

DERBY CAUSES A DELAY

SUBORNATION OF NAVY WITNESSES IS CHARGED

Admiralty Prosecutions Adjourned One Week Owing to Absence of W. J. Taylor

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Owing to the absence of W. J. Taylor, K.C., retained to defend Charles Spratt, and who left for San Francisco last night and will be away a week, the charges of having stolen admiralty stores in his possession, laid against C. J. V. Spratt, William Houston, John Day and Oliver Richards, were this morning set over for one week.

Charges that there has been attempted subornation of admiralty witnesses were made by J. A. Aikman, appearing for the admiralty, during the progress of the hearing. He made a statement that admitted the witnesses had been approached when Stuart Henderson, appearing for the accused Houston, asked for a separation of the charges in the information which Houston and C. J. V. Spratt jointly charged.

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Mr. Aikman denied the allegation that the tampering with witnesses was done by the defendant, when the joint case against Spratt and Houston was called Stuart Henderson, appearing with W. C. Morsey for the defence of Houston, said that Mr. Taylor had been retained to defend Spratt and that the two defences were entirely different. He stated that Spratt wished to take the case to the jury, while the defendant would elect to go to a jury, and the charges should be taken separately.

Mr. C. E. Pooley, who appears for Mr. Aikman for the admiralty, in a letter to the city council, stated that he had gone to San Francisco on business and at 4.30 yesterday afternoon he had been asked by Mr. Taylor to go to San Francisco for a week. Commander Vivian, however, had instructions to proceed and was important that the hearing should go on at once.

Mr. D. Twigg, from the office of Ebbs and Taylor, arriving in court at this time, asked for an adjournment on behalf of Mr. Taylor's client, but the court refused to grant it, saying that the action of the admiralty in proceeding on a voyage May 10 last, and had been delayed here since that date by the prosecutions. If he had been back till the middle of June, Mr. Henderson said the admiralty would not mind the commander waiting.

Mr. Twigg remarked that Victoria was a very nice place to stay in, and the magistrate asked why in that case Mr. Taylor did not remain. Mr. Twigg replied that business took him away.

Another complication arose when it was recalled that the assizes and the court of appeal open here next week. Mr. Aikman said he would be engaged in both, but that he had been asked to go to San Francisco for a week. Mr. Aikman cannot attend next Tuesday another adjournment will be allowed him.

Mr. Aikman suggested charges against C. J. V. Spratt and William Houston were laid, charging that on April 21 they obtained in their possession admiralty stores to the value of 300 pounds and 40 boxes of candles valued at \$1,080, the same having been obtained by theft.

A second joint information charges the two accused with having in their possession copper and rubber valued at \$300 obtained by one Reid, a carter, who was in the service of the admiralty, by theft. Reid's name is included in all cases and bail allowed. Therefore, the same bondsmen assuming responsibility.

EXPRESS CHARGES

EXEMPTION OF IMPROVEMENTS

DESTRUCTIVE BLAZE

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., May 30.—In a serious fire at the coke ovens at the Lake Superior Company yesterday damage to the extent of \$20,000 was done, fully covered by insurance. The ovens themselves were not damaged, but the storehouse, office and electric sub-station supply power to ovens were destroyed.

DEFEATED LAWS TO GET A CHANGE

WILL RE-SUBMIT PARK AND LIBRARY BY-LAWS

Mr. Justice Martin Guarantees Any Expenditure That May Be Incurred

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Victoria citizens with the true interest of the city at heart will hail with unalloyed pleasure the knowledge that the recently defeated by-laws for the extension of the public parks and the increased utility of the Carnegie library are to be revived and again placed before the people.

This step is being taken on the inspiration of Mr. Justice Martin, who, in a letter to the city council, declined to believe that the meagre vote recorded on the occasion of their being last submitted was any criticism as to the sense of the people in regard to them. In proof of his belief he enclosed a blank marked cheque to cover whatever expenditure might be incurred in bringing the by-laws before the people again.

On hearing the letter the council unanimously decided to again have the by-laws submitted. Mayor Morley remarking in connection therewith that the action of the distinguished writer was a most generous and public-spirited one.

To bring the by-laws before the people it is necessary that petition be signed by one-fifteenth of the voting population. Of course the money required will not be investigated.

DISREGARDS WARNING; IS ELECTROCUTED

An Everett Lineman Receives 2,200 Volts of Electricity While Working on Pole

Everett, Wash., May 30.—Emery L. Lazon, 25 years old, who came here from Tacoma ten months ago, and got employment as a lineman with the Everett Railway, Light & Power Company, was struck yesterday when 2,200 volts of electricity passed through his body.

