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15 splendid \$6.45 Coats, mannish lapels, semi and tight backs, in fine covert cloths, at..... \$4.75

Regular \$8.00 Tailored Coats, seams neatly bound, graceful lines, lapel or shawl collars, only..... \$5.95

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Other big values in coats. We also carry a full line of Black, Blue and Brown Coats. Call and inspect our Skirts; the largest assortment to choose from: prices ranging from \$1.75 upwards.

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WE MAKE UP SUITS TO YOUR ORDER FROM OUR OR YOUR OWN MATERIALS AND GUARANTEE A PERFECT FIT. PRICES REASONABLE.

The Metropolitan Skirt and Suit Manufacturing Co.

232 DUNDAS STREET

15,000 MINERS TO RETURN TO WORK

Agreement Will Be Left to the Wage Scale Committee in Pittsburgh District.

Pittsburgh, April 21.—The miners' convention of the Pittsburgh district adjourned yesterday afternoon after unanimously agreeing to leave the matter of the signing of the wage scale agreement to the wage scale committee, and as a result about 15,000 miners in the Pittsburgh district will return to work before the end of the week.

About one-third of the operators of the district have agreed to the terms of the miners, others having agreed to sign within the next two days. As a result those who have signed are permitted to resume operations.

BIG TROUT IS DEAD

Was for Years the Pride of the City Hall Aquarium.

The speckled trout in the city hall aquarium died during the night. For the past seven or eight years this beauty has been the pride of the small boy, and the particular care of the city hall officials.

The late treasurer, Mr. John Pope, and Oliver Ellwood caught him years ago at the pond on Mