

THE DAILY NEWS

LARGEST CIRCULATION
IN THE CITY AND NORTH

GRUNTY GRUNDY SAYS:

A government that had to sell a million and a quarter of treasury notes to meet current loans will not be able to help Prince Rupert much

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MILITANTS TO FACE BATTLESHIPS FOR EMMELINE

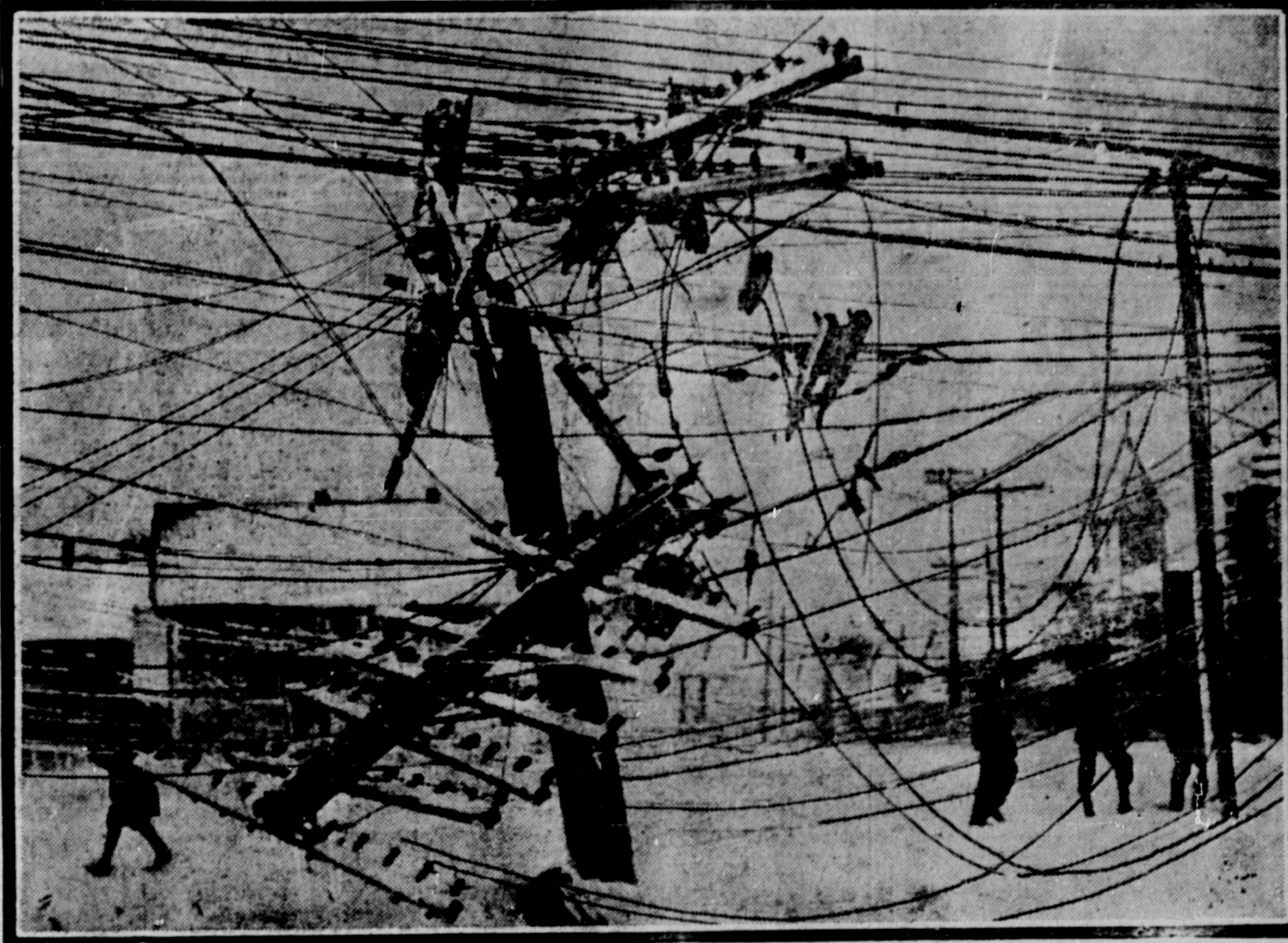
NEW ORDER-IN-COUNCIL AS TO HINDU IMMIGRATION--BICYCLE RIDERS OF WORLD RACING

EMMELINE'S HUNGER STRIKE AGAIN PROVES SUCCESSFUL

JUST AS MILITANTS IN LONDON WERE SWEARING TO FACE BATTLESHIPS IN HER DEFENCE SHE WAS GRANTED SEVEN DAYS' LIBERTY

(Special to The Daily News.) London, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Pankhurst has been released from the Exeter jail, following a successful hunger and thirst strike. She appeared to be very weak and was driven to an hotel where she was attended by a nurse. She was given her liberty for seven days only, and the authorities say she will spend the next Sunday in jail. It was Mrs. Pankhurst's intention to proceed to London at the earliest possible date. Expecting the early release of their leader the militant suffragettes assembled yesterday morning at the Empress Theatre to protest against the imprisonment of Mrs. Pankhurst. Mrs. "General" Drummond explained that the large number of empty seats were due to the action of the post office authorities tampering with their mail and stopping the letters containing the invitation tickets to the meeting. In the course of her speech the general said:

"Hear and now we swear that never again shall the government get Emmeline Pankhurst, our great leader. We shall organize a bodyguard that will face battleships if necessary." A resolution demanding the instant release of Mrs. Pankhurst was adopted but just as the meeting was dispersing a telegram was received that she had been released. This was received with wild and prolonged cheering. Several large donations to the cause were immediately made and promises of further sums. After this scores of the militants invaded St. Paul's Cathedral while the morning service was going on. At the top of their voices they sang "God Save Emmeline." The services stopped until the suffragettes stopped singing from shortness of breath and then proceeded as if nothing had happened and the militants quietly left the sacred edifice.



WIRES AND POLES DOWN BEFORE AWFUL GALE IN THE EAST

The photo gives a slight indication of the fury of the awful snow storm which swept Eastern Canada. Cleveland got the tail-end of the storm, and the havoc caused by the snow borne along by an eighty-mile-an-hour gale was terrible.

IS POWER AGREEMENT GOOD PROPOSITION FOR RUPERT

WHAT THE PUBLIC THINK ABOUT IT—TWO SIDES TO THE QUESTION PRESENTED HERE

