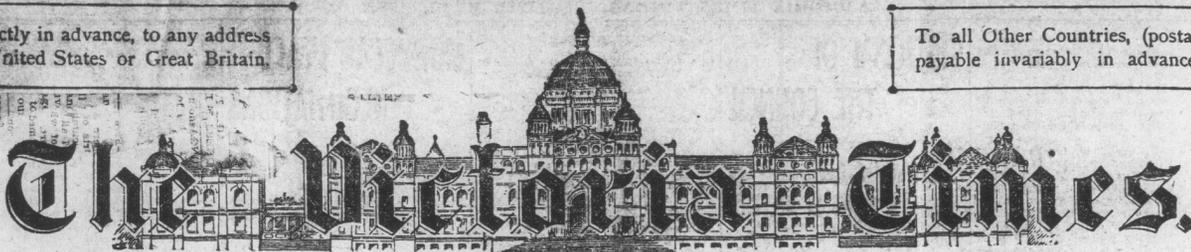


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STRIKE AT THE HALIFAX DRY DOCK

MACHINISTS DEMAND INCREASE IN WAGES

Civil Service Commissioners Hold Sessions at Toronto—Railway Operators Ask Advance

Halifax, Sept. 25.—A big strike is on at the dry docks where repairs are being made to the Oscar II. The men went out yesterday for an increase of wages, demanding \$3.00 per day and \$2.50 for helpers. The whole trouble has arisen over the importation of workmen from England, but they have joined the local union and are standing in with the Halifax machinists. They allege they were hired in England and the local union's lawyers are looking up the case. Ninety men in all are out and as the dock expenses are high the situation is serious.

Seeking Increase.
Montreal, Sept. 26.—With the appointment of a board of commissioners to arbitrate the dispute between the C. P. R. and their telegraphers, comes the announcement that the Canadian Northern railway operators are also asking for increase in wages.

Civil Service Commission.
Toronto, Sept. 25.—The Dominion civil service commission commenced its sessions in Toronto this morning and heard a deputation representing the Letter Carriers' Association, railway transfer agents and railway mail clerks. The letter carriers asked for clerks with promotion according to efficiency. They also asked for superannuation after twenty-five years' service. The railway transfer agents wanted the same salary as paid in the United States, where they range from \$850 to \$1,200. Railway clerks asked for maximum salary of \$1,500 instead of \$1,200 as at present.

Government Criticised.
Toronto, Sept. 25.—Both the Dominion and Ontario governments were subjected to criticism this morning at a session of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. The general ground for complaint was that both governments were not encouraging the immigration of skilled labor.

FAMOUS SOLDIER IS TOURING CANADA

Hon. Raymond Gifford Arrives at Winnipeg—Served in the Northwest.

Winnipeg, Sept. 25.—Hon. Raymond Gifford, C. M. A., and Mrs. Gifford, are in the city. Hon. Mr. Gifford is the son of the late Lord Gifford, chief justice of common law in England, and is an old time western Canadian settler, having farmed and ranched in the early eighties in the Qu'Appelle valley. In the Saskatchewan rebellion of 1870 he saw active service in the staff of Gen. Middleton with Lord Melfort, now the Earl of Minto. Mr. Gifford lost an arm in action in the Matabelo war in South Africa in 1895 where he was in command of Gifford's horse. He commanded the Kimberley mounted corps in 1900 during the Boer war and was D. A. C. in the intelligence corps during the latter part of the war. Mr. Gifford was correspondent of the Daily Telegraph in Egypt in 1882. Mrs. Gifford is daughter of Capt. Cecil Throld. Mr. Gifford is interested in several financial and industrial enterprises in western Canada and is a large shareholder in the street railway company, operating in Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster.

BOY DROWNED.

Pushed Into Tank by Three Lads When He Refused to Surrender Small Sail Boat.

