

TONG WAR IS ON AGAIN; ONE KILLED

Rifles Used for First Time in History of Warfare by Chinese Marksman.

ARMED ORIENTALS CAUGHT

Japanese Is Only Witness to Fray and Thinks That Both Gunmen Were Youthful—Revenge for Previous War Is Taken.

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Heilly, Tackberry, Swennes, Hyde and Abbott.

Chan Chee was arrested by Detective Maloney and a Chinese giving the name of Low by Detective Coleman an hour after yesterday's shooting. They are being held for investigation, the technical charge of carrying concealed weapons being placed against them. Meager description of the two men who did the shooting, given to the police by S. Kashara, a Japanese tailor at 287 1/2 Everett street, indicates that the murderers were young men. So far as known, Kashara is the only one who saw the men emerge from the vacant shack at 84 North Fourth street, where the gunmen did their work. The two men arrested appear to be older than those he described.

Four Shots Fired Quickly.

Back Yee fell dead with a bullet under his heart in front of the general merchandise store conducted by Foo Wing & Co. 38 North. The last shot, directly across from the vacant shack, Jung Hen Wing crumpled over a second later when a bullet entered his spine. Two other shots were fired, one of them finding its mark in the right arm of a man on the street.

The four reports came in rapid succession, so quickly that the horde of Chinese who rushed to the scene, that had happened were unable to catch sight of the gunmen.

When detectives entered the vacant house, plotted there by the Japanese who saw the gunmen escape through the rear of another vacant building at 289 Everett street, next door to his tailoring establishment, they found two rifles.

The one with which the shooting was done was found by Captain Harms under the loose flooring on the ground floor. The shooting was done from a window on the second floor. Another rifle, of smaller caliber, was found in a closet on the second floor.

Renewed Hostilities Indicated.

It was evident that all four shots, three of which took effect, were fired from the same rifle, as the bullets remaining in it were of the same size, and sort-nosed, as those which took effect. Below the window sill on the second floor was a hole made by a bullet of smaller caliber, indicating that one of the gunmen became nervous and accidentally let his rifle fire.

Captain Bate led a squad of detectives to the scene immediately following the shooting. Early investigations gave them little information, except general indications pointing to a resumption of warfare between the four tongs enumerated.

Kashara apparently was the only man to see the gunmen escape, and he got such a fleeting glimpse of them that he was unable to furnish but the meagerest sort of descriptions. It is doubtful if he could identify the men. The only point he was positive of was that they appeared to be youthful.

Chan Chee and Low, the two arrested near the scene of the shooting, suddenly denied any knowledge of the affair. They maintained they were carrying the revolvers for self-protection.

Injection of rifles into killing puts a new phase on the tong war. Heretofore the Chinese gunmen have stuck to revolvers of various types, but this is the first time in Portland they have used long-barreled weapons.

Several Killed by Tong.

Tong hostilities broke out in Portland in February, when a Bow-Long paid with his life for his devotion to his tong. A month later a fellow-tongman was killed in a spectacular manner on Madison street, between Second and Third streets, his assailants murdering him while he was motoring to his home. The last shooting fray, in which two more Bow-Longs were killed, was the most daring of the tong wars. It was a veritable pitched battle between the Bow-Longs and the Hop Sing, the battle ground being on Flanders street, between Broadway and Fifth streets.

Since the dead man and his wounded companion are known to belong to the Hop Sing, the police are working on the theory that the shooting was done by Bow-Long henchmen, who have suffered four deaths at the hands of Hop Sing since February without once getting like revenge.

Chinatown was agog with excitement following the shooting. Doors and windows were hastily barricaded and few men were seen on the streets. Those who ventured forth proceeded cautiously, casting sidelong glances as they shuffled along. For an hour or two after the shooting there was quite a congregation of Orientals across from the police station, evidently desirous of being close to the place for a call for help.

Officers Are Indicted.

The Chinese arrested last night were indicted in a secret blanket indictment returned by the grand jury Tuesday. They are all either officers or wealthy members of the Sui Sing and Hop Sing tongs.

The indictment of 27 leaders of these allied warlike tongs is the result of sweeping investigations which have been conducted during the past six weeks under the direction of Chief Deputy District Attorney Collier. These investigations, it is said, have taken operatives into the very heart of the Chinese tongs, where almost unbelievable facts concerning the preparations and executions of long murders have been uncovered.

