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## New Wash Goods

Another case of Cotton Wash Goods arrived direct from Manchester, consisting of Muslins, Cotton Etamines, Light Weight Vestings, etc., making our Wash Goods Section complete for your immediate wants.

Mercerized Vesting in fine light weight in White and Light Champagne Shade, having all the appearance of Silks, Cottons and Fancy Stripes, very effective for waists and suits, very special value, at 35c. and 25c.

White Ground Dimity Muslins with Black and Colored Spots and figures, fast color and serviceable, very dainty effects, regular 15c value, on sale special at 10c.

## Wall Paper and Carpets.

The convenience of selecting your Carpet and Wall Paper in one department will be greatly appreciated by many who have experienced the difficulty of selecting Wall Paper in one store and carpet in another.

IN WALL PAPERS we give you choice of designs from the complete output of one of the largest factories in America.

IN CARPETS we show you a range of prices and designs excelled by no house in Western Ontario.

Wall Papers from 5c. a Roll to \$3.00  
Carpets from 12 1/2c a Yard to \$1.50

## Millinery

Before selecting your hat come in and see us. You will not regret the visit.

OUR SELECTION OF TRIMMED MILLINERY is the finest we have ever shown, and the prices are most moderate. You will be surprised at the style, quality and effect produced in our HATS at \$5.00 to \$7.

## Thos. Stone & Son,

Members of the Canadian Dry Goods  
Syndicate. We save you Dollars.



An early importation of Japanese Fancy China just opened out. Lovers of Fine China are Delighted with Our New Goods. Every Piece is Useful.

Jardiniere \$1.25 up; Fern Pots, \$3.50 up; Rose Jars, 40c and 60c; Hair Receivers 35c; Chocolate Pots, \$1.75 up; 5 o'clock Tea Sets, \$3.00 up; Celery Trays \$1.25 up; Spoon Trays, 25c; Fancy Plates, \$3.50 Doz.; Mayonnaise Dishes 35c each; Cups and Saucers, 10c up; Choice Salts and peppers, pair 10c up. To get first choice, come early. CASH

H. MACAULAY, PHONE 159

## Wall Paper

SEASON  
1905

New and Handsome designs just in, stock complete in every color and prices, better than ever. A call will please all.

## KENNY'S

BOOK STORE

### BRITONS IN URUGUAY PRISON.

Captain and Crew of Sealing Schooner Seized at Montevideo.

Victoria, B. C., March 31.—Advisors have been received here that Capt. Mattheus and crew of the sealing schooner Agnes G. Donahue, owned by Capt. Balcom, of Victoria, have been imprisoned at Montevideo by the Uruguayan Government, which seized the vessel for alleged poaching on the shore.

The captain was sentenced to five years' imprisonment and the members of the crew to two years. Capt. Balcom has protested, and claims \$45,000 damages. The Ottawa Government has taken up the case through Great Britain with Uruguay.

### STRIKE DECLARED OFF.

Manager Gives Miners Three Months Instead of One to Consider.

Halifax, N. S., March 31.—Manager Cowans of the Springhill Collieries informed the men last night that he had acceded to their request to give the coal cutters three months to consider the proposed cut of 12 per cent. in their wages instead of the one month, as he had announced. In consequence of this the proposed strike has been declared off and there is great rejoicing in Springhill in consequence. The proposed cut would have meant \$4,576 loss to the miners in wages every month.

Ask for Minard's and take no other.

### BOTH CALL ROOSEVELT

Peace Negotiations On Between Russia and Japan.

May Proclaim an Armistice—But the National Assembly is Likely to Decide on War or Peace—Pourparlers Are Being Conducted on the Understanding That Russia Will Cede Neither Territory Nor Pay Indemnity.

London, March 31.—The correspondent at St. Petersburg of The Times cables:—"My repeated announcements of the proximity of peace are confirmed to-day by information from unimpeachable sources, showing that Russia and Japan have selected President Roosevelt as a mediator, that negotiations are already in progress, and that the suspension of hostilities may be shortly expected."

"The Russian Government this morning issued a categorical denial of the reports published abroad that it had formulated conditions upon which it would be possible to conclude peace. This is literally and technically true, but I can assert upon the best authority that Russia has stated the conditions that she cannot accept, namely, a war indemnity and the cession of territory."

