

### MORE RAILWAYS MAY COME HERE

#### N. & S. IS ANXIOUS FOR A SETTLEMENT

#### If One is Reached City Will Insist on Stipulations.

There is a likelihood that the litigation between the city and the Victoria Terminal Railway and Ferry company, which has now been pending over two years, will be settled amicably. In this matter the company is seeking to enforce the payment of \$15,000, the first installment of the annual bonus which the city undertook to pay it, while the city wants to have the market building returned and the agreement abrogated.

It is probable that as a result of negotiations now in progress the company will construct a station in a more advantageous place, and that incident to this the Northern Pacific and the Burlington systems will secure and entrance into Victoria by this route. The city will also insist on a general improvement in the service and in this connection it is rumored that the company is planning to improve its motive power.

### MANIAC CAUSES PANIC IN BANK

#### Threatens to Blow Up Building Unless \$50,000 is Paid to Him.

(Times Leased Wire.) Redwood City, Cal., May 27.—Volcing will threaten to drop a dynamite bomb on the tiled floor of the Redwood City National Bank, unless \$50,000 was paid him immediately. A man, who was paid \$50,000 from the state asylum at Agnew, has been arrested among a score of bank patrons late yesterday. In a wild rush for the door several women were trampled by the terrified customers.

The lunatic, wearily garbed and with a week's growth of beard on his face, entered the bank and made his way to the window of assistant cashier Frank Towne.

"I want \$50,000 at once. Give it to me or I'll blow up the place with a bomb," he shouted. "The public owes me money, and I'm going to get it."

The threatening demand was followed by a wild start for the doors. Patrons fought with one another in their effort to get out of the building. Miss Mary Anne Gillis, a stenographer who saw the rush from the opposite side of the street, screamed for help and then fainted.

Cashier L. P. Behrens, coming from his private office in the rear of the banking room, saw the situation. In an effort to temporize with the wild-eyed stranger, he remarked diplomatically that the president of the bank was not in the building and he alone had access to the vaults where the gold is kept.

Meanwhile, deputy sheriff Lortzer, who had been summoned by one of the bank clerks, arrived and placed the man under arrest. A search of his clothing at the jail failed to bring to light explosives or weapons. An hour later a telephone message from the Agnew asylum verified the belief of the authorities that the man was returned to the asylum last night.

### PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR BUMPER CROP

#### Favorable Weather Experienced in Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

(Times Leased Wire.) Spokane, Wash., May 27.—Not for a decade have conditions in the Inland Empire looked more favorable for crops than at present. This is largely due to the fact that in the grain belts the ground to a depth of from two to twelve inches is thoroughly soaked and the light showers, accompanied by sunshine, have been falling during the past few days. Reports from north-eastern Oregon, northern Idaho and eastern Washington are of the most encouraging nature. They tell of the wheat standing better than it has for many years and that in one instance a field covering 200 acres runs from 35 to 50 stalks to the stool.

The acreage in northern Idaho is fully 30 per cent larger than it was last year and it is reported from north-eastern Oregon and eastern Washington that there is the increase over last year will be 10 to 30 per cent.

While this seems to be no way accounting to estimate the size of the coming crop, the farmers of the Snake River valley and the Idaho prairies venture to guess that this fall they will ship a strong 25,000,000 bushels of wheat.

In the Palouse and Central Washington fields the growers declare that if the customary rains fall late in June they will ship at least 20,000,000 bushels.

### ATTACKED BY MOB OF MORMONS

#### WOMAN AND TWO MEN ROUGHLY HANDLED

#### Crowd Threatened to Lynch Them in Settlement Near Lethbridge.

(Times Leased Wire.) Vancouver, B. C., May 27.—A special from Lethbridge, Alb., says Mormons at Magrath, a settlement 22 miles south of there, have roughly handled and threatened to lynch two Calgary men and a woman.

It appears that over a year ago, Harrison Barclay married a Mormon girl, the couple making their home in Calgary. A month ago the wife returned for a brief visit to her parents, where she was, however, persuaded by her parents and the church to remain. Unable to induce his wife to return, Barclay with his sister, Mrs. Bolderson and Jas. Barclay went to claim the child of the marriage.

A mob, however, got together and seizing the Gentiles, shackled Barclay and the self-styled sheriff took them before a Mormon magistrate who ordered the child to be left with the mother and the three Gentiles leave the place. The sheriff then swore in deputies and handcuffing all three, including the woman, took them to the railway station and the mob followed threatening to hang them. The Mormons called for ropes in order to lynch them. Ropes were not forthcoming, but the mob rushed on the Gentiles, beat them down, beat them severely and soaked them with eggs. They threw Harrison Barclay through a window and the top of his finger was severed. The sheriff and deputies made no effort to interfere.

Finally their appetites for violence appeased, the Mormons left and the victims came to Lethbridge. No arrests have been made so far.