Two linemen saw Lazon's body stiffen back in its safety belt and saw the slight puffs of smoke where the high power wire came in contact with his clothes. In two minutes they had the dead man down upon the ground. Lazon's foreman had cautioned him to wear rubber gloves before making the ascent, but Lazon said everything was dry and there was no danger of an accident. Lazon's rubber gloves were found in his pocket.

LIGHT STANDARDS ARE OBJECTED TO

PANDORA AVE. WANTS NEW STYLE CLUSTER

Business Men Who Chose the Present Standard Criticized From Art Point of View

(From Tuesday's Daily.) It is uniformly consistent with the highest art or is it merely a phase of artistic development that has been passed by the property owners on Pandora avenue and yet unpassed by the city council? Is the city council so lacking in artistic perception that, in erecting a body in the street, the learned residents of the street mentioned?

To the minds of those latter people such is certainly the case, and as a proof of the fact that is in them they appeared up in a body in the city council last night with a request that the council adopt their suggestion in regard to their own particular street at any rate. The question which gave rise to the whole discussion was the cluster lighting. The city wants uniformity as far as possible, and the property owners on Pandora avenue are desirous of departing from what they regard as a hackneyed art and adopting the new standard commonly known as the New Westminster light. The deputation was headed by Mr. Justice Martin and W. J. Hanna.

It may be recalled that at a recent meeting of the city council the Johnson street property owners protested against the installation of the new system, which is the one the Pandora avenue property owners are desirous of having installed on their thoroughfare. Taking into consideration the fact that the present standard can now be purchased at \$45 instead of \$68 as formerly, and also the fact that the people did not appear to favor it, the city council decided to rescind the resolution calling for the extension of the public parks and to adopt a resolution purchasing more of the present standards. The contractors were communicated with to find out if they had incurred any expense so far in the execution of the contract, and their reply was read in the council last night to the effect that while some work had been done it would be possible to utilize the standards for the present style.

Of course the whole question was reopened by the presence of the deputation. J. Hanna stated his regret that the council had refused to meet the wishes of the property owners on Pandora avenue. If the people were willing to pay for the new standard he saw no reason why they should not have it. Personally he had gone to some place to supply the council with the necessary plans and designs of the new standard, and he was led to understand that that system would be adopted on the street.

ATTEMPT TO KILL FOUR OFFICERS

Dynamite Exploded During Search in House—Constable Seriously Injured

Oakland, Cal., May 30.—Armed with a writ of restitution from Sheriff Barnard's office, Deputy Sheriff John H. Reilly, E. R. McDonald and Bert Brown, accompanied by Constable A. Kihn of Alameda, entered the house of Charles H. Pickett, in Melrose, and on the occasion of their search for a man named Pickett, who was wanted on a charge of murder, dynamite was exploded, and Constable Kihn was severely injured and cut on the body and face. Parts of his clothes were burned off and he received a terrible gash across the forehead. The dynamite was exploded by the constable's rifle. Pickett was a machinist and was recently sued in the superior court by his wife for a divorce on the ground of extreme cruelty. Deputy sheriffs and the police are scouring the country for the dynamiter.

San Francisco, Cal., May 30.—Charles Pickett, who is charged with having placed in his home at Melrose the infernal machine which blew up yesterday and destroyed the house, gave himself up to the police here today. Pickett was taken to the Hall of Justice and examined by the captain of detectives.

At the conclusion of the examination he was turned over to the detective from Oakland, by whom he will be taken immediately to the county jail. Pickett refused to make any statement concerning the explosion which destroyed his home. Some time ago Pickett's wife secured a divorce and the possession of their home was given to her.

Oklahoma City, May 30.—Following a meeting here yesterday, more than 1,000 men marched to the city hall and demanded the resignation of Mayor Lackey, who, with the city council, has refused to vacate his office in favor of the newly elected mayor and the city commissioners. A message from Walt M. Grant, the successful mayoralty candidate in the recent election, asking the crowd to await the decision of the courts, brought an end to the disturbance.

TWO KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

SEVEN COACHES DERAILED ON WASHINGTON LINE

Death Toll is Growing as Result of Collision in Nebraska

Spokane, Wash., May 30.—Derailed at a sharp curve 7 miles east of Ralston, 26 miles east of Lind, Wash., the "Columbian" eastbound passenger train on the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railroad, was wrecked at 5 o'clock this morning.

Seven coaches were derailed. The engineer and fireman were instantly killed. At least one passenger is known to be seriously injured.

The reports of the wreck are meagre. The Columbian went into a sharp curve just before entering a cut near Ralston. The engine, smoke and day coach left the rails and piled up on the tracks. They were completely demolished.

The injured are being rushed to Lind and the physicians are awaiting to the scene of the disaster. The Columbian is the second through passenger train to leave Seattle over the Milwaukee line since the completion of the road. The train, which was making its first trip, the railroad having been opened only yesterday, was worth probably more than \$500,000.

