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JAPANESE COURSE

The sea must be the stage of the first act of the Russo-Japanese war. The position of Japan has been likened to that of Great Britain during her quarter century conflict with the French Republic and Empire. First, Britain fought the French fleets, and victory after victory obtained the command of the sea. Then followed attacks upon over-sea dependencies of France, such as the West Indies, Corsica and Egypt. Finally, when her command was absolute, she landed an army in Spain, a remote and difficult country, and wore out Napoleon's strength. "The Spanish ulcer," the Emperor called the steady drain upon his resources caused by the seven campaigns waged by the Spaniards and their British allies. To-day the Island Empire of the far East challenges a world power whose dominance may become as menacing as that of France a century ago. First, she must fight her rival on the sea. If she is successful there she may try to set up a "Manchurian ulcer."—Toronto News.

A RUSSIAN MYTH.

For many years Russia has fostered the myth in the United States of a wonderful service rendered by a naval demonstration at the time of the Civil War. The autobiography of Henry Clevins ("Twenty-eight Years in Wall Street") gives a new version of this myth. According to this version, Secretary Seward, learning that a Russian fleet was in South American waters, sent a friendly invitation to the chief officer to visit New York with his naval force, which was accepted. This differs very considerably from the story that the fleet came under sealed orders of the Russian Government, to be opened in a certain contingency, which was understood to be recognition of the Southern Confederacy by France and England. The assumption of the Clevins version is that immediately upon the appearance of the Russian fleet in New York harbor it was accepted as an evidence of an alliance between the great Empire and the great Republic, and the scheme of recognition was at once abandoned. In the conflict of the different myths concerning this matter of Russian friendliness for the United States, the American people are coming to think that the myth has been greatly overworked.

A WAR OF WORLD-WIDE IMPORTANCE.

The dramatic interest of the present war is easy to understand. On the one side is Russia, with its enormous territory, second only to that of the British empire, and with ambitions that have for years excited the imagination of the world. On the other side is an Asiatic power that has sprung into prominence by its sudden adoption of Western ideas, its aggressive patriotism, and its easy victory over China. Then, there was an eager desire for a test of the terrible engines of modern naval warfare.

But beyond all this sensational interest, there is a prominent and world-wide interest in the present war. More is at stake than Korea or Manchuria. There is the supremacy of Eastern Asia; there is the leadership of the yellow peoples; there is the question of sea power on the Pacific Ocean. All these prizes lie in view of Japanese ambition, though her statesmen may be sincere enough in declaring that her present aims are more modest.

We have heard a great deal about undeveloped resources in Canada. China is a country of undeveloped resources, not only in territory and minerals but in human energy. In her 400,000,000 of people, there are vast possibilities of industrial and military power. An army of 10,000,000 in such a country is not beyond the bounds of probability. Imagine such a community under the leadership of Japan, and energized by Japanese ideas and Japanese ambition. In the face of such a combination, Russia would be powerless, and even united Europe would be at a disadvantage as compared with united Asia. The Mongolian race could proclaim a Monroe doctrine in Asia, and make more than a show of enforcing it.

Sea power on the Pacific is of great and growing importance. That ocean will carry the commerce of China and Japan, of Asiatic Russia, of the United States, of Canada and Australia. At present it looks as if sea power in that quarter will rest chiefly with three powers—Great Britain, the United States and Japan. If the result of the present war be

to give Japan a leadership or protectorate over China, or to make the relations of the two countries closer in any way, the effect upon sea power will be highly important. The vast expansion of the British empire has been partly an unconscious expansion, and the tendency has even been resisted by some British statesmen. In the same way, Japan may be entering upon a future beyond the dreams of its most ambitious leaders.

Perhaps our friends to the South, who have had so much to say about a Monroe doctrine in America will be the first to encounter the same doctrine set up for Asia by Japan—Toronto World.

OUR UNBUSINESSLIKE GOVERNMENT.

The Laurier Government is truly a wonderful business contrivance. It has increased Canada's expenditure \$25,000,000 in seven years. Of this amount millions have been thrown away. More millions have been called for because of the reckless manner in which the business of the great spending departments has been conducted. Money is no object to the existing cabinet, so long as the people can be bled. Estimates are submitted to Parliament and Ministers officially announce that certain undertakings will cost so much. Another session is called and the original estimates are found to be entirely inadequate to defray the expenditures. The great Liberal party is thereupon commanded to vote more money, and the injunction is obeyed to the letter. The Opposition may protest, but its voice is ignored. So great an evil has this unbusinesslike method of doing things become, that there is no keeping track of the wasteful extravagance of the party in power. Here are a few examples which show how absolutely ignorant the Ministers are of the expenditures they endorse:

	Estimate.	Cost.
Dredge Fielding.....	\$100,000	\$100,000
Port Colborne harbor.....	395,000	4,500,000
Supra-cuts.....	175,000	925,000
St. Joseph Wharf.....	3,000	17,000
Hillboro bridge.....	60,000	1,600,000
	\$1,335,000	\$14,925,000

In six items, it will be seen, the Government required \$1,439,000 to complete works which were originally intended to cost only \$1,335,000. Dozens of other cases of the same kind might be cited, but the above is sufficient to indicate the incapacity of the present regime.

NO COMMISSION NEEDED FOR THIS.

The Gamay investigation cost \$14,426, and nobody who pays taxes will be able to wonder where the money came from.

THE WISDOM OF FIRE DRILL.

The city has again seen the wisdom of fire drill in the public schools. A training that prevents panic insures the safe exit of the children in the most rapid fire that can take place in an ordinary school building.

WHEAT OF IT.

Senator Lodge believes the transfer to Newfoundland of the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon would be an infringement of the Monroe Doctrine. What if it should? Surely no man in his senses would consider the transfer worth going to war about. The Monroe Doctrine cannot always serve as an oratorical bugaboo.

FREE TEXT BOOKS.

Is there much to be said in favor of the proposal that the provinces should supply free text books to all the public and separate schools of the province? It may be discussed without heat. The municipalities already have the power of furnishing text books to the scholars out of the municipal taxes, and a number of places avail themselves of the permission. The system has the supreme merit of supplying a motive to enforce economy. The inspector and the teachers are the employees of the municipalities and can be relied upon to see that the books are not wantonly destroyed by the pupils. Would there be the same strict supervision if the inspectors and teachers felt that they had no particular interest in restraining the children in their handling of the books?

CONTRASTED CASES.

In contrast with the case of Whitaker Wright is that of ex-Mayor Ames, of Minneapolis. Under our system of justice, the criminal has many loopholes of escape. His guilt may be as black as midnight. The evidence may be conclusive beyond peradventure, but after a conviction is procured, if the slightest flaw can be found in any part of the procedure on the part of the people, the criminal avoids the consequence of his crime, unless the people can traverse the same ground once more without error. A mere flyspeck on the information or writ of indictment counts for more than volumes of convincing evidence. As to Mayor Ames' guilt, there is no ques-

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tion in the minds of his fellow-citizens, but he has escaped the coils of the law in one way; some of the crooks who robbed St. Louis have escaped in other ways. While this sort of practice continues, the public treasury will continue to be in danger and those who live by bribery and corruption will insist that they are engaged in strictly legitimate business.

WAS HANGED.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 11.—Paul Mick, the convicted murderer of O'Brien, was hanged to a gallows at 12 o'clock this morning in one of the speediest hangings that has ever taken place at the state prison. The condemned man entered the death chamber at 12:08, and 20 seconds later the trap had been sprung. He was pronounced dead eight minutes later. Mick murdered O'Brien Sept. 2, 1903. The murder grew out of a dispute over the ownership of 35 cents.

OPERATIONS A FAD

Public Gradually Awakens to The Fact.

The latest fad in operations has been the appendicitis fad; before that the fad for rectal operations (piles, etc.) held sway. Hundreds of patients were frightened and hurried into hospitals, operated upon and robbed of their last dollar, when the trouble was a simple case of hemorrhoids or piles only, easily cured at home with a simple remedy costing but fifty cents. Six pyramids left out of the first and only box. I have not had the least sign of piles since I used this one box, which has been about two months; previous to using Pyramid E Cure I had the worst kind of bleeding and protruding piles for over thirty-one years, and no one knows, except those who have had the piles, the pain and misery I suffered.

"I am a poor man, but have often said I would give a fortune if I had it, to be cured of the piles, and now I have been cured for fifty cents. I should be very ungrateful if I did not thank you and give you every privilege to use my name and this letter, when I know there are so many who suffer as I did." J. A. Weismiller, 1100 Bladensburg Road, Washington, D. C.

KICKAPOO WAR DANCE IS NOW A PARISIAN FAD.

The cake-walk a la Francaise is no longer the rage in Paris. It has given way to another North American travesty. This time the Kickapoo Indian, reigns in fashionable salons. Possibly no one would be more surprised than the redskins at the edition of their war dance, which is served up to the Parisian in buckskin, fringes and feathers. It is full of graceful similitudes and "fencing" poses, and is altogether a far cry from the monotonous, strenuous original.

Much more harm may come of work ill done than of work undone.

Life is a dangerous business—few get out of it alive.

Second Day of Our Great Clearing Sale

Come to-morrow if you never came before. Lots of things we can't tell you about in the paper will be clearing—broken lots, odd lines, also many lines of the newest goods in stock await your choosing at prices that will agreeably surprise you. But this list alone will keep both us and all those who come busy to-morrow. Read it over, then come and see the goods—you'll not be disappointed.

Our White Goods Sale

The breadth of this sale covers the largest collection of white goods that we have ever centered together—largest in variety, largest in assortment and also in exclusiveness of design. Notwithstanding the big advances in the price of cotton, our prices are the lowest we have ever made on goods of equal quality.

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<p>8c and 9c Flannelette's at 6c yd</p> <p>500 hundred yards fine, heavy flannelette, in large range of fast color stripes, 32 and 33 in. wide, worth 8c to 9c, a yard, clearing at Sale Price</p> <p>6c</p>	<p>25c and 35c Hose at 19c a pair</p> <p>36 dozen ladies' fine heavy pure wool cashmere hose, in assorted rib weaves, seamless feet, also fine heavy all wool plain fashioned hose in ladies' and children's sizes, regular 25c to 35c a pair.</p> <p>Clearing at sale price</p> <p>19c</p>	<p>New Prints at 5c a yd</p> <p>1788 yards new prints, nearly 50 patterns to select from, fast dyes, light and dark colors, clearing at a yd. Sale Price</p> <p>5c</p>	<p>Ladies' Gowns</p> <p>Fine long cloth cambric, made in Empire style, trimmed with fine Swiss embroidery and lace frills, yokes hemstitched and tucked, a good \$1.25 gown.</p> <p>Special at</p> <p>98c</p>
<p>Black Dress Goods at Half Price</p> <p>Extraordinary values; 30 pieces, nearly 1,000 yards, fine, rich, black Dress Goods, including Pure Wool Black Satin Cloths, rich Black Canvas and Panama Suitings, Pure Wool Solids, Basket Weaves, French Cheviots, Sullians, Corkscrews, Mattelasse, Broches and Serges; regular 75c, 85c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 a yard.</p> <p>Clearing at Sale Price</p> <p>48c</p>	<p>25c Cashmere Gloves at 15c</p> <p>Four dozen ladies' fine wool cashmere gloves, plain and fleece lined, medium and heavy weight, regular 25c a pair.</p> <p>Clearing at sale price</p> <p>15c</p>	<p>10c Prints at 8 1/2 c yd</p> <p>500 yards fine heavy quality prints full width in large range of choice new patterns, light and dark colorings regular 10c values.</p> <p>Sale Price</p> <p>8 1/2 c</p>	<p>Ladies' Gowns</p> <p>In fine cambric and broadcloths, handsome styles, prettily trimmed with frills, lace embroidery, hemstitching, tuckings, etc., special at each, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.98, \$2.50, \$2.98, \$3.50, \$4.50 and</p> <p>\$5.00</p>
<p>French Flannels at 25c a yard</p> <p>The balance of our stock of fine pure wool French flannels, in rich designs, fast colors, for waist or kimono; regular 50c a yard.</p> <p>Clearing at Sale Price</p> <p>25c</p>	<p>Ladies' Flannelette Waists at 38c each</p> <p>Three dozen only pretty styles in fine flannelette waists, choice patterns, fast colors, size 32 to 42 inches, regular 50c to 60c values.</p> <p>Clearing at sale price</p> <p>38c</p>	<p>3000 yd Crum's Best Prints</p> <p>In large range of beautiful patterns and guaranteed colorings, selling at the old price a yard.</p> <p>12 1/2 c</p>	<p>Ladies' Cambric Drawers</p> <p>Wide umbrella style, with 5 inch tucked and hemstitched frill, special each</p> <p>23c</p>
