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NELSON, B. C., THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 16, 1901

PRICE FIVE CENTS

## INSURANCE COMPANY WINS

### CORDINGLY'S APPLICATION WAS FRAUDULENT.

The Celebrated Nelson Furniture Company's Fire Engages the Attention of the Supreme Court.

The celebrated case of E. C. Cordingly vs. the Scottish Union Insurance Company, in which the plaintiffs sought to recover the amount of loss suffered through the fire in the Nelson Furniture Company's premises, was ended at 7.30 o'clock last evening when the special jury found for the defendant company. The attempt in this case to force the insurance company to pay has a peculiar interest in that E. C. Cordingly, one of the plaintiffs in the action, was put upon his trial shortly after the fire upon a charge of arson and was acquitted by Judge Forin.

The hearing of the evidence occupied the greater part of three days, after which the case was left with a special jury composed of C. A. Waterman, foreman; William Park, George W. Steele, John Lachore, W. N. Ironsides, W. L. McLean, H. Macpherson and D. J. McLachlan to find upon five questions of fact. Justice Drake presented these to the jury, and carefully weighed the evidence bearing upon them. The first question was: Did the plaintiffs, Cordingly or Furdy, set fire to the goods in question, or assist in so doing? With respect to this question Justice Drake explained that in order to find a verdict against the plaintiffs upon this point the jurors would have to be as fully satisfied that the crime was committed by the plaintiffs, and as fully proven, as would be necessary in a criminal trial, and they should treat the evidence submitted in the same way. Their answer to the question, however, would not be equivalent to a verdict of guilty upon a criminal charge, but it must be determined by the same weight of evidence. The only evidence offered was that there had been insurance upon the plaintiffs' stock for two years for the small sum of \$2500; that Cordingly had a falling out with his partner, that litigation was commenced between himself and his partner, and that insurance was subsequently increased to \$6000. There was also the suspicion of Purdy the partner that it was Cordingly's intention to set fire to the place and do him out of his share in the business. But the only real evidence against Cordingly was that he was the last person in the building before the fire broke out, that 20 minutes after he left the premises the fire broke out, and the suspicions of Purdy. This the court declared was not sufficient evidence to convict a man of arson.

The second question was: Did the above plaintiffs or any of them give notice to the defendants of any objection to the appraisement made by Mr. McKowen? The court explained that the question came under certain clauses of the policy which the jury would have to consider. Among other provisions a statement of loss, if any, had to be submitted by the insured. Upon this point it was evident that the insurance company received some notice of the loss because Mr. McKowen was sent to make an appraisement one month or six weeks after the fire occurred. The court, however, suggested that the plaintiff's statement of loss, or what might be considered as such, was not sufficient for the requirements of the policy. The statement required to be in the form of an affidavit, and the one submitted was insufficient because it admitted of a variety of constructions and could not be submitted to the test of an affidavit, which was an action for perjury. There was also provision in the policy for cases of disagreement upon loss appraisements, which provided for the making of an appraisement by two competent and disinterested appraisers. There was evidently disagreement in the present case, but nothing had been done in the matter of securing the appraisement provided for under the policy, and in speaking of this provision the court expressed the opinion that it was evidently a

speedy and safe method of arriving at a conclusion with respect to any loss.

The third question submitted was: Were the declarations made by the plaintiffs with regard to their loss true in every particular to the best of their knowledge and belief? In dealing with this the court passed over some of the minor objections which were taken to the statement of Mr. Purdy, but laid particular stress upon the omission in this statement of Mr. Purdy's belief as to the origin of the fire. The court observed that it might be possible to suggest a reason why this statement was not put in, but it was not for him to say whether the declaration was true to the best of the maker's knowledge and belief.

The fourth question was: Were the goods sold by Mr. Day so sold at the request or by direction of the defendants? With regard to this the court observed that the evidence of Mr. Day was that he sold the goods with the consent of both plaintiffs. There was no evidence that the insurance companies had any knowledge of the sale of the goods. This question was important in view of subsequent steps which might be taken in the case.

The fifth and last question was probably the most important of all: Was there any fraud, misrepresentation or false statement in the plaintiffs' application for insurance herein? With regard to this the court directed attention to the application made for the \$2000 insurance. In this application the value of the stock, at stock taking, was given at \$8500, which was incorrect, to the extent of \$1300, the amount to which the stock was overvalued. Cordingly, who made this statement, could easily have ascertained that the value of the stock was but \$7257. Then the present value of the stock was given as \$10,000. The evidence showed the value of goods at stock taking \$7257, subsequent purchases bringing it up to \$11,461, and sales in turn reducing it to \$6364, making the value of the stock in the store but \$5097 at the time of the fire. So far from \$10,000 worth of goods being there, it was evidently one of those cases of overvaluation which enable persons to take very little care whether there is a fire or not, which removed the slightest necessity of their protecting their property. The question for the jury was whether the application for insurance contained a false statement, and the evidence showed the allegation of \$10,000 was a valuation very much in excess of the value of stock carried at any period. The court concluded with a reference to the manner in which Mr. McKowen, the insurance company's appraiser, had conducted his appraisement in the course of which a very high compliment was paid to this officer.

The jury retired to consider their verdict a few minutes to 6 o'clock and the court adjourned till 7.30. When the court resumed the jurors answered the first four questions in the negative and the last, with respect to fraud, misrepresentation or false statements, in the affirmative.

