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Another General Order Which Indicates the Intention of the Government.

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Are Affected By the Order, and the Promotions and Appointments Are Interesting.

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Are Within the Pale, As Well As the City and Rural Battalions at Home.

Ottawa, April 19.—(Special.)—A general militia order was issued to-night that gives further signs of the Government's intention of recruiting the militia up to full strength, and to extend the organization. The promotions, retirements and appointments to the Ontario rural battalions refer chiefly to subalterns; the more important officers were noted on Wednesday. All the battalions have received additional officers and been brought up to complete establishment.

It is stated that Col. R. R. McLennan has resigned his appointment as commandant of the 59th Battalion. On Wednesday it was stated he had been transferred.

E. Dumoine is made a second lieutenant provisionally of the R.G. A. P. Taylor becomes a lieutenant of the 48th Highlanders and L. McR. Somerville a provisional second lieutenant.

The Mounted Rifles.

The Canadian Mounted Rifles, now in South Africa, 1st Battalion—To be lieutenant, Lieut. and brevet Captain F. H. C. Sutton, R.C.D., who will be absorbed when a vacancy occurs.

Royal Regiment of Canadian Infantry, 2nd (special service battalion in South Africa)—Captain J. A. Denison, quartermaster, is seconded for duty on the staff of Lord Roberts. Capt. W. A. Weeks succeeds Denison.

To be captains: Lieutenants Burstall, A. H. MacDonnell. To be lieutenants (supernumerary): Captains C. F. Winter, G.G. F.G.; A. J. Boyd, R.G.; Lieut. A. E. Carpenter, R.C.R.I. These officers will be absorbed as vacancies occur.

Medical Officers on the List.

The following Ontario Medical Officers are placed on the unattached list: Surgeon-Majors A. B. Osborne, 4th Field Battery, St. Catharines; W. Nattress, R.C.R.I., Toronto; E. E. King, M.D., 10th R.G., Toronto; E. B. Echlin, 2nd Field Battery, Ottawa; R. H. Abbott, 5th Field Battery, C.A., Kingston; all with rank of major.

Surgeon-lieutenants: J. Herald, 14th Battalion, Belleville; O. L. Berdan, 26th Battalion, London; H. B. Anderson, 12th Battalion, York Rangers; W. W. Thompson, 44th Battalion, Niagara Falls; R. F. Beston, 42nd Battalion, Perth; R. Ovens, 7th Battalion Fusiliers, Parkhill; J. H. Cormack, 43rd Battalion, Ottawa; A. A. McCrimmon, 25th Battalion, St. Thomas; H. H. Sinclair, 32nd Battalion, Walkerton; all with the rank of lieutenant.

Army Medical Staff.

The following are appointed to the Canadian Militia army medical staff:

To be colonels: Lieut.-Col. J. L. H. Neilson, G.G.H.S., D.G.M.S.; Surgeon-Lieut. G. S. Ryerson.

To be majors: A. B. Osborne, W. Nattress, E. E. King, Major C. C. Jones, Surgeon-Lieut. J. T. Fotheringham, Q.O.R.; Major E. B. Echlin. The last named on probation.

To be captains on probation: H. J. Harrison, from the 59th Battalion, Cornwall; G. S. Rennie, from the 13th Battalion, Hamilton; A. Y. Scott, late of Q.O.R.

To be lieutenants on probation: J. Herald, O. L. Berdan, H. B. Anderson, W. W. Thompson, R. F. Beston, R. Ovens, J. H. Cormack.

To be second lieutenants (supernumerary): Lieuts. A. A. McCrimmon, H. H. Sinclair.

For Bearer Corps.

An advance step is taken to organize bearer corps and field hospital companies. The inauguration is shown by the fact that the following officers are allotted to the medical corps units:

No. 2 Bearer Co., Major E. B. Echlin; officer commanding No. 3, Major Birkett; officer commanding No. 4, Major J. T. Fotheringham, Toronto; officer commanding No. 5, Capt. G. H. Parke.

No. 2 Field Hospitals, Major R. H. Abbott; No. 3, F.H., Major C. W. Wilson; No. 4, Capt. A. Y. Scott; No. 5, Major C. E. Elliott.

Capt. E. H. T. Heward is placed on the reserve list of officers with rank of captain.

Drill Companies—Toronto Collegiate Institute, No. 3 Company: To be acting captain, J. Fairbairn, vice Duguid, enlisted for special services in South Africa. To be acting lieutenant: W. F. Kirk, vice Dinnick, left school. To be acting second lieutenant, H. W. Evans, vice McLachlan, left school.

Hamilton Collegiate Institute—The formation of a drill company in connection with the above educational institution is authorized, Feb. 16, 1900: To be acting captain, H. R. Long. To be acting lieutenant: J. Pleye. To be acting second lieutenant: O. Hillman.

