

## SEAMEN STRIKE NEXT SUMMER

Plan To Call World-Wide Stoppage Of Work At Time Of Coronation Of King George In June Next

### WORD IS SENT OVER FROM LONDON

Further Planned Of Coal Miners In Order To Make Complication Greater

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—The Times tomorrow will say that according to Matthew Tearle, United States agent of the National Sailors' and Firemen's Union of Great Britain, it has been decided to call a world-wide strike of seamen next June, at the time of the coronation of King George.

There have been rumors of such a strike heretofore, but until now no date has been set.

Mr. Tearle's information, he said, was received in a letter from J. J. Wilson, M. P., president of the British Union. He declared that it was planned to call a general strike of seamen in order to further complicate the situation in behalf of the men.

Steamship officials here said they knew nothing about the movement, aside from the general unrest among seamen in England.

Increased wages will be the demand in the event of the strike being called.

### DEBATE ON THE SPEECH

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"To the Dominion government belongs the duty of protecting our seaboard and protecting our deep-sea fisheries. So far only one sea-going cruiser has been provided for this task, and when we realize that British Columbia has some 7,000 miles of sea coast, it requires no argument on my part to show that we are getting nothing like the measure of protection which the interests of the industry and our own rights demand. To fully protect our fisheries, several fast and modern cruisers should be stationed on the Pacific coast of British Columbia. The Dominion government should also take steps toward the active assertion of our rights in the waters of the Hecate Straits declared a closed sea under international law. I fully realize that this is a delicate matter to handle, but the responsibility of the government is none the less for that reason. Salmon hatcheries, established upon all the principal rivers of this province, it is a well known fact that to a large extent salmon return to their original homes. The greatest importance of the protection of the salmon fisheries that adequate means be provided for hatcheries and rearing the young fish.

### Agricultural Progress

"The bountiful harvest that British Columbia has enjoyed during the past season has added much to the material wealth of our agricultural community, and indeed to the whole province; and while the fruitgrowers have the highest prices at the various markets both on the American continent and also in Great Britain, yet we must not forget the fact that British Columbia's land and climate are equally well adapted to the successful production of other branches of farm industry. Vegetables and grains grow to perfection, and our country is well adapted for dairying or for the profitable production of poultry and eggs. When we think for a moment of the enormous amount of money that is annually paid for the produce of this nature, which could so much better be raised at home, it seems to me that organized and systematic effort should be made to further encourage the home production of these articles of life. No less than \$50,000,000 worth of butter and cheese was imported into British Columbia during 1909, and over two million dollars worth of eggs and poultry. Surely there is room here for the exercise of the energies of a large number of active agriculturists—and, indeed, the market is growing annually.

### The Mining Industry

"The mining industry of the province has presented itself to better advantage than during the last past year. The metalliferous mines recently opened at the head of the Portland Canal are already showing up remarkably well, and are giving every promise of continuity and value. Large amounts of money have been spent in the development—over half a million dollars have been expended in railway lines alone—and this is only the beginning. Very fine mining properties are being developed on the Skeena and the outlook is very promising in that section. The mines of the interior of British Columbia have for the most part been working, and the prospects for the coming year ahead were never better. The well known Britannia mine on Howe Sound has resumed work; the mines on Texada island continue working, and are giving good returns; the Lucky Jim at Granite Bay has developed beyond a prospect, and the owners consider that they have here a very good mine. There are many promising prospects at other points along the coast, both on Van-

cover island and on the mainland, as well as in the interior.