Railroad Surveyors at Greenwood. GREENWOOD, May 15.—[Special to The Tribune.]—The Great Northern surveyors reached Greenwood this morning and are camped near the Elkhorn brewery in the northern end of the town. While reports have been sent out that the line tapping Boundary camps will start from Carson, following Fourth of July creek to Phoenix and then along the divide to Summit Camp, it is now evident that the engineers appreciate that all camps can be reached with less mileage from Midway along Boundary Creek valley. The length of the proposed Carson route to Summit Camp is approximately 25 miles, giving railway facilities to three camps only. The route from Midway up the Boundary valley through Greenwood to Phoenix would be 21 miles, tapping, with short spurs, Smith's Deadwood, Copper, Providence, Long Lake, Kimberley, Summit, Phoenix and Skylark camps. The grade for both routes is practically the same, viz., three per cent.

Assizes at Golden.

GOLDEN, May 14.—[Special to The Tribune.]—The assizes at Golden opened today. The grand jury found true bills against Collins for murder and Chamberlain for cattle stealing. Chief Justice McCoy presided. Hon. T. Mayne Dally appeared for the crown.

## THE LATEST FAD NOT POPULAR

### Hotelmen Likely to Take a Hand in the Game.

The movement to make Nelson a five-day-a-week town, the more it is considered, finds less favor among merchants who do business with people who live outside of Nelson.

A merchant, who has decided to make a stand against the movement, said yesterday: "The meeting at the board of trade rooms on Tuesday night was in no sense of the word a representative one. Few of the leading houses were represented, and those that were were unanimously against the movement. It is all very well for small retail grocers who do business in the residence parts of the town to favor such a movement, for they do not sell a dollar's worth of goods to outsiders. As far as they are concerned, they could, without loss, close up every afternoon in the week."

Another merchant who is opposed to the movement said: "Fully 50 per cent of my trade is with people who live outside of Nelson, and in order to hold this trade I must do business as business is done in towns with which Nelson

competes. It would be folly for me to close on Thursdays, and I intend to keep open."

But it is not only the leading merchants who are opposed to the movement. The hotelkeepers are awakening to the fact that if no business is to be done in Nelson on Thursdays, they will be the greatest sufferers. They say that their trade comes largely from the outside, and that if they are to have two Sundays a week, through the action of the merchants of Nelson, then they will take steps to protect their interests in such a way that the merchants of Nelson will not like. They say if their business is to be cut off one-sixth in order that a fad shall be tried, they will be compelled to take a hand in the game. A few orders for groceries and other hotel supplies placed with merchants doing business in Kaslo and Rossland may have a sobering effect on the faddists of Nelson.

The transportation interests may also have something to say in the matter. It strikes them as being useless to run trains and steamboats six days a week to a town whose business men only want to do business five days a week. They say they can make a considerable

saving in wages if they can do the business in and out of Nelson on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Commercial travelers declare that they will have to rearrange their routes if Nelson is to be a five-day-a-week town. They claim that they will be compelled to cancel dates for Nelson hereafter.

Those who have no interest in the matter other than the privilege of paying taxes on real estate say that if a few more fads are adopted in Nelson the city assessor should readjust his values on real estate.

The residents of Nelson who have more time now than they can put in comfortably say the movement is a foolish one, because there is no special amusement or recreation on Thursday afternoons, and there cannot be any until such time as all the towns in Kootenay come to an understanding that Thursday shall be a regular holiday. Were that done, athletic games and sports could be made a special feature for Thursdays throughout Kootenay, and the day could then be passed with some degree of enjoyment.

THE TRIBUNE is of opinion that the movement was started without due consideration, and that it had better be quietly dropped.

## NELSON A WIDE-OPEN TOWN

### ON THURSDAYS THE SAME AS ON OTHER WEEK DAYS.

The Closing Movement Finds Little Favor Among Leading Merchants and They Will Keep Open.

A number of business houses no longer display Thursday Closing placards in their windows; and the managers of several of these houses have stated that they do not intend to close their stores today or on any subsequent Thursday. Among those who have no signs in view or who will not close today are the Byers Hardware Company, dealers in hardware and mining supplies; W. F. Teetzel & Co., dealers in drugs and assayers' supplies; Morrison & Caldwell, dealers in groceries and provisions; Martin O'Reilly, dealer in dry goods; P. Burns & Co., dealers in meats and provisions; A. Ferland, dealer in dry goods, clothing, and boots and shoes; Theodore Madson, dealer in clothing and boots and shoes; Emory & Walley, dealers in clothing and hats; McNeill Brothers, dealers in groceries; Gilbert Stanley, dealer in books and stationery; J. H. Nickerson, dealer in watches and jewelry; R. G. Joy, dealer in bread; W. A. Thurman, dealer in tobacco and cigars; G. B. Mathews, dealer in pipes and smokers' sundries; Crow & Morris, dealers in cigars; J. A. McDonald, dealer in fruits and confectionery; G. H. Frank, dealer in crockery and tinware, and the Miner Publishing Company, dealers in illustrations.

It is safe to say that there will be few stores closed in Nelson today, and none will be hereafter closed on Thursdays unless the man who started the Thursday closing movement should die and be buried on Thursday, then perhaps they would all be closed out of respect for the inextinguishable doings of an all-wise providence.

### German Views.

BERLIN, May 15.—Officials here discussing the answer of the Chinese peace commissioners say the fact of prime significance therein is that the commissioners agree to the indemnities as demanded, and the withdrawal of the troops can now proceed forthwith, but not all the foreign forces will be withdrawn at once. The Chinese proposition to raise the important export duties will probably be adopted, since the only other possibility of increasing China's revenues is the reform of the likin duties which the powers particularly wish to avoid because it would require too much mixing in the internal affairs of China.