Lincoln, Neb., May 30.—The full list of dead as the result of a collision yesterday between westbound train No. 9, and eastbound train No. 12, of the Burlington road near McCook is said to be sixteen. The body of an unknown Italian, reported in dispatches as having been found in the wreck, has been identified as A. G. Turano, whose death was also reported.

FESTIVITIES IN THE METROPOLIS

KING AND QUEEN AT CORONATION CONCERT

London, May 30.—The festivities connected with the coronation began this week, which will be a very busy one socially. The King and Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and other members of the royal family attended a grand coronation concert given last night by the combined forces of the Albert Hall Choral Society, numbering nearly 1,000 voices, and the Royal Amateur Orchestra, assisted by Louis Kirby Laun and other operatic singers.

The King has paid an unprecedented honor to the labor movement by a "commemorative" resolution to two representatives of trades unions to attend the coronation ceremony.

After the concert last night the King and Queen and the royal party attended Lady Fitzgibbon's ball, which was given in honor of the Duke of Fife's daughters, the Princesses Alexandra and Maud.

The King and some of the royal party will attend the Epsom race meeting daily until Friday. The Queen will also attend the meeting on Wednesday for the Derby, which promises to be a very brilliant affair.

MR. FIELDING'S EUROPEAN TRIP

GOES ABROAD FOR BENEFIT OF HIS HEALTH

No Truth in Story That Ministers Will Interview London Financiers

The story in the Colonist's Ottawa dispatch about Mr. Fielding being requested by Sir Wilfrid to proceed to London to persuade the financial powers there that reciprocity will not affect trade with Great Britain, said the Minister of Mines on Tuesday.

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JAIL TERMS FOR WIRELESS OFFICIALS

Convicted of Fraudulent Use of Mails—Leave to Appeal Granted

Boston, Mass., May 30.—Christopher Columbus Wilson, president of the United Wireless Telegraph Co., and four of his assistants were convicted in the criminal branch of the United States civil court yesterday of fraudulent use of the mails to solicit subscriptions to sell stock. Judge Martin immediately imposed sentence as follows:

President Wilson, three years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta; Geo. Parker and E. E. Butler, two years each in the same penitentiary; W. L. Atwood and W. W. Tompkins, one year each in some New York prison.

Parker formerly lived in Seattle, where he made his fortune. Judge Martin committed the five men to the Tombs under a ten days' stay to allow an appeal.

Samuel S. Bogart, vice-president of the United Wireless Telegraph Company, who pleaded guilty to fraudulent use of the mails in advance of his five assistants, was fined \$2,500. He will pay later to-day and go free. C. C. Wilson and the four others are in jail. The court refused their application for bail and sentenced them to various prison terms.

DERBY STARTERS

Field in Great Turf Event Will Number About 25.

London, May 30.—The following horses were scratched in the Derby to-day: Runymede, Beaurepaire, Pegasus and Adamite, but several other likely starters have cropped up and the field will probably number from twenty-five to thirty. This big field multiplies opportunities for accidents, particularly at the sharp bend Tottenham corner, where Sir Martin came to grief a couple of years ago, and it is this no doubt that has given rise to rumors of a plot to crowd out the popular favorite, Sunstar, though not much attention is paid them by racing men. Lord Derby intends to run his trio, King William, Stedfast and Bridge of Allan, and holds a very dangerous hand, especially if King William has got back to his form.

Probable starters to-morrow are as follows: F. Alexander's Zorak; H. Cholmondeley's Zobelak; Major Cumming's Duke of Lancaster; R. M. Dale's Kel D'Or; Lord Derby's King William, Bridge of Allan and Stedfast; T. R. Dewar's Tim Healy; Mr. Fairies' Phyrus; C. B. L. Fernand's Normit; Capt. F. Forster's Royal Tender; A. Greston's Maas; J. F. Hall's Hark; H. P. Nickalls' Eton Boy; L. De Rothschild's Stanton and Rietri; J. A. De Rothschild's Bronzy; W. M. C. Singer's Royal Eagle and Helios.

FOUR PERSONS PERISH IN FIRE

FLAMES DESTROY BLOCK AT SILVERTON

Two Hotels Burned—Number of the Guests Sustain Injuries

Nelson, B. C., May 30.—A most disastrous fire occurred at Silverton, B. C., at an early hour this morning, totally destroying an entire block of the town, including the Victoria hotel, Windsor hotel, Mrs. Carey's grocery and W. H. Brandon's store building, occupied by E. Patrequin and family.

Robert McTaggart, of Sandon; Robert Fairgrieve and F. L. Fairgrieve, bartenders at the Windsor, and a foreigner from Phoenix, name unknown, were burned to death in the Windsor.

