share, a logical  
argument is put forth later. Victoria's  
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Where the Public Got Off.  
Who paid this \$85,000 for sixty-one  
days' racing? The Japanese Bookmak-  
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Three" Martin and the others did not  
come to beautiful Victoria for the rest  
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all their lives went broke here in the  
betting ring, and it is even said some  
faded bills won't be paid because the  
owners are broke. There is one other  
thing and that is the horsemen as a  
whole and the bookmakers are anxious  
to be the guests of Victoria next year.  
Gladly would they have Victoria throw  
open her gates to them again, and  
now there is someone smiling.  
The Victoria Country Club salary list  
follows:

	Per Week
Robert F. Leighton, manager, per day, \$30	\$180
Presiding Judge Skinner, per day, \$25	\$150
Richard Dwyer, starter	200
Out of which he paid two assistants	\$30 per week each
S. J. McGibben, clerk of scales, per day, \$20	\$120
J. C. Dinne, stiver, per day, \$15	\$90

Total \$740  
These are the facts of the Victoria  
Country Club and everyone of them went  
to outsiders.

There is a list of smaller officials and  
some who have been placed on the salary  
list. Among them are:

	Per Week
S. Brunn, Seattle Star, per day, \$5	\$30
Peter Clarke, caller; Herman Miller, assistant caller; J. Cunnah, ring superintendent; C. Betgin, secretary to R. Leighton	\$120

These jobs also went to nonresidents  
of Victoria. In addition there were a  
host of small billets such as gate-keep-  
ers, ticket-sellers, detectives, track  
help, man in charge of jockey board,  
office help, patrol judge, superintendent  
of jockeys' room, all paid between \$5  
and \$5 per day. Some of these "snaps"  
were given to Victorians.

The grand total, estimating the minor  
jobs at \$350 per week, is a salary list  
of \$1,270 per week, or \$1,270 per week  
of which per week was paid to incom-  
ers from Los Angeles and Emeryville.  
For the meeting of ten weeks the total  
paid out in salaries is, in round figures,  
\$12,700.

"POLICEMAN ASSAULTED."

Attacked by Striking Mine Worker at  
Glance Bay.

Glance Bay, N. S., Aug. 19.—The strike  
situation remains unchanged, but as-  
saults on men who are working appear  
to be breaking out again. Several af-  
fairs of this kind have been reported  
within the last few days.

A tragedy was narrowly averted at  
the Reserve Colliery yesterday morn-  
ing. Special Constable John McDon-  
ald, while making his rounds at Nor-  
way Crossing, was accosted by three  
striking men and asked what he was doing.  
The officer made a reply, and as he  
started to leave one of the men struck  
him with his fist. The officer grabbed  
him and knocked him down. The other  
two assailants then started kicking  
the officer, and landed some nasty  
blows on his head, chest and stomach.  
McDonald grappled with one of  
the assailants, and pulling his gun,  
he pressed the cold steel against the  
other's throat and pulled the trigger.  
The gun misfired, and once again  
the trigger was pulled with the same  
result. McDonald pulled one of the  
assailants and he was arrested in the  
afternoon. Bail was secured and the  
trial set down for next week before  
Magistrate Smith.

Halifax, Aug. 19.—E. S. McCullough,  
vice-president of the U.M.W., and  
Daniel McDougall, of District No. 26,  
arrived in the city from Glance Bay  
yesterday and laid their cases be-  
fore the court. The case is believed  
to be the first step toward a settle-  
ment of the big struggle, a settlement  
which may come within the next few  
weeks. The result of the conference  
was not divulged by either party.

ENTERTAINS UNION MEN.

Mount Kisco, N. Y., Aug. 19.—More  
than a hundred labor union men, dele-  
gates to the international convention  
of stationary firemen, now in session at  
Yonkers, dined last night on the shad-  
ed lawns of Mrs. J. Borden Harri-  
man's summer home here, and later  
listened to addresses by Mrs. Harri-  
man, John Mitchell and Tim Healy,  
president of the firemen's organiza-  
tion.

Mrs. Harriman told her guests that  
she and her fellow members of the  
committee included Mrs. Allan How-  
ard Taft, Mrs. John Hays Hammond  
and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, and  
they are trying to open the eyes of  
employers to present conditions and  
were meeting with great success.  
"I am firmly convinced," she con-  
cluded, "that the universal brother-  
hood of man will be a tangible, splen-  
did fact in the near future, and such  
gatherings as this are doing much to  
bring it about."

The Tacoma Maru received her in-  
jury by striking submerged wreckage  
300 miles off Cape Flattery, and re-  
turned to Seattle yesterday.  
During the day Capt. James Fowler,  
Lloyd's surveyor, made an inspection  
of the vessel. It was found that the  
rudder and stern frame are undam-  
aged, but the hull is scratched, show-  
ing where it was in contact with some  
foreign substance.  
The big liner has 4,000 tons of cargo  
and 29 steerage passengers on board.