## EASTERN CANADIAN NEWS

TORONTO, 15.—Toronto is now clear of smallpox.

PARRY SOUND, Ontario, 15.—Thomas Coursey, formerly of Peterboro, was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary for having committed rape on a married woman residing in the northern part of this district.

SACKVILLE, New Brunswick, 15.—Mrs. Obed Sears swallowed Paris green on Monday and will probably die from the effects of the poison. Her husband died a week ago and she has been dependent ever since.

OTTAWA, 15.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier in reply to a question by Hackett of Prince Edward Island, said the government had no information as to what port the duke and duchess of Cornwall and York would land at in Canada.

MONTREAL, 15.—C. W. Desola, representative of Swan & Hunter, Newcastle, England, and Cockerells, Belgium, is in the city. He says it is the intention of the firms he represents to put a fleet of grain-carrying steamers or barges on the St. Lawrence.

MONTREAL, 15.—Summonses were issued today against twelve booksellers for selling obscene literature, mainly American papers, which the Canadian government forbids the use of mails and customs entry. One man was fined fifty dollars and costs.

SYDNEY, Cape Breton, 15.—About 30 Italians left Sydney on Saturday for Lake Ainsley, where they intend working for MacKenzie & Man on the Ivernness & Richmond railway. When they arrived they were met by a force of English-speaking laborers, who drove them back with picks and shovels. The Italians were forced to return here.

MONTREAL, 15.—A meeting of the commanding officers of the Montreal corps held today decided to have a grand military review when the duke and duchess of York visit the city. A dozen regiments, including those at Ottawa, Toronto, Belleville, Kingston and Sherbrooke, were asked to assist, also some United States regiments.

MONTREAL, 15.—The second fruit sale of the season was held today. Thirty-two thousand boxes of lemons and sixteen thousand packages of oranges were sold. The oranges sold fifteen to twenty per cent higher than at the first sale and the lemons fifteen per cent lower. There was a large attendance of buyers, principally from the United States.

MONTREAL, 15.—William Mackenzie of Mackenzie & Mann arrived here today from New York, where he had a conference with premier Murray of Nova Scotia concerning building a railway from Halifax to Yarmouth. A number of other gentlemen attended the conference. Mackenzie would not divulge the result.

## CAPITAL ALONE NECESSARY

### TO MAKE THE SILVER MINING INDUSTRY HUM.

R. C. Campbell-Johnston Says Companies Operating in Kootenay Are Starved for Working Capital.

R. C. Campbell-Johnston holds views of his own upon the lead problem of the Slokan and the matter of its satisfactory solution. He does not agree with the advocates of a government bounty upon refinery product that the solution is to be reached by this method, but contends that any such system is fallacious and of very questionable benefit. Mr. Campbell-Johnston realizes of course that his views may not be popular, but this does not restrain him from ventilating them. In his opinion the silver-lead mining industry is suffering from the domination of the United States smelter and lead trust, but it does not suffer so much from this cause as from a starvation of capital necessary to its economical working. In some cases this is the result of insufficient working capital, and in others it is due to distributing too much of the earnings in dividends and allowing nothing for development account; but in either event the result is the same. It means excessive milkings of the industry in mining, in transportation, in smelting, and ultimately in refining, which put a tax upon the industry very few mines can stand. That the managers of the trust understood the crippled condition of the silver-lead mining industry of Kootenay is shown by their action in refusing to purchase silver-lead ore. They appreciate the fact that all they have to do to stop production is to refuse to purchase, and they therefore have a smaller output to take care of. This is manifestly a much cheaper way of controlling the situation than would be the outright purchase of the mines, but it is just as effective and must remain so until sufficient money is found for their proper working.

In the opinion of Mr. Campbell-Johnston the scheme of the United States lead and smelter trust is much larger than generally described. In his opinion it does not end with the control of the silver production of the world, but aims at the control of the trade of China and India through the control of the silver market. It is from this international feature of the complications that he looks for assistance for the silver-lead mining industry. Great Britain cannot afford to allow the United States to assume

absolute control of the world's silver production, since this might mean the moving of the world's silver market from London to New York, and would injuriously affect Great Britain's trade with China and the East. There is one way in which such an undesirable consummation could be prevented, and this would be by the control of the Kootenay silver-lead mines by British syndicates, or the investment of sufficient money in the silver-lead properties to facilitate the grouping of mines with a view to smelting. This, in the opinion of Mr. Campbell-Johnston, is the great essential. The properties necessary for such a combination are already more or less developed, and all that is necessary to carry the scheme through is sufficient capital. With such a grouping of properties, and a smelting plant located at the dry ore, virtually two of the milkings which the industry is submitted to would be done away with, and would place the silver-lead properties in a much more favorable position than could be hoped for under any system of government bonus upon refined product. From this the step to the establishment of a refinery on the Pacific coast would be easy, and to be of any real benefit to the mines of Kootenay the refinery for their ores should be located there. It is from the far east that the great demand for silver and lead comes, and to supply it the refinery should have the advantage of the cheap water transportation rates to and from the Pacific coast. To accept the present proposal of a government bonus upon refinery product, with a refinery situated in the province of Quebec, is to assume too much. It involves a change, in his opinion, of the policy of the transportation and smelting companies by which their rates for freight and treatment are based upon what the silver-lead industry can stand. It would simply result in transferring control of the Kootenay silver-lead industry from the United States smelter and lead trust to the transportation and smelting interests on this side of the boundary line. In his opinion it may take British opinion a year or so to crystallize, but it will come. The probable incursions of the United States silver trust into British commerce are too serious, and the silver deposits of Kootenay are too rich to allow the present unsatisfactory conditions to continue very long, especially when all that is necessary is the capital for working expenses.

