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The New Directoire Corset

Four different styles in the New Directoire Corset. A 17-inch one made of heavy satin-finish coutille, bias cut, steel-filled front and sides, heavy elastic, broad lace and baby ribbon trimmed. Price, pair \$1.50

Another 17-inch one, very similar in style and finish to the \$1.50 Corset. Just a little lighter weight. Sizes 19 to 26. Regular price, \$1.25. Special on Thursday, pair \$1.00

Our special leader is a Corset made of coutille, steel-filled, strapped waist, lined, 15-inch length suspenders on front and sides, lace and baby ribbon trimmed. Value \$1.00. Special price, Thursday 75¢

CENTURY CORSETS, \$1.00

These Corsets are especially adapted for stout figures, made of fine coutille, steel-filled, straps across front for reducing figures. Sizes 20 to 30. Special value at pair \$1.00

FOUR STYLES CORSETS, 50¢

These are all made of good coutille, in drab or white. Some have long hips with suspenders in front, others the high bust and the shirtwaist corset, lace and baby ribbon trimmed. All sizes. Special at, pair 50¢

Frank Smith's Cooking Class All This Week

Mr. Smith will give talks to ladies on the art of cooking, taking a different subject every half-hour. Thursday, 2 p.m., subject, fruit salads; 4 p.m., quick puddings. Every lady invited to attend. Come and have a cup of coffee.

WOODS' FAIR J. M. THOMSON

THE JOURNALISTS' MADE A BIG HIT

Western University Students Proved Capable Actors Last Night.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather, the Auditorium was filled last night, when the students of the Western University produced "The Journalists." The play was presented in a most able manner, and those taking part were enthusiastically applauded. The play deals with the political aspirations of Professor Olendorf (P. J. Law), editor-in-chief of the Union, and his right-hand man, Konrad Bolz (Harry Ashby), to elect Olendorf as leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives. Olendorf is a life-long friend of Col. Berg (Miss Jean Thompson), a rich country heiress, comes to the city to look up Konrad Bolz, her former lover, and as a result of information furnished her by Schmook (C. C. Brett), a reporter on the rival paper, the Echo, determines to buy it, and unite the estranged friends by giving the paper to Bolz and Konrad Olendorf to withdraw from its editorship. The plan works admirably, and all ends happily.

WHEAT REACHES TOP-NOTCH PRICES

May Delivery Smashes All Previous Records by Going to \$1.16 1/2.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—May wheat sold here today at \$1.16 1/2, a gain of 5/8 cent compared with the former high record-mark for the season established last Saturday. The advance was the climax of a day of extreme activity in the wheat pit. At the close prices showed a net gain for the day of a shade to 3/8 cent. Corn and oats closed weak and provisions firm.

Sensational bullish news from Europe caused a pyrotechnic display at the opening of the wheat market. The bulge was due to sharp advances at all of the leading grain centres of Europe, the gain at Liverpool being 1 1/2 to 2d, while at Budapest it was equal to 7 1/2c. The strength abroad was caused by drought news from India and by the disturbed political situation in Europe.

LONDON CHOIR VISITED PETROLEA

Dundas Centre Methodists Warmly Received in the Oil Town.

The Dundas Centre Methodist Church choir gave a very enjoyable concert in Petrolea last evening at the Methodist Church.

There was an unusually large attendance, and the concert was a marked success.

Mr. J. Parnell Morris proved himself an efficient leader, while the work of Misses Reid and Gilmour, and Messrs. Morris and Skinner, stamped them as true artists.

Mr. C. E. Wheeler, the organist, acquitted himself in a praiseworthy manner. The choir travelled on a special G. T. R. train.

The Government of Western Australia has decided that, in the interests and comfort of male passengers, women, whether smokers or non-smokers, shall not be allowed to use carriages on their lines set apart for smoking. Any attempt to elude this law by bribing the guard is punishable.

A Government bill has been introduced into the Paris Chamber of Deputies which will deprive an inventor of his rights if his invention is not worked in France within three years of his application for a patent, or if he ceases to exploit it during those years. The action of the law will be retrospective.

To Build You Up for Spring

Begin taking Hood's Sarsaparilla today. It will do you good. The heavier living and closer confinement of the winter, the effects of colder, damp, changeable weather on the pores of the skin, and the harder work of this season are probably telling on you.

