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### SECRETARY TO THE LABOR COMMISSION

#### DEPUTY MINISTER LEAVES FOR COAST WEDNESDAY

The Redistribution Bill Again Before  
Commons—The Lieut.-Governor  
of Ontario.

Ottawa, April 14.—Mackenzie King, deputy minister of labor, who has been appointed secretary of the commission to enquire into labor troubles on the Pacific coast, will leave for Victoria tomorrow.

Sir Oliver Mowat.

Mr. McLean (East York) once more brought to the attention of the House the condition of Sir Oliver Mowat. He repeated what he had already said on the subject, and argued that owing to the present condition of affairs in the province, the government should appoint a Lieut.-Governor, who was properly able to discharge his duties. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said he had nothing to add to what he had already said. Sir Oliver had written him, Laurier, that he was able to discharge his duties, and until the Premier found differently he was bound to believe this.

Kettle Valley Road.

Redistribution.

The redistribution bill was taken up on its second reading today. R. L. Gordon proceeded to argue that the bill was not the same as that proposed by Mr. Borden in 1884; it was not the same as Laurier suggested in 1892, nor was it the same as the Premier mentioned in 1890, when the termination of conscription was left to the judges. However, the bill might or might not be a fair one. He would like to see the details before being committed to it. So far it was merely a skeleton that was before the House. Mr. Borden sympathized a little with the position taken by the province of New Brunswick in fighting against the decrease in that province. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that the case would be submitted to the court at once, and a decision got as early as possible.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Indianapolis Attorney Lost His Life While Trying to Save Others.

Indianapolis, April 12.—Nathan Morris, an attorney and Frank Haas, were burned to death today, and Mrs. Joseph Haas, Miss Belle Haas, Miss Rose Haas, Louise Haas and Grace Lemon, a governess, were injured by fire that almost destroyed the house of Dr. Joseph Haas.

The fire started from the furnace. The family was asleep on the second floor. Mr. Morris was a brother of Mrs. Haas. From the position of his charred body when found it was evident Morris was trying to get the family out of the room when overcome by smoke and flames. The body of Frank Haas and the unconscious governess were found on the back stairs.

Louise Haas broke her leg by jumping from a three-story window.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWO.

Mrs. Mary Roll, a Centaurian, Passes Away at Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Minn., April 14.—Mrs. Mary Roll is dead at the age of 102 years. She is survived by three daughters, forty-eight grandchildren and ninety great-grandchildren. She came here from Dayton, Ohio, and was the first white woman born in that city.

SOLDIERS IN FREIGHT.

Combatants Were Separated By Armed Forces—Several Men Severely Injured.

Pekin, April 12.—A bar-room row today between German and Austrian soldiers culminated in a street fight, in which fifty men on each side were engaged. Bricks, clubs and knives were used. A great crowd of Chinese witnessed the affray. Finally a company of German infantry, with fixed bayonets, and a patrol of Austrian troops, separated the combatants and cleared the street. Several of the Germans and Austrians who took part in the disturbances were so severely hurt that they were taken to the hospital. Both of the fighting contingents will be confined to barracks for a fortnight.

SIR OLIVER MOWAT.

The Lieut.-Governor of Ontario Continues to Improve.

Toronto, April 15.—Sir Oliver Mowat had a good night's rest, and continues to improve. He shows marvellous vitality.

### STRIKE AT END.

Meeting of Dutch Labor Organization Decide to Call It Off.

Amsterdam, April 13.—The strike has collapsed. The aged Socialist leader, Domela Nieuwenhuis, who emerged from his retirement in order to run the strike agitation, was present at a stormy meeting of the labor organization, which sat during the whole of last night and until half-past eight o'clock this morning. He proposed to terminate the agitation since the cause of labor had been betrayed. The meeting acquiesced in this view, and decided not to elect a new strike committee. A similar decision was reached at a recent meeting at Rotterdam.

MORGAN AND HILL.

Conference at New York; But Result Is Not Known.

New York, April 13.—J. P. Morgan was in conference this afternoon at his office with President J. J. Hill, of the Northern Securities Company, and chairman of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific roads. The conference was reported to have some bearing on the decision in the Northern Securities case, but no confirmation is obtainable, as those present at the conference declined to talk for publication.

PRINCE ASSISTANT TO THRONE.

A Papal Office and Side Light on Its History.

