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THE GREAT STRIKE.

The Dock Companies Ask the Police for Protection.

Strikers Indignant at the Empty Sympathy Sent from America.

The Strike Beginning to be Felt in Boston —The Steel Workers of Wales Threaten to Go Out.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—The dock companies have made another appeal to the police to protect the few men they have been able to engage against interference at the hands of the strikers, and the ship-owners have again appealed to the men for permission to unload their vessels as best they may without molestation. In the latter case a refusal was given. It is estimated that 2,000 men are now working on the wharves.

EMPTY SYMPATHY.

The striking dock laborers, through their managing committee, to-day give notice that resolutions of sympathy unaccompanied by cash excite no enthusiasm amongst them. With considerable bitterness toward America and Americans, they contrast the large sums subscribed for their cause in Australia and the empty resolutions of sympathy and brotherly love with which the Americans contented themselves.

ONE THOUSAND MEN AT WORK.

One thousand men were at work at a late hour to-night loading and discharging vessels at the wharves here.

STEEL WORKERS THREATEN TO STRIKE.

The steel workers of Wales have made a demand upon their employers for a 10 per cent. advance in their wages, and threaten to strike if the advance is not granted.

EFFECT OF THE STRIKE IN BOSTON.

BOSTON, Sept. 5.—Upwards of 200 stevedores, longshoremen and freight handlers were idle at the Hoosac dock to-day on account of the great London strike, which detains three ships of the Furness Line in London.

A DEFAULTER.

Absconds from Port Townsend with the Funds of the Seamen's Bethel.

The Port Townsend Argus says: "Wm. Harvey, who for some time has been janitor of the Seaman's Bethel, left on Wednesday, for what his friends supposed to be a visit to Victoria but which was in fact the flight of a defaulter.

The convincing proof of Harvey's rascality was gained from a woman who accompanied him as far as Victoria, with the intention of eloping with him, but before it was too late saw the folly of such a step and returned to this city, where she made known the plans of Harvey. She states that on Monday Harvey sailed on board of the Umatilla for San Francisco, and from there intends to sail on the first steamer bound for South America. The fact of his departure being made known, many acts of rascality and dishonesty, which he perpetrated upon sailors and citizens, came to light.

The exact amount which he has embezzled is not fully known. Some say $500 and others $300. Besides money, he has absconded with a watch valued at $85.

The downfall of Harvey is hard to believe, from the fact that in all outward appearance he was a man of good habits. Being a sailor, his interest in the welfare of the Seamen's Bethel was not thought strange. The sailors all liked him, and had the utmost confidence in his integrity. This is an exemplification of a wolf in sheep's clothing.

Marshal Dalaney has telegraphed to the chief of police at San Francisco to arrest him on his arrival.

OUR NANAIMO SPECIAL.

Geo. Phillips, of Victoria, Has an Adventure in the Woods.

Shocking Death of David Bruce at Comox —Crushed to Death by a Falling Tree.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

NANAIMO, Sept. 5.—David Bruce, twenty-nine years of age, of Comox, was instantly killed by a falling tree. He was cutting one down while the adjoining one was burning down. Just as the chopped tree fell so did the burning one. The tree struck Mr. Bruce, crushing him in an awful manner. Death was instantaneous.

Geo. Phillips, the stove-dealer of Victoria, started across the Alberni trail from Qualicum, employing an Indian guide. The Indian returned, but Phillips, continuing his journey, lost himself in the woods for three days, during which time he was without food. He finally managed to reach Alberni, and returned safely to this city to-day, where he related his adventure.

A TRAGIC AFFAIR.

Probable Suicide of John Collins, a Former Resident of Victoria.

The Vancouver World says: A strange and yet terrible tragedy took place without a doubt either on Sunday night or Monday morning, namely, the suicide of a man named John Collins, by throwing himself into Burrard Inlet. The facts would seem to be briefly as follows: John Collins, who was a man of eccentric habits and well known both in this city and Victoria, has for some time past been boarding with a Mrs. Grady, who resides at the corner of Seymour and Smithe streets. Collins was probably about 52 years of age, with reddish-gray whiskers and hair and rather ruddy skin. He at one time was employed as clerk and messenger in the office of Messrs. Leask & Johnson, Cordova street. About eight or ten months ago Collins was discharged from that office and went about the city for some time in search of work, which he eventually obtained in Messrs. Tye & Co.'s hardware establishment, Powell street. As far as it is possible to find out, this did not last long and Collins was kept rustling from one place to another doing odd jobs just as he could get them. He was known to be strictly honest and hard-working, but at times very peculiar and subject to fits. He was often to be seen going about the streets talking to himself, with a vacant, sad stare upon his countenance as if his thoughts were very far away. He had theories of his own, was evidently well educated and was glad of an opportunity of imparting his views whenever he could get a hearer whom he thought would appreciate his notions of things in general.

