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## DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT

Proclamation Issued at Ottawa Yesterday Putting Sudden End to Existence of House Elected in 1908.

ELECTION FIXED FOR SEPTEMBER 21

Abrupt Decision of Government Takes Members Somewhat by Surprise - All Leaving for Country.

OTTAWA, July 29.—The eleventh parliament of Canada passed out of existence today, and upon the political complexion of a new one, to be elected on September 21, will depend the fate of the reciprocity agreement between the United States and Canada. Premier Laurier decided to ask for an immediate dissolution at a neeting of his cabinet this after-noon, and at once notified Ear governor-general. A short ime later a special issue of the official Gazette was printed containing the formal announcement and giving legal effect to the edict.

both Liberal and Opposition cooms the news was received with theers, and the members hurried workers that the campaign was on.

Practically every member will have left the capital by tomorrow, and the campaign on the reciprocity issue will egin all over the Dominion early

The announcement of dissolution today came somewhat as a surprise, as few persons expected it before next week. The refusal of the Conservative minority of the House to close the debate on the government's reciprocity resolution, and permit a vote on it, and the improbability of a chang in the ethicude, resulted in the government's metision not to Reep

arliament another day.

This is the first time a session of the Dominion parliament has been sed without the appearance of the vernor-general in military state at schate chamber to give formal rogation. As the senate was not to reassemble until August 9, and prorogation could not take place thout both Houses being present,

ssolution was resorted to.

Although all the appropriations for government figures that it has funds mough to suffice until a new parliaent has been elected and assemble o vote the remainder. The new par-ament will be summoned to meet or ctober 11, and supply bills will be

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his ministers will take the stump and conduct platform campaigns in all provinces. The prime minister will confine his attention to the central provinces and Quebec, while Mr. Fielding, minister of finance, who helped to draft the cinrecity agreement will devote his or the opposition, Mr. Borden will give most of his time to Ontario and ova Scotia.

The parliament just dissolved had membership of 133 Liberals, 85 Convatives and three Independents, giving the government a working majority of more than forty.

#### CLOSING GAMES OF TENNIS TOURNEY

Joe Tyler Captures B. C. Mainland Championship Held Last Year by B. Schwengers.

VANCOUVER, July 28.—Replete with sood tennis that brought rounds of ap-plause, the fourteenth annual lawn tennis tournament of the Vancouver Tennis Club was brought to a successful conclusion to-day.

The event of the day was the open singles between Mr. J. C. Tyler, of Spokane, and Mr. C. E. Foley, of San Francisco, which resulted in a popular win for the Spokane man after a close and exciting contest. The game carried with it the Mainland championship of British Columbia.

Mr. Tyler won the Northwestern championship a few weeks ago while Mr. Foley has a brilliant record in California. Foley had the better of the play in the first stages but tired towards the end, while Tyler improved throughout, finishing in dashing style. The winner takes the challenge cup, won by Schwengers of Victoria, last year. The score of the match was 3-6; 6-3; 10-12; 6-2; 6-2.

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In the jadies' singles Miss Beckett won rom Mrs. Talbott, after a hard-fought same, the second set going to 11-9. The finol jadies' doubles, Miss Beckett and Miss Remington defeated Mrs. Talbott Miss Chilage.

and Miss Gillespie.

The final in the mixed doubles between H. Garrett and Miss Gillespie, and D. S. Montgomery and Miss Beckett, resulted in a win for the former by 7-5; 6-3; 6-2.

The spectators witnessed a close and exciting match in the final men's doubles between Messrs. E. Jukes and E. N. Gilliatt and H. Garrett and F. J. Marshall. the play being much closer than the score would indicate. The even resulted in a win for indicate. The game resulted in a win for Messrs. Garrett and Marshall by 7-5; 6-3; 6-3.

