

# SEEN BY THOUSANDS

## Atlantic Squadron In Sight Two Hours Off Astoria.

### GET SPLENDID VIEW OF PARADE

Excursion Steamers Salute Warships as They Round Tillamook Head—Colors Dipped in Reply.

Astoria, Or., May 21.—From every point of vantage on dunes and headlands between Willapa Harbor and Tillamook Head yesterday the patriotic people of the Pacific Northwest waved their welcome and farewell to the battleships of the Atlantic fleet as they steamed up the coast. Ten thousand throats cheered the imposing pageant of the nation's naval power; hats were flung high in the air and tears streamed down the faces of many spectators in an excess of patriotism, as the imposing file of monster fighting ships rounded Tillamook Head and came in sight of the waiting multitude.

It was a magnificent sight, such as the Oregon coast has never before witnessed. In the lead, flying Rear-Admiral Sperry's blue two-starred flag, was the Connecticut, the splendid type of the navy's latest fighting machines. The vessel that led the squadron on its historic voyage from Hampton Roads, with "Fighting Bob" Evans on the bridge, still stood at the head of the column, which was made up of the following ships:

First squadron, first division—Connecticut, Kansas, Minnesota and Vermont.

Second division—Georgia, Nebraska, New Jersey and Rhode Island.

Third division—Louisiana, Virginia, Ohio and Missouri.

Fourth division—Wisconsin, Illinois, Kearsarge and Kentucky.

Accompanying the war vessels was the hospital ship relief.

As the fleet rounded Tillamook Head at 11:30 in the morning, the battleships, which were steaming abreast of each other in a straight line stretching to the horizon, swung into a single column, the flagship leading the van, and cruised within two miles of the surf, affording a splendid view to the spectators on shore. A fleet of excursion steamers crossed the bar early in the day and greeted the battleships off Tillamook Head with a volley of whistles. Each vessel was loaded to its capacity with excursionists, and their cheers were added to the noisy salute. The mosquito fleet escorted the war vessels northward of the Columbia River, when they returned to Astoria. When the war vessels left the excursion craft behind, the battleships resumed their positions, steaming to the north abreast of each other.

As the squadron steamed along in perfect order, each vessel dipped its colors in acknowledgment of the loud acclaim from the excursion craft.

## BOMB WRECKS TENEMENT.

### Black Hand Angered Because Efforts to Extort Money Fail.

New York, May 21.—The refusal of a wealthy Italian physician to comply with the demands of Black Hand criminals for money resulted in endangering the lives of 100 persons yesterday, when a bomb was exploded in the tenement house at 316 East Eleventh street. A number of persons were injured and the occupants of the house rushed into the street in panic, while doors and beams which had been twisted out by the explosion tumbled all around them. The lower part of the house was almost completely wrecked. None of the injured was dangerously hurt with the exception of Tony Lambarro, who was crushed by falling timbers and internally injured.

The explosion occurred when most of the occupants of the house were at breakfast. The bomb had been placed in the rear hall, under the stairs. The stairway was almost completely torn away, every door on the first and second floors was wrenched off, windows were blown out, and plaster and beams all over the house were shaken down. Lambarro was on the stairs when the explosion occurred. The others injured were struck by flying timbers in their apartments.

### Big Deal in Oil Land.

Los Angeles, May 21.—The biggest oil deal in the history of California has been closed by the purchase of 1,200 acres of oil fields in the heart of the Coalinga district by the American Petroleum Company for the sum of \$2,000,000. With the exception of the Southern Pacific holdings this land represents all the undeveloped ground in the best part of the Coalinga field. Early operation and the production of an enormous quantity of oil are assured, as the American Petroleum Company is capitalized at \$10,000,000.

### Seven Killed in Explosion.

Memphis, Tenn., May 21.—Seven persons lost their lives and nine others narrowly escaped destruction in an accident which befell the gasoline launch Columbia, about eight miles south of Clarendon, Ark., at 10 o'clock Tuesday night. The tank on the launch exploded.

The surviving members of the party are in a precarious condition. An inspection of what remains of the launch shows that both sides of the craft were blown out.

### Italy Protests.

Rio de Janeiro, May 21.—The minister of Italy has delivered to the minister of foreign affairs a protest against the conduct of the coffee planters of San Paulo, who oblige Italian laborers to become naturalized citizens before they will employ them.