New York, Sept. 25.—Envious boys are thought to have caused the drowning of Andrew Jonovous, a six-year-old lad, at his home in East Seventy-first street. The child was sailing a home-made boat in the five foot tank on the roof of the building which supplies it with water. With him were three other boys and several other boys, but the latter were strangers. The strange boys were racing pieces of wood across the tank and they became jealous because Andrew's boat became the victor. They demanded a chance to sail his boat and when he refused to give it up they pushed him into the tank and ran away over the roof. Andrew's father dragged the boy from the bottom of the tank, but he could not be revived.

DISCIPLINE IN SCHOOLS.

Member of New York Commissioners Claim Moral Suasion is a Failure.

New York, Sept. 25.—The board of education has ordered an investigation to determine whether the abolition of corporal punishment has been beneficial or detrimental to the system. The inquiry will be conducted by a special committee to be appointed by President Whitthrop. The opinions of superintendents and principals will be sought. Moral suasion is used entirely now in the schools in disciplining pupils.

In the opinion of some school commissioners it has proved utterly inadequate to maintain good order and discipline. Any return to corporal punishment will be bitterly contested, however. Many of commissioners believe corporal punishment barbarous.

Commissioner Jones, of Brooklyn, introduced the resolution looking to the investigation. Immediately Commissioner Kansler moved that it be laid on the table, but the motion to lay on the table was defeated by a vote of 19 to 10, and the original resolution was adopted.

WIFE MURDERER'S SUICIDE.

Elgin, Ills., Sept. 26.—Cyrus Baldwin, 85 years of age, one of the wealthiest residents of Kane county, Ills., killed himself to-day by eating Paris green after he had confessed that he had murdered his aged wife by smashing her skull with a hammer. Mrs. Baldwin was found dead yesterday, and it was believed that she had been murdered by her husband, although there was no direct proof of the fact.

THE MASTERY OF THE PACIFIC

RUSSIAN VIEWS OF ARMS OF THE STATES

The Growth of the Navy—War With Japan Regarded as Inevitable.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 26.—Secretary Taft's tour of the world is being followed with unusual interest here. The government is taking measures to surround the journey through Siberia and European Russia with attentions usually reserved for the ruler of the states, and the press is busy speculating on the likelihood and advantages of a Russo-American convention, the object of Mr. Taft's visit to Russia being, it is alleged, to negotiate an agreement between the United States and Russia. The conviction prevails here that war between Japan and the United States is inevitable in the distant future.

The Novoe Vremya publishes an article entitled "The New World Power," picturing the marvellous growth of America as a sea power during President Roosevelt's administration, warning Russian "diplomacy" not to be caught unawares by coming events, and adding: "That the day when the United States fleet passes out of the strait of Magellan and sweeps proudly into the waters of the Pacific it will open a new era for the eastern world. Official courtesies and the temporary lull in war talk do not cloak the fact that America is reaching out for the mastery of the Pacific, and already is strong enough to attain it. She entered the race for it in the spring of 1905, when congress voted the navy bill and the Panama bill, both essential to the object in view. Without any noise, except the ceaseless rattle of machinery, the mighty nation succeeded in forging a sea power, already including 25 battleships and having its docks crowded with many more war vessels. The American people are not lured by the glamor of mere display. Their purposes are deeper. The Americans' creed is that commerce follows the flag. Their object is incompatible with mere desire for trade in the Far East. England won the throne of the Atlantic from Spain, Holland and France. America is about to challenge her rival for the throne of the Pacific."

THE BRIDGE DISTASTER.

Leon S. Messier Will Prepare Report for Dominion Government.

Ottawa, Sept. 25.—Leon S. Messier, engineer of the department of bridges in New York City, has been appointed by the Dominion government to inspect and report on the collapse of the Quebec bridge.

FLOODS IN MEXICO.

Chilcan, Mex., Sept. 25.—A hurricane has devastated the district along the coast to the west of here, doing great damage to crops and causing some loss of life. Rivers and streams are raging torrents and are causing heavy losses.