The blanket indictment against the tong leaders caught in the raid last night followed an exposure of the records and minutes of a joint meeting of the Hop Sing and Sui Sing three nights before the shooting. The police, according to records, after a careful translation, are said to show that the murder of Ching Hong was a deliberate and cold-blooded killing, incited and demanded by the leading members of both the Sui Sing and Hop Sing tongs.

Renewed War Urged.

This joint meeting, it was learned, was held behind the locked and closely guarded doors of the Hop Sing headquarters at Fourth and Flanders streets on the night of May 28. More than 50 leading members of both tongs were present as well as a score of gunmen, and it was there that careful plans were laid for the killing of Ching Hong at the earliest possible moment.

According to what appeared to be

reliable information, the breaking of a peace pact signed last year by rival Chinese tongs, was urged by Low Soon, a wealthy Hop Sing from Tacoma, and Quon Sam, a prominent Hop Sing from Los Angeles, who has been in Portland for the past two months assisting in the defense of brother tong members who have been on trial for murder in the local courts.

Following an impassioned plea for revenge against the Bing-King-Bow-Leong tong, Low Soon, it is said, rushed from the room and in a dramatic manner brought forth a suitcase filled with guns and ammunition from an adjoining room. These guns were distributed among the score of gunmen present and each gunman got \$20 for immediate expenses.

General Murder Orders Given.

"Kill Ching Hong first and then get any other rival tongmen you can," are the strict instructions which are said to have been given the gunmen. "But be sure you get Ching Hong."

Following this meeting on May 28 another meeting was held on the night of May 30, it is said, at which time final plans for the killing were completed. This meeting, as well as the first, was attended by the three alleged gunmen who are now in the County Jail awaiting trial for the murder of Ching Hong. These alleged gunmen are Yee Guk, Low Jew and Sui Fong, all of whom are said to have been positively identified as the gunmen who participated in the sensational battle along Flanders street on the afternoon of June 2.

Investigations, which have been complete, are said to have brought to light a long murder conspiracy which should fasten the guilt for the latest tong killings on the officers and leaders of the Hop Sing and Sui Sing tongs.

\$5000 Raised for War Fund.

The records of this joint and secret meeting, it is said, reveal subscriptions amounting to more than \$5000 for the alleged tong "war" fund, which is headed by a subscription of \$1000 from So Kee Lan, wealthy Portland Hop Sing.

Ching Jung Hin, president of the Sui Sing tong, is said to have subscribed \$500 to the murder fund, as did Gong Weng, secretary of the same tong. Yuen Chun, president of the Hop Sing tong, is said to have subscribed a large sum, while Lee Wal, secretary of the Hop Sing, is alleged to have made a donation.

Another donation of \$500 was made by Low Soon, the Tacoma Hop Sing, it was learned, and simultaneous with the raid on the Portland Chinese this morning, word was flashed to Tacoma to place Low Soon under arrest and hold him without bail for the Portland officials.

Low Soon is said to have been one of the most active tong men in inciting the latest outbreak in Portland.

Peacekeeper Is Accused.

The records, which appear to be in every way authentic, likewise show that Quon Sam, the Los Angeles Hop Sing, donated \$50 to the cause. Quon Sam, during the two months that he has been in and around Portland, has repeatedly said that his mission to the north was to bring about peace, and on numerous occasions he has professed to be a letter of testimonial from Fred Currie, City Manager of La Grande. It is Quon Sam whom rival tongmen say is the leader of the Hop Sing and Sui Sing tongs, and it is he who maps out proposed alibis for the gunmen even before the committee meet.

In addition to the foregoing subscriptions to the "murder fund," the following additional donations are said to have been given: Lee Sun, Yee Yake and Chin Silk Gee. These are all members of the Sui Sing tong.

The Hop Sing who subscribed to the \$5000 fund are said to be Lee Gin, Lee San, Lee Fong, Moy Hen, Yee Sing and Lee Fong.

Interpreter Held for Killing.

Lee Fong is a Hop Sing interpreter who was arrested for the killing of Ching Hong and Jan Ice on the afternoon of June 2. It is he who is alleged to have pointed out the rival tong victim to Yee Guk and the other alleged murderers. He was later released after an investigation and has been in hiding since the day of the murder.