Want Better Postal Facilities. The people living in Fire Valley claim they are not treated fairly in the way of postal facilities. The postoffice is located at a point about two miles from the steamboat landing, and the mail is forwarded once a week from Nakusp, arriving and leaving the same day. It is claimed the postoffice should be removed to the steamboat landing and the mail delivered three times a week. The mail should be made up at Nelson and Revelstoke, which would insure promptness. It is claimed that over fifty people get their mail at Fire Valley.

After Dole's Scalp. HONOLULU, May 8, via San Francisco, May 15.—By the steamer Mariposa today, home rule representative F. W. Beckley, Hon. Samuel Parker and delegate R. W. Wilcox left for San Francisco. Beckley goes to lay before president McKinley a home rule resolution passed in the house and the senate asking for the removal of governor Dole. Parker had a memorial unanimously endorsed by the Republican members of both houses and by the territorial Republican central committee reply to the home rule charges against governor Dole. Representative Wilcox is on his way back to Washington and says he has nothing to do with the fight. When the resolution was brought up in the house to send Beckley to Washington representative Emmeulth, home ruler, made a sensational speech against governor Dole in which he declared that the conditions that led to the revolt in 1893 had developed again with Dole, now the usurper of power, instead of the ex-governor.

Mrs. McKinley's Condition. SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—It is generally reported in this city that the condition of Mrs. McKinley is extremely critical, but nothing definite can be learned, as Mr. Corteyo, the only avenue of official information, declines to make public at present anything tangible regarding the happenings in the sick room.

## NO SETTLEMENT IN SIGHT

### OVER TWO THOUSAND TROOPS NOW IN ALBANY.

Company Will Not Attempt to Operate the Line Until the Militia is Properly Distributed.

ALBANY, New York, May 15.—The traction strike was productive of no serious disorder during the night. The company made no further effort to operate cars or repair lines, and will probably remain inactive until the military force called by the state is in a position to afford the fullest protection. A strong effort was made during the night to bring the contending interests to a conference, but it failed, and at this time the breach is as wide as ever. The establishment of the military patrol began shortly before last midnight, when three companies of the Tenth Battalion were quietly and quickly dispatched from the Washington avenue armory. One company was ordered to the traction power house, another to the upper town barn, and the third to the northern barn. The first detachment of the Twenty-third infantry of Brooklyn arrived here at 7.45 this morning. There are 400 men in the detachment under Lieutenant-colonel Brady. The entire regiment, including 1000 men from Troy and elsewhere, have been ordered to report in this city this afternoon. This will make the total military strength about 2200. The following statement of the situation was given out this noon by W. D. Mahon, international president of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees of America: "Chairman Dillworth and myself have considered the situation and do not see anything to be gained by remaining longer in the city of Albany at this time. We came here to take up the matter in the interest of our people and if possible bring about an adjustment of the same. Owing to the bitterness growing out of the present dispute there is no present prospect of bringing the contending forces together. Being charged with the completion of the work of our international convention, which is to codify the amended constitution and publish the proceedings of the convention, we therefore decided to take up that work and leave the matters here to the committees of the two local organizations until such time as we deem our presence will be of assistance to them. There have been so many unfounded rumors set afloat to the effect that our international executive board had repudiated the position taken by the men here that I again take this opportunity of denying these rumors and to say that the men here will have the support of our organization in accordance with our constitution and laws."

NEW YORK, May 15.—Another detachment, consisting of 225 men of the Twenty-third regiment, Brooklyn, left their armory today for Albany. This will make in all 635 men of the Twenty-third regiment already on duty. Troy, May 15.—Although the prevailing sentiment in this city appears to be adverse to the traction company, the city is quiet. The railroad tracks on the bridge crossing the Potoskill at Fourth street were torn up during last night and the rails thrown in the creek. This act was the work of hoodlums and is severely condemned by the strikers. Under orders from headquarters the three Troy companies of the Second regiment are now assembling at the state armory.

ALBANY, May 15.—The first step of the military force was taken shortly after 10 o'clock this morning, when the Third Signal Corps, which is mounted, and a detachment of mounted police cleaned the streets around the Quail-street barn. The crowds assembled on either side of the barn offered no resistance and fell back quickly when the troops swept down on them. A scene of four blocks was cleared and a new picket line established at its outer edges. This move, it is understood, was preliminary to the repairing of the lines in that vicinity and the clearing away of the wreckage and obstructions on the tracks.



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## The Tribune.

The Miner is deluging itself with praise because of its advocacy of a scheme that will divert outside business from Nelson.

There are more new buildings under way in Nelson than at either Victoria or Vancouver. The merchants of no town in the province are doing more business in proportion to the capital invested, and no town in the province has a brighter prospect of future stability. Stop bellyaching and begin saving wood.

The Baker-street clerks are reported as in favor of boycotting The Tribune for the stand it has taken on the Thursday closing movement. As the movement is dead, the clerks had better renew their subscriptions to this homely family journal and be content with Sunday as a day of relaxation and prayer.

It is rumored that the medical health officer of Nelson is to be made walk the gang-plank. He is not in favor with certain of the aldermen who for church and other reasons favor another medical practitioner for the position. Give the church element a little rope and they will hang everyone in town that differs with them. If a medical health officer is strict, he will have few friends. If he is lax, there will be few people left to be either his friends or his enemies.