From inquiries instituted Wednesday it seems that he occupied the whole of last Sunday at Mr. Grady's house writing letters, bidding good-bye to several people. Wednesday morning Mrs. Grady, disturbed at his long absence, entered his room, and on opening the upper drawer of the bureau discovered a package of letters, the top one being addressed to his landlady. Mrs. Grady, who received quite a shock, did not open the one addressed to her, but at once sent for Sergt. McLaren, who performed the service for her. This pathetic document, pathetic in its very simplicity and honesty of heart, reads as follows:

VANCOUVER, B.C., Sept. 1st, 1889.

To Mrs. Grady, Seymour Street:

MADAME,—I am sorry to say that I can see no means of paying you the two dollars due last Friday, and if I do not return you can feel pretty sure that I have gone as far as the outgoing tide will carry my carcass. If you should feel anxious about me and begin to search around in town for some trace of me, and find this letter, you can consider that you are at full liberty to take possession of all belonging to me on the premises, and do what you like with it in satisfaction for the one or two weeks' rent which I shall most likely then owe you.

It would confer a favor on me if you would post the letters you will find along with this, and it may save bother and enquiries to yourself if you will do so.

Perhaps you will say that this is shortsighted, and if I could see anything ahead to render me hopeful I would not leave you so suddenly, you may depend, as I should not be in the least afraid of being a week or two behind. But the winter is soon coming, and it will be a severe one, unless I am mistaken. That being so, I have made up my mind that at my age I am better out of the world than in it, and if you will never hear of me or see me again you may make up your mind that it is because I have gone so far on the road to the next world that I can't get back even if I should change my mind, and that I have left this letter to tell you so and to bid you and Mr. Grady, and Mr. and Mrs. Twigg, Mr. Dufour, Miss Grady and all others good-bye.

Hoping you will forgive me, and believe me yours (I do not know how) I am

JOHN COLLINS.

P. S.—Please deliver parcel addressed to G. Pollay when called for.

Mrs. Grady, in the course of the search, found the letter to herself and five others all ready stamped and addressed to E. White, Albion House; W. B. Harrison, B. C. Bookstore; W. H. Galley, manager Tye & Co., Capt. R. G. Tatlow; Geo. Pollay, librarian Vancouver reading room. That addressed to Mr. Harrison is very long, and contains this very strange clause: "I would have said something more to you on Saturday night, but you looked so flabbergasted at the puzzling word or two I did get out that I was afraid to say anything more for fear of having my plans spoilt just when they had come nearer to a finish than ever before." After referring to the fact that an inquest is unnecessary, he closes his letter by saying that he does not think Mr. Harrison need try to find his body or bother his head about the matter. The others are letters of good-bye much in the same strain, Collins came to Vancouver from Victoria, and years ago occupied a position in THE COLONIST office as bookkeeper and collector. He was a peaceable, harmless old man. No trace of the body has yet been found.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

AQUATIC.

THE O'CONNOR-SEARLE BOAT RACE.

The contest for the aquatic supremacy of the world, between Wm. O'Connor and Henry Ernest Searle, is close at hand. On September 9th, weather permitting, these two oarsmen meet on the Thames, London, Eng., and barring accidents, the race should be one of the hardest on record. The Toronto boy and the Australian are generally acknowledged to be the fastest scullers in their respective countries, the latter demonstrating this by defeating Beach and Kemp, conquerors of Hanlan, the once invincible, and the former beating Teemer easily, who also won from "Ned" on Toronto Bay.

When Beach retired he handed the world's championship to Kemp to defend against all comers. Though the latter beat Hanlan he had to give way to a young countryman named Searle, who was never before known as a sculler of any note. The newcomer's tremendous bursts of speed during this race, secured for him ardent admirers, who very quietly pitted him against Beach in a private race to see if he could hold his own with the ex-champion. Searle won this race by three boat lengths, no time being given though it must have been very fast.

Perhaps with the exception of the writer and three other Torontonians residing in Vancouver, it is not known that O'Connor ever rowed against Hanlan. Just previous to the Hanlan-Teemer boat race in '87, which the latter won by a bare length, a race was arranged between the two Torontonians so as to test O'Connor's speed. The result was hailed with great satisfaction, O'Connor heading Hanlan by eight boat-lengths at the finish of a three-mile course. Not twenty-five people in Toronto knew anything about this until some time afterwards, when it gradually leaked out, but was not credited. It was shortly after this that Hanlan left for Australia to meet defeat at the hands of Kemp.