Moy Hen is another interpreter and active in the councils of the Hop Sing. The names of all other Chinese charged jointly with second-degree murder under the blanket indictment returned yesterday will be made public just as soon as the Chinese caught in the raid are weeded out.

The officers and leaders of these two tongs have for several weeks been quartered in three small houses on the outskirts of Lenta, where their actions had aroused little suspicion. During the day they went about their business as usual in the Chinese section, but at night they were whisked out to their hiding place for the most part in closed machines.

Hiding Places Provisioned.

The houses lay within a few feet of each other and the food was all sent to one house and then transferred to the other. The Chinese were living in cramped quarters. They were not expecting arrest, but thought that rival tongs might seek them out and plan a wholesale murder.

The arrest and arrest of the Hop Sing and Sui Sing leaders were the result of a careful study and investigation of tong hostilities by Chief Deputy District Attorney Collier. It was only after he was convinced that the officers and leaders were actually implicated in the killings that he presented his findings to the grand jury. Their answer to him was the returning of true bills against every tongman accused of any implication in the murders.

This is said to be the first time in the history of tong wars in the United States that the officers and leaders of tongs were arrested and charged with a murder even though they took no part in the killing itself.

"I have taken this step because I fully believe that any fair-minded jury will be convinced that these men are as guilty as the actual gunmen," said Mr. Collier last night, following the successful raid.

When all the facts are presented to the jury the state will show conclusively that the murder of Ching Hong and Jan Ice was a coolly planned and executed killing. Let us hope that the indictments against these leaders of both allied tongs will have the effect of stopping these tong hostilities, so far as Portland is concerned.

JUNE 2 WAS LAST BATTLE

Peace Agreement Signed Between Tongs Before City Officials.

Yesterday's outbreak was the first in Portland's Chinatown since Saturday, June 2, at 10 o'clock. It was a running fight between gunmen at Flanders and on Broadway, near Flanders, two Chinese belonging to the Bing-King-Bow-Leong tong were killed, one was badly wounded and several Americans were victims of stray bullet.

Chin Hong, 55 Second street, and Ching Chow, 51 Second street, were killed and Louie Him was wounded. W. B. Griffin, a grain dealer of Oak Grove, was accidentally shot in the leg and hip while on his way to a depot; James Tussy, driver of an express wagon, was shot through the leg and Yuo Horie, aged two years, was cut by flying glass from a bullet strike.

The shooting followed an ineffectual attempt to bring about peace through headquarters of various tongs in San Francisco. These shootings were attributed by the police to Sui Sing gunmen, some of whom were arrested and charged with the crime.

Efforts to force a permanent peace pact had been made, first by H. R. Albee, who was Mayor at the time. He was backed in his endeavor by District Attorney Evans, Sheriff Hurlbut and Immigration Inspector Bonham. A 30-

day pact was signed up, and just before its expiration Mr. Evans intimated what he regarded as a permanent signing up of tongs for permanent peace.

MAYOR CONFERS WITH POLICE

Conviction of Gunmen Declared to Be Only Way to Stop Wars.

Mayor Baker held a conference at 10 o'clock last night with Police Chief Clark, Captain Circle and Detective Captain Baty, in reference to the constantly recurring tong wars in Portland.

"I believe the only possible solution of the difficulty," said the Mayor, "is to get convictions of the gunmen, and thus instill respect for the law into the members of the tongs. Why, of all the alleged gunmen arrested in connection with past tong murders in this city, only one has been so far convicted."

"The police are willing to do everything in their power. They can, and do, arrest anyone seemingly connected with the tong wars, but they cannot go farther, and convict."

"BRAINS" OF TONG ARRESTED

Low Soon, of Portland, Is Held by Tacoma Police.

TACOMA, Wash., July 18.—(Special.)—Low Soon, a Portland merchant and alleged "brains" of a Portland tong, was arrested here today by city detectives on advice from Oregon, where he is wanted for second degree murder. Soon is alleged to have been involved in a recent tong war in Portland.

The prisoner was reticent. He is being held in solitary confinement until the arrival of Oregon authorities. He carried \$1100 in gold and currency. Soon made no statement when the police took him into custody on lower Broadway.

ALL SHIPPING TO JOIN

PORTLAND ASKS REPRESENTATION AT WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Lake County Prefers Trading Here.

Lever Food Bill Supported—Netter Streets Urged.

The executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce decided yesterday to send, if possible, a representative to the shipping conference in Washington, D. C., August 1, of all Coast, Gulf and Atlantic shipping interests.

The Portland delegate, if one can be found, will be the one who will go at this time, will leave about Sunday. The executive committee also decided to ask the Ford Motor Company to restore the northern part of Lake County to the Portland distributing territory, instead of giving it to California. This action is taken at the request of the Silver Lake Commercial Club, of Lake County.

A resolution was adopted urging the Oregon delegation in Washington to support the Lever food bill, pending in the Senate, as an imperative war measure.

The Chamber will appoint a committee to urge the City Commission to improve highway facilities to shipbuilding yards in South Portland.

The executive committee voted to add \$500 to the \$1000 allowed the Portland Rose Festival on account of the deficit.

HARDINGE WILL REMAIN

COMMONS REFUSES TO TAKE ACTION TOWARD REMOVAL

Mr. Balfour Tells House That He Will Not Permit Attack on One of Subordinates, but Will Resign.

LONDON, July 18.—The House of Commons tonight declined to interfere further to restore the resignation of Baron Hardinge, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs. By a vote of 176 to 81 the House rejected a motion by John Dillon to adjourn the House with a view to forcing the government to accept the resignation for his connection with the Mesopotamia campaign.

Mr. Dillon in a speech castigated Baron Hardinge. Arthur Balfour, the Foreign Secretary, staunchly defended Baron Hardinge, contending that although he might be attacked for what he did as viceroy of India, it was grossly unfair and grossly unconstitutional to attack him as Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

"While I hold my present office," said Mr. Balfour, "I cannot permit such a gross act of injustice to one of my subordinates. If the House decides that because I adhere to that decision I ought to resign, not only will I be grateful than myself with that expression of opinion."

Hospital Unit to Get Jam.

The first shipment of cakes and jellies and jams and other goodies that are to be sent to the soldiers in the Field Hospital unit that just went to Portland to American Lake will be made this afternoon under the auspices of the newly organized Field Hospital Auxiliary.

Contributions by the members of the auxiliary and the friends and relatives of the men may be brought to 513 Oregon building up to 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Information on the plan may be obtained from Pearl Dalton, secretary of the auxiliary, Telephone Marshall 1236. The auxiliary will hold another meeting at the library tomorrow night.

Admen Visit County Farm.

The Portland Ad Club went to the Multnomah Farm at Troutdale yesterday, and went in state in a parade of 25 automobiles.

The party started from the Benson Hotel at noon, with Rufus Holman, County Commissioner and host, as pilot, and as soon as the farm was reached they enjoyed a farm-cooked dinner composed chiefly of productions of the garden of the institution.

Dinner was followed by a personally conducted tour over the "model farm." Superintendent Denison and Mr. Holman were the speakers at the luncheon.

Two Civil War Veterans Marry.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 18.—(Special.)—A double wedding in which both bridegrooms were Civil War veterans, was performed here yesterday by the Rev. L. K. Grimes, of the First Presbyterian Church. The principals were R. C. Welch, 65 years old, of Tacoma, and Mrs. Olive P. Moats, 57, also of Tacoma, and Samuel L. McDonald, 72, of Tacoma, and Mrs. Miriam E. Baxter, 67, of Woodburn, Or.

Boy, 6, Hit; Car Speeds On.

Stanley Jette, a 6-year-old lad living in an apartment-house at 8404 Mississippi avenue, was struck by a motor car at 9 P. M. yesterday and severely bruised. Dr. E. H. Anderson, of the same address, picked the lad up and dressed his injuries. The driver who struck him did not stop.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

CITY ASKS RECEIVER

Seattle Takes Hand in Street Railway Strike.

FRANCHISE TAXES ARE DUE

Mayor Gill Announces He Will Prevent Operation of Cars by Strikebreakers Brought From Outside Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 18.—A resolution instructing the corporation counsel of Seattle to apply to the Federal Court for a receiver for the Puget Sound Electric Light, Power & Traction Company was adopted by the City Council late today.

The company's car lines have been inactive for two days as a result of a strike by its employees for higher wages, shorter hours and recognition of the Carman's Union.

The council's action was taken after Mayor Gill had advocated the revocation of the company's franchise because of the non-operation of cars.

Proceedings Are Secret.