"In coal mining great activity has prevailed both in the interior and also on the coast. The purchase of the famous Dunsmuir collieries by the Sir William Mackenzie interests has given a substantial impetus to coal mining, especially in the Comox district, where great preparations are being made for increasing the output. Three or four diamond drills are being kept constantly at work; plans are prepared, and work is about to commence on a very extensive electrical plant in connection with the Comox coal mines, the intention being to generate electricity by water power from the Puntledge river at a cost of half a million dollars or more; the coal mines at Suquamish are being developed, and are giving great promise; the coal mines at Nanaimo, Extension and other places in that section are working steadily and are finding a ready market for their products. The coal mines on Vancouver island are of immense value to the province, and not to the province alone, but to the fact that these mines are in mind the fact that these mines are the only producing coal mines lying immediately on the frontal waters of the Pacific slope, and this fact alone adds materially to their value from a national standpoint, a fact that should not be lost sight of by our Imperial and Dominion governments. In laying their plans for the future, from a monetary standpoint, allow me to say that the value of the coal and coke production of British Columbia is approximately ten million dollars; the local mines produced \$13,731,141; and our placer mines yielded \$477,000—so that we have every reason to look forward hopefully to the even further enlargement of our provincial resources in the form of mining.

"The season just passed has been one in which employers and employees in connection with our provincial mines have had no serious misunderstanding or strike of any magnitude, and this, too, is reason for the great satisfaction on view of the general activity of coal mining in British Columbia, the enactment of the proposed Coal Mines Regulation Act comes at an opportune time, and it is to be hoped that when this measure is placed on the statute books of our province it will go far in the direction of lessening the dangers to life and limb that are necessarily encountered in the prosecution of coal mining, and will fully cover and protect the best interests of the men engaged in and around the mines, as well as afford a means to the owners the protection necessary in the carrying forward of large industrial enterprises.

"The railway legislation adopted at the last session of this house has already contributed in large measure to the general prosperity of the province. Property has advanced in value, and the people are in a very optimistic frame of mind. Construction work on the Mainland is being pushed steadily ahead. The contract for a considerable section of the Island division of the road has been let, and work thereon will soon be in full swing. The magnetic touch of the hand of Mackenzie and Mann—now Sir William Mackenzie and Sir Donald D. Mann—has been felt in a marked degree not only in our railways but also in our mining and lumbering and our fisheries industries. The extensive development in railway construction has necessitated the creation of a Department of Railways, and I am sure the country will appreciate the wise foresight of the government in this connection. The Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company is actively engaged in clearing the right of way in my own district from Union Bay to Oyster River, and it is to be hoped that the grading and track laying will quickly follow. I confidently look forward to the time when railway communication will be provided from end to end through the entire length of Vancouver Island. I am very much pleased to note the intended construction of a bill connecting the existing railway acts of the province and making it easier for the bona fide railway constructor to initiate his important undertakings, while at the same time putting an end to the charter mongering that has gone on to some considerable extent in the past, not only taking up the time of the legislature and increasing the cost of administration, but handicapping legitimate enterprise in its efforts to secure the development of the economy.

### Grants For Roads

"I am very much pleased to see that the government, realizing the importance of good roads and other public works, intends to provide adequate grants for such purposes. Last year large sums were expended on road construction and for improvements throughout all the province, yet on account of the wonderful development of British Columbia and the large numbers of people taking up their homes upon the new lands of the province, the demand for roads and bridges is now greater than ever. On Vancouver Island the completion of the Mill Bay road will be of great service to the public, thus linking up two sections of highway already completed and giving a very serviceable trunk road from Victoria to Campbell River, a distance of about 150 miles.

"It is gratifying also to note that the University Site Selection Commission has completed its labors and that this matter, of so great importance has been finally settled. I regret, however, that in their judgment the commission should have taken account of the natural advantages offered in the Comox valley for such an institution; young men and women educated amid surroundings such as are found in the beautiful valley of Comox could not but go forth to their life work with a broadened view, strong frames and clear insight into the beauties of nature and the business industries of the country.