## JURY FAILS TO AGREE.

### Ruef Again Escapes, but New Trial Will Be Pressed.

San Francisco, May 22.—Unable to agree, after being out almost 44 hours, the jury in the case of Abraham Ruef, charged with offering a bribe to former Supervisor Jennings J. Phillips, was discharged at 5 o'clock last evening by Judge Maurice T. Dooling. Thirteen ballots were taken, and the jury stood 6 to 6 from the outset. At no stage was there a chance for an agreement, the credibility of the witnesses being the main point upon which the jurors divided.

The failure of the jury to convict will not alter the attitude of the prosecution as there are numerous indictments pending against Ruef, on one of which he will be placed on trial as soon as the state can make its arrangements to that end. In view of this fact the board of supervisors today appropriated \$70,000 for the continuance of the graft prosecutions.

Resuming their deliberations yesterday morning, the jury was called into court at 11:45 o'clock by Judge Dooling, but asked the court for more time. The request was granted and they retired.

When 4 o'clock arrived the bailiff ordered the courtroom cleared, as Judge Dooling had decided to send for the jury in a short time, and there was a desire to avoid any demonstration on the part of the spectators. As a result attorneys directly interested and the members of the press were about the only ones in attendance when the jurors filed in and took their places in the box.

Foreman Penny arose, and in response to the question of Judge Dooling said it was impossible for the jury to agree. Each juror was then questioned by Judge Dooling, and all agreed that they could not arrive at a verdict. Judge Dooling then formally discharged the jury.

## BUILD TO PACIFIC.

### Edwin Gould Makes Announcement for Western Pacific.

Los Angeles, May 22.—Edwin Gould, pathfinder for the "ocean to ocean" railroad ambition of his brother, George, announced that the Gould lines will not only reach San Francisco, but they will enter Los Angeles and the ports of the Pacific Northwest, through Portland. Mr. Gould arrived today from Texas in his private car "Dixie."

Gould is a director of the Western Pacific, and makes the positive announcement that the ocean to ocean Gould line will be consummated with the early completion of the Western Pacific into San Francisco, and that the lines of the Goulds will also be extended to Portland in the near future.

Further, Mr. Gould declares that the Pacific Coast will be the scene of the most extensive railroad operations ever known.

For many months it has been rumored that the Gould interests have been securing options on rights of way along the coast from the north shore of San Francisco bay to Eureka. The Northwestern railroad, which ends at Willets, Mendocino county, is supposed to be the property of the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe jointly, but lately it has been reported that part of the right of way between Willets and Eureka has been found to overlap other claims, and litigation was threatened.

## WRECK IN BELGIUM.

### Sixty Killed and Hundred Injured in Collision of Trains.

Antwerp, May 22.—In one of the worst railroad disasters that ever occurred in this country a great number of passengers, the number being estimated as high as 60, were killed today, and at least 100 seriously injured in a collision between two passenger trains. The trains were running at a high rate of speed when the crash occurred. They came together with great force, throwing the cars from the tracks and piling them up in heaps of ruins. Great difficulty was experienced in releasing the imprisoned passengers. Twenty-two bodies have been recovered, and search for more is being made in the ruins.

The collision occurred at Contich, six miles southeast of Antwerp. One train was bound for Brussels and the other was going to Lierre. Three coaches of the latter train were crushed into kindling wood. The accident, which is thought to have been due to mistaken signals, took place on a crossing.

## New Outbreak in Hayti.

Port au Prince, Hayti, May 22.—Incited to insurrection by Septimus Marius, the rebel leader, a serious anti-government outbreak has taken place in the southern part of the island. Strong forces have been sent to the scene to suppress the uprising, but fears are entertained that before the troops arrive the insurrectionists will have seized a number of cities, following the seizure with massacres in revenge for the summary execution of a number of prominent anti-government sympathizers in this city last March.

## Telegraph Operators to Strike.

Chicago, May 22.—Members of the Commercial Telegraphers' union are again talking strike. They are planning a general tie-up of the wires at the time of the republican national convention in June, it is said. They figure that the moral effect of a strike at such a time may produce results within the convention hall which might be repeated later when the delegates meet in Denver, and bring about a governmental investigation of conditions.

## Favors Opium Conference.

Tokio, May 22.—The Japanese government has signified its intention of joining America in the latter's efforts to secure the calling of an international opium conference.

# OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

## OREGON WOOL GOOD.

### Secretary Smythe Praises Compulsory Dipping Law.

Portland.—Secretary Dan P. Smythe, of the Oregon Woolgrowers association, passed through Portland recently on his way to Salem, where he represents the third district of Oregon at the annual meeting of the state sheep commission. Mr. Smythe says the wool clip this year is as large as usual, and that the wool is of exceptionally fine quality.

