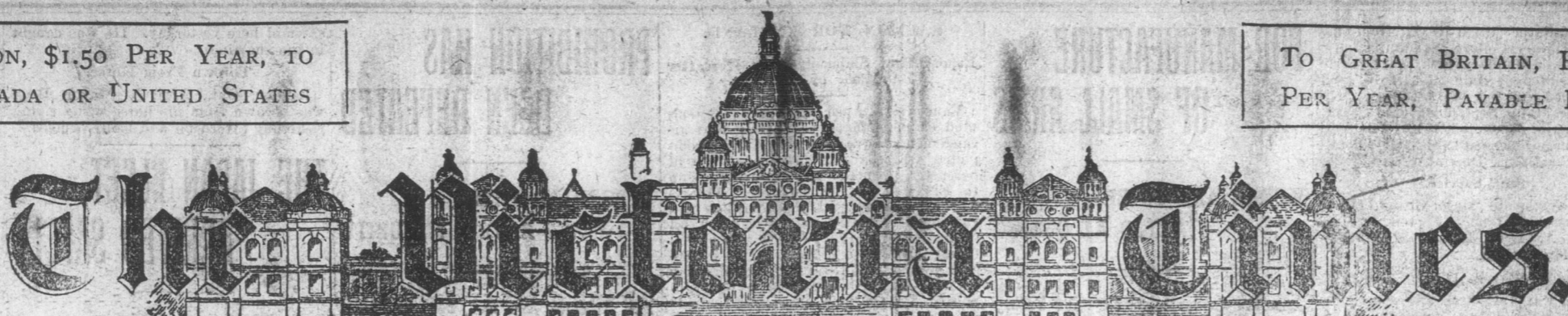


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### DISPATCHES FROM EASTERN CANADA

#### ARING OF CHARGES AGAINST G. SIFTON

**Begins Next Week—Deaths in Ontario During February—Ex Senator Ogilvie Dead.**

London, Ont., March 31.—Gerald Sifton, who has been in jail here since July, 1900, on the charge of having murdered his father, the late Joseph Sifton, comes to trial for a second time the first of next week. The jury disagreed last fall after a trial lasting ten days. The crown and defence are trying to reach an understanding touching the medical evidence.

#### Deaths in Ontario.

Toronto, March 31.—The number of deaths in the province for February as reported to the provincial board of health were 2,241, as compared with 2,480 in February, 1901. Deaths from consumption numbered 177, as against 228 a year ago.

#### Awarded \$2,500.

A jury in the civil assizes awarded Mrs. Mary Betts, of this city, \$2,500 damages in her suit against the Toronto Railway Company. Plaintiff claimed \$3,000 damages for injuries sustained by being thrown from an open car on the evening of July 11th last.

#### Demand Five Cents.

Union carpenters and joiners have decided to refuse the masters' offer of increase to two and a half cents per hour. If they do not get the five cents increase asked for they will strike.

#### Both Died Suddenly.

Moncton, N. B., March 31.—Mrs. Hilda, wife of an intercolonial railway employee, was taken suddenly ill yesterday, and died within a few hours. This morning her husband, who had expressed fears that he might be affected, died at the same hour. His affliction to friends when he collapsed and died in a few minutes. Two young children are left orphans.

#### The Liquor Act.

Winnipeg, March 31.—A letter is published from Premier Roblin, in which he states that the Liquor Act is now in force by April 2nd, and if the working out is found to be defective or unworkable, it will be amended within the limits of a capacity of amendment to remedy such defects and make it so operate to accomplish the result desired.

#### Subsidies.

Montreal, March 31.—The council of the Montreal Board of Trade has drafted a petition for presentation to the government asking that it subsidize railways which will care for the increasing business north of Lake Superior and throughout Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, and also to bonus the construction of vessels on the following basis: One dollar per registered ton per annum for five years on all vessels of foreign build having a capacity of not less than 1,000 tons, but which may already or hereafter, during said period of five years, be placed and kept in Canadian waters; trade on the Great Lakes, and a subsidy of two dollars per ton on Canadian built vessels so built and maintained on the Great Lakes.

#### The St. Lawrence.

The ice has all gone out of the St. Lawrence river and the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company are expected to open navigation on Thursday or Friday. The first arrivals from sea is not expected until about May 1st.

#### Back From Europe.

R. Marple, general superintendent of the C. P. R. Pacific division, reached Montreal to-day after an absence of three months in England. He leaves for the Pacific coast on Thursday. He saw Lord Strathcona in London and found him in the best of health and determined that Canada shall have a fast Atlantic service in the near future.