Varsity Gets Old Sniders.

The Minister of Militia has granted the request of the Toronto University A. A. for 50 Snider rifles. These will be used in the University gymnasium by students in physical drill, and is the first official step to the rejuvenation of old "K" Company, Q.O.R.

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HUMAN BLOODSUCKERS ARE THE CAUSE OF IT

Crown Attorney Curry Tells the Truth When He Describes the Reason of This Young Man's Arrest.

Paying Teller at the Merchants' Bank Admits Being $2000 Short—What Became of the Missing $10,000 Package?

George McClive Wilson, the well-known paying-teller of the Merchants' Bank, was last eveningg conducted from his place of employment by Sergeant Detective Reburn and Detective Cuddy to police headquarters, and there charged with the theft of bank funds amounting in all to $12,000. No application for bail was made, and the prisoner remained in the cells the remainder of the night.

Caused a Sensation.

The arrest, which caused considerable excitement in police circles, was made after an investigation, which continued from about 5 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon till 6.30 o'clock last evening, the hour when Wilson was taken into custody. All this time the paying-teller, altho not exactly under arrest, was not allowed to leave the bank premises nor communicate with anybody on the outside.

Police Kept It Quiet.

No mention was made of the case by the police on Wednesday night, and it was not until ugly rumors got afloat in banking circles yesterday that anything was heard of it. The police conducted their investigation quietly, and the manager of the bank, when questioned about the disappearance of a large amount of money, declined to talk about it.

An Extensive Robbery.

The facts of the extensive robbery, however, came to light after Wilson was taken in charge. The first intimation the head of the banking institution had that anything was wrong was on Wednesday afternoon, shortly after 4 o'clock, when Wilson stepped into his office, and said that a package containing 1000 $10 Merchants' Bank bills had disappeared, and he was therefore that much short when he came to make up his accounts. The matter was then reported to the police, but the manager of the bank was adverse to allowing the detectives to take any steps towards making an arrest until after there was no doubt of the money being really lost.

Detectives Went to Work.

Eventually Sergt. Reburn and Detective Slemin were admitted to the bank premises, and were given every assistance in working up the case. In conversation with the bank officials the officers learned that Wilson was the only person who had a key to the wicket from which the money disappeared, and that it would be impossible for anyone to take the missing package unless they were able to gain admittance. The paying-teller was then suspected, and on the advice of Sergt. Reburn Wilson was placed in the manager's office until the investigation was completed. The detectives worked hard up till 11 o'clock, when they left, promising to be back early in the morning to continue the search for the missing money.

Wilson Kept in the Bank.

In the meantime Wilson was left to sleep in the bank premises in charge of the caretaker. Sergt. Reburn and Detective Cuddy resumed work on the case yesterday, and at their suggestion Wilson's books were carefully examined by expert accountants. This examination occupied some time, and then it was reported that Wilson was short in his accounts about $2000 besides the amount of money in the package. Believing that their suspicions about the loss of the $10,000 were borne out by the audit, the detectives requested Wilson to accompany them to the police station.

Took His Arrest Coolly.

Wilson took his arrest coolly, and, before going with the officers, kissed his wife, who had come down town to learn what was keeping her husband away from home. On his arrival at the police station Wilson did not ask for anything, except that his legal adviser, Mr. John Greer, be sent for.

Admitted Taking $2,000.

Shortly afterwards the prisoner was brought up from the cells, and had a long talk with Crown Attorney Curry and Mr. Greer. During the conversation Wilson admitted taking the $2000, the shortage of which was revealed by the examination of the books. It is said that the money was taken in small amounts between the months of November and April. Wilson, however, said nothing about the missing package containing the $10,000, but it is said the police are hopeful of finding it to-day. Among Wilson's effects taken from him after his arrest was a little diary, from which the police gleaned some interesting information.

He Paid Big Interest.

It is said it contains a summary of amounts borrowed by the prisoner from various local money lenders during the past year at ruinous rates of interest. One entry shows that $5000 was obtained in a lump sum, and has all been paid back, except a little over $2000. There are other entries of loans ranging in sums from $500 down.

Human Bloodsuckers.

Speaking of the information contained in the book, Crown Attorney Curry last night said: "These men who will lend money at that ruinous percentage are human bloodsuckers, and, in my opinion, are responsible for more crime than all the bucket shops put together. It is said the $2000 systematically stolen was taken to pay back some of these loans. The money was obtained, it is believed, by drafts which came in and were not credited to the branch banks on which they were drawn."

Wilson Quiet and Steady.

According to the officials of the bank, Wilson was always of a quiet disposition and steady in his habits, and therefore never for a moment suspected that anything was wrong. He came to the local branch of the bank 10 years ago, and was in the receipt of a salary of $1200 per year. When 17 years of age he entered the branch at Napanee, and remained there until he was transferred to Toronto. The prisoner is 37 years of age, and lives at 48 St. James-avenue, where he has a comfortable home. W. G. Wilson, the well-known barrister of Napanee who defended Mackie in the Dominion Bank robbery case there, is a brother of the prisoner, and was wired last night to come to Toronto at once. The prisoner will appear in court this morning.

