ALL THE NEWS THAT IS NEWS

A DAY IN THE SPORTING WORLD

SIDE LIGHTS ON MANY SPORTS

THE INDIAN IN FINE SHAPE AND SO IS ALFIE SHRUBB

Tom Flanagan Makes Special Trip to New York and Sizes Up Both Contestants in Tomorrow Night's Great Race.

[By Tom Flanagan.]

New York, Feb. 3. — I consider it very good of Alfred Shrubb to have met me on my arrival in New York this morning, having arranged the appointment by wire before leaving Toronto. There is no getting away from the fact that he is a greatly improved man in appearance, the rest evidently doing him the world of good. He has a more settled look than when last we met, but there is still a slight indication of nervousness.

Ran Fourteen Miles.

As an indication that his toe is O.K. now, as a result of the operation performed by his physician, who is in constant attendance, as Shrubb is taking no chances on his physical fitness for the race, he ran 14 miles yesterday at a 5:27 clip. I asked of Shrubb: "Shall I wire your English friends that you are fit, and to go ahead and bet on you?" "No, no," he replied, and was quite emphatic in the matter.

"What do you mean by 'No, no'?" and he made it plain that he would rather that his friends use their own judgment as to the betting.

He showed considerable anxiety as to who would be Longboat's advisers the night of the race and was particular about knowing if I was to be one of them.

As to the officials at the time he asked me, as a matter of fact, I didn't know, and as to any interest I might take in the matter, I didn't give him any definite reply, because I have been debating in my mind the requests made of me to act in that capacity.

May Assist Longboat.

I have made up my mind that if Longboat needs my aid, my first duty is to him, and to stand by him from now until the race with Shrubb is over and instruct him to the best of my ability, for I can't get away from it that my heart is with the big fellow, though any instructions I will give him will have to be before the race starts.

Shrubb told me of running 14 miles yesterday at a 5:27 clip. The little Englishman, for some reason or other, keeps referring to a crow he has to pick with me after the race—whatever he means by that.

Examines Longboat.

By the same arrangements I then had an interview with Tom Longboat and his trainer, Deforest, at the office of Pat Powers, Flatiron building, and let me tell you that what he got from me was the third degree. I had him stripped on a table and I examined him most thoroughly, and after sizing both men up, give Shrubb the benefit of the doubt as far as condition goes.

Powers Is Sanguine.

Pat Powers is sanguine, however, that Longboat will win. Harry Pollock will not leave his training quarters and will be his guardian until he toes the mark Friday night.

In passing through Hamilton I had a chat with Sol Mentz, who I consider the best friend Longboat ever had. He told me that even under the present conditions that if he did not bet on Longboat he could not bet on the race, and I think he is right.

The Track.

Sparrow Robertson, who is building the track for the Longboat-Shrubb race, and who is considered the best man in the world at that kind of work, considers the lay-out and compound used in the last Madison Square track as superior to the one he built for the Indian's race with Dorando at Buffalo, and the Friday night course will be the same as the one that proved so much to Longboat's liking when he defeated Dorando in New York, being ten laps to the mile, with a good stretch.

Three Good Officials.

Longboat will have three of the best known men in Canada as his officials, W. J. Little, Montreal Star, judge; Rev. J. D. Morrow, Toronto, scorer; and Frank Nelson, of the Globe, official timer.

For the information of the gentleman who wired the Longboat camp as to whether I visited Longboat at Allenhurst this morning, I might inform him for his special benefit that it was not necessary to go to his camp this morning, as both he and his trainer were only too glad to come to me.

London May Upset Ingersoll's Hopes

Tomorrow night's game between the London Intermediates and Ingersoll is bound to be one of unusual interest, as on it may hang the fate of the district championship. Of course, London is not in the running this year, but Ingersoll is, and if Ingersoll is defeated here the district championship goes to Simcoe, whereas in the event of Ingersoll winning, the two teams will be tied. Ingersoll will undoubtedly make a great bid for victory, and the game here will be one well worth watching. The London boys always play better against a strong opposition, as their two games against Simcoe show. The local boys are making every preparation to give Ingersoll a good run for their money. It is likely that there will be some slight changes in the line-up, which will materially strengthen the team. What these changes are has not yet been given out.