The proceedings which resulted in this action were held behind closed doors. All participants refused to disclose the details of the plan they had agreed upon, so that it is uncertain what reason will be given as the basis for the application. It is known, however, that no plea of insolvency will be made. Failure to perform the franchise obligation of reasonable and regular service, failure to pay the 2 percent of the company's gross receipts, as provided in the franchise, or simply "public necessity," are possible.

Whatever appears likely to produce immediate action, without undue delay through legal technicalities, so that service may speedily be restored, will probably be chosen as the basis for the application.

At A. L. Kempster, manager of the company, had asked for protection two weeks ago, and that the company officials then were determined that the question of the company's franchise should not be submitted to arbitration, was alleged by Mayor Gill at an open meeting held yesterday.

The Mayor declared that the company would have police protection if it desired to operate its cars, but he added that they import any other gunmen from Chicago, or any others of that type to break the strike, I will have them arrested as fast as they arrive."

Company Advertiser for Men.

Advertisements inserted in the newspapers today by the company ask for local men to run their cars, endeavor to induce the strikers to return, and declare that if the efforts of the company to secure men locally are unsuccessful it will become necessary to bring trainmen from outside. "We desire to give notice at this time that arrangements are now being made whereby trainmen can be brought here at short notice if it finally becomes necessary to do so, other methods having failed," one of the advertisements read.

Mayor Gill has announced that in the event the company seeks to operate its cars with men imported for the purpose he will order the arrest of the imported men.

The Mayor did not specify the grounds for arrest of men imported to take the places of strikers, but said that if the company could not operate its cars with local men they will not be operated at all.

The company made no effort today to run cars, but announced that cars would be run next Friday, and offered to reinstate those of its men who applied for work. A remarkable feature of the strike is the facility with which the company has been able to secure motor buses, which are covering all portions of the city. Business is proceeding almost as usual, in spite of the lack of car service.

Corporation Counsel Caldwell recommended the plan to ask for a receiver for the company, which is in arrears in its payment of taxes to the city.

CARS RUN DESPITE STRIKE

Old Employees of Company Are Used to Operate Tacoma System.

TACOMA, Wash., July 18.—Under the personal supervision of Manager H. E. Bean, of the Tacoma Railway & Power Company, 19 cars left the city at 8:30 to operate on city main lines. These were the first cars to move in the entire city system since Sunday night, when more than 300 employees of the traction company walked out.

Many of the cars this morning did not excite any violence. Each car was manned by a motorman and conductor, old employees of the company who did not go on strike. About each car also was a special officer. Further precautions were taken by placing heavy screen and steel netting about the front and rear platforms. It was said at the barns that 19 policemen and plain clothes men, including company's special officers, were on hand. At union headquarters these precautions were declared to be entirely unnecessary, so far as the strike was concerned, as every precaution possible would be taken by them to prevent violence.

Taking the case from the decision of the Supreme Court, the strikers withdrew all pickets. Interurban cars between Tacoma and Seattle and on the Puget Sound Line are operating.

"The strike is spreading, though slowly," said B. W. Sawyer, secretary of the lumbermen's executive committee, tonight. "We have received the text of the decision of the Supreme Court prohibiting picketing, but it is as we now read it, we shall invoke its aid in keeping our property clear of those who attempt to obstruct the strikers."