<p>French Challies at 25c Yd</p> <p>15 Pieces pure wool Printed French Challies, fine quality, wide width, in choice designs, light and dark grounds, fast dyes; regular 40c, 45c and 50c yard.</p> <p>Clearing at Sale Price</p> <p>25c</p>	<p>\$1.25 Waists at 69c each</p> <p>Five dozen ladies' waists, satens, lustrous, kimono, flannelette, etamines, etc., all up-to-date styles, regular \$1 and \$1.25 each</p> <p>Clearing at sale price</p> <p>69c</p>	<p>Lad'es' Collars, Ties and Belts at Half Price</p> <p>Lot Manufacturers' Samples, including the latest novelties in Ties, Collars and Belts.</p> <p>Clearing during this Sale at about Half Price</p>	<p>Ladies' White Aprons</p> <p>Five dozen fine white lawn aprons, made with bib and shoulder straps, trimmed with fine embroidery and insertion, tucks and hemstitchings, regular 35c to 50c each.</p> <p>Sale price</p> <p>29c</p>
<p>40c Corded Velvets at 25c Yard</p> <p>Fine, heavy quality, medium cord, in colors, navy, cardinal, brown and cream.</p> <p>Clearing at Sale Price</p> <p>25c</p>	<p>75c Flannelette Night Gowns 49c</p> <p>33 only ladies' fine flannelette gowns, in plain, pink, blue and white, also pretty stripes, cut full sizes, regular 60c and 70c each.</p> <p>Clearing at sale price</p> <p>49c</p>	<p>Corsets Covers at 12 1/2 c</p> <p>Six dozen only, assorted sizes, good quality cambric, made with full front</p> <p>Sale price each</p> <p>12 1/2 c</p>	<p>15 Dozen Ladies' Aprons</p> <p>Fine lawn, prettily made, with bib and shoulder straps, trimmed with lace and insertion, embroidery and insertion, tucks and hemstitchings, etc., extraordinary values at each 50c, 60c, 65c and</p> <p>75c</p>
<p>Flannelette Wrappers at 49c</p> <p>42 only ladies flannelette wrappers, good quality, in range of dark patterns, fast colors, cut full sizes, neatly made, lined waist, sizes 32 to 42 inches, worth regular 90c.</p> <p>Sale price</p> <p>49c</p>	<p>Ladies' Flannelette Drawers</p> <p>Fine quality, in plain white, pink or blue, trimmed with lace insertion and embroidery, our special 50c line.</p> <p>Clearing at sale price</p> <p>39c</p>	<p>Corset Covers at 15c</p> <p>Good quality cambric, fitted style, with embroidery ruffle around neck, regular 20c value.</p> <p>Sale price</p> <p>15c</p>	<p>Children's White Cambric Gowns</p> <p>Fine quality, prettily trimmed, with embroidery, insertions and fine lace, sizes 2 years to 14 years, matchless values at each 50c, 55c, 60c, 65c, 70c, 85c and</p> <p>\$1.00</p>
<p>26 Only Ladies' Flannelette Wrappers</p> <p>Superior quality, in handsome patterns, fast colors, made with full skirt, with deep flounce, waist lined and trimmed with frills and fancy gimp trimming, regular \$1.00 to \$1.25 each.</p> <p>Clearing at sale price</p> <p>79c</p>	<p>Ladies' Cloth Skirts at \$1.69</p> <p>Three dozen ladies' and misses fine heavy cloth skirts, colors Oxford grey and black, cut in latest style, deep-stitched facing on bottom, assorted lengths, good value at \$2.50 each.</p> <p>Clearing at sale price.</p> <p>\$1.69</p>	<p>40c Corset Covers at 25c</p> <p>22 dozen fine cambric corset covers full front or fitted styles, some with all over hemstitched tucked yokes and tuckings, lace trimming, same with tucked yokes and rows of tuckings around neck; other full front covers with fine tuckings lace on neck and arms, all well finished and worth 35 to 40c each.</p> <p>Clearing at sale price</p> <p>25c</p>	<p>Children's White Underskirts</p> <p>Fine cambric, trimmed with flounces, wide embroidery frills, tuckings and hemstitching, special each 35c, 40c, 50c, 65c, 75c, 90c and</p> <p>\$1.00</p>
<p>400 Yards Pure Linen Crash Towelling</p> <p>Firm make, bleached finish, fancy border, full width, a special 9c quality.</p> <p>Sale Price</p> <p>6c</p>	<p>17c Pillow Cottons at 14c Yard</p> <p>200 yards fine pure bleached soft finish pillow cotton, 44 inch wide, worth 17c a yard</p> <p>Sale Price</p> <p>14c</p>	<p>Corset Covers</p> <p>An immense range of pretty styles, beautifully trimmed, at each 35, 50, 60c, 80, 90c, \$1.25, \$1.39, \$1.63 \$1.89 and</p> <p>\$2.89</p>	<p>\$1.00 Corsets at 46c a Pair</p> <p>About 7 dozen pairs Ladies' Corsets, D. & A., Crompton, E. T. and American makes, odd lines and broken lots, long, medium and short lengths, 75c to \$1.25 a pair.</p> <p>Clearing at Sale Price</p> <p>46c</p>

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