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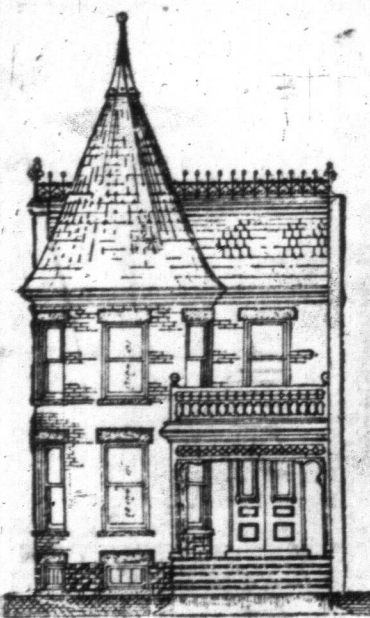
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## Your Easter Bonnet Or Hat

Let us remind you that Easter Sunday is but a little more than two weeks away. That prompts us to advise you (if you have not already done so) to come in and make your selection at once. Our past Millinery achievements are to well known to require any comments at this time. We had many pleasant surprises in store for our friends today in the way of elegant Hats. Everybody was delighted, and all agreed that our ninety sixth Grand Semi-annual Opening eclipsed all previous efforts. Here are dreams of beauty and daintiness of elegance and style—masterpieces of Millinery art. No fashionable dresser or woman of taste should miss seeing this group of artistic novelties.

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### LOCAL BRIEFS

A flock of wild geese were seen flying to the south west this morning.

Ed. Turner, representative of Erie Tobacco Company, Kingsville, is in the city.

The Nation and the Sabbath, by Dr. Jamieson, at W. J. Kenny's.

Walking across the river at Port Lambton and Sombra was being carried on as late as yesterday.

T. L. Pardo, M.P.P., passed through the city Tuesday evening on the Lake Erie route for Sarnia.

G. McIntyre, at one time proprietor of a hotel on the market square, is now keeping the Hotel St. Clair at Sombra.

Miss St. Amour, who has been visiting in Tilbury for the past three weeks, returned to her home in this city yesterday.

Preparations are going on for the erection of a fine hotel at Port Lambton as the port is fast becoming a popular summer resort.

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Thibodeau & Jacques' Grand Millinery Opening will take place on Wednesday, March 27th, and following days. No efforts are being spared to procure the very latest in Parisian and American styles.

Arthur Gordon McCosh, son of the rector of Christ Church, left for Toronto this morning, to accept of the service of the Dominion Bank.

Before leaving he was presented with a handsome pair of military brushes by the Young People's Society of Christ Church, in which society he took an active interest.

The Grand Trunk Railway system announces that their special fast train service between Toronto and the summer resorts in Muskoka and Georgian Bay, will, for the season of 1901, be operated northbound from Saturday, June 15th, until Saturday, Sept. 22nd, inclusive, and southbound from Monday, June 17th, until Monday, Sept. 30th, inclusive. This is several weeks longer than usual, but each year it is found that the residents who are served by this extra service are extending their visits, and they will doubtless appreciate the continuance of the special service during the whole of September, which is one of the most attractive months of the season.

"We were very much pleased with the design you sent. It was beautiful and appropriate." The Victoria Ave. Green Houses receive such words of commendation every day. Telephone No. 181.

THE FRENCH MAY CAUSE TROUBLE.

Peking, March 20.—The British reinforcements, consisting of 90 marines, which arrived at Tien Tsin last night from the Tien Tsin affairs. There is no mention of it in the official agency's despatches, but the London correspondent of the Novoye Vremya characterizes the dispute as unimportant.

Another London correspondent quotes a French diplomat as saying that an Anglo-Russian war is impossible, as Russia needs only threaten to support the Boers in order to bring Great Britain upon her knees. The Novoye Vremya, however, says that the Russian government will assure Japan her present possessions and a large market for her industrial products in Russian

## FIGHTING NOW CONTINUED-- SKIRMISHES IN CAPE COLONY

Progress of the Campaign in South Africa—Three Rebels Shot—Boer Leader Captured.

London, March 21.—A Johannesburg despatch says—One mining company has restarted crushing ore and four others are preparing to begin. Sir Alfred Milner, Governor of the Transvaal and Orange River Colonies, expects to stay here three months.

The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail says he learns on good authority that the British government will almost certainly adopt the dual language system in the new colonies, a decision which he adds will cause disappointment in Cape Town.

A Durban dispatch says—Owing to the Klip River being flooded General Campbell's column has been unable to return to Standerton, from which point it was to bring away the garrison of Vrede, which the British evacuated. The column had heavy fighting going to and coming from Vrede. General Campbell has about 200 sick and wounded. There are many bands of roving Boers in the neighborhood of Standerton.

FIGHT AT CRADOCK.

Cape Town, March 20.—A despatch from Cradock, Cape Colony, says Colonel Goringe's force engaged Kritzinger's force of Boers on March 15. The latter lost nine men killed and had seven men wounded. The British lost one man killed and ten men wounded.