"I note with pleasure that a bill is not to be brought in during this

session dealing with the important recommendations of the Forestry Commission. This allied matter of forestry and lands is one of the most important with which we have to deal, and will require all the time and care that this house can bring to bear upon it. It is a question of the greatest concern, not only to the present generation but to posterity; how wisely and how well we deal with the matter; what measures we devise to protect our forest wealth from destruction or depletion by other causes, and what disposition we make of the logged-off lands. And while in this point, I should like to point out the amendment made to the Land Act during last session, giving to the chief commissioner of lands power to deal with logged-off lands, has borne good fruit, and already many sections of reserved lands have been made available for settlement, while the knowledge that the lands when logged-off can be obtained for the settler has created a spirit of hopefulness and satisfaction which did not exist prior to the passage of this amendment. There was during 1909, \$29,000,000 worth of loss, valued at \$12,445,000. This means that at an estimated cost of 35M to the acre, over 30,000 acres of land has been stripped of its timber, and it is recognized that approximately one-third, or 10,000 acres, of land is suitable for agricultural purposes, you will readily recognize the advantages of putting the lands when logged-off upon the market for the settler. In view of the very large amount of waste power, and the fact that the streams of British Columbia, hope that an effort will be made by the logging operators to introduce electrical haulage in the logging camps, thus lessening the dangers of forest fires, and also saving a large amount of timber which annually is used as fuel to keep steam on the donkey engines and locomotives in use under the present system. I am pleased to see that it is the government's intention to bring in a bill dealing with the preservation of health in the camps. This will do good.

"Large sections of land are being surveyed by the government and will be made available for the settler, but we must not overlook the fact that the settlement of the lands of our province brings with it great responsibilities. Roads and bridges must be built; schools must be established; and all the other public necessities that go to make up a civilized and prosperous community must be provided, and it is indeed gratifying to the public to know that this government is energetically and cheerfully meeting this situation by systematically constructing adequate school facilities wherever such are found necessary.

"British Columbia's climate and scenery constitute no small part of her wonderful assets of natural wealth. A matter of far-reaching importance, not only to Vancouver, but to the whole of British Columbia was that undertaken by the then minister of Lands, Hon. Price Ellison, last summer, in reserving a large area of land near Buttle Lake at the headwaters of the Campbell river for the purpose of a Provincial Public Park which will without doubt be of inestimable value to British Columbia in the inducement of travel and the forwarding and the consequent benefits that will accrue to the province, besides preserving for our people a beautiful and healthful place of recreation where their holidays may be spent enjoyably and the opportunity to travel in the interior of Vancouver Island, it would seem like the short of incredible could I describe conditions as they actually exist—the grandeur of the scenery, showing not only the fertile lands and magnificent timber but the towering crags and deep-cut gorges, the wonderful waterfalls and glaciers, the immense stretches of river, stream and lake, the abundance of wild life and game of all varieties that are there to be found, and the enormous quantities of fish in the streams and lakes. I believe that generations as yet unborn will extol the name of the Hon. Price Ellison in that he took the leading part in this securing to the people of British Columbia a vast and valuable portion of the public domain; and it is an augury for good to see the name of the Right Honorable Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal applied to this beautiful park. I trust that when the estimates have been brought down, it will be found that a goodly appropriation has been set aside for the construction of roads leading to this great pleasure ground. I hope to see within the next year future the roads put into such condition that an automobile may be driven from Victoria to Strathcona Park within a few hours and that not only will this pleasure ground be generally made use of by the people of the Island but also those of the Mainland, the city of Vancouver being even nearer to it than is Victoria; and that the man who cannot afford to travel in automobile style but has his horse and buggy or his bicycle, may have the pleasure of an outing amidst this wonderful scenery and glorious surroundings. Railway communication will, within a very short time, give access to this beauty spot.

"The policy of the government adopted some few years ago prohibiting the export of timber and similar raw material from our public lands is bearing fruit in a marked degree at Powell River, one of the largest pulp and paper plants in the world now being in construction there, almost if not entirely with American capital, at a cost of probably over three million dollars when completed. This mill is expected to be finished in June next, and will give employment to 1,500 men, manufacturing 125 tons of pulp and paper per day. It is hard to estimate at present the total of the beneficial results brought about by the government's policy, but it is evident that the business foresight of our business government.