#### Ex-Senator Dead.

Ex-Senator A. W. Ogilvie died this morning at his residence, 110 Dorchester street, after an illness of two weeks. The direct cause was pneumonia. Mr. Ogilvie was the founder of the great Ogilvie milling firm, though he retired from the business in 1874. A. W. Ogilvie was born in St. Michael, near Montreal in 1829, and served long in public life, first as alderman of Montreal, then in the legislature, and in 1881 was appointed a Senator when he retired from public life a short time ago.

#### Steamer Ashore.

St. John, N. B., March 31.—The steamer Dempster stamship Lake Superior, which went ashore yesterday, is still aground. The hundred and fifty passengers were landed early this morning before the tide went out. This afternoon the remainder of the passengers, and their effects, were landed in barges.

#### Trial of Walter Gordon.

Winnipeg, April 1.—The trial of Walter Gordon for murder was begun at the

Brandon assizes this afternoon. Gordon is charged with having murdered Charles Daw and Jacob Smith, farmers, and throwing their bodies into an old well. Gordon left the country when the bodies were discovered, and escaped the police until about to sail with the Canadian troops from Halifax for South Africa.

#### Polling To-Day.

Manitoba votes for or against prohibition to-morrow. A large vote is probably being bet on the result is about even.

#### Swept Away.

Two spans of the new municipal bridge at Portage la Prairie were carried out by the ice to-night, cutting off communication with the southern country. The bridge was erected last year, and cost \$22,000.

#### Murder Trial.

Montreal, April 1.—The trial of Thorvald Hansen for the murder of little Eric Marotte at Westmount on Saturday, October 28th last, opened this morning in the court of King's bench. It is only expected to last three or four days.

#### Rate on Paper.

The Montreal Board of Trade has decided to endeavor to induce the Dominion government to reduce the postal rate on newspapers, etc., from Canada to Great Britain, to one cent per four ounces.

#### Petition Dismissed.

Guelph, Ont., April 1.—The North Wellington election petition came up this afternoon before Judges McLachlan and Lount. No evidence was offered and the petition was dismissed without costs. Edwin Tilton, is therefore confirmed in his seat.

#### Sank.

St. John, N. B., April 1.—Steamer Lake Superior, previously reported ashore in St. John harbor, sprang a leak yesterday, and when she was hauled out of the rocks to-day, sank. The vessel will, it is now feared, be a total loss, and her cargo valued at \$150,000, will be seriously damaged. The steamer is valued at \$200,000, and was uninsured.

#### Private Banking.

Toronto, Ont., April 1.—The private bankers of Canada organized here last afternoon for the purpose of organizing the furtherance of private banking.

#### Left Rails.

The northbound express on the Owen Sound branch of the Canadian Pacific left the track near Fredericton last evening. Little damage was done and none of the 40 passengers on board were injured. Joseph Corrigan, express messenger, was the only person injured.

#### A Protest.

Hamilton, Ont., April 1.—A deputation from the Trades and Labor Council waited on the local M. P.'s last night and presented a memorial from the Trades and Labor Council against assisted immigration.

#### THE PEACE MOVEMENT.

Boer, Delegates to Meet To-Morrow—Krugger Reported to Favor Peace.

The Hague, March 31.—Mr. Krugger, Dr. Leyds, and the Boer delegates in Europe, are expected to hold an important meeting at Utrecht, April 2nd, to consider the situation in view of Acting President Schalkburger's peace move. Well informed people here say General Schalkburger was evidently influenced by the receipt of news of the result of the Dutch note to Great Britain on the subject of peace in South Africa, and other dispatches sent him from here. It is known that his communications with President Steyn and General Dewet, which have heretofore been easily carried on, were interrupted by the recent British military movements and as it was necessary to communicate with Mr. Steyn and General Dewet before any peace proposition could be formulated, General Schalkburger had to apply to Lord Kitchener for a safe-conduct. Considerable surprise is expressed here at Schalkburger's delay in getting in touch with Dewet, and it is thought that something unusual must be behind it. But, even if the Orange Free State and Transvaal officials agreed to peace terms it would be necessary for both republics to call a general meeting of the commanders and submit the propositions to the burghers, before they could be submitted to Lord Kitchener.