THE REASON WHY S. PERRY MILLS SWUNG OVER TO JOE MARTIN

Victoria Barrister, With Strong Ambitions, Is Said to Be After Finance Minister Ryder's Job—B.C. Political Gossip.

Vancouver, B. C., April 19.—(Special.)—Now the reason why S. Perry Mills, the Victoria barrister, forsook allegiance to the Liberal Association there, to join Martin's banner, is beginning to leak out. He is after Finance Minister Ryder's job. Ryder is claimed to be a very weak man, and his selection horrified Martin's friends. Martin himself dropped a hint, it is alleged, that he considered Ryder a stick. Mills is very ambitious, and represents a big Roman Catholic pull in Victoria. His appointment to the Cabinet would please the Catholics. Mills, it is stated, frequently suffers severely from the distressing malady, swelled head, and gets unmanageable. Joe knows this. Those nearest Joe say it is a fatal objection to Mills, as Martin can't bear bumptiousness. Mills has never been taken seriously in Victoria.

A Couple of Weaklings.

Mr. Yates, Provincial Secy., and Beebe, Lands and Works, are also mentioned as likely sacrifices, both being rather weak. Yates is certain to be beaten in Victoria, and Beebe is not strong in his district. Beebe, using his mouth as a fly-trap in Vancouver the other day, has been made the most of by Opposition papers thruout the country, which are cackling over the funny incident.

The Victoria Times is unmistakably getting ready for an early somersault. If it comes over, Martin will have four papers for him, viz., The Vancouver World, Westminster Columbian, Nelson Tribune, and Victoria Times, all influential.

The Conservatives are all torn up yet over the party lines question. A strong party want them, others stubbornly cling to the idea of a Provincial party. Mr. Cotton is going to stump the country. He thinks he can win support that way. His political corpse here could not get election in Vancouver at any price.

Charlie Mackintosh's Platform.

Ex-Gov. Mackintosh's platform causes considerable amusement. Martin says most of it is straight larceny from his, and what is not, is quintessence of d——d nonsense. G. R. Maxwell, M. P., is a probable recruit of the Martin Cabinet, if Martin is willing to make a change. Cotton and Maxwell have been consulting a good deal lately. Some mysterious deal is on.

Victoria Gossip.

A proposal is on foot to start a new evening paper in Victoria, backed by strong capital, to be a people's organ, with Martin leanings. Mr. Lugrin, editor of The Colonist, will probably leave that paper the end of the present month. It is believed he will enter politics. He has been preparing the way for months back, is a good speaker and fighter, and would be a decided acquisition to Martin's opposition.

MR. MULOCK'S GENEROSITY.

The P.M.G. Is Anxious to Supply All the Wants of the Faithful As to Public Works.

Ottawa, April 19.—(Special.)—Hon. William Mulock has addressed letters to the faithful of his flock, asking them for suggestions regarding public works needed by their constituents. He desires to put a sufficient amount in the supplementary estimates to satisfy all comers.

When bathing for health or pleasure, you'll find the floating "Snow Soap" a treasure.

To-Day's Program.

National Yacht and Skiff Club Dinner, Club House, 8.
48th Highlanders' first spring parade, 8.
Entomological Society Meeting in Educational Department.
Givens Old Boys, Temple, 8.
Rev. Mr. Battersby at Wycliffe College, 8.
Art Graduates of '80 dine at Queen's, 8.
License Commissioners meet, 3.
Grand Opera House, Mr. and Mrs. Kendal in "The Elder Miss Blossom," 8.
Princess Theatre, Oliver Doud Byron in "The Plunger," 2 and 8.
Toronto Opera House, Herrmann, 8.
Shea's, Reilly's Vaudeville, 2 and 8.
Bijou, Burlesque, 2 and 8.

White Rock Lithia Water has no equal $1.50 pts., $2.25 per doz. qts. Harry B. Hodgins, Queen and John Sts.

GOODS SHIPPED BY RAIL.

Secretary Russell of the Manufacturers' Association Makes a Protest to Hon. Mr. Blair.

Ottawa, April 19.—(Special.)—The secretary of the Manufacturers' Association, T. S. Russell, B.A., waited on the Minister of Railways and Canals, Mr. Blair, this afternoon and called to his attention the fact that railways had recently ordered that goods shipped by rail would be carried at the shippers' risk, and should be so marked. This, the manufacturers declare, is illegal, and the Minister was asked to see that this was changed and the goods shipped at the risk of the consignee. Mr. Blair promised his consideration.

