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LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S Underwear

On Sale To-Night and Monday.

Children's ribbed vests, winter weight, fine soft finish, all sizes, from 1 year to 7 years, regular prices 12½c, 15c, 18c. and 20c. each, on sale To-night and Monday in two lots at 9c. each and

14c

Ladies' extra fine ribbed wool vests, correct weight for immediate and early Spring wear, silk trimmed, regular price \$1 each, on sale To-night and Monday at

63c

Ladies' fleece lined ribbed Drawers, very fine soft finish, regular price 50c. pair, on sale To-night and Monday for

35c

Ladies' ribbed Drawers, suitable in weight for immediate and early Spring wear, regular price 25c. a pair, on sale for

18c

Sale of Ladies' Ties and Collars.

Ladies' stock collars and corded hemstitched silk ties, pretty effects, in shades of Pink, Sky, Cardinal and Red, regular prices 50c., 75c. and \$1.25 each, on sale to-night and Monday for

HALF-PRICE.

Ladies' Coats One-Half Off.

Ladies' Cloth Jackets, 28 in., 42 in. and 56 in. long, semi and tight-fitting made of Kersey Cloth and Frieze, in shades of Fawn, Oxford Grey and Black, regular prices \$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.00 and \$15.00 each, on sale to-night and Monday at

HALF-PRICE.

Dress Goods Sale.

We continue until the end of the month our sale of 50 or more pieces of high class dress goods, in excellent shades for ladies' and children's wear, regular price 75c. to \$1.50 a yard, on sale for

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Early comers for this sale secure the largest choice—the selection will rapidly grow less day by day.

Ladies' Felt Hats for 39c.

Ladies' Felt Ready-to-Wear Hats in shades of Grey, Brown, Navy, Black and Blue, regular price 85c. and \$1 each each, on sale to-night and Monday for

39c. Each.

Thomas Stone & Son.

THE ANNOYANCE

Caused by using rusty and leaky kitchen utensils is all done away with by using the

Fine Enamelled Ware

we carry. It stands the test of constant use most satisfactorily. A large assortment of

Graniteware

kept in stock. Every housekeeper should use it.

JOHN A. MORTON Hardware Merchant.

A Glance :: Through Our Store

Offers many suggestions to parents and friends for the remembrances so appropriate for Christmas time.

The Betrothal Ring, so interesting, should hold a gem of the "first water." None other would be given on this occasion. If selected at our establishment it carries the assurance.

Our prices are low as is consistent with good quality and we are always anxious to please you.

Come in and test our Merits.

A. A. JORDAN SIGN OF BIG CLOCK.

AN APPEAL

Rex vs. Walsk—J. A. Robinson (St. Thomas), for defendant, moved absolute a rule nisi to quash a conviction made under the Liquor Act of 1902, section 91, under which, on the application of a Crown Attorney to the president of the High Court, a county judge may be designated to try offences under the Act. The defendant was convicted by Judge Bell, at St. Thomas, of ballot stuffing in the recent referendum vote. The defendant contends that the Referendum Act is illegal, inasmuch as it has gone so far as to leave the whole question to a vote of the people, and nothing is left to come before the Legislature after the vote of the people. Also, that the county judge to be appointed under section 91 of the Referendum Act, is not clothed with sufficient judicial power to try cases summarily. J. R. Cartwright, K. C., and D. J. Donohue, K. C., for the Crown. Reserved.

BRITAIN FORCED TO ACT.

VENEZUELAN QUESTION VIEWED BY PREMIER BALFOUR.

The Situation in the Balkans is Now Causing Some Anxiety in Britain and Europe.

London, Feb. 14.—Speaking at a reception here last evening, Premier Balfour announced that he had received a communication from the Foreign Secretary, Lord Lansdowne, saying all the difficulties regarding the Venezuelan question had been removed, and that no hitch whatever need delay the final settlement any time.

In the course of a speech at a luncheon given by the Conservative Club during the day the Premier declared the British Government had no choice but to take action against Venezuela. The Ministers had shown no undue haste, no greed for money, and no inhumanity. The United States Government had been taken into the confidence of his Majesty's Government at every stage of the proceedings. The Monroe doctrine had no enemies in this country. It would be a great gain to civilization if the United States should more actively concern itself with arrangements to prevent the constantly recurring difficulties between the European powers and the South American Governments, by getting the latter to observe the principles of international continuity.