PAID THE PENALTY.

Cape Town, March 20.—J. P. Minabur, S. Minaber, and J. A. Neuwoudt were shot at De Aar yesterday evening for treason and murder, in pursuance of the sentence of a court martial. The death sentence was passed a week ago, in connection with the wrecking of a train near Taasbosch, by which five men were killed. Gen. Kitchener confirmed the verdict. The garrison was paraded and the prisoners led out at sunset. Death was instantaneous. A Dutch minister and relatives remained with the prisoners till the end. Two others concerned in the train wrecking were sentenced to terms of five years' penal servitude.

GEN. MEYERS CAUGHT.

Durban, Natal, March 20.—Boer Commandant Meyers has been captured and his commando dissolved. He declared he had heard nothing of Lord Kitchener's proclamation in regard to burghers who came in and surrendered.

STILL AT IT.

Cape Town, March 20.—A number of British despatch riders have captured five Boers and forty horses near Bedford, Cape Colony. Sixty Boers occupy the hills overlooking the town. The Waterberg Rifles have had a slight skirmish with a Boer force twenty miles south of Tarkastad. The Boers were apparently dispersed. The Boers admit having lost fifty killed and wounded in their recent attack on Lichtenburg. The Boers occupying Wolmarstad were completely surprised by the British on that place. Many Boers regularly kept on the veldt, and several of them who were returning to the town in the morning walked into the arms of Gen. Methuen's advance party, and were made prisoners.

RUSSIA BECOMES INSOLENT AND DEMANDS BRITISH APOLOGY

Situation at Tien Tsin Still Remains Critical—Wogack Makes Demands Which Gen. Barrow Refuses.

London, March 21.—"General Wogack has refused to accept Count Von Waldersee's arbitration at Tien Tsin," says the Peking correspondent of the Daily Mail, writing yesterday "and demands that the British not only withdraw, but apologize for removing the Russian flag. General Barrow refuses to do either, and in so refusing has the support of the British Government. British reinforcements are being sent."

A Tien Tsin despatch says:—In addition to the Australians, outposts from the lines of communication are coming in to be ready in case of necessity. The British are under arms to prevent the settlement being rushed, but they do not anticipate any serious action.

A Berlin despatch says:—In German official circles it is asserted that British and Russian guards still occupy the Tien Tsin incident vital. All the papers express a belief that the London will yield. The Vossische Zeitung says that England cannot now afford to engage in a serious conflict with Russia.

DELAIED BY DUST STORM.

Tien Tsin, March 20.—A dust storm prevented Count Von Waldersee, who arrived here yesterday, from proceeding for Peking until this morning.

Ninety British marines arrived here last night from the Taku forts to replace the Indian guards on the disputed land. The Fusiliers are expected today. A special bearing enforcement of the Russian troops left Peking for Tien Tsin at 10 o'clock this morning.

One French, an Italian and a German warship are outside the bar.

WOULDN'T GIVE AN OPINION.

General Lorne Campbell, the English commander, and General Wogack, commanding the Russians, met Count Von Waldersee upon his arrival here. Learning that both had received instructions from their governments, Count Von Waldersee said it was useless for him to give even an opinion regarding the matters at issue.

It is the general feeling in Tien Tsin that the trouble is not likely to reach a point where blood will be shed. Both detachments on guard have orders to do nothing aggressive unless forced to do so by the other. Except the army and camp followers, the only Russians now residing here are the members of the consular staff, two clerks and two Jews, who are running stores, and who left Russia in order to save their lives. These are now being offered inducements to move to the Russian concessions.

THE RUSSIAN PRESS.

St. Petersburg, March 20.—The Russian press is not alarmed about the Tien Tsin affair. There is no mention of it in the official agency's despatches, but the London correspondent of the Novoye Vremya characterizes the dispute as unimportant.

Another London correspondent quotes a French diplomat as saying that an Anglo-Russian war is impossible, as Russia needs only threaten to support the Boers in order to bring Great Britain upon her knees. The Novoye Vremya, however, says that the Russian government will assure Japan her present possessions and a large market for her industrial products in Russian

territory, where they will be protected against Anglo-German competition. In conclusion, the article declares this alliance is as important in the Orient as the Franco-Russian alliance is in the Occident. The Novosti apparently regards the Russo-American understanding as permanent, as the paper does not mention America's competition in Russian territory, which is stronger than the Anglo-German competition.

SANG OF THE BETTER LAND

Evangelist Crossley Contributes Delightful Music to Last Night's Service.

The Spraker Deal with the Unpardonable Sin of Blasphemy Against the Holy Ghost.

"The Holy City," that song not yet old but familiar to all, which seems to stir all in the heart that is good, lost none of its effectiveness in Mr. Crossley's rendition last evening. One could not but think that those who heard it would the more earnestly hope, desire and strive to enter the pearly portals of that Celestial City.

The crowds who attend the meetings have now learned the several selections used from "Songs of Salvation" and join freely in filling the church with soulful singing.