H. E. Whettlaufer, of Berlin, will referee the game.

Remember, tomorrow, the special voting coupon on Page Ten.

LAST NIGHT'S HOCKEY SCORES

Leamington, Feb. 3.—Leamington defeated Kingsville, in the Essex County League, yesterday, by 10 to 0.

The Cadets Won.

Kingston, Feb. 3.—Queen's III. met the R. M. C. II. here tonight in the junior intermediate series. The cadets won by 11 goals to 10, but as Queen's had the advantage of four goals in the last game, they are still ahead on the round.

A Close Game.

Montreal, Feb. 3.—A very close game was played in the amateur hockey series tonight, when Montreal defeated the Victorias by the narrow margin of one goal. The half time score stood three all, and it was only at the last moment that Montreal tallied the winning score.

The final score was 10—9.

The teams:

Montreal.		Victorias.
Finnie	Goal	Robinson
Borland	Point	Kennedy
Lynch	Cover	Campbell
McPherson	Centre	Bowie
Eveleigh	Rover	Hall
Sargent	Right	Payan
Chip-Chase	Left	Gilbert

Referee—Percival.

Durham, Feb. 3.—Durham had easy work with the Walkerton team in the Northern Hockey League game tonight. The score stood 12—2, in Durham's favor.

A Win for Toronto.

Toronto, Feb. 3.—The T. A. A. C. turned the tables on the Fourteenth Regiment team of Kingston, when after a fast game, marked by some very good hockey, the latter were defeated at the Mutual Street Rink tonight. The score stood: T. A. A. C., 6, Fourteenth Regiment 5.

The line-up:

T. A. A. C.—Goal, Cochrane; point, McArthur; cover, Kidd; rover, Morrison; centre, Davidson; left, McGiffin; right, Cosgrave.

Fourteenth Regiment—Goal, Saunders; point, Powell; cover, VanHorne; rover, Crawford; centre, Berader; right, Davidson.

Toronto, Feb. 3.—Upper Canada College defeated St. Michael's College in the junior O. H. A. series, after a very close game. The final score was 11—10 in favor of the U. C. C. boys.

Whitby, Feb. 3.—A very good line of hockey was provided in the junior O. H. A. game between Port Hope and Whitby, in which the latter won out by a score of 10 goals to 8.

Port Colborne, Feb. 3.—Port Colborne won from Port Dalhousie in a postponed intermediate game, by a score of 7—2.

Chatham Defeated.

Blenheim, Feb. 3.—In the junior game played here tonight Chatham was defeated by the local team by 4 goals to 3. It was a very hard game. During the first half Chatham had all the advantage, the half time score being 3—1 in their favor. In the second half, though fighting gamely, the visitors were unable to hold down the score, and Blenheim succeeded in piling up three goals.

The teams:

Blenheim.		Chatham.
Holland	Goal	Robinson
Steward	Point	Demmill
Gray	Cover	Longe
Pickering	Centre	Granville
Williamson	Left	Tickner
Spackman	Right	Brundage

Referee—Grenville.

City Games.

By a score of 3—2, the teams of Lawson & Jones defeated Perrin's in a game played at the Simcoe Street Rink Tuesday night. The game was very close. The teams lined up as follows:

Lawson & Jones—Talbot, goal; Howitt, point; Hawthorne, cover; Clark, right; Myers, left; Orr, centre; Stanton, rover.

Perrin's—McNiff, goal; Seltzer, point; Knott, cover; Drinkwater, right; J. Beech, left; W. Beech, rover; Chantler, centre.

Mohawks Won.

The Mohawks succeeded in winning from McCormick's by a score of 4—1, in the game played at the Westminster Rink last night.

The Swastikas won another victory at the Westminster Rink yesterday when they defeated George Chantler's team by a score of 8 goals to 0. Of these Roy Sprentall scored seven.

