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## GREAT Corset Sale To-Night AND Monday CROMPTON CORSETS AT HALF-PRICE . . .

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## TORONTO'S CHIEF BALLOT STUFFER

Sam Thompson Tells Story of Wrong Doing—Promoted by Gratitude.

For Kindness Received at the Hands of Controller Richardson—His Modus Operandi.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—Sam Thompson, D.R.O., at whose poll 26 bogus votes were plugged after hours was the chief witness at the civic investigation to-day. He said he was 226 years old, and was first appointed a D.R.O. six or seven years ago by City Clerk Blevins through Ald. Craide. He said he first committed election frauds last year, prompted by an intense desire to return kindness. Witness said that in November Frank Drake, barrister, asked him to work for Richardson this year. Drake acted for Richardson Lane, the other day, in bringing the action to get an injunction restraining further proceedings in this election. Thompson said he did not know W. B. Moore, of the Street Railway. He agreed to work for Richardson, without any sum being mentioned. When he went to Richardson's office to make arrangements several others were there. Richardson agreed to pay him \$250 a day. Thompson said he was not paid by Stephen Burns, nor had S. Alfred Jones promised him anything. Witness said he did not tell Richardson he was a D.R.O. Thompson explained how he stuffed the ballot box last year. He wrote a list of names and had it ready. During the day he occasionally slipped a bogus ballot in with a good one. At the end of the day he told his brother, who had been his poll clerk, that these people had voted while he (the poll clerk) was out and his brother wrote the names in the book. Finding he had not given his brother enough he himself added five names to the list. He received nothing for last year's crooked work, but had marked ballots for C. G. Robinson for Mayor, for A. L. S. W. Burns and Hubbard. Coming again to this year's operations he said he supposed the scrutineers he paid for Richardson would of course vote for him. Witness talked about the "cray notion" to plug ballots which came into his head. He placed the 25 votes this year all through the day, beginning with one about 10.30. He denied having told Drake this had to be done every year.

## TRAIN WRECKED

Eleven Passengers Injured—Disaster Caused by Spreading Rails.

Plattsburg, N. Y., Feb. 26.—A telephone message from Port Covington, N. Y., states that a Grand Trunk passenger train was wrecked between Rembay, Franklin county, and Helena, St. Lawrence county, to-day by spreading rails. Eleven passengers were injured—two, Mrs. Boro, of Honesburgh, N. Y., and Conductor Frank Laxier, of Montreal, Que., very seriously. The train was going full speed and all four cars left the track, the engine remaining on the rails.

Montreal Feb. 26.—The Grand Trunk furnish the following official statement of the accident to-day near Massena Springs, N. Y.: "The passenger train which left Montreal for Massena Springs, at seven o'clock this morning, had the tender of the engine, baggage car and two coaches derailed and turned over in a deep snow bank about four miles east of Massena Springs. There were only ten or twelve passengers on the train at the time of the accident, who were somewhat shaken up, but none severely injured. Medical attendance was immediately procured and a relief train at once sent from Montreal in charge of Superintendent Blacklock, who was accompanied by Chief Medical officer Mr. J. A. Hutchison and Dr. Carmichael. The derailment is supposed to have been caused by a broken rail. Later advices state that rails were immediately procured by the company's agent, and all the passengers continued their journey to Massena Springs."

## SMALL POX IN DOVER

Two of our business men were out in Dover on Monday and drove up to a farm house for supper. As they were unitching their horse the proprietor who happened to be the father of one of the business men, looked down the lane and saw a Jew peddler coming and exclaimed "—more company." His son, who is of an original turn, immediately took in the situation and threw up both hands and shouted in a voice as well known in Wallaceburg, "Go back! Go back! Small Pox here. This is Dr. Small Pox." The Jew started to run and the last seen of him was two paces disappearing at a 2.23 clip through the next farmer's fields. If he has not stopped yet he will be found at St. Louis now.—Wallaceburg Herald.

