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UNHAPPY RUSSIA.

If Japan had not had the courage to engage Russia in conflict, the world might have gone on for years with an exaggerated idea of the might of the Czar's empire, the extent of its resources, and the power of its army and navy. Now that the veil has been torn aside so ruthlessly, all can see clearly how even the very size which made it appear so formidable is an element of weakness. Compelled to carry on a war thousands of miles from the center of government, and without the means of transporting thither a sufficient number of troops or the supplies to maintain them, it is practically at the mercy of a nation greatly inferior in numbers, but with all of its military and naval forces in a position to be employed effectively. Britain during the South African war was not so handicapped by the distance of the scene of operations as is Russia in the present struggle. The former had the great ocean highway over which to send a constant stream of soldiers and stores, while the latter is limited to a single-track line of railway, poorly constructed and imperfectly equipped. If Russia could have delayed the war for five or ten years, she might have made a better showing, but even then her energetic opponent would have had many advantages.

The inherent weakness of the apparently powerful empire of the Czar was recognized by some shrewd observers even before the "little brown men" undertook to blazon it forth to all the world. In a book entitled, "Russia, Her Strength and Weakness," written before hostilities commenced, but not published until the war was under way, Wolf Von Schierbrand undertook to show that the colossus which dominates all of eastern Europe and northern Asia has little else but vast extent to entitle it to consideration as a really great power. Leaving out of the account the factors which go to make up the nation's military strength, the author dealt more particularly with the failure of the Czar and his advisers, from the days of Peter the Great to the present, to raise their country out of semi-barbarism, to set it firmly in the path of industrial and commercial progress, or to give its people anything approaching real liberty or enlightenment. He showed how even the incorporation in the empire of nations such as the Poles and the Finns, superior in all the elements of civilization to the Russians themselves, had no effect in raising the level of the mass because of the mistaken policy that prevails of applying the same system of government to all nations, no matter how out of harmony that system may be with the traditions or sentiments of the governed. His conclusion was that nothing short of a complete reversal of the methods approved by the real rulers of the empire—who at the time the book was written were Von Plehve and Pobedonostseff, the latter the procurator of the holy synod—could prevent a national disaster, either from within or without. Seldom has a modern prophet had his prediction verified so speedily.

Very different was the case of another recent writer on the same subject, Albert J. Beveridge, United States senator, whose book is entitled, "The Russian Advance." Mr. Beveridge made a voyage about three years ago to the far east, visiting the locality now being fought over by the opposing armies, and returning to St. Petersburg by way of the trans-Siberian railway. Russian officials and military men appear to have done everything possible to show the distinguished American the bright side of things, and he seems to have seen only what they wished him to see. The result was a book in which there was nothing but praise for the men who were engaged in the congenial task of extending the czar's authority into Manchuria and establishing on the shores of the Pacific the long-sought outlet to the sea. The senator was evidently but a superficial observer, for he could see no flaw in the Russian plans, and he utterly failed to note the defects which must have been so patent to the Japanese statesmen and strategists who are now taking advantage of them. If Mr. Beveridge could rewrite his book with the history of the past six months to guide him, it is fair to assume he would choose a very different line.

The outlook for Russia certainly appears dark, but it may be, as Von Schierbrand intimated, that a decided check to its policy such as the Japanese are administering will lead to the introduction of real reforms which will usher in the dawn of a brighter day.



BRITISH BUILT.

London Advertiser.
Togo wires that his fleet is intact. The Japanese navy is not a bad advertisement for British shipbuilders.

OR HIDE AND SEEK.

Hamilton Spectator.
The Russian admirals seem to think it is a game of tag, and that Togo is "it."

NOT WORKING JUST.

Ottawa Journal.
The British have raised the flag and annexed an island off Dominica in the West Indies. Now where's that bloomin' Munroe doctrine?

A POOR HEART THAT NEVER REJOICES.

Montreal Herald.
The czar must be a poor sort of chap. Most men in his circumstances would have gone on a tearing spree with the boys. He only wept.