### Tribute to Premier

"In concluding my remarks, I would

be unfair to the government that is primarily responsible for the very satisfactory conditions obtaining in British Columbia at the present time, were I to fail to accord to that government the credit which is due for the clear and very able administration that British Columbia is enjoying under our capable and respected Premier, the Hon. Richard McBride, and his colleagues of the ministry. The satisfaction of the Province are in a most satisfactory condition, and notwithstanding the very heavy expenditures that have been made by the Honorable the Minister of Works and the heads of other departments during the past year upon roads and other necessary works, yet the surplus, stated roughly at \$2,500,000, is such that not many years ago we should have regarded such an amount as an excellent revenue. This certainly reflects the highest credit upon our Finance Minister. The administration of justice has been such that the more serious crimes are now rarely committed in British Columbia. The educational requirements of British Columbia have been well cared for, and our system is one of which we have every reason to be proud.

### Mr. Speaker, This measure

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### Adjournment of the Debate

was moved by Mr. Parker Williams.

### Deputy Speaker

Hon. Mr. McBride remarked that before adjournment, he wished under the new rules, which had only just come into force this session, to move the appointment of the member for Cowichan (Mr. Hayward), as Deputy Speaker and Deputy Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means. Formerly it has been customary for the Speaker, during his absence, to appoint himself and his wife as Deputy Speaker and Deputy Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means. In the member for Cowichan, he had a gentleman who had already been selected by the Speaker in former sessions, and one who was serving in the House of Commons. He felt that it was fitting him well to preside over its deliberations.

Mr. Brewster seconded the motion, saying it gave him pleasure to do so, especially as the member for Cowichan had during some of his sessions been frequently in the chair, and during the last session had filled the office very acceptably.

The motion carried unanimously.

### INTERIOR CITIES

### HOLD ELECTIONS

Mayor Selous Re-Elected In Nelson—Dr. Gomm In Sandon And Mr. Bleasdel In Fernie

NELSON, Jan. 13.—After one of the keenest contests in the history of Nelson, Mayor Harold Selous was re-elected over Ald. J. A. McDonald by a majority of 42, having majorities in both wards. In the east ward George Ferguson, J. F. Hume and J. A. Gilkey, Selous supporters, were elected aldermen. In the west ward T. D. Stark, candidate of the McDonald or Citizens' party is elected, together with T. Madden and F. J. Gallagher, both Selous supporters. The vote was heavy, and Selous' victory was celebrated with a parade. School trustees elected are Wm. Irvine, Dr. Annie Jones and A. D. Emory. Dr. Jones is the first woman ever elected to the board in Nelson. Irvine and Emory were trustees last year.

City elections in Sandon today resulted: Mayor, Dr. P. E. Gomm, Aldermen P. H. Wright, James Wood, S. J. Menp. School trustee, W. J. Macdonald.

Wilson Dennis, an employee of the Summit Lake Lumber company, was shot last night by a Swede named Eric Thunstrom at Summit Lake after a quarrel. He will probably recover.

### VERNON, Jan. 13.—The following

five aldermen were elected today: J. T. Mutrie; W. H. Smith, J. W. Glover, T. J. Cumiskey and C. F. Westerton. H. W. Huband was re-elected mayor by acclamation.

### PERNIE, B.C., Jan. 12.—The city

elections were held here today and passed off very quietly, a very small vote being polled owing to the extremely cold weather and snow making the streets practically impassable. The results are: Mayor, J. A. Bleasdel, having elected mayor over his opponent, Thomas Beck, by a majority of fourteen votes. Mr. Bleasdel served a term as mayor some four years ago, and his election is a very popular one. The six aldermen elected are J. L. McIntyre, S. Graham, Wm. Robichaud, James Robertson, S. F. Wallace and John Foddelanick.

### Army Aeroplanes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The purchase of three aeroplanes for the army was authorized by an amendment to the military appropriation bill adopted by the senate today.