BANKER FLEES TO JAPAN.  
Seattle, Wash., Aug. 19.—It was  
learned by local detectives to-day that  
W. C. Hays, a banker of San Fran-  
cisco, who is said to be wanted in the  
California city for alleged violation of  
the federal banking laws, sailed for  
Japan two weeks ago. Hays had re-  
sided at 738 Belmont place, in this city,  
for more than three months before his  
departure for the Orient.

STEAMER ASHORE.  
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 19.—The steamer  
Margaret grounded at Thump, Cape  
shoal to-day. The passengers and  
crew, numbering thirty-five, were all  
rescued.

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beverage, invaluable to  
tourists as a preventative and  
cure of seasickness. For all  
functional derangements of the  
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constipation, etc., it is unrivalled.  
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hold, for young or old.  
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CHEMIST.  
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## STRIKEBREAKERS AND STRIKERS CLASH

Situation at the Pittsburg Plant  
of Steel Car Company  
Serious.

Pittsburg, Aug. 19.—A crisis was  
reached in the Pressed Steel Car strike  
situation to-day. Hundreds of strikers  
have surrounded the plant and are  
attacking the strikebreakers who are  
trying to enter the mill.

Dissatisfaction and dissension reigns  
among the strikebreakers and they  
threatened to desert in a body. The  
two thousand men who are attempting  
to do the work of the 5,000 strikers are  
stirred in the big plant. Shortly after  
the strike was declared officials of the  
company stocked the plant with  
enough food to accommodate that num-  
ber of men. Last night when the  
rioting broke out afresh, the strike-  
breakers were only persuaded from go-  
ing out in a body when President Hof-  
fott went to the plant and guaranteed  
protection to them. A number of  
strikebreakers were badly beaten last  
night, when the strikers abducted sev-  
eral who attempted to enter the place.  
It required the efforts of a detail of  
Pittsburg police in addition to the  
state constabulary who have been  
guarding the mill for a number of  
weeks to quell the disorder.

The mounted constabulary now is  
patrolling the streets and is breaking  
up all gatherings of strikers.  
Heretofore the dissatisfied employees  
have been meeting each day on the  
Indian mound to discuss the situation  
and formulating plans, but the police  
have put a stop to this practice.

Three members of the Luttrell fam-  
ily and two of the Chapman family  
have been arrested.

Wellman sails in  
balloon for pole

London, Aug. 19.—A dispatch from  
Hammesfoss, Norway, quotes the cap-  
tain of the Italian steamer Thalia, as  
having said that Walter Wellman, the  
Chicago journalist, had left Splitzen-  
bergen on Monday, August 16th, in  
Wellman's dirigible balloon in quest  
of the North Pole.

ENGINEER AND FIREMAN  
KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Grand Rapids, Mich., Aug. 19.—Two  
men are dead to-day and four others  
are badly hurt as a result of the crash  
sheet of a locomotive blowing out near  
Grand Legh late last night. Engineer  
Wm. Bradley and Fireman Frederick  
Graves were instantly killed. The en-  
gine was attached to a Pere Marquette  
train.

TWO WOMEN ASSAULTED.  
Attacked by Unidentified Assailant,  
Who Beat Them With Club.

Bellingham, Wash., Aug. 17.—Awak-  
ened at 2 o'clock Sunday morning by a  
storm of blows rained in their faces  
with a club, wielded by an unidentified  
assailant, Mrs. Bertha Boyd and her  
17-year-old daughter, Verna Mabel  
Boyd, living near Silver Beach, suf-  
fered injuries which necessitated their  
removal to the hospital.

The police are working on a theory  
that the attack was made by a neigh-  
bor who was seeking revenge. Last  
Saturday the Boyd family reported  
this neighbor to the associated chari-  
ties of the city, claiming that he was  
cruel to his family. As none of the ar-  
ticles of value in the Boyd home were  
molested it is not thought that robbery  
was the motive for the crime.

CALHOUN'S TRIAL.

Adjournment Necessary Owing to Ill-  
ness of Magnate's Counsel.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 19.—The  
second trial of Patrick Calhoun, presi-  
dent of the United Railroads, who is  
charged with the slaying of George W.  
Hooker, of Kansas City, Mo.; Earl  
Dunmore, of Ulica, N. Y.; Chauncey  
Devere, of Wheeling, W. Va.; Gordon  
Lefevre, of Richmond, Va.; Albert  
Crane, of Hawarden, Iowa; Jacob For-  
ner, of Fort Ham, Ala.