A POSER.

Halifax Herald.
Will some Grit try to give a reason why the people of Canada should build a new transcontinental railway, give it away, and become the slaves of a private corporation?

CHANGING THE BAIT.

Ottawa Journal.
Bishop Potter, we think, is a greater man and a better Christian than many of his critics. He is abreast with the times. He is merely trying a new bait where the old one has failed.

NELSON'S SLANDER.

Bobcaygeon Independent.
Mrs. Hague, of Ottawa, who with her husband came recently from England, was on Tuesday blessed with triplets, a pair of boys and a girl. Nelson's signal to his fleet was really somewhat insulting. Did an Englishman ever shirk his duty. No sir. Never.

THE LADIES—GOD BLESS 'EM.

Toronto Globe.
The latest census in Britain shows that women are continuing to encroach on fields of industry formerly reserved for men. The returns by occupations show that there are 86 women auctioneers, 6 architects, 39 bailiffs, 316 blacksmiths, 3,850 butchers, 54 chimneysweeps, 1 dock laborer, 5,170 goldsmiths, 9,693 painters, 745 railway porters, 117,640 tailors, and three veterinary surgeons.

ON ONE POSTAL CARD, 17,600 LETTERS.

Kansas City Journal.
T. S. Terry, a business man of Downs, Kan., forwards a postal card on which are written 4,400 words, or 17,600 letters, all done with a common pen and without the aid of a magnifying glass. One sentence of ten words is repeated 440 times and each sentence is about an inch long, and about one-tenth of an inch high. The lettering is scarcely legible without a glass.

CAN'T FORGET SOME THINGS.

Hamilton Spectator.
The readers of the Globe will be our witness that nothing harsh has appeared in these columns with reference to Lord Dundonald—Toronto Globe.

Oh, your reverence! Fie! Even now when you are trying to induce the people of Canada to "forget some things" you have said about Lord Dundonald, you say—in the article from which the excerpt is taken—that his advice about the Union Jack is "silly" and that it would be charitable to say that "adulation had turned his head." You also say that "Lord Dundonald said only a foolish thing, and a thing befitting only a reckless demagogue." But perhaps these things are not looked upon, in the Globe office, as being "harsh."

THE SENATOR'S ITALIAN.

Harper's Weekly.
A prominent senator, who claims to be rather more cultivated than some of his colleagues, prides himself on his knowledge of Italian. During a recent visit to New York he patronized a street boot-black stand, and as he got into the seat directed the bootblack, in his best Italian, to make haste, as he was trying to catch a train.

The bootblack stared at the senator for a moment in apparent perplexity, then answered briefly:

"Me no speak English."

A newsboy standing on the corner had witnessed the incident with interest. "He ain't no Frenchman," he observed, confidentially, as the senator got down from the stand, "He's a dago. Talk Italian."

WHOLESALE APPOINTMENTS.

Halifax Herald.
The St. John Sun reports:

"The following Liberal members of Parliament are said to be going about with appointments in their pockets:

"Sir Richard Cartwright, South Oxford, Ont., is destined for the senate.

"Dr. Benjamin Russell, of Hants, is to be chief justice of Nova Scotia.

"Mr. F. B. Wade, of Annapolis, will be chairman of the Grand Trunk Pacific construction commission.

"Dr. Kendall, of Cape Breton, is likely to be post office inspector.

"Hon. James H. Ross, M. P. for the Yukon, will be one of the Northwest senators.

"Either T. O. Davis, of Saskatchewan, or Rev. Dr. Douglas, of Assiniboia, will be the other.

"Mr. A. A. Bruneau, of Richelieu, and Mr. L. N. Cahpaigne, of Wright, are prospective judges.

"Mr. Talbot, of Bellechase, is to be agent for the marine department at Quebec.

"Mr. Mulock had already agreed to the appointment of some 28 members of Parliament to offices. But what he will say when this long list is presented to him, we cannot imagine.

