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PREPARING FOR EASTER

A whole page of this paper would not hold half the story of the goods we have gathered for Easter selling.

The Dress Goods Shown is a Revelation.
Costume and Skirts are a Dream.
Gloves that are a Delight.
Bewitching Ribbons and Trimming Bits.
Silks and Dress Goods are a Sweet Surprise.

We have never been so well equipped with beautiful stylish goods at the season's start; elegance and low prices are the two wonders of this season.

OUR MILLINERY OPENING

Will commence on Wednesday Next, 26th inst. We have always had very large crowds at our openings, we have always shown the finest array of Hats in Western Ontario, but next week will eclipse all previous occasions. We have engaged expert trimmers at larger salaries than we have ever paid before. We have delayed our opening one week later than usual in order that we might show you hats and bonnets the like of which cannot be found outside the largest cities.

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For Discriminating Women
The Acma Turn

This is the shoe that makes walking a pleasure.

It has a heavier sole than an ordinary turn, yet Perfectly Flexible. Has a Live-Wool-Felt Pad innersole, which absorbs perspiration. Prevents dampness, increases circulation of the blood. No jar is possible with the elastic pad. This shoe is strictly up to date in point of last.

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Wm. Somerville, Confectioner
Next Standard Bank Chatham.

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If You Intend

To Build a House!
To Build a Barn!
To make Improvements in Your Old Buildings!

get your lumber from
Get our figures for the whole of the work on your new house.

Blonde Bros. & Co.

BACK-For hire, day or night, Telephone 27. William Owen, Jeffrey street.

CLEARING OUT THE INVADERS

Gen. French Will Soon Complete his Task-Important Captures.

Botha's Chief Telegraphist and Com. Behren Among the Prisoners.

London, March 19.-General French is now driving the commandos to the westward in the Cape Colony. The blockhouse system has been extended to Beaufort West, and a few weeks will probably see Cape Colony cleared of the invaders. Although it is clear that each district must be laboriously and systematically cleared, which will necessarily involve much time, yet the rate of progress promises to be much more rapid than might have been supposed.

AN IMPORTANT CAPTURE.

London, Mar. 19.-Cooper, the chief telegraphist of Gen. Botha, who was recently reported captured, was one of the most dangerous men in the field on the Boer side. His specialty was "wire-tapping." In the last edition of the Transvaal official almanac he was described as "Under-Director" of the Telegraph Department. He is a Cape Colonist by birth and an Englishman by blood, but he became a naturalized burgher many years ago on joining the Transvaal service, and speedily obtained promotion. Violently anti-British in sentiment, he was one of the first officials to leave for the front. Surrendered burghers brought into Pretoria state that Cooper was regarded by Gen. Delarey as one of the most useful men in the field, and the success of many of this general's achievements is to be attributed in great measure to his skill and daring.

COM. BEHERN CAPTURED.

Commandant Behren has been captured, and Commandant Celliers, who was unmasked a couple of days ago, and turned them on the British during a critical part of the fight between Methuen and Delarey, is reported wounded.

WOLSELEY'S VISIT PRIVATE.

In the House of Commons yesterday, the War Secretary, Mr. Brodric, set at rest the rumors regarding Lord Wolseley's trip to South Africa, by announcing that the former commander-in-chief had gone to Cape Town on an entirely private visit without previously communicating with the War Office.

PUNISHABLE WITH DEATH.

Regarding the Boers wearing British uniforms, Mr. Brodric said all civilized nations punish such action with death. Boers captured wearing British uniforms were liable to be shot after trial by court martial. Lord Kitchener, in certain cases, had already inflicted that penalty.

Prospects for the acreage of sugar beets are brightening. The contracts up until yesterday did not exceed five acres, but yesterday J. B. Stringer entered into a contract to grow 32 acres for the Dresden Sugar Co. Mr. Stringer will have the beets grown on his farm at Belle River under the management of Mr. Hope, who has charge of the firm's business there. S. Bullis is the agent.

SUSPICIOUS

These Regular Visits of Hubby to Detroit put bad Thoughts in Wife's Mind.

Detroit, March 20.-Chief of Detectives McDonnell received a strange communication this morning from a woman who wants to find out something about her husband. The writer signed herself "Mrs. Mary Laporte, Comber, Ont." She desires to find out what business her husband is engaged in that necessitates his coming to Detroit at regular periods.

"I have been married eight years," says Mrs. Laporte, "but I have never learned what my husband's business is. I have become suspicious. I was thinking that perhaps he is a high-wayman or a gambler, and that he goes to Detroit to carry on his profession."