### MANY BODIES FOUND

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 13.—A despatch received today from Yverdy, capital of the territory of Semiratsky, Asiatic Russia, says that a violent earthquake occurred last night in Kobey, in the Plasphek district of the territory, and that the bodies of 204 Kirghiz have been taken from the ruins of fallen buildings.

### Women Escape Jury Duty

SEATTLE, Jan. 13.—The six women summoned as jurors to the try case against Mrs. Ida M. Anderson, accused of tampering with a gas meter, were excused today by the judge, Judge Kelley, formerly a photographer in Tacoma, is believed to have committed suicide by lying down on the railroad track here and allowing himself to be run over. Kelley's mangled body was found today in the Northern Pacific yards. He was about 60 years old, and it is thought became disheartened by his failing eyesight and inability to earn money.

## FIVE ARE KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

Collision In Batavia, N. Y., Yards Of New York Central Railway—Two More Likely To Die

BATAVIA, N. Y., Jan. 13.—Five men are dead, two probably fatally injured and more than 20 seriously hurt in the wreck of the Western Express and the Boston and Buffalo special, both west-bound, on the New York Central here today.

Four of the victims were killed instantly, and one has since died. The Buffalo and Boston special train No. 49 was a standstill in the station yards when it is alleged by railroad officials, Engineer J. B. Lydell, of Buffalo, on the Western Express train No. 23, ran past the signals and dashed into the rear of the standing train.

The dead: C. C. Perrin of New York, instantly killed; Robert McFarland, Detroit, Mich., died at hospital; Fred J. Seaker, New York; W. R. Brown, Syracuse, N. Y.; Leonard Doncourt, Philadelphia, identification not positive. Probably fatally injured: F. Van Valkenburg, Bentonville, conductor of the Boston and Buffalo special; H. J. Cade, Chicago.

Conditions this morning were those which railroad men fear, and which make the handling of trains hazardous. A heavy fog hung over everything, and a drizzling rain turned to ice the moment it touched anything. The rails were covered with a coating of ice that makes trains hard to stop.

### POSTMASTER LEAVES

Official At Small Town In Cape Breton Is Missing—First Thought To Have Taken Money

HALIFAX, Jan. 13.—Wm. O'Neill, postmaster at New Waterford, Cape Breton, a new mining town 20 odd miles from Sydney, is missing, and with him was thought to have disappeared \$7,500 mailed by the Bank of Nova Scotia branch at that place to the branch at Sydney in a registered package. The package of money was given to the postmaster on the afternoon of Wednesday, and was due to arrive in Sydney the same evening. New Waterford has had a money order office only for a year and a half, and O'Neill is a new man, having been appointed to the position at that time. He is about 30 years of age. The money was insured. The police in all cities have been notified of the robbery and have been furnished with a description of him.

Manager Murray, of the Bank of Nova Scotia at Sydney, received a telephone message from the manager of the Truro bank this evening advising him that the money stolen from the New Waterford postoffice had been handed in at the Truro agency today. The parcel was intact. Nothing is known of the immediate whereabouts of the postmaster.

### MRS. SCHENCK'S CASE

First Intimation Of Scandal Brought Out By Evidence Of Prosecution's Witness

WHEELING, W. Va., Jan. 12.—The tedium of hypothetical questions and technical testimony was suddenly ended in the Schenck case today when the state, through a witness, brought into court records of the first intimation of scandal, in the prosecution of Mrs. Laura Farnsworth Schenck, charged with administering poison to her husband, John O. Schenck.

Daniel Phillips, a piano salesman, whose name has been guarded from publicity, told of long automobile rides with the accused at her invitation for more than 18 months previous to her arrest. In the last year, he said, Mrs. Schenck had talked to him about plans to secure a divorce, and later talked almost constantly of the strong probabilities of her husband's death.

