

The Planet.

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UNCOMFORTABLE QUESTION

"In view of the impressive defeat of the Russians," says the Detroit Tribune, "the uncomfortable question arises: Would any other white army be a match for the fierce little fighters of Japan?"

It is an uncomfortable question. It was generally supposed that although Japan proved surprisingly strong in naval battles, she would be overwhelmed on land. But on land Japan has been quite as successful as on the sea, and the huge Russian armies have been crumpled up, and so persistently kept on the move that Kurapatkin does not seem to have had an opportunity for three months to know with certainty just how his forces were disposed at any one time. The Japs have never let up long enough to permit the Russians to "take stock." The fight has been of the hammer and tongs variety. At Manila Admiral Dewey piped all hands to breakfast in the middle of the battle. The whole Japanese army has, more than once, fought continuously for twenty-four hours without food or sleep, and in the victory of Liaoyang the engagement was maintained almost incessantly for ten days. The Russians were given no rest—no opportunity to rally and reorganize. When the great Russian army moved from Liaoyang the tireless Japs pushed from behind and from both sides, and kept the huge body rolling with such momentum that it rolled over and past Mukden, where it was expected to plant itself for a battle. The Japanese, having won at Liaoyang, had no further use for Liaoyang. They did not even pause to count gains and losses. The Japs are fierce little fighters. They fight to kill, and in killing are willing to be killed.

Whether any other white army would be a match for the Japanese would depend, we should say, on the issue. In this campaign the Japs have the advantage of a blazing enthusiasm which infects every man in the ranks. They seek to win or die. They are not making the leisurely war customary in Europe since the introduction of repeating rifles and deadly cannon. They make the primordial fight, they seek the victory and do not begrudge the cost. It is not a tedious game of chess between strategists, maneuvering for bloodless victories, according to the scientific theories of the game of war, but close grips and grim results. Were Japan to make herself the aggressor, to invade one of the nations of Europe, to carry her men to a war that did not affect their homes and their hopes—were they facing an army that had homes to defend, and that had studied Japanese methods in this war, the result might be different. For her first great fight Japan made the most careful preparations, while Russia, over-estimating herself, neglected many things. On entering her next war Japan will be weakened by her own vanity, as Russia was in this—Toronto Star.

MANUFACTURING EVIDENCE.

Kincardine Review.
It is over a year and a half since the bye-election in Center Bruce was held. It is a year and a half since the protest was entered. Surely if the election was won by corrupt practices some information would have leaked out in all that time, yet prominent Liberals have assured us that they had not heard even the rumor of a charge.

Within the last two or three weeks, certain strangers have been sent to the riding to procure the evidence that had not hitherto turned up. Does anyone suppose they are looking for anything that happened?

Already we are acquainted with three cases where they sought to buy evidence.

THE INDEPENDENT PRESS.

Brookville Times.
The Toronto News, Independent, says that public opinion in Canada is so sluggish as to be well nigh dead as regards public abuses and mismanagement. Of course the party papers are blamed. But if public opinion is dead it will certainly not be resuscitated by the see-sawing of the alleged "independent" newspapers. These publications bask complacently in the sunshine of their self-constituted superiority and dam both political parties but they offer no remedy nor do they create a new party to save the country. If the "independent" papers of Canada were truly independent they would not hedge and straddle the fence as they do for fear of offending one or other of the two great parties but would take one side or the other and cast the weight of their influence with the better of the two for the general good. It is all rot for them to say that both parties are too bad to have anything to do with. The "independent" papers are no better than the better party of the two.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Brisco's bicycle repairs and livery. James Pegg, of Blenheim, was in the city yesterday.

Mercer Denholm, of Blenheim, was in the city yesterday.

Miss Bounsall, of Blenheim, was a city visitor yesterday.

W. C. Newman, of Ridgeway, was a Chatham visitor yesterday.

Mrs. J. K. Morris, of Blenheim, was a guest in the city yesterday.

L. Forsythe, of Highgate, spent yesterday with his Chatham friends.

Miss Burns has reopened classes in china painting; studio Thames street.