The proposed agreement between the Prince Rupert Hydro-Electric Power Co. and the city for the purchasing of electrical power, which will be submitted to the property owners at the civic elections, is now being generally discussed in public places. The agreement is being criticized quite freely and there is considerable opposition to it on the ground that it is contrary to the city's policy of municipal ownership of all public utilities. That is the sentimental phase of the question. The business phase of it is the price of power. The Daily News has endeavored to pick up the substances of the arguments used by citizens on both sides of the question and they are presented for the benefit of its readers. These arguments are not those of the paper but a fair report, in brief form, of the statements on the streets. There have been a few persons hint at sinister motives on the part of the council in submitting this agreement to the electors but these have been only from irresponsible parties, and the statements have been tinged with personal enmity. The Daily News sees nothing vicious in the agreement. It appears to be an honest attempt on the part of the city council to offer a solution of the problem of obtaining more electrical energy. The Daily News will endeavor to place both sides of the issue before the public. Its readers are invited to express their views briefly and without personal abuse.

ARGUMENTS FOR AGREEMENT

The present steam plant is overloaded and it is necessary to have more power before next winter. If the development of the city hydro-electric scheme is gone on with it means another money by-law of \$300,000—half of the sum for the hydro-electric and half for an auxiliary diesel oil plant. It would take some months to get such a bylaw before the property owners, and even if they passed it the council would be unable to sell the debentures. In the present condition of the money market no loans can be secured on hydro-electric schemes in a city which has neither streets nor sewers. The city has need of all its credit for street improvements and sewers. The sliding scale price offered by the company is a reasonable one for the amount of power used. It is much cheaper than the price at which the city is now producing power. Within a very few years the city will be using sufficient power to get the minimum price which is lower than other coast cities are getting power now. The per capita consumption of electricity is increasing every year beyond all estimate. Two years ago the expert brought in here to report on the proposed hydro-electric scheme estimated at this date we would be using 200 h.p. As a matter of fact we are using 380 horse power. If the city develops the Woodworth Lake scheme it will not have sufficient power to supply the demand for more than three or four years. It will mean the development of another power and a new plant at a still greater cost. Applications for this other water power has been made but it has not yet been secured from the government. If the city purchases its power it will have to finance its own scheme for some years, until the amount used exceeds to 3000 h.p. If the company is able to sell to industries cheaper than to the city, the city has the right every five years to apply for a revision of rates, to be settled by arbitration. Should this agreement be turned down by the property owners where is the city going to get its power, as it is impossible to finance a civic plant at the present time.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST AGREEMENT