The people of Vancouver and Victoria say: "Give us the Coast-to-Kootenay railway and six months after the road is completed there will not be a whole 'sale house in Nelson." The Nelson newspaper mouthpiece of the Coast-to-Kootenay crowd is now shouting for a five-day business week in Nelson. If they cannot destroy the wholesale houses of Nelson with a railway, they hope to destroy its retail houses through the enforcement of a fad.

Two railways mentioned in the Railway Subsidy Act if built will benefit Kootenay and Yale districts. One is the road between Vernon and Midway, which would give the farmers of East Yale direct railway connection with the mining camps in Boundary district and Southern Kootenay. The other is the road between Fort Steele and Golden. This road would give the mining and ranching interests of the central portion of East Kootenay what they lack six months in the year. These roads would help the farmer secure a market for the produce of his farm and enable the miner to market his ore at a reasonable cost for transportation. What helps the farmer and the miner helps the merchant.

Two years ago the merchants that were friendly to the men who were contending with the mine owners over the enforcement of the eight-hour day could be counted on the fingers of one's hand. Some of the merchants who were unfriendly are now most servile in supporting every agitation that is said will re-

## WAS CLEARLY OUTSAILED

But There Were Reasons.

LONDON, May 15.—The Yachting World tomorrow will say that while it would be idle to deny that the first trial between the two Shamrocks was a keen and absolute disappointment, yet one or two important considerations should not be forgotten in analyzing their work on the legs of the triangle, and points out that on the first leg, a reach of six miles, the challenger just succeeded in holding the older boat. In going to windward in the dead heat of the second six miles the challenger was clearly out-sailed. As the yachts ran home the wind was falling, so that the half mile separating them at the finish represented five minutes and five seconds.

The Yachting World adds: "From this it is apparent that the only leg on which the new boat failed appreciably was on the turn to windward and comparing the manner in which her canvas hung with the beautiful set of the former Shamrock's sails the wonder is that the loss was so comparatively trifling." The mainsail of the challenger, the Yachting World says, set like a bag. Another consideration is that the Shamrock I was freed from overburdening by her clipped boom and gaff. The Yachting World concludes that while it remains to be seen whether the new boat can beat the old boat handsomely in fine weather and lighter winds, despondency is premature.

## West Virginia Mine Horror.

FAIRMONT, West Virginia, May 15.—An explosion occurred at the George's Creek Coal and Iron Company's shaft at Farmington, West Virginia, today. Nine men are reported killed. At least ten men are still in the mine. As the shaft was still ablaze at 3 o'clock this afternoon, it is impossible to make an effort to rescue them and it may be a day or two before the flames can be subdued. One dead body has been recovered and 14 others have been taken out, a number of whom are not expected to live. The men who were at work in the shaft were engaged in driving a heading seven miles long to connect with a shaft at Fairview. The shaft is 250 feet deep. The accident was caused by an explosion of natural gas.

## Machinists Troubles.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—President O'Connell of the National Association of Machinists stated today that 300 firms throughout the country so far have signed the nine-hour day agreement. Telegraphic reports from Boston showed that a large number signed there today and in America what is claimed to be the largest steam fire engine plant outside of the trust had agreed to the terms. The executive board of the Machinists' Association will meet here Friday and remain until after the 20th inst., the date on which the strike ordered is to be effected.

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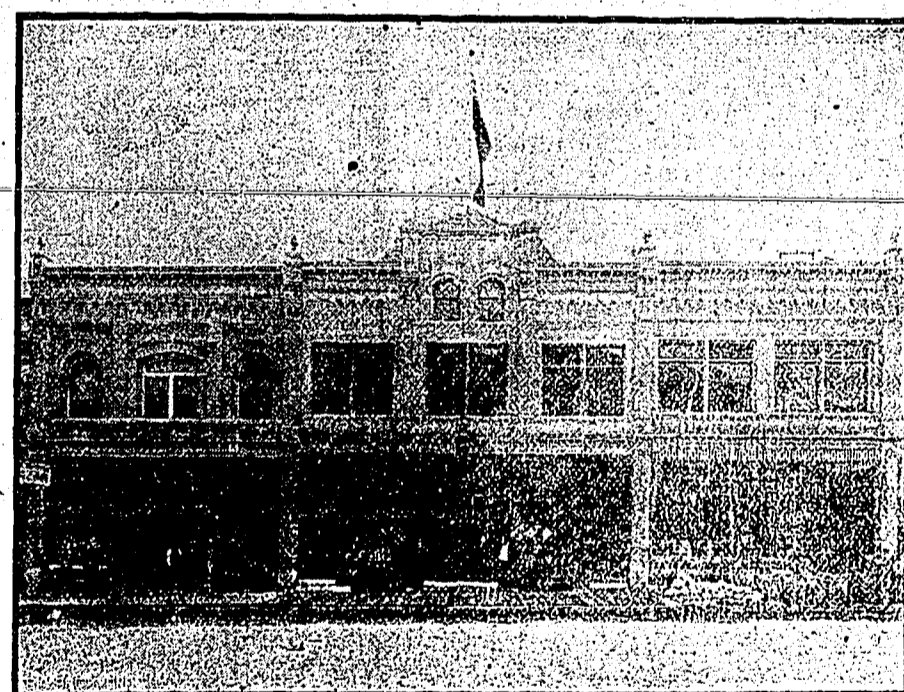
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**TELEGRAMS IN BRIEF FORM**

From Various Sources.

BERLIN, 15.—The reichstag was prorogued today until November.