J. A. McCallum, of the Gas Co., is spending this week at his home in Oakdale.

H. D. Smith, County Crown Attorney, has returned from a business trip to Toronto.

J. E. Livingstone and Mrs. George Bell, of Blenheim, were visitors in the city yesterday.

Miss Margaret Kerr, of Detroit, is spending a week with relatives in the city.

Mrs. Archie Wemp, Wellington street, returned last evening from a two weeks visit in Toronto.

The only place where you can get Stranksy guaranteed granite wares, phone No. 6, Geo. Stephens & Co.

Miss Minnie Scott, of the Maple City, returned home from Toronto after a visit with friends and relatives in that city.

Mr. Charles J. McCaw, of Toledo, Ohio, and Miss Edith McCaw, of Detroit, are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. D. Kerr, Head street.

House to rent—Fine frame house Lydian Avenue, Apply to J. C. Fleming, Victoria Ave., or County Treasurer's office, Harrison Hall.

Miss Lillian Wemp, of this city, returned home after spending a very pleasant six weeks with friends and relatives in Toronto.

Necktie Pio was lost between Fifth street and the Central school lawn, on Monday evening. A liberal reward will be paid for its return to this office.

The electric light at the corner of Cross and Raleigh streets was out Sunday night, while nearly all the surrounding lights were going. The trouble seemed to be with the lamp itself.

You probably know that your sorrow complexion is caused through thin, poor blood, but you probably don't know that by taking Vito Tonic you can have bright, rosy cheeks.

Messrs. Gunn & Co., druggists, keep it in stock.

Ex-Warden Davidson and Mrs. Davidson, of Thamesville, were in the city yesterday attending the Black Watch.

Mr. Davidson will be here on the 20th again with a large party from his town to hear the great Conservative leader, R. L. Borden.

Mrs. John Cooper will be in Chatham to receive her pupils at her studio at the residence of Robert Cooper, King street west, each Saturday and Monday until further notice.

Alderman Martin pays high tribute to the late David Williamson. He says that having done business for years for Mr. Williamson he always found him a man of sterling integrity, whose word was equal to a guarantee bond. He was punctual to a minute in keeping appointments and demanded the same of others.

Mrs. Lambert, wife of ex-Alderman Warren Lambert, of Chatham, and Miss Nellie Lambert, who have been for several days the guests of ex-Mayor Dyke, left this morning for Sudbury, where Mrs. Lambert will visit her daughter. Last Tuesday they were driven out to Rakaboka Falls and expressed great admiration, the scenery comparing even with that of Niagara.—Times-Journal, Fort William.

Negligence is the rust of the soul that corrodes through all the best resolves.

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GRAND BAND

Magnificent Program Presented in Chatham by the Black Watch—Mr. Seane Complimented.

The Black Watch Band, whose visit to Chatham has been expected, looked forward to for some time by the Maple City's many music lovers, gave their concert in the Grand Opera House yesterday afternoon to a good sized house.

The program was a select one and every number was rendered in an artistic and finished manner. The Black Watch Band is a good one, one of the best that has visited Chatham for some time, and they were given a very hearty reception.

The audience was not composed entirely of Chathamites. There were musicians present from all over the County and none of them were disappointed with the music rendered. The reputation of the Black Watch Band has gone before it and yesterday they came up to the full expectations of the people concerning it.

One of the treats of the concert was the national Fantasia "Under the British Flag," which introduced a number of patriotic songs representative of every British colony. It was indeed an excellent selection and keenly enjoyed. The reminiscences from operas—Wagner, arranged by Godfrey, was also a favorite with the audience. Every number on the program was enthusiastically received and each time an encore was called for. The bandmaster, E. T. Murray, was very gracious, and each time he responded to the wishes of his audience.

Another decidedly artistic number was the clarinet solo, "Les Alsoschines," by soloist Corporal Turbett. Mr. Turbett seems to have complete control over his instrument. His execution was marvellous and his intonation perfect. His selection was very warmly received.

The part of the program which struck the hearts of the many old Scotchmen present were the bag pipes and the Scotch dancing. The Black Watch have probably the best pipers band in the world, and when they played and marched through the house in their imposing costumes it was with difficulty that many of the sons of old Scotia kept their seats. The pipers were cheered and applauded, and if the audience had had their wish they would have appeared often.

The dancing in costume was of the very finest order and brought forth many evidences of delight and appreciation.