Continuing, the Premier said there was no ground for Lord Rosebery's criticism with respect to British relations with either the United States or Germany. Some arrangement with the latter for joint operations was the most reasonable step possible for enforcing their several claims. Mr. Balfour ridiculed the suggestion that the alliance with Germany over Venezuela was settled at the time of Emperor William's visit to King Edward at Sandringham. He declared that the whole story was a mere nest of international animosities, said the Premier, were a great source of international weakness.

Great Britain was supposed to be greatly disliked on the continent, but no country was stronger for disliking Great Britain or showing animosity, nor would Great Britain be strengthened by harboring animosity. If the peace of Europe were to be preserved and the cause of civilization go forward without fatal shocks it must be by the increasing use of co-operation between the European powers. The Balkan States are now giving anxiety, and the question can only be solved by common action upon the part of the great civilized powers. European concert is clumsy, he said, but it is better than isolated action. Mr. Balfour implored all those who had any command over the source of public opinion to refrain from indulging in the easy task of embittering the relations between nations, and creating jealousies, so easily formed and so difficult to allay.

Referring to Lord Rosebery's proposal that Lord Kitchener should be invited to leave his command in India and become War Minister, Mr. Balfour characterized it as the wildest which ever emanated from a man who had held, and who doubtless was destined to again hold, administrative posts. All politicians could understand that Lord Rosebery's sole plan was to attain efficiency, but his suggestion was both opposed to the British constitution and absolutely impracticable. Lord Kitchener was a great soldier, but he had not been trained for the work of a Cabinet Minister, who was required to defend the proposals of his Government in Parliament.

ATLANTIC FREIGHT LINE.

Negotiations Between Elder-Dempster Co. and C.P.R.

London, Feb. 14.—Regarding the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's purchasing the Elder-Dempster steamers for a fast Atlantic freight service, I understand that the present position is as follows:—The Elder-Dempsters are willing to sell, and the Canadian Pacific Company is willing to buy. The Elder-Dempster Company, however, want the best possible obtainable price. The Canadian Pacific people are now having the steamers surveyed, as they reach British ports, so as to ascertain a fair market value, and this process is necessarily somewhat slow.

Rumors are current here to the effect that the Beaver Line steamships have been acquired by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. It is stated that an official announcement in regard to the matter will be made in a few days.

CITY COUNCIL DEPUTATION INSPECT LONDON PAVEMENTS

Very Favorably Impressed with the Bituminous Tar Macadam Roads—What the London Papers Say.

A civic deputation from the Maple City visited London yesterday with a view to examining and inspecting the bituminous macadam pavement which has been laid with much success in the Forest City.

The Chathamites were entertained most hospitably by the contractors and the London officials. Mayor Beck and City Engineer Graydon met them and gave them every assistance in their inspection.

The Chathamites were very highly of the courteous manner in which the delegation was treated in London. We were very favorably impressed with the pavement, said his worship, "but will submit a detailed report to the Council concerning it."

"With Engineer Graydon, of London, we visited the sewage form and witnessed the operations there. The system is both modern and up-to-date and we were much interested in it. It is surprising to see the excellent way in which the sewage of a city of 40,000 is handled."

It is understood that the delegation will present a detailed report to the Council at its next sitting.

PRaises OUR MAYOR.

The London Free Press this morning says: "Mayor McKee, Ald. Mounter, chairman of the Board of Works; Ald. Walter Piggott, City Engineer Jones and Mr. Robert Pether, of Chatham, were in the city yesterday, the guests of Manager Offutt, of the Warren Bros. Company, who built the Talbot street bituminous macadam pavement."

"Chatham's mayor is one of the most genial of gentlemen, and was elected in January by a majority that distanced his opponents. Among the things he has introduced in Chatham is a competition similar to the garden competition here last year."

"The deputation were entertained at luncheon at the London Club, and subsequently inspected the new pavement. "Engineer Jones stated to the Free Press that Chatham was putting down a pavement made of blocks of wood, specially treated. They were still in search of a permanent pavement, and hoped to find it in bituminous macadam."