Those who read the simple announcement that Prince Orsini has retired from the office of prince assistant to the Papal throne, in favor of his son, little know the story of history and interest behind the notice, says a Rome despatch.

In Rome, there are now but three of the old papal houses—the Cretani, and the Orsini and Colonna. The two latter were the great disturbers of the peace of Rome for centuries, and so great was their struggle for predominance, that they even quarrelled on the steps of the Papal throne itself as to which should have the precedence. Pope Julius II, in the beginning of the sixteenth century, to bring peace and settle the dispute for all time, created the head of each house assistant to the throne, the office to pass from father to son, but unfortunately, he forgot that there is a right and a left hand, and that the latter is not equal to the former. So the warring went on, until it was decided that they should take the sacred right alternately, which is the custom to this day. This peace between the Colonna and Orsini was commemorated with medals and money, on which a bear (Orso) was depicted embracing a column (Colonna), the respective coat-of-arms of the two families. Many other noble Roman houses have tried very hard to have the coveted office; but it is hereditary, and if given to another would lose all character.

Now the two families are the best of friends, and often, over a glass of wine, fight the battles of other days, in which neither can claim to have really beaten his adversary.

LOUBET WELCOMED.

Thousands Thrang Streets of Marseilles to Receive the President of France.

Marseilles, France, April 13.—President Loubet arrived here to-day from Paris on his way to Algeria, after receiving continuous ovations along the route. The President's party was met by the civil and military authorities, and was escorted to the prefecture, where an official reception was held. A crowd, estimated to have numbered 300,000 persons, packed the thoroughfares and gave the President an enthusiastic greeting, cries of "Long live Loubet" and "Long live the Republic" being heard on all sides. A grand banquet at the bourse followed the reception. During the day M. Loubet made several short speeches, mainly impressive of his study Republicanism.

Only minor disturbances were reported. This was between a group of Socialist agitators and a number of adherents of the army. Blows were exchanged, and the police interfered. Six persons were injured, three of them rather seriously. This was chiefly due to the denseness of the crowds, and interrupted the popular demonstration to the President.

A disorderly demonstration occurred on the route of procession, when a mob of anti-government radicals, called "Down with Pape Masonry," threw stones and made.

During the ceremonies at the prefecture, the Bishop of Marseilles, M. Loubet, and spoke of the irreproachable conduct of the clergy of this city. He said they regarded religion as being necessary to the greatness and security of the country. The President, in response, said the church had a mission of peace, fraternity and reconciliation. When it fulfils its mission, as did the clergy of Marseilles, the church gains the respect of all good citizens.

RATES TO DAWSON.

Vancouver, April 14.—The White Pass tariff issued to-day makes sweeping reductions in the rates to Dawson. It is a joint agreement between the railway company and the steamship lines. Freight in less than carload lots can this year be shipped from here to thirteen per cent. cheaper than carload lots were last year. The reduction on carload lots is from fifteen to twenty per cent.

### SHAMROCKS AGAIN TEST THEIR SPEED

#### A RUN TO LEeward AND BEAT BACK HOME

Start Was Delayed Owing to a Slight  
Defect in Cup Challenger's  
Gear.

Weymouth, Eng., April 14.—A race of 16 miles to leeward from off Weymouth and a beat back, was laid out for the Shamrocks to-day. Shortly after leaving their moorings a weak spot developed in the cup challenger's gear. When the boats got outside the shelter of the breakwater the wind came in hard gusts and the yachts seemed to have all they could stagger under, and required an occasional luff up to ease them. The strain found a weak spot in the peak halyard gear of Shamrock III. A man was sent aloft and on his report the yacht fetched into sheltered water and anchored. All her sail was also dropped on deck. Shamrock I was also anchored and dropped her head sails.

The wind subsequently softened and the boats were sent off on a trial spin to leeward and return.

It was shortly after one o'clock when the boats started, the Erin going ahead to log off the course. During the first five miles the challenger, Shamrock I, under the same gun, was maintained as the first turn, where the timings were: Shamrock III, 2:24:03; Shamrock I, 2:25:23.

As the Shamrocks went about for the beat home they met bigger seas than the challenger had ever previously faced. She took them smoothly and well, however, and a couple of short tacks sufficed to convince those on board that she could easily out-sail Shamrock I under these conditions. Shamrock III, then bore away and ran back for a fresh start. She came about on the weather beam of Shamrock I, and they started together on the windward beat. Neither wind nor sea seemed to trouble the challenger. She sailed fast and higher in the wind, making about a quarter of a mile dead to windward in twenty minutes. The captain refrained from pushing his victory home. Even then he scored handsomely, beating Shamrock I, over six minutes in an hour's wind work.

