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We have a special assortment this season of Dress Goods at 50c a yd. We have scoured the Old Country markets to secure the best values we could offer you at 50c a yd., and would like to have you come in to see the result of our efforts:—

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THE LADIES' DAY.

Being the 14th Annual Opening, we are making this the most interesting of all previous anniversaries.

The Ladies' Assisting Society of
the Public General Hospital

will have possession of this store on the above two days. The profits of the sales during these days go to The Hospital Fund. The ladies will have charge of all the departments.

Come and see how the ladies can run The Ark for two days and encourage them by buying what you need.

Watch this space during the coming week for special bargains.

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RUMORS OF RUSSIAN LOSS

They Completely Evacuate
Corea—Japs Cross
the Yalu

Entire Army in Corea is Reported
Pushing On to the River at
Different Points

London, Monday, April 11.—No confirmation has reached London of the various rumors, most of which came by way of Paris, of land fighting, landings by Japanese on the Liaotung peninsula, the capture of Japanese transports by Russians, etc. Despatches from various points agree that the Russians have completely evacuated Corea, but beyond this there is little reliable news. A Chefoo despatch, which reaches London by way of Rome, asserts that the Japanese squadron, with 20 steamers, was seen making for Port Arthur. The squadron of Admiral Wierwille left Cherbourg yesterday for the Baltic. On the occasion of Easter the czar conferred numerous decorations and promotions on prominent naval and military commanders in connection with the war. Marquis Ito, president of the Japanese Privy Council, was given a banquet at Tokyo Saturday. He announced the success of his mission in establishing confidential relations between the Japanese and Korean courts, and said that at his Government's request he had drawn up an elaborate report on Korean political needs. The Japanese papers ridicule the idea of the Russian Baltic Sea squadron ever reaching the East and do not believe that it will ever make the attempt.

RUSSIAN ARTILLERY.
A correspondent of the Times at Chefoo says that 2,000 Russian artillerymen with 60 guns arrived at New Chwang, Thursday last.

The Times correspondent at sea, calling April 9, via Wei-Hai-Wei reports a typhoon, lasting for two days, which prevented naval operations.

THE BALTIC SQUADRON.
The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris Petit Parisien cables an interview which he had with Rear-Admiral Rojestvensky, chief of the general staff of the navy, in course of which the admiral admitted that he had been offered and accepted command of the Baltic squadron, adding that he was not certain whether the squadron would go to the far East.

The Emperor, the admiral said, desired the squadron to be ready to sail by July 15 next, but this is considered too hasty a movement in official circles, where it is affirmed on the departure of the squadron a certain complication might arise in Europe. Moreover, there will not be work for seamen in the far East in September, for then, said the admiral, the Japanese will have conveyed to Corea sufficient cannon ammunition and provisions to enable them to carry on a campaign for many months. The Japanese will not hesitate to spend enormous funds for apparently inadequate results, and proves that they are sure they can renew their supplies and ammunition, and that they have safe friends who will furnish all they need. Questioned concerning the Japanese tactics, the admiral said, "Vice-Admiral Togo is quite right to remain faithful to his plan, although appearances are against him. We know from a sure source that he is certain he can repair his vessels and renew his supplies, and that they will be ready to fight." Admiral Rojestvensky expressed regret that Russia did not take the initiative in attacking, even in sacrificing her fleet, if thereby she crippled the Japanese navy.

PERSISTENT REPORTS.
London, April 9.—It is again persistently reported that the Russians have suffered defeat and heavy loss upon the Yalu River. The news of the engagement is not confirmed in official quarters, but the report is so persistent that it seems worthy of confidence.

CROSSED THE YALU.
London, April 9.—A cable from Tokyo states that the Japanese fighting line has been pressed forward across the Yalu, and that a strong position has been taken up. It is reported that the entire Japanese army in Corea is pushing on to the Yalu at different points.

CAPTURE RUSSIAN SECRETS.
Seoul, April 9.—The secret records of the Russian army in Manchuria have been taken by the Japanese and now have been brought to Ping Yang. Forty-two foreign war correspondents, who were long delayed in Tokyo, yesterday passed through Chemulpo on board a transport. They are bound for Ping Yang.

The rector of Holy Trinity church, Chatham, Rev. T. Deveney Smith, formerly of Windsor, and the church wardens, last Sunday made a request on the congregation for a special collection of \$300 and they generously responded with \$370.50. Mr. Smith has a large and increasing congregation in Chatham, by all of whom he is very much thought of.—Windsor Record.

