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This corset is made of fine Coutille, full bias cut with deep bust gore and medium long hip, particularly adapted for medium long and slender figures. It is filled with non-corrosive steel and trimmed lace and ribbon bon. Made in grey and white, sizes 18 to 30. Per Pair, \$1.00.

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This corset is made in both Coutille and Bastiste bias cut. A most attractive corset for slender figures, low bust and extra long pointed hips and front, with hosiery supporters attached, sizes 18 to 24. \$1.25 Per Pair.

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Made of imported Coutille, bias cut with long hip, hose supporters on front and sides. Suitable for medium figures, made in grey and white, 18c to 26. Per Pair, \$1.00.

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DISTRICT DOINGS

DRESDEN

March 21.—Mrs. Ernest M. Sharpe, of Orillia, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sharpe, Victoria Ave.

Mayor Ribble and Councillor E. H. Dever returned Saturday morning from a trip to Toronto and Cleveland. They claim we have good prospects of securing a good industry for Dresden in the immediate future.

Mr. J. Wright, of the First Store, spent Thursday and Friday of last week in Detroit.

Dr. W. D. Wiley and Jas. Taylor left on Thursday last for the Northwest, in search of desirable business locations.

Dr. W. W. Thornton has disposed of his dental business to Walter Jeffs, who will graduate this coming summer. Dr. Thornton has a host of friends in town, all of whom will regret his departure from our midst.

Mr. Ray Ripley, who has been employed by W. H. Switzer since he graduated last summer, left on Saturday night for Winnipeg, where he anticipates securing a lucrative position.

BALDOON.

Misses Ethel and Grace McDowell and Roy Clancy, of Mitchell's Bay, were visitors at Baldoon last week. Mrs. John Garnier is on the sick list.

Some of our young people from here attended a lost hair party at Dover Centre one night last week and report having a good time.

The Ladies Aid of this place intend holding a pancake social on Good Friday, April 21. A splendid time is expected.

Graves McMath, of Chatham, was visiting friends here on Sunday. Oliver Owen has all the brick and sand out for a new house which he intends building in the spring.

Geo. McKenzie, of Mitchell's Bay, assisted the Rev. A. I. Brown with the service here on Sunday morning.

Miss Maggie Askin, of Chatham, is visiting friends here.

Wm. Glover, of Baldoon street, is gathering a nice lot of wood in Robert Rankin's bush. A. Lampman is helping him.

Thomas Stokes moved a building last week.

Thomas Roe broke three very fine colts this winter.

Sabbath school was largely attended last Sunday.

Thomas D. Collop's sale was a good success. The stuff looked well and sold at a good price.

CZAR MUST MOVE FIRST

Peace Proposal Must Come to Japan in His Name.

These Considerations Russia Now Recognizes, and an Actual Pacific Proposal May Be Just Ahead—It Will Not Contain, However, Any Cession of Territory or Indemnity as Czar is Opposed to Such Concessions.

St. Petersburg, March 23.—The party within the Government which is urging the Emperor to indicate to Japan Russia's willingness to end the war if a reasonable basis can be reached, has been greatly encouraged by the last few days, and an actual pacific proposal may be just ahead. The subject has occupied much of the attention of the conferences at Tsarskoe Selo.

Certain grand dukes, supported by Gen. Sakharoff, the Minister of War, Admiral Vellon, the head of the Admiralty, and what is known as the war party, are still bitterly opposed to the idea of peace under present circumstances; but with the exception of war and marine, the Emperor's ministers, headed by M. Witte, solidly favor the course and the convincing arguments they offer are telling.

Will Be Through France. French influences in the same direction are now being supported by German opinion. The rumor spread by the Associated Press last week that Emperor William had tendered his good offices now seems to be confirmed. The Associated Press is in a position to assert, however, that if Emperor Nicholas decides to approach Japan it will be through France, and that negotiations will be conducted either between M. Delcasse, the French Foreign Minister, Mr. Delono, the Japanese Minister at Paris, or M. Harmand, the French Minister to Japan, and Count Katsura, the Japanese Premier at Tokyo.