#### In Interest of Peace.

London, March 31.—Nothing definite has transpired concerning the peace negotiations in South Africa. Messrs. Wessels and Wolmarans, the Boer delegates, expressed their hope that a satisfactory compromise would follow Mr. Schalkburger's mission. Mr. Wessels is credited with declaring Mr. Krugger would approve any terms of peace arrived at in South Africa.

The Hague correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says he believes Dr. Kuyper, the Dutch premier, who started last Thursday on a visit to Belgium and Germany, goes to those countries in the interests of peace.

#### Cannot Find Leaders.

Pretoria, March 30.—The efforts of Acting President Schalkburger to open communication with Mr. Steyn, former president of the Orange Free State, have thus far been unsuccessful. Dewet and Steyn have crossed the main line of the railroad going west. They were escorted by Vaniekerk and Vandenserve, and have been traced to Paris, about 30 miles northwest of Hellosraad, by Col. Garrett.

## A SPECIAL OFFER

### Daily Times for Nine Months for \$3.

The publishers of the Times are aware that a large number of residents of the districts and other cities and towns than Victoria would like to become subscribers to the daily edition, but are unwilling to pay the regular rate of subscription, owing to the fact that the paper can not reach them for from six to seven hours, to three days after publication.

The management have decided to quote an extraordinary low rate to out-of-town subscribers, in the hope that the response will be sufficiently general to warrant a permanent reduction. For a limited time subscriptions from date to December 31st, over nine months, will be taken for \$3.

This reduction will give residents outside the Capital an opportunity of following the proceedings of the legislature, a full report of which will appear daily.

In addition to the full reports of the debates, the Times will continue to give the current political gossip at the seat of government, which is frequently more interesting and important than the actual proceedings in the House. Most of the noteworthy political developments of the past few years have been foreshadowed in the Times before they were forecasted by any other paper.

A series of political cartoons by the Times's own artist will further increase the attractiveness of the paper.

The half-tone illustrations of public men of the province, with sketches of their careers, snapshots, views, etc., will be maintained.

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## CANADA'S OFFER HAS BEEN ACCEPTED

### CONFESSED THAT HE BURNED STEAMERS

#### COLONIAL SECRETARY THANKS THE DOMINION

Work of Mobilizing Men of Fourth Contingent for Africa Begins at Once.

Loss of Vessels a Serious One to the Owner—Attempted Suicide by Shooting.

Ottawa, April 1.—A cable has been received from Hon. Joseph Chamberlain accepting and thanking the Canadian government for the offer of 2,000 mounted infantry for South Africa service.

As yet no official statement has been given out, but the troops have been accepted, and the work of mobilization will be proceeded with at once.

Hon. Dr. Borden returned at noon to-day from New York, and will look after the work of mobilization.

The department of militia has already started work, and it is expected that in five or six weeks at the latest the contingent will be ready to go on board the transports for the front.

General Andros, lately declared that three-fourths of the military offenses in the French army could be traced to the use of alcohol, and he has ordered that there should hereafter be monthly lectures in every garrison on the dangers of alcohol.

### BOER LEADERS TO DISCUSS PEACE

#### SEVERAL MEETINGS TO BE HELD SHORTLY

Peace Movement Has Not Stopped the Chase After Burgers—Thirty-nine Soldiers Killed in Wreck.

Pretoria, March 31.—President Steyn and General Delarey have been located, and a meeting between them and Acting President Schalkburger is expected to be arranged without further delay. It is reported that Gen. Botha will also attend the conference.

Commandant Mearns has sent in word that his command will abide by the decision of the Boer government.

Commandant de Villiers, who has been operating in the Kimberley district, has sent in a flag of truce asking for terms.

The peace movement, however, has in no way interfered with the military operations. The British are again sweeping the northwest districts of the Orange River Colony, where, it is believed, they have about a thousand of General Dewet's men within the cordon.

#### Conference Arranged.

Heidelberg, Transvaal, March 31.—Commandant Alberts has called a meeting of the Boers in his district to take place 35 miles east of the Springs Station in order to discuss the proposal for a general surrender. It is said that General Huns Botha has summoned a similar meeting at Amsterdam.

A party of constabulary and native scouts was ambushed near here on March 30th. Six of the party were killed. The Boers eluded pursuit.

Incidents are occurring daily in the Standerton district.

#### Killed in Collision.

Pretoria, April 1.—Thirty-nine British soldiers were killed and forty-five were injured in a railway wreck on March 30th, near Barberston, Transvaal Colony.

#### Eleven Drowned.

British Ship Sank in Four Minutes After Collision With Steamer.