BOSTON FALLS.  
"Red" Army Defeats "Blue" in An-  
nual Manoeuvres.

Boston, Aug. 19.—Boston has  
"fallen" after four days of mimic  
war, the manoeuvres ended this after-  
noon, when the "reds" won a decisive  
victory from the "blues" at Hanover,  
opening a straight road to Boston.  
The deciding battle was fought mid-  
way between Brantville and Hanover.  
The invaders numbered 9,000 men,  
while the defenders had 2,000 less. For  
four days the "blues" had defended  
the city against the attacks of the  
"reds," and the news that Boston had  
fallen was received with great surprise,  
as it was believed that General Pew  
could easily hold out the rest of the week.

A RECORD BREAKER.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 19.—The an-  
nual report of Secretary James Wilson  
of the department of agriculture shows  
that the total value of farm prod-  
ucts in the United States in 1908 was  
\$7,785,000,000. This is the biggest in the  
history of the world.

The greatest of all crops was Indian  
corn which was valued at \$1,600,000,  
000. The wheat crop was estimated at  
\$620,000,000.

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home.  
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## IMPERIAL DEFENCE CONFERENCE ENDS

PRONOUNCED SUCCESS  
BY THE DELEGATES

Speeches by Premier Asquith  
and Representatives of  
the Colonies.

London, Aug. 19.—At the closing  
meeting of the Imperial Defence Con-  
ference, which was of short duration,  
speeches were delivered by the Prime  
Minister and representatives of the  
colonies upon the successful character  
of the conference.

No decision has yet been arrived at  
regarding the issue of a paper setting  
forth the result of the deliberations.

Prior to the meeting the colonial  
delegates held a meeting, lasting two  
hours.

TWO ARE KILLED  
IN KENTUCKY FEUD

Victims Found With Knives  
Buried in Their  
Hearts.

Danville, Ky., Aug. 19.—With knives  
buried up to the hilts in their hearts,  
the bodies of Addison Chapman and  
Perry Luttrell were found to-day near  
Dry Fork church, in Casey county.

The men were enemies and the battle  
to-day was a climax to a feud of long  
standing.

An investigation this afternoon re-  
vealed the fact that John C. Humble  
and his wife, who was a daughter of  
Luttrell, were seriously wounded in the  
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that the attack was made by a neigh-  
bor who was seeking revenge. Last  
Saturday the Boyd family reported  
this neighbor to the associated chari-  
ties of the city, claiming that he was  
cruel to his family. As none of the ar-  
ticles of value in the Boyd home were  
molested it is not thought that robbery  
was the motive for the crime.

CALHOUN'S TRIAL.

Adjournment Necessary Owing to Ill-  
ness of Magnate's Counsel.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 19.—The  
second trial of Patrick Calhoun, presi-  
dent of the United Railroads, who is  
charged with the slaying of George W.  
Hooker, of Kansas City, Mo.; Earl  
Dunmore, of Ulica, N. Y.; Chauncey  
Devere, of Wheeling, W. Va.; Gordon  
Lefevre, of Richmond, Va.; Albert  
Crane, of Hawarden, Iowa; Jacob For-  
ner, of Fort Ham, Ala.

BOSTON FALLS.  
"Red" Army Defeats "Blue" in An-  
nual Manoeuvres.

Boston, Aug. 19.—Boston has  
"fallen" after four days of mimic  
war, the manoeuvres ended this after-  
noon, when the "reds" won a decisive  
victory from the "blues" at Hanover,  
opening a straight road to Boston.  
The deciding battle was fought mid-  
way between Brantville and Hanover.  
The invaders numbered 9,000 men,  
while the defenders had 2,000 less. For  
four days the "blues" had defended  
the city against the attacks of the  
"reds," and the news that Boston had  
fallen was received with great surprise,  
as it was believed that General Pew  
could easily hold out the rest of the week.

A RECORD BREAKER.  
Washington, D. C., Aug. 19.—The an-  
nual report of Secretary James Wilson  
of the department of agriculture shows  
that the total value of farm prod-  
ucts in the United States in 1908 was  
\$7,785,000,000. This is the biggest in the  
history of the world.

The greatest of all crops was Indian  
corn which was valued at \$1,600,000,  
000. The wheat crop was estimated at  
\$620,000,000.

## SHEARWATER GOING TO SAN FRANCISCO

H. M. S. Will Go to Comox for  
Rifle Practice Before  
Cruising South.

H. M. S. Shearwater has almost  
finished her overhauling, the work hav-  
ing been done by the H. C. Marine  
Railway Co. at Esquimalt. This morn-  
ing the sloop-of-war was towed across  
to the navy dock, where she is being  
prepared for a cruise.

At the end of the month the Shear-  
water will leave for Comox, where rifle  
and gun practice will engage the ship's  
company for