At this session of the sheep commission the eastern Oregon men intend to take some radical action to prevent further encroachments of Washington sheepmen in the Wenaha forest reserve.

Mr. Smythe, who is extensively engaged in sheepraising himself, is emphatic in praise of the compulsory dipping law passed at the last session of the legislature. He says Oregon sheep are now practically free from disease of every kind, and the wool is of a much higher grade than in former years.

The administration at Washington has favored the woolgrowers in the Evergreen State, to the detriment of Oregon stockmen. Just what action will be taken Mr. Smythe was not prepared to say, but he thinks the commission will make recommendations that the forestry department at the national capital will not dare to overlook.

## LEASE BIG TRACT.

### Sheepmen Gobble 100,000 Acres as Overflow to Forest Reserve.

Pendleton.—One hundred thousand acres of fine range land has just been leased in Baker county by Morrow, Gilliam and Umatilla county sheepmen as an overflow range from their forest reserve allotments. The land is logged-off timber land, and lies in a strip 50 miles in length between Austin and Pleasant valley, in Baker county, and belongs to the numerous lumber companies of that district. It was leased for five years by Dan P. Smythe, of this city, and A. K. and A. Smythe, of Arlington, William Smith, of Arlington, and A. C. Whittier, of Baker county. The sum of \$8,000 was paid for use of the tract for five years. Over 50,000 head of sheep will be held in the territory during a portion of the summer. It is well watered and contains fine grass.

## Halt in Timber Land Buying.

Klamath Falls.—J. W. Alexander, of the Weyerhaeuser Lumber company, is in this city on business for his company. He states that he is not here to buy timber, but that he expects to buy when special inducements are offered. There is but little movement in timber in this section, and none is expected until after the presidential election. While the price of farming lands in this section has increased in the past six months, timber land has decreased from \$1.50 a thousand to 75 cents and \$1. However, those holding claims are not worrying over conditions, as they feel sure the slump in timber is but temporary.

## Whipping Up on Tule Contract.

Klamath Falls.—It is stated here that Chief Engineer Hood has given imperative orders that the dredging on the marsh for the railroad grade must be rushed or the contract will be forfeited. The contract consists of a grade four miles along across swamp land, now rank with tules, and the agreement now is that crews must be worked day and night in order to throw up the grade at the earliest possible date in order to allow it to settle and dry before the track is laid.

## Open Reserves June 1.

Pendleton.—Sheepmen of Umatilla county have received notice that sheep may be taken upon the Wenaha forest reserve June 1, instead of June 15, the date originally set. For some time sheepmen have been asking for the use of the reserves on the Blue mountains earlier than usual, because of the dry weather prevailing this spring. Dan P. Smythe, secretary of the sheepmen's association, has received notice from Supervisor Schmitz that admission would be granted June 1.

## New Fly Destroys Aph's.

Milton.—Local orchardists are much interested in a new variety of fly which has appeared in orchards in this section recently and which appears to be an enemy to the green aphid, a pest which has done great damage to peach trees this season. The new fly, which may prove a blessing to the fruitgrowers, is larger than the ordinary house fly and has wings long and slender and spotted black and white.

## Will Exhibit at State Fair.

Oregon City.—The board of directors of the Clackamas County Fair association has authorized the executive committee to make a county exhibit at the state fair, which will follow the Clackamas county fair. The board appropriated \$50 for premiums for juvenile exhibits, and reappointed Thomas F. Ryan, George Lazelle and T. J. Gary as a committee to direct the affairs of the association.

## Cherry Fair at The Dalles.

The Dalles.—The mid-summer meeting of the State Horticultural society and cherry fair will be held at The Dalles, June 30 to July 2, inclusive. Prizes will be offered for various exhibits of cherries, and there will be a programme each day. R. H. Webber, A. E. Lake, and G. E. Saunders, the committee, are now busily engaged in making the arrangements.

## Bumper Crop Promised.

Arlington.—Heavy rains throughout this section of Oregon a few days ago have added many thousands of dollars to the wealth of Gilliam and adjoining counties. The weather is warm and the farmers happy. Every one predicts a prosperous year for this part of the state.

## COUNTIES TO EXHIBIT.

### Oregon Commission Asks Active Cooperation of All.

Portland.—County judges and commissioners of all the counties of Oregon, as well as all the commercial organizations of the state have been sent a letter by the Oregon-Alaska-Yukon-Pacific commission in which the commissioners ask for co-operation in making Oregon's exhibit at the Seattle show the greatest state exhibition at next year's big exposition.