The Scotch selections by the band were given in a manner which only a Scotch band can give them, and there was no one in the audience who was ready to depart when the program was over. The band would not have tired their audience if the program had been twice as long.

Mr. W. W. Seane, who brought the band here at much expense, deserves to be complimented for affording the people of Chatham such a worthy and high class attraction. Mr. Seane has brought many an excellent entertainment to the city and he seems to be getting better attractions each time. His visit of the Black Watch Band will not be easily forgotten in Chatham.

When you want an artistic design, call up or visit Victoria Ave. Green Houses. Phone 181.

DISTRICT DOINGS.

BLENHEIM

Sept. 13.—One week from to-day, on Sept. 20th, Mr. R. L. Borden, the popular leader of the Liberal-Conservative party in the Dominion Parliament, will address the constituents of this section of Kent county. Everybody welcome.

Misses Lena and Maude Purnam visited friends in Harwich over Sunday.

Harry Holmes left last evening for Bossiavau, Manitoba. He expects to be gone two months.

On Saturday evening last Rev. G. McQuillin, of Trinity Church, will address the young men of his congregation on the St. Andrew's Brotherhood and its advantages with regard to church work. Everybody will be welcome. On Monday evening following he hopes, with the assistance of Rural Dean McCosh of Chatham, he hopes to start a Brotherhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Mitton, Ridgeway, Misses V. Coatsworth and P. Murphy, and Mr. Sullivan were Blenheim visitors over Sunday.

L. H. Edmonds is having a handsome verandah built entirely of plain and fancy brick at his house on Front St.

DRESDEN

Sept. 13.—Mr. H. G. McVean was a Maple City visitor yesterday.

Chas. Wright, of Chatham, spent Sunday with friends in town.

Miss G. Lambert, of Chatham, is the guest of Miss Grace Paupst.

Miss Langan, graduate of St. Joseph's Hospital, Chatham, has taken up her residence with Miss Annie Mooney, and will take up the work of nursing in our midst.

Mr. Wm. Ward, Jr., of Toronto, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ward, Brown street.

Mr. Deane, of the local Bank of Commerce, was a guest in Blenheim on Sunday.

F. K. Hughes conducted services at Pt. Edward and Perth on Sunday.

W. Fairfield, of Wallaceburg, was a Dresden visitor on Sunday.

The Presbyterians and Methodists will hold union services next Sunday, owing to the anticipated absence of Rev. N. Lindsay. The morning service will be held in the Presbyterian church and the evening service in the Methodist church. The evening

service will be attended by the Lady Macabees of Dresden, accompanied by the visiting lodge from Wallaceburg.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Webster left yesterday on a visit to Chicago and the St. Louis Fair.

Harvest thanksgiving services will be held in Christ Church on Sunday, Sept. 25th.

Very small congregations were the rule in all the churches on Sunday evening, owing to the heavy storm that came up about half past six.

Sunday, Sept. 25th, will be special rally Sunday in the Methodist Sunday school.

Dr. W. D. Wiley left on Saturday night to attend the international convention of the W. O. W., which is being held in St. Louis this week. He is one of the Grand Lodge delegates from the Dominion Grand Lodge.

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The garments are from leading designers in New York, London, Paris and Berlin, also some very stylish garments of our own production, made in our own factory, and sold to you direct from the manufacturer.

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Ladies' fancy tweed coats, with new fitted back, shoulder capes, new sleeves and cuffs, trimmed with fancy gun metal buttons, lined throughout, a very dressy garment, special at	\$15.00.
Ladies' black kersey coats, lined with black satin, trimmed with straps and bands on capes and sleeves, new fitted back, right up-to-date at	\$12.90.
Ladies' black kersey coats, made of finest quality Kersey, with strap-	
ped shoulder capes, fancy trimmed collar, tucked sleeves, satin lined, very stylish	\$8.50.
Ladies' black frieze coats, good weight, lined throughout, has new full sleeve, no collar, fitted back, all sizes, made to sell ordinarily at \$10, our price	\$6.50.
Ladies' navy blue frieze military coat with large capes, trimmed with velvet and brass buttons, has newest sleeves and is lined throughout, very special at	\$10.00.
Ladies' black kersey collarless coat, fitted back, shoulder capes and the new full sleeves, lined with rich mercedised lining, a perfect fitting garment for	\$7.90.