The Russian Government now feels certain that Japan will not make the first move, nor disclose her position until overtures are made authoritatively in the Russian Emperor's name, on the ground that he alone is capable of binding Russia.

No Cession or Indemnity. The conferences concerning the question whether Russia should now indicate her willingness for peace, all agreed, firstly, that preparations to continue the war shall not be relaxed and incidentally to reject humiliating terms. There would probably be two points on which Russia would be found implacable, namely, cession of territory and indemnity, to neither of which, it is said, would Emperor Nicholas ever agree.

It is pointed out, however, that after Japan seriously desires enduring peace on collateral questions, Russia might be ready to offer liberal compensatory considerations.

Away North of Tie Pass. Gunshu Pass, Manchuria, 108 miles north of Tie Pass, Monday, March 20.—The Russian rear guard is now at Slip-Inghal, 70 miles north of Tie Pass. The Japanese are slowly pursuing, but are not energetically pressing the rear.

Apparently Field Marshal Oyama is holding his main army at Tie Pass. When the Russians evacuated Tie Pass March 15 one span of the five span bridge over the Tehai River, which falls into the Liao River just north of the town, was destroyed by dynamite immediately after the last train had been despatched northward. As the army moved northward the bridges of the railroad were disabled and every thing in the shape of stores, etc., which could not be taken was burned.

The Russian Retreat. Tokio, March 23.—It is reported that the rear guard of the retreating Russians was 20 miles north of Kaiyuan (about 20 miles north of Tie Pass) Tuesday, the Japanese vanguard following closely. The Russians are retreating along the three main roadways, their destinations being Kirin and Changchun.

Jap Cavalry Appeared. St. Petersburg, March 23.—A despatch from Gen. Linvitch, dated March 21, says: "Yesterday Japanese cavalry detachments appeared in front of one of our advance posts. Behind the cavalry were infantry, who halted at the Village of Machantzky."

Will Go to Meet Togo. St. Petersburg, March 23.—At the Admiralty it is strongly intimated that Admiral Rojestvensky will effect a juncture with Admiral Nebogatoff within ten days and then proceed to meet Admiral Togo. The third division of the Russian second Pacific Squadron, commanded by Rear Admiral Nebogatoff, left Suda Bay, Island of Crete, Tuesday for Port Said.

Russia in Poland. Compulsory Use of the Language May Be Abandoned.

St. Petersburg, March 23.—The abandonment of the March 22nd use of the Russian language in the schools of Poland, one of the main features of the Government's Polish policy of the last thirty years, and the substitution thereof of Polish was discussed at a special meeting of the committee of ministers yesterday, a large majority headed by President Witte favoring a discontinuance of the attempt to Russify Poland by this method.

At another meeting of the ministers it was decided that it was inadvisable to attempt to resume work at the universities and other closed places of instruction until September 14.

The impatience at the delay in the realization of all the projected reforms is having an exceedingly bad effect. The various commissions are making little progress.

Military Fires on Peasants. Warsaw, March 23.—Serious agrarian disturbances occurred yesterday at Kutno. It is reported that the military fired on peasant rioters and many were killed and wounded. There were similar riot at Ostrow, in the same district. The Governor of Warsaw, with the public prosecutor, has gone to investigate the affair.

Six Miners Killed. Princeton, Ind., March 23.—Six miners were killed and four injured, two fatally, by an explosion in the mine of the Princeton Coal and Mining Co. yesterday.

500 Arrests Made. St. Petersburg, March 23.—In connection with the peasant revolts there have been 500 arrests in the Dvinsk district, where, besides seeking and burning properties and compelling the owners to seek refuge in the towns, the rioters are killing cattle and felling trees.