DOINGS OF DELEGATION.

The London News says: A deputation consisting of Mayor W. E. McKee, Ald. E. Mounter,

KILLED IN MISTAKE.

Man Called to His Door and Shot Dead—Probable Mistake.

Jackson, Tenn., Feb. 14.—Robert E. McCaw, whose home is said to be in Rochester, N.Y., was shot to death last night by a man who presumably mistook McCaw for another who, already having a wife, married the daughter of the man who fired the shot.

The marriage of Albert Hilderback and Miss Lucy Hudgins, a member of a prominent family, took place yesterday. Later in the day a warrant was sworn out by Samuel Hudgins, father of the bride, charging Hilderback with bigamy. At midnight McCaw answered a ring at the door of the house where he lived and was shot without warning. Hudgins was arrested.

THE SESSION SUSPENDED.

Uproar in the French Chamber of Deputies.

Paris, Feb. 13.—The sitting of the Chamber of Deputies was suspended amid an uproar precipitated by charges brought by Maurice Binder, Nationalist, against the Premier and other Ministers in connection with the Humbert case. M. Binder refused to withdraw or apologize, and was censured and the sitting was suspended, but M. Binder remained in possession of the tribune until the House reassembled. He then refused to leave the tribune until threatened with expulsion.

PROTOCOLS SIGNED.

Venezuelan Dispute Will Now be Arbitrated.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The British protocol with Venezuela for raising the blockade and reference of the matter of preferential treatment of the allies' claims to The Hague was signed at 11 o'clock last night. Signature of the Italian and German protocols followed immediately afterwards.

BOER GENERALS REFUSE.

Object to Serve on the Executive Council.

Pretoria, Feb. 14.—It is announced that the Government offered seats in the Executive Council to Generals Botha, Delarey and Smuts. The Boer Generals unanimously refused to accept, giving as their reason the manner in which the Council was formed, which, in their opinion, was not in the best interests of the country.

W. T. Piggott, ex-Ald. Wm. Potter and City Engineer E. Jones, of Chatham, were in the city to-day for the purpose of investigating the bituminous tar macadam pavement which was laid on Talbot street last fall.

They were the guests of Manager M. F. Offutt, of the local branch of the Ontario Bituminous Pavement Co., and Manager McKee, of the head offices at Toronto.

The municipality of Chatham has been laying brick pavement on a cement bottom on many of its streets, but such a roadway is objectionable on account of the noise created by horses and vehicles. For this reason the Council of the Maple Leaf City has determined to lay in the future something which will be more satisfactory, and hearing that the pavement laid by the Warren Bros. was as durable, less noisy and no dearer than the vitrified brick, they decided to make a thorough inspection of the street in this city, which is covered with bituminous macadam.

TO MAKE INVESTIGATION.

"We have heard it highly recommended," said Mayor McKee, to the News representative, "and for that reason we decided to make an investigation of the pavement, and if it is satisfactory, Chatham will likely lay it on their streets in the future."

"Have you an idea that it is better than the vitrified brick?" asked the reporter.

"Oh, I don't know, but I rather think it is," replied the Chatham Mayor.

The deputation will inspect the pavement this afternoon.

SEWAGE SYSTEM.

This morning, after the arrival of the Council members, they were driven out by the company managers, who, entertaining them, to look at the sewage system of this city, and when asked by the News what opinion they bore in regard to it, they replied that it was entirely satisfactory in every way.

"You think the system here is a good one?" was asked Ald. Piggott. "Oh, yes, as far as we could learn it is an excellent one. We once thought unfavorably of London turning its sewers into the Thames, but we have since decided that it was all right, and I can suggest no way in which the system might be improved," he replied.

The deputation will return to Chatham to-night.

MR. MUNN'S IN THE FIELD.

Issues An Address; to North York Electors.

Toronto, Feb. 14.—Mr. William Munns, who has announced himself as the independent temperance candidate in North York, has issued an address to the electors, in which he says in part:—

"The victory of Dec. 4, by which upwards of 400,000 electors expressed themselves in favor of the act of 1902 for the abolishing of the bar and liquor shops of the Province, demonstrates the fact that the temperance cause has come to the realm of practical politics for settlement."