He declared such appointments, when made by his opponents, to be wholly subversive of the independence of Parliament; and by this time he ought to know how it is when his friends resort to the practice. He can certainly justify his former opinion if he wishes to, by pointing to the conspicuous severity and subservience of the Government supporters in the present Parliament.

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The grim reaper again visited our neighborhood, and on Tuesday, August 16th, there passed to the great beyond, Mary, beloved wife of Wm. LeCocq, at the age of 34 years, 2 months and 22 days.

Mrs. LeCocq was a general favorite with everyone, and will be greatly missed by the community.

She leaves behind her to mourn her loss, a loving husband, and three children, besides, father, a brother and sister.

Funeral was held on Thursday at Maple Leaf Cemetery. Rev. A. E. M. Thomson, of Merlin, officiated. A large concourse of sorrowing friends followed the remains to their last resting place, showing their sympathy for the bereaved as well as respect for the dead.

EDITOR INSANE
Berlin, Aug. 23.—August Scherl, who attained for his paper, the Lokal Anzeiger, a circulation of 325,000 copies daily, and who regards himself as the greatest editor in the world, has reached such a condition of eccentricity that he is reported to have gone insane. For half a dozen years he has led a life replete in its seclusion that of the Sultan.

Of the several hundred men he employs, Scherl is known to only three—his managing directors—and of these only one is entitled to talk to the chief. Two other persons, his wife and his barber, he converses with.

He is inordinately jealous of his wife, so much so that when they go to the theater Scherl hires three boxes, one on each side of that which they are to occupy. He learned the newspaper business in the United States.

Final Round-up of Summer Selling at Northway's

During this sale, which lasts until the end of the month, we are making it decidedly interesting for wide-awake shoppers, by giving some of the best bargains and biggest values you or we have ever seen. We couldn't begin to tell you in print of everything we are selling at special prices. We print enough to show how we are dealing with goods and prices. Even then you cannot fully appreciate their worth until you see the goods these special prices represent. That's why we insist on your visiting the Store and seeing for yourself what we are doing. Here's a few good reasons why you should come.

3 DOZ. CHILDRENS MUSLIN BONNETS—dainty styles prettily trimmed, regular 25 to 40c each, Sale Price 16c.

Nottingham Lace Curtains

40 pairs Nottingham Lace Curtains, clearing at a pair

Sale Price 22c

38 pairs Nottingham Lace Curtains, 3 yds long 50 in wide, overlook edges, regular price up to 90c a pair,

Sale Price 68c

38 pairs Nottingham Lace Curtains, handsome styles, regular price up to \$2.25 a pair,

Sale Price \$1.45

12 1-2 and 15c Curtain Muslins

Curtain serims, curtain lace and curtain materials in choice patterns, wide widths, white or cream, clearing at

Sale Price 9c

Window Shades at 25c each

15 dozen opaque window shades, full size in range of colors, mounted on spring rollers, complete at

Sale Price 25c

20c Victoria Lawns at 12 1-2c

375 yards fine Victoria Lawn, pure finish, full 48 in. wide, worth 20c a yd,

Sale Price 12 1-2c

\$4.50 to \$7 Cloth Skirts at \$2.89

48 only fine dress skirts in pure wool homespun, cheviot, frieze, box cloth, basket cloth, etc., latest cut, stylishly trimmed, colors black, navy, grey and mixtures, assorted sizes, regular \$4.50 to \$7 each,

Sale Price \$2.89

Millinery

9 only Trimmed Hats, regular price up to

\$10 each,

Sale Price \$2.89

7 only Trimmed Hats, regular price up to \$4.50 each,

Sale Price \$1.39

\$1.00 to \$1.50 Sailors 33c each

3 doz. Ladies latest styles in wide brim Sailors, silk bands, regular up to \$1.50 each

Sale Price 33c

Children's Muslin Tams, Bonnets and Hats,

Very pretty styles in white and colors, reg. 75c to \$1.50 each,

Sale Price 39c

Girl's Lace Vests 6c Each

7 doz Girl's fine Bleached Vests in pretty lace patterns, trimmed neck and arms, sizes 2 yrs. to 14 yrs, reg. 10c to 12 1/2c each,

Sale Price 6c

Ladies 15c Vests at 9c

11 doz Ladies fine pure Bleached Vests in fine elastic rib and fancy lace patterns, lace trimmed, reg. 15c each,

Sale Price 9c

Carpets

6 pos yard wide, Heavy Union Carpet in choice reversible patterns, clearing at a yd.