The commissioners set forth that Oregon will have the most complete state building at the fair, and that the cooperation of the officials in securing thorough and attractive exhibits of Oregon's resources will be imperative. The letter which has been sent by the commission through President Wehring is in part as follows:

"The expense to your county in collecting such an exhibit will not be large. Get a live man to take hold of the work and push it, bearing in mind that it is quality not quantity that is wanted. After you have gathered your exhibit we will transport it to Seattle, install and maintain it without further expense to your county; we will also place an attendant in charge, and will keep in close touch with you during the fair, so that your county will get all the benefit possible in the way of advertising, etc.

"The commission is also having printed a 96-page booklet on the resources of Oregon, which will be distributed during the exposition. Two pages of this booklet will be devoted to each county. We also intend to show by moving pictures the farms, orchards, livestock, timber, mountains, streams and everything of interest in each county.

We must have your help and co-operation in the gathering of your exhibit. If we were compelled to buy these exhibits the state would have to double its present appropriation, but with your assistance we hope to carry out our present plans without asking for any further appropriation."

## Pays Large Inheritance Tax.

Salem.—The second largest inheritance tax ever paid into the state treasury was received recently. It was the tax on the estate of Amanda Reed, of Multnomah county, appraised at a valuation of \$1,385,919.89. The tax was \$7,141.40. The largest tax paid was on the estate of Henry Weinhart, which amounted to \$15,248.54. The appraised value of the Weinhart estate was but \$1,381,967.23, but was left in a lump sum, while the Reed estate was divided among a large number of beneficiaries.

## Daily Snowstorms at Buckeye.

Sumpter.—Superintendent W. H. Gleason, of the Buckeye mine, in the Cracker Creek district, reports operation at the property in full blast. Cross-cutting for the main ledge from the drift is in progress, and it is expected to encounter the vein in a short while. There is much snow in the vicinity of this mine and it is a hard matter to get supplies in at present. Continued snow storms prevail almost daily at that altitude.

## Auto to Carry Tourists.

Klamath Falls.—Captain J. M. McIntyre, of the McIntyre Transportation company, has purchased an 11-passenger automobile, and will put it on the line between Dorris and this city. A crew of men is now working on the road between Dorris and Keno, getting it in shape for automobile service, and it is expected that the run can be made in two hours from end of rail to this city.

## Hatchery Superintendent.

Oregon City.—W. H. Smith, of Park place, has been appointed superintendent of the state fish hatcheries at Walla Walla and Ontario.

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

Apples—Select, \$2.50 per box; fancy, \$2; choice, \$1.50; ordinary, \$1.25.  
Potatoes—Select, 70c per hundred; Willamette Valley, 45c per hundred; East Multnomah, 55c; Clackamas, 55c per hundred; sweet, 5 1/2c per pound.  
Fruits—Strawberries, California, \$1.50@1.85 per crate; Oregon, 10@12 1/2c per pound.  
Vegetables—Turnips, \$1 per sack; carrots, \$1.50@1.75; beets, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.25; beans, wax, 12 1/2@13 1/2c per pound; head lettuce, 35c per dozen; artichokes, 50c per dozen; asparagus, 7@8c per pound; egg plant, 25@30c per pound; parsley, 25c per dozen; peas, 6@7c per pound; peppers, 20c per pound; radishes, 15c per dozen; rhubarb, 2@3c per pound; spinach, 85c per crate.  
Wheat—Club, 89c per bushel; red Russian, 86 1/2c; bluestem, 91c; valley, 89c.  
Barley—Feed, \$25 per ton; rolled, \$27@28; brewing, \$20.  
Oats—No. 1 white, \$27.50 per ton; gray, \$27.  
Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$17 per ton; Willamette Valley, ordinary, \$15; Eastern Oregon, \$18.50; mixed, \$16; clover, \$14; alfalfa, \$12; alfalfa meal, \$20.  
Dressed Meats—Hogs, fancy, 8 1/2c per pound; ordinary, 7@7 1/2c; large, 6c; veal, extra, 7 1/2c; ordinary, 7c; heavy, 6c; mutton, fancy, 10c.  
Butter—Extras, 24c per pound; fancy, 23c; choice, 20c; store, 16c.  
Poultry—Mixed chickens, 13@14c per pound; fancy hens, 14 1/2@15c; roosters, old, 9c; fryers, dozen, \$4; broilers, dozen, \$4.50@5; dressed poultry, per pound, 1c higher; ducks 16@17c; geese, 8@9c; turkeys, alive, 17@18c; dressed, 19@20c.  
Hops—1907, prime and choice, 5@6 1/2c per pound; old, 1 1/2@2c per pound.  
Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 11@15c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 10@12 1/2c.  
Mohair—Choice, 18@18 1/2c per pound.