Hood's Sarsaparilla, taken just now, will give your system just what it needs and must have, and will help you over this hard spot—the rough ground, as it were—and quite likely save you from a serious illness later. "A stitch in time saves nine" is a wise old saw; therefore, don't wait, but begin to take Hood's Sarsaparilla now. It purifies and enriches the blood, restores the appetite, and gives health and strength.

It effects its wonderful cures, not simply because it contains sarsaparilla, but because it combines the utmost remedial values of more than 30 different ingredients, each greatly strengthened and enriched by this peculiar combination. These ingredients are the very remedies successful physicians prescribe for the same diseases and ailments.

Begin taking Hood's Sarsaparilla today—100 Doses One Dollar.

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EUROPEAN TRIP CONTEST OF THE LONDON ADVERTISER

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As the most popular lady in District No.
of The London Advertiser European trip Contest.
VOID AFTER 15 DAYS FROM DATE.

WANTS DAMAGES AND INJUNCTION

A. O. U. W. Grand Lodge Claims Order Has Been Labeled.

Toronto, Feb. 23.—The statement of claim has been filed by the grand lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen for the Province of Ontario in its action against J. C. Shepherd, of Kirkfield, Victoria County, for libel. It is alleged that defendant maliciously caused to be published in the Montreal Herald and Weekly Star on Nov. 11, 1908, a notice calling upon members of the order in Ontario who feared disaster to send their addresses to him, and alleging that the "death rate" was "dangerous," membership decreasing, and "investigation was needed."

It is also claimed that a similar notice was published at the Grand Lodge in the Brantford Expositor, and that he caused to be published in the Ontario Gleaner, of Canington, a lengthy article which was also printed and published in the form of a leaflet, similarly giving the impression that the financial condition of the order was unsound and that its affairs were mismanaged, and it is claimed, injuring its standing as a fraternal insurance organization. The Brock Banker, of Canington, is another paper mentioned in which such an article was printed. The plaintiffs claim damages and an injunction to restrain further publication or circulation of the alleged libelous statements.

MRS. TEAL ON TRIAL

Charged With Perjury in Connection With Gould Divorce Case.

New York, Feb. 23.—Charged with attempted subornation of perjury in the divorce action of Helen Kelly Gould against Frank J. Gould, Mrs. Margaret Teal, wife of Ben Teal, a theatrical producer, was placed on trial in the central sessions court here today.

Mrs. Teal was jointly indicted with Mrs. Julia Fleming and Harry S. Mousley, who are expected to appear as witnesses against Mrs. Teal.

Miss McCausland took the stand and testified that Mrs. Teal told her she could have \$500 or \$600, a trip to the country and a theatrical position if she would testify that she had seen Mr. Gould under suspicious circumstances in the apartments at the Glenmore, which were then sub-let to Bessie Devoe, an actress.

The witness said she replied that she could not testify as she had not seen any such impropriety, whereupon Mrs. Fleming, who was present, said Miss McCausland declared:

"I didn't see it, either, but I'm going to swear that I did."

PERISHED IN WILDS

Prospectors Have Terrible Experience in Woods of Northern Quebec.

Quebec, Feb. 23.—The condition of Henry McFadden, the Montrealer who spent the winter in hunting, is today serious, and it is feared that his feet, which were frozen, will have to be amputated.

Behind McFadden's suffering is another pitiful story of the north woods. In which McFadden's companion in the snow, between the Assumpouchouan River and Lake Mistassini.

The dead companion of this disastrous expedition was a prospector named C. F. Venosta, whose mother lives in Sussex, England, and whose widow is at present in Natal, South Africa.

Venosta and McFadden left Montreal on Sept. 12 last, intending to spend two years in the northern woods. They had undertaken to prospect for a syndicate of Montreal people, and intended to spend the winter in hunting. Before they left the woods were full of game, such as bears, deer and caribou, they took with them but a small supply of provisions. Finding themselves short of food they discharged their guides at the Chaudiere Falls of the Assumpouchouan and proceeded alone into the Big Lake, Mistassini, which they were destined never to reach.

They were detained for weeks by ice forming on the lakes and rivers, and while attempting to retrace their steps, with nothing but a small quantity of dry flour, candles and a few onions to eat, Venosta gave out and was lost, while McFadden had gone ahead to make a fire for the night. Though the latter searched for the body, it has not been found.