Reddin's Cafe reopened—everything first-class. Gus Laurie, chef.

Leather Couches, Easy Chairs for home or office. Office Specialty Mfg. Co., 77 Bay.

Noted French Painter Dead.

Paris, April 19.—Jean Alexandre Joseph Falguire, the French sculptor and painter, and member of the Institute, died this afternoon. He was born in 1831. He had just finished a statue of Alphonse Daudet, when he was seized with illness.

The weight of a Stearns bicycle is in the parts that bear the rider.

REVIEW OF GAS LITIGATION. THE CITY HAS A SURE CASE.

The public have begun at last to take a lively interest in the controversy between the city and the Consumers' Gas Company. The dispute is not easy to comprehend in all its details, but certain broad facts can readily be grasped and their significance understood. As the public mind is now in a highly receptive mood on this question, The World embraces the opportunity to re-state the case. The gas question is now the leading issue in municipal affairs. It bids fair to become the main feature of the next municipal election.

The city corporation, representing gas consumers generally, rests its claim on an act of the Legislature passed in 1887, entitled "An Act to further extend the powers of the Consumers' Gas Company of Toronto." Under this act the company is directed to maintain certain accounts and to reduce the price of gas to consumers under certain conditions. Clauses 4, 6 and 7 are the ones on which the city bases its case. They read as follows:

4. All shares to be issued under the provisions of this act shall be sold by public auction after three weeks' notice in two of the daily newspapers published in the city of Toronto, such shares to be put up in lots of ten shares each, and all surplus realized over the par value of the shares so sold shall be added to the rest or reserve fund of the company, until the same shall be equal to one-half of the paid-up capital stock of the company, the true intent and meaning being that the company may at all times have and maintain a rest or reserve fund equal to, but not exceeding, one-half of the then paid-up capital of the company, and which rest or reserve fund may be invested in Dominion or provincial stock, municipal debentures, school debentures, drainage debentures, debentures of loan companies and mortgages on real estate.

6. There shall be created and maintained by the company, out of the earnings of the company, another fund, to be called the plant and buildings renewal fund, to which fund shall be placed each year the sum of 5 per cent. on the value at which the plant and buildings in use by the company stand in the books of the company, at the end of the then fiscal year of the company, and all usual and ordinary renewals and repairs shall be charged against this fund.

7. Any surplus of net profit, from any source whatever, including premiums on sales of stock after the rest or reserve fund shall have been established and maintained as aforesaid, remaining at the close of any fiscal year of the company after payment of fees to the president, vice-president and directors of the company (not exceeding in all the sum of $9000 per annum), after payment of dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum on the paid-up capital stock of the company, and the establishment and maintenance of the said rest or reserve fund, and providing for said plant and buildings renewal fund, shall be carried to a special account, to be known as the special surplus account, and whenever the amount of such surplus is equal to five cents per thousand cubic feet on the quantity of gas sold during the preceding year, the price of gas shall be reduced for the then current year, at least five cents per thousand cubic feet to all consumers.

Mr. J. T. Johnston issued a writ against the company in 1894, charging that the defendants, instead of forming the rest or reserve fund, as directed by paragraph 4, and investing the same as therein directed, used the money for other purposes, and invested the same in plant and material contrary to the intent and meaning of clause 4. He further alleged that the defendant company, instead of creating a "plant and buildings renewal fund," as directed by the 6th section of the act, neglected and refused to form the same, and used the money received by them from premiums and profits for their own uses and other purposes than those directed by the act. The plaintiff further claimed that the company had made large profits in their business, amounting to $250,000 in 1894, which should have been applied by the company in forming the special surplus account to be used in the reduction in the price of gas to consumers.

The case was originally tried before Mr. Justice Ferguson, who rendered his judgment Sept. 9, 1895. He decided in favor of the plaintiff (and gas consumer) Johnston. Among other points, the judge decided that it was beyond the powers of the company to invest or use the reserve fund, or any portion of it, in the purchase or construction of their plant or buildings or in their business generally. He held that the company did not establish, maintain, invest and use the rest or reserve fund in accordance with the provisions of the act. In regard to the plant and buildings renewal fund, Mr. Ferguson, in his judgment, said: "I am of opinion that it does not appear that this fund has been created or maintained as required by the 6th section of the act." In accordance with his judgment, the judge ordered an account to be taken of all moneys disbursed by the company in their business, and in the purchase of buildings and plant, (1) from and out of their paid-up capital, (2) from and out of the reserve fund, (3) from and out of the plant and buildings renewal fund, (4) from and out of all other moneys, including moneys received from premiums on sale of stock from April, 1887.

Mr. Justice Ferguson's judgment was in favor of the plaintiff in almost every particular. If the plaintiff's counsel had been authorized to draft the judgment himself he could hardly have made it more favorable to his client.