Of the coming boat race, which is the all absorbing topic of sporting news the world over, Hanlan gave the following as his opinion of the merits of the two men: "Yes, Searle can row, and row fast. He does not spurt occasionally, but keeps at it from start to finish and he has the necessary strength. As for "Bill's chance—" After hesitating he went on. "Yes, his chances are good, but in my opinion the only way he can defeat Searle is by getting the lead from the start and answer spurt by spurt and I can tell you my boy if Bill once does get the lead the—well, then the championship of the world comes back to the Queen City. Good day."

The latest from London says Searle is favorite at 100 to 80, while numerous bets are made 100 to 70, which find plenty of takers.

BASEBALL.

YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

At New York—New York 3; Indianapolis 5.

At Boston—Boston 4; Pittsburg 10.

At Philadelphia — Philadelphia 3; Cleveland 0.

At Washington—Washington 4; Chicago 1.

At Baltimore—Baltimore 5; St. Louis 5.

At Brooklyn—Brooklyn 6; Cincinnati 3.

At Columbus—Louisville, game postponed owing to the wet.

At Syracuse—Syracuse 3; Rochester 5.

At Buffalo—Buffalo 7; Toronto 5.

At London—Detroit, postponed owing to rain.

At Worcester—Worcester 8; New York 2.

At Lowell—Lowell 0; Newark 5.

At Hamilton—Buffalo game postponed owing to rain.

At Toronto—Toronto, 4; Detroit, 5.

At London—London, 6; Toledo, 3.

At Lowell—Lowell, 4; New York, 5.

At New Haven—New Haven, 5; Cincinnati, 4.

At New York—New York, 4; Indianapolis, 5.

At Worcester—Worcester, 10; Brooklyn, 1.

At Boston—Boston, 5; Pittsburg, 0.

At Philadelphia — Philadelphia, 7; Cleveland, 4.

At Washington—Chicago game postponed owing to rain.

At Baltimore—Baltimore, 3; St. Louis, 2.

At Columbus—Columbus, 7; Louisville, 3.

CABLE NEWS.

Mrs. Maybrick Placed in Solitary Confinement.

Mr. Gladstone Enjoying Himself at the Paris Exposition.

Germany Massing Troops on Her Eastern Frontier—Betting on the Searle-O'Connor Race.

Strengthening the German Army.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—Little by little the German army is being increased. Since the opening of the season four corps have been added and now the Emperor has given orders for the formation of a fifth, with headquarters at Bromberg on the eastern frontier. This movement is evidently intended as a reply to Russia, who continued to mass her troops on her western frontier, and in this way William serves notice upon the Czar he does not mean to be caught napping. The German press comments on this latest move of the Emperor are full of significance. It is pointed out that contrary to the usual custom in such cases, there is no attempt at concealment. The Emperor seems to have taken special pains to give the fullest possible publicity to his plan to mass a formidable force on the Russian frontier. This the German press accept as a note of defiance. The more sensational of the Berlin papers go so far as to say that this indicates a determination on the part of the Emperor's to force Russia's hand. Should Russia reply by further increasing her force on the German and Austrian line, as is confidently expected, a crisis will be precipitated before the end of the year.

Russian Nihilists.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—The Russian police have arrested forty students at Kharkoff and fifteen at Keiff, charged with nihilism. The arrests at Keiff comprised several ladies.

In Trouble With His Constituents.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—James O'Doherty, member of the Commons for Donegal, has run afoul of his constituents by his utterances in support of the decisions of the Irish Land Commission. Several local branches of the National League have passed resolutions requesting him to resign his seat in the House.

Gladstone Doing the Exhibition.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—Gladstone is doing the Paris exposition with a vim and thoroughness that perhaps no living man of his age could equal. He devoted considerable attention to-day to the ingenious water railway, in the working of which he manifested much interest, and declared that for pure inventiveness it surpassed anything that he could recall.

Boulanger Wants a Court-Martial.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—Gen. Boulanger has written to Premier Tirard, claiming the right of trial of the charges against him by court-martial. He writes that if such a trial is accorded him he will pledge himself to appear and answer the charges. If this is refused he says he will submit his case to the judgment of the people of France, expressed at the polls, and has perfect confidence in the result.

The Searle-O'Connor Race.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—The final deposit for the race between Oarsmen Searle and O'Connor was made to-day. Betting is very lively, and now stands at 3 to 2 in favor of Searle.

A New Cabinet.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—The Official Gazette announces the appointment of Mr. Chaplin to the head of the new Board of Agriculture, with a seat in the Cabinet.

The Derby September Meeting.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—At the Derby September meeting to-day, Lord Hastings' three-year-old colt St. Patrick won the Hartington plate.

Mrs. Maybrick in Solitary Confinement.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—Mrs. Maybrick's health has so far improved that the physician at Woking prison, where she is confined, has discharged her from the infirmary, and she now occupies a solitary cell.

Tenants Reinstated.