McFadden was at the point of death and partially unconscious when discovered by an Indian with a party of explorers under the lead of George Lowe, of New York.

Settlers' Trains to the Northwest. The Canadian Pacific Railway will run special trains for settlers going west with live stock and effects, leaving Toronto at 10:15 p.m. every Tuesday in March and April. Colonist cars will be attached and trains run by Canadian Pacific direct time-saving routes, no changes, delays or custom examinations. Settlers travelling alone and with their families should use regular passenger trains, leaving Toronto at 10:15 p.m. daily. By doing so, they will have the added comforts of the journey in a tourist sleeper. "Settlers' Guide," free pamphlet, giving full particulars and rates, may be obtained of nearest C. P. R. agent, or direct from R. L. Thompson, district passenger agent, Toronto, London office, 161 Dundas, corner Richmond. 98c

Tourist Sleeping Cars to the West. For a thoroughly comfortable trip to Winnipeg, any point in the Northwest, or the coast, reserve a berth in a Canadian Pacific tourist sleeper, leaving Toronto daily at 10:15 p.m. Cost of a roomy berth is but \$4. Winnipeg, \$5 to Moose Jaw, \$6 to Calgary, \$8 to Vancouver. They are fine ventilated cars, well lighted, heated and ventilated. Berths are furnished with bedding, linen changed daily, every convenience is provided, and an attentive porter in charge. See W. Fulton, C. P. R. agent, corner Dundas and Richmond, regarding berths, which should be secured well in advance of date of leaving. 98c

DEFENDS THOMAS PAINE

Independent Religious Society Addresses Roosevelt.

Washington, Feb. 23.—For the purpose of presenting to President Roosevelt resolutions adopted by the Independent Religious Society of Chicago, asking him "to withdraw publicly his regrettable and indefensible censure of the first citizens of the republic, Thomas Paine, who helped to make the world freer by his genius and grander by his heroism," M. Mangasarian, lecturer of the society, has come to Washington and expects to see the President tomorrow.

The resolutions declare that Thomas Paine "has not only been wrongfully deprived of his just claims upon the love and esteem of his countryman, but also has been made the target of indiscriminate abuse and slander, which has now lasted for more than a century."

They declare further that the President has in a hearty moment, publicly and in printed form, held up for unsparing contempt the author of "The Age of Reason," a book which has done more to make religion a purer and nobler power for right action than all the books written against it.

In his life of Gov. Morris, President Roosevelt refers to Paine as a "filthy little atheist."

SAVED FROM SHAME BY A BIBLE STORY

Daughter of an Australian Millionaire Brings a Fortune to Her Rescuer.

Toronto, Feb. 23.—David S. Kidd, of No. 17 Lenox square, in city is to come into a handsome fortune as a reward for having rescued from a life of shame, in Chicago, a beautiful girl, the daughter of an Australian millionaire. As a further mark of his gratitude for the saving of the girl, the father has left in trust a fund of a quarter million dollars for the founding and maintenance of a home for fallen women.

Kidd was a tea salesman in 1907, and went to Chicago on business. He always carried with him a New Testament. He met Mary Burn, then 20 years old, who had fallen into evil ways. Attracted by her beauty and intelligence he drew from her the story of her life and then appealed to her in the name of her mother.

Drawing from his pocket the Testament, he turned to the story of Mary Magdalene, and read it with all the force at his command. The girl was deeply affected. She promised to go to an aunt in Pittsburgh and left Chicago. Kill gave her his card, and the incident had passed from his mind when he received a letter from the girl in which she stated she was dying of consumption and was on her way to Florida with her father in the hope of prolonging her life.

She died last July. The father returned to Australia and died last September. He had heard from his daughter the story of her salvation and added a codicil to his will leaving a comfortable fortune to Kidd for what he had done.

The committee on naval affairs in the United States has recommended that only two battleships, of 25,000 to 26,000 tons should be built instead of four, and that the naval estimates be considerably reduced.

WEATHER PROBS: COLDER.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM

Dundas and Richmond Streets.

Tomorrow, Friday and Saturday Last Days of February Cotton Sale.