The hotel register being burned, other names are not yet obtainable, and possibly others are also in the ruins. Several others stopping at the Windsor were badly burned and otherwise injured, and have been hurried to the hospital. The hotels were all crowded with guests at the time of the fire.

The fire originated in the Windsor house, cause unknown, and spread so rapidly that the guests secured only scant clothing to cover them. The total property loss will exceed \$25,000. The total insurance amounts to \$6,800.

MORE BUFFALOES ARRIVE

Last of Outlaws of Famous Pablo Herd On Way to Wainwright

Edmonton, Alta., May 30.—One lone lox-car tacked on to the end of the evening train arriving at Strathcona to-day contained the last outlaws of the famous Pablo herd on their way to the Buffalo park at Wainwright, Government Agent Aytette being in charge.

Several others are one thousand head of blon roaming the great park, with 100 calves and an expected batch of other hundred babies. Five hundred tons of hay were consumed by the herd last winter and there are seven hundred tons more on hand. The park, with its bay meadows, will be sufficient to feed a herd of five thousand.

DEATH MARS BIG AUTOMOBILE RACE

MECHANICIAN KILLED DRIVER INJURED

First Accident Occurred When in Thirtieth Mile of Contest

Indianapolis, Ind., May 29.—The race in a nutshell: Starters—Forty. Distance—500 miles. Length of track—Two and a half miles. Laps to finish—200. Estimated time duration—62-8 hours. Total prizes—\$40,000. Cash to winner—\$10,000. Estimated attendance—\$5,000.

Speedway, Indianapolis, May 30.—Eighty-five thousand persons massed about the racing five hundred miles on the grounds of the Indianapolis motor speedway to-day ran the gauntlet of emotions in response to the thrilling feats of forty speed-mad automobiles.

A cool breeze overnight had driven off the intense heat in which the city had sweated for two weeks and the sky was hazy. The free seats in the grand bleachers were filled at 8 o'clock and the grandstand crowd began to arrive on trains. The parking spaces were lined with touring cars.

At 7 o'clock the pits along the track edge swarmed with mechanics and the drivers. Mechanics were busy about their cars examining every part for a possible flaw. Many of the pilots and team-managers had slept with their cars.

The brick track stretched away as clear as a floor. At the turns it had been spread with alkali powder to cut the oil that would drop from the cars and otherwise make the curve dangerously slippery.

Carl G. Fisher, millionaire sportsman, president of the Speedway Association, superintended the piling of militia and the one-thousand special policemen engaged to guard the crowd in the stands and to keep them off the track.

A tumult of applause arose when Bob Burman in the Blitzen Benz drove up before the grandstand to be crowned "speed king."

At 9:50 o'clock Starter Wagner called the cars to the wire. They were ranged in ranks of five in the order in which they had filed their entries in the race. Sharply at 10 o'clock the cars got away. The official start came after Fisher and Allison had led the cars around the two and a half mile course once and to the wire. At the rate of about 40 miles an hour they jockeyed for positions. As they naturally careened around the stand Aitken (National) led. Bruce Brown (Flat) was second, and De Palma (Simplex) third.

Mechanician Killed. At the end of the first 150 miles of the 500-mile race, one man had been killed and a driver injured, four of the forty cars that started had been withdrawn because of breakdowns, and David Bruce-Brown, driving a Fiat, was leading a long grind that promised to continue until 5:30 p. m.

Dickson, mechanic for Arthur Greiner of Chicago, driving an Amplex car, lost his life in an upset on the back stretch in the thirtieth mile of the race. The accident was caused by casting a front tire. The machine skidded to the infield and whirled completely around, tearing off both back wheels. The car was thrown against a fence, his body being terribly mangled.

After an examination of Greiner the surgeons announced that he was not seriously hurt and that there was no concussion of the brain. He had been feared before he regained consciousness. His right arm was fractured and his shoulder dislocated. Harry Grant, twice winner of the Vanderbilt trophy, was forced to withdraw his Alco car at the end of 138 miles on account of a burned out gear.

NEW TARIFF ON WHITE PASS ROAD

Railway Commission's Order Will Go Into Effect One June 1

Ottawa, May 30.—The new White Pass and Yukon Railway tariff, ordered by the Railway Commission on April 1, will go into effect June 1, as no notice of appeal from the board's order has been received. The delay in bringing the order into force was granted in order to give the company a chance to appeal.

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RECORD FOR C. P. R. STOCK

Montreal, May 30.—The market was unusually bullish this morning, Canadian stocks and Detroit United being features. Canadian Pacific opened at \$25, a new high record, and then climbed cable buying and crop prospects to 23 3/4.

CONSPIRATORS DISPERSED

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