The gas company appealed from the judgment of Mr. Justice Ferguson to the Court of Appeal for Ontario. That court reversed the decision of Judge Ferguson on the ground that Mr. Johnston, as an individual consumer, had no right of action. The case was not argued on its merits at all, the decision going against Johnston on a mere technicality, viz., that the right of action did not lie in himself, but thru the Attorney-General.

An appeal was subsequently made from the judgment of the Court of Appeal to the Privy Council. This latter tribunal also decided against Johnston, holding, as did the Court of Appeal, that Johnston, in himself, had no right of action. From the time the case left Mr. Justice Ferguson the argument was confined to the question of who was the proper party to institute proceedings. Judge Ferguson's judgment was not disturbed by the Court of Appeal or Privy Council in any particular, except that part of it where he holds that the plaintiff Johnston was in a position to maintain the action. The Privy Council holds that no private consumer can bring an action against the company for violation of the act of 1887. This right the law lords distinctly state rests with the corporation of the city of Toronto. We have the dictum of the Privy Council, therefore, that the city of Toronto is the proper party to bring the action. If the suit had been instituted by the city of Toronto in the first place, instead of by Johnston, the city would have long ago had a final judgment in its favor.

While the judges of the Privy Council did not go into the merits of the case at length, they incidentally endorsed the judgment of Judge Ferguson, as the following extracts will show:

"It cannot, of course, be disputed," the judgment goes on to say, "that the gas company is under an imperative obligation to create and maintain the several funds specified in the act of 1887, in accordance with the directions of the enactment. Nor is it open to doubt that the machinery of the act was designed for the benefit of all the company's customers."

To summarize, therefore, the case stands thus:

Johnston, an individual gas consumer, brought suit against the company and won his case, the judge ordering an account to be taken as requested by the plaintiff.

The Court of Appeal held that Johnston, an individual consumer, had no right of action.

The Privy Council held the same, but added that the action lay with the city of Toronto as representing all consumers.

From all which it is as clear as noonday that if the city institutes an action against the Consumers' Gas Company it will obtain a favorable judgment.

PLENTY OF WORK FOR ALL.

Skilled and Unskilled Labor in Demand in the Mining Districts of Cape Breton.

AT GLACE BAY IN PARTICULAR

There is a Dearth of Men, and Italians Have Had to Be Imported From New York.

Montreal, April 19.—(Special.)—There is a great dearth of both skilled and unskilled labor in the mining districts of Cape Breton, was the announcement made to-day by Mr. B. F. Pearson, one of the Nova Scotia directors of the Dominion Steel and Iron Co. of Sydney, N. S. Some two hundred and fifty, he adds, have gone from the Montreal district, and a good many Italians have had to be secured from New York, not saying anything about the colony from Fox Bay. At Glace Bay, he adds, there is a very great scarcity of labor, and any number of men can get work.

Being questioned as to the progress made by the company, Mr. Pearson replied that they would be making pig iron in August, and some talked about an earlier date. Iron ore is being brought from the Newfoundland deposits at the rate of a thousand tons a day, and this will soon be increased, as the company will require no less than 2000 tons daily, as soon as their furnaces are ready. It requires, Mr. Pearson adds, two tons of ore to make one ton of pig.

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Royal Cousins Meet.

Altona, Prussia, April 19.—Emperor William arrived here unexpectedly to-day, and cordially greeted the Prince of Wales, with whom he conversed for a considerable time while the Prince was waiting to continue his homeward journey.

Darling & Pearson have removed to Imperial Bank Bldg., Leader Lane.

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WERE AS MUM AS MICE.

Premier Macdonald and Treasurer Davidson of Manitoba Would Not Talk.

PRESIDENT MATHERS OBDURATE.

And the Inference is That He is in the Control of the Machine Element—Winnipeg Notes.

Winnipeg, April 19.—(Special.)—A St. Paul, Minn., despatch says: "Premier Macdonald and Treasurer Davidson of Manitoba arrived here from Winnipeg early today, but to all inquiries insisted that their visit to St. Paul had no meaning; that the report that they come to consult with President Mellen of the Northern Pacific about railroad and other matters was entirely unfounded, and that they were simply here until evening, when they would take the train for Chicago en route east."

Is Mathers In Rebellion?

A letter was published to-day showing that President Mathers refused to call a meeting of the Liberal Association to discuss resolutions repudiating Mr. Greenway's secret railway deals. Mathers was elected president at a meeting largely attended by the machine element and civil servants, so that his course was not unexpected. He also draws considerable money for legal business from the Ottawa Government. His refusal is clearly out of order, according to the constitution of the association.

Winnipeg News Notes.

It is reported that Superintendent James may be appointed divisional superintendent of the M. & N.W. Railway.

Capt. C. N. Mitchell will not likely go on the Bisley team.

Ex-Gov. Mackintosh is a guest at Government House. He leaves to-morrow for the east.