The closing days of this great sale will be marked by values that should establish new selling records. Many new lines at prices that will suggest laying in a double supply will be offered, and even though you think you have already your full supply, you can scarcely afford to pass them, if only to procure a few yards for future comparison. These have not been advertised before, and will be difficult to duplicate, particularly our leaders at, per yard 10¢

BLEACHED SHEETINGS, EXTRA VALUES, Yard 25¢, 28¢, 31¢, 32¢, 38¢

40, 42 and 44 inch Bleached Plain Cotton, English make, fine cambric finish. Suitable for pillow slips and other general uses. (Note the widths). February sale, yard 17¢

HALF-BLEACHED SHEETINGS, SPECIAL FEBRUARY SALE. 2 yards wide, per yard, 17¢, 20¢ and 22¢

2 1/4 yards wide, plain or twill, per yard 25¢

Our 35-Inch Madapollam Will Surprise You at 10c Yard

Fine Bleached Cotton, specially woven for ladies' and children's fine underwear. Biggest value yet, at, yard, 10¢

35-inch English Long Cloth. An admirable cloth for general household use. Extra special, per yard 10¢

Another Special, 40-Inch, Half-Bleached, at 10c Yard

Very clean even weave. Will bleach easily; and many uses are found for this Cotton, owing to the extra width. Sale price 10¢

36-inch Lansdowne Cambric. A good quality for underwear purposes. Fully bleached. February sale. Yard 11¢

Order By Mail.

Out-of-town customers may participate in this sale through our mail order department by sending at once for samples, or ordering the quantities you may need and leaving the selection to our mail order buyer. Express will be prepaid on all orders of \$5 and over within 200 miles of London, and all goods returnable at our expense, if values are not up to your expectation, or as advertised. The steady increase in our mail order department we attribute solely to our way of treating customers. All goods returnable, and money cheerfully refunded. Order your Spring Cottons and Sheetings by mail, at February Sale prices.

Why Not a Silk Petticoat With a "Guarantee?"

While these may cost you a trifle more, yet there must be virtue in the Silk, or you would not find a printed guarantee stitched on the band of every Skirt bearing this maker's trade mark, which is backed up by us on every Skirt we sell. Ask to see our guaranteed Silk Petticoats. New styles now showing on the third floor.

GUARANTEED SILK PETTICOATS, \$5.00

Our special in navy, brown, myrtle, ivory and black. Made with three-piece tucked flounce, giving the desired flare around the bottom.

GUARANTEED SILK PETTICOATS, \$7.50

Made with deep flounce, tucked and finished with a five-inch gathered frill. Also under separate dust ruffle, in navy, brown and black.

GUARANTEED SILK PETTICOATS, \$10.00

Extra wide flounce, tucked and finished with four-piece frill; also under separate dust ruffle.

If shade desired is not in stock, we have sample shade card from which you may make selection, in any of the above lines.

PETERS LEAVES BAPTISTS

Noted Clergyman Enters the Presbyterian Communion.

New York, Feb. 23.—Rev. Dr. Madison C. Peters has changed from the Baptist faith, and last night was formally admitted into the membership of the Brooklyn Presbyterian Church. By way of explanation, it is said Dr. Peters was not fully in sympathy with a denomination which recognized an immersion as the only form of saving baptism. Consequently he decided to become a Presbyterian, which recognizes sprinkling as well.

Dr. Peters was first a pastor of the Dutch Reformed Church, then a Baptist, and held several important pastorates. Thence, two years ago, he left the pulpit and began preaching to what he called "un-church'd audiences" in theatres and other public places.

Jim Hill as a Cain Reiser.

[Kaslo Kootenian.]

With a great blare of trumpets and bang of cymbals the Vancouver press has announced that Jim Hill is going to connect up a number of stray railroad links from Galveston to Vancouver, put on a five-day passenger service between these cities and make the latter a cotton export point. Oh, yes, Jim Hill is always going to raise Cain. It is Jim Hill who is always planning to put on a limited train between St. Paul and the Pacific Coast that will knock all existing speed records into a cocked hat. It is Jim Hill who is going to collar the trans-Pacific trade with a huge fleet of ocean-going steamships. Some years ago when the Kaslo and Slokan Railway was added to the Great Northern, it was predicted that the line would be standard gauged and extended from Sandon to Slokan City by way of New Denver and Silverton. The projected programme was not only not carried out, but the original Kaslo and Slokan has been lopped in two and the service cut down to tri-weekly. Yet it was Jim Hill who was going to make good the traffic between the Kootenays and Spokane, out of the Kootenay Valley Line, extending from Bonner's Ferry to Kootenay Landing. The service on that is now a tri-weekly one also. Jim Hill was going to push the V. V. and E. through to the coast in record order and smash all existing freight rates to Gehenna, open up the Similkameen and develop the country thereabout. Just now the people of that neighborhood are wondering whether the crack of doom or the V. V. and E. will come along first, but are now beginning to suspect that it will be the former.