Capt. McDonnell now has officers trying to trace the movements of the suspected man.

HANGED TO A TREE.

Natchez, Miss., March 19.-John Woodward, the negro murderer of Leonard Calvert, a white planter, at Union Point, Concordia Parish, La., was lynched early to-day within 300 yards of the parish prison, Vidalia, La. The mob gained admission to the jail by claiming they had a prisoner from Catahoula Parish. After the door was opened they demanded Woodward. Jailer Such refused to surrender him, and was overpowered. Woodward was taken to a tree and hanged.

If some people were to weigh every word they utter it would be decidedly tough on the scales.

NOVEL MARRIAGE

William Stephenson, aged 62, of St. Louis Park, Minn., yesterday obtained a license from the county clerk's office to marry Miss Fanny Marey, aged 20, of Dundas, Ont. The affidavit on which the license was issued showed that the bridegroom had already been married three times. The couple were married yesterday afternoon by a city minister.

Mr. Stephenson stated that he has known his bride since she was a child and the young woman came to Detroit accompanied by her sister, to be married.

THEIR JOINT DECLARATION

The Allied Governments Express Satisfaction With Anglo-Jap Convention.

They Reserve to Themselves the Right to Take Measures to Defend their Interests.

St. Petersburg, March 20.-The Official Messenger this (Thursday) morning prints the text of a Russo-French joint declaration, sent March 16 to the Austrian, Belgian, British, American, Spanish, German, Italian, Dutch, Chinese and Japanese governments. The declaration is as follows:-

"The allied Russo-French governments are wholly pleased to discern that the Anglo-Japanese convention supports the essential principles which according to the reiterated statement of France and Russia, constituted and still constitute the foundation of their policy.

"Both governments believe that the support of these principles is also a guarantee of their interests in the Far East.

"They are compelled, however, not to lose from view the possibly inimical action of other powers or a repetition of disorders in China, possibly impairing China's integrity, and free development to the detriment of their reciprocal interests.

"A prefatory remark says that Russia desires the maintenance of the status quo and the attainment of complete tranquility in the far East.

RUSSIA'S DEMANDS MODIFIED.

London, March 20.-Cable from Peking, the correspondent of the Times says that owing to the presentation of the American note and the Anglo-Japanese protests, Russia's negotiations with the Russo-Chinese bank have been suspended, but that negotiations for the evacuation of Manchuria continue under modified Russian demands, which point to an ultimate settlement. These include the withdrawal of Russia from between the great wall and Laio River within six months, from the province of Mukden within a year and if the state of the country permits, from Kirin and Heilung Chiang within 18 months after the signing of the convention.

IMPROVEMENT

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the congregation of the William street Baptist church was held last evening, at which the Rev. J. J. Ross presided. The meeting was called to consider the proposed improvements to the church. A committee composed of Chairman W. G. Merritt, Hugh Macaulay and James H. Oldershaw was appointed some time ago to investigate and report, and their report was adopted by the congregation as a whole.

The tender of Joseph Tilt for painting the outside of the church was accepted at \$190.

A. L. Trato gets the inside painting and decorating at \$250.

It was also decided to put in new stained glass windows throughout the church. This work will cost about \$400.

James L. Oldershaw has the contract for enlarging the chimneys at \$52.00.

The committee decided that it was not advisable to put in electric lights just at present and this was not discussed.

The "Growler" publishes an article to-day on the local Fruit By-law, giving a cartoon of "Little Billy Hockett" on his bicycle, Felix with his basket and "Bill" with his push cart. Below the cut is the following:

The above cut may not look like the fruit vendors of the city of Chatham but three of a kind beat a pair. We cannot agree with the city by-law when a person has settled down and pays taxes and has started in a fair way to increase the population. We claim that he should earn a living whatever way he sees fit as long as he does it honestly, let it be sweeping King street or selling pop-corn or a few oranges and lemons without having to pay \$5.00 per day license.

The plans for the Tupperville church which were drawn out by Architect Wilson, have been accepted. The work on the church will commence at once.

FROM A CHAIR ON THE STREET

High-Priced Preacher Talks Practical Christianity to a Mixed Crowd.

If the People do not Come to Church the Church Must Come to the People.

Cleveland, Ohio, Mar. 20.-If little Maj. Cox is looking for a precedent for her desire to deliver addresses on the Campus she need but look to Cleveland.

Yesterday, at noon, Rev. Charles A. Eaton, the pastor of the Euclid Avenue Baptist church, John D. Rockefeller's church, and formerly of Toronto, went upon the public square, climbed upon a chair, and addressed an enormous crowd.