### SIR JOHN FISHER WILL RETIRE

#### TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRES IN OCTOBER

#### Lord Charles Beresford, it is Stated, Will Succeed Him.

(Times Leased Wire.) London, May 27.—It is reported to-day that Sir John Fisher has decided to retire and that Admiral Lord Charles Beresford will succeed him as First Sea Lord of the Admiralty.

This would be a great triumph for Beresford, as he was relieved of command of the Channel fleet in March and the result of a four years squabble in the navy which divided the admiralty.

Fisher's term expires in October, but his threatened retirement is said to be due to the government's failure to support his policy.

### CROP OUTLOOK

#### Optimistic Reports Received From the Prairie Region.

#### THREE NEW CANONS.

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, May 27.—Rev. John Garton, Dean Gill and Rev. Jeffery were made canons of St. John's cathedral by the archbishop to-day.

### BRIDEGROOM ARRESTED ON WEDDING DAY

#### Held on Charge of Having Murdered His Grandmother.

(Times Leased Wire.) Bay City, Mich., May 27.—Accused of the crime of murdering his grandmother, Mrs. Christine Corey, Roland Rich, 23 years of age, is to-day in the meshes of the law, and his bride, whom he married yesterday, is heartbroken.

Rich and Miss Annie Kaiser were wedded early yesterday forenoon, and in the afternoon his arrest was ordered by her grandmother who was found in her bedroom suffering from wounds that indicated she had been beaten with a club. The aged woman died later in a hospital. Rich was arraigned in court and a continuance was granted.



### VOTING ON CITY BY LAWS.

The Ratepayer—Yes, Mr. Mayor, I am strongly in favor of all necessary civic improvements.

### GALES SWEEP COAST OF NOVA SCOTIA

#### Shore Strawn With Wreckage of Boats—Lobster Traps Damaged.

(Special to the Times.) Liverpool, N. B., May 27.—Latest advices from the storm swept Nova Scotian coast shows that the whole lobster industry on the southwestern shore suffered great damage. All along the shore the sunken boats, wreckage and smashed lobster traps. At the height of the gale, which lasted Sunday and Monday, tidal waves swept in, moving boats high upon the wharves and flooding many buildings.

### HAVOC WROUGHT BY FOREST FIRES

#### Town Reported Destroyed—Camping Parties in Danger.

(Times Leased Wire.) Neganue, Mich., May 27.—Forest fires are raging in this section of the upper Peninsula and reports from Dalton say that the town has been destroyed.

When the fire threatened Dalton last night, a special train was ordered and the inhabitants, with as much of their possessions as they could carry away, were taken to a place of safety.

Many fishing and camping parties in the woods are in great danger and their fate will probably be unknown for several days.

No rain has fallen in this district in several weeks and the timber is very dry.

### ASSESSMENT COMPLETED.

(Times Leased Wire.) Winnipeg, May 27.—After determining all appeals, the board of valuation and revision yesterday presented to the board of control a statement on the 1909 assessment, including the general assessment and the business tax assessment. The rateable realty assessment for the year amounts to \$107,977,200, of which \$65,446,720 is on land and \$42,530,480 for buildings. The exempt property is valued at \$23,405,520. The business assessment on rental value amounts to a total of \$3,987,740, which at a fixed rate of 6.2-1/2 per cent should produce a revenue of \$206,251.60. The population of the city is shown to be 122,390.

### DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, May 27.—The sentence on Tetrault, an American horse trainer who killed a homesteader near Battleford last November and was sentenced to hang, has been commuted to life imprisonment.

### BRANDON RACES.

(Special to the Times.) Brandon, May 27.—Will Meyburn, owned by J. D. Chappell, Victoria, won the free for all yesterday in 2:14 1/2 in straight heats.

### BUSY SEASON FOR GEOLOGISTS

#### PLANS FOR WORK ON VANCOUVER ISLAND

#### Number of Parties Will Be Engaged During the Summer.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, May 27.—The programme of summer work for the geological survey has been completed and the allotment of field parties arranged as follows: R. G. McConnell will complete the examination of the geological and mineral resources of Texada Island.

S. P. McLaren will finish the topographical survey of Texada Island.

W. W. Leach has been engaged in mapping in the vicinity of Hazelton and the Skeena river, and will examine in detail the coal area near Telkwa, discovered by him last season.

C. E. Clapp will continue geological investigations on Vancouver Island.

W. Sutton will report on the coal rocks of the east coast of Vancouver Island.

### FLOODS INUNDATE MISSISSIPPI TOWN

#### Residents Take Refuge in Upper Parts of Their Houses.

(Times Leased Wire.) Jackson, Miss., May 27.—The town of Quitman is submerged to-day as the result of a food. All business is suspended and the residents have been forced into the upper parts of their houses. Some have had to move out entirely.

The loss from the high water is heavy throughout the state. Miles of railroad tracks have been destroyed and the loss to the railroad companies is estimated at a million dollars. The rain that has been falling incessantly for many days, continues without sign of cessation.