British Team Wins

WOOLWICH, Eng., July 29.—The cricket team representing the Royal Artillery College of this city, today defeated the players of the Germantown, Pa., Cricket Club who are mak-

ing a tour of England by eight wick-SEATTLE, July 29 .- President R. H. SEATTLE, July 29.—President R. H. Lindsay, of the Northwestern League, today appointed Portus Baxter, sporting editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. secretary. President Lindsay took this action in order to have some one to look after the affairs of the league when he is called out of the ctly on private business.

#### WESTERN FEDERATION

ing Smolter at Anacouda—Some Resolutions Dealt With

BUTTE, Mont., July 29.—The delegates attending the Western Federation of Miners' convention took a day off today and paid a visit to Anaconda. where they inspected the Washoe smelter as the guests of the management and later dined with the mill and smelter men. Today closed the second week of the session. The election may come next Saturday, but inasmuch as desultory discussions have already taken up most of the twelve sessions held, it is thought the convention will be deliberating for another fortnight. A brief forencon session was held, at which the convention voted to table a resolution providing that all men in the mining industry shall belong to a miners' local union, that all charters in conflict with the resolution be revoked, and that all members of the Western Federation of Miners shall become members of the miners' unions in their respective localities.

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A motion to repeal the clause of the constitution prohibiting working contracts for specific periods was referred to a committee. Legislation against the use of "detectives and armed thugs by the capitalist in carrying out its purposes" was adopted.

MYSTERIOUS SHOOTING Southern Man Sojourning in Vancous Is Dangerously Wounded—Book Mates Held

ed Collwell was the victim of a mysterious shooting incident in a room at the Russ Hotel last night and is now

in the general hospital in a very serious condition.

As far as could be ascertained at an early hour this morning, the victim arrived in the city three or four days ago from the southern states, and last night met three friends whom he had known in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Collwell was the only one, it appears who was fortunate to have a room, and he invited the others to sleep with him. The invitation was accepted, the four of them going up to the room, where two of them slept in the bed, while Collwell and the fourth man slept on the floor. Someone put out the light and a few minutes later the sound of a shot was heard. On lighting the light Collwell was found uncon-scious with blood streaming own his face from a wound in the head

One of the men immediately telephoned the police, whe, when they arrived the scene had the man taken to th to the police station where they are be ing held for investigation.

# BUBONIC PLAGUE

Boy in Contra Costa, Cal., Dies as Result of Bites from Ground Squirrel—First Case Reported in Year.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., July 29 .- Dr. W F. Snow, secretary of the state board of health, has received a report of a case of bubonic plague at Contra Costa. The victim was Horace Flood, aged seven years, who died on July 26. He is supposed to have become infected from bites and scratches of a ground squirrel. This is the first case of human infection that has been reported in the last year. Death to Squirrels and Bats

SAN FRANCISCO, July 29 .- Follow ing the death of Horace Flood of bu-bonic plague in Contra Costa, 185 men have been put to work by the federal authorities in San Francisco and the surrounding bay counties, waging war against ground squirels and rats which carry the plague germ. The Contra Costa case is the first reported to the state health authorities this year and it already has resulted in a state-wide en-forcement of the law enacted by the California legislature in 1909, making it a misdemeanor for anyone to harbor ground squirrels. The squirrels are being poisoned and trapped by the federa employees, who are making every effor to prevent the communication of the recrudescent plague germ to the rats of the city. During the last year the rats have been freed of the germ and it was thought until the occurrence of the Flood case that the danger from infection by the squirrels had ceased. The federal health authorities were not summoned to attend the Flood boy until two days before his death, when it was too late to save him. Dr. Rupert Blue past assistant surgeon of the United

States marine hospital here, attended "There is absolutely no doubt that the boy died of bubonic plague," said Dr. Blue, "The complete tests have not yet been made, but enough was determined to decide the case finally. The federal authorities have put men at work in the neighborhood, about a mile north of Contra Costa, and the state law regarding the harboring of ground squirels will be rigidly enforced. If the squirrels can be kept fom communicating the germ to the rats in San Francisco and other large cities, there is no danger, but it is imperative that the squirrels be stamped out."