The finishing times were: Shamrock III, 3:33:39; Shamrock I, 3:39:42.

ACTIVITY AT CROFTON.

Ore for the Smelter—Loading the Empty Cars With Copper.

Crofton, April 14.—Crofton is very busy with boats coming and going. Twice a week the Transfer comes with 12 cars of coke and coal. The barge Mackenzie has been in with 600 tons of Marble Bay ore, also the Selkirk with 200 tons, mostly high grade, from the same mine. The Transfer brought a load of very inferior coal from Seattle for the Lenora-Mt. Sicker railway, and the unfortunate engineers on the line are entering deep anathemas on the "black snake." The Transfer has gone on to Marble Bay for a load of ore. The Venture is down from Quatsino with a small shipment of some 300 tons from the Comstock, but some of her cargo is picked ore, so what she lacks in quantity she makes up in quality. The Transfer has been in with nine C. P. R. cars of Lome Pine ore from Republic, Wash., and six cars also from Republic are due over the Great Northern via Liverpool. Four of the empty ore cars are being loaded with copper which is being turned out at the rate of from 50 to 75 bars a day, and these run from 300 to 400 lbs. each in weight.

Owing to repairs to No. 3 locomotive the Lenora-Mt. Sicker mine has ceased shipment from the dump for a few days, but will commence again at the rate of 150 tons a day before the end of the week.

NORTHERN TELEGRAPHS.

Cable From Seattle to Jmeau Will Be in Operation By November.

Seattle, April 15.—Within a month the telegraph system of Alaska will be complete, and probably by November 15th the cable connecting Seattle with Jmeau and the Far North will be in operation, according to General Greely, chief of the United States Signal Corps. The cable ship Bunsen will reach Sitka about June 13th, and after running a cable from Skagway to Haines Mission, will lay the big cable southward 1,300 miles, in two sections to Seattle.

"Wonderland 1903" is the title of a very handsome booklet which has just been issued by the Great Northern Railway Company, descriptive of the country conditions to that road. The booklet contains 112 pages, and is profusely illustrated. Among the special subjects treated are "The Travels of Father Hennippen," "The Mandan Indians of the Upper Missouri River," "Irrigation in the Northwest," "Yellowstone National Park" and "The Columbia River."

### DOMINION NEWS.

Strike at Montreal Now Appears Inevitable—Locomotive Engineers Drowned.

Montreal, April 14.—It is now believed that on Thursday or Friday one of the biggest strikes that ever occurred in Montreal, involving about 2,500 carpenters and joiners, will be inaugurated, paralyzing completely the building operations for an indefinite period. This opinion is freely expressed by members of the Brotherhood, who are emphatic in declaring that they will accept nothing less than 22 cents per hour as wages. This is a very strong feeling that the original demand for 25 cents per hour should be adhered to in the event of no settlement. There was a meeting in the Mechanics Institute building of a committee representing the men, and a large number of employers, when the matter was discussed at great length. The best offer the employers would make was a minimum of 20 cents per hour, with an offer to arbitrate the other clause, the board of arbitration to be composed of three members of the union, three employers, and a Superior court judge. The men claimed that they had absolutely nothing to arbitrate, so no decision was reached, and a general strike seems inevitable.

Police Investigation.

This afternoon the report of Justice Curran on the police investigation was received at the city hall. His Lordship condemns the system of dividing among the police liquor seized in disorderly houses; but finds nothing irregular in the matter of police uniforms, the exchange system having been proved to be in existence for several years.

Six Months.

Fortage in Prairie, April 14.—Eadley Stacey, a young Englishman, was today sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the central jail, being convicted on a charge of theft. Stacey, who has been working at Springfield, near Winnipeg, arrived here Saturday and secured a position with the Stacey Bros. Prospect. On Sunday he was missing, and it was also discovered that the collection of West Prospect church, which Mr. Simpson, as treasurer, had put away in the safe, had disappeared from service, was also gone. Securing assistance, Mr. Simpson gave chase, and captured the culprit, and to-day Stacey was arraigned and found guilty.