H. M. Oakeson, of Dresden, is a Chatham visitor to-day.

FARMERS WILL DO SOME THINKING

That G. T. R. special train scorching across the country during the darkness of the night, bearing Valentine Stock, M. P. P., to the rescue of the Ontario Government and to vote against a motion calling for a two cents a mile rate on future subsidized railroads, will doubtless cause some thinking to be done by the farmers of South Perth—Ridgeway Dominion.

GO TO JAIL

Toronto Election Officials Sentenced to Imprisonment for Ballot Frauds

Toronto, April 9.—Judge Winchester this morning in the sessions sentenced the election officials found guilty of conspiracy at the last civic elections. The deputy returning officers got two years less one day and the poll clerks one year in the Central Prison. His Honor refused the reserve case asked on behalf of the Grays. The men sentenced are—D. B. O'Shea, Thompson, Frank A. Gray (druggist) and A. Cahoon (painter), Poll Clerks Lt.-Col. John Gray and Thos. Kerr, a student. Judge Winchester, before pronouncing sentence, said to the prisoners—"It is not the first crime you have committed this time you have been convicted. You recognized that you had done wrong the first time, but still you continued to carry on the crime. If the men in whom the public have confided to carry on the elections of this country go wrong, then the people will have no confidence in the election of proper men, and anarchy would soon follow. You were well advised by your counsel when you pleaded guilty, but this crime must be stopped." On behalf of the condemned officials an appeal will be made to the Minister of Justice.

MUST ACT

No Half-Way Measures will Satisfy Prohibitionists—Mr. Whitney's Policy

Toronto, April 9.—There seems to be no definite plan of action upon which the Methodist and Baptist ministers will work when they take up Premier Ross' reply. Leading ministers say the Government will not be asked to take any half-way measure, but must accept the responsibility of the refusal to take a step which he confesses to believe to be right. Some ministers, who are free from political predilections, incline to the opinion that the calling of the Alliance for the 21st inst. augurs an approaching election, and that as the deputation that waited on the Premier was altogether Liberal and pronounced in its politics, the answer of the Premier is a bold step to whip the clergy into line to support him in a less radical measure than abolition of the bar.

The W. C. T. U. and Temperance Legislation League are opposed to anything short of Prohibition, and say nothing is gained by substituting the flask dispensary system for the glass system, and contend that it would be a moral loss for the community to become partners in the liquor business, as would be the case if Government dispensaries were established.

The majority of temperance workers here, not swayed by political pressure, think that Mr. Whitney's policy respecting the liquor traffic, of an improved local option law would be the one more acceptable to the people, as under this the appointment of the inspector would be removed from politics.

PROGATION OF LEGISLATURE.

The majority of the members of the Legislature express the opinion that the House will conclude its business at the end of next week. Mr. Whitney says, "I should not be surprised if we got through next week, but it is a matter of doubt."

VAUDEVILLE ARTISTS

The Detroit Tribune says: The vaudeville stage has captured a combination of beauty and talent in Miss Lilian Appel and Miss Carrie Estelle Williams, two young Detroit women, who will make their first appearance at the Avenue theatre, April 11. Miss Appel, the daughter of Prof. Franz Appel, is a clever pianist, educated abroad, and a concert artist of repute in Europe, as well as in her native America. She is a tall, dark-eyed girl of striking and handsome personality and possessed of many accomplishments. Miss Williams, the daughter of Mrs. Adeline E. Williams, 522 John R. street, has a soprano voice of sweetness and power, excellent trained, and is well known locally as a church and concert singer. She is also tall and handsome, with red-gold hair and dark-brown eyes. The young women have secured bookings over the entire vaudeville circuit, and will offer an act of high-class music.

Miss Williams is well known in the Maple City, where she delighted audiences with her magnificent singing.