DUBLIN, Sept. 5.—The tenants on the Gavin estate, County Clare, who were evicted for having adopted the plan of campaign, have been reinstated in their holdings.

Prince Bismarck Ill.

BERLIN, Sept. 5.—Prince Bismarck's physician has ordered him to abstain for the present from all public business. He is suffering with inflamed veins.

THE ANCON'S TREASURE

All Saved and Despatched to San Francisco by the Mexico.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 5.—The Pacific Coast Steamship Co. have received a despatch from Captain Wallace of the Ancon this morning stating that $50,000 in treasure had been saved from the wrecked vessel, and that he had forwarded it to this city by the steamer Mexico.

THE ANCON'S PASSENGERS

Pass Resolutions of Gratitude for Their Safety and Thank Captain Hunter for His Kindness.

At a meeting of the Ancon passengers, numbering about 100, held on board the Elder Sept. 3d, the following resolutions expressive of their gratitude for safety amid perils and for so early a return from their exile in the wilds of Alaska, were unanimously passed:

"We, the passengers on board the steamer Ancon at the time of her wreck, Aug. 28, 1889, in Naha Bay, Alaska, would hereby record our deep sense of gratitude to Almighty God, who ruleth over all, for our rescue from the perilous situation with no loss of life, and for our speedy return from that distant shore to the regions of civilized life on our journey homeward. To Him is due thanksgiving and praise for his preserving care. These we offer with grateful hearts unto the Giver of all good gifts.

In justice to the officers of the steamers Ancon and G. W. Elder, and to the people of Loring, the following résolutions were unanimously adopted:

GULF OF GEORGIA, Sept. 3, 1889.

In grateful expression of our thanks to Capt. J. C. Hunter of the steamer G. W. Elder, for his kindly consideration as passengers on the 28th of August last, stranded upon the distant shore of Naha Bay, Alaska, by the wreck of the steamer Ancon, we hereby record and unanimously adopt the following:

Resolved, That in his prompt and humane action on the 1st of September, on taking us on board of his vessel and turning back from his voyage to Sitka and beyond, that he might send us without delay to Fort Townsend on our way homeward, and thereby save us from possible sickness and suffering, and our friends in our distant homes from agonizing suspense as to our fate in the northern seas far from the reach of telegraph and the bounds of civilization, Capt. Hunter has endeared himself to our hearts by the ties of a strong and tender affection, and publication to under obligations which our thanks can but poorly repay.

Resolved, That the passengers upon the G. W. Elder on her voyage to Alaska, who so readily acquiesced in the decision of Capt. Hunter to retrace his course in order that he might at the earliest day possible restore us to our friends, already anxious over our prolonged absence, have shown a consideration and sympathy for which we proffer to them our sincere thanks.

Though their journey in consequence of the redoubling of a part of their voyage be prolonged for a short period, it is our earnest prayer and hope that it may be completed without disaster and end in due time in a safe welcome to the several and distant homes.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished for publication to the press of Port Townsend, Victoria, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and San Francisco, and the Associated Press.

HON. E. P. FERRY.

The Republican Nominee for Governor of the New State of Washington.

WALLA WALLA, Sept. 4.—E. P. Ferry, of Seattle, and John L. Wilson, of Spokane Falls, will be the first governor and congressman of the new state of Washington when the work of the Republican state convention is ratified by the people at the polls on October 1st.

Ferry was nominated to-night on the first ballot, and Wilson on the third ballot, the former receiving 156 votes and the latter 154. Ferry's nomination was brought about by a trade with Pierce county, whereby Styles was to receive the permanent chairmanship in return for the support for Ferry for governor. The bargain was fully and successfully carried out on both sides.

Spokane was solid for Kinnear. The smaller counties nearly all voted for Ferry. King voted for Wilson for congress; Pierce, Whitman and Walla Walla were for Dunbar.

The following superior judges have been nominated:

Whitman county—M. A. Fullerton.

Walla Walla—W. H. Upton.

Columbia, Garfield and Asotin—B. F. Sturtevant.

Clark, Pacific, Walikiakum, Cowlitz and Skawarna—N. H. Bloomfield.

Jefferson, Kitsap Island and San Juan—M. B. Saches.

Spokane and Stevens—R. R. Blake.

The senatorial district of Jefferson, Island and San Juan nominated Henry Landes, and Spokane and Stevens, E. Houghton.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Mr. Justice Drake Receives Three Months' Leave.

The Westminster Riflemen Win More Prizes at Ottawa.

Chamberlain Stands a Chance for the Grand Aggregate—Sir John Macdonald Returns to the Capital.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Sept. 5.—Judge Drake has received three months' leave of absence to enable him to close up his business affairs.

The Premier returned to Ottawa to-day, looking well. He told THE COLONIST correspondent that he never felt better in his life.