He had announced his determination to do this and hundreds were there waiting for him before the appointed hour. When he appeared, he was cheered by the crowd. It was a novelty to see one of the highest salaried clergymen in America standing in the open air addressing a crowd against the competition of peanut vendors, political aspirants, quacks and cranks.

The preachers of Cleveland had steadily refused to go on the square to speak. They have said that it would be undignified and that spot has been left to the Salvation Army and other like organizations. Dr. Eaton, however, who speaks weekly to one of the most aristocratic congregations in Ohio, declared that it was time to go on to the street to carry religion to the masses.

"They are tearing down that old postoffice," he said, pointing to where the work was going on, "and I am here for the same purpose. I am not connected with the government. But that postoffice was a splendid building in its day, and has been outgrown. So has our Christian religion. The requirements of the day compel us to adapt it to the demands.

"Men who don't go after Christ must be gone after. And I am going to bring you people the message, or you are going to kill me. The Salvation Army realized this long ago, and it has done the greatest work of modern times. It is the only way to reach the masses. I am going to hold meetings in the open air regularly, and there will be no collections. There are good men in this audience and some bad ones, but you are not doing right. You don't belong to churches. You are honest, industrious, noble and good to your wives, but you miss the one great solace of life-religion. You should join a church."

When Dr. Eaton pushed his way through the crowd he was met by Miss Alice Rice, "the girl preacher." She has conducted street meetings here all winter.

"I want to shake hands with you, doctor," she said "and congratulate the only minister in the city who has the courage of his convictions."

The crowd was an average street crowd. There were bankers, clerks, and laborers. All seemed pleased with the simple, manly talk.

MARCONI SIGNS

Dominion Government will now Have Some Control Over His Operations.

Ottawa, March 19.-Wireless telegraphy has now been put on a business footing. Yesterday Marconi made an agreement with the Government by which the famous wizard of the wireless deep will be permitted to establish his apparatus in any Canadian lighthouse.

The Government contract respecting the Marconi wireless telegraphy was signed by Marconi and on behalf of the Government yesterday. The terminal points in Canada are to be left open to Marconi, who is given the right to install a plant in any lighthouse at his own expense, but if he fails to do so on being requested by the Government, the latter shall have the right to do so at Marconi's expense. Marconi is to have control of all arriving messages and the Government of seaward messages. The \$80,000 is to be paid on the installation of the plant.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

London, March 19.-The House of Commons to-day passed the second reading of the Aged Pensioners' Bill, granting deserving poor persons a pension of from five to seven shillings weekly, at the age of 65. It is estimated that the sum of \$10,000,000 will be required annually to pay the pensions, the national exchequer and the local authorities each providing half the amount required. As the Government, at to-day's session, declared it could not provide its share, the scheme is not likely to become effective.

A run of bad luck may not remove the mote, but it takes the beam out of a fellow's eye.

CONTRACT AWARDED

A meeting of the managers of the McKeough school, was held in Dr. McKeough's office last evening, the following being present: Dr. McKeough, Geo. Heyward and John McCorvie.

The tenders for the new improvements were received, and the contract was given to Mr. Campbell for \$105. The others who handed in tenders were Quinn & Patterson, J. E. Morton, Geo. Stephens, and Westman Bros. The work will be done during the Easter holidays.

AN IMPROVED WATER SYSTEM

Farmers in Essex County Will now Have Their own Piped Supply.

Halls From System in Use at Walker Farm-Petition is Widely Circulated.

Walkerville, Ont., March 19.-Within a few weeks the farmers on the Tecumseh road will have an improved water supply of their own, the water being piped from the system now owned and operated by the Walker farm. A petition is being circulated and almost unanimously signed for this improvement.

Provision is made for the laying of a 6-inch water main for five miles out the Tecumseh road, at an estimated cost of \$20,000. It is proposed to pay for this by taxing the farmers benefited the sum of \$5 annually for the next 30 years. It is believed that the investment will be a paying one, for at the present time the farmers secure their water by tank when the wells run dry in the summer season, which happens very frequently. It costs them 10 cents per tank, and taking into account the time lost for filling the wells from the Walker farm, the farmers believe they will save considerable money by the new arrangement.

Work on the new system will be commenced in a short-time and rushed along to completion before hot weather arrives. In addition to many market gardeners and others, a large cannery factory will be benefited by the improvement. The stipulation is made that when once the system is paid for the farmers will be charged per thousand gallons for running expenses only.

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