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VENEZUELA SETTLES. British and German Claimants Given Substantial Guarantees.

London, March 23.—At the office of the council of foreign bondholders the Venezuelan Government and the British and German bondholders adjuting and consolidating the exterior debt (about \$28,000,000), will be signed to-day, the details having been concluded to the satisfaction of both parties.

The guarantees comprise considerably more than fifty per cent. of the customs duties of all ports except La Guaira and Puerto Cabello, but the officials declined to give the exact figure.

Surprise was expressed at the despatch to Washington intimating that the American minister at Caracas was seeking to prevent the ratification of the agreement, which the council of foreign bondholders contends is entirely in accord with the Washington protocol.

The British and the German Foreign Offices have been consulted and agree that the bondholders are entirely within their rights and the provisions of the protocol.

Railway Wreck Near Port Hope. Port Hope, March 23.—A serious wreck on the Midland division was narrowly averted here yesterday morning. As the mixed train from Lindsay was nearing the town, a brake beam broke, throwing three cars over the embankment on to the ice in the river. Some of the grain and flour in the cars was damaged. If it had not been for the thick ice at this place, the whole train would undoubtedly have been thrown into the river.

Died From Natural Causes. Hamilton, March 23.—The inquest on the death of the child of Martin Adams and William Marshall was concluded last evening at Dundas. This was the verdict: "From the evidence before us, there is nothing to show that the child died from any other than natural causes." Marshall will have to appear before the Mayor of Dundas to-day on a serious charge. His stepdaughter is not yet 16 years of age.

Gaynor and Greene Case. Montreal, Que., March 23.—One more stage in the famous Gaynor and Greene case was completed yesterday morning when Justice Davidson dismissed the fugitive's application for a writ of prohibition to forbid all proceedings before the Attorney General's office.

Between 60 and 75 Die. Brockton, Mass., March 23.—City Marshal Boyden, after examining the payroll of the R. E. Grover shoe factory yesterday, estimated the number killed by Monday's explosion and fire at between 60 and 75. The factory books showed 400 employees enrolled, and 75 of these had not reported as having escaped up to 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Pure Bred Stock Sale. Guelph, March 23.—The second annual pure bred stock sale under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture, the Live Stock Association of Ontario and the Guelph Fat Stock Club, was held in the Winter Fair Building yesterday and was a success. Bidding was rather slack, and prices on the whole were low. The highest price paid was \$250.

Germany Wants French Friendship. London, March 23.—The Daily Chronicle this morning claims to have the authority of the German embassy at London for stating that Germany is anxious for a reconciliation with France, and that Emperor William is desirous of getting on terms of closest friendship with the French Government.

Murder Trial On. Ottawa, March 23.—The trial of Hugh McMillan, the young shantymen of Montmagny, Quebec County, was started at the Hull Assizes yesterday. McMillan is charged with the murder of Oscar Lauson, another shantymen, in a drunken brawl on November 23 last.

Winnipeg Printers Strike. Winnipeg, March 23.—The union job printers of this city, numbering over a hundred, went on strike at noon yesterday. The men demanded an increase from \$18 to \$20 per week, which their employers refused.

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WORLD OF SPORT

LAUROUSSE

A meeting of all interested in la-crosse, will be held in the Garner House parlors to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. Let every person who is desirous of seeing Chatham having a fast team be present, as it is necessary organization should be started at once.

FOOTBALL

C. I. FOOTBALL. The Chatham Collegiate Institute Football Club met yesterday and elected officers for the spring term, as follows:—

Hon. Pres.—Col. J. B. Rankin. Pres.—Mr. W. J. Twohey. Vice-Pres.—Mr. McVean. Secy.—T. J. A. Noah. Captain—L. Humphrey. Manager—E. W. Jennings.

CAUSE OF GRIEF

Somerville Journal. Accepting the theory that love is a disease, the rejected lover mourns because it isn't catching.

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