BURIED WITH MILITARY HONORS

LAST TRIBUTE TO LATE CORP. O'KEEFE

Victim of Mount Royal Disaster Laid at Rest—Large Attendance at Funeral

(From Thursday's Daily.)
James O'Keefe, who lost his life in the Skene river when the ill-fated Mount Royal went to her destruction on July 6th, was buried this morning with all military honors. He had been a corporal in No. 1 Company of the Fifth Regiment, and the officers and men of the corps attended the funeral this morning, paying the last tribute to the comrade who had rendered himself so popular amongst them all.

The funeral took place from the residence of Mrs. O'Keefe on Fort street shortly after 10 o'clock. An element of peculiar sadness attaches to the death of Corporal O'Keefe. When on July 6th the Mount Royal struck the rocks in Kitsalms canyon there was ample time for Pursor O'Keefe to save his life. He had helped several of the passengers ashore by means of a ladder, and had himself in company with several of the crew, he returned to his cabin to save the papers and moneys of the vessel. This occupied some time, and while he was thus occupied the vessel turned turtle, and carried Pursor

est and best non-coms. and his loss is deeply deplored by the officials. He was twenty years of age. He leaves his mother, who is a widow, three sisters and two brothers. His two brothers and Miss Kitty O'Keefe and his mother attended the funeral to-day. A large number of the members of the Y.M.C.A. of which order the deceased was a member, also attended the funeral, and paid their last respects to their deceased brother.

COOKING TEACHER'S FAILURE.

Regarded as Authority on Subject, But Is Not a Success as Restaurant Keeper.

New York, Sept. 26.—Mrs. Sarah Tyson Rorer, known all over the United States as an authority on cooking, author and teacher of domestic science, is the subject of a petition in bankruptcy filed against her in her capacity as restaurant keeper at No. 55 New street and 42 Broadway, Maurick P. Davidson filed it as attorney for several creditors.

It is alleged that she is insolvent and on August 22nd called a meeting of creditors, at which was stated that her liabilities are \$28,000. Judge Hall, of the United States District court, appointed McDougall Hawks, former dock commissioner, to receive with a bond of \$5,000. The fixtures and equipment of the restaurant are estimated at \$10,000, and Mrs. Rorer has other assets estimated at \$5,000, besides the lease, which has six years to run. The rent is \$7,000 a year. The place was fitted up in October, 1905, at a cost, it was said, of \$20,000. Mrs. Rorer did not give the restaurant her personal attention, for she lived in Washington.

LIPTON'S CHALLENGE HAS BEEN REJECTED

Sir Thomas Is Prepared to Build Ninety Foot Boat For Cup Races.

New York, Sept. 25.—The New York Yacht Club at a meeting to-night declined the challenge of Sir Thomas Lipton for a race for the America cup with a sloop 75 feet on the water line.

Sir Thomas Disappointed.
London, Sept. 26.—Sir Thomas Lipton, although bitterly disappointed at the result of the meeting of the Yacht Club to accept his recent challenge, to-day authorized the announcement that he was prepared to challenge with a 90-foot boat under the New York Yacht Club rules.

STANDARD OIL DEFENCE.

Company Alleges It Is Victim of Persistent Attacks on Part of Federal Authorities.

New York, Sept. 26.—The Standard Oil Company has issued in the last month 4,000,000 copies of its pamphlet entitled "From the directors of the Standard Oil Company to employees and stockholders." The pamphlet is being distributed not only to those whom it is addressed, but is sent broadcast among oil consumers. It is given away through dealers with the sale of a gallon of oil. The pamphlet, a summary of which was published a month or more ago, deals with the \$20,240,000 fine imposed upon the Standard Oil Company of Indiana by Judge Landis. In "a word in advance," it alleges that the Standard Oil Company is the victim of a persistent and adroit attack on the part of federal authorities. Then follows a statement by James A. Moffet, president of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, in which he defends the six per cent. rate alleged by the government.

THE LATE CORPORAL O'KEEFE.

O'Keefe and five others into the rapid running waters of the canyon. At the point where the wreck occurred there is a miniature maelstrom, and it was into this that the victims were hurled. Of the six Pursor O'Keefe was the only one again seen. Several of those on Ring Bolt Island described him swimming strongly, apparently making for the shore. He was seen by some Indians near the end of the canyon. It was shipped on board the Venture to this port, and this morning the funeral took place.

