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A YEAR OF WAR.

Although the first blow in the Russo-Japanese war was struck when the Japanese fleet was struck when the harbor of Port Arthur on February 8, 1904, the first overt act of hostility occurred on February 7, when Japan seized Manchuria, Korea, as a military base. Two days before that diplomatic relations between the two powers had been broken off. Today may be regarded as the anniversary of the opening of hostilities.

The net result of a year of fighting on land and sea is all in favor of the island empire. Russia has lost her Pacific fleet and the most powerful fortress in the east. Her armaments have been driven out of Korea and the Liaotung peninsula, and soundly beaten in two of the bloodiest pitched battles of modern times. They are now at bay in front of Mukden, with the combined Japanese armies, flushed with many victories and serenely confident in their leaders and their cause, strongly entrenched in front of them waiting for the spring to add to their record of triumph and glory.

It is estimated that Japan, in all, has had 490,000 men afloat and ashore; Russia about 390,000. On land the principal leaders have been: Russian, Generals Kurapatkin, Stoessel, Stackelberg, Linovitch and Mischenko, the last named being the commander of the Cossack forces; Japan, Field Marshal Oyama and Generals Kuroki, Nogi, Nodzu, and Oku. At sea, Admiral Togo and Vice-Admiral Kamimura have divided the honors for Japan, the main Russian commanders being Vice-Admirals Makarov and Witthoff and Rear-Admiral Rojestvensky.

The total of killed in the course of the year's fighting is semi-officially placed at 124,596—65,100 Japanese and 59,596 Russians. The number of wounded is given as not less than 265,000, the total casualties thus amounting to 389,596. Of their more prominent leaders, Japan and Russia have lost Generals Ruzozsky, Konarsky and Count Keller, Vice-Admirals Makarov and Witthoff, Lieutenant-Commander Odo and Captain Stepanoff. Also, Vassili Veresthagin, the Russian artist, went down with the Petropavlovsk, and Lewis Etzel, the war correspondent, was shot while on duty.

Russia's official figures show that, up to November 23, she had paid for war expenses, including credits then outstanding, \$364,000,000; her total to-day is not less than \$462,000,000. The cost to Japan will approximate \$354,000,000, bringing the total for both nations to \$816,000,000.

Russia has lost thirty-five vessels of war of all classes and Japan twenty-three, as follows: Russia—Battleships Petropavlovsk, Retvizan, Poltava and Pereviet, sunk; Tzarevitch, disabled; Pobieda, badly damaged; Sevastopol, blown up. Cruisers Boyarin, Bayan, Pallada, Varjag, Barik, Rossia and Lena, sunk; Novik, Gillak and Bogarty, ashore; Askold, Diana and Gromoboi, disabled. Gunboats, etc., Korietz and Yenesoi, sunk, and twelve others, including torpedo boats and destroyers. Japan—Battleship, Hatause, sunk. Cruisers Utsuyako, Saien and Yoshino, sunk. Also three transports sunk and sixteen torpedo boats or destroyers.—Hamilton Herald.

It is to be hoped Mr. R. R. Gamey will be chosen to the Ministry of Mines. He is a dominant, a clever, a strong character. He knows New Ontario, her wants and her desires as few know it, he is courageous almost to aggressiveness. Just the man for the place.—"Kit" in Mail and Empire.

SHORTAGE OF HOGS

"There has been a shortage of both hogs and feed this winter," remarked Ed. Massey this morning. "Our receipts aren't half what they were other years. This week we should have shipped seven cars of live hogs but our limit was two. The same shortage of pigs is noticeable at Thamesville, Dresden, Ridgetown, in fact all over Kent and Essex."

EXPERT TESTIMONY

In the trial of George G. Robertson, charged with the embezzlement of \$2,485.26 from Arthur & Waite, state agents of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Co., before Judge Murphy, the morning session was spent in taking the testimony of Alexander F. Falls, of Chatham, Ont. He explained in detail his method of over the books of the company, and their alleged losses.—De-

THE STAGE

"All the world's a stage
and all the men and women
merely players."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the Grand—
Kennedy Players—Feb. 6-11.
Pretty Peggy—Feb. 13.
Sign of the Cross—Feb. 27.

LAST NIGHT'S PRODUCTION.