## MOBS RULE CLEVELAND.

### Shoot Down Carmen and Burn Cars—Little Girl Killed.

Cleveland, O., May 20.—The most serious violence of the street car strike which has been on here since Sunday, occurred in Lakewood, a suburb, last night, when four men were wounded with bullets, one car burned and another partially wrecked.

Trouble had been anticipated, and the first car to Clinton carried no passengers. When it stopped before a railway bridge, a crowd which had been lying in wait, leaped from hiding places and opened fire on the crew and guards. Guards W. G. Barnes and John Swanto returned the fire, more than 30 shots being exchanged.

While the shooting was in progress the crowd grew to nearly a thousand. Another car arrived and its crew joined in the fight. Gasoline was poured on the second car and it was burned to the trucks. The Cleveland police were notified, and 60 officers were sent to the rescue. The first car, riddled with bullets and windows broken, proceeded to the barn.

An earlier disturbance occurred in the downtown district, when Yatta Wolkison, a little girl, was killed by a car while attempting to cross the street. As soon as he realized what had occurred, the motorist speeded the car several blocks ahead, where the police were notified. The conductor then left the car and sought refuge in a nearby drug store. A crowd attempted to reach him, while others attempted to drag the fleeing car. The police arrived just in time to save the conductor, at whom the mob was yelling, "Lynch him; lynch him."

The state arbitrators took up the task of endeavoring to effect a reconciliation between the strikers and the Municipal traction company early last night, and remained in session several hours.

## RESERVE DAY FOR VISITORS.

### Tacoma Planning for Entertainment of Many Strangers.

Tacoma, Wash., May 20.—Wednesday, May 27, the day on which the full battleship fleet will parade in Tacoma's harbor, will be reserved for visitors from out of town, who will be given exclusive freedom of the nation's big fighting machines. This arrangement will give those not living in Tacoma the first opportunity to visit the battleships. The general committee deemed this precaution necessary because of the great crowds of people coming to Tacoma from Oregon, Washington, and as far east as Idaho and Montana, some of them for a single day only.

In Tacoma they expect to find special advantages, for from the high bluff surrounding Commencement bay and forming an immense natural grandstand, hundreds of thousands of visitors can be accommodated with a perfect view of the spacious harbor. William Jones, chairman of the general committee, says he is advised that thousands are coming from Seattle to view the parade of the fleet, owing to the superior advantages enjoyed in Tacoma. In consequence of the expected rush, the steamship lines and the electric and steam roads running into Tacoma are preparing to handle immense crowds. Most of the cities and towns adjacent to Tacoma are preparing to send their school children here en masse, and members of the Grand Army of the Republic, military and other uniformed organizations of this and adjoining states will be in Tacoma May 30 to join with the forces from the battleships in paying honor to the dead of two wars in a memorial day parade that will be without parallel in the history of the Northwest.

## BRINGS CARGO OF CHINESE.

### Suspected Mission of Jap Steamer to California Coast.

Los Angeles, May 20.—Immigration officials were notified last tonight of the arrival of a mysterious Japanese steamer at Gaviota, in Santa Barbara county. The vessel carries a large crew. When the captain attempted to land his men the authorities prevented it. An immigration officer will investigate.

The immigration authorities at this point telegraphed the officials at Gaviota to detain the vessel until an investigation could be made. The steamer had been seen off the coast for several days, which fact led the officials of Gaviota to telegraph to this city for instructions. It is thought the vessel may contain Chinese, who are trying to land in violation of the immigration laws.

## Reduce Convention Rates.

Chicago, May 20.—In making rates of 1 1/2 cents a mile for the Shriners' convention in the Twin Cities, the Wisconsin Central railroad has set an example which undoubtedly will be followed by other Western roads. That the interstate commerce commission is taking great interest in the squabble of the roads over convention rates and would like to see the matter settled is evidenced by a statement made today by a member of that body who declared that he thought the roads were hurting themselves.