Sale Price 22c

8 pos. Heavy Union Carpet, regular 40c a yd,

Sale Price 33c

10 pos. extra quality Union Carpet, full yd. wide and reversible, regular 50 and 55c a yd.,

Sale Price 43c

6 pos. Heavy 2 ply All Wool Carpet in

handsome reversible patterns, regular 75c a yd.,

Sale Price 63c.

8 pos. English Tapestry Carpet, splendid wearing qualities; new desirable patterns and colorings, regular price up to 60c a yd.

Sale Price 46c

12 1/2, 15c Embroideries at 9c a yd

About 27 pos. fine Swiss Cambric and Embroideries and insertions, 2 1/2 to 4 inch wide, choice patterns, fine qualities, regular 12 1/2, 15 and 17c a yd.,

Sale Price 9c

Dressing Sacques

All our 50c and 60c print and muslin dressing sacques and kimono,

Sale Price 39c

All our \$1.00 white and colored dressing Sacques,

Sale Price 69c

All our \$1.50 white and colored dressing sacques,

Sale Price 95c

\$2 P. K. Skirts at \$1.19 Each

26 only fine black and white and navy and white flaked P. K. skirts, latest cut, prettily trimmed, assorted lengths, regular values \$2.00

Sale Price \$1.19

20 25 35c Ribbons at 12 1/2c

56 pos. fine pure silk Taffeta, Moire, Taffeta Liberty, Satin and Foile Ribbons, 2 to 5 in. wide in all wanted colors, regular 12 to 35c a yd.,

Sale Price 12 1/2c

The NORTHWAY CO'Y, Limited

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Briscoe's bicycle repairs and livery. J. U. Thibodeau has gone to Toronto, to the C. M. B. A. convention.

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

Choice of any suit in The 2 T's store for \$10.00. A deposit will secure a suit.

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

H. L. Merritt, the Blenheim lumber dealer and stove manufacturer, was in the city yesterday on business.

Mrs. L. M. Montgomery and daughter Geraldine, Detroit, are the guests of Mrs. Geo. W. Cowan, King St. West.

Miss Margaret Houston and Miss Jessie Harper have returned after an extended visit with Mrs. C. P. Geary, "The Cedars," St. Thomas.

Miss Anna M. Shaw, has returned to her home in Kent Bridge, after having spent a year in Omaha, Nebr., visiting relatives. Miss Shaw came by way of St. Louis and visited the Exposition.

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DISGRACED

Edward Bore "Bedelia" Once But Drew the Line at Second Rendering.

London, Aug. 24.—The King of England has boycotted "Bedelia" and "Hiawatha."

His majesty has declared that he will not longer permit his subjects to be tortured by the ceaseless strains of these two songs. It needed one of the itinerant vocalists with a strident cockney accent who infest the English race-course to bring this much-needed reform.

A troupe of negro minstrels had stationed themselves in front of the royal box at Goodwood. They sang "Bedelia," the King smiled indulgently while the Queen gently applauded. Their ambition thus roused, they started on "Hiawatha." The King looked sad, remarking that the Americans plainly merited their reputation of being a most patient and long-suffering people. The enthusiasm of the musicians had reached fever height, and they once more turned to "Bedelia." They sang it three times, oblivious of the gathering storm on the royal countenance. Then at last the King's patience gave way. "Will somebody," he cried, "for heaven's sake, tell those fellows to stop!"

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Change of Time.

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