The large and well pleased audience which, despite the very inclement weather, greeted the Kennedy Players last night in "Cheek, or the Boy from the Bower," bore testimony to the strong hold they have already obtained upon the theatre-going public. As "Dick Smythe, a gentleman who don't care who knows it," John J. Kennedy made another decided hit and was well supported by the balance of the cast. The scenery, especially the realistic depiction of Madison Square, New York, was good.

The specialties by the Flame Sisters, Little Dot, Winnifred Greenwood and A. Ben Lewis, were, as usual, of a high grade.

To-night the company present Bartley Campbell's famous society drama, "Another Man's Wife," one of the strongest in their repertoire.

PRETTY PEGGY.

The reserve seat sale for "Pretty Peggy" opened this morning with a rush. This attraction is recognized as the greatest dramatic triumph of recent times. Miss Jane Corcoran plays her part as Peg Woffington, supported by Andrew Robson as David Garrick. There are 32 members in the cast.

Following is a synopsis of the play:—
Act I.—Interior of Madame Violante's Circus Booth, Fownes' Court, Dublin.

"At his desire she left her native city to accompany him to London. For she loved him all in all," J. Fitzgerald Molloy's "Peg Woffington."

Act II.—Green Room at the Theatre Royal, Covent Garden, London.

"She was prodigiously fond of the admiration of the green room gallants, who treated her as though she were the only woman born." Memoirs of George Anne Bellamy.

Act III.—Interior of Peg Woffington's House, Bow Street, London.

"There is no doubt that in the end Garrick treated her very badly." Doran's "Annals of the Stage."

Act IV.—Scene 1—Stage of Covent Garden. Scene 2—Lobby, Covent Garden. Scene 3—Auditorium and Stage of Covent Garden. Scene 4—Stage of Covent Garden, Set as the Forest of Arden.

"On the night of the 17th of May, 1767, she appeared as 'Rosind' for the benefit of two minor actors and a French dancer. As she reached these lines in the apogee her voice faltered, she clasped her hands to her side and would have fallen, but was caught." J. Fitzgerald Molloy's "Peg Woffington."

District Doings

TILBURY

Feb. 9.—Frank Fenton, of Oldcastle, was in town Monday attending the funeral of his mother-in-law, the late Mrs. Sales.

General satisfaction is expressed here over the nomination of Dr. Reaume, of North Essex, to a position in the new Ontario Cabinet as Minister of Public Works.

Tilbury has a coal famine and coal is being hauled here from Jesmette's Creek.

H. J. Cartier, of the lighthouse, is visiting friends here.

Local firemen talk of holding a concert shortly.

D. Scriven left yesterday for a visit with relatives at Delmer, Ont.

Mrs. Halland left yesterday on a visit to Mount Clemens, Mich.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church announce a seven cent supper for next week.

The rink has been closed to skaters and hockeyists for the season, the curlers taking possession this week.

The single men defeated the married in a bowling contest last Monday night by 2 games to 1.

A masquerade ball is talked of.

WALLACE BERG

Feb. 9.—The band concert was not well attended at the rink on Wednesday evening owing to the bad weather.

Miss Lulu Mounter, of Chatham, is visiting relatives in town.

Mr. Addison Terhune has accepted a position in Detroit this week. The Arlington Hotel is undergoing repairs this week.

Revival services will be held in the Baptist church, commencing Feb. 20, by Rev. W. C. Weir and Rev. Geo. A. Paul, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Gunton. Music will be given by Miss Viola Clark, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt, of Chatham, and Baptist choir.

The following are the officers elected of Eureka No. 3, Uniform Rank, of the K. O. P.:
Chaplain—E. E. Parker.
1st Lieut.—E. Fox.
2nd Lieut.—E. Martin.
Recorder—N. E. Gibb.
Treasurer—B. West.
Chaplain—D. W. Stonehouse.
Guard—D. Eberhart.
Sentinel—James Dunlop.

After the installation of officers the Lodge adjourned to Miss Colling's restaurant, where a farewell lunch was served to Captain Gaskill, who left for Cleveland on Wednesday night.

JUST WHERE THOU ART.

Just where thou art lift up thy voice,
And sing the song that stirs thy heart;
Reach forth thy song and eager hand:
To lift, to save, just where thou art;
Just where thou standest light thy lamp,
This dark to others as to thee;
Their ways are ledged by unseen thorns,
Their burdens fret as thine fret thee.