## Expect to End Strike.

Cleveland, O., May 20.—Rioting yesterday continued to mark the progress of the street car strike, though the end of the trouble seems to be in sight. In many instances cars and the crews that man them were stoned, but the police were so quickly on the scene that serious disorders did not result. In one part of the city a street car collided with an explosive which had been placed on the track and was badly damaged, but no one was hurt.

## Press Rioters.

Tokio, May 20.—The rioting at Hankow, which began 10 days ago, has been suppressed. The damage to property inflicted by the rioters amounts to 500,000 yen. Many persons were killed or wounded.

# COMPROMISE ON FAIR

## Congressional Committees Agree on Seattle Appropriation.

### SPEND \$650,000 FOR EXHIBIT

Washington Delegation Highly Elated at Result—Useless Expenses Are Stricken Out.

Washington, May 23.—The conference committee on the sundry civil bill yesterday agreed to give \$650,000 for the Seattle exposition. Fifty thousand dollars will be cut off from the expense of the government board, which is reduced to three members, and unnecessary features of the government exhibit are eliminated. There was no action in the appropriation for buildings on the Alaska, Philippine or Hawaii exhibits. The conference report will be agreed to today. The compromise is highly satisfactory to the Washington delegation.

## GOVERNOR SPARKS DEAD.

### Nevada Executive Killed by Overwork at Extra Session.

Reno, Nev., May 23.—"I don't feel death. I have done my best. I am tired and am ready to go. Good-bye." Surrounded by his wife, three sons and a daughter, Governor John Spinks, conscious to the last, sank to death at 8:30 yesterday morning, after attending the above words.

The illness which culminated in the governor's death was directly due to overwork and nervous strain attending upon the extra session of Nevada's legislature late last fall.

Mr. Sparks was born in Mississippi August 30, 1843, and came to this state in 1868, engaging in stockraising. He owned large cattle ranches in Nevada and Texas, as well as a large cotton plantation in Texas. He was elected chief executive in 1902 and again in 1906 by large majorities.

Lieutenant Governor D. S. Dismason is now governor of Nevada. He came to Nevada eight years ago and went to work in a mine at Cherry Fork.

## EXTRA SESSION CALLED.

### Philippine Assembly Needs a Majority More to Finish Work.

Manila, May 23.—The statutory law for the adjournment of the Philippine assembly having arrived with the rest of that body incomplete, Governor-General Smith has called a month's extra session. Prior to the adjournment of the regular session, the radicals attempted to present a resolution favoring immediate independence, but were headed off by the conservatives under the leadership of President Osuna. It is believed that the attempt to pass the resolution will be renewed during the extra session.

The Philippine commission has rejected the assembly bill providing for the teaching of the various Filipino dialects in the public schools, and has substituted a bill creating an institution for the study of these dialects.

Mamuel Queson, a member of the assembly, has been appointed delegate to the navigation congress, to be held at St. Petersburg. He will sail tomorrow, accompanied by his secretary, Theodore Rogers.

## Sues to Recover Graft.

San Francisco, May 23.—Joseph Sullivan, a retired capitalist, who owns a block of stock in the United States Ways Investment Company, today began a suit in equity in the superior court to recover the \$200,000 paid Calhoun, president of the United States roads, is alleged to have paid through Tiley L. Ford, general counsel for the corporation, to Abe Ruef for the purpose of influencing the supervisors to grant the company a trolley franchise. Interest on the above-named amount, and costs are also demanded by the plaintiff. The complaint alleges that the suit is brought in the interest of the stockholders of the corporation.

## Conspirator May Hang.

Deer Lodge, Mont., May 23.—William Hays, a convict in the state prison here, was today found guilty of first degree murder in killing Guard John Robinson in the course of the sensational prison break in March. Governor Rock pleaded guilty two weeks ago and was sentenced to hang June 15. Hays' defense proved he had not laid a hand on Robinson, but he was found guilty of conspiracy. The jury recommended hanging. Two others are charged and are yet to be tried. These are C. Young and Orell Stevens.

## Big Power Project.

San Francisco, May 23.—A dam which will ultimately revolutionize the price of electricity throughout the state of California, will soon be consummated in the investment of an additional \$25,000,000 in the \$12,000,000 power house that is nearing completion on the north fork of the American river. The plant will be ready for operation in October, but in the meantime eastern capitalists are making arrangements to advance the enormous amount of capital.

## Eight Perished in Fire.

Chicago, May 23.—Although eight men are believed to have perished in the fire that destroyed the Western box factory yesterday, only two bodies had been recovered at midnight, when the search was abandoned until tomorrow.