"The decision upon this point was reached at a private council at Tsarskoe-Selo, attended by Count Lamsdorff and M. Witte. The council was the result of a meeting of the Advisory Council of War, consisting of Generals Crookshank and Komoroff, under the presidency of Grand Duke Nicholas Nicolaievich, which, being requested by the Emperor to report upon the prospects of the war, declared that a successful issue was not to be expected."

"Count Lamsdorff communicated what may be called Russia's negative proposals to the French Government a day or two ago. To France, indeed, belongs the credit of prompting her ally to enter into peace negotiations, and, in spite of the indignant outcry of several Russian newspapers, there is no denying the powerful influence of the peace campaign opened in the French press following the failure of the French loan."

"The Russians, of course, are still unaware of the commencement of peace negotiations, but notwithstanding the official denial published this morning, and the assertion of the war party, the conviction that peace is near is steadily growing. It would, however, be presumptuous to expect an early conclusion of any treaty. It is the opinion of the highest and most influential Russian statesmen that the question is altogether dependent upon internal conditions."

"If the unrest grows peace may be hastened, but if contrary to general expectation, the disorders subside, the negotiations at Washington will likely be retarded. If, again, as is most likely, the Japanese demands prove incompatible with dynastic considerations, the government will have to resort to a National Assembly to decide upon the question of peace or war. Personally, I believe this is the only rational solution. It is rumored to-day that the manifesto convening the Zemski Sobor will be issued on April 7th, on which date falls the festival of the Annunciation."

"Diplomatic circles express the greatest praise for Count Lamsdorff's astuteness in opening the negotiations with a statement of the negative conditions, as thereby he reserves a field for compromise. For instance, should the Japanese insist upon an indemnity Russia may be able to offer to retrocede the southern portion of Sakhalin."

"It is believed that Russia is preparing to draft troops to the Siberian frontier, and keep Admiral Rojestvensky cruising in eastern waters, so as to demonstrate her readiness and ability to prolong the campaign. The selection of President Roosevelt as a mediator, which was due to Japanese initiative, is regarded here as evidence of the excellent discrimination of the Japanese, who thereby secure a firm friend, who at the same time will make it a policy to bring about peace negotiations to a successful close, and who, therefore, is not likely to have accepted the difficult post of mediator if the Japanese intended to present exorbitant demands."

### A Jap Flank Movement.

St. Petersburg, March 31.—A telegram from St. Petersburg, Manchuria, under yesterday's date, says: "The Chinese report that a Japanese column, which is probably carrying out a flanking movement, has been seen twenty-seven miles north of Sipinghai (74 miles north of Tie Pass)."

"Snow has fallen heavily here."

### Steamer Broke in Two.

Tokio, March 31.—The British steamer Mars, which was stranded off Rurik Promontory on March 17, while attempting the passage of Soya Strait, has broken in two under her engines. Her bow and stern are both submerged. Her captain and nine of the crew have been rescued. Her mate died from exposure.

The steamer industry, whose nationality has not been ascertained, was seized by the Japanese on March 28. She was presumably bound for Vladivostok.

### Sure He Saw Torpedo Boats.

Paris, March 31.—Admiral Rojestvensky received a telegraphic summary of the decision of the international commission of inquiry into the North Sea incident, and said, in an authorized interview with The Matin correspondent at Nieuwe-Ba, March 4: "I am glad the admirals approved of my conduct, but owing to doubts concerning the incident I shall always feel a certain measure of moral responsibility. However, torpedo boats were certainly there, my ships were endangered, I was obliged to save the flagship and I succeeded."

## CITIZENS SUDDENLY AWAKENED TO FIND HOME IN FLAMES

Narrow Escape of Jahnke Family This Morning—Jumped From Window—Good Work of Firemen—Loss to Merchants Very Heavy.

Wanless' hardware store—\$10,000 loss; \$5,000 insurance.

Jahnke's undertaking establishment and residence—complete loss; some insurance.

Patterson's hardware—serious loss by fire and water; insured.

VonGuten's jewelry store—\$2,000 loss; insured and well covered.

Richards' bakery—serious loss—mostly by water; insured.

This is the result of one of the most serious fires that have visited Chatham in years. It occurred this morning about 20 minutes to four o'clock and lasted about five hours before it was finally extinguished. The cause is a mystery but it is supposed to have started in the partition between Wanless' hardware store and Jahnke's undertaking establishment.