Cotton and Chamberlain of the New Westminster Rifles, won prizes to-day. Chamberlain ties with four others for the last place in the grand aggregate. The ties will shoot off to-morrow.

FINER THAN MARBLE.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—A somewhat novel scheme has been proposed by Claus Spreckels, the sugar king. He has a plan for building an addition to the White House out or blocks of hardened sugar. Spreckels maintains that he is now able to produce blocks of sugar whiter than marble and harder. The material, he asserts, will be less than one-half as expensive as marble. He guarantees it whiter and to hold color perfectly, no matter in what kind of weather, and warrants it to stand the wear and tear of time for an indefinite period.

The plan includes the manufacture of blocks, partly out of cane sugar from Louisiana, and partly out of beet sugar from Kansas, but wholly out of American sugar, and the employment of none but American tools and American workmen.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Shipping.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 6.—Arrived—Bark Seminole, Tacoma. Cleared—Steamers Umatilla, Victoria; Empire, Nanaimo; State of California, Portland.

An Electric Shock.

SEATTLE, Sept. 6.—This afternoon John Nelson, a telephone lineman, came in contact with an electric wire, and fell twenty feet off the pole on to a brick pile. The index finger of the left hand was nearly burned in two. He sustained other injuries and cuts, but will probably recover.

Application for Divorce.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 6.—Clinton P. Ferry, whose domestic troubles have been the cause of comment in this country and France for the past four months, yesterday filed a petition in the district court for a divorce from his wife, Evelyn P. Ferry. He alleges cruelty and adultery, and prays for the custody of his child and release of all claims of the defendant to his real and personal property.

Wreck of the Garston.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 6.—The steamer Australia, which arrived from Honolulu this afternoon, brings news of the wreck of the British ship Garston on Starbuck Island, while on a voyage from Sydney for San Francisco. The crew were saved. News is also brought that Humphrey Islands have been placed under British protection.

Fatal Accident.

OAKLAND, Cal., Sept. 6.—Mitchael Geary, driver for a local express company, was thrown from his wagon last night and received injuries from which he died. Geary was a veteran of the late war. He leaves a wife and six children.

Consumption Surely Cured.

TO THE EDITOR:—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy FREE to any of your readers who have consumption if they will send me their Express and P.O. address. Respectfully, DR. T. A. SLOCUM, 37 Yonge street, Toronto, Ont. sep7-w-1y

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

AMERICAN NEWS.

No Jury Yet Selected in the Cronin Case.

Terrible Results of a Dynamite Explosion in Florida.

Singular Accident on a Train—Destructive Lumber Fire—The Mississippi Negro Troubles.

Mining Troubles in Illinois.

CHICAGO, Sept. 5.—Latest advices from Spring Valley are not very quieting. It is expected that the work of ejecting the tenants from the company's houses will soon be begun. The mines have been ordered closed for six months, but so far no step has been taken to carry the order into practical effect. Other mines of Illinois have either resumed or will do so within a day or so. The 22½ cents per ton is the principal offer, but the Spring Valley men have not been favored with even that. They are out in the cold, and while they will submit to the closing of the mines they will not willingly go out of the houses, which they at present occupy. If the company insists upon eviction, riot and bloodshed will follow.

Collision in a Fog.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5—During a dense fog this morning the iron steam yacht Electra, owned by Commodore Gerry, of the New York yacht club, while anchored in the East River, off Twenty-Third street, was run into by the Fall River steamboat Providence. The Providence was loaded with passengers, and for some time a panic ensued, but was quietly allayed when the steamboat backed out in the stream and it was found that what damage had been done was above the water line. The stanchions and flooring of the middle deck had been carried away and two staterooms had their fronts completely ripped off by the bowsprit of the Electra. No one reported hurt. In the collision the yacht keeled over, and considerable damage was done to her by the water pouring in.

The Strike at Streater.

STREATER, Ills., Sept. 5.—The great body of coal miners in Streater have not yet re-commenced labor in the mines. They are satisfied with 72½ cents per ton, but there are a number of local grievances which they desire settled before going to work.

Threatened Strike of P. O. Employes.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—The post-office department to-day received a letter from the postmaster at Spokane Falls, W. T., stating that the whole force in the office were dissatisfied with the allowances and salaries, and unless additional allowances were made there they would stop work to-morrow at ten o'clock. The department immediately telegraphed the postoffice inspector at San Francisco to proceed at once to Spokane, and in case the threatened strike took place to assume charge of the office, getting what help was necessary. The chief clerk of the mail service of Portland, Or., has been detailed to assist the inspector. The place of the Postmaster now in charge has been filled, and the commission of the new Postmaster is expected to-morrow from Philadelphia, where it now awaits the signature of the President.

