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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**

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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 depicted 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), and a suitor for the hand of his daughter, Ida Berg (Miss Ida Hayman). Col. Berg wishes Professor Olendorf to withdraw from the election, and upon his refusing to do so, a complete estrangement takes place to the great grief of his daughter. Ida, however, induces Professor Olendorf (W. H. Moore), a retired wine merchant, to throw his influence on the side of Olendorf, and Olendorf is elected by a small majority, greatly to the chagrin of Col. Berg.

Adelaide Runkel (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 Schmuck (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 inducing Olendorf to withdraw from its editorship. The plan works admirably, and all ends happily.

Excellent Acting.

The work of Miss Ida Hayman and Miss Jean Thompson was particularly fine, especially that of Miss Hayman in emotional parts. Harry Ashby as Karl Bolz, city editor of the Union, was most natural, and W. H. Moore as Pienpenbrink kept the house in roars of laughter.

The cast was as follows:

Col. Berg (retired), J. Cartledge; Ida Berg, Miss Ida Hayman; Adelaide Runkel, Miss Jean Thompson; Sander (landed proprietor), E. Ballantyne; Professor Olendorf (editor), P. J. K. Law; K. Bolz (editor), H. B. Ashby; Bullmaus (reporter), Ed. Heaven; Kaempfe (reporter), A. S. H. Cree; Henning (proprietor), George Rickard; Mueller (factotum), A. L. G. Clarke, of the Union Newspaper; Blumenberg (editor), S. S. Hardy; Schmuck (reporter), C. C. Brett, of the Echo; Pienpenbrink, wine merchant, W. H. Moore; Mrs. Pienpenbrink, Miss Valerie Carrothers; Kleinmichel, Ernest Jacques; Fritz

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 20 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.

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VALUE, ONE VOTE.

**EUROPEAN TRIP CONTEST
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THE LONDON ADVERTISER**

This Vote Is Cast For

(Name of Candidate.)

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 Libeled.

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 defendant's instigation 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 unsteady and that the facts were misstated, thus it is claimed, injuring its standing as a fraternal insurance organization. The Brock Banister, 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.

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 one 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 been wrongfully deprived of his just claims upon the love and esteem of his countrymen, 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 hasty moment, publicly and in printed form, heaped upon unsparing contempt the author of "The Age of Reason," a book which has done more to make religion a purer and nobler power for rightness than all the books written against it.

In his life of George 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 avenue, this 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 her 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 of 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 said 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 be built instead of four, and that the naval estimates be considerably reduced.

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, today serious, and as witnesses that they attempted to have Mabel McCauslan, a 19-year-old milliner, offer perjured testimony in the Gould divorce case. Mrs. Fleming and Mousley are expected to appear as witnesses against Mrs. Teal.

Miss McCauslan took the stand and testified that Mrs. Teal told her she could have \$500 or \$800, a trip to the country and a theatrical position if she would testify that she had seen Mr. Gould under suspicious circumstances in Mrs. Teal's apartments at the Glenmore, which were then sub-let to Beesie 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 McCauslan 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 Montrealeur who at Roberval suffering from exposure, 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 expedition lies dead under several feet of snow, between the Ashuapmouchouan 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 wife is at present in Natal, South Africa.

Venosta and McFadden left Roberval 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. Behind 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 Ashuapmouchouan and proceeded alone to 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 food, 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 yet 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 to 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, and paying a small charge for berths, they will have the added comfort 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. To Calgary, \$5 to Vancouver. They are fine vestibuled 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

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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¢**
2½ yards wide, plain or twill, per yard **25¢**

**Our 35-Inch Madapolam 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¢**

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.

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 posts. Then, two years ago, he left the pulpit and began preaching to what he called "unchurched audiences" in theatres and other public places.

Jim Hill as a Cain Reiser.

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 Slocan Railway was added to the Great Northern, it was predicted that the line would be standard gauged and extended from Sandoz to Slocan City by way of New Denver and Silverton. The projected programme was not only not carried out, but the original Kaslo and Slocan has been lopped in two and the service cut down to tri-weekly. Yet it was Jim Hill who was going to make a great line of connection 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 thereabouts. 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 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.

Premier Scott is a native of Middlesex County and is very well known in London.

"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 8 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 dinner served by Caterer Annis, of St. Thomas, assisted by Misses 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, bunting, 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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