Shortly after three o'clock this morning Will Jahnke and Dan Robertson returned home from Detroit, where they witnessed the production of Ben Hur. When Jahnke returned home he was startled upon opening the front door off King street to see the inside of the store at the rear one mass of flames. The smoke was rapidly filling the whole building and Will made his way up stairs to the family's sleeping apartments over Wanless' store and found everyone peacefully asleep and in ignorance of the danger which surrounded them. He awoke the family and then made his way to the telephone to send in the alarm to the fire hall. The smoke, however, had by this time got so bad that he was unable to speak through the instrument. He abandoned the phone and turned his attention to saving the inmates of the house.

About this time the fire was noticed by a young lad, an apprentice in Richards' bakery, who ran to the fire hall and gave the alarm. In the meantime the Jahnkes were making their escape from the doomed building. Albert Jahnke secured his father and mother and took them down the stairs and arrived safely on the street, although they were almost choked with the smoke. Fred Maurer, who lives in the rear of the building, and his sister Miss Jahnke, were the only two left in the building. By this time it was dangerous to attempt to get out of the building by the stairway. The reason they were detained so long in the building was that Will did not know his mother had been got out and he was looking for her. The only means of escape was through the front window.

The firemen had by this time arrived on the scene and had streams of water playing in the rear of the building where the fire was located. Some one called to the Chief that there was some person at the front window in the rooms above Wanless' hardware store, and he immediately secured a ladder and ran to the front of the building. Miss Jahnke by this time was seated on the window waiting for the ladder when the window sill broke and she fell out. Fortunately Albert was standing under her and succeeded in catching her in his arms and breaking the fall, and she escaped unhurt. Will Jahnke then appeared at the window almost suffocated with smoke and was quickly becoming overcome with the heat from the fire, which was rapidly gaining towards the front of the building. Chief Fritchard called to him and ran a ladder up to the window. The Chief was soon at the top and succeeded in lifting young Jahnke from the window and landing him on the sidewalk below. Will had no sooner reached the ground than he collapsed and faintly. It was no wonder, for Chief Fritchard, in lifting him from the window, got his hands badly scorched. It was fortunate for the Jahnke family that Will came home from Detroit early in the morning. Otherwise the fire might never have been noticed until it was too late for them to escape from the building unhurt.

When the firemen arrived on the scene it was found that the flames had gained great headway and were enveloping the whole block. The buildings were all frame adjoining the Jahnke establishment, and the fire gained rapidly. Seven lines of hose were soon playing on the flames and the firemen deserve great credit for the manner in which they managed the fire. Every effort was made to save property, but in spite of the strenuous work of the firemen much damage was done before the fire could be got under control.

J. C. Wanless, hardware merchant, was the heaviest loser. Mr. Wanless knew nothing of the fire until he arrived down town this morning at seven o'clock. Mr. Wanless carried a stock of \$18,000, and he roughly

estimates his loss at \$10,000, although it may be more. He is insured for \$5,000. His whole store was gutted by the fire, but some of the stock may be saved.

Jahnke's establishment was completely destroyed and nothing whatever in their part of the building was saved. The inmates were fortunate in escaping in their night clothes and only a few articles of clothing were saved. One of the famous Jahnke hounds was burned to death. The body of the late Mrs. Millady was in Jahnke's morgue at the rear of the building, but was taken out by Fireman Tucker and Henry Gerber. When Albert got outside he suddenly thought of a roll of bills which he had in his room. He dashed back into the building, but all he could find was the burned remains of the roll.

Alex. VonGuten escaped the east end of any of the sufferers. His loss will be about \$2,000 mostly in the work shop up stairs. All of his stock of jewelry down stairs was saved and deposited in Tschirhart's music store and Smith's law office. The standard Bank clerks were obliged to him and took all of his valuable stock from the safe and deposited it in the Standard Bank vault. Walter Elliott carried \$5,000 worth of diamond rings from the store to the vault in one trip. The watches and other jewelry was also looked after and safely taken from the store. All of the optical stuff and tools up stairs were destroyed and the fixtures down stairs were damaged. L. E. Tillson was a visitor to the VonGuten store this morning. He had a \$20 fishing pole being engraved at VonGuten's and was anxious to get it. After digging around in the remains he found his pole and, queer to say, it was not damaged in the least.

Mr. VonGuten fortunately has a new stock almost ready for him and he will move into it at once. His loss is also well covered by insurance. Mr. VonGuten was on the scene early, being called out of bed by Dr. Bray.