EVANSVILLE, Indiana, 15.—The steamer Owensboro blew up this morning near Calhoun, Kentucky. It is believed the entire crew perished.

ROME, 15.—Most of the houses of the village of Acerenza, near Potenza, have been swept away by the fall of an immense rock. Troops have been despatched to the scene of the disaster. Thus far fifteen bodies have been recovered.

NEW YORK, 15.—Among the passengers who arrived this morning on the steamship Oceanic from Liverpool and Queenstown were Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, president of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, and Hon. Lady Rivers-Wilson.

LONDON, 15.—J. Pierpont Morgan started for Paris this morning. At his firm's London house it is stated that no one there has any definite information as to Mr. Morgan's future movements, but it is expected he will return to Aix-les-Bains.

NEW YORK, 15.—More than 400 custom shoemakers employed in this city went on strike today. The men were receiving \$5 for each piece of work they completed, but they have been dissatisfied for some time and made a demand for \$6. This figure the employers refused.

LONDON, 15.—Pry and Everett, the two men convicted of defrauding Barclay & Co., bankers, of about £3000 by forging documents purporting to represent large shipments of gold ore which never existed, were sentenced today to five years' imprisonment at hard labor.

ST. LOUIS, 15.—Developments show that not more than five persons lost their lives in the wreck of the steamer City of Paducah in the Mississippi river Sunday night. Of the seven persons reported missing, all but one, a white fireman, have appeared at the office of the Packet Company.

SAN FRANCISCO, 15.—President McKinley is scheduled to leave San Francisco on Monday next. It is likely, however, that he may remain some weeks. Until Mrs. McKinley is fully recovered from her illness Dr. Rixey desires she be not disturbed. It is said the president will not go east until his wife is able to accompany him.

LONDON, 15.—At the Newmarket second spring meeting today the Wednesday velter handicap of 150 sovereigns was won by Mr. Whitney's Watershed, Clem Jenkins up. Mr. Croker's Minnie Dee, with J. Reiff in the saddle, came second and Layie third. St. Hilarious, ridden by Maher, won a maiden two-year-old race of 100 sovereigns added to a sweepstake of five sovereigns each for starters.

NEW YORK, 15.—An interesting race around the world has been arranged by two French newspapers, the Matin and the Journal. The representative of the Matin will go around the world by way of St. Petersburg, across Siberia by Vladivostok, Japan and New York. The Journal man will make the trip in the opposite direction and will reach New York about May 31st. It is expected that the journey will be completed within fifty days.

TACOMA, 15.—A special from Everett says: John Fay, employed by the Seattle Bridge Company at La Conner, Washington, reprimanded his 15-year-old boy for some trivial offence. This wounded the boy's feelings so deeply that he stole out of the room, secured a gun and shot himself in the head. Hearing the report the father hastened to the scene and seeing his son writhing in the agony of death he picked up the weapon and blew his own brains out.

A West Virginia Homocide. WILLIAMSON, West Virginia, May 15.—Great difficulty is being experienced in getting a jury to try the case of John H. Stokes of this city charged with the murder of Rev. J. J. Woolh at his home here on December 5th last. The trial

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opened yesterday and already the regular panels have been exhausted without securing more than one juror. Stokes is so well known and the killing caused such deep feeling that it is hard to find any one without a fixed opinion. The tragedy was remarkable. Woolh was a Presbyterian preacher and in a sermon last winter violently denounced the society people of the town for dancing. Stokes took offence at the sermon and the next Sunday the remarks were repeated. The following evening Stokes and Woolh met on the threshold of the latter's residence. Hot words passed. Mrs. Lavoie, the minister's housekeeper, to whom Stokes was talking and who is the only witness, says Woolh slapped Stokes in the face and shot him in the hip. Then Stokes drew his pistol and fired, killing Woolh instantly. Stokes is popular and a prominent politician. He has been out on bail all the time and the case is attracting great attention.

**MUST PAY THE INDEMNITY**

But China Protests.

PEKIN, May 13.—The foreign ministers refused to allow themselves to be quoted for publication regarding the Chinese government's answer to the indemnity demand, but three of them gave expression to their personal views of the matter. One of these said he had never expected the Chinese to agree to the demands without arguing, even had the total only been ten millions. He considered the Chinese offer of fifteen million taels annually for thirty years absurd and ridiculous and thought the request that seven million be given them from the foreign customs bordered upon insolence. The powers, he believed, would make a mistake if they should not exact the utmost centime. Another said it would not matter what China said and that whatever the powers should decide upon would have to be agreed to eventually. A third expressed himself as satisfied that a majority of the powers would agree to the demands in accordance with China's ability to pay.

Will Remodel the Challenger.

SOUTHAMPTON, May 15.—Designer Watson has reached the conclusion that the hull of Shamrock II is susceptible of improvements, and there is reason to believe that alterations are about to be made amounting practically to the remodeling of portions of the boat. Preparations at the dock where the challenger will be placed indicate radical changes not connected with the spars and canvas, which have been blamed hitherto for the boat's shortcomings. A large gang of platers and riveters who assisted in the building of the yacht has been summoned from Dumbarton by telegraph. These men will arrive today and will work day and night.

Strike of Seattle Machinists.

SEATTLE, May 12.—The machinists' strike is in full swing in Seattle, the men in seven factories having gone out. They demand a nine-hour working day, with the same pay they now get for ten hours. The pattern makers and moulders and the blacksmiths will go out by Monday. Their demands are similar to those of the machinists. The manufacturers say they will close up their factories before granting the requests of the men.

Carrie Nation Convicted.

