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A Clearing Sale Japanese Wash Silks

TO-NIGHT AND TUESDAY

We place on sale for clearing 200 Yards of Japanese Wash Silks in the most dainty stripes and colorings, suitable for Summer Suits or Waists, Children's Dresses, etc., regular price 50c., on sale while they last, at **21c**

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Nice assortment to choose from, fancy handles, ranging in price from 50c to \$3.50, your choice at **Half-Price**

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- 7 Bars Morton's Myrtle Soap, 25c
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- 1 lb. Can Sunlight Baking Powder, 10c
- Fruit Jars 1 Gal. 81c; Quarts, 80c; Pints, 70c. per Dozen
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CROCKERY

A fine lot of Dinner, Tea and Chamber Sets, very pretty goods at Bargain Prices.

China, Lamps and Glassware at our usual low prices.

JOHN McCONNELL,
Park Street. Phone 100.

A BAD BOY

Will Merrithew and two other employees of the wheelworks were bathing yesterday afternoon near the Lake Erie R. R. bridge when their pockets were rifled by some lads. The boys were very young, as Chief Holmes put it, "barely out of the cradle." One lad secured \$16 from Mr. Merrithew's pocket, P. C. Dezella was notified and no and Detective McGregor worked on the case yesterday afternoon. They discovered the boy who had taken the money. It seems one lad had secured all the lucre. The boy's father was notified and the parent found his young hopeful out at the Eau separating Mr. Merrithew's money from his possession as fast as possible. When he found the boy he had only \$12 left. The father pawned his watch and paid back the money this morning and the lad was released on suspended sentence.

Mrs. Edward Marshall, Mrs. William Marshall and Frank Marshall returned home to Chicago, last night after attending the funeral of the late Mrs. Geo. Taylor.

JAPANESE CLOSE TO PT. ARTHUR

Are Now Within Three and a Half Miles of the Fortress.

Tokio Expecting Fall of Port and Capitulation of Kuropatkin on Same Day.

Berlin, Aug. 6.—The National Zeitung prints a telegram from Tokio stating that there are five Japanese divisions before Port Arthur, part of them within three and a half miles of the fortress, and that there are altogether twenty Japanese divisions in Manchuria. The telegram says that Tokio is expecting the fall of Port Arthur and the capitulation of General Kuropatkin on the same day.

RUMORED REPULSE.
Mukden, Aug. 5.—It is reported here that the Japanese attacked the Russian position at An Shan Shan, midway between Hai Cheng and Liao Yang, on Aug. 2, and were repulsed with heavy loss. The Russian casualties are not known.

SIMOUCHENG FIGHTING.
Tokio, Aug. 5.—Noon.—It is now estimated that the Russians lost 2,000 men in the fighting at Simoucheng. The Japanese sanitary corps buried 7,000 bodies in the valleys through which the Russians fought and retreated. The Japanese captured six guns, five hundred and seventy shells, a quantity of stores and 33 prisoners. A detachment of the Russian medical corps, captured by the Japanese, was returned to the Russian lines. The Japanese casualties at Simoucheng amounted to 860 men, including eight officers killed and 24 officers wounded. General Kuroki's attack upon the late Lieutenant-General Count Keller was timed to forestall the assumption of the defensive on the part of the Russians.

General Kuroki telegraphs that the Russians were gradually reinforced until they had four divisions. The centre moved out on the Liao Yang road to An Ping, which is thirteen miles from Liao Yang. The Simoucheng fight, on July 30 and July 31, the Russians left at Yushu Likzu showed signs of activity, the advance guard occupying certain heights in front of the main position. When it became evident that the Russians were concentrating their forces, Gen. Kuroki determined to attack before the movement was completed. He started his army on July 30, sending his right against Yushu Likzu and his left to Yang Tzu Ling, a separate detachment keeping in touch with the right wing which moved against the Russian left at Yushu Likzu. The country at this point is a succession of hills and dales, disadvantageous to the attackers. The Russians showed great ingenuity in entrenching and defending their positions. Frontal and flank attacks were delivered simultaneously against the Russians at Yushu Likzu at dawn of Sunday, the Japanese artillery first clearing the way for the infantry. This position was captured at 9 a. m. A frontal attack against the Russian centre was continued, but the general advance was delayed to await the success of the Japanese left column. The Russians attempted repeatedly to re-take their former positions at Yushu Likzu, but the Japanese repulsed them every time.

The Japanese left column encountered the vanguard of the enemy at Pin-Ling and repulsed it. Later a separate detachment of Japanese troops flanked and severely punished a heavy detachment from Pin-Ling. The topographical conditions of the country prevented the completion of this flank attack.

