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Fine Bleached Huck for roller towels and fine bedroom towels, 18 in. to 22 in. wide, extra values at 12 1/2c, 15c, 20c and **25c**

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Handkerchief Linens, 36 in. wide, pure linen, in close and shear weaves, special values at 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and **\$1.25**

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ADVERTISE IN THE PLANET

CZAR'S FIRM DECISION

Will Fight the Japanese to the Bitter End.

Advices German Court That War Will Be Pressed With the Utmost Energy, the Domestic Situation Being Under Control—Thinks it Cowardly to Give Up While Possessing Essentials of Victory.

Berlin, Feb. 24.—The Emperor of Russia has elected to continue the war. His position is absolutely firm, and the German court has been advised in this sense.

The war will be pressed with the utmost energy, the domestic situation being now within the control of the authorities.

Those who have advised peace, and suggested inquiries for Japanese territory, are for the present silent, and are likely to remain so unless events of an extraordinary character shake the Russian Emperor's resolution. The considerations that led to the Emperor's decision, as understood here, are:

First—The judgment of the chiefs of the army that Field Marshal Oyama not only cannot defeat General Karpovich but stands in danger of defeat himself. How cowardly, therefore, for Russia to ask for mercy, with all the men and money essential to a successful war.

Second—All the forces of criticism now directed against the Government for having fought rather than yield to legitimate interests, and for having failed to win victories, would be continued with added fury against the Government that accepted war and then betrayed the country. A Government that would give peace to Russia's enemy while still capable of winning victory would be giving the party of change genuine grounds for a revolution. The facts of the military situation, love of country and arguments of expediency were all against peace and for pressing the war hopefully.

Is Big Battle On?

St. Petersburg, Feb. 24.—Although the city continues free of rumors that a big battle is proceeding below Mukden, the War Office does not offer any confirmation of the reports. Special despatches, however, as well as can be judged by the mutilated name in which they were allowed to pass the censor, portend the imminence of extensive operations.

The Japanese are showing activity on banks, and the railroad has again been damaged by a raid of mixed Japanese and Chinese bands.

Japs Show Activity.

Yokohama, Feb. 24.—The Japanese advance divisions on the flank. On February 21st, with a strength of no less than eight battalions, they attacked the outposts. The Russians made a vigorous counter-attack and occupied the village of Dapido, forcing the Japanese temporarily to abandon their advance.

FUNERAL DAY OF SERGIUS.

Dowager-Emress Says She Is Not Afraid of Assassins.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 24.—All the members of the Imperial family who attended the requiem for Grand Duke Sergius at Tsarskoe Selo yesterday remained to a family council in the evening. The Dowager-Emress, who has been at Tsarskoe Selo since the eventful Red Sunday, Jan. 22, becoming impatient at the restraints which were advised by the police for her safety, rebelled against the alleged necessity of remaining at Tsarskoe Selo, declaring that she is not afraid, that the sands of her life have almost run out, and that if assassins want her life they may have it. The Imperial family authorities implored her not to return to St. Petersburg, and she finally yielded. General satisfaction is expressed, even among the Liberals, that the funeral day of Grand Duke Sergius passed off with no untoward incident. Even the extreme radicals respected the day of grief of the Imperial family. The police precautions, both here and at Moscow, though extensive, apparently were not needed.

The public is discussing with astonishment the sweeping statement of the Metropolitan of Moscow, attributing the guilt of the assassination to the entire Russian society, critics saying that if this be true it justifies the contention of reformers that all Russia is at odds with the present system. The wisdom of such statements at this crisis is generally questioned.

Grand Duke's Body Blessed.

Moscow, Feb. 24.—The solemn ceremony of blessing the remains of Grand Duke Sergius was performed at 10 o'clock yesterday in the midst of the tolling of bells from all the churches and monasteries of the ancient capital. Immense crowds thronged the open squares in front of the palaces, and there was a considerable display of troops in the streets. Grenadiers of the Kiev Regiment furnished the guard at the Chaudoff Monastery, the scene of the funeral services.

Service in London.