London, April 1.—Eleven men were drowned as the result of a collision this morning near the Nab lightship between the channel passenger steamer Alma and the British ship Cambrian. Princess, Capt. Roberts, from Peru for Antwerp. The latter sank immediately, and eleven of her crew perished. The Alma returned to Southampton badly damaged.

The collision occurred at 2.30 a. m. during foggy weather. The Alma struck the Cambrian Princess on the starboard quarter, ripping her side wide open. The ship heeled over in a few minutes.

The eleven survivors were hauled on board the Alma by means of ropes. The steamer's bows were badly stove in. The Cambrian Princess was built at Southampton. She was of 1,275 tons net register, and was owned in Liverpool.

A Deal pilot boat reported having picked up a life boat marked "Ship Maxwell." She also saw boats marked "Maxwell," and says a three-masted ship sank eight miles southwest of Dungeness lighthouse. The British ship Maxwell, Capt. Young, left San Francisco on October 30th, for Hull.

#### REFUSE FIVE MILLIONS.

European Syndicate Anxious to Buy Site of New York Church.

New York, April 1.—An offer of \$5,000,000 has been made by a European syndicate for the site of St. Paul's church, parish house and cemetery, at Broadway and Fulton streets.

The Trinity corporation refused the offer, and it was declared by the controller that no offer for the famous property will be considered, much less accepted. It was the intention of the bidders to erect a sky scraper on the site.

#### LAND SALES.

Winnipeg, April 1.—The month of March has in former years not been a particularly good one in the land sale business of the C. P. R., and no big returns were looked for, but the figures given out by the land department yesterday beat all records for corresponding months in previous years.

The sales for March, 1902, more than triple those of the same month a year ago. There were 101,029.22 acres sold during the month just closed for \$33,822.22. For March, 1901, there were 39,546.14 acres sold for 122,362.47.

#### CANNOT COME.

London, April 1.—The engagements of the Bishop of London, Right Rev. Arthur Ingram, have compelled him to decline the invitation of Bishop Potter, of New York, and other bishops to address the missionary gatherings in New York next Advent.

### NATIVES ARE DESTITUTE.

Letter From Nome Tells of Suffering of Villagers Near That Place.

Nome, Jan. 17, via Seattle, April 1.—T. T. Chestnut, under date of January 9th, writes concerning the destitution prevailing at the native village just west of Cape Nome. He says that many natives, mostly women and little children, are absolutely destitute. They are without food or clothing.

"It is pitiful to see such distress," writes Mr. Chestnut. "The natives have furnished these poor natives with meat after meal, and have given them provisions to carry back to their huts. The limit of their charity has about been reached, and it is suggested that government officials, either civil or military, or both, should lend a helping hand."

H. Francis, who reached Nome on Monday evening from Cape Nome, says that the condition of the natives at that place has not been exaggerated. They have not been able to carry their usual supply of fish for some reason or other. Mr. Francis says that the white people of Cape Nome have done what they could, but they are not able to meet the emergency.

### WHERE GREAT BRITAIN CAN HOLD HER OWN

Lord Cromer Says Locomotives Sent to Egypt Are Superior to American and Belgian.

London, April 2.—A parliamentary paper issued this morning gives correspondence respecting the comparative merits of the American, British and Belgian locomotives now in use in Egypt.

In a dispatch to the foreign secretary, Lord Lansdowne, on December 3rd, covering a number of reports received from railroad officials, Lord Cromer draws the general conclusion that the main reason for the preference for American and Belgian locomotives is that the American firms are able to execute them with extraordinary rapidity, due largely to the system of standardization. In respect to price, Lord Cromer says the British firms can offer their own special designs.

The British manufacturers' weak point is delay in executing orders. The reports disclosed show that the American tenders promised delivery within one-third of the time required by the British firms, while they offered to supply standard locomotives of equal strength 10 per cent. below the British, though the latter's tenders for locomotives built on Egyptian specification were lower than the American offers.

### DANISH WEST INDIES.

Committee Began Work of Investigating Charges Made in Connection With Purchase.

Washington, April 2.—The investigation of charges made in connection with the Danish West Indies purchase was begun today before the special committee appointed by Speaker Henderson.

The first witness was Niels Gron, who bought the charges into publicity. He has been sent to Washington by the "No sale" party in Denmark to place the charges before congress and the public. After consulting with Gen. Grosvenor, of Ohio, he decided to lay the matter before the secretary of state, but that official held that the state department could take no action. Mr. Gron then made a statement in the Associated Press, but as Gen. Grosvenor said he knew nothing about it, the Associated Press said they could not use it. It was afterwards used in part by several newspapers.