### ATLANTIC LINER GROUNDS IN FOG

(Times Leased Wire.) New York, 27.—The North German Lloyd steamer Princess Alice, bound for Bremen via Plymouth and Cherbourg, went aground off Fort Wadsworth just outside the narrows in the lower bay to-day. She is in an easy position but is hard and fast. It is thought that it may be impossible to float her at high tide.

### HUNDRED SPANISH FISHERMEN DROWNED

#### Over Fifty Boats Have Been Wrecked During Storms.

(Times Leased Wire.) Bilbao, Spain, May 27.—As a result of the violent storms that have raged on the coast in the neighborhood it is estimated to-day that 100 fishermen have been drowned. More than half a hundred fishing vessels have foundered in the gales.

### ALLEGES WITNESSES COMMITTED PERJURY

#### Honey Will Endeavor to Prove Detectives Gave False Evidence.

(Times Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Cal., May 27.—That the prosecution in the Calhoun trial will try to prove that Luther G. Brown and Thomas Gibson, United railroad detectives, gave testimony which they knew was untrue, was the assertion of Special Prosecutor Francis J. Heney to-day. The statement was called forth by an objection offered by defence Attorney King to Heney's question to Dr. Guy Brown, of Oakland, who was on the witness stand, Brown had testified that he was in the James L. Gallagher home in Oakland when it was dynamited, and that Gallagher also was in the house at the time, contrary to testimony offered within the last week.

Heney asked the witness if, at any time subsequent to the dynamiting, he had been interviewed by a detective. Brown replied that a man giving his name as Hart, claiming to be a Pinkerton employee, had talked with him after the explosion.

King's objection to this question interposed before the answer was given, called from Heney the following: "The question I asked the witness is material. By following this we want to show that Brown and Gibson knew parts of their testimony was false when they made it; also that they tried to manufacture evidence."

Thomas Gardiner, treasurer of the Fremont's Fire Insurance Company, which was called to corroborate the testimony given by Brown, Gardiner was a member of the Gallagher family in Oakland, and was in the house immediately after the explosion.

Wm. Abbott, chief legal advisor of the United railroads, testified that reports on jurors, delivered him to by E. A. Platt while in the employ of the district attorney, were no longer in his possession. He stated that the reports were always destroyed after the completion of the case in which they were involved.

### MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Topeka, Kan., May 27.—Daniel Logganston, a farm hand, shot and killed Mrs. James Abel at her home near Grantville, six miles east of Topeka, yesterday, and then killed himself.

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#### Second Mate Also Severely Burned and May Not Survive.

(Times Leased Wire.) Vancouver, B. C., May 27.—Hans Larsen, deck hand, and three Japanese dead, Second Mate C. W. Watts badly burned and may die, and others of the crew suffocated or burned slightly, is the tale of disaster brought to port this morning by the steamer Coquitlan, of the Union Steamship Company's fleet.

While off Point Roger Curtis, en route to the Queen Charlotte Islands, about 5 o'clock this morning, the little steamer caught fire from some unknown cause, the flames starting in the cabin and rapidly gutting the cabin, saloon and galley room.

Larsen was caught in his berth and suffocated to death, while Watts, also caught in his berth, had a narrow escape from death. Two of the Japanese were burned in their berths, and the third, Fireman Sato, was overcome by smoke in the engine room.

Second Engineer George Black stuck heroically to his post until forced to shut off the engines and escape to the deck.

There were ten passengers aboard the steamer besides a heavy cargo and seven large horses, none of which were injured. The passengers aided in the battle for life in their nightclothes, using the fire hose until the water supply gave out, and then forming a bucket line.

The steamer came back under her own steam, arriving at 11 o'clock.

### BUSINESS LOTS IN GREAT DEMAND

#### Large Sums Offered for Property at Prince Rupert.

(Times Leased Wire.) Vancouver, B. C., May 27.—The third day of the Prince Rupert sale opened to-day. Residential property to the east of business section, and situated between Sherbrooke Avenue and Conrad street, were put on the market and a large number was disposed yesterday.

The sale then continued of lots in the business section and those on Second and Third Avenues were in great demand, large sums being freely offered for corner lots. The largest sale was the south east corner of Sixth street and Second Avenue, which was knocked down to Westenhaver Brothers for \$10,000. Other corners were disposed of for \$8,800 and \$8,750.

The total amount of the sales now amounts to \$89,115 of which \$39,670 were taken on Tuesday.

### TAFT MAY TRAVEL NORTH ON CRUISER

#### The St. Louis Will Probably Take President and Party to Alaska.

(Times Leased Wire.) Puget Sound Navy Yard, Wash., May 27.—It is rumored here to-day that the cruiser St. Louis, which is making ready to go to sea early next month, will take President Taft and his party to Alaska this summer. The destination of the St. Louis is not officially known.

A draft of 70 men was received yesterday from the cruiser Milwaukee. A like number of men were transferred from the cruiser Maryland, which brought a contingent from the training station at San Arnan.

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Denver, Colo., May 27.—Samuel H. Young, of Twin Falls, Idaho, delegate to the Presbyterian General assembly, was found dead in his bed here to-day. An autopsy probably will be held tonight.

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