London, Feb. 24.—A memorial service for Grand Duke Sergius was held yesterday at the Russian Church connected with the Embassy, and was attended by Count Benckendorff, the Russian Ambassador to Great Britain, and the other members of the Russian Embassy, representatives of King Edward and the Prince of Wales, Ambassador Choate, and other diplomats. Sir Bernard Erle Barrington, private secretary of Lord Lansdowne, the Foreign Secretary, represented the Foreign Office.

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FIRST WHITNEY HOUSE

Legislature Assembly to Assemble Wednesday March 22.

Premier Whitney, in Making the Announcement, Had Nothing to Add in the Way of a Statement—Cabinet Meeting in the Afternoon, Owing to Absence of Several Ministers, Was Said to Have Delayed Settlement of Date.

Toronto, Feb. 24.—The Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario is called to assemble on Wednesday, March 22.

Premier Whitney made the announcement last night at the Queen's Hotel, but had nothing to add in the way of a statement.

In the afternoon a Cabinet meeting was called, but owing to the absence of Hon. W. J. Hanna, Hon. Dr. Willoughby and Hon. Dr. Fyfe, it was stated that the settlement on the date of calling the House together would be deferred until this afternoon, when a full Cabinet meeting will be held.

Some Appointments.

David McGillivray of Little Current has been appointed clerk of the Second Division Court in place of W. H. Bees, and James T. Burns has been appointed clerk of the Third Division Court of Manitowaning in place of W. J. Tucker, who resigned, to run against E. R. Gamney, riding.

Will Take No Action.

Premier Whitney has received the report of Provincial Detective Rogers of his investigation of the charge that jurors in a case against the Street Railway Company had been corruptly influenced. Mr. Whitney would not give out the substance of the report, but intimated that no action would be taken.

John Dryden, former Minister of Agriculture, called on his successor, Hon. Nelson Monette, yesterday.

Sanquet to Mr. Hanna.

Petrols, Feb. 24.—The banquet tendered the Hon. Mr. Hanna, Provincial Secretary, here last night was a success. Hundreds attended from all over the riding, representing all shades of political feeling. Hon. Mr. Hanna and party arrived on the 8 o'clock train. A torchlight procession a mile long, with three bands, escorted the guests. The banquet was held in Victoria Hall.

MURDER ALMOST DONE.

Fred McAllister Fires With Shotgun at Roy Isbister.

Hamilton, Feb. 24.—Fred McAllister and some chums were playing pool in the Sport Hotel yesterday afternoon. They got into an argument about who was to pay for the game. While they were arguing, McAllister got in the way of Roy Isbister, 125 South Wellington Street, who was playing at another table. Isbister asked McAllister to get out of the way, and McAllister refused. They had a tiff, and Isbister slapped McAllister's face.

McAllister left the place, muttering something about a shotgun, and getting even. He returned to the hotel about 5:45 carrying the gun. Isbister was passing along the hall from the pool room, and McAllister raised the gun and fired. The load of shot grazed Isbister's head, and struck the corner of a door in front. McAllister then rushed out of the hotel.

The police were not notified until about an hour later. He had not been caught at a late hour last night.

ABOLISH THE BARS.

Ontario Alliance Will Ask Premier Whitney to Do So.

Toronto, Feb. 24.—The annual convention of the Ontario Alliance was held in Guild Hall yesterday, with G. F. Marter presiding, and delegates numbering about 200 present. The executive made arrangements for a delegation to wait upon Premier Whitney at 12:30 to-day in the reception room, Parliament Buildings. He will be asked to abolish the bars.

A committee was appointed in the morning to prepare resolutions to be presented to the Legislature. The committee worked assiduously and brought in a carefully worded report.

The officers were then elected, with practically no change.

Engine Driver's Escape.

Stratford, Feb. 24.—The two driving rods of engine 314, running a flanger ahead of the regular morning train to Toronto, on Wednesday morning, broke and one of them pierced the driver's seat, throwing Edward Norrabel, the engineer, to the roof of the cab. The engine was derailed, thrown over on its side, and badly wrecked, and Driver Norrabel thrown from his cab a distance of three yards. He sustained a broken forearm.