The fighting at Yangtsuling began at dawn of Sunday, July 31, when the Japanese drove back the Russian outpost companies and took possession of their positions. The Japanese artillery was ineffective here. The heights of Yangtsuling were held by the Russians with four battalions. A flanking column had scaled some heights and gotten the Russian range and at 11 o'clock the Japanese artillery was strengthened. During the afternoon the infantry pressed forward and the entire line became engaged. The Russians resisted stubbornly. The battlefield was a most difficult one upon which to manoeuvre and the Japanese were not able to dislodge the enemy.

The troops of the Mikado slept in battle formation, before commencing night suspended hostilities. Fighting was resumed at dawn next day and the Russians were speedily repulsed. Gen. Kuroki estimates the Russian casualties at 2,000.

RUSSIANS LOST 2,000.
London, Aug. 5, 6.30 p. m.—A despatch to the Japanese legation from Tokio today announced that General Kuroki estimates the Russian casualties at the battle of Yushu Pass and Yang Tze as at least 2,000. The Japanese captured eight officers and 149 men, two field guns, many rifles, etc.

CIVIC HOLIDAY
The Annual Excursion to Niagara Falls, via West Wabash Railway, will take place on Monday next, under the auspices of the Sons of England. This special train will leave the G. T. Ry. at 7.30 a. m. Fare \$2.45 for adults, and \$1.25 for children.

NIAGARA MAY PROPEL TRAINS

Vanderbilts Planning Big Scheme to Supplant Steam Power.

Plan Includes Construction of a Power House at the Falls, to Cost \$24,000,000.

Buffalo, Aug. 5.—The Vanderbilts are said to be planning to equip the West Shore Railroad with electricity and to adopt this motive power for the Niagara Falls and Lewiston branch the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg and the Oswego branch of the New York Central.

The plan includes the construction of a power-house at Niagara Falls to cost \$24,000,000. This power is to be created by a company, known as the Niagara, Lockport and Ontario Power Company, which is said to be controlled by the Vanderbilt-Andrews syndicate, which recently purchased two electric roads.

While the Vanderbilts thus are preparing to supplant steam with electricity, J. F. Deems, superintendent of motive power for the entire system, is said to have perfected an invention which will enable locomotives to attain an efficiency of service amounting to 91 per cent., instead of between 25 and 40 per cent., as at present. The invention is said to eliminate the cylinder and piston rod and to apply the power directly to the axle of the locomotive, the wheels being given four impulses of steam per minute.

MILL BURNED

Ugly Conflagration Destroys Planing Mill at Tilbury—Loss Over \$7,000.

Quite a bad conflagration occurred in Tilbury yesterday afternoon, at two-thirty, which resulted in the complete destruction of Herbert Sloan's planing mill.

As the present hot spell has made everything as dry as timber the flames were very fierce, and it was only by the most strenuous efforts of the firemen that the surrounding buildings were saved.

A heavy north wind was blowing at the time and spread the flames very quickly throughout the planing mill. The loss was about \$7,500. Insurance, \$1000 in the London and Liverpool, \$1000 in the Globe, and \$1,000 in the London Mutual.

The efforts of the firemen were successfully directed to saving a number of frame dwellings adjoining, notwithstanding the intense heat.

ARRIVAL OF PERRY

The King's Prize Winner is Royally Welcomed at Montreal.

Montreal, Aug. 5.—Private Perry, winner of the King's prize, was a passenger on the Bavarica, which arrived here to-night. On the wharf he was met by Col. Gordon, D. O. C., and a number of Montreal militia officers. There was also quite a number of people present to welcome him and he was loudly cheered on disembarking. He was escorted to a carriage, a procession was formed, and he was driven to the Windsor Hotel. Private Perry will stay here until Tuesday, when he will go to Toronto. He will be given a reception to-morrow night.

A. O. F. EXCURSION.

Monday, Aug. 8th, will be a red letter day for the Ancient Order of Foresters of this city, as they run an excursion to Port Huron, (Through the Tunnel) over the Grand Trunk via Glenora. The route is a new one. The A. O. F. are numerous in this section and when they take hold of anything it has to go, despite almost unsurmountable difficulties. The order is a city institution and has been doing business here for the past 26 years, and has paid all just claims against it, and stands ready now, as in the past, to fulfil their promises to the letter. There is no doubt of a good crowd and Grand Trunk Agent J. C. Pritchard has given the committee in charge every courtesy that could be paid by a representative of a railroad. This trip takes in a view of the old fields on the way up. The fare is low and a good time is looked forward to on Monday.

EAU CONCERT

There was a good attendance at the Band Concert at Erieau last night. The following was the program:—Two Step, The Golf Girl—Fulton. Waltz, The Fairies' Ball—Ripley. Two Step, I Can't Do the Sum from Babes in Toy Land—Herbert. Waltz, In Thine Eyes. Two Step, Hello Bill, with vocal chorus. Waltzes, Golden Sunset—Hall. Two Step, The Cherry Pickers—Fulton.

CONFLAGRATION AT DRESDEN

Terrible Fire Threatened to Sweep the Town in the Early Hours To-day

Chatham Department Called Out But the Fire Was Then Under Control.