### SIXTEEN KILLED.

In Mine Explosion at Dayton, Tenn.—Thirteen Bodies Have Been Recovered.

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 2.—The toll of killed in the explosion in the Nelson mine at Dayton, Tenn., will reach but sixteen. Thirteen bodies have been recovered and three more are known to be in the mine. It was stated yesterday that the mine is on fire. The rescuing party distinctly felt the heat and was beaten back in its attempts to reach and recover the three remaining bodies in the mine.

An inquiry will be demanded by the miners to fix the responsibility.

### STRIKE OF ENGINEERS.

Nine of the Amalgamated Copper Company's Mines Have Been Closed.

Butte, Mont., April 2.—Twenty-eight striking engineers have struck, and as a result nine miles of the Amalgamated Copper Company are closed down, over 3,000 men being rendered idle, pending a settlement of the trouble. The engineers have been receiving \$4 a day, and have demanded an increase of \$1 a day, which has been refused.

### DEATH ROLL HAS BEEN INCREASED

#### SIX MORE SOLDIERS DIE FROM INJURIES

Engine Drawing Trucks Filled With Troops Jumped Track at a Sharp Curve.

London, April 2.—It has been suggested that the train wreck near Barberston, Transvaal colony, on March 30th, resulting in the death of thirty-nine soldiers and the injury of forty-five others, nearly all of whom belonged to the Hampshire shire regiment, was caused by the Boers, but Lord Kitchener reports that it was accidental. The train was descending a steep grade when the engine and five trucks jumped the track and turned over.

#### Details of Accident.

Pretoria, April 2.—Details of the train wreck show that after leaving Barberston the engine lost control of the train on the down grade and for thirty miles it went at the rate of eighty miles an hour. The engine jumped the rails at a sharp curve with five trucks filled with soldiers. A terrific smash-up followed, and the boiler of the engine exploded. The engine and fireman were killed. Six of the injured soldiers have since died.

#### Boers Lost Heavily.

Pretoria, April 2.—In a dispatch from Pretoria, made public this evening, it is announced that the 2nd Dragon Guards fought a sharp rear guard action near Boshanskop during the evening of March 31st. Four officers are known to have been wounded. No further details of the casualties have been received.

The column commander, Colonel Lawley, detached the Dragons with the object of surprising a Boer laager, reported to have been located ten miles east of Boshanskop. The Dragons found the Boers strongly posted, and the burghers were subsequently largely reinforced with the result that the Dragons had to fight a hard rear guard action in order to reach the main column. The heavy firing called up Colonel Lawley and his troops, who drove off the Boers. The latter's loss is reported to have been heavy.

#### AMBASSADOR TO ITALY.

Report That Henry White May Be the United States Representative.

Rome, April 2.—The report that Henry White, secretary of the United States embassy in London, will succeed George V. L. Meyer as ambassador of the United States here, has been received with much interest in American circles in this city. Mr. White, who has just arrived at Florence to take his family back to England, has heard nothing officially in the matter. It has been reported for some time that Mr. Meyer contemplated resigning.

#### No Information.

New York, April 2.—Ambassador Choate is quoted in reference to the report that Henry White, of the London embassy, will be appointed ambassador to Italy, as saying he has no information on the subject. Mr. White's friends are incredulous as to this report, according to the Herald's London correspondent. They believe that he has no wish to leave London, even though it means preferment.

#### TEN THOUSAND IDLE.

Miners Will Not Resume Work Until Their Union is Recognized.

Dubois, Pa., April 2.—All of the bituminous coal mines of the Rochester & Pittsburg Coal & Iron Co. are idle to-day, the resolutions declaring for a strike being obeyed by all of the men. As a consequence 10,000 men are idle.

The final clause of the strike resolution reads: "No solution of the question in dispute shall be recognized unless rendered by the properly authorized committee and the officers of the organization."

#### MALCOLM ISLAND.

Matti Kurikka Will Consult Pulp Company Regarding Contracts.

Nanaimo, April 2.—Matti Kurikka, representing the Malcolm Island Colonization Company, went to Victoria this morning on business. He will consult with the pulp company regarding contracts with the prime movers in the company having pulp wood concessions on the island as to contracts. Mr. Beers, one of the principal shareholders being now in Victoria. He will also take up the matter of schooner holding for them. The framework of this is now completed. The company has some intention of taking it to Malcolm island in this condition and completing it there.