





**Impassive, Speechless Crowds Witnessed  
Fiery Flames Destroy Their Homes Un-  
til They Are Driven Back**

of its own volition, impassive and speechless, melted away as the flames swept through intervening streets and houses, and brick work crumbled before the heat of the flames, and what was once the homes of millionaires is now nothing but a black mass of smoke and steamy and oppressive air. What struck me was the impassive silence of the crowd. The people just stood, saying nothing, but watched and waited as the flames pushed away through the streets, simple too awful. While the effects of the fire were gross, even sublime, the effect on the people was something that they saw was their all being instantly consumed before their eyes. I stood in the street for a long time, no longer excited, in Lafayette square, where I slept the first night, and whatever they could reach and camped and slept beside the fire, and I saw the people known as the wealthy people of California.

He was stopped and asked what the bottle was for. He said it was for water. The bottle was examined and it found to contain liquor. It was broken on the street. The man was asked if he had drunk any of what I thought was wine. He just threw it away. He said he was not going to be bad, but little water. I did not suffer for water, being in the district where there was no water. The water was so extent, so I was able to get what water I could.

"It is in the Mission district, however, where the real misery came in. Heant that the people were in the worst of the men are without either food or water. I am not exaggerating. The city that is the worst suffering area. I do not know how much of the people are in the district was, but the reports went out from the streets of the city that the people were in the worst of the disaster. The newspaper reports are not exaggerated at all. On the whole, the reports are not exaggerated at all. The horrors of the full extent of the catastrophe.

and had a good many friends in camp. The district coroner was at once notified, and it is expected that an inquest will be held.

**WESTBRIDGE IS BUSY**  
(Special To The Daily News)

Grand Rapids, Aug. 10.—A large man arriving this morning from Westbridge on the west fork of the Kettle river, states that the Sully is shipping regularly to the Trail smelter, 43 men being employed. The cost of freight and treatment of the Sully ore is \$7.50 per ton. The farmers here are waiting for the coming of the Sully men for treatment. Several other properties are working and the camp is busy. The Sully men are being taken to Vernon railway for still further activity.

White, pioneer prospector and miner is preparing to develop the Tiger property on Pathfinder mountain. Over 100 feet of work has already been done on the Tiger with good results.

White, a local, has returned from a month's visit to his old home near

An interesting case was set down for trial yesterday by his Honor judge Forin in chambers.

The late Charles Marks, of Nelson, deceased, left the bulk of his property to his widow, designated as "my wife during my life time." W. J. Wilson and E. A. O'Shea were named as executors of the will. The only claimant to the estate was Mrs. Susan E. Marks, of Nelson. The property so devised is now claimed by Mrs. Annie J. Marks, of Schreiber. The claimant claims to be the widow so designated in the will, and claims the property devised in the will, through her solicitor, R. W. Hannington. J. O'Shea appeared for Mrs. Susan E. Marks.

The case will be tried at the assizes beginning on May 18th, without a jury.

### RECEIPTS INCREASING

From the weekly returns of revenue from the street car system, it seems probable that the city treasury will receive the service for seven weeks in the winter. The total revenue for the current year will be \$1,000,000, and the receipts for the year to be met by the city consequently less. The weekly returns of receipts for 1904 are reported weekly. For the week ending April 2nd, 1906, the receipts were \$138,340, and for the week ending April 9th, \$112.55 from 309 passengers in the corresponding week of 1904. The return for the following week will be \$138,340, and for the similar period of last year.

### MINING RECORDS

Two mineral locations, two certificates of work and a bill of sale were recorded in the Yellowstone recorder's office April 1.

Miss Mary Wallder recorded an eight-acre location on Indian mountain, eight miles south of Salmo, located April 4.

John P. Belt recorded a claim on Indian mountain, eight miles south of Salmo, located the same day.

Certificates of work were issued to Frank Allen on the Montana and the Big Snake mountains.

Toronto, April 25—Prince Arthur of Connaught officially opened the horse show this morning at the Agricultural Exhibition grounds. The grounds were filled with a large and fashionable crowd, including many visitors from outside provinces.

Prince Arthur, who arrived at the Toronto club by the directors of the horse show, prior to opening. At five o'clock the prince was taken to the grandstand of the Toronto Humane society at ten A. M. and then to the Agricultural Exhibition grounds by the lieutenant governor this evening, after which the prince again visited the grounds and the Agricultural Exhibition grounds at 8 o'clock this morning.

improvements to the furnaces are being completed so that it will be in position to handle about 120 tons daily and treat 1300 tons daily.

### PROVINCIAL AID

Government Makes Grant of \$10,000 to the Relief Funds

The provincial government has decided to contribute \$10,000 to the relief fund and to contribute \$unspecified amount to governor's office. The minister of agriculture, Mr. J. B. Kennedy, said at Ottawa: "On behalf of the people of British Columbia the government forwards you twenty thousand dollars for immediate needs." R. McBride.

### COAST FRUIT MEN ALARMED

New Westminster, April 23.—Fruit growers of Maple Ridge, Hammond and Howe have sent letters following to the Hon. J. B. Kennedy, M.P., at Ottawa: "Any Lords' bill legislation by which exportation of fruit would be prohibited would ruin our business in Northwest trade, which it has taken years to build up, as the coast fruit men take three days to get their produce to market. This condition is urgently requested."

amendment, which would permit the 'production' of food for human subsistence. Fitzpatrick asked if 'preparation' would be a 'good' proposition." John G. O'Donoghue, for the journeymen bakers, objected to any departure from the rights they possessed under the existing law of Ontario, but he was assured by the speaker that the bill provided for the maintenance of the existing provincial law. C. Parkinberry, representing the Grimsby Park Bakers, presented an amendment which would permit the production of charging admission fee on Sunday. He said they only conducted divine service and the gate fee had the effect of keeping out the mass of mere pleasure-seekers. "If we gave away the service," said A. C. Macdonell, "it would open the door to all sorts of Sunday amusement under the guise of religious services and destroy the whole effect of the bill."

Chief architect Ewart has been under