Phillips admitted that Mrs. Schenck had during some of her sessions been frequently in the chair, and during the last session had filled the office very acceptably.

### Opposed to Reciprocity

PORT ARTHUR, Jan. 12.—The board of trade passed resolutions to-night opposing reciprocity with the United States.

### Spurring Mr. Balfour

LONDON, Jan. 13.—The Morning Post, reviewing the fisheries dispute, insists that the United States is making desperate efforts to forestall imperial reciprocity, and whether or not they are successful depends on whether Mr. Balfour will rise to the occasion.

### Injured While Coasting

TACOMA, Jan. 13.—Miss Elizabeth Haskell, a prominent society girl of Tacoma, sustained a broken rib when a bob-sled in which she and a party of friends were coasting down the long North G street hit turned turtle last night. She is a daughter of F. P. Haskell, superintendent of the Tacoma Sea Deposit Company.

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German Count Acquitted By Coroner's Jury In Connection With Shooting Of Indian

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Jan. 13.—A coroner's jury today found that Emil Maurer, said to be a German count, was justified in killing Nagita, an Indian who looted Maurer's camp in the Sushana country. The jury returned a verdict that the Indian came to his death as the result of two gunshot wounds inflicted by Maurer, who fired in self-defense. The verdict was signed by two-thirds of the jurors. Although Maurer is said to have friends in Chicago, the German consul there reports that the man is unknown to him.

The killing of Nagita occurred November 10, but two months elapsed before the men sent to Protopopas to investigate the trouble returned with the body. The trouble between Nagita and Maurer arose over a dispute as to Maurer's right to hunt in the Mount McKinley country, the Indian asserting that none but natives could hunt game there. Maurer and his wife went into the district on a hunting expedition in April. Their food supplies became exhausted, and Maurer was compelled to go forth daily to kill game to keep them alive. At one time he was away 24 hours, during which time his wife, alone in the cabin without a fire, gave birth to a child.

While Maurer was away, Nagita, angered because the count would not leave the district, raided the camp, stealing everything he could lay his hands on, including \$1,200 in money.

After Maurer returned the Indian came back, bringing his family attired in the clothing stolen from Maurer and his wife. Maurer demanded the return of his property, but instead was attacked by Nagita, who was killed in the fight. Evidence presented to the jury showed that at the time he killed Nagita was wearing underclothing stolen from Maurer.

### MRS. EDDY'S WILL

Bills in Equity Filed By Late Christian Science Leader's Son And Adopted Son

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 13.—In addition to the bill in equity in the matter of the will of Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy filed in the superior court for Merrimack county yesterday by Geo. W. Glover, of Lead, S. D., a bill was filed in the United States Circuit court in behalf of Dr. Ebenezer J. Foster Eddy, which covers substantially the same grounds, as far as the legal points involved are concerned.

An order is asked restraining the Eddy trustees from removing from Merrimack county any of the personal property of the Eddy estate, estimated to be \$2,000,000 in value. It is pointed out that in her will, Mrs. Eddy described herself as the sole owner of the estate, and the statement is made that the construction of a will disposing of personal property depends alone upon the law of the domicile of the testator.

The bill contains the various marriages of Mrs. Eddy, and it is said that the only child by those marriages is George W. Glover of Lead, S. D. Dr. Foster Eddy avers that his relationship to Mrs. Eddy was that of an adopted son, and that the relationship is and has been recognized by George W. Glover, latter and Dr. Foster Eddy, it is asserted, are the only heirs-at-law.

### ON HOODOO DAY

Tacoma Man Sues And Smokes Luxuriantly And Then Commits Suicide

TACOMA, Jan. 13.—After eating an elaborate supper, followed by an expensive cigar, A. B. Shelley, an expert chemist from Colorado, who had reached the end of his financial resources and did not have a cent in his pockets, coolly shot himself to death in the Annex cafe in Commerce street, at 10 o'clock this morning. He had searched through the cities of the northwest for employment, but had failed to find an opening. This is believed to have been the reason for his suicide, although in a letter which he left for the press he declared fear of tuberculosis the cause. He killed himself on the morning of Friday, the 13th.