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TILBURY

Sept. 13.—Tilbury East Council met yesterday and held court of revision on four large drains. The town hall at Valetta was crowded all day with scores of appellants. The Council was unable to complete proceedings and adjourned until a later date.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Balmer are visiting the latter's parents here. Mr. Balmer, who is well-known in Tilbury and Chatham, has resigned his position in the C. P. R. at Woodstock, and contemplates leaving for Toronto.

The body of John McVean, who was drowned in the Mississippi river, has been found ten miles below where the accident took place.

Miss Maud Shaw leaves on Saturday next to attend Toronto Normal school.

Miss McAlpine, of Southwold, is visiting her sister here, Mrs. Anderson.

THE MARKETS.

Wheat Futures Lower at Liverpool and Higher at Chicago—Live Stock Markets—The Latest Quotations.

Saturday Evening, Sept. 10.

Liverpool wheat futures closed today 3/4 lower than yesterday and corn futures 3/4 lower.

At Chicago Sept. wheat closed 3/4 higher than yesterday; September corn 3/4 lower and September oats 3/4 lower.

TORONTO ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Grain—

Wheat, white, bush.....\$1 03 to \$1 06

Wheat, red, bush.....1 02 1 04

Wheat, spring, bush.....1 00 1 02

Wheat, goose, bush.....0 90 0 91

Beans, bush.....1 35

Barley, bush.....0 46

Oats, bush.....0 38 1/2 to 0 43 1/2

Rye, bush.....0 57

Peas, bush.....0 35

Ruckwheat, bush.....0 47 0 48

LIVERPOOL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Liverpool, Sept. 10.—Wheat—Spot nominal; futures quiet; Sept. 7 1/2; Dec. 7 1/2.

4 1/2; Corn—Spot easy; American mixed, 4 1/2; futures quiet; Sept. 4 1/2; Dec. 4 1/2.

4 1/2; Flour—Canadian steady at \$5 75; D. Flour—St. Louis fancy winter nominal at \$6 00.

4 1/2; Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, quiet at 48 1/2; Bacon steady; Cumberland, 20 to 25 lbs, 60; short ribs, 10 to 12 lbs, 51 1/2; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs, 51 1/2; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs, 50 1/2; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, 44 1/2; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, 52 1/2.

Shoulders—Square, 11 to 13 lbs, quiet at 41 1/2; Lard—Prime western in tierces firm at 35 1/2; American refined in pails steady at 37 1/2; Butter—Good United States, steady at 70c; Cheese—Firm; American finest white, 42 1/2; do. colored, 43c; Tallow, prime city, firm at 21 1/2; Turpentine spirits quiet at 40c; Rosin—Common, steady at 7 1/2; Petroleum—Refined, quiet at 6 1/2.

NEW YORK DAIRY MARKET.

New York, Sept. 10.—Butter steady and unchanged. Receipts, 5,640 packages. Cheese quiet and unchanged; receipts, 3,319. Eggs firm and unchanged; receipts, 7,253.

CATTLE MARKETS.

Cables Unchanged—Hogs Active and Decline at Buffalo.

London, Sept. 10.—Cattle are easier at 9c to 12 1/2c per lb.; refrigerator beef, 30c per lb. Sheep, 10c to 12c, dressed weight.

EAST BUFFALO CATTLE MARKET.

Sept. 10.—Cattle—Receipts 300 head; steady; prices unchanged. Veals—Receipts 150 head; 25c lower at \$4.50 to \$7.55.

Hogs—Receipts 4,100 head; active and steady to 5c lower; heavy, \$5.20 to \$6.30; mixed, \$5.25 to \$6.30; Yorkers, \$6.25 to \$6.35; pigs, \$5.90 to \$6; roughs, \$5 to \$5.40; stage, \$4 to \$4.75; dairies and grassers, \$5.75 to \$6.25.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts 3,000 head; sheep steady; lambs slow; lambs, \$4.50 to \$5.25; yearlings, \$4.50 to \$4.75; wethers, \$4.25 to \$4.50; ewes, \$3.75; sheep, mixed, \$2 to \$4.

Hogs—Receipts 2,00