"The time has come when the temperance men must unite in electing candidates who will pledge themselves, independent of party, to stand by the principles of prohibition, men who will not fall into line at the crack of any party whip, nor allow any individual to stand in the way of the triumph of the cause, but who will, independent of party, stand by the principle of righteousness and truth in public, as well as private affairs, and make no compromise with wrong."

"The two party candidates who are asking your support have had the prohibition pledge submitted to them. They have both ignored it, notwithstanding that the old banner County of York, at the recent vote, declare for the 'prohibition of the bar' by a majority of 1,968."

"Very properly the Hon. the Premier, in reply to the temperance deputation that recently waited upon him at the Parliament buildings, emphasized the fact that the 'Government could move only as fast as the Legislature would allow it' for the enactment of further temperance legislation. Sir John Macdonald gave expression to the same opinion when he said: 'You can obtain prohibition when you send pledged temperance men to Parliament.' It is precisely on this principle that I am asking the support of all earnest, true, temperance people of North York."

In reference to the report that Rev. Dr. Chown, Superintendent of Temperance and Moral Reform of the Methodist Church, would support Mr. Munns' candidature on the platform, The Evening Telegram last night said:—"Rev. Dr. Chown, speaking to The Telegram, denies the statement that he was going into North York to speak in behalf of the Prohibitionist candidate. He says the whole thing was a complete surprise to him, as he was not consulted. He adds that he is opposed to putting a third candidate in the field in North York."

Men are possessed of the idea that women are bound to take their advice.

VALENTINE TEA

A very pleasant function was held in the kindergarten room of the Central school last evening, when Misses Green, Tackaberry, Coltart and Smith and Principal Flewes entertained the rest of the teaching staff to a valentine tea.

The entertainment was gotten up on an original and very unique plan, which tended to add interest and enjoyment. The room was very tastefully decorated in red and white, in fact everything connected with the tea, napkins, spreads, etc., were made up in red and white.

After a magnificent tea had been served a short program was given. It consisted of recitations by Miss Birch and McPherson, a vocal solo by Miss Marion McCall, and a piano solo by Miss Rose Morrison.

A cupid's archery was given and the prize, a complete set of Whit-tier's poems, was won by Miss Arnold. Each guest was provided with a fortune, all of which were gotten up in the shape of fire-crackers, and a souvenir program and menu card. The latter were very tastefully and artistically designed.

The entertainment was a huge success in every way and everyone present spent a most enjoyable time. The idea of having the teachers meet together in this social way is, in excellent one, as it tends to promote harmony and friendship throughout the school.

At the conclusion of the program the teachers enjoyed a few hours of dancing.

MUST PRODUCE BALLOTS.

ORDER MADE AT INSTANCE OF JUDGE M'CRIMMON.

Scope of Referendum Investigation Outlined—Warrants For Persons Who Fail to Appear.

Toronto, Feb. 14.—His Honor Judge M'Crinion of Whitby was in the city yesterday, and completed arrangements with Crown Attorney Dewar and Alex. Miller for the opening next Tuesday of the investigation into the charges arising out of the referendum in Toronto. The scope of the investigation will be very wide, and will, it is understood, include a scrutiny of the ballots.

An application was made at Osgoode Hall during the afternoon for an order calling upon the Clerk of the Crown to produce in court next Tuesday all ballot papers, poll books, books and other documents relating to the referendum vote in South Toronto. The order was made. Sheriff's Officer Severs is not meeting with much success in his work of serving the persons against whom charges have been preferred. But five have been served so far, and in the case of those who cannot be found summonses will be left at their homes, and if they do not appear next Tuesday bench warrants will be applied for. Crown Attorney Dewar stated yesterday that Thomas Caven, who was deputy returning officer at 222 King street, had not yet been served.

VIENNA PRESS VIEWS.

Austria Said to be Sincerely Desirous For Peace.

New York, Feb. 14.—The Herald has the following from Vienna:—"The principal papers comment lengthily upon the situation in the Balkans. A careful perusal leaves the impression that confidence is still unshaken in the power of diplomacy to meet the crisis which is unanimously admitted to exist. Nor have some publicists lost hope in the tranquilizing capabilities of the Austro-Russian project of reforms, though in some quarters the cry goes up, 'How long will this project still be delayed?'"

