

In the Spotlight



TREBIZOND.

Trebizond, Turkey's most important port on the Black Sea, which has been captured by the Russians, once was the capital of an empire, and is where the second stage of the famous Anastasia of the Ten Thousand ended in February, 400 B.C., the story of which is related by Xenophon. The Greek mercenaries had started seven months before from Zapatas, near the site of Babylon, where their officers had been slain, and reached Trebizond after a journey of 700 miles through an enemy's country, in the dead of winter, and for the most part over rough mountains. From Trebizond Xenophon led the Ten Thousand westward along the coast to Chrysopolis, now Scutari, opposite Byzantium, now Constantinople. From Trebizond the Russian Army, protected by the fleet on one side and the palisades on the other, may now take the same route.

The Greek word "trebizond" comes from the Greek word for table; the ancient city is set on one of rock overlooking the sea—impregnable to ancient and mediaeval engines of war, but a fine target for modern naval guns. From the shore side, however, it might still be inculcable if only modern guns had been placed on the mountains which cover all the approaches from the south.

The port has been several times besieged, but never captured, for the last Emperor, David, surrendered to Moslems without a fight, and just as the besiegers were about to depart. It suffered the most formidable investment in the reign of Andronicus I., the second Emperor, when the Seljuks, under Melik, son of the great Sultan Ala-ed-din, first assaulted the northern wall in the direction of the sea, and later attempted to storm the upper citadel by night. Melik retired after losing half his army.

Many of the city's ancient monuments still exist—beautiful palaces and churches in the Byzantine style. One is the Church of the Panaghia Chrysokephalos, or the Virgin of the Golden Head, a massive but simple structure which the Turks have turned into the mosque of Orta-hissar. On the eastern side of the ravine, which cuts this tablelike city in two is the Church of St. Eugenius, the patron saint of Trebizond, now the Yeni Djuma Djami, or New Friday Mosque. The Church of St. Sophia is one of the most perfectly preserved. It occupies a conspicuous position overlooking the sea. Once the city had a population of 150,000; it is now about 30,000.

Trebizond, although for centuries of vast commercial importance to Armenia and Persia as the starting point of caravans trading with these countries, has dodged in and out of history for the last 2,500 years—from the time it was settled by a colony of Greek merchants until it lost most of its commercial importance through the construction of the Tiflis railway from the Black Sea to the Caspian, whose branches soon established new terminals for the caravan trade in the interior.

During the period of the dismemberment of the Byzantine Empire in the thirteenth century, Alexis Comnenus, who escaped to Asia with an army of Iberian mercenaries, established here a new empire, which continued until 1461, when the city was surrendered to Mohammed II., eight years after his capture of Constantinople. Up to this time it had owed its impregnability to two reasons: Its strong natural defences and the beauty of the female descendants of Alexis, the Grand Comnenus, who made matrimonial alliances with Moslems as well as Christian royal families.

In the connections thus formed originates a series of diplomatic, defensive as well as offensive, ententes and at the same time kept it remote which preserved Trebizond's isolation from the affairs of Europe.

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ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Mrs. Sherman McCrimmon, of St. Thomas, is spending a few days with Aylmer friends.

Misses Ruth Robinson and Margaret Chesebrough, of St. Thomas, spent the week-end with Mrs. C. Caughell.

Mr. Newman Booker this week presented the Aylmer Public Library with two well-bound volumes of The London Illustrated News of 1865, which are now even more interesting than they were a half-century ago.

Trinity Church A.Y.P.A. brought a successful winter's work to a close on Monday evening. The last meeting was of a social nature, which, unfortunately, was not very well attended. A dainty lunch followed the election of officers: Pres., Mr. Geo. Walker; 1st vice-pres., Mr. Geo. Howe; 2nd vice-pres., Miss Celia Clarke; secy., Miss Hattie Walker; treas., Mr. Geo. Walker; organist, Miss E. Trim.

Information has been sent to Aylmer, stating the sad news that Cecil Robinson, formerly of this place, and who enlisted here more than a year ago with the 15th Battalion, has been killed. Cecil was employed as a printer at the Reformer office, and was a married man. His wife now resides in Toronto. This war is being brought closer home every day. Several of our boys have been wounded, but we are thankful that the casualties as yet have been very small.

Mr. N. Booker and family, who leave for Monrovia, California, on Saturday, will be greatly missed in Aylmer, but perhaps nowhere more than in Knox Church, where they were earnest and enthusiastic workers in every department. The members and adherents, at a farewell reception to the family, a few evenings ago, quietly presented Mr. and Mrs. Booker with a handsome and complete travelling companion, accompanied by sincere wishes for their future health and happiness. Among the men of the town, Mr. Booker will be sadly missed, and especially so on the bowling green, where he was deservedly popular for his skill and enthusiasm. He is a true sport, and could accept defeat from a worthy opponent as gracefully as a victory. On behalf of the club members, President J. M. Wrong and Secretary E. C. Monteith called at his home on Tuesday, and asked his acceptance of a fine Bristol fishing rod. Newman being a true disciple of Izaak Walton, the gift proved most pleasing to him.