Dresden was the scene during the early hours this morning of a very devastating fire, which caused a loss in the neighborhood of \$25,000.

About three a. m. the fire started in an out-house at the rear of E. N. Smith's grocery and was discovered by Frank Walls. It spread to two frame buildings occupied respectively by Wm. Little, barber, and William Pollock, tailor, both buildings were gutted.

The brick building, E. N. Smith's grocery, was next, it, with the two adjoining brick buildings, one occupied by John Hart as a billiard parlor, and the other by Chas. Metzgar as a restaurant, were almost totally destroyed, leaving only the walls standing.

In the meantime the Chatham fire department was telephoned for. The Dresden engine was doing good work up till about four o'clock and had the fire fairly well controlled when it broke and the fire started afresh.

Sandy McVean had a hose laid from his mill right down to the scene of the conflagration. The hose broke, however, as some of it was old hose, on account of the length.

Dr. Thornton then took things in hand and organized a bucket brigade which did excellent work.

The engine was fixed by six o'clock and when the Chatham engine arrived at 6.10 the fire was well under control.

The Westcott Hotel was on fire several times but was always saved by the bucket brigade. E. N. Smith's stock and John Hart's stock were totally destroyed. Metzgar's stock was partly saved.

James Lawrence, dry goods, was badly damaged with fire and water. Smith's, Hart's and Lawrence's were well insured.

The Chatham fire contingent was held in Chatham until the railway found out who would pay the freight. The fire was no doubt incendiary, as the same thing was attempted two weeks ago but was nipped in the bud.

At one time the whole business section of the town was in danger. Many firms, including the Bank of Commerce, had their books removed. Some of the stores on the opposite side of the street caught several times from the sparks, but were controlled.

The authorities are investigating the cause of the fire. Ham Waddell owned the Metzgar block, while Geo. Craig owned the other two brick buildings burned. The Chatham department received the word at 3.30 and were ready to go in 15 minutes, but could not until the regular freight at five o'clock. Bert Jones and Firemen Graham and Mat Side went out.

BOARD OF WORKS

The Board of Works met yesterday. There were present Chairman McCo's, Ald. Piggott and City Engineer Jones. A large number of matters were attended to. Re Robert Wilson's complaint, instructions were given the City Engineer to have the earth in the alleyway levelled.

James McGregor was appointed for a week to go all over the city and notify parties owning land where weeds were going to seed to have them cut.

The walk on Witherspoon Street was ordered raised.

At the grocery of Frank Snook, on Adelaide Street, the walk is higher than the lawn. The city engineer was instructed to put a tile under the walk and to do the same under the walk in front of Mr. Hollwell's walk, on Grant St. The engineer was also given power to repair a drain for W. H. Carswell and John Brown, on Park Ave. Crossings were ordered to be put down on Pitt St. and Joseph St. The city engineer thinks that he has enough flag stones to build these crossings. The cedar block on King St., west of the post office, was ordered to be repaired. The engineer was instructed to grade down Emma St., raising the crossing and put the street in some kind of repair.

CLOSING MEETING

The Victoria Band held their closing meeting in the Park street Methodist church last evening. These meetings have been well attended considering the warm season of the year and a very considerable increased interest is manifested in missions as a result of their visit.

The band leaves this morning to attend the various summer schools held under the direction of the Epworth Leagues in Ridgeway and the St. Thomas district, and also in Montreal, after which they will visit the other churches in Western Ontario. Mr. Morgan and J. A. Wallace went this morning to Ridgeway, and B. Wallace went to Montreal. Three of the band go to Morpeth, two to Port Stanley and one to Montreal.

FANCY GOODS

To the Ladies:—

We are pleased to say that we have a full and choice line of Cushion Tops, Battenburg Patterns, Centre Pieces and Doylies on hand at present. We can also show you all the material for working these such as Belding's Silks (in filo, twisted, royal and rope), Cotton Floss, Linen Floss, Etching Cotton, Mending Cotton, Padding Cotton, Crochet Cotton, Knitting Cotton Silco, Lace Thread (from 100 to 1000), Glasgow Lace Thread, Barbour's Linen, Battenburg Braid, Point Lace Braid Pins, Needles, Embroidery Hoops, Thread (both cotton and silk), Netting Needles, Crochet Hooks, and all the other articles used by a lady to beautify her home and dress.

Let us also remind you that the season for **Bedroom Slippers** is near at hand, and we have just received a large shipment of not only the **Hartford Soles** but also the famous all leather one, with the detachable wool sole.

So we take pleasure in extending to you a very cordial invitation to visit our store and enjoy the inspection of our choice goods.

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Men's Canvas Shoes at Cut Price

White Canvas, both low and high cut, regular \$2.50 lines at **\$2.00**

Grey Canvas, both low and high cut, regular \$1.50 lines at **\$1.00**

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