MISSIONS IN CANADA

Anglican Bishop Says Work Should Be Extended.

London, Feb. 23.—Archdeacon Madden, addressing a meeting at Liverpool, said he felt they ought to do more than they were doing for the extension of God's word in Canada, not only out of a spirit of patriotism, but out of loyalty to the Church in Canada, whose people had a great affection for the Church of England.

Archdeacon Renssion, of Moosehide, spoke on missionary work in Canada, and the efforts made by the clergy to meet the spiritual requirements of the settlers in remote parts. He pleaded that the Church of England should renew its youth in the history of Canada. Now was the church's opportunity if they were to save the people in Canada from drifting not only into other communities, but into materialism.

Col. S. P. Gordon, a returned tourist from British Columbia, says that it is pre-eminently the country for sporting instincts and small income. The industries were pleasant, not laborious, and profitable. British Columbia was a perfect paradise for fishing and good hunting.

WESTERN JOURNAL ON PREMIER SCOTT

Says Former Middlesex Man Will Drop Out of Government.

Regina, Sask., Feb. 23.—The Standard says: Dispatches from Ottawa indicate the arrival in that city of prominent western politicians, and in view of the recent trip of the Premier to the capital the rumors of a cabinet shuffle in Saskatchewan are revived. It is learned that Hon. J. A. Calder, minister of education, George Ens, Liberal whip, and W. C. Sutherland, speaker of the Legislative Assembly, are in the federal capital.

Cabinet Changes Expected.

The rumor is revived to the effect that the first minister intends dropping out of the cabinet very shortly. The Government organ officially announced when Mr. McNab was taken into the ministry that there would be a cabinet shuffle after the first of the year, and up to the present time no changes have taken place. It is known that Mr. Scott would much prefer to be out of the political game here, and it would be a good deal better for his health if he were. These facts, and others, confirm the suspicion that he is desirous of getting out of the cabinet, and lead to the belief that he will, after all, take the position on the railway commission.

Western Man Promised. This position has been vacant since

the death of Hon. Thomas Greenway and it is generally recognized that it should be filled by a western man.

Premier Scott has left for Bermuda and Jamaica in the hope of recovering his health.

"MAPLEHURST" EN FETE

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Legg Celebrate Their Silver Wedding.

Maplehurst, Feb. 23.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Legg celebrated their silver wedding on Saturday, Feb. 20, at their beautiful home, Maplehurst, it being the 25th anniversary of their marriage. A reception was held from 4 to 6 p.m. by the bride and groom, when congratulations were received. The former was attired in a beautiful gown of brown silk velvet, trimmed with satin, and wore smilax in her hair. At 6 o'clock the bride and groom entered the dining-room, when guests to the number of about 70 sat down to a dainty wedding dejeuner served by Caterer Annis, of St. Thomas, assisted by Messrs. German and Learn, of Aylmer, Lulu Finch and Hazel Stanley, and Messrs. Jesse and Roy Legg. The table, which was illuminated with candles, looked beautiful, the color scheme being pink and green, which was carried out in all the decorations. The house was decorated throughout, with palms, ferns, burning flags, tinsel and bells. The presents were numerous and beautiful. Piano selections were rendered during the evening by Dr. Anna Backus, of Aylmer, and Mrs. Harry A. Cloes, of New Sarum. Several selections were given on the piano. Guests were present from St. Thomas, London, Aylmer, Belmont and Harrietsville.

Miss Allie Turner, of Aylmer, has been the guest of Miss Eva Appleford. Mr. Robert Sells, of Sheddin, is visiting Mr. James Warwick.

Mr. Frederick White is very ill with la grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Paul, of Aylmer, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wismer.

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