TOPEKA, Kansas, May 15.—The jury in the case of Mrs. Carrie Nation, charged with "joint smashing," this afternoon returned a verdict of guilty. Sentence will be pronounced tomorrow. It is generally believed that she will be released on the payment of a fine and costs.

Notable Arrivals.

VICTORIA, May 15.—Among the arrivals from the Orient by the Empress of India today were Sir Walter Hillier, diplomatic adviser to the British forces in China; his excellency Min Hui Cho, Korean minister to Washington; baron von

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## CITY LOCAL NEWS

Born, at Kootenay Lake General Hospital, August 15th, to the wife of S. E. Oliver, a son.

The regular meeting of the Nelson Board of Trade will be held in the board's room this evening.

A meeting of the local board of health has been called for this evening. The board is composed of the members of the city council.

If George J. Armitage is in Nelson he will find something that is of advantage to him by communicating with James A. Chislett of White-water, B. C.

A car of machinery for the Enterprise mine on Ten-mile passed through Nelson yesterday. The machinery was billed from Chicago on April 30th.

Harry Parkin, who was arrested upon a warrant charging him with assaulting his wife, was arraigned before magistrate Crease yesterday and remanded for one day.

W. E. Ellis has been served with a summons to answer to the charge of infringing the trades license by-law by carrying on business as an insurance agent without taking out a license.

Michael Hays, who confessed the theft of a pair of boots from Hugh Gosnell's shoe store on Baker street, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment by magistrate Crease yesterday.

The supply of sewer pipe ordered by the city is expected to reach Nelson within the next few days when the work of completing the outlet of the West Baker street sewer will be resumed.

The partnership of James Hearn & Co. of Ymir has been dissolved. Daniel Campbell has purchased the interests of Hearn in the partnership and will hereafter carry on the business in his own name.

Rev. Elliott S. Rowe will lecture in the Miners' Union Hall at Ymir tonight (Thursday). The lecture will be on Labor and Social questions that are interesting the people of all sections of the province.

Hugh R. Cameron, secretary of the Dominion Day celebration general committee, has notified the members of the various sub-committees to meet on Friday night at the Board of Trade rooms for the purpose of arranging important matters in connection with the Dominion Day celebration.

**Tunnel Contract to Be Let.**  
The owners of the Juno mine, which is situated about three miles southwest of Nelson, are driving a crosscut tunnel on the property. The tunnel is in 375 feet, and about the same distance will have to be run before the ledge is reached. It is said that tenders will be called at once for the work.

**Work Stopped on Lardo Road.**  
John D. Sullivan, the C. P. R. engineer who had charge of the Lardo branch, received instructions from Montreal yesterday ordering the shutting down of work on the new branch. The contract for this work was only let a few days ago, and yesterday's order from C. P. R. headquarters created much surprise and disappointment, as considerable merchandise had been sent into the Lardo branch from Nelson in anticipation of construction demands.

**Says an Agreement Was Made.**  
A. B. Buckworth, deputy census commissioner for the Nelson riding, was in Nelson yesterday. He says a definite understanding was arrived at with the Ottawa authorities with respect to the census enumerators before the work was undertaken upon the basis of so much per day for enumerators for the city and outside sections. He does not anticipate that any attempt will be made to pay the enumerators upon the basis of names received, and has every reason to believe the original understanding will be adhered to.

**Inspection by the D. O. C.**  
Lieutenant-colonel Holmes, district officer-commanding military district No. 11, will inspect the armory and equipment of No. 2 company R. M. R. on Monday and commands that all arms, clothing and accoutrements be handed in before that time. The armory will be open from 7 to 10 o'clock Saturday evening, and every member of the company must hand in his uniform and equipment complete, placing a ticket with his name on each piece. Any rifles that are being used on Saturday and Sunday must be returned between 2 and 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The visit of the D. O. C. is for the purpose of handing over the command of the company to the new officers, and he requires a receipt from the captain for all equipment, therefore the necessity of having everything handed in.

## CONFERENCE WORK ENDED

### Changes Made in Stations.

The Methodist conference completed its business yesterday, and the majority of the members are now on their way home. At yesterday's session a resolution was moved by Rev. E. E. Scott of Vancouver, seconded by Rev. E. S. Rowe of Victoria, requesting the conference to memorialize the Dominion government upon the matter of establishing the order of precedence for the churches in Canada in connection with the proposed visit of the duke and duchess of Cornwall and York.

Rev. W. H. Barracough was appointed representative of the conference upon the general board of missions.

Some changes were made in the original draft of the stationing committee. Rev. J. A. Wood goes to Kamloops instead of Rev. Charles Ladner. Rev. Charles Ladner goes to Revelstoke instead of Rev. S. J. Thompson, and Rev. J. F. Betts goes to Grand Forks instead of Rev. G. K. Bradshaw.

Rev. J. H. White was made chairman of the Kootenay district in place of Rev. J. A. Wood, who is removed to Kamloops.

Rev. E. E. Scott, of Homer street church, Vancouver, was made chairman of the Vancouver district.

The next conference will be held in Homer street church, Vancouver.

### MINING RECORDS.

There was but one location record filed at the Nelson record office yesterday. Thomas J. Lancaster recorded the Sandy mineral claim, situated on the government trail half a mile south of Sandy creek and being a relocation of the Blind Lead.