The lineup:

Swastikas.		Chantlers.
H. Aitken	Goal	Joe Devine
Roy Sprentall	Point	H. Nugent
Geo. Aitken	Cover	Jack Dyer
A. Murray	Rover	G. Chantler
W. Fewings	Centre	D. Weld
H. Aitken	Right	G. Fisher
R. Seltzer	Left	S. Mills

If you miss Friday's paper you will miss ten votes in The Advertiser's free trip contest.

WHAT IS LONGBOAT'S REAL CONDITION?

Will some one please tell us who and what to believe about Tommy Longboat?

Those who were in New York to see the race on Jan. 26, came back saying that it was a good thing for the Onondaga that the race was postponed and said the Indian was away off color.

Right on the heels of this came letters from the Indian to his friends saying, "I'm all in. Don't bet on me. I can't run 15 miles."

Then letters from Mrs. Longboat to her friends and to Bert Maracle, of Deseronto, from Longboat himself, arrived, all saying that Longboat was in great shape, and would trim Shrubb, and on top of this we have his defeat of a relay team at 15 miles in 1.29.30 in Washington.

Now what are we to think?

The feeling is gaining ground around town again that the Indian is not half as bad as he was made out to be and that he is worth a bet against Shrubb. The New York papers say the Indian won in commanding fashion in Washington, and finished full of running. Those who saw the Indian in New York, however, still stick to their opinion that Shrubb will win out Friday night.

FIVE-MILE DASH TO COL. TAYLOR

Results of Yesterday's Ice Speeding at the Montreal Track.

Montreal, Feb. 3. — Following are results of Delorimier Park ice races today:

Five-mile dash, purse $500:

Col. Taylor, A. Laplante, Lachine....1
Bay Billy, J. J. Ward, Toronto 2
Wanita, C. Sears, Ogdensburg 3
Time—13:15 3-4.

2:04 class, pace, purse $400:

Doris B., N. Harrington, Picton 2 1 1 1
Davy K., W. Hodson, Montreal 1 3 2 3
Black Hill, R. W. Stewart, Ottawa.. ....3 2 3 2
Time—2:19, 2:18½, 2:19½, 2:20¾.

Special trot:

Edith, T. Smith, Stratford..1 1 4 3 1
Gain, S. G. Camp, Oneonta, N. Y. 2 3 1 1 5
Joe Scott, S. Lavery, Montreal 5 2 2 2 2
Time—2:32, 2:31, 2:36, 2:34½, 2:31½.

2:19 class, pace, unfinished from Tuesday:

King Allen, R. Bergeron, Epping, N. H. 2 3 1 1 2 1
Johnnie Medium, O'Neil, Montreal 3 1 2 2 1 2
Slick Wilkes, H. Sinnard, Montreal.... .. ..6 6 5 3 3 d
Time—2:28½, 2:27½, 2:27, 2:29, 2:29½, 2:31.

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES IN THREE-MEN LEAGUE

The Capitols did some fine bowling in the three-men bowling league at the Ideal Alleys last night. Bell carried off the high score with 209. In the other game the Shamrocks defeated the Favorites by 85 pins.

Abram carried off high and individual honors, with 235 to his credit.

Thistles.

Voelker	161	158	178—	497
McLaughlin	155	156	157—	468
Grandage	211	181	146—	538
Totals	527	495	481	1,503

Capitols.

Cox	160	154	138—	452
Bell	178	158	209—	545
Long	176	180	198—	554
Totals	574	492	545	1,551

Favorites.

Kerr	158	156	139—	453
Clough	123	176	118—	417
Waterworth	144	160	198—	502
Totals	425	492	455	1,372

Shamrocks.

Beattie	130	162	163—	455
Ruse	197	124	147—	450
Abram	160	167	225—	552
Totals	469	453	535	1,457

The games to be played tomorrow night are as follows: Champions and Tisers, and the Specials and Centrals.

"JEFF" CONSIDERING OFFER OF $120,000

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 3.—Jim Jeffries is today resting up in his home town and during his idle moments considering the offer of a purse of $120,000 by a Seattle bank for a fight between the retired champion and Jack "Jeff" will remain here for a week "Jeff" will remain here for a week or ten days attending to some personal affairs and then go on his long theatrical tour.