After reading Matthew 6th chapter Mr. Hunter made an earnest appeal to his hearers for greater faith on their part, and told a touching story of the simple trust of an aged invalid lady in Windsor.

"The Unpardonable Sin" was Mr. Crossley's theme, Mark 3rd chapter and 29th verse. Said he: A great many people are in the insane asylum from worry and fear that they had committed this sin, when in most, if not all, cases they were not guilty. It surely was important that we all have a clear understanding of what this unpardonable sin is, the context of verse 29 would certainly indicate its nature. Blasphemy against the Holy Ghost is ascribing to the spirit of Satan works which belong to the spirit of God. Those who so do find themselves in a state where spiritual perception is impossible, and their conscience seared as if with a hot iron. They are in a condition past feeling the stirrings of the Spirit or any interest in the soul's welfare. A sure evidence that we have not committed the unpardonable sin is a fear that we have, and a desire to escape from the results of such. Backsliders often imagine that their is the unpardonable sin, but the only instance recorded in the Bible of God causing in a hurry is when he went to meet a backslider. The benignness of our sins may make us think we are beyond pardon, but Paul, the persecutor, and Magdalene, the impure, were saved beyond doubt, and these testify that no sin is beyond God's forgiveness. The only reason the sin of our text is unpardonable is because

the transgressor mentioned cannot desire or accept God's proffered mercy.

It is those who have no thought or alarm as to their spiritual condition who are most in danger. A man free from death feels the cold less the nearer he approaches frigidify, and his only hope is that he will have sense and feeling enough to rouse self from the stupor of sin and seek salvation.

The sermon was listened to with rapid attention by the large audience, many being visibly "moved" thereby.

The meetings are certainly "unions" as far as the people are concerned; last night almost every church in the city was represented, among the number who gave in their names as decided for Christ. One thing only seemed lacking, and that was the presence of more city pastors, if not to take a place on the platform, to at least speak to those of their own congregations who seek the Saviour at these meetings.

Special song service this evening. Early morning prayer meeting in the Salvation Army barracks, Sunday.

Messrs. Crossley and Hunter will address the W. C. T. U. in their hall tomorrow afternoon at 2.30.

Rev. Mr. Ranton will be present and take part in this evening's meeting.

REV. MR. ROSS

WILL STAY

Informed the Detroit Congregation That he Would Remain in Chatham.

Does Not Believe That His Work in This City is Yet Completed.

At the conclusion of the weekly prayer meeting at the William Street Baptist Church last evening, Rev. T. H. Cornish, B. A., announced that the pastor had decided to remain in Chatham, and accordingly telegraphed the Detroit Church in the afternoon, as follows:—

Don't extend call. Conditions here prevent acceptance. Work still demands me. The Lord has many people yet in this city. Will write.

J. J. ROSS.

The announcement was received with hearty applause by the meeting.

Detroit, March 21.—The society of the First Baptist church met last night at the close of the regular prayer meeting to take action on the calling of a new pastor, it being expected that a call would be extended to Rev. J. J. Ross of Chatham, Ont., who preached at the church a week ago Sunday, and at that time stated to the pulpit committee that he would accept a call if one was extended. At 6 o'clock last evening, however, a telegram was received from the Chatham minister which read as follows:—

"Conditions in Chatham are changed. Do not think my work there is completed. Will write."

This information was conveyed to the meeting by the committee with the recommendation that a call be not extended. This is taken to mean but one thing and that is that all negotiations are off between the church and Mr. Ross. That the prospective pastor should have delayed until the last moment to acquiesce the church with his change of mind occasioned considerable surprise at the meeting. The pulpit committee has no other candidate immediately in view. During the month of April the vacant pulpit will be filled by Dr. Benjamin Perry, dean of the senior colleges in the University of Chicago, who made a very favorable impression on the congregation three weeks ago.

WILL PLAY AT THE EAU

24th Regimental Band Will Furnish Music at the Popular Resort.

Band-master Philip Receives Notification of the Band's Appointment.

Band Master Harry C. Philip, leader of the 24th Regiment Band, has received the following communication from Thos. Marshall, Assistant General Freight and Passenger Agent of the Lake Erie, and those who go to the Eau this summer may anticipate dancing to the strains of the music furnished by the 24th Regiment Band:—

"Dear Sir:—I have your letter of the 15th, also a letter from Lieut. Col. Rankin, and note that you have his consent (which he gives with pleasure) to enter into a contract with us for this season. If last year's arrangements were satisfactory to you, they will be satisfactory to us for the coming season. We do not know, of course, just what days we will have the concerts at the Eau, but that can be arranged later on."

At Sombra the chief topic of conversation is the sugar beet factory. The farmers in that part are being canvassed for a guarantee of the acreage each one will plant with beets. Three thousand acres are said to be required, and the guarantee of the acreage is to be for three years. Much interest is being taken in the project and it is said that the necessary capital will be forthcoming if the guarantee of acreage can be obtained.

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