Certificates of work were issued to Joseph Campbell on the Monday; D. M. Shea, on the Winona; Robert Elliott, on the Silver Spray; Samuel Marshall, on the Elko; J. M. Costello, on the Clinton; Nellie Mack, Basin, Big Six and Castle claims near Erie; Montana Gold Mining Company on the Blue Bird, Trout, Michigan, Lorna Doone and Randolph mineral claims, known as the Blue Bird group, and situate on Deer creek, near Deer Park; H. J. Robben, on the Mountain Grove.

The following transfers were recorded: From Joseph Thompson to Elijah B. Dunlop one-third interest in the Dunlop mineral claim; from O. A. Lovell to Hugh MacDonald one-third interest in the Surprise mineral claim; J. H. McManus to J. L. Purdy the whole of the Deer Trail and Happy Man claims.

W. B. Townsend, as agent for Thomas Peacock, claims the half interest in the Hecla mineral claim formerly owned by E. D. Parr, owing to lapse of the latter's free miner's certificate.

### CHAMBER APPLICATIONS.

In the case of Boie vs. O'Leary, an action for an accounting and for winding up the partnership of the O'Leary Brothers, contractors, judgment was given yesterday against Timothy O'Leary as administrator of the estate of John O'Leary, for \$1893 and an order made for the sale of the partnership property to pay the partnership debts and apply upon judgment.

In Clarke vs. First National Bank, an order was made for the appointment of a commission to take the evidence of a witness abroad, the plaintiff to give security for costs. In the case of the Kaslo & Slokan Railway Company vs. Martin, an action in connection with the payment of government timber dues, an application for leave to put in a rejoinder to the plaintiff's statement in reply was adjourned until today.

### Swerdferger's Last Trapping Trip.

John A. Turner, gold commissioner, has received the finest collection of martin skins ever seen in Nelson. There are 41 skins in the bunch, and they represent upwards of \$400 in money, but they probably cost William Swerdferger his reason. For several years Swerdferger has spent the winter months in trapping around the Little Slokan lake, the most dreary section in the province of British Columbia, and the skins in question represent "Bill's" profits on last winter's trapping. It is likely that Swerdferger's creditors will make application under the provisions of the Lunacy Act for the sale of the skins and the application of the proceeds in discharge of their claims.

**Drowning Accident in Goat River.**  
Word was received in Nelson yesterday of a drowning fatality by which John Hammelmeyer lost his life in Goat river. The deceased was engaged in Anderson's logging

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camp and while driving logs down to the Kootenay river he slipped into the water and was never seen again. The fatality occurred about three miles from the junction of Goat river with the Kootenay. Hammelmeyer was unmarried and held some land near Rykert's. His body has not yet been recovered.

### Improving Small Debts Court.

An important amendment was made to the Small Debts Court Act during the recent session of the legislature which will make this court even more popular for the collection of small accounts. This amendment admits of garnishment before judgment and immediately upon issuance of the small debts court summons. The practice heretofore has been that garnish proceedings could not be had until judgment was first obtained in the original action. The new amendment, therefore, places the small debts court upon the same footing as the county court with respect to garnishments before and after judgment. Nelson's experience of the small debts court has been most satisfactory and in nine cases out of every ten sued in the court payment has been secured and at a nominal cost.

### Clerks Think They Are Overworked.

The following was handed to the editor of THE TRIBUNE last night by a clerk who works in a Baker street clothing store. It is published merely to give the clerks' side of the question, and not because THE TRIBUNE favors the Thursday closing movement. "Today (Thursday) is the mid-week half holiday. All merchants in Nelson who stand for reforms and shorter hours of labor will close promptly at 12 o'clock noon and remain closed until Friday morning. Drug stores will reopen at 7 p. m. Clerks have to work 11 to 12 hours five days in the week and 16 to 18 hours on Saturday. All those in sympathy with the Thursday half holiday will kindly refrain from shopping on Thursday afternoon."

### Eastern Baseball.

Hartford 3, Toronto 4.  
Rochester 5, Syracuse 4.  
Cincinnati 6, Brooklyn 1.

### PERSONAL.

A. S. Goodve of Rossland is registered at the Home.

P. Welch, the contractor for the Lardo road, is stopping at the Phair.

C. Lindmark, one of the prominent merchants of Revelstoke, is in the city on business.

John D. Sullivan, of the C. P. R. engineering staff, was registered at the Phair yesterday.

A. B. Buckworth, deputy census commissioner for the Nelson riding, is registered at the Queen's.

George Ager, late of Strathcona's Horse, is renewing former acquaintances in Nelson. He is registered at the Queen's.

W. Moulse of Rossland and James Madden of Alinsworth were among yesterday's arrivals at the Madden House.

Bruce Strachan of Kingston and George Horton of Toronto were among the late arrivals at the Tremont last evening.

E. E. Phair has returned from a one-day trip to Kaslo and Sandon. Both towns are reported as growing and in a healthy condition.

H. H. Watts was elected delegate of the Nelson Typographical Union yesterday to attend the international convention which meets in Birmingham-Alabama, on August 12th.

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**NOTICE.**  
Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply at the next sitting of the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Nelson, to be held after the expiration of thirty days from the date hereof, for a transfer of the retail liquor license now held by me for the Royal Hotel situate on lots 3 and 4, block 22, subdivision of lot 35 in the City of Nelson, to J. Lovell Smith of the said City of Nelson.

Witness: W. E. WASSAN.  
Dated this fourteenth day of March, 1901.

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### A HEALTH TALK.

Miss Hall of the Canadian Vitai Co. will give another of these Illustrated Health Talks in the open house Friday, May 17, at 3 p. m. These talks are instructive, and on subjects of vital importance to women. No admission charged, but a collection will be taken to defray expenses.