Twenty years is too long a period to tie up the city to any contract. Three thousand horse power is too large an amount to contract for. It means that the city will not be in a position to own its own power plant until it has a population of 25,000 people. Any contract is opposed to the principles of municipal ownership of all public utilities. The city has its own water power at Woodworth Lake which will develop 835 h.p. at a cost of \$140,000. It has a still greater water power staked at Wark Channel which there is every reason to believe will be granted to the city. The city is as well able to finance its own power scheme as the private company is to finance its scheme. This city has an assessment of 20 million dollars. A city owned plant will deliver power just as cheaply as the privately owned plant on the present consumption. With an increased consumption the city power will come down in price faster than the power under the proposed agreement. The proposed contract if accepted will enable the Prince Rupert Hydro-Electric Co. to finance their scheme. The prices proposed are too high. If the company is enabled to sell their power to the city at these high prices they can then under bid the city for industrial contracts and take to their Port Edward townsite industries which would otherwise come here. If the agreement is entered into the power should be taken on the low voltage side of the substation instead of the high-voltage side. As the city has to raise \$60,000 for a distributing plant this might be better applied on the hydro-electric scheme. It might be possible to let a portion of the hydro-electric contract on the same basis on which Section Two was graded—pay the contractor in debenture. In the event of the city failing to secure money to finance the scheme power may be obtained temporarily from the G.T.P. dry dock plant.

PREMIER M'BRIDE STRONGLY FAVORS RAILWAY TO ALASKA

NORTHERN PART OF PROVINCE WOULD BE DEVELOPED AS NEVER BEFORE AS A CONSEQUENCE OF ITS CONSTRUCTION

Victoria, Dec. 6.—The reference of President Wilson of the United States in his message to congress, which has recently been delivered, to the railway development of Alaska was referred to today by Sir Richard McBride, the Premier of this province. It is well known that the Premier has been a very warm supporter of the idea of the closest connection between the United States and Alaska by railway through British Columbia, and he has regarded this as a matter of importance to the province.

Sir Richard says that a railway connection with the Yukon and with Alaska is an international scheme and he looks for early action in this direction. A railway to Alaska, he says, would mean the beginning of the development of the north as it has never been developed before. Built through the province of British Columbia, the effect would be to benefit this province, giving as it would an international transportation connection with the far north which would mean increasing traffic.

WILL VANCOUVER GET IT?

The Vancouver Board of Trade is in receipt of a communication from a Mr. King, of the James M. Davidson Fisheries, Edinburgh, to the effect that he intends erecting a fertilizer plant near Vancouver, using fish offal as the fertilizer. Mr. King states in his communication that he has made a contract with all the canneries on the Skeena to take the offal from their plants. Similar contracts have been made with most of the canneries down the coast. Does this mean that Vancouver is going to get an industry which naturally belongs to Prince Rupert? Is the big town going to pick our plums just as they are about to get ripe?

DRAFTING ORDER-IN-COUNCIL TO PREVENT A HINDU INFLUX

DESIGNED TO CONFORM WITH STATUTE AND MEET ALL THE POINTS RAISED BY DECISION OF CHIEF JUSTICE HUNTER

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—A new order-in-council dealing with the Hindu immigration question has been drafted by the department of justice. This order-in-council is made to conform with the statute governing the subject and is designed to meet the points that were raised in the decision given by Chief Justice Hunter of the Supreme Court of British Columbia a few days ago. The Chief Justice held that the regulations that were in effect went beyond the powers that were conveyed to the Governor-in-Council under the statutes governing the immigration into the country. Under these new regulations it is hoped to overcome any objection that may be raised in this way and so effectively overcome the upsetting of the orders of the Government in regard to the admission of East Indians into Canada which it is the wish of the Government to keep out. The order-in-council was not passed today by the Government, although it was considered at length. This was due to the fact that the written decision of the British Columbia Chief Justice had not been received by the Government and it was not deemed wise to take definite action until the text of the decision was in the hands of the department. As the decision of the Chief Justice is interpreted here, it is not believed that he ruled that the statute was ultra vires, but only that the regulations based on this were so regarded. If the decision of Chief Justice Hunter is found to go further than that, the Government, it is believed, will take other methods of dealing with the situation which has arisen.

Left for the East Mr. D. B. Taylor, who for the past 18 months has been managing editor of the Prince Rupert Daily News left Friday last for Ontario where he will go in with his brother in the Sentinel-Review, one of Ontario's best newspapers and publishing plants. Mr. Taylor leaves many friends behind who hope he has caught the mountain fever and will come back to the coast. TWO PRINCE RUPERT MEN LOST IN WOODS Provincial Constables and Others Have Started on a Hunt Saturday evening there started out on a hunting expedition up Tucks Inlet, a party comprising H. B. Eastman, John Toomire, T. McMeekin, S. Mathieson, Pearl R. Harris and George McLeod. Yesterday evening two of the party, Tommie McMeekin and J. Toomire, failed to turn up. Scouting parties were sent out without success and during the rest of the wild, blistering night the bulk of the party kept on firing their ammunition hoping to thus guide the lost to the motor boat. But all through the night not a sound was heard from them. This morning the party made another determined hunt and returned discouraged. They then put into the cold storage wharf and from there telephoned Chief Owen, of the provincial police. Shortly after noon he put out after the missing men in the police motor boat; George Frizzell also took his boat out with Mr. Burgess of the Royal Hotel and others, and another motor boat joined the searching party. Up to the time of going to press nothing had been heard from these rescue parties or the lost men. After the theatre. Palace Cafe.