Dr. Blue had not been informed of the case of Joseph Bergman, who died at Pasadena of yellow fever. "Bergman must have come from south izanillo," said Dr. Blue, "I am satisfied there is no yellow fever in Mexico north of that port."

Serious Floods in Kansas PITTSBURG, Kansas, July 29.—
Floods caused by heavy rains in this vicinity today endangered lives, damaged property and cut off interurban communication with Cherokee and Iroquois countles. Bridges on the Joplin and Pittsburg Electric railroad and the Kansas City Southern are in danger. More than a thousand feet of the interurban railways roadbed near Asbury, Mo., was washed away. Creeks near here are swollen to many times their normal size.

# CONSERVATIVES

Announcement of Elections Finds Party Confident and Enthusiastic - West Will Give Good Results.

ONTARIO SOLID

Liberals Not Sure of One Seat In Manitoba-Hon, Robert Rogers' Summing up of Probabilities.

WINNIPEG, July 29.-The announcement of Dominion elections finds the Conservative party well prepared for the campaign, and at a smoker held in the Young Conservative club rooms tonight there was much enthusiasm displayed.

A big effort was made last week to secure the Hon. Robert Rogers as a candidate for Winnipeg. The minister of public works has taken the matter under advisement, but will return on Monday from his summer home at the Lake of the Woods to take charge of the Manitoba campaign, and will then give his ans-

wer.
Mr. Rogers is brimful of optimism on the outlook. Speaking before his departure on Wednesday to secure a brief vacation, he said the return of the Conservative party to power at the coming election was beyond question. He did not look for the Conservative party to gain seats in Western Canada or the maritime provinces. He believed, however, that the party would hold its own. The the party would hold its own. The Conservatives will gain some seats in Quebec, but the Ontario election would go 85 per cent. against reciprocity and for Mr. Borden. British Columbia, he believes, will go solid for the opposition.

Manitoba will go almost said for the Conservatives. The Liberals have no hope of retaining Brandon with Sifton out of politics. They may retain Provencher, but all the present Conservative, members—Bradbury, Rose, Schaffner, Meighen, Sharp.

bury, Rose, Schaffner, Meighen, Sharp, Staples and Campbell are unbeatable. In fact, the Liberals are having a hard time pacifying the grain man-agers. It is understood that R. L. Richardson, the editor of the Winnipeg Tribune, who is advocating reciprocity this election, will be allowed by the Liberals to be offered as a sacrifice against "Billy" Staples in Macdonald.

In Saskatchewan the Conservatives do not look to gain more than a seat or two, but in Alberta they will retain what they have. Messrs. Herron and Magrath in the south are safe; Calgary will elect whoever runs as a Conservative, while strong hopes are held out for defeating Frank Oliver in Edmonton. The bit-ter feud between the former attorney-general, Mr. Cross, and Mr. Oli-

Prison for Wife Murderer GEORGETOWN, P.E.I., July 29.— Wm. Mollineaux, of Milltown Cross, ried for murdering his wife on May 4. and convicted of manslaughter last Wednesday in the supreme court, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Hassard to 15 years in the penitentiary.

Deaths from Septic Poisoning KINGSTON, Ont., July 29.—Within fifteen minutes of each other Hazel and Maude, daughters of Mrs W. J. Shannon, Newburg road, near Napanee died on Thursday morning of septic poisoning. The girls were 15 and 11 years of age respectively. The trouble

# MINERS VOTING ON RESUMPTION

Men in Crow's Nest Region Start Today to Record Opinions on Acceptance of Majority Report.

ANNOUNCEMENT ON AUGUST 4TH

FERNIE, B. C., July 29.—The miners tomorrow start taking a vote on accepting the majority report of the board of conciliation, following its acceptance by the operators today. This allows for higher wages but an open shop. The announcement of the vote will be made August 4.

The Corbin mine will be closed on Monday indefinitely, also all trains will stop running on the Eastern B. C. railway between Macgillivray and Corbin.