"Jeff" said that the work in San Francisco had been beneficial to him and that he had taken off some flesh.

BASKETBALL GAMES

Two Good Contests Slated for Tonight at the Y. M. C. A.

The two games which will be played tonight (Thursday) on the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium will have some effect upon the standing of the league. Basketball is a hard game to dope out, for teams that will show poor form one night will often come back the next night and show championship style. Last week the Wizards were decidedly weird, and on that dope the Shamrocks are looking for a cinch in the first game.

The Midgets who administered the walloping to the Wizards last week promise to do the same to the Tigers, but Maxy Smith and his confederates cannot see it that way. There is little to choose between the Shamrocks and Tigers, who lead the league now, with the Irishmen just slightly in the van, and neither team can afford to drop a game.

Coverpoint's Philosophy

Bill Squires was again knocked out, this time by Bill Lang. There was some doubt previously as to the champion quince picked by T. Burns, but there is no need for argument now. And to think our own Thomas got him three times in a row, and every time there was a nice dowry with him. It almost seems too much.

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Muggsy McGraw will take only 60 men on his spring training trip. This mighty force of reserves will be used largely in training the demon athletes in the handy art of fighting.

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Remember Friday's coupon is worth ten votes to you.

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Joe Hall is to join the Wanderers, proving that the Montrealers have a wholesome fear of the Ottawas. As a battle-axe wielder, Joe is the classy thing, and when he is up against the Ottawas he will be given orders to cut as deeply as he will, as the Senators are not amiss to taking a nice punch at the other fellow. "Kind hearts are more than coronets," in poetry, but the pro. brand of hockey does not recognize that.

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It is now the close season for new men in the Ontario pro. league, so that wandering hockey players out of jobs must remain idle.

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Just a few days more, and this Shrubb-Longboat business will be at an end. Then we will know what we will know. Both men are said to be in great form.

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There is a movement on foot to call the Eastern League the International. Shades of Paul B. Wreath, what next! What memories of that league come to us!

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You can count by tens on Friday. See the red vote coupon on Page Ten.

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Just when J. Jeffries gets ready to grab the big end of a huge purse, his native state comes through with a bill to put boxing on the eternal runway. Tough on the favorite son. May be T. Burns is behind this move to have the fight staged at his own stadium in Australia.

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The game between the local intermediates and the Ingersoll seven should be good. Ingersoll needs the game badly, and the locals want it some worse. It will be a contest worth while.

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Dorando ate a dinner costing $9.60 in Chicago the other day. Which shows that this Marathon game puts the good ones in the millionaire class while you gaze.

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When California banishes prize-fighting and racing, it will be about as nice a place to visit as the great American desert. One has to see thrilling sights to stand for it.

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This Marathon game is getting funny. If it is not cold feet, it's sore feet, and the results are about the same.

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A Frenchman started to bite his initials in the diaphragm of one Yousoop Mammoth, the "Turkish Delight," in a "rassling" match at Chicago on Saturday night, and now he is barred from the game. He could have pulled off a nice easy one, if he had cut out the cannibalism. Nice, tidy game, is that.

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Dummy Taylor is sold by the Giants to Buffalo. He was a good one when he was going right, but all paths lead back to the minors, after all.

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The weather man has shown signs of contrition for the cold weather of the early part of this week, and we are coming back to the soft stuff. He is not popular with the curlers just now.

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And while California seems to be giving a nasty slap in the face to its famous and favorite son, James Jeffries, it has set an example that the C. A. A. U. might follow with profit to itself and boxing generally. If the C. A. A. U. would stop issuing permits to people to hold boxing competitions, the gate receipts of which are the main object, there would be no stories of boxers getting $10 a head to go on in the bouts; there would be no midnight meets in vaudeville shows, to throw suspicion on the boxing game, and the committee appointed to investigate boxers and boxing could keep right on sleeping as long as it likes. California has solved the whole question for the C. A. A. U., and it only remains for the latter to follow suit.—Toronto Telegram.