THE FIGHT BETWEEN RIVAL RAILROADS

Surveyors and Workmen Employed By Nome Railway Ambushed Near Valdez.

Seattle, Sept. 26.—A dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer from Valdez, says: "Forces of the Guggenheim railroad, the Copper River & Northwestern and workmen employed by the Alaska and Nome railway in Keystone canyon, 15 miles from Valdez, yesterday.

"The party was making a preliminary survey for the Nome railroad which is planned from Valdez to the summit. They had advanced about one hundred yards up the canyon when they were surprised by an ambush of the Guggenheim men, headed by Edward Hassey, an ex-United States marshal. Hassey called to the surveyors and ordered them to stop, saying his men would shoot if any further advance was made. The surveyors believed Hassey was bluffing and continued working. They were then met by a fusillade of bullets."

In order to catch a man who had deserted his wife and family, the Howland (Yorks) police advertised a vacant situation in a newspaper, for which the man applied and was thereupon arrested.

R. L. BORDEN AT OPERA HOUSE

PUBLIC QUESTIONS WERE UNDER REVIEW

Leader of the Opposition and Other Conservative Speakers Deliver Addresses Last Evening

(From Thursday's Daily.)
The interest manifested in the Conservative meeting last night was not at all equal to justifiable expectations. The leader of the party had not been here for a considerable time before, and Mr. Bergeron has rarely been heard in British Columbia. Nevertheless the theatre was barely full. There were some vacant spaces which might have been occupied with advantage to the occasion. It was a fairly good audience, however, representing fairly both political parties that assembled to hear the Conservative leaders from Ottawa.

F. G. Barnard occupied the chair, and there was a good representation of local Conservatives on the platform. The chairman's remarks were confined to a few observations leading to the introduction of the speakers.

KILLED WHILE ON WAY FROM DANCE

TWO MEN RUN DOWN BY A WORK TRAIN

Section Man Lost His Life on Railway—Hunter Accidentally Shot by Companion

Kenora, Sept. 25.—About 2 o'clock this morning a fatal accident occurred at the C. P. R. crossing at Forman. Two young men, Otto Olson, proprietor of the Stockholm restaurant, and Charles Dalrskist were returning from a Swedish dance at Norman, and were crossing the track when their rig was struck by a work train and both were instantly killed. Coroner Choppman was notified and an inquest will be held.

Lost Both Legs.
Brockville, Ont., Sept. 25.—Nelson Blair, employed as coal shoveller, went to sleep on the Grand Trunk track while intoxicated and was run over by a light engine, losing both legs below the knee. He has rallied from the shock and may recover.

Section Man Killed.
Peterborough, Ont., Sept. 25.—James Kelly, a Scotchman with no friends in Canada, was killed on the Grand Trunk near Kirkall station. He was a section man and was on his way home from Hastings when struck by an express train.

Mistaken For Moose.
Quebec, Sept. 25.—A fatal shooting accident is reported from Lake Edward. A man named Gaston, said to be a friend to Pennsylvania, while out hunting was shot and killed by a fellow in mistake for moose.

Prisoner's Suicide.
Mitchell, Ont., Sept. 25.—Gottfried Phelk, who was sentenced to one year in the central prison yesterday for pointing a shotgun at a neighbor and threatening to shoot, took poison in his cell this morning, dying about four o'clock.

REPAIRING LAKE BOAT.

Superior, Wis., Sept. 25.—The steamer Win. B. Kerr, the biggest boat ever constructed on the Great Lakes, is now in the Superior dry dock for a two weeks' repair job. The Kerr will employ 200 men during that time. Forty plates must be removed and sixty frames straightened. She is the first of the 605 foot class ever docked and there are few dry docks on the lakes large enough to accommodate her.

TO SPEND HONEYMOON HERE.