Engineer Drowned.

Glouce Bay, C. B., April 14.—Engineer James Parsons, and a 110-ton locomotive went through the swing bridge at Mira last night. It is supposed that Parsons did not notice the bridge was swung. Fireman Dickson jumped, and Parsons was drowned in 20 feet of water.

Sir Oliver Mowat.

Toronto, April 14.—At a late hour tonight Sir Oliver Mowat was resting quietly and his condition was favorable.

Strike.

Three hundred and fifty painters and decorators go on strike to-morrow morning. Only 14 voted against strike.

Practically Settled.

Walkerville, April 14.—The strike at the Canadian Bridge Company's works was practically settled this morning.

THE GAMBY ENGINES.

Member For Manitoulin Still Under Cross-Examination.

Toronto, April 14.—At the afternoon session of the Gamby commission, Mr. Johnson, counsel for Hon. J. B. Stratton, did not succeed in eliciting many new facts. Gamby said that during all the time he had conversed with the Sullivan about getting \$5,000, and having the best that could be rendered in support of the proposition. Gamby said he did not want the money himself, but it was important to get it to catch the government. He considered being promised the Sullivan in the matter, and believed it was Mr. Stratton who was behind the Sullivan, from what he had learned from them.

He had been told by Capt. Sullivan that he (Sullivan) went to Attorney General Gibson in the first place and had been turned over to Mr. Stratton. Gamby said he had destroyed the agreement made with Sullivan, because the Sullivan wanted it destroyed. He did this to retain their confidence while working up a case. Gamby said a contract brought the parcel into the smoking room. He looked back and saw the man going out. He had thought this man, who brought the parcel, was Meyers. He understood Sullivan to say later it was Chase.

Chase and Sullivan were asked just upon adjournment of the court to stand up, but Gamby could not identify either last fall. The company agreed to discontinue double-header trains, except on two divisions, where they run on a low tonnage restriction. The increase in pay will affect about 1,400 men, scattered between St. Paul and Duluth, and the Pacific coast.

THE PANAMA CANAL.

London, April 15.—A private cable dispatch received here to-day from a British source at Bogota, Colombia, says the ratification of the Colombia-United States Panama canal treaty is extremely doubtful.

SEVERE WIND STORM.

New York, April 15.—A fierce wind storm from the northeast swept New York early to-day, developing unusual severity after the night's gale. Cold rain fell steadily. The gale blew shoreward to-day, the highest tide known in years, and did much damage along the New Jersey and Long Island coasts. At Rockaway, a large part of the sand beach was cut out and much other damage was wrought.

### THE GREATEST SURPLUS ON RECORD

#### CANADA'S FINANCES UNDER LIBERAL RULE

Public Debt of Dominion Will Be Reduced by About Five Million Dollars.

Ottawa, April 15.—When Hon. W. S. Fielding delivers his financial statement to-morrow he will announce the largest surplus for the current year that Canada has had since confederation. It is probable that the surplus in the consolidated fund will be about \$13,000,000, and that there will be a real surplus of about \$5,000,000. In other words, the public debt will be reduced by about \$5,000,000. Only three times since confederation has the public debt been reduced. These were in 1871 and 1882, and 1900. It would not surprise anyone should Mr. Fielding make an argument that by his present financial statement he has succeeded in wiping out all that the present government is responsible for having added to the public debt and that therefore the present administration has succeeded in carrying on the affairs of the country since the inauguration of the Fielding tariff without adding anything to the public debt. Should the finance minister succeed in doing this, it will be good material for the government at the next general election. As for the growth of trade it has simply been marvellous. In 1873 Canada's aggregate trade was \$217,304,000, and in 1895 it was \$218,891,000. The current year will be about double what it was in 1885.

Seeking Amendments.

J. Charlton introduced a bill to-day to amend the act of 1897 to restrict the importation and employment of aliens. In that act it was provided that skilled labor can only be imported for new industries. Mr. Charlton wanted this struck out; that any industry could import skilled labor if such was not obtainable in Canada.

AMERICAN INVASION.

Agricultural Congress Now in Session at Rome Devises to Postpone Any Action.

Rome, April 15.—In the Agricultural Congress, which is meeting here and which is attended by well known European economists, the principal topic to-day was the invasion of European markets by the United States. Alarm at the extent of the invasion was expressed, and it was proposed that the committee of twelve, representing France, Italy, Austria and Germany, be appointed to determine the best way for Europe to fight American competition, but action was postponed at the congress.