Blown to Atoms.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Sept. 5.—A terrible explosion occurred this morning at the mouth of St. John's River, by which two men were killed and several others injured. Capt. Ross, in charge of the government jetty work at St. John's bar, had been engaged for several days in blowing up the submerged wreck of the Dutch brig Neva, which has for some years obstructed the channel off May Port. He had in his employ a lighter in command of Captain A. C. Moore, with a crew of 12 men. Two of the men, R. F. Moore, a son of the captain, and Grand Powell (colored) were soldering a can of dynamite when it exploded with a terrific report and blew both men to atoms. Only one toe of Moore was found after the explosion. Engineer Dunn of the lighter was badly injured in the side and arm. Captain Moore was badly shaken up by the explosion, but is not seriously injured. The explosion was heard for miles around, and caused an upheaval of the water and tremor of the earth, which created considerable alarm. The machinery of the jetty, lighter and engine was completely demolished.

Heavy Loss by Fire.

WINONA, Sept. 5.—A fire this afternoon in the Lacid, Norton & Co. lumber yard destroyed 22,000,000 feet of lumber, 7,000,000 shingles and a three-story brick warehouse and contents, and other property. Loss, $300,000; insurance, $175,000.

A Wife Murderer.

CHICAGO, Sept. 5.—This evening Edward Johnson, a Swedish carpenter, 57 years of age, stabbed his wife five times in the breast, killing her almost instantly. Johnson made no attempt to escape. He has been partially insane for several months, the result of sunstroke, and labored under the hallucination that his wife was running about with other men.

A Prohibition Ticket.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Sept. 5.—The Prohibition state convention to-day nominated Jesse H. Griffin for secretary of state, Jos. W. Bruce for state treasurer, and Benjamin L. Rand for comptroller.

Buildings Collapse.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 5.—The collapse of two buildings on O street shortly after 2 o'clock this morning caught seven men and buried them beneath the debris. Six of them were rescued in a few minutes without serious injury, but the other, Dr. Kells, was caught head downwards between the ceiling and floor of his office, and it was over three hours before he could be released. No one was seriously injured. The collapse was caused by a fire, which had weakened the timbers. The losses are supposed to reach $40,000.

Singular Accident on a Train.

COLUMBUS, Sep. 5.—A frightful accident occurred about noon to-day on a Scioto Valley train just this side of Chillicothe. A special train bringing the Knights of Ivanhoe of this city for their exhibition at the fair grounds from Athens, came by way of Chillicothe in order to give an exhibition at that city next Thursday on their return from Columbus. The train had freight cars attached, in which were the horses of the knights. Two members of the order, Winfield Scott and James Caheen, had occasion to get on top of the cars, and while their attention was attracted in a different direction, the train passed under a bridge which surmounts the track, and they were knocked off the top of the train. Caheen was mangled in a horrible manner, and when picked up his remains were found to be so mutilated they could only be identified by the uniform he wore. Scott was violently struck and little hopes are entertained of his recovery. Scott is supervisor of the Athens insane asylum, and a cousin of President Scott of the Ohio State university.

The Cronin Murder Trial.

CHICAGO, Sept. 5.—Twenty-seven salesmen were examined in the Cronin murder trial to-day. When the Court adjourned, all had been excused for cause, except George A. Creighton and E. E. Graham. They will be held over until to-morrow. Freeman Gross still remans the only juryman who has been passed by both sides, but it is probable he, too, will be dropped, as under the ruling of Judge McConnell the right of peremptory challenge may be exercised until the twelfth man has been passed by both sides.

Negro Troubles in Mississippi.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 6.—A letter from Leflore county says: "Armed negroes are now scattered in squads in the swamps and are being pursued by 300 armed white men. The negroes being refused ammunition at Jamieson's store on the Tallahatchie river, burned the building. A posse pursued them and about forty negroes were killed. Many negroes were killed at the other end of the parish. Governor Lowry is severely denounced by the white people of Leflore for not sending Cromwell back to them. They charge that Colonel Jones Hamilton, lessee of the state penitentiary, used his influence to save Cromwell, who is an ex-convict.

A Wealthy Farmer's Suicide.

AURORA, Ill., Sept. 6.—Dr. David Tilton Brown, a wealthy retired farmer, hanged himself on his farm near Batavia on Wednesday night. Dr. Brown was at one time Chief of the famous Bloomingdale Asylum of New York, and was regarded as an authority on the treatment of insanity. In 1875 he became insane, and went to Europe for treatment, where it was supposed he died in an Edinburgh asylum. During all this time, however, he has been living in comparative seclusion on his beautiful farm near Batavia. He was, no doubt, suffering from insanity when he hanged himself.

Thought Better of It.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—The Acting-Postmaster General has received a telegram from Spokane Falls, Wash., conveying the information that a majority of the clerks in the postoffice there have concluded to remain at their posts of duty, and not go on a strike on account of the alleged inadequate allowances for salaries, etc., as they threatened to do yesterday.

Violated the Customs Laws.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—The treasury department has received a request from Richard Bayliss, of Rhineland, Manitoba, for the release of a yoke of oxen and wagons seized in Dakota for a violation of the customs laws of the United States. The department submitted the matter to the collector of customs at St. Paul, in whose district the offence was committed, and he reports it has been ascertained that Bayliss has been in continuous violation of the law, and on the occasion when the oxen and wagon were seized he had brought the articles into the United States without any permission from the customs officers, and had loaded the wagon with timber cut from land in the United States, with a view of stealing the timber and carrying it into Canada. The collector concludes his report with a recommendation that the petition be denied. The department approves of this recommendation and refuses to authorize the release of the property.

THE WASHINGTON ELECTION.

The Complete Republican Ticket Selected.

The following is the ticket selected by the Republican Convention of Washington, and which the party are confident will lead to victory in the first election in the new State next month:

For Member of Congress, John L. Wilson, of Spokane; for Governor, E. P. Ferry, of King; for Lieutenant-Governor, O. E. Laughton, of Okanogan; for Secretary of State, Allen Weir, of Jefferson; for Auditor of the State, Thomas M. Reed, of Thurston; for Treasurer of the State, A. A. Lindsley, of Clarke; for Attorney-General, W. C. Jones, of Spokane; for Superintendent of Public Instruction, R. D. Bryan, of Chehalis; for Commissioner of Public Lands, W. T. Forrest, of Lewis; for Justices of the Supreme Court—R. O. Dunbar, of Klickitat; John P. Hoyt, of King; Theodore N. Stiles, of Pierce; T. J. Anders, of Walla Walla; Elmon Scott, of Garfield.

WESTMINSTER NEWS.

[From The Truth.]

Sheriff Armstrong, who has been confined to his bed for the past two weeks through illness, is able to be around on the streets again.

The B. C. Mills Co. is having a dock built at the foot of St. Andrew's street, sufficiently large to accommodate two large-sized merchant vessels.

Wm. Bryant, dry goods clerk in the Globe House, Columbia street, died yesterday morning of consumption. The deceased was a native of St. Johns, Newfoundland, and was 28 years of age.

The staff in the registry office has been increased by the addition of two clerks. The work is said to be four months in arrears, and is constantly getting further behind. For some time past the registrations made averaged about 40 per day. The whole staff is at present working four hours overtime each day.

The C.P.R. bridges along the line between Port Moody and Yale are being put in repair. A number of them are said to be in bad condition.

The contractors for the new addition to the asylum for the insane are taking advantage of the fine weather and pushing the work as rapidly as possible. Some 40 men are employed in the work. The building is expected to be completed some time in January next.

At Westminster Junction yesterday afternoon, a young man named Walter Bull had his foot, by accident, severely cut with an axe. He was immediately taken in charge by friends and brought to Westminster for proper treatment.

The new addition to the penitentiary, talked of for some time past, is likely soon to become an absolute necessity. There are at present 92 convicts in this establishment, and the building at most can scarcely accommodate 100.

Wm. McColl left yesterday for Columbus, O., where he goes as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia Odd Fellows, and intends visiting several Eastern cities before returning.

Mrs. Page, of Victoria, who has been the guest of Mrs. Laidlaw the past few days, returned home yesterday.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

FEARFUL LOSS OF LIFE

By an Explosion of Dynamite in an Antwerp Factory.

Three Hundred Men Killed and One Thousand Injured.

Large Petroleum Stores Set on Fire by the Debris—Meagre Details of a Fearful Disaster.

ANTWERP, Sept. 6.—A large quantity of dynamite exploded in a cartridge factory here to-day, totally demolishing the building in which the explosives were kept, and killing two hundred men according to a late estimate, and injuring about five hundred more. The factory was located in the vicinity of the Bourse, which at the time of the explosion was crowded. The burning portions of the factory were hurled against the Bourse, setting it on fire, and creating a panic among the members, several of whom were injured. The factory was situated immediately back of the docks, upon which millions of cartridges were being unloaded. Some large petroleum stores stood adjacent to the factory, and these were set on fire by the burning fragments and are now burning fiercely. The city is enveloped in smoke. Fortunately, the cartridges on the docks were not affected by the explosion.

LATER PARTICULARS.

Eighty thousand barrels of petroleum are burning. The majority of the victims are workmen, but the number includes several soldiers. The damage to property will reach many millions. The fire is still burning fiercely, and the best the firemen hope for is to extinguish it in twenty-four hours. The heat from the burning masses of petroleum is intense, and it is impossible to approach within a couple of hundred yards. Several vessels have been burned at the docks, and others were only saved through the promptness of action of their officers in towing them out of danger. The fire is not now spreading, and it is hoped, if the wind does not rise during the night, that the flames can be confined to their present limits. A strong wind would, however, set the whole city in a blaze.