## COSTLY FIRE AT ROCHESTER

Business Part of the City Suffers—Loss up in the Millions

2,500 Persons out of Work as a Result—Miraculous Escapes From Death

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 26.—The great fire that started in the heart of the business district of this city this morning is still raging fiercely. The weather is ideal for fighting fire, as there is scarcely any wind blowing. Had there been even a moderately high wind, the fireman say, nothing could have prevented a repetition of the Baltimore fire. As it is, the firemen are battling under extreme difficulties, as the water mains are not working as they should. The extreme cold this winter has frozen up many of the mains, and for the past two weeks the firemen have been engaged in thawing out the pipes. On account of the lack of proper apparatus this work has been slow. At 7 o'clock Chief Little and Commissioner of Public Safety Gilman telegraphed to Buffalo and Syracuse for assistance. At 9 o'clock the fire is burning fiercely, although the fire department are sanguine that they can prevent it spreading. The fire started before many people were on the street, but the news soon spread, and by 6 o'clock there were thousands crowding the scene of the disaster. The explosion of dynamite that the fireman used to check the spread of the flames could be heard in all sections of the city, and this noise was supplemented by the thunder of crashing walls. Life lines roped in the fire district, and the entire night squad of policemen is on duty. Commissioner of Public Safety Gilman estimates the loss at this hour (9 o'clock) at between five and six millions.

The Chief of the fire department at 8.45 said he believed the fire could be kept within the block extending from St. Paul to North streets, unless the wind should change and set fire to the buildings on the south side of Main street. In this event a large part of the residential section would have to go. The fire is reported to have started in the basement of the Rochester Dry Goods Company, a huge, connected with the electrical motor that runs the elevator. The fire spread to the Walker Shoe Company, just east of the Rochester Dry Goods Company, and this building is entirely gutted. At 9.15 Assistant Chief Jacques was severely injured by a fall. His head was cut open. He was removed to the hospital. So far there has been no loss of life, although there have been several miraculous escapes from falling walls and flying debris.

## ACQUITTED

Joseph Kennedy Not the Murderer of Little Irene Cole—The Verdict

Brantford, Ont. 26.—The trial of Joseph Kennedy for the murder of Little Irene Cole, on September 30, came to an end to-night. The jury bringing in a verdict of not guilty.

When court opened to-day, L. F. Heyd, in defence of the prisoner, Kennedy, commenced his address to the jury, taking each part of the evidence separately and commenting on it, claiming the Crown had not sufficient evidence collected to connect Kennedy, the prisoner, with the murder. He occupied four hours and a half in his address.

Mr. Day, K. C., in his address, explained different parts of the evidence taking two hours to address the jury. Mr. Justice Street, in his charge to the jury, picked out the most important points in the evidence and explained the different parts clearly to the jury. He condensed the evidence down in a clear manner for their charging and for not against the prisoner. He closed his remarks in one hour.

The jury retired at 6.15 and returned at 10.15 with the verdict of "not guilty." There was an immense crowd of people surrounding the court house to gain admittance and hear the end of this noted trial, but the police allowed none to enter after the hall was comfortably seated. Though the weather was cold the crowd remained outside until the verdict was given.

## THE ELECTIONS IN BRITAIN

Dissolution is Expected Within Six Weeks—Liberal Victory Predicted

Irish Party Resolve to Vote With the Opposition on the First Opportunity

London, Feb. 26.—The Associated Press is in a position to declare that there will be a dissolution of Parliament within six weeks, and if, as it is expected, the Liberals are returned to power, King Edward will summon Lord Spencer (Liberal leader in the House of Lords) to form a cabinet. His Majesty and all prominent politicians are fully aware of the situation created by the irreconcilable cleavage in the Unionist ranks by fiscal and by other differences, and they are all preparing for a speedy fall of the government and a consequent general election. The government majorities have been dwindling gradually ever since the commencement of the present session of parliament while on the other hand the opposition factions have been gradually healing their differences. The decision of the government against the Irish University Bill commented their alienation of the Nationalist and John Redmond's followers decided at a meeting yesterday to vote with the Liberals to turn out the government at the first opportunity. Those who are best informed on political matters, including even many persons in close touch with Joseph Chamberlain, anticipate that the Liberals will not only win easily at the forthcoming general election, but estimate that their majority may be as high as 150.

## SIMPLY BLUFF

Blenheim Paper so Designates Action of C.C.I. Board and Urges County to Stand Pat

The Blenheim News this week says: "Great prominence has for the past two weeks been given by the Chatham Collegiate Institute Board, to their latest so-called grievance. It appears that when the law suits Chatham it is law they want, but when the law does away with inconsistencies which formerly favored them, then the law is a grievance. The facts are as follows, put shortly:—Kent has two good collegiate institutions—one at Chatham and a most excellent one at Ridgeway. Now, under the old law, Chatham running an expensive school was able to call on the county to pay a much higher rate per pupil than was Ridgeway. This, too, in spite of the fact that being separated from the county, Chatham paid no share of the county taxes, whilst Ridgeway being a part of the county not only paid its town share of maintaining its own school, just as did Chatham, but also contributed a part of the county's payment to both Chatham and Ridgeway.