THE OPENING DAY OF COLTS' BONSPIEL

Stratford, Feb. 3.—The Western Ontario Colts League bonspiel started today, Brantford, Seaforth, London, Parkhill, St. Thomas and Stratford competing. The scores were as below:

PRELIMINARY ROUND.

Seaforth.		London.	
K. McLean,		J. Minhinnick,	
H. Edge,		W. W. Thompson,	
T. Hatcher,		R. D. McDonald,	
R. E. Bright	12	W. F. Boughner	8
R. Smith,		W. E. Robinson,	
H. Hartry,		J. R. Thrower,	
J. C. Greig,		J. McDonald,	
G. E. Parks	11	A. E. Barbour	9
Total	23	Total	17

Seaforth, 6 up.

Parkhill.		Brantford.	
S. Bosenberry,		C. E. Smith,	
S. Adams,		W. G. Scott,	
W. H. Mark,		George Marquis,	
Rev. Mr. Graham	10	W. E. Harris	9
W. J. Skinner,		B. Ingles,	
E. Harrison,		W. Campbell,	
M. Fenn,		W. Springle,	
T. Munro	15	E. J. Brown	11
Total	25	Total	20

Parkhill, 5 up.

FIRST ROUND.

St. Thomas.		Stratford.	
D. J. Smiley,		W. A. Monteith,	
E. C. Harvey,		S. J. Mallion,	
J. G. Williamson,		D. D. Hay,	
Geo. S. McCall	5	A. E. Cash	20
R. Coffee,		F. A. Copus,	
E. J. Butler,		E. W. Killer,	
B. Marlett,		W. J. Ireland,	
R. D. Emslie	8	S. B. Gray	14
Total	13	Total	34

Stratford, 21 up.

Seaforth.		Parkhill.	
R. E. Bright	14	Rev. Graham	7
G. E. Parks	7	T. Munro	12
Total	21	Total	19

Seaforth, 2 up.

"DUMMY" TAYLOR SOLD TO BISONS

McGraw Lets Out the Famous Deaf and Dumb Twirler.

Buffalo, Feb. 3.—Buffalo fans received the glad news last night that all clubs in the National had waived claim on Luther (Dummy) Taylor, and that Buffalo's offer for the deaf and dumb twirler's services had been accepted by Manager McGraw, of the Giants. It is expected that Taylor will do a lot of good pitching in the Eastern League this season, just as he has done in the major league. Taylor had been with the Giants the better part of the last nine years, and under McGraw's handling has been of little service to New York. Taylor and McGinnity are two of the old stand-byes who have been crowded from fast company by the march of time. The price paid for the player was withheld.

APPLEBY A CHALLENGER

Comes to Canada To Beat Winner of Shrubb-Longboat Race.

London, Feb. 3.—Appleby, the 15-mile amateur record holder, sails to Canada on the 11th. He hopes to run the winner of the Shrubb-Longboat race.

THE TURF.

Oakland, Feb. 3.—Summaries: Bazil, 8 to 1; Rezon, 6 to 1; Gypsy King, 13 to 2; The Peer, 7 to 5.

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 3.—Summaries; Momentum, 4 to 5; Judge Treen, 3 to 1; St. Aulier, 2 to 1; Rosebury, 3 to 2; Jeanette M., 3 to 1; Melange, 9 to 10.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 3.—Sumamries: Frieze, 25 to 1; Flying Squirrel, 1 to 2; Rialto, 11 to 10; Far West, 11 to 5; Miss Bain, 3 to 1; Reformation, 2 to 1.

WIN TWO MORE

Canadian Curlers Doing Fine Work in Old Land.

Glasgow, Feb. 3.—In today's ice rink at Glasgow two matches were played. In the first the Canadians won by 112 to Upper Strathearn's 79. In the second the Canadians scored 180 to Scot Central Provinces' 149.

MT. FOREST-LISTOWEL MUST NOW PLAY OFF

The game between Mount Forest and Listowel, which was given by the referee to the former, because Listowel had refused to play off the tie, will have to be played off again. Secretary Hewitt, of the O. H. A., did not consider the referee's decision justified, and has ordered the game to be played off at Harriston tomorrow night. The game will decide the championship in group 6.