The Wiener Journal, in a temperate article intended to prove to the world Austria's entire good faith, sincerity and desire to see a sonorous peace, remarks:—"The allegations that Austria-Hungary entertains ulterior motives regarding Turkey are to be emphatically denied. The fact that various reforms are planned for our military system, that a proposal to convert the army into a single-handed, and draws a historical parallel between the agitation in Bulgaria and that which flung Greece into war with Turkey. 'The result will be the same should hostilities ensue,' is the conclusion drawn by this paper as bearing out a contention for Bulgaria's isolation."

The Wiener Allgemeine Zeitung, under the significant heading, "Vae Soli," repeats the foregoing, warns Bulgaria that if a conflict is precipitated she will have to fight single-handed, and draws a historical parallel between the agitation in Bulgaria and that which flung Greece into war with Turkey. "The result will be the same should hostilities ensue," is the conclusion drawn by this paper as bearing out a contention for Bulgaria's isolation.

The same journal publishes a statement that the Greek Government has confidentially approached the Porte with a proposal to act in concert against Bulgaria should any aggressive action be taken by the latter.

Austen Chamberlain's Letter.

London, Feb. 14.—Austen Chamberlain has pleased his father's colonial admirers by a cordial letter of sympathy with the British emigration movement to Canada, which was read yesterday at Birmingham. He wrote: "To people the great areas with men of British birth, and to secure their early and fruitful development, is a task full of promise, alike for the settlers themselves, the Dominion and the empire."

THE U. S. COMMISSIONERS.

ROOT, LODGE AND TURNER HAVE BEEN CHOSEN.

Will Uphold the Case of the United States on the Alaskan Boundary Commission.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The distinguished lawyers who will represent the United States on the commission to settle the Alaskan boundary are Elihu Root, the present Secretary of War; Henry Cabot Lodge, United States Senator from Massachusetts, and George Turner, United States Senator from Washington. These names are known to have been decided on by President Roosevelt, and he will send the nominations to the Senate as soon as the exchange of ratifications of the treaty between the United States and Great Britain is made.

If the language of the original treaty had been retained these men would have formed, with the British and Canadian members, a "high court of judicature," but that term was eliminated in the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the expression "impartial jurists of repute" substituted. All three members selected to represent the American side fulfill this title. Mr. Root bears a high reputation as a distinguished lawyer, and Mr. Lodge is a jurist of broad learning and a scholar of wide repute. Mr. Turner is one of the best lawyers in the Pacific northwest. Some surprise will be caused by his appointment, for the reason that he has, as a Democrat, opposed bitterly some of the Republican Administration's policies. He was highly recommended to the President, however, by some of the most distinguished of his colleagues on the Republican side of the Senate.

Who will be appointed as the agent or counsel of the commission is not known, but former Secretary of State John W. Foster is prominently mentioned. Secretary Root will probably resign from the Cabinet late in the spring.

LYNCHING IN RUSSIA.

Horse Thieves Beaten to Death in the Market Place.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 14.—The German National Committee, which is opposing the colonization of eastern Prussia, is successfully recalling the German settlers in South Russia, by offering them land under easy conditions around Posen. Two thousand German families, according to the Volyn, are preparing to leave Kholmits in the coming spring. Hundreds left last year.

An instance of lynch law by Russian peasants has just occurred in a suburb of Kiev, which had long been terrorized by a band of thieves. The peasants armed themselves with clubs, unexpectedly attacked the thieves, while the latter were drinking and beat a number of them to death. The absent members of the band escaped to neighboring villages, but were hunted down and subjected to the same fate.

Another case of lynching is reported from Stavropol, where four men were arrested for horse-stealing. After the local Chief of Police had examined the accused, he stepped into the market place and invited the assembled peasants to take the law into their own hands. Three of the thieves were killed on the spot, and the fourth had to be taken to a hospital. The Chief of Police was arrested.

AMERICAN CATTLE

County Commissioner James Ross is in the city. He says that Chicago and Buffalo cattle are being shipped to England via Halifax, and that the American cattle are being purchased cheaper than Canadian cattle can be bought. The cattle are shipped through Canada in bond and are fed en route at Halifax.

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