25,000,000 CARTRIDGES EXPLODE.

The explosion occurred in a workshop where a large number of old cartridges had been taken to pieces. Many men and women were employed in this shop, and they were actively engaged in breaking up the old cartridges. There were fully 25,000,000 of these in and about the premises. Part of them were already broken up. The flames covered two acres of ground, and rose to an immense height. Amidst the fierce roar of the flames are heard from time to time the loud reports of explosions, to which there seemed to be no end. These explosions are supposed to be of packages of cartridges stored in the buildings, which seem to remain intact until the hot tongues of flames were actually upon them. The shipping at the African docks is in serious danger, and all the facilities for removing the vessels from the immediate vicinity of the conflagration are being pressed into service.

THREE HUNDRED LIVES LOST.

ANTWERP, Sept. 7.—At an early hour this morning the fire was still raging with undiminished fury, and the military are assisting the firemen in preventing the spread of the conflagration. It is now certain that fully 300 people have perished, and no less than 1,000 are injured.

The scenes at the hospitals, where the wounded have been conveyed, are heart-rending. The ships at the American docks were saved, the wind being favorable. The explosions at the burning cartridge factory still continue at frequent intervals, and the flying shells render the work of the firemen and soldiers extremely perilous.

RIGHTS OF COAST SEAMEN.

A Naval Officer Sued for Inhuman Conduct.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 5.—Alfred Holben, Otto Detweitz and Roy Frandsen, members of the Coast Seaman's Union, made affidavits before Notary Public Lyons to-day which charge Captain Healy, of the United States ship Bear, with taking them from the bark Estelle, which was discharging coal into the Bear at Port Gamble, June 28, 1889, and, compelling them to do duty on board the Bear. When they asked to be returned to their vessel they were inhumanely treated and afterward put ashore to shift for themselves. It is stated Holben will commence action against Captain Healy for damages, and also petition the treasury department for his removal.

HON. EDGAR DEWDNEY

Arrives at Westminster from Ottawa—He will be Banqueted on Monday.

From our own Correspondent.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Sept. 6.—Hon. Edgar Dewdney, accompanied by Mrs. Dewdney, and Mr. McGirr, his private secretary, arrived from Ottawa to-day. He was met at the station by many old-timers, with whom Mr. Dewdney mined and worked in Cariboo in '59 and '60. He remains here till Tuesday. On Monday he will be banquetted.

ALBERNI NEWS.

Mr. Armstrong arrived at Nanaimo from Alberni on Thursday, bringing the following from the settlement:

A man was seen at Alberni, and is supposed to be there now, who is thought to be Northway, the embezzler from Seattle. He is described as follows: Brown whiskers, slightly gray on chin; hair slightly curly; high forehead; weighs about 170 pounds; light complexion; rather reserved in communication; cleanly in habits; appeared rather cultivated in manner and conversation.

The crops throughout the district have turned out excellent. Heavy and continuous rains visited the settlement.

Mr. Frank McQuillon obtained two young mountain lions from an Indian, and they are as tame and playful as kittens.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

ATTEMPTED ESCAPE.

Seattle Prisoners Make a Break for Liberty, and Nearly Kill Their Jailor.

(Seattle Post.)

A desperate attempt at escape, which nearly resulted in the murder of the jailor, was made by four prisoners at Seattle on Thursday morning. The jailor was horribly hacked with a razor by one of the prisoners, and kicked and beaten by the others. Three of them, Charles Clark, James Davis and Barney Martin, succeeded in escaping from the jail enclosure, but were recaptured in less than an hour, Davis with a bullet in his shoulder that he had received in his flight.

About 8.30 o'clock the jailer, P. Farrahar, went to give the prisoners their breakfast, the corridor was opened, and the prisoners passed out one by one to receive their rations. Several had been served when Charles Clark's turn came. At this moment, whether by a preconcerted arrangement or not it is not known, a prisoner in the north corridor called out to the jailer that he had not received his breakfast. The jailer relaxed his vigilance for a moment to speak to the prisoner who had addressed him, when Clark sprang forward and threw a handful of red pepper into his eyes.

FIGHTING THREE DESPERADOES.

Although almost blinded from the effects of the cayenne, Jailer Farraher prepared for the struggle he saw was inevitable. Clark was upon him, followed by three others before he could close the corridor door, so he seized Clark by the throat with his left hand, while his right went back after his revolver.

A terrible struggle for life then began. Davis, who was close behind his companion in crime, grappled the jailer from behind and tried to beat him to the