Sporting Writer III OAKLAND, Cal., July 29.—Edward J. ("Eddie") Smith, a boxing referee and sporting writer of national reputation, is critically ill in a local hospital. He is suffering from brain fever, sup-erinduced by nervous prostration.

#### FIGHT OVER TARIFF

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but a conciliatory tone on the wool tariff situation today. Chairman Underwood and Representative Harrison, of the ways and beans committee, and other prominent Democrats, expressed themselves tonist in untriendly terms toward a compremise with the senate that would mean in increase in the rates of the original Underwood bill.

Meantime Pres lent Taft is accredited by those who taked with him today with a determination b veto the bill when it reaches him.

The situation in the house is the key to the source tariff targie in congress. Upon the action of the house early next week rests the possibility of further tariff legislation at this session. Speaker Clark expressed confidence today that a wool bill would be agreed on in conference, and that it would be signed by

Other house leaders, however, adopted a more pessimistic view of the president's attitude, and expect the president to veto any wool bill framed by the present Democratic-Insurgent Republic coalition in the senate. Another faction, of which Representative Harrison, of New York, is the leader, demands that the raw wool duty shall not be inreased above 20 per cent. The general expectation is that the LaFollette comromise, as it passed the senate, will merge from conference as a measure

There was no change in the situation of the senate, the coalition maintaining its strength and its parties expressing confidence in their ability to put through revision legislation.

Three Deaths at Porcupine PORCUPINE, Ont., July 29.—The fires started up again yesterday, and wiped out three camps, but everything is safe C. A. Close, president of the Toledo Trust Company and Inspector C. E. Vance and a guide, were drowned in escaping from the flames.

Spain Takes Action MADRID, July 9.—The Spanish gov-ernment is taking sharp action against the Portuguese monarchists on the frontier. If necessary, Spain will utilize compet the observance of neutrality. Already some arms have been seized, and the leaders in the movement have been ordered to leave the frontier.

Automobile Driver Shot Dead by Man Whom He Was Carrying as Passenger — Apparently Hold-up.

SEATTLE, July 29.-Joseph Taro, who conducts a downtown automobile stand, was shot and instantly killed by a passenger in his car at Twentyseventh avenue and Cherry street tonight. The circumstances surrounding the shooting point to either a deliberate plot to murder Taro or to holdup expedition into which the automobile driver and his car had been impressed. The man who did the shooting leaped from the car after he had killed his driver and made his escape in the darkness Taro was shot three times through the head. The murder was witnessed by C. B. Lamont, vice-president of the Moran company, and a motorman on a Madrona Park car.

According to the story told by Mr. Lamont, Taro's car was moving east on Cherry street at low speed. As it approached Twenty-seventh avenue, the car swung around Lamont's auto-mobile. Mr. Lamont, who was in his automobile driving west on Cherry street, feared there would be a collision and shouted to "Look out, you are on the wrong side of the street." "This is a holdup," shouted Taro in

Immediately the passenger in the rear seat leaped to his feet and shout-ed: "I told you what I would do to and began firing. Taro was shot three times through the back and head. He was killed instantly, but his hands gripped the

wheel and he remained upright. The automobile unguided, turned and ran into the street car, which had come up, and then swung around against the curb, where it stopped. As it struck the curb, Taro's assailant leaped from his place and ran away. The revolver with which Tare was shot was found at the dead

man's feet. The police have obtained only meagre description of the murderer. According to Mr. Lamont and the motorman the man was deessed in a light suit and wore a slouch hat. At Taro's stand it was said that when he started out his passenger was dressed in blue. The police are of the opinion that the man who killed Taro was not the passenger he picked up at his stand, but was some criminal who had pressed the car into service in the residential district.

Fire at San Bernardin

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., July 29 .-Assistant Forest Supervisor Long is-sued a statement tonight in which he said that the fire in the San Bernardino mountains was under control, al-though it might burn for several days yet. Although the situation is enc aging, the rangers took no chances but issued calls for more men to be on hand in case the fire should again get beyond control before being completely extinguished.

### CRUISER NIOBE FAST ON ROCKS

Strikes Shore Off Cape Sable, at Southern End of Nova Scotia, and Is in Dangerous Situation.