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ROBERTS IS NOW READY FOR A GENERAL ADVANCE

The Necessary Remounts and Equipments Have Reached Him and the Troops Are in Good Shape.

Heavy Rains Have Made it Uncomfortable for the Soldiers, But Have Supplied Plenty of Water—Brabant is at Aliwal North—British Occupy Dewetsdorp—News Scarce.

London, April 20.—(4.15 p.m.)—A deluge of rain, lasting ten days, has brought the operations in the southeastern part of the Free State almost to a standstill. The creeks have become roaring rivers, and the roads are streams of mud.

An Ambiguous Message.

A singular message, dated Bloemfontein, April 19, 10.55 a.m., and beginning "Via press censor, Bloemfontein," reports an exchange of shots in the direction of Dewetsdorp, where the Boers are said to be concentrating "after their withdrawal from Wepener."

British Occupy Dewetsdorp.

There is nothing else to indicate that the investment of Wepener has been abandoned by the Boers. Notwithstanding the rain, however, the British have made some progress, as Dewetsdorp has been occupied by them, probably by the advance of Gen. Rundle's division. Dewetsdorp is about 24 miles from Wepener.

Brabant at Aliwal North.

An obscure message from Aliwal North, dated April 19, says that Gen. Brabant has arrived there, but whether he returned alone, or with his troops, is not clear.

Boer reports from Aliwal North aver that from 8000 to 10,000 Boers are at Wepener.

Extended reports of the Bloemfontein concert for the benefit of the widows and orphans have been cabled. No less than seven separate accounts are published in London to-day. The concert, the weather, and the bare statement that Lord Roberts is ready to move, is all that has been received, and the correspondent who announces that Lord Roberts is ready to move, does not specify the direction in which he is going.

Lord Roberts' Criticism.

London, April 20.—The Ladysmith correspondent of The Daily Telegraph, in a despatch dated Wednesday, April 18, says: "The news of the nature of the despatch of Lord Roberts to the War Office regarding the Spion Kop operations, has created much comment locally, but no resignations are yet mentioned."

ROBERTS IS NOW READY.

The Necessary Remounts and Equipments Are at Hand For the Big Move.

London, April 20.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of The Daily Chronicle, telegraphing Thursday, says:

"The requisite remounts and equipments have arrived, and all the infantry divisions are now supplied with tents.

"The Boers in the immediate neighborhood are quiet; but both sides are steadily preparing for the coming struggle. Lord Roberts is now ready.

"Several lots of concealed arms and ammunition have been discovered here this week. The epidemic of fever is abating."

GEN. CARRINGTON AT BEIRA.

It Will Be Weeks, However, Before He Can Do Anything For the Relief of Mafeking.

London, April 19.—The arrival of General Carrington at Beira, Portuguese East Africa, and a reiteration of the report that the Boers intend blowing up the Johannesburg mines are the only items of news that mark to-day's war cables.

Weeks must elapse before Gen. Carrington will be able to concentrate his force on the borders of the Transvaal or approach Mafeking. According to a rumor in circulation at Lorenzo Marquez, a Boer force has been sent to intercept Gen. Carrington, but it is not thought to be or sufficient strength to cause anxiety.

More Fears About the Mines.

The Natal Mercury is responsible for the renewed fears concerning the mines, printing accounts from newly arrived refugees, saying elaborate preparations for the destruction of all the Johannesburg shafts have been carried on under the supervision of the State Mining Engineer, who is alleged to have requisitioned all the copper wire in the town for the purpose of making connections.

The Bloemfontein despatches remain full of trivial details, but are absolutely silent as to the future.

Ladysmith Division Active.

According to a despatch from Ladysmith, dated to-day, the Boers are much disconcerted by the present condition of affairs. Their fortifications and forces, numbering about 15,000 men, are spread over ridges in contemplation of a British advance thru the Waschbank Valley, north of Ladysmith, which has not been occupied. The Boer patrols are very active and are constantly laying traps.

Trading With Free State.

A proclamation issued at Cape Town today allows trading between Cape Colony and the occupied portions of the Orange Free State to be resumed.

A patrol of Cape police near Boahof yesterday captured two Boers, some oxen, wagons and 200 head of cattle.

Germans Sent to Prison.

Two Germans who recently arrived at Cape Town have been sentenced to a year's imprisonment for having suspicious possession of 100 rifles, and 600 cordite cartridges.

PLENTY OF WATER NOW.

Heavy Rains Have Made Soldiers Uncomfortable, But There Are Advantages as Well.

Bloemfontein, April 19.—During the last 10 days there have been constant rains and an enormous quantity of water has fallen. These conditions, altho extremely uncomfortable, so far as the soldiers are concerned, have had their advantages, for every dam in the country roundabout is filled, and the question of water, which hitherto during the march of the army has been one of great difficulty, is now practically solved.