Another Newfoundland Blizzard.

St. John's Nfld., Feb. 24.—Another blizzard raged here last night. The thermometer dropped to 35 below zero, and the whole country is under a snow drift. The eastern coast is blocked by ice-floes, rendering ingress or egress from St. John's impossible. The steamer Ingraham, sent to Trinity Bay to take passengers and mails from an express train snowbound more than a fortnight ago, has been caught in the ice.

Explosion at Ettridale.

Ettridale, Feb. 24.—An explosion occurred yesterday morning in the tunnel which is being built here for the Electrical Power Co., when there were several narrow escapes and three men were carried out unconscious from the fumes.

TRUTH OUT SATURDAY

Meanwhile Both Britain and Russia Stand to Lose.

Semi-Official Predictions of North Sea Award—Associated Press Says Decision Will Be More Acceptable to British Public and Press Than They Have Been Hitherto Led to Believe.

Paris, Feb. 24.—The International Commission appointed to enquire into the North Sea incident practically concluded its work last night by finally agreeing to the report, which will be published tomorrow on Saturday. Concerning the general nature of the report, the following statement was made in a most authoritative quarter to the Associated Press:

"When the text of the decision becomes known it will be far more acceptable to the British press and public than they have been led to believe. The semi-official summaries appearing while more or less accurate, tend too strongly to show Russian success, but as a matter of fact the Admirals have sought a middle ground and the decision is not a pronounced victory for either side. It is of such a character as to preserve self-respect and at the same time to give the British public much ground for satisfaction. If anything, the decision is rather more favorable to Great Britain than to Russia."

Semi-Official Statement.

On the other hand, the Havas Agency last night confirms its semi-official statement of Wednesday night, it says: "The conclusion, as a whole, are quite favorable to Russia, recognizing that Admiral Rojestvensky could legitimately consider himself in danger and act as he did. However, the report contains reservations as to the satisfactory British susceptibilities, the most important being that the Commission esteems that the Russian fleet lasted too long, and also that Rojestvensky should have respected the British maritime authorities of the deplorable incident."

"Upon the question of the presence of torpedo boats, the Commission frees all navies from the imputation. The Commission rejected a motion of Admiral Beaumont (Great Britain), blaming the crews. The conclusions are said to be in the form of questions, where the Commissioners state their answers, either unanimously, or as a majority."

American Opinions.

The American officials are strongly inclined to accept the view first stated that the decision is more favorable to Great Britain than to Russia.

The four foreign Admirals gave a banquet last night in honor of President of the Admiralty, Admiral Fisher, of France.

The latter will return the compliment on Saturday. President Loubet will give a luncheon in honor of the Commission at the Elysee Palace on Sunday.

No Information Yet.

London, Feb. 24.—Questioned in the House of Commons yesterday regarding the result of the enquiry of the North Sea Commission, published yesterday morning, Earl Percy (Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs) said that no information on the subject had yet been communicated to the Government.

AGED WIDOW DOYLE.

Found Dead in Shed With Deep Gash in Skull.

Brantford, Feb. 24.—The dead body of Mrs. Doyle, a widow 84 years of age, who resided with her son, Felix Doyle, on a farm three miles from Brantford, in Brant County, was found in a wooded shed yesterday morning. A deep gash in the head, penetrating the brain, was the cause of death. As to how this was inflicted there is no evidence. The woman was not wealthy.

Dr. Johnson, the coroner, has decided to open an inquest to-day.

The son is still at the homestead and is in no way suspected of the death, which may have been accidental.

Dream Came True.

London, Feb. 24.—An extraordinary circumstance occurred in connection with the alleged murder of Edward Hayward of Mundham, Sussex, by Tom King, near Edmonton, N.W.T. A few weeks ago a brother of Harry Hayward came down to breakfast looking perturbed, and said to his sister: "I had a bad dream; I saw Ted shot." Two days afterward he received a communication from the Canadian police, telling him that his brother had been murdered, and asking him to come to identify him. He proceeded to Edmonton, with a vivid picture in his mind of the man he said he had seen in his dream.