REPORT OF RED CROSS SOCIETY FOR APRIL.

Donations to the Society: Mrs. L. Clarke, \$2; Mr. Leslie, \$1.50; Gospel Mission, \$3.20; Mr. Hill, \$1; Mrs. Moss, \$1; Mr. Chapman, sale of calf, \$6. The monthly collection amounted to \$88.85.

Additional donations: Miss Hawkinson, 6 Turkish towels, 5 Lifebuoy soap; Baptist Y.P.A., 6 yards Turkish towelling, 29 wash cloths, 210 handkerchiefs; Methodist Ladies' Aid, 1 quilt; Miss Abell, old linen; Mrs. Warnock, 2 pairs socks.

The April shipment to London consisted of: 75 pairs socks, 1 pair wristlets, 2 knee caps, 2 pillows, 12 sheets, 15 shirts, 39 suits pyjamas, 28 pillow covers, 36 wash cloths, 6 Turkish towels, 12 handkerchiefs, 61 surgeons' towels, 264 surgical pads, soap.

WARNING.

Take Notice that on and after May 8th, 1916, the Dog By-law in the Town of Aylmer will be strictly enforced according to the provisions therein mentioned.

By Order of the Council.

EDDIE KRAHN, OF DETROIT, WON FROM MORLEY CATTAL.

The Local Lad Gave the World's Amateur Champion a Hard Battle—Invitation to Visit Detroit—Local Races at Roller Rink Were Good.

Friday and Saturday nights of last week were exciting ones at the Roller Rink. The attractions brought out good crowds both nights, and the racing was the fastest ever skated at the local rink.

The chief event was the matched race between Aylmer's champion, Morley Cattal, and Eddie Krahn, of Detroit, amateur champion of the world.

Krahn, although small of stature, plainly demonstrated that he had unlimited speed, and was successful in winning from the local champion both nights.

On Friday night the race was skated in pursuit style, the skaters starting on opposite sides of the rink. Krahn led from the start, and gradually gained on Cattal, and trailed him for some laps, suddenly passing him about the eighteenth. He held the lead until the twenty-seventh lap, when Cattal, by a sudden burst of speed, gained on him and passed him, leading for a couple of laps. Krahn

then made an extra effort and passed Cattal, and finished some ten feet ahead of him, besides having gained a half lap.

On Saturday night the boys both toed the chalk line and got away together. Krahn quickly got the lead, which he held for a few laps. Then Cattal shot in ahead of him on the corner and led for three or four laps. Suddenly Krahn shot ahead, and by a beautiful and clean burst of speed gained a lap on Cattal, trailing him for some time. Both lads skated hard, but Krahn clearly demonstrated his superior training and ability to speed, for in the last three laps he gained another half lap on Cattal, finishing a lap and a half in advance.

HARD CHRONIC COUGH

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The General Store

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THAT is the most unexpected part of this almost equally unexpected news that the Big Store is printing for your information to day. News of Suits that are such a very special feature at this price that you were anticipating the expenditure of twice that amount. You should not allow these values to pass without investigation. Reasons, of course there are reasons—why they are here but the reason that is Pre-dominant is the reason of WORK and this the position to which the Big Store has attained, and the personality that the Big Store expresses in the search for opportunity—for without position that represents ability to buy and to pay—and without personality that is rich in desire to please the Big Store's customers and energy to supply that desire, these suits would probably never have come to Aylmer.

Millinery

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If you love Hats that are "different" and extremely becoming to you, you will love these beautiful hats. Probably no exact duplicates anywhere in East Elgin unless some rare thought accident has happened. The Braid Hats tailorish with saucy wings around the crowns or ribbon chained with silvered links.

Sailor Roll Brim Droop or Mushroom Effect

And the Sports Hats, remember them. This season it will be more than ever necessary to come to the Big Store for Millinery "that is Millinery."

A week of many Bargains in Draperies

of many kinds from the largest and best equipped and most completely stocked Drapery and Decorative dept. in Aylmer. A wonderful showing of all the new Spring Fabrics and effects. Special values in numerous lines to make the Big Store the centre drapery activity this week. Note the following:—

Plain Scrim priced	10c per yd.
Scrim colored border, priced	15c per yd.
Marquissette, priced	25c to 50c per yd.
Japanese Crepe	25c per yd.
Cretanne Special, priced	20c to 35c per yd.
Madras priced	25c to 50c per yd.
Bungalo Nett	20c to 40c per yd.

Also special values in Curtains, Table Covers and many other lines of Drapery this week.

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Electric, 14 and 16in.	5 25 and 5 50
Junior, 16 and 18in.	6 25 and 6 75
Junior Ball Bearing, 18 and 20in.	7 75 and 8 00
Diamond Special Ball Bearing 20in	10 00
Grass catchers (fit any mower)	1 25 and 1 50

We stock Lawn Fence and Flower Bed Guard at 9c to 14c ft.

Langford Duck Horse Collars	\$1.75 each
Rope Traces 7-8 and 1in.	\$4.00 and \$4.50 set.
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