Out yonder, in the broad, full glare
Of many lamps thine own might pale;
And thy sweet song amid the road
Of many voices slowly fall;
While these thy kindred wandered on
Unheeded, unlighted to the end,
Near to thy hand thy mission lies,
Wherever and hearts need a friend.

HOME FOR WORKING GIRLS.

Eight Shillings a Week Hotel Opened in London.

Lord Radstock has just opened a hostel for working girls in the Clapham road.

Like the Rowton Houses, the Victoria Hostel, as it is named, is to be self-supporting. It is, indeed, but the beginning of a great scheme for the housing of the working girls of London, for Lord Radstock intends to build shortly a many-storied hostel for girls in Newington causeway.

Meanwhile Lord Radstock's paying guests in the Victoria Hostel will have every comfort at a minimum cost.

An immense marble-lined skating rink, on which 5,000 people would find ample standing room, is one of the features of the hostel. Swings and gymnastic apparatus will be put up, and the girls provided with roller skates.

Bright, well-furnished sitting-rooms and class-rooms, a work-room for sewing, a boot-room in which the girls can clean their boots, and a laundry fitted with wringer, washer and ironing tables are provided. The cubicle bedrooms are light, airy and comfortable, and hot water and baths are free.

The inclusive charge is 3s. 6d. per week—6d. a night.

Lord Radstock has solved the problem of how to live on 1s. a day. For 3s. 6d. a week board is provided—at a pinch. For an extra shilling a week a room—a week—the matron will undertake to feed her boarders royally.

All the food is obtained at the restaurant bar, which is open from seven in the morning until 4.30 at night.

Lord Radstock allows his girl boarders plenty of liberty. The rules are few, and are of a wholesome kind. Lights are out at 10.30, but permission to stay out till later can be obtained from the matron. Visitors are permitted, but male guests are received in the hall.

There is no age limit for the boarders. The hostel is meant for such working girls, machinists in city factories, waitresses and typists as can give references as to respectability.—Daily Express.

Last of Wooden Walls.

The Duke of Wellington and the Hannibal are at present in the hands of the ship-breaker on the Thames near Charlton. Both ships were once the pride of the British navy.

The Duke of Wellington was built at the Pembroke Dockyard and intended to be christened Windsor Castle. Just before her completion the British Admiralty adopted the crew system for all British battleships, and so the Windsor Castle was cut in two in the dry docks and made 20 feet longer to give the necessary room required for the machines for the screw. This put the launch of the vessel back for another three months, and it was decided to have her launched on December 14, 1852. On that day the Duke of Wellington died, and by the special request of the late Queen Victoria the vessel was christened Duke of Wellington, in honor and remembrance of the famous general.

The Duke of Wellington had a displacement of 6,071 tons, and was built out of an oak forest of seventy-six acres, each acre at forty oaks and each oak again at 200 years old. The mainmast cost £500, the foremast £375, and the mizzenmast £130. At that time the Duke of Wellington was the strongest and best armored battleship at the speed of 12-13 knots. In the Crimean War she was the flagship of Sir Charles Napier, the commander of the Baltic fleet. The Hannibal was the flagship of Sir Houston Stewart, and distinguished herself at the bombardment of the fortress of Kinburn.

A Thrifty Goose.

Mr. Reynolds, a jobmaster in Horseshoe-yard, Goswell road, London, bought a number of geese near Dunstable three years ago.

One of them showed marked individuality, and remained aloof from its fellows. After a few weeks it took a fancy to Jack Eaver, foreman hostler, and this odd friendship has developed with the passing months, until the two are well-nigh inseparable.

"Jack," as the goose is called after his protector, waddles sagely into the office each morning, and shares his friend's breakfast. Daily, through the London and County Bank in Aldersgate street, the goose squatted contentedly before the fire while his business is done, and then it follows Mr. Eaver back to the yard, where "Jack" is the patriarch of the flock, consisting of two great-grandchildren, sole survivors of the headman's ex.

Unfortunately, this otherwise sagacious and well-ordered bird is addicted to drink. On New Year's Eve Mr. Eaver was sent out to distribute the Christmas boxes. Several distilleries were visited, and the bird drank as many "healths" in whiskey and gin.

"Jack" collapsed just before the office was reached, with a Christmas feeling on him. One half pint of stout is "Jack's" allowance, and this quantity seems to agree with him.

