

## STRIKE SPREADS AT VANCOUVER

MORE UNION MEN  
ARE CALLED OUT

Application for Injunction to  
Stop Employment of Non-  
Union Workmen

Vancouver, April 25.—In Supreme Court chambers this morning application was made before Mr. Justice Gregory for an injunction against the Norton Griffiths Construction Company from proceeding further with the work on the Labor Temple with non-union carpenters. Yesterday the Norton Griffiths Construction Company, from proceeding further with the work on the Labor Temple with non-union carpenters, the Union carpenters having gone on strike. This morning J. W. De Farris appeared on behalf of the Labor Temple company, asking for an injunction to stop work on the ground that there were clauses in the contract calling for union labor alone to be used. His Lordship allowed an adjournment of one day, there being no one present representing the contractors. The matter will come up again at 10:30 o'clock to-morrow morning. Members of other trades were called out this morning on buildings where non-union carpenters were employed. Steamfitters and other union workmen are reported to have quit work on the Hotel Vancouver addition, and on the Holden building, as well as on several buildings under contract to Messrs. McDonald and Wilson. In all these cases non-union carpenters were working on the same jobs. Smith and Sherbourne are the contractors on the Holden building, and Mr. Skene on the Hotel Vancouver.

### FIVE FIREMEN INJURED.

Ladder Collapses and Men Are Thrown  
on to Railway Tracks.

Seattle, Wash., April 25.—Five firemen fighting a fire in the Byrne storage warehouse at 112 Railroad avenue, south, were injured late yesterday when an 18-foot aerial ladder collapsed under their weight and threw them to the railroad tracks. The injured men are: Fred Bayn, ladderman; truck No. 1, left forearm broken, thigh lacerated and suffering from internal injuries; captain engine company No. 2, this broken; Ray Hartnett, lieutenant engine company No. 2, face and scalp cut, slightly burned; C. J. Moorehead, ladderman, truck No. 1, head and face cut; Walter Zeigler, lieutenant, truck No. 1, cut about head and face. The fire broke out in the top floor of the warehouse, a five-story brick and concrete building, which was burning fiercely when the first firemen arrived. A string of freight cars prevented them from putting the aerial ladder directly against the building, and it was stationed across the track and raised to its full height. Five firemen carrying two lines of hose climbed the ladder, Bayn, Moorehead and Lieut. Zeigler going to the top. When the water was turned into the hose the strain was too great and the ladder buckled and collapsed, the men turning over several times in the air as they fell. The injured firemen were rushed to the city hospital, and a second alarm was turned in, calling into action all the downtown apparatus and both fire engines. The fire burned stubbornly nearly an hour, but was confined to the two upper floors of the building, which were completely gutted. The lower floors were thoroughly drenched with water and the damage there was slight. The loss estimated at \$75,000, fully covered by insurance.

### BRITAIN AND STATES.

New York, April 25.—"The historian of the future, when New York shall be the whole of New Jersey, and stretch up to Kingston, will not find much to praise in the English and the United States as a nation." Ambassador Bryce at the dinner of the St. George Society here tonight, "but will acknowledge what has been done by the English speaking people as a people."

The ambassador said King George V. was trying to live up to the high standard set by his father and grandfather, and was winning the confidence of his people.

Someone in the audience asked: "How about Ireland?"

"There never was a time," Mr. Bryce replied, "when the relations between England and Ireland were better; there never was a time when the Irish people had more money in their savings banks; there never was a time when there were so near to becoming the owners of the land as they are now."

A message was received from King George thanking the society for the greeting it had cabled to their Majesties.

### MUST PAY FINE.

Chicago, April 25.—W. Vernon Booth, who was president of the now defunct firm of A. Booth & Co., was fined \$2,500 by Judge Kavanaugh in criminal court to-day on a charge of obtaining credit and money under false pretenses from the Continental National Bank. The fine was imposed after two indictments against Booth and Frederick R. Robbins, who was secretary of the company, charging a conspiracy to defraud, had been quashed.

### WILL ATTEND CORONATION.

Vancouver, April 25.—Seven Indian boys representing all the tribes of the Fraser valley will attend the coronation. One of the boys will be the leader of the party.

## PIRATES ATTACK STEAMER'S CREW

Stoker of Stranded Liner Asia  
Carried Away—Warship  
to Be Sent to Scene

Shanghai, April 25.—Warships probably will be sent to recover as much as possible of the wrecked steamer Asia's cargo, which was deserted to China pirates, when passengers and crew were taken off by the Chinese steamer Shooking. The value of the cargo, made up principally of silk, is estimated at \$500,000. After the passenger had escaped, pirates attacked the crew, and though the sailors put up a hard fight they captured one stoker and carried him away. The others of the crew with the passengers and mails were brought to this port.

All Aboard Saved.

Tokio, April 25.—It is reported officially to-day that the passengers and crew of the Pacific Mail steamer Asia were rescued after the vessel went ashore on Finger Rock Sunday. The mails were saved.

Steamer Not Abandoned.

San Francisco, Cal., April 25.—Cable advices received at the headquarters of the Pacific Mail S. S. Co. in this city to-day, say that the Asia has not been abandoned, though there is no possibility of pulling her off Finger Rock, where she lies half submerged, the forward part of the vessel being entirely under water. Capt. Gulkroger, of the stranded steamer, and some of her crew are standing by in a tug, and it is not believed by the officials of the company that the Chinese pirates who infest that part of the coast have secured much of the cargo. There is little or no hope of recovering what they may have taken away in their junks, however.

## NELSON TO HAVE NEW HOSPITAL

Directors Decide to Inaugurate  
Campaign—Building to  
Cost \$60,000

Nelson, April 24.—The directors of the Kootenay Lake General Hospital Association have decided to erect a new building at a cost of approximately \$60,000 to replace the present inadequate and inconvenient structure. This action arose out of the report presented by the special committee appointed at the annual meeting to look into the question of putting up a new building or making additions and improvements to the present structure. The latter course was considered impracticable and the directors decided to inaugurate a campaign to raise from \$30,000 to \$35,000 immediately, the provincial government having given an undertaking to put up dollars for dollars for all money raised by the association.

The report of the committee on the question was signed by the convenor, J. M. Lay, and was in part as follows: "Looking to the present necessities, and those of the immediate future, they feel that a hospital of at least 50 beds should be provided as quickly as possible. The present building is inadequate in all respects. Your committee fully considered the question of building to the present hospital, so that it could continue to be used during the construction of the new one, but the site and construction of the present building prevents this being done. The present building would therefore have to be pulled down before a new one could be erected. The committee therefore think that a new site should be obtained with advantage. Several suggestions in regard to the question of a site have been under consideration, but it is felt that any decision on this can be left over."

Your committee suggest that a canvassing committee should be appointed forthwith, to solicit subscriptions both in Nelson and the district, and that this canvassing committee should start work in the city of Nelson, as if this is successful it is felt that it should be able to obtain funds from outside sources. "Your committee further recommends that as soon as the funds are assured an expert hospital architect be engaged to prepare a plan of the new building, and to prepare plans for the building."

Mr. Lay, in a discussion which followed, stated that it would be a waste of money to attempt to improve the present building. He thought that an endeavor should be made to obtain a more suitable site. It was estimated that the present site was worth about \$5,000 for residential lots, and several of the directors thought that this might be sold and a more suitable location obtained as a gift from some person or corporation.

The directors were one and all enthusiastic supporters of the plan to put up a new building, and there was a lengthy discussion as to ways and means. The question of finance, of course, occupied a great deal of attention, and it was decided that an active campaign to raise the sum required should be commenced at the earliest possible moment.

GIRL GUIDES AT VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, April 24.—Girl Guides are now being organized here, the first branch being formed at the First Presbyterian church, where the idea was taken by the girls of the congregation. Since that the patrol has been opened to any who want to join. Miss Baden-Powell will visit the city within the next week to aid in the founding of new patrols. The uniform worn is a dark blue skirt and blouse with a pale blue handkerchief tied about the neck and a dark blue Scout hat resembling the hat worn by the Boy Scouts.

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## INFLUX OF FARMERS FROM THE STATES

Two Hundred Thousand Will  
Come to Western Canada  
This Year

Toronto, April 25.—The Canadian Northern Railway officials estimate that 45,000 United States farmers will be settling the lines of the railway in the west this year. The total immigration of American farmers to western Canada, they say, will be 200,000.

Two hundred thousand acres of land will be thrown open for settlement along the company's lines this year. Beyond Edmonton, 10,800 free homesteads have been opened for settlement and a great rush of land seekers is reported from the Peace River valley.

### ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE.

Methodists of the world, five to seven millions strong, will meet this year at the representative five Ecumenical Conference in Canada. Two previous conferences have been held in London, and one in Washington. This year's is to be in Toronto, the date, October 17 to 19. For organization of the conference there are two divisions of Methodists, the Eastern, comprising Great Britain, France, Australia and South Africa, and the Western, having a dozen or more bodies in the United States, and one each in Canada and Japan. Sir Robert W. Perks, treasurer, and the Rev. James Chapman, secretary, of the British committee, are in this country and have just helped the American committee to complete the Toronto programme.

### NEW USE FOR STALE BEER.

Pullman, Wash., April 25.—On account of numerous reports that cutworms have begun their annual campaign of destruction in the orchards and gardens, Professor A. L. Melander, entomologist, is sending out instructions to farmers to feed the pests poison. To attract the worms, the Pullman State beer is employed as bait. "Cutworms have a great liking for stale beer," said Professor Melander, "and if given free access to it will get stupidly drunk. The beer, of course, does not destroy them and they will sober up unless the beer is mixed with bran mash previously poisoned by a mixture of Paris green."

FIVE NEGROES SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Oklahoma City, Okla., April 25.—Five negroes were sentenced here yesterday to hang from the same scaffold in Oklahoma City on June 21 for the murder of W. H. Archie, who was robbed and killed March 23.

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## OPIMUM SEIZED ON TRAIN AT BLAINE

Porter in Charge of Sleeping  
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Custody

Seattle, Wash., April 25.—Packed away in three apparently ownerless grip, 240 five-gram tins of opium valued at \$7,200 were taken at Blaine yesterday morning from a sleeping car on the Great Northern Owl train by Customs Inspector Elmer Hughes and Immigration Inspector C. Young.

Seth P. Storrs, a giant negro porter, who had charge of the car, was placed under arrest by Deputy Marshal Ludwig Frank. He was arraigned yesterday and pleaded not guilty to a charge of having opium unlawfully in his possession. He was released on furnishing \$1,500 cash bail. His hearing is set for 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The grip were first noticed by Inspector Hughes before the train crossed the line and as each one was under a different berth, made up, though uncoupled, his suspicions were aroused. As soon as the train crossed the line Hughes opened the grips and found the opium. When questioned by officers, Storrs stated that he did not know how the grips got aboard the train, but he maintained he has been in the employ of the Great Northern for five years and has a wife and child in Seattle.

### NELSON SPRING ASSIZES.

Nelson, April 24.—At the spring assizes which open here on May 8 there will be three criminal cases from this district and in all probability one from East Kootenay, as it is understood in local circles that the assizes set for Fernie will be cancelled and the one case on the docket heard at Nelson.

Of the local cases, Rex vs. Paul and Rex vs. Thurston, are charges of attempted murder, while the third is that of William Grant of Rossland, who is charged with perjury in connection with a liquor case. Grant is now out on \$3,000 bail.

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## RAILWAYS MUST FORFEIT LAND

Portland Judge Decides In  
Favor of U. S. Government  
In Oregon Case

Portland, Ore., April 25.—Federal District Judge Charles E. Wolverton yesterday decided that the Southern Pacific and the Oregon and California railroad companies must forfeit to the United States government about 2,400 acres of land, which is valued at \$40,000,000 to \$75,000,000. After one of the most impressive legal combats ever waged in the west, the court ruled that an empire in Oregon cannot be bottled by the railway in this way.