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 25.—The marriage of Miss Sarah Pritchard, a member of the oldest society families here, and J. Howard Bates, a prominent young business man, took place last night at Point Douglas church. The couple left to spend the winter in Victoria.

Crows have no fewer than twenty-seven different calls, each distinctly referable to a different action.

GALE SWEEPS OVER LAKE ERIE

TWO NEW STEAMERS REPORTED ASHORE

Physical Training in Nova Scotia School—Sudden Death of Former M. P.

Windsor, Ont., Sept. 25.—A heavy northeast gale has been raging over Lake Erie, Detroit river and Lake St. Clair, and many vessels have been forced to seek shelter. A wireless telegraph message from the steamer City of Detroit reports the steamers James Aughlin, of Cleveland, and D. G. Ker, of Duluth, ashore off Bar Point. Both are steel vessels of recent construction.

Physical Training.
Halifax, N.S., Sept. 26.—Details are now being arranged with the militia department and provincial educational authorities for a system of physical training in the schools of the province, which will embrace all children, boys and girls, with regular drill as they get older. Boys of about fourteen will be given instructions in arms, and rifle practice will be given older boys.

Dropped Dead.
Hamilton, Sept. 25.—Major Frank M. Carpenter, ex-M.P., Fruitland, died suddenly this morning, aged 53 years. He was in usual health when he arose and was dressing when he fell over dead. Major Carpenter entered political life in 1889, and for thirteen years represented South Wentworth in the House of Commons.

Wants Expert Appointed.
Toronto, Sept. 25.—A reputation of railway men waited on Attorney-General Foy this morning to protest against the activity of that official in regard to criminal proceedings against railway men after wrecks. The suggestion was made that the government should employ an expert on railway matters, who would conduct an investigation after a wreck and give his opinion to the jury.

Hotel Destroyed.
Winnipeg, Sept. 25.—The Waldorf hotel at Winnipeg beach was destroyed by fire to-day. The loss on the building and contents amounts to \$15,000. Jos. Reed, of Vancouver, owned the building, and will lose several thousand dollars.

Toronto Wedding.
Toronto, Sept. 25.—A fashionable wedding was celebrated in St. Simon's church this afternoon, when Miss Mary Elizabeth Lamond Osler, youngest daughter of E. B. Osler, M.P., became the wife of Mr. George Sutton Gibbons, of London, Ont., son of Mr. G. C. Gibbons, K.C., chairman of the Canadian section of the international railways commission. Rev. Provost Macklem, Professor Clark and Rev. E. C. Cayley officiated.

Mining Deal.
Toronto, Sept. 25.—It is reported in mining circles that the La Rose mine had been sold to English interests. The exact price could not be learned, yet it was said the mine would be underwritten in England for fifty million dollars.

HANDLOGGERS ARRESTED.

Are Charged With Theft of Nearly Three Thousand Dollars' Worth of Timber.

Vancouver, Sept. 25.—Nine handloggers, arrested up the Coast charged with stealing \$2,700 worth of timber from various parties, including the provincial government, were brought here on the steamer Venture. Others will be arrested in the North as a result of the tour of a government launch and investigating party which left Vancouver last week.

The men arrested are: Ivor Turn, Knuts Ranceth, Nels Turn and Ivar Ranceth, each charged with the theft of 500 worth of timber from claims belonging to Louis F. Strong; Joseph Perry and Peter Savard, each charged with the theft of 100 worth of timber from Strong; E. J. Baker and Jesse Hendricks, each charged with the theft of 200 worth of timber from the North as a result of the tour of a government launch and investigating party which left Vancouver last week.

CONSPIRACY IN CUBA.
Revolutionary Movement Said to be Backed by New York Capitalists.

Havana, Sept. 26.—A conspiracy to start a revolutionary movement in Cuba has been discovered. Under instructions issued by Governor Magon a number of suspicious persons have been shadowed for several days. It is said that the movement is backed by New York capitalists.

In a new method the velocity of a stream is determined chemically. A certain quantity of brine is added to the water and samples afterward taken farther down are carefully analyzed.