SIXTEEN MEN

Steamers from Hallfax and St. John and Transatlantic Liner Going to Ald-Vessel Badly Damaged.

EASTPORT, Maine, July 30.—The Canadian protected cruiser Niobe is ashore off Cape Sable, the southern point of Nova Scotia, and steamer from Halifax, N.S., and St. John, N.B. and a transatlantic liner are hurrying to her assistance in response to calls for help by wireless. The cruiser struck at 11.40 n.m. o

Saturday. Her position is regarded as extremely dangerous, as her starbo ing water forward and aft; according to a wireless message received here. The steamers Lady Laurier and Stephen from St. John, N.B., are on their way to the stranded cruiser, as

is also a government steamer from Halifax, N.S. At 2.30 this morning an ocean liner was only 22 miles distant from the cruiser and signalled by wireless that she was making all speed toward her. Two boats containing sixteen men of

the crew of the cruiser have been carried away by the tide and are unable to regain the side of the vessel. A request has been sent from the vessel to lighthouses along the coast to keep a lookout for the two boats, which are expected to reach shore in the vicinity of Bacaro point,

Following the passage of the naval bill in the Canadian Parliament in Aprii, 1910, favoring the creation of a navy for the Dominion, Canada pur-chased the protected cruiser Niobe from the home government for \$1,075,600. The vessel was laid down in 1895 and launched in 1897.

Her armament consists of sixteen sixinch guns, twelve 12-pounders, four 3-pound quick-firers and two machine guns. She has a steel deck and casement for her principal batteries, carry ing altogether 1900 tons of armor. She is 439 feet long, and it is believed she carries the usual cruiser complement

Aid Sent The United Wireless offices had heard up to two o'clock Sunday morning no further advices than contained in the first alarm, except that Eastport, Maine, a wireless station, was in communication with the vessel and that Halifax was sending aid. This is the message as received by wireless station here: "S.S. Niobe ashore on southwest ledge of Scotia. Wants assistance immediately.

Position 44:25 north; 62:35 west." A high gale was reported along the Nova Scotian coast today. Reported to Boston BOSTON, July 30 .- A call for help sent out by the wireless operator on the Niobe says the starboard engineroom was pierced and flooded and that the

vessel was also taking in waterforward and aft. Steamers from Halifax, N.S., and St. John, N.B., have been sent to assist the stranded vessel. A wireless message from the Niobe, early this morning said: "Two of our boats have gone adrift, with sixteen men, in the tide way and are unable to regain ship, They would Bacaro Point about 6 a.m. Please inform Bacaro Point to keep a lookout for them and keep us informed."

# PRICES ARE SET ON THEIR HEADS

Persian Government Offers Large Rewards for Capture of Former Shah and His Leading Supporters.

RUSSIA DISPLEASED OVER GENDARMERIE

TEHERAN, Persia, July 29 .- One hundred thousand dollars was today set on the former shah's head and \$25,000 each on the heads of Salar Ed Dowleh and Shuah Es Sultaneh, the two Kadjar princes who are his principal supporters.

Major Stokes, former British mili-tary attache, has entered the treasduction of 20 cents. At that price and the sign organized by the American treasurer-general of Persia, Mr. Shuster. After this had been arranged the Russian minister attempted to intervene, threatening the Persian cabinet with reprisals on the part of Russia.

For a time the members of the cabinet, showed some alarm, but already the contract had been legally signed.

duction of 20 cents. At that price and the \$3 freight rate now prevailing to the orient, millers have been able to undersell Australian millers.

Member and Engineer Eure EDMONTON, Alta., July 29.—Hugh Chark, M. P. P. for Centre Bruce, Ont., and Chief Engineer Kelliher, of the G. T. F., were thrown from a rig here, and both were seriously injured.