The recent change in the Education Act has done away with a very serious grievance which pressed heavily on such towns as Ridgeway, which remained in a connection with the county to the advantage of such as like Chatham, had separated from the county. The Chatham Board, threatens, if the County Council do not accede to their wishes, to impose a prohibitive fee on county pupils after June 1st. This, as everyone knows, is a purely bluff. The larger part of the scholars at Chatham are from the county, and by shutting them out the standing of their school would be destroyed whilst the expense of keeping up the school even on a reduced basis, would be more than the cost to the city on the present basis. The News hopes to see the County Council stand firm. Chatham is not entitled to receive so much per capita from the County Council as is Ridgeway, yet for years it has managed to draw a great deal more."

## A BABY PERISHED

Bracebridge, Ont., Feb. 26.—The oldest building in town, the home of Mrs. A. E. Pelletier, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. The house was a double one, occupied by Mrs. Pelletier and J. Warlow's family. The fire started in the upper tenement occupied by the Warlows, and was first discovered by Mrs. Warlow on her return after a few minutes' absence in another part of the house. She found the dining room, in which were her three young children—the oldest only three years of age—in flames. Two of the children were saved by A. Pelletier, who was in the house at the time, but the other, an infant two months old, perished. The house is a total loss, together with all the contents. Loss about \$2,000, partly covered by insurance.

It is when a woman is dressed to kill that she cuts the other woman dead.

## KOREA JOINS WITH JAPS

Decides to Have her Troops Fight Against Russia in the War

Reports From Alexieff are Censured and do not Tell of Damage at Port Arthur

(Special to The Planet.)  
Chee Foo, Feb. 27.—Several Japanese officers and sailors who landed here from an open boat early to-day refused to give any information as to where they came from. At the Japanese consulate it was given out that they belong to a gunboat which was damaged during the fight off Port Arthur, and which sank trying to reach this port. The statement that they were members of the crew of the merchant steamers sunk near the entrance of Port Arthur for the purpose of blocking it and that they were not picked up by the torpedo boats in company was positively denied. The consul claimed that he had been expecting the arrival of survivors of the action off Port Arthur. A number of Japanese sailors have landed 30 miles north of here. They claim they are from transports sunk at Port Arthur last Wednesday.

New York, Feb. 27.—A previous despatch from Tokio giving details of Admiral Togo's attempt to bottle up the Russian fleet at Port Arthur, reported that all the crews of the four Japanese vessels which were sunk off Port Arthur escaped in boats and were picked up by the Japanese torpedo boat destroyers conveying them. It is considered possible, however, that the sailors mentioned in the above despatch were a part of the crew of the sunken merchantmen.

## KOREA CASTS HER LOT WITH JAPAN

Seoul, Feb. 27.—The Korean government has decided to order the Korean troops to join the Japanese in the field. It is reported that the Japanese minister in Seoul has requested the Korean government to hand the French minister his passports.

The port of Wiju has been opened to foreign trade. The limitations to be placed on trade and other incidental matters will be passed later. This action necessitates a harbor, so Yungampo has been decided upon. The Korean standing army consists of about 17,000 men with European methods. In 1896 it was taken in hand by a Russian colonel with three commissioned and ten non-commissioned officers, who retired, however, in 1898.

A copy of a telegram from Admiral Alexieff to the emperor is given out. It is dated February 25, and has been through the hands of the censorship committee. It is substantially in agreement with the Russ correspondent's account, and concludes: "Suitable measures have been taken to oppose a possible effort on the part of the enemy to creep up by sea."

## CABLE TO JAPAN WOULD ANGER RUSSIANS

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—2.10 p. m.—The Bourse Gazette to-day makes a Washington despatch saying the United States has undertaken to lay a submarine cable from the Philippine islands to Japan, to prevent the latter's isolation in case the Russians cut the Shanghai cable the subject of a bitter attack upon the government at Washington. "For this new evidence of its breach of neutrality," claiming that the contention of the United States that the laying of the cable will be undertaken for the improvement of trade relations "does not clear American skirts" and inquiring "what the Americans would say if Germany had run a cable from Kiaochow to Port Arthur or Vladivostok?"

## JAPS MYSTIFY THE RUSSIANS

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—The desperate manner in which the Japanese are returning to the attack at Port Arthur in spite of their repeated repulses has convinced the military authorities here that their main objective for the present is hopelessly to cripple the Russian fleet, in order to secure absolute freedom in the disembarkation of troops. For this reason the Russian commander is

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