OLIVE BRANCH FOR RUSSIANS

Great Britain Makes Offer to Open Negotiations for Settlement of Disputes

Proposition From Lansdowne Came Close on King Edward's Personal Assurances to Czar

London, April 9.—The Associated Press learns that the exact status of the much-forecast Anglo-Russian understanding is as follows:

After King Edward had given his personal assurances to Emperor Nicholas that the anti-Russian comments in the British press did not represent the feeling of his Government, Foreign Secretary Lansdowne informed the Russian ambassador, Count Benckendorff, that he would be glad to reopen the negotiations looking to a settlement of all matters now in dispute between Russian and Great Britain. Lord Lansdowne did not stipulate any basis of entering into any details. Ambassador Benckendorff expressed his pleasure at the offer and transmitted it to St. Petersburg, where Lord Lansdowne's action is understood to have been taken as a material expression of King Edward's personal messages. There, for the moment, the matter stands. Negotiations, beyond Lord Lansdowne's offer have not been commenced, and are not likely to assume any particularly definite phase in the near future. No great hope was felt here that they could ever reach a conclusion satisfactory to both countries, though in view of the Anglo-French agreement even the most pessimistic are unwilling to be too dogmatic on this point. Both King Edward's personal action and the step taken by his Foreign Secretary are due to a great degree to the untiring solicitation of Queen Alexandra, who has been greatly distressed over the war which has involved her Russian relatives and Great Britain's ally.

DIPLOMATS SURPRISED.

Diplomats accredited to the court of St. James express surprise at the fact that Lord Lansdowne has gone even so far as he has. It was believed, especially in German quarters, that the suggested negotiations lived only in the imagination of the press, and that the authorities in St. Petersburg and London tacitly sanctioned the fiction in the hope of reconciling the British and Russian peoples. That Lord Lansdowne has taken such an initiative while Great Britain's ally is still at war with Russia is regarded as being a somewhat bold and unexpected step, all the more so because it is understood here that the Russians at St. Petersburg still studiously avoid visiting the British embassy. One of the members of the diplomatic corps here, on learning what Lord Lansdowne had done, said: "This is an olive branch with a vengeance."

NEGOTIATIONS BLOCKED.

The Associated Press learns that Russia and Great Britain secretly negotiated to the same end eighteen months ago, but the attempt to draw up an agreement came to an abrupt ending, when Lord Lansdowne announced in the House of Lords that under no consideration would Russia be allowed a port on the Persian Gulf. Since then that question has become regarded as a deadlock. Under the changed conditions and with the good offices of the French Government secured through the recent agreement, Lord Lansdowne is said to genuinely entertained the hope of an eventual settlement by which the Anglo-Russian spheres of influence throughout the world may be determined, and the ceaseless and costly rivalry between the two nations ended forever. He is also actuated by a strong desire to cement the Anglo-French understanding, which, as the Westminster Gazette points out, can only be made permanent by a complete understanding with Russia.

"If in a moment of great difficulty," says the Westminster Gazette, "Russia appealed for assistance to France on the point of transferring her affections to Germany, no consideration for us would prevent France from responding to the appeal, since an alliance between Germany and Russia would be a catastrophe for which no understanding with Great Britain could compensate her."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers at Victoria Ave. Methodist Church League was held on Friday and resulted as follows:—

President—Wm. McArthur.
First Vice—Miss Grace Craft.
Second—Miss Nellie Clements.
Third—Miss Grace Irving.
Fourth—Lindsay Parrott.
Secretary—Miss Maude Groves.
Art Secy—Miss Alma Smith.
Cor. Secy—Miss Martha Irving.
Treasurer—Herb. Side.
Pianist—Miss Carnovsky.
Representative—Rev. F. E. Malott.

William Weldon, of Tilbury, was in the city on Saturday purchasing material for a new residence.

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The material is there, the style is there, and we guarantee their durability. In fact they are as good shoes in every respect as many others charge \$3.50 for.

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THE SHOE MAN.

Repairing done at store

The Planet Junior

Boys and Girls

A Christmas Adventure

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get around it so I started forward, but I became more so when I started about a mile and came to another creek. As I was about to go to the creek, I saw a heavy veil come from the sky, and I could not go to the creek, so I started to slide down the late, going across from one creek to the other to see if either

come out and put on my skates and started for home. I did not go very far out from the shore and I went home about 10 o'clock. As I was about to go to the creek, I saw a heavy veil come from the sky, and I could not go to the creek, so I started to slide down the late, going across from one creek to the other to see if either

church has been decorated, a lot of flowers having been added to the decorations. After this comes the dinner, which consists of varieties of food, plum pudding, oranges, nuts and candy. The afternoon is generally spent in outdoor sports, generally a game of football, and all in all, it is a very pleasant day. Then comes the tea, which consists of about the same as for dinner, but