### MR. PINCHOT'S DENIAL

SEATTLE, July 29.—At a recent meeting of the Seattle Civic Forum, one of the speakers, who is also an Alaska coal claimant, stated that Gifford Pinchot was deliberately trying to delay the opening of the Alaska coal lands in order to profit by furnishing Pocahontas coal to the United States navy yards on the Pacific Coast, Pinchot being, the speaker asserted, a stockholder in the Pocahontas Coal mines. The president of the Civic Forum at once wrote to Mr. Pinchot, asking if the statement was true, and today received the following letter from him, dated Washington, July 25:

"I am delighted to answer your letter of July 19 about the alleged interest of myself or my family in the Pocahontas Mines."

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"First, I have not now, and neve

"First, I have not now, and never had any interest whatever in any coal mine anywhere, or in any coal except to burn in a grate.

"Second, no member of my family has now nor so far as I can ascertain, ever has had, any interest in the Pocahontas Coal mines.

"Third, this is an old lie which dates from the time of the so-called Ballinger-Pinchot investigation, and was dealt with and disposed of under oath at that time. The men who are retailing it now either know already false. I am very glad indeed to authorize you to deny it absolutely, and I thank you for giving me this

WASHINGTON, July 29.—That the revolution in Hayti is really a blood-less one, is indicated in a cablegram to the navy department today from Commander Oman of the gunboat Petrel. He reports the Petrel's return to Port Au Prince from a cruise as far as Jeremis on the southern peninsula. All was quiet, and it was found that the revolutionists had been successful in overturning the government with-out fighting in the provinces of Grandeanas and Tiburon.

Suicide in Seattle SEATTLE, July 29 .- The man who egistered in a hotel here under the me of W. C. Brown and who was found dying of strychnine chocolate drops was identified today as Charles Forrest, of Williams, Cal. A message received by the cor-oner from F. H. Forrest, of Williams, said that the dead man was his son and asked that the body be buried

# MOROGCO GRISIS SAFELY PASSED

Opinion Formed by British office building and nearly a dozen streams were kept playing upon the Public on Situation as Disclosed Yesterday--"German Bluff Called."

LONDON, July 29.—The Morocca crisis is practically ended. At least, this is the opinion of the British public, although the Foreign Office is careful to point out that the negotiations are now simple and may drag on for

While greatly relieved at the improvement in the situation, even serious inded Britishers in discussing the crisis are invariably of the opinion that as war with Germany seems p it would be far better for England if it should come now than later, when the German navy will have been strength-ened; and also that England would better come to blows with Germany over Morocco, or some question in which France is directly interested, than on a question on which Germany and Eng-land alone are concerned in. In the former case England would be assured of the assistance of France, while in the latter France might, with-out dishonor, offer sympathy, but stand aside when it came to a fight. Germany, according to the English view, has made a bluff which is being promptly recalled, and she is now pre-

### paring to withdraw. FLOUR FOR ORIENT attle Millers Report Large Orders

for Delivery During September and October SEATTLE, July 29.—Record-breaking

export flour orders for September and October delivery have been booked by Seattle millers during the last two weeks. Millers said today that the shipments during September and Octoher will be the largest ever made from Puget Sound during those months, One mill has Chinese orders on its books for 100,000 sacks of bluestem cut-off, and several other mills on tidewater and in the interior have so much business that they are not at all anxious to take on new business for September delivery.

A feature of the flour business now developing in the far east is the deand coming from Dainy and Tsin, ports to which comparatively little flour has been shipped in the past from Puget Sound. North China flour merchants are in the market for flour, and Hong Kong dealers are also out with large inquirles. Millers have just reduced the price of

export flour to \$3.40 per barrel, a reduction of 20 cents. At that price and

# PREY TO FLAMES

Huge Early Morning Conflagration Involves Destruction of Lumber Concern, with Monetary Loss of \$100,000

SURROUNDING BUILDINGS IN IMMINENT DANGER

Hundreds Witness Outbreak Which for a Time Threatened Large Gas Tank on Government Street.