POWERS SEEM INCLINED TO TAKE STEPS TO STOP WAR IN MEXICO

MAY FORCE THE HAND OF SECRETARY OF STATE BRYAN—MEXICAN REBELS APPARENTLY IN NO HURRY TO REACH THE CAPITAL

Mexico City, Dec. 6.—Gen. Navarro, the leader of the federals in six fights, despite the fact that he has lost three-quarters of his men, is still game. He is still actively engaged in the fighting. Washington, Dec. 6.—The powers may force the hand of Secretary of State Bryan on the question of the early termination of existing conditions in Mexico. It has been suggested in very polite language that the United States should act. The foreign diplomats will probably wait upon the chief of the state department with requests for information on the point. El Paso, Dec. 6.—Gen. Villa is in no hurry to enter Chihuahua. Huerta's troops still remain at Guajmas. The rebels are at Juarez. Out of fear that the federals will attack Monterey that point has been abandoned by the American colony.

No Herring Running A fish man from the north reports that the herring run is very late in starting this year. There are no schools in sight yet in the north. Last year the herring were running in Prince Rupert harbor at this date but there are none here yet. The season is still early for this harbor.

CONFERENCE ON THE DUBLIN STRIKE FAILS

Workers Demanded Complete Reinstatement of Strikers

(Special to The Daily News.) Dublin, Dec. 8.—The attempt to reach a settlement of Dublin strike has failed. The conference of the employees, assisted by English labor leaders, sat for twenty hours and threshed out every point, but the conference broke down on the workers' demand of complete reinstatements of the strikers. This the executive of the employers refused, offering to reinstate 80 per cent. of the strikers.

BEST BICYCLE RIDERS

Start a Six Day Race in Madison Square Garden

(Special to The Daily News.) New York, Dec. 8.—Seventeen teams, composed of the best bicycle riders of the world (with the exception of Walter Rutt, three times winner, who is incapacitated by injury), are competitors in the annual six day race which began just after midnight in the Madison Square Gardens last night.

The Ladies Aid of the Baptist Church will give a tea, sale of work, home cooking and candy at the home of Mrs. G. A. McNicholl, 327 5th Ave., December 11th, from 3 to 6. Admission 25c., including afternoon tea. 289

Majestic Theatre

Special Announcement

Owing to the mishap to the city plant, whatever the cause the whole of Third Avenue was in darkness last Saturday night. No electricity available, therefore impossible to continue the performance. The management takes pleasure to announce that tickets beginning No. 39123 for adults and No. 2754 for children will be duly honored. One and all cordially invited for tonight's performance. For the occasion the management will have an extra big attraction, Pathe Play, lately released, powerful drama "A Slave of Satan," IN TWO PARTS Vitagraph Photo Play, Thrilling Detective story THE AMBASSADOR'S DISAPPEARANCE Eclipse Photo Play "A RACE FOR HONOR" concluding with a Biograph roaring, laughing comedy "PAPA'S BABY," and "COME SEBEN, COME LEBEN."

THINGS ARE COMING OUR WAY

WESTHOLME OPERA HOUSE

MONDAY AND TUESDAY

Look at this Programme

1. THE FAITHFUL SHEP. A dog story for the children
 2. THE MADCAP Fine 2 Reel Bioncho feature
 3. KEYSTONE COMEDY—"A Voice from the Deep." Fun, Fast and Furious.
 4. TOAD'S TRAITS—Educational.
- ADMISSION --- 10c & 15c

Blackmailers Caught

Ogden, Utah, Dec. 8.—Three of the men who were part of a gang of blackmailers who terrorized Ogden have been arrested. Rewards of \$24,000 overhangs the heads of these desperadoes, who have terrorized the vicinity since the hold-up of the Oregon Short Line train in June 1910.

Basket Ball

Brotherhood vs. Bankers at the Auditorium tonight. Game called at 8.15. Admission 25c. Fresh crabs. Palace Cafe, Sixth St. 2841f Pantorium Pioneer Cleaners. Phone 4.