Taking the plain words of the act of congress granting the land for railway construction work, the court holds that congress intended this land should be used for the purpose of constructing a road greater than 180 acres to an individual and at a price not exceeding \$3.50 an acre. Every argument and contention made by the railway company has been defeated in its fight with the government.

SALE OF STOCK ORDERED.

Chicago, April 25.—Judge Kohlsaat in the United States circuit court yesterday ordered that \$11,000,000 of the common stock of the Southern Indiana railway be sold after ten days unless defaulted bonds and interest amounting to \$4,762,777 be paid. This is one of the lines promoted by John R. Walsh.

The court ordered that if the sale failed to pay the indebtedness, the Chicago Southern, which endorsed the notes of the Girard Trust company of New York, be held jointly liable. The trust company's loan of \$4,000,000 was made in 1905. The bonds matured July 1, 1907.

## STATEMENT ON DEBT OF VANCOUVER

Civic Finance Committee Dis-  
cusses By-Laws—Drinking  
in Cafeterias

Vancouver, April 24.—A statement was submitted to the civic finance committee concerning the city's indebtedness. This showed that general issues had been made of \$14,008,751.20, and \$877,000 of local improvement work. The city's share of local improvement work on which bonds had not yet been issued was \$1,365,000.52, making a total of \$15,914,000.52, as against a debt limit of \$19,914,000. At the last council meeting by-laws were passed on second reading covering \$50,000 for sewers and \$35,000 for the Clark Drive street and there was also a by-law for \$200,000 for the purchase of stock in the Second Narrows bridge, for which bonds are not yet issued.

Computing these measures against the balance of the debt limit, a balance of only \$24,414 was left for other by-laws. Aid Stevens prefaced the informal discussion by stating that he believed only the by-laws which were absolutely essential should be put into effect. After some debate it was thought best that the Clark Drive by-law be laid over until January. The waterworks by-law, covering the Seymour creek main, was probably share the same fate, it being pointed out that the pipe would not be here until the end of the year.

By-laws which were favored for immediate submission, in addition to the sewer by-law were for distribution mains in Hastings, \$75,000; and in D. L. 301, \$125,000. For street improvements in Hastings and D. L. 301, measures for \$50,000, covering which district will be left, the balance of the allotment, according to the annexation agreement, being left over until January.

A. H. MacNeill, K. C., appeared on behalf of the amusement company which is endeavoring to procure the transfer of the licenses of seven moving picture houses. He claimed that there would be no monopoly created by the action, and that the policy was not prejudicial to the public interest. The proprietors of two moving picture houses dissented from this view.

Later in the meeting the committee, after some discussion, decided to allow the transfers to be made on the understanding that no five cent theatres be allowed on Hastings street, and that the promoters of the new company operate with the license inspector in maintaining a high standard at the places. It took two votes to reach this decision, a resolution favoring the transfer being declared lost on the first vote; but this was later reconsidered.

On the question of a higher license for all-night cafes as compared with hotels maintaining dining-rooms only at stated hours, the solicitor said the council could not act until the provincial liquor act was changed to meet the case. Aid Stevens discussed the question of parties purchasing liquor at shops, etc., and drinking it in license holding houses where liquor cannot be sold. He suggested that the prohibition of drinking in eating houses be made a condition of the licensing of the places. The subject of the cafes was then discussed with the license commissioner, and the solicitor will report on the eating house question.

### CLAIMS BILLION DOLLARS.

Washington, April 25.—A billion dollars is the modest sum that Elbert R. Robinson, a Chicago negro, seeks to collect through the United States court of claims. The government is made defendant in a suit he has brought because of alleged infringements on patents on an electrical signal system which he alleges were granted to him. Robinson will argue his own case.