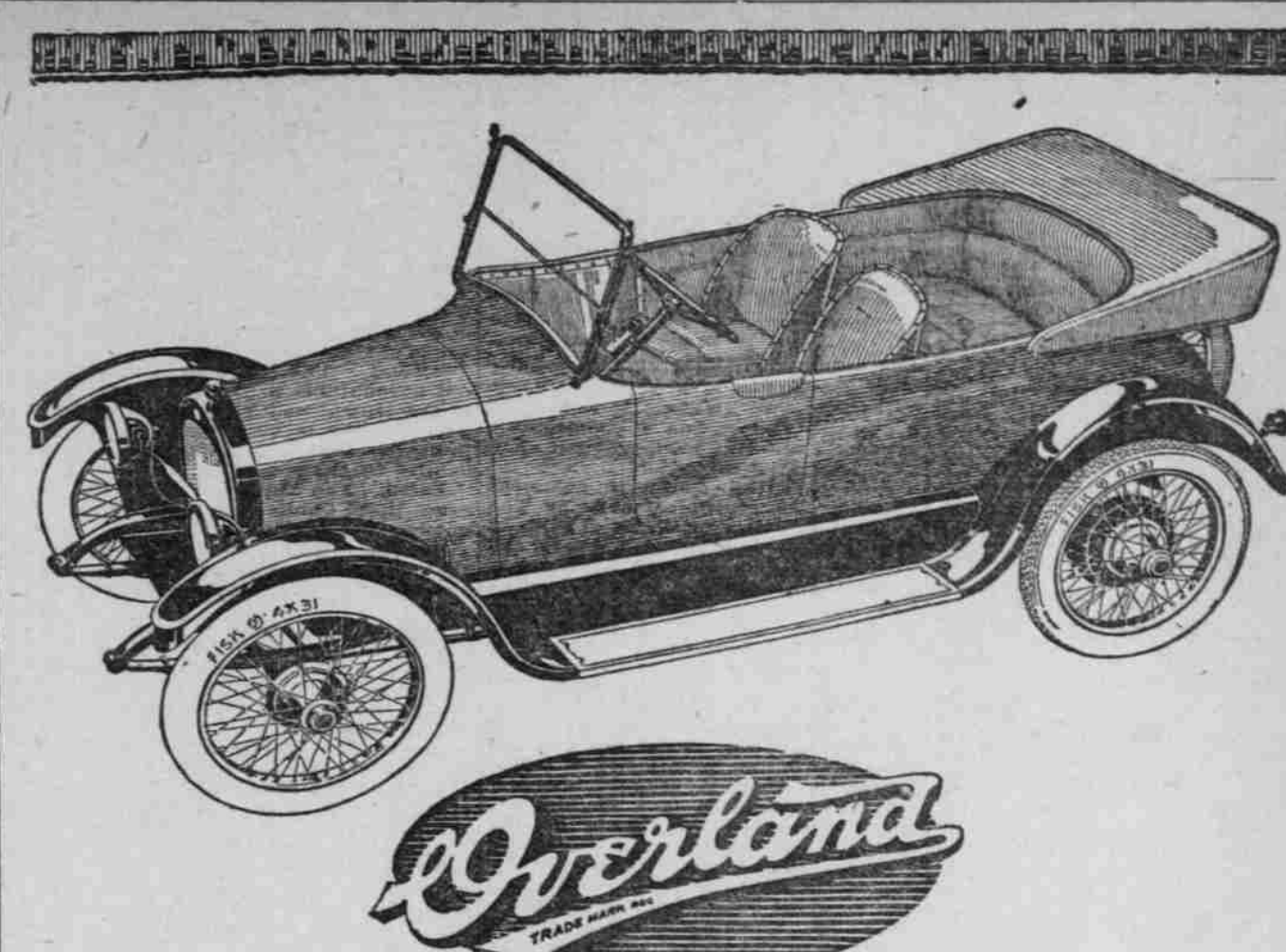
In several mills in which the eight-hour day had been granted, control of the situation was lost today, when the strikers did not work any longer. Lumbermen declare these plants were under L. W. domination. Eight-hour mills have signed up for the eight-hour day. 25 Centralia and Thurston County districts now operating on that basis.

The possibility of agreement is complicated, according to Secretary Sawyer, by the fact that there are three different elements among the strikers—the shingleweavers, the newly-formed loggers' union and the H. W. W. "Each of these is pulling in a different direction," he declared, "and so far as we can see, are at war with themselves."

EXPRESS WAGON DRIVERS RIOT

Eggs and Cobblestones Thrown at Strikebreakers.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 18.—More than 20 riot calls were received at police headquarters today as a result of clashes between express wagon drivers, who are striking for recognition of



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their union, their sympathizers, and crews of various express company wagons. Eggs were thrown at one American Express company wagon in the afternoon and cobblestones at another shortly after, without any injuries or any arrest service on a Wells Fargo wagon found it necessary to draw pistols and beat off their assailants when attacked late in the afternoon. Six men are in jail charged with disorderly conduct for having taken part in the riots.

Ray Simcoe's Body Found.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 18.—(Special.)—The body of Ray Simcoe, 23-

year-old youth, who was drowned last

tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 from

night while swimming in the Columbia

River near the DuBois mill, was re-

covered by his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Simcoe, a sister and a brother,

morning. The funeral will be held

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