In one of the most spectacular fires in the history of the city, and one which for rapidity of progress has probably not seen heretofore matched in Victoria almost the entire plant and stock of the Taylor Mill Lumber company, north Government street, was wiped out at an early hour Sunday morning. While it was impossible to secure detailed amounts of loss the aggregate loss is estimated by members of the firm to be \$100,000, \$75,000 on buildings, ma-chinery, etc., and \$25,000 on stock. Insurance to the amount of about \$35,-

The origin of the blaze is a mystery. The night watchman, Newlands, who was forced to fly for his life before the flames, believes the fire was caused by a spark from the furnaces igniting shaving in the engine room. Mr. E. W. shaving in the engine room. Mr. E. W. Spence, who was on his way home at 1.45 octock first noticed the flames as they appeared in flickering shoots from the wooden funnel of the drying kiln situated on the Government street side of the mill. He started on a search for the alarm box when he mat the night watchman flying in the same direction. Crying out "Where is your alarm." Mr. Spence discovered the box and sent in the alarm. In four minutes the brigade was on the scene and the the brigade was on the scene and the first water turned on. In that incredibly short time the entire mills premises were ablest from end to end, the large wooden atructures being licked up as if you e of tinder.

Flant was Doomed

By the time the fire department had

half a dozen lines laid the plant was doomed, with the exception of the office building on the southern side and that was the chief centre of the fight, as adjoining it on its south side was the large gas storage tank of the B. C. Electric company filled with gas. Every effort was made to preserve the building and the long shed behind. These efforts proved successful and any danger from the possible explosion of

the gas was averted. As soon as Chief Davis arrived at the scene of the blaze he appreciated the necessity of every effort being strained to prevent the spread of the flames to the adjoining mill properties. The harbor indent at the north side of the burning plant prevented the spread of the flames in that direction and several streams were kept playing on the eral streams were kept playing on the buildings and lumber piles of the Lemon-Gonnason plant immediately across the indent. To the west the shore line ran around to the rear of the Taylor mill plant shutting it off from the Canadian Puget Sound Lumber company's mammoth plant. The centre of the fight was the southern ex-

tremity of the lumber yard. Every Effort Used. Every available piece of fire-fighting apparatus was brought into service and practically every foot of hose was used. In addition to the three fire engines the sait water high pressure system was in use from the corner of Government and Herald streets and great assistance was afforded through the operation of was afforded through the operation of the B. C. Electric company, whose recently installed 1,000 gallons per minute high pressure system was in full working order, and six strong streams were order, and six strong streams were played from the southwest angle of the yard upon the office buildings and also upon the gas tank which in this manner was kept at a normal temperature. In fact the B. C. Electric company's system took exactly fourteen seconds to start operations from the time the alarm in the Store street plant was received and water was on the flames as soon as the fire department arrived, Superintendent Tripp, of the company, directing operations. company, directing operations.

The streams from the high pressure systems and engines were good, but the hydrant streams were futile. In fact, when the mill building on the east side of Government street caught fire on the roof the hydrant streams could be the hydrant streams. roof the hydrant streams could not reach the flames.

reach the fiames.

Long after the crowds, attracted by the fiames, had reached the spot little but a mass of smouldering timber and blazing rafters were left to mark the spot of one of the city's chief lumber industries. The heat was intense and on nearby roofs across the street inmates were carefully guarding against the possibility of damage to the structhe possibility of damage to the struc-tures.

Incredible Bapidity.

Between 2.15 and 2.45 p.m., the outbreak was at its height. The flames had spread over almost the entire yard space of the lumber company. Eating space of the lumber company. Lating up the closely packed piles of cut lumber with incredible rapidity the flames shot skywards, breaking in eddying masses at a height of over p hundred yards. By this time over a million feet of lumber were affre, piles of it falling away into charred masses. In spite of the apparent consumption of the combustible mass the fire seemed to gain in brightness, and fanned by a the combustible mass the fire seemed to gain in brightness, and fanned by a steady breeze, the flames commenced to reach across Government, endangering the storage yards of the Taylor company at the corner of Government street and Princess avenue. Shortly hapfore 2:30 o'clock the telephone wires

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