RIDER HAGGARD ON SOBRIETY

Author Tells How to Make It Uncomfortable for Drinker.

London, Feb. 4.—H. Rider Haggard, the author of "She," etc., was recently asked to answer a number of questions as to the law relating to inebriates. He made the following suggestions:

"I submit that the best way to promote sobriety is to make it exceedingly uncomfortable for the individual who gets drunk. I am quite certain that if public intoxication ceased to be treated as a kind of troublesome and malodorous joke, and if its repetition were punished by sentences of confinement increasing in length in proportion to the frequency of the offense, instead of being condoned by a 5-shilling or even a smaller fine, we should hear and see a great deal less of it than we do at present."

Deal Gently at First.

Mr. Haggard's idea of making it uncomfortable is represented by the following suggestions for dealing with the offense of public drunkenness: First offense, dismissal with a caution; second, the ordinary fine; third offense, committal to jail without the option of a fine. He would not commit, however, to the common prison, but to a specially-organized department of it reserved for drunken cases, where they could be suitably but kindly treated, with a view to their reformation.

All this is for "simple drunkenness." Mr. Haggard adds: "If the drunkenness should be accompanied with violence or with the use of that filthy language in which drunkards are wont to foam out their own shame in public, or if the intoxicated person should be in charge of a vehicle or of children, then I think that the magistrates should commit upon the second, if not upon the first offense, and in some circumstances to the common jail."

Court for Habitual Drunkard.

Mr. Haggard's opinion is that either the police or the relative should have the power to bring an habitual drunkard before a court of summary jurisdiction, composed, at any rate so far as county divisions and boroughs are concerned, of not less than three magistrates, who should be empowered to try the case in camera. If the court thought it in the interests of the drunkard (who is practically a lunatic), of his family, or of the public, that court should be able to commit such a person for a definite period to a properly-inspected home, quite irrespective of the consent of the inebriate, or even of his family.

Mr. Haggard makes suggestions as to full reports to the home secretary, and the giving of the power of appeal. He adds that he would include all persons addicted to the excessive use of deleterious drugs in the definition of habitual inebriates.

A CHALLENGE

We, the London Junior Hockey Club, hereby challenge the London Intermediate Hockey Club for a series of games, or a sudden death game for the championship of the city, the winner to play for the Carling Cup.

(Signed) A. WHEATCROFT, Manager.

GIRLS OPPOSED TO UNIFORMS

London Stenographers and Typists Voice Protests at Meeting.

London, Feb. 4. — The subject of proper dress for business-women is agitating the city. The Association of Shorthand Writers and Typists held a solemn meeting at Chandos Hall this week to discuss it. Miss Marion Hodge, who ably presided, put the matter succinctly. The difficulty was, she said, to hit on a dress suitable for the office yet sufficiently stylish if the wearer had social engagements afterward. The meeting jeered at the idea of a uniform.

"One doesn't always want to be severely simple," said Miss O'Connor Hayes in a burst of oratory that carried away the audience. "The typist's life is monotonous anyway, and it is far worse if she must wear the same dress day after day."

Enthusiastic applause greeted her vindication of the typist's right to dress as she wishes. Miss Ruth Young, who followed, talked of the charm of violets and hygienic advantages of white blouses with elbow sleeves.

Dress as a Wage Raiser.

"Color," thoughtfully added Miss Young, who is honorary secretary of the association, "has an indefinable womanly influence on your employer, and it raises your salary."

The association's meeting and verdict against uniforms seems to have aroused a good deal of talk. From a cloud of opinions put forward two assured facts emerge: That office uniform for English typists and women clerks can never be established—and that they are already in existence.

A city warehouseman employing a large number of business girls tells with glee the experience of a competitor of his. The head of the firm was practically out of the business, but liked to potter about the place, and he established a sort of uniform of brown with white collars and cuffs, in which the girls looked so demure and sympathetic that his son married one. The marriage turned out well, but the experiment was abandoned.

Woman Clerks Dress Alike.