## BASEBALL FEVER INFECTS COUNCIL

MAYOR MORLEY FOUND  
IN A PITCHING MOOD

Council Accepts Invitation to  
Attend Opening Game and  
Favors Half-Holiday

The baseball epidemic which recently assumed such pronounced dimensions in the city of Victoria dropped a germ into the city council chamber on Monday during the deliberations of the civic administrators. The effect was almost instantaneous. In a few minutes an uncomfortable aggressive new-sold hold of the mayor and aldermen; they fairly twitched with the exultant desire to pitch, and before they could return to other business their whole beings had been absorbed with the ravishing ball game and they had committed themselves, individually, collectively, and irrevocably to the furtherance of the game in Victoria.

It came about in this way. The Victoria Baseball Club sent an invitation to the mayor and council to attend the opening game in Victoria in connection with the Northwestern League. At the same time they announced their intention of holding an automobile parade in honor of the occasion, and in order to make the opening as auspicious as possible they requested the mayor to declare a half-holiday on May 3, the opening day. The latter part of the invitation wound up with the claim, couched in language of charming frankness, that the club was the greatest advertising agency the city ever had.

There was a killing silence for a few seconds after the clerk had read the invitation. It was in that brief period that the germ of ball ingratitude itself upon the minds and hearts of the civic fathers. Still they would not surrender without showing fight; but it was all to no purpose. They were in the grip of the game before they could speak, and when they did speak it was easy to tell from the involved manner they adopted that they were thinking of "fade-aways," "waterfalls," "air-benders" and other classical curves and forked triumphs of the pitcher's art.

Alderman H. M. Fullerton, probably likening the silence to a killing frost upon this budding project, got up to defend the scheme before anyone thought of attacking it. He explained that the club had been formed by a number of gentlemen in the city for the purpose of advertising the city purely and simply. These men had put \$10,000 into the scheme, and they did not expect to get it back in the immediate future. The business and playing managers of the club had instructions from the directors to do everything in their power to help Victoria while they were on tour. Mr. Wattlett and Mr. Householder had been supplied with the necessary advertising matter from the Vancouver Island Development League. In addition to that great advantage he thought that good, clean sport in any city was something that ought to be encouraged and therefore he asked the mayor and council to accept the invitation of the club. He made motion to that effect, also asking the mayor to declare a half-holiday on the opening day.

Alderman Okell seconded the motion, saying that the club would be as good an advertising agency as the development league. "The mayor then pointed out that it was not for him to declare a half-holiday, but that it was for the citizens. If a sufficient number of them desired it all they had to do was to ask it. As for attending the opening game he had no objection in the world, and he would not pitch as many balls as he was able to."

Alderman Langley earned some distinction by objecting to the half-holiday part of the scheme. "It was a game," he said, "and it was not for the citizens. If a sufficient number of them desired it all they had to do was to ask it. As for attending the opening game he had no objection in the world, and he would not pitch as many balls as he was able to."

Alderman H. M. Fullerton reminded the council that it was the custom to great half-holidays for other functions likely to be beneficial to the city and he saw no reason in drawing the line on this occasion.

Finally, on the mayor's suggestion, a motion, recording the council as in favor of a half-holiday and accepting the invitation of the club was adopted unanimously.

The last word in the first baseball game in the council was supplied by Alderman Fellen who facetiously remarked to the mayor, "Pass your veto on it."

### GUILTY OF CARELESSNESS.

Vancouver, April 24.—At the inquest into the death of Thomas Patrick Foran, who was killed Wednesday night while trying to cross in front of one of the B. C. E. R. Company's night shutters attached to two freight cars at the corner of Grant street, the jury brought in a verdict to the effect that the company was guilty of carelessness in not giving any warning either by bell or whistle, when the shutter was about to be lowered, that there had been no fender protection on the front of the freight train, and that the headlight on the shutter was too high for public protection from the city limits. They exonerated the motor man from all blame, as in their opinion he had done all he could to save the life of the deceased as soon as he saw the deceased's intention of crossing in front of his train.

Sheet aluminum makes better vise jaws for holding soft metals than either brass or copper.