The Pope's Romanism, commenting on the proposition to establish a European solverein against America, says: "The difficulties in the practical accomplishment of such grandiose project are so grave and complex as to render it almost Utopian. The further discussion of the question has been postponed until the next session of the congress, which probably will postpone still further. It is the best that could be done, as the movement intended to shut off Europe from the countries over the sea already has aroused in the United States, which is sensitive on the subject, a reactionary current, thereby further embittering the commercial relations between the old and the new worlds."

INCREASE GRANTED.

Northern Pacific Railway Company Makes Concessions to Conductors, Train and Yardmen.

St. Paul, April 15.—All matters in dispute between the officials of the Northern Pacific Railway Company and conductors and the trainmen have been settled to the satisfaction of both officials and men. The men will get an advance of 15 per cent. for freight conductors and trainmen, and 12 per cent. for passenger men. Yardmen in all yards were granted the new Chicago scale, which is one-half cent. an hour higher than the rate which the Northern Pacific men secured last fall. The company agreed to discontinue double-header trains, except on two divisions, where they run on a low tonnage restriction. The increase in pay will affect about 1,400 men, scattered between St. Paul and Duluth, and the Pacific coast.

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### HEIR TO MILLION.

Young Man Recently Found in Sanitarium Near Paris, Back in United States.

New York, April 14.—Moses Fowler Chase, a wealthy young man of Lafayette, Ind., who recently was found in a sanitarium near Paris by Consul-General Gowdy, reached here to-day on the steamer Kron Prinz Wilhelm. A tug met the steamer at quarantine and took Chase to Jersey City. The young man came over under an assumed name and will be met by a number of friends, who were armed with a permit from the collector and accompanied by officers to facilitate the landing. At Jersey City Chase took a train for the west. The young man, who is heir to his grandfather's estate of nearly a million dollars, is said to have been taken abroad some time ago and secreted near Paris without the knowledge of his father.

BACK FROM CHINA.

Naval Officer Does Not Anticipate Any Trouble in the Near Future.

San Francisco, April 14.—Captain Charles H. Stockton, late commander of the battleship Kentucky, has arrived from China on his way to London, where he will act as United States naval attaché to the United States embassy. Speaking of conditions in China, the captain says he does not anticipate any outbreak in the near future, but that when it comes, as he thinks it will eventually, Southern China will be the seat of the disturbance. The Southern Chinese, he says, are the only Chinese who really love fighting for their own sake. Captain Stockton does not anticipate any serious trouble with the Boxers.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

Bodies of Two Men Were Frightfully Mangled—Two Others Seriously Hurt.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 14.—Two men were killed and two injured to-day in an explosion of dynamite at the new Mount Washington tunnel of the West Liberty traction railway. A blast had been prepared, but failed to explode and the men returned to ascertain the cause. Suddenly it went off with a terrific report, hurling rocks in every direction. Two men were killed outright, their bodies being terribly mangled. Two others were seriously but not fatally hurt. A number had narrow escapes. The victims, who were Hungarians, were not known by name.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Resolution to Be Submitted by the Toronto Board of Trade at Annual Congress.

Toronto, April 15.—The council of the board of trade will submit three resolutions at the fifth congress of the Chamber of Commerce, which meets in Montreal from August 17th to 21st next, favoring a commercial policy based upon the principle of mutual benefit to each part of the empire, that Britain's food supply can be safely relied upon by developing the output of her territories, and make her independent of foreign sources by diverting all of her surplus population to the shores of her dominions beyond seas, and also to unify the naturalization laws of the empire.

Sentenced to Death.

Constantinople, April 15.—The Albania soldier who shot M. St. Cherin, the Russian consul at Matrovia, inflicting a wound from which the latter subsequently died, has been sentenced to death, the Russian embassy here having demanded a revision of previous sentence of 15 years' imprisonment.

A number of pedestrians had narrow escapes from injury on Government street opposite the post office Tuesday afternoon. Some rock is being removed from the lot immediately across the road from the post office, and as a charge of dynamite was discharged stones of immense size, pieces of poles and a heavy chain were hurled in the air to a great height. Alighting, some of the debris narrowly escaped falling on passers-by. The accident was due to the breaking of a link in the chain fastening the poles usually placed over a charge of dynamite.

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