It is noticeable, however, that women clerks in London do dress themselves if not exactly alike at least in similar style that is distinctive. In the big west end drapery establishments black is the wear not only for young women who serve behind counters, but for those splendid beings in exquisitely-cut gowns who float about superintending departments, and before whose majesty male shoppers stand abashed. The large majority of employed girls here dress neatly and quietly. Were the remainder to follow the example nothing would remain to be said or done on the subject.

PERSIAN SITUATION

Best Thing for the People Would Be Intervention.

London, Feb. 3. — Persia's foes attract little attention in Europe, although the situation there is desperate. Public sympathy in England has naturally been on the side of the Constitutionalists until recently, when it was learned that this faction is in reality as autocratic and tyrannous as the Shah's supporters. The so-called Parliament, which met and which the Shah dissolved, was a self-constituted coterie who never represented the suffrages of the people. Their policy and methods were directed solely to get possession of the spoils and provide another autocracy.

The most competent observers agree that Persia is far from being fitted for self-government. It is hard to choose between the rival factions, but in any case it would be a choice of evils. There is little doubt that the best thing for the people would be foreign intervention, but both Great Britain and Russia are seeking to avoid this. Both the powers are acting in absolute harmony, and it is a matter of great congratulation that an agreement between them was reached before the present acute crisis arose.

Thinks Swearing All Right.

Providing the provocation equals the offence of Jones stepping on Smith's corns. Far better to use Putnam's Corn Extractor—it does cure corns and warts in one day without pain. Try "Putnam's," free from acids, and painless.

JAPS TOO POOR TO START WAR

Cannot Fight Any Nation for at Least Fifteen Years.

San Francisco, Feb. 3.—It is the opinion of eastern diplomats that Japan can fight no nation for fifteen years. There is no more probability of the Mikado making war on the United States at present than there is that the Sultan of Sulu will lead an expedition against Great Britain.

The "war scare" developed from the anti-Japanese bills in the California Legislature could only be the result of misinformation.

With the appalling debt entailed by the recent Russian war demanding a burden of taxation carried by every industry and every toiler of Japan, the Japanese are suffering from financial anaemia that absolutely forbids war except at the price of risking the existence of the empire.

There is not a single citizen who is not carrying the crushing burden of taxation, and will not bear the addition of another yen.

A pitiable, although abhorrent example of the desperate straits of the Government, is found in the heavy taxing of the unfortunate women denizens of the Yoska-Warra, the Government licensed resorts found in every Japanese city of any size.

The majority of these unfortunates are the widows of Japanese soldiers killed in the Russian war, who, instead of being pensioned, were licensed to lead lives of shame.

It is the consensus of opinion of those who have studied the financial crisis facing Japan, with the knowledge that the financial markets of the world have refused to make any additional loans, that at the present time Japan could not conduct a war lasting three months. The most optimistic estimates set the date at which the empire could safely engage in a conflict with a first-class power at fifteen years from the present time.

Even the militant classes tacitly acknowledge that an attempted war at this time would result in the empire being set back a half century in the realization of the national ambition to be the dominant power in the far east.

The very existence of the empire is the only condition which would force Japan to take recourse to arms at this time.

A CHARITABLE GRAFT

Three Sisters Give Bits of Skin to Help Burned Woman.

Vienna, Feb. 3. — The Misses Zoufall, Prchal and Karl, three young Bohemian girls of good family, yesterday underwent on operation at Prague from philanthropic motives.

A young woman named Fritsch, employed in a Prague factory, recently had the misfortune to be completely scalped, owing to her hair being caught in a machine. To save her life it was necessary to transplant fresh skin from another person to her head. Her employers advertised a reward of $100 to any person who would provide the necessary supply, and no fewer than 600 persons offered themselves at the hospital for the purpose. The doctors chose a poor widow, who required the money for the education of her children.

The three young women mentioned heard of the case, and informed the doctors that they would each give some of their own skin for nothing on condition that the widow should receive the $100. Their offer was accepted, and yesterday the three had pieces of skin from the soles of their feet removed and grafted on the factory girl's head. The operation was completely successful.

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