

## POLICEMAN SHOT

POLICEMAN W. B. FLEMING, OF VALLEY CITY, IS SHOT BY A HOBO WHO WAS ATTEMPTING TO STEAL A RIDE ON A FREIGHT TRAIN

The report reached Courtenay on Sunday of the shooting of Policeman W. B. Fleming, of Valley City, sometime during Saturday night while attempting to arrest a gang of hoboes who had taken possession of a freight train on the Soo road. According to the report, a brakeman discovered five hoboes in a box car while the train stood at Enderlin and ordered them out. They not only refused to get out of the car but slapped the brakeman. The brakeman escaped from the boes and went to the caboose where he secured the aid of the balance of the train crew and thus reinforced he returned to the car where five masked men with drawn revolvers were encountered. The hoboes announced that they were going to ride on that train and informed the train crew that they might as well go back to the caboose and attend to their business. When the train arrived at Fingal the crew wired to Valley City and asked the officers to meet the train at the depot and arrest the hoboes.

The train arrived at Valley City about two o'clock Sunday morning, but no sooner did the hoboes discover the presence of the officers than an exchange of shots was indulged in, and in the mix-up Officer Fleming was shot in the foot. Only one of the gang was arrested and it is not thought he was connected with the gang of hold-ups but only happened to be riding on the train. Fleming was taken to St. John's hospital at Fargo, and it is thought that it will not be necessary to amputate the foot.

It is said that this battle has created intense excitement in Valley City and the people of that place will be hostile to hoboes for some time to come.