The troops will be able to move in any direction with a certainty of finding a sufficient supply of water.

The whole regular and volunteer drafts have arrived and the Highland Brigade is now at its full strength.

Lady Roberts and her daughters have arrived at Bloemfontein.

THE BOERS AT THE HAGUE.

Were Received Affably by Queen Wilhelmina—Dr. Leyds Was With Them.

The Hague, April 19.—The Boer peace commissioners, headed by Dr. Leyds, had an audience with Queen Wilhelmina this afternoon, lasting a quarter of an hour. The delegates, apparently, were much gratified by the affability of Her Majesty. Subsequently they were received in private audience by the Queen Mother.

THE CITY OF CANARDS.

How The Morning Post Correspondent Speaks of Bloemfontein, the British Headquarters.

London, April 20.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of The Morning Post, telegraphing Wednesday, says:

"This city of canards has been breeding impossible peace rumors during the last few days. Everyone now awaits eagerly the announcement of a renewed advance. The latest arrivals of remounts show an improvement on the earlier arrivals."

Civilians Must Not Carry Guns.

London, April 20.—A despatch to The Morning Post from Kimberley, dated Wednesday, says:

"Lord Methuen has issued a proclamation, forbidding civilians to carry arms without military permits, and ordering rebels to surrender all serviceable modern arms by May 6.

"At present the military here are mainly occupied in collecting arms and arresting rebels, but everything points to an early resumption of activity."

PORT ARTHUR MAKES A KICK

Board of Trade of That Town Opposed to the Ontario Government's Mining Policy.

THERE MUST BE ORE FOR EXPORT

Otherwise Mining in New Ontario Cannot Be Carried Out at a Profit.

Port Arthur, Ont., April 19.—(Special.)—There was a meeting of the Port Arthur Board of Trade last night to discuss the new mines policy of the Ontario Government. The following resolution was unanimously carried:

1. That there are no iron mines in New Ontario which have so far shipped any ore.

2. That to make iron mining profitable it will be necessary to ship ore for export as well as for the use of Canadian furnaces, as all the contemplated Canadian furnaces would not keep one good iron mine going.

3. That there are no copper mines at present producing and exporting copper ores.

4. That the question of taxing the product of the copper-nickel mines at Sudbury requires more consideration than has as yet been given it.

5. That the mining industries of the province require stimulating by abolishing royalties and reducing taxation, rather than by increasing the same.

Copies of this resolution have been forwarded to the Premier, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Messrs. Conmee and Farwell, members for Algoma, and Loughrin, for Nipissing.

FOOD FOR STRICKEN INDIA.

A Five-Thousand Ton Steamer Has Been Secured to Carry Supplies From the United States.

Washington, April 19.—The Navy Department has secured a 5000-ton steamer to carry the wheat and other food supplies collected by charitable organizations in New York to the plague and famine sufferers in India. Secretary Long was informed by telegraph to-day by Pay Director Denniston that he had found a suitable vessel, and he replies as follows:

"Close option at the lump sum of $40,000 if the Christian Herald approves, subject to inspection under the commandant (of the New York navy yard), with whom I will communicate. Department trusts donors will fill the vessel to her full capacity.
(Signed) "Long."

Lobster and British Columbia Salmon with cucumbers at Reddin's Cafe.

THE WESTMINSTER CONFESSION

Is Good Enough For President Patton of Princeton, Who is a Thoro Calvinist.

Princeton, N.J., April 19.—President Patton gave out for publication to-night the following statement, giving his definite views on the revision of the Westminster confession of faith:

"If the Presbyterian Church ceases to be a Calvinistic church it will not need the Calvinistic creed. If the Presbyterian Church is a Calvinistic church, as I believe it to be, then there is no need of revising the confession of faith. The confession of faith is a very good expression of the Calvinistic system of belief. Agitation on this subject is entirely unnecessary in my judgment."

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DEATHS.

BLIGHT—At Bloemfontein, South Africa, of enteric fever, Sunday, April 15, 1900, Walter Stansfield (Stancey) Blight, aged 22 years 7 months, only son of Walter H. Blight, 27 Surrey-place.
The bugle sounded,
He answered the call.

ETHERINGTON—At his late residence, No. 4 Calian-place, James Etherington, in his 65th year.
Funeral private, Friday, 20th, from above address, at 4 p.m.

GORDON—At his late residence, Laskay, April 19, James Gordon, aged 81.
Funeral to King City Cemetery, Saturday, at 2 p.m. Funeral private.

GIBSON—At her late residence, Deer Park, on Thursday, April 19, Mary Ann Gibson, widow of the late Joseph Gibson.
Funeral private, on Saturday, April 21, at 3 o'clock.

ROBERTSON—On Wednesday, April 18, 1900, at the residence of her son-in-law, W. R. Pearce, 233 Markham-street, Margaret Pattillo Robertson, relict of the late Charles Robertson.
Funeral private, Saturday.