Murdered in Newark Street.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 24.—James Seme, a wealthy Italian contractor, was shot dead on the principal streets of this city yesterday in the sight of scores of persons, by Frank Sena, a former employee. Sena was captured by citizens. He had demanded the payment of a small sum of money, which he claimed was due him in wages, and when Sena refused to pay, shot him in the head and then fired two more bullets into the prostrate form as it lay on the sidewalk.

Acid Thrown in Girl's Face.

Stratford, Feb. 24.—While Miss Edith Sarvis was going from her home to that of her grandmother, Mrs. Levett, last evening about 8 o'clock, carbolic acid was thrown in her face by an unknown woman or girl, who lay in wait in the shadow of a house on the corner of Brunswick and Front Streets. The caustic liquid struck her neck and the side of her face, burning her severely. The police are handicapped by the apparent lack of motive.

BIG MEETING

OF WORKERS

Liberal Conservatives are Heartily Reorganizing for Future Efforts

Requisition Forwarded to Mr. Clancy in Favor of Mr. Massey—Appointments Approved.

A largely attended meeting of the local Liberal-Conservatives was held last evening for the purpose of additional organization and the appointment of committees to outline the work of the party throughout the constituency, securing the co-operation of the county representatives.

Dr. W. H. Hall presided, and the meeting was of an informal character.

The meeting also took occasion to unanimously pass a resolution endorsing the recommendations for positions made through Messrs. Clancy and Bowyer the previous day, with the possible exception of the gentleman named as License Inspector.

While it was felt by all that Mr. Groves would make an honest, capable and efficient officer, a number of those present thought that the long and valued services of Nathaniel Massey had, at this juncture, entitled him to the premier consideration for the appointment. Mr. Massey would prove a splendid officer and it was felt by many that, owing to his years of active service, Mr. Groves, who is a comparatively young man, would be willing to generously relinquish the appointment at the present time.

However, in view of Mr. Clancy having already completed the draft of his recommendations, those present who believed that this recognition of Mr. Massey's long service was due him, decided to forward a requisition to Mr. Clancy along these lines, all being satisfied to stand by the judgment of the popular and esteemed standard-bearer of the party as evidenced in the final appointment.

Several committees were named for the various departments of work and a general meeting will likely be called in the near future to outline a plan of definite action along the lines of advancement of the Liberal-Conservative principles and policy. A hearty spirit of unanimity and enthusiasm pervades the workers and splendid results are sure to follow.

An error was made in yesterday's issue in stating that the East Kent executive met here Wednesday. Mr. Bowyer's visit was relative to a conference over the jurisdiction only, and he was accompanied by President G. A. Fraser, of the East Kent Association, and B. W. Willson, the Conservative candidate in the Dominion campaign.

Mr. Bowyer was not present at the West Kent conference and declined to take any part in the discussion of West Kent appointments.

Switchboard Operators Burned.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Feb. 24.—An explosion in No. 1 switchboard of the Niagara Falls Power Co.'s No. 1 plant yesterday caused considerable damage and injured three operatives, who were on the board at the time. Roy Robinson and Frank Froument were seriously burned about the body, while John Pottery was burned about the hands and face. The damage to the power house cannot be estimated.

Burned to Death.

Montclair, N. J., Feb. 24.—One person, a Mrs. Ross, was burned to death; another, a coachman, is missing, and five houses were destroyed in a fire on High Street, this city, yesterday.

Died Suddenly.

Port Colborne, Feb. 24.—J. W. Greenwood of the firm of R. & J. W. Greenwood, butchers and vessel owners, died suddenly at his home here last night, aged 52 years.

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1-lb. Cans Sunlight Baking Powder, 10c.

Coffee, fresh ground, 15c. per lb.

Seeded Raisins, 1-lb. packages, 10c.

2 Cans Red Salmon, 25c.

Lemon Biscuits, 9c. per lb.

New Dates, 7c. per lb.

CROCKERY

We are still clearing out our Dinner, Tea and Chamber Sets. If you want bargains this is the place to get them. Also China Lamps and Glassware, at prices that make sales.

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