Mr. Patterson's loss will be quite heavy. His workshop up stairs is completely gutted and the rear of the store is badly burned. The damage in the front shop is caused by water and also by fire. Mr. Patterson carried a large stock of cartridges and the fire got in these cartridges and about three-quarters of an hour when the fire was at its worst these cartridges exploded one after the other. Fireman Johnson was on the roof above at the time with a stream of water and was spraying the burning quarters of an hour he had all the feelings of a soldier on a battle field. Harry says he would rather be a fireman than a soldier.

Mr. Richards' loss is mostly from the water. The water, however, has completely demolished the building. The firemen were treated to breakfast by Mr. Myles, Postoffice Martin, Jack Glasford and Alex. Eberts also extended courtesies to the firemen.

The property owners who lose are Mr. Jahnke, who owned the store occupied by himself and the Wanless store, and W. G. and W. S. Richards, who owned the balance of the block. Albert Jahnke was on King St. this morning attired in a suit of his brother-in-law's, who is somewhat of a larger man. He was sound asleep at three o'clock and knew nothing of the fire. His door was shut and there was no smoke in his room. He heard the telephone ring and, thinking it was a night call, went to answer it. At the door he encountered the smoke and at the phone met his brother Will almost overcome by smoke, trying to talk through the phone. He was unable to make himself understood, and then Albert tried to speak through the phone but couldn't. They then went to arouse the family. Will going to the front of the building and Albert to the back, where his mother and father slept. He met his mother in the dining room and wanted her to go down stairs. She was dazed with the smoke and didn't appear to understand. Ozzie half carried his mother to the head of the stairs, where he slipped and the two fell to the bottom. They were considerably bruised but soon gained the street. Miss Jahnke was out on the ledge and Ozzie advised her to jump. She was afraid to, and attempted to catch hold of the ledge in front of A. H. Patterson's. This gave way and she fell. Ozzie broke the fall and Miss Jahnke escaped with only a slight injury. By this time Will had reached his sister's bedroom and, not finding her there, feared she was still in the blazing building.

Ozzie heard somebody say, "I can't stand this much longer," and saw Will at the window. He called to his brother to jump, but the latter refused, as he thought, to desert his sister. In the meantime the firemen arrived with a ladder and he was taken out, badly burned about the hands and face. He had apparently fallen and struck his head, suffering a slight contusion. P. C. Deselza was on the beat at

## MERIT

Is the trade mark of success.

## VALUE

Is the true test of cheapness

## STYLE

Is the essential in improvement

Did you ever think about Style in WALL PAPER? Where it comes from, who starts it, if so, you have had stop bewildered, you didn't really know more about it than when you began. This is a good thing for you, not a misfortune, you are better off not to bother your head about style any more than you would about the action of a remedy your doctor gives you. All you ought to think about or care for in the case of the doctor is to have confidence in him. All you need to care for in the matter of Wall Paper is to have confidence in the merchant you buy it from and that he knows what is correct. You can well afford to leave it to us as we make a business of choosing Wall Paper, especially for you. Every manufacturer in America caters to our wants and if you want Wall Paper buy from us and get the right goods at a reasonable advance on cost.

## Sulman's Beehive..

Cor. of King and Sixth St.

the east end of King street. About three a. m. he smelled something burning and made a search but could find nothing. Forty minutes later the fire in the Wanless store broke out all of a sudden. He said that the fire broke out all of a sudden like a flash.

## WORTHY MEN ARE CHOSEN

Two Esteemed East Kent Citizens Selected by the Ontario Government

Wm Wigle Appointed as Game Warden and Henry Osborne as Fishery Overseer.

Wm. Wigle, of Howard Township, has been officially appointed by the Provincial Government game warden for the western district to succeed Quailus.

Henry Osborne, of Zone, has been appointed fishery overseer on the Thames River from Leamington to Middlesex county line, succeeding McRitchie. Mr. Osborne is clerk of Zone and an honorable man of excellent standing in the community.

These two appointments in East Kent are excellent ones in every respect and will be received with great satisfaction by the people of both political parties. The fact further evidences the desire of the new Government for an honest, impartial and effective carrying out of the duties of the office. The earnest and energetic member for East Kent, Philip H. Bowyer, M. P. E., is to be congratulated on the selections.

Some men profess to know more than most other men ever dreamed of having had an existence.

True liberty is the result of judicious restraint.

Men like to believe their word has a convincing effect in a family argument.