THE INDIAN FAMINE UNDER DISCUSSION.

Commoners at Ottawa Were in a Philanthropic Attitude for a Time.

BUT THE BUDGET CAME UP

And the Atmosphere Was Soon Changed to a Biased Political One in the Chamber.

MR. DAVIS GOT AFTER MR. DAVIN

And Scored the Man From Pile o' Bones—Sir Wilfrid on Newfoundland's Admission.

Ottawa, April 19.—(Special.)—The members of the House of Commons lived in a philanthropic atmosphere for an hour this afternoon, and allowed their minds to dwell upon the sufferings of the famine-stricken natives of India. The atmosphere was then changed to a biased political one, when Mr. Davis (Edmonton) continued the Budget debate, and in his own peculiar way sought to magnify the good of the Government by casting aspersions upon Nicholas Flood Davin, his bete noir from the west.

Order Paper Growing Small.

The order paper of the House is growing small. Only eight questions were asked, and only four answered.

Sir Wilfrid informed the House that the Government was always ready to receive overtures from Newfoundland looking toward her entering the Confederation, but that no proposals for reciprocal trade relations had been made recently, because the political conditions in the Island made the time not propitious.

Mr. Fielding declared the Government was not aware that meat was being imported for consumption in Canada, to the injury of Canadian farmers.

Mr. Puttee's Question.

A discussion was provoked by Mr. Puttee's question, "Does the Government intend to extend any aid, monetary or otherwise, to the famine-stricken districts of this Empire in India."

Sir Wilfrid, in reply, said the matter was under consideration, but no conclusion had yet been reached. This topic engaged the eloquence of Mr. Gilmour (East Middlesex), who told of the many gatherings held in his riding, at which numerous resolutions, expressing sympathy with the starving Orientals, were passed. One resolution had been forwarded to him, asking the Government to recognize the movement now on foot to send substantial aid to India, to receive and transmit money, and, if possible, grain. Mr. Gilmour enlarged upon the praiseworthy efforts of his constituents, and begged the consideration of the Government.

Mr. Maxwell Knows.

The topic was somewhat outside the realm of politics, and it was not strange to hear

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SIFTON IS WITH TARTE.

The Two Invalid Canadian Ministers Are Seeing the Sights in Paris Just Now.

Ottawa, April 19.—(Special.)—A cable received in Ottawa from Hon. Clifford Sifton states that he has not yet undergone an operation. He visited a specialist at Vienna, who recommended a course of treatment in hope that an operation would not be necessary. The specialist then went to Paris. Mr. Sifton went to Paris also, and is now seeing the sights of the Exposition along with that inimitable manufacturer of fairy tales, J. I. Tarte. It is understood that when Sifton is not heard from he will be found in financial circles in London. Then look out for a general election.

New Hats for Ladies.

The new hats for ladies' walking wear are this season very catchy. It would be impossible to describe them, they are so varied in make-up and fashion. The W. & D. Dineen Company have on view today some of these very late designs, just arrived yesterday from Paris and London. They are being eagerly purchased, and no two are alike. These hats are ready-to-wear, just as they came from the great ladies' hat manufacturers in Paris and London. A visit to the Dineen show rooms will enlighten you.

Fine and Warm.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Ont., April 19, 8 p.m.—Rain has fallen to-day over Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and scattered showers have occurred in the Northwest Territories. Extremely mild weather is generally indicated in Canada.

Minimum and Maximum Temperatures—Victoria, 44—50; Kamloops, 40—54; Calgary, 30—38; Qu'Appelle, 30—60; Winnipeg, 34—64; Port Arthur, 24—48; Parry Sound, 38—42; Toronto, 44—58; Ottawa, 44—52; Montreal, 46—56; Quebec, 34—54; Halifax, 46—50.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fine and warm.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Fine and warm.

Lower St. Lawrence—Fine and decidedly mild.

Gulf—Westerly winds, fresh to strong during the day; fair and decidedly mild.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh westerly winds; fine and very mild to-day and on Saturday.

Lake Superior—Fine and very mild.

Manitoba—Fair to cloudy, with some showers, more especially at night.

Oak Hall Clothiers, 115 King-street E., and 116 Yonge-street sell clothing at the same price as the cheap tailor, and give better materials. Oak Hall sells clothes of the same materials as the high-priced tailors, and sells at lower prices.

The "Imperial Soap" Co. give the handsomest and most valuable premiums with their wrappers. Have you read their list?

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

April 19.	At	From
Kaiser Friedrich	Plymouth	New York
Ethiopia	Glasgow	New York
Ems	Naples	New York
Kaiser Wilhelm II.	New York	Genoa
Waesland	Philadelphia	Liverpool

Sailed	From	For
Ramore Head	Swansea	Montreal

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