DENVER, Jan. 13.—Arlene B. Shelley, who committed suicide at Tacoma, Washington, last night, was a nephew of Professor De Long, of the University of Colorado, and of State Senator Horace De Long, of Grand Junction.

### Due to Dependency

NORTH YAKIMA, Jan. 13.—Having placed \$250, all the money he had left, on the office steps of C. F. Hessey, who had befriended him, Millard E. Kelley, formerly a photographer in Tacoma, is believed to have committed suicide by lying down on the railroad track here and allowing himself to be run over. Kelley's mangled body was found today in the Northern Pacific yards. He was about 60 years old, and it is thought became disheartened by his failing eyesight and inability to earn money.

### Infected School Books

TORONTO, Jan. 13.—The medical health officer of Hastings has ordered that all school books used by children contracting infectious diseases must be destroyed. Hygiene in the practice has been to disinfect the books.

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### ONTARIO TRAGEDY

Old Man With Miser's Reputation Murdered By Some Person Unknown Near Berlin

WESLEY, Ont., Jan. 13.—The body of Franz Lobinski, 70 years old, was found in the yard of his shack in the bush, 2 miles east of this village, near Berlin, this morning.

He had been murdered, his head having been beaten with a hammer, which was found in a field nearby. The only clue to the murderer is a cutter track and the footprints of a team of horses in the snow.

Lobinski was undoubtedly murdered for his money. He had the reputation of being a miser. Whether or not he was tortured before death is not known as yet, but the fact that the leg was fastened by a wire high up a post in the yard leads to that surmise, or to the other, that he was not dead, and his body was dragged out, and then he did not escape while he was searching for buried gold.

Lobinski's shack is about a mile from any other house. A woodcutter who has been accustomed to call on him, failing to notice spoke, called this morning and found the body. Deceased had lived in the neighborhood about 40 years. His wife died six years ago. He was a Poleander. He had apparently been first seized in the house, and then he was dragged out, as the trace of blood plainly shows. The crime evidently took place yesterday.

### SONGHEES RESERVE

Board Of Trade Approves Action Of Premier McBride And His Colleagues

The Board of Trade at its quarterly meeting yesterday passed the following resolution unanimously: "This board views with satisfaction the approaching settlement of the Songhees Reserve question and desires to express its appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered by the premier and other members of the government of British Columbia. This board notes with special pleasure that one of its members, Mr. J. S. H. Matson, in conjunction with Mr. H. C. Heimken, K. C., was instrumental in obtaining the consent of the Indians to an agreement which promises to be satisfactory to all parties."

The resolution was proposed by Mr. J. J. Shallcross and seconded by Mr. S. Lelser.

The mover said that the question would never have been settled if the government of this province had not taken upon itself to guarantee the settlement. The work of Mr. Matson and Mr. Heimken deserved special recognition, and he had done effectively and the conclusion reached was most satisfactory. Public spiritedness nowadays was all too little in evidence, and the gentlemen who had in such a disinterested manner effected a settlement of the Songhees Reserve problem were entitled to the public thanks.

### Faithful Daughter Dies

SEATTLE, Jan. 13.—Miss Gail L. Webb, who stood by her father, Jesse P. Webb, throughout his trial for the murder of W. A. Johnson, died here last night. After he was sentenced to be hanged she began to fail, and as the date of the execution approached, February 15th, she grew worse, finally dying of paralysis and pleurisy. Webb, who is in Portland jail, sobbed all the afternoon when he heard of his daughter's death, and asked his attorneys to withdraw appeal for stay of execution, as he wanted to die. Webb and Mrs. D. W. Kersh killed Johnson a Portland last June by beating him over the head in a hotel. Webb had a wife and family, but had become infatuated with Mrs. Kersh, who is to serve twenty years for manslaughter.

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