The Cockney Way.

"That English friend of yours is rather outspoken. He seems to think it proper at all times to call a spade a spade."

"Oh, you're wrong there. He invariably calls it a 'spit'."

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25 Doz. fine Swiss embroidery, turn-over collars, very pretty designs, regular 10c. to 15c. Saturday, 5c.

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Rich heavy quality French Taffeta Silk, made in latest styles, beautifully trimmed with tucks, hemstitchings, pleatings, etc., colors Black, White, Cream, Sky, Pink, Old Rose and Cardinal, lined with fine perceline, assorted sizes, regular \$5, \$6 and \$7 each, clearing Saturday \$3.89.

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6 dozen handsome Black Underskirts, rich silky satana, trimmed with flounce ruffles, tucks, hemstitchings, etc., regular \$1.25, \$1.39 and \$1.50 each, Saturday 98c.

25c and 35c. WOOL HOSE at 19c PAIR.

14 Doz. Ladies and Children's fine heavy wool hose, elastic rib knit, seamless feet, 5 to 10 in., regular 25c. to 35c. a pair, Saturday 19c.

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25c, 35c and 40c Fancy Collars, assorted styles and colors for 17c.

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75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 Collars and Ties for 38c.

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25 pos. finest grade French Flannels, Printed Satin Cloth and Printed French Cashmeres, this seasons best patterns and colorings, sold regular 50c, 60c and 75c a yd., clearing at 29c.

50c TWEED SUITINGS at 25c a yd.
4 pos. 44 inch pure wool Tweed Suitings dark mixtures, medium weight, regular 60c a yd., Saturday 25c.

75c and 85c SUITINGS at 49c a yd.
8 pos. Fancy Tweed Suitings, this seasons best styles, regular 75c to 85c a yd., Saturday 49c.

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nearly a hundred of them 1 1/2 to 6 yards long, clearing at Special Prices.

CHILDREN'S 25c FLEECE VESTS at 17c.

4 doz. only Children's fine heavy Fleece Vests, sizes 2 to 12 years, regular 20c, 22c and 25c each, Saturday 17c.

LADIES' \$1 BLACK DRAWERS 86c a pr.

3 doz. Ladies' fine pure Lambs Wool Black Drawers, best dye, assorted sizes, the best \$1 garments, Saturday 98c.

OUR WHITE UNDERWEAR SALE

Offers the best values in Ladies' and Children's White Undergarments you or we have ever seen. High-Class goods for less than other stores ask for the ordinary kind. Come in, see them.

50c WOOL CLOUDS at 33c each
15 only fine pure wool Clouds, assorted colors, tasselled ends, regular 50c, clearing Saturday at 33c.

LADIES' 50c. and 60c. HEAVY FLEECE VESTS 38c. EACH

4 Dozen only fine Pinch Fleece Vests, at 38c. each.

CLOTH SKIRTS at \$2.89, REGULAR \$4.00 to \$6.00.

19 only Ladies Tailored Skirts, sample garments, assorted colors and styles, in Frieze, Cheviote and fine plain cloths, regular \$4 to \$6 each, Saturday, \$2.89.

LACES AT 5c. A YARD.
900 yards fine Val. and Torchon Laces and Insertions, 3 inch to 2 in. wide, choice new patterns, special a yard, 5c.

COUSHION GIRDLES AT 25c
3 1/2 yards long rich heavy silky cord tasselled ends in every wanted color, special each 25c.

\$1.00 LACE CURTAINS AT 75c. A PAIR
3 1/2 YARDS LONG
35 Pairs Nottingham Lace Curtains, good strong net, in choice designs, regular \$1.00 a pair, Saturday, 75c.

50c to 60c. Linoleum at 44c a Yard

9 pieces heavy firm quality Linoleum, 3 yards and 4 yards long, in handsome floral and block patterns, regular 60c. to 60c. a square yard, Saturday, 44c.

10c. FACTORY COTTONS AT 8c. YARD
1200 yards of superior Unbleached Cotton extra wide, fine even weave, clean finish, a special 10c. quality, sale price, 8c.

PILLOW COTTONS AT 11c. A YARD

40 in. wide, good firm quality, pure bleached, regular 14c. a yard, sale price 11c.

44 in. PILLOW COTTON AT 14c. YARD

Extra fine heavy quality, 44 in. wide, pure finish, regular 18c. a yard, sale price 14c.

25c. BLEACHED SHEETING 19c. YARD
2 yards wide, good firm quality, plain Bleached Sheeting, regular 25c. a yard, sale price, 19c.

25c. TWILL SHEETING 22c.
Pure bleached, 2 yards wide, excellent quality, regular 25c., sale price, 22c.

MEN'S \$20 FUR COATS at \$13.90.
3 only Men's Black Russian Wolf Coats, regular \$20, clearing at \$17.90.

1 only MEN'S BROWN CALF COAT
Superior quality, uniform color, best grade linings, regular \$25, clearing at \$17.90.

LADIES' COATS
22 only Ladies' Cloth Coats, regular \$8.50, \$10 and \$12, clearing Saturday at \$3.95.

16 only Ladies' Cloth Coats, regular up to \$8 each, clearing at \$3.48 and \$2.98.

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Ladies' \$25 Astrachan Coats for \$19.90
" 35 Greenland Seal " " 23.90
" 50 Russian Lamb " " 39.90

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THAT POLICE COURT CASE.

A reporter called upon Mr. Smith, Crown Attorney, this morning and asked him for his version of what occurred between himself and Mr. J. G. Kerr during the argument in the police court case on Monday morning last, and as to the report of it contained in The Planet and the "News".

Mr. Smith said: "There was nothing more occurred at police court than frequently happens in the heat of an argument between two lawyers when both are convinced they are right and striving to do their best to win."

There was, in his opinion, nothing whatever occurred that the public was interested in, or should have been published, so far as this argument was concerned. He considered the report in The Planet an exaggerated one and it looked like getting at Mr. Kerr over his shoulders, and that he told the reporter of The Planet so the next morning. As far as Mr. Smith and Mr. Kerr were concerned, there was no feeling in the matter whatever.

Mr. Smith also said that he did not approve of the News report, that there was considerable jangling between the lawyers, and its destruction to the effect that there was not a particle of evidence produced by Crown against accused in face of the fact that the magistrate had reserved his decision for one week in order to consider the evidence and law on the case before he rendered his decision.

Soap That Floats.
A floating soap is produced by the mass of soap being "beaten" while it is cooling, just as we beat eggs or butter. This incorporates air into the soap and makes it float. A given bulk of floating soap weighs much less than the same bulk of soap that does not float. One hundred pounds of soap beaten will make many more cakes of a given size of floating soap not beaten. It is due to no ingredient. Any soap will float if beaten. A soap is no better because it floats. This is no sign of a good soap. The only advantage is in being able to find the cake more easily if it is dropped into the bath or wash tub. In soap factories the soap is beaten by machinery.

Canada's Trade With Britain.

London, Feb. 8.—The imports from Canada to Great Britain, according to the Board of Trade returns for January, were as follows:

	Number.	Value.
Sheep and lambs	3,876	£227
Cattle	7,628	£127,069
Pigs	254,400	85,844
Wheat meal and flour	71,400	36,873
Certs	30,550	7,115
Pean, certs	83,250	120,283
Hams, certs	40,786	23,601
Butter, certs	1,472	6,337
Cheese, certs	33,735	231,873
Eggs, great hundreds	19,338	7,350
Horses	13	520

Britain's Imports Increased.
London, Feb. 8.—The January statement of the Board of Trade shows increases of \$5,169,500 in imports and \$4,532,000 in exports.

Ghosts would frighten many people who are not afraid of germs. Yet the germ is a real danger. If this microscopic animalism could be magnified to a size in proportion to its deadliness it would show like a giant python, or fire, breathing dragon. The one fact to remember is that the germ is powerless to harm the body when the blood is pure. It is far easier to keep the germ out than to drive it out after it obtains a hold in the system. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the most powerful and perfect of blood purifying medicines. It increases the quantity as well as the quality of the blood, and enables the body to resist disease, or to throw it off if disease has obtained a footing in some weak organ. Wherever the digestion is impaired, the nutrition of the body is diminished, for the blood is made from the food which is eaten, and half digested food cannot supply the body with blood in quantity and quality adequate to its needs. For this condition there is no remedy equal to "Golden Medical Discovery." It cures ninety-eight out of every hundred persons who give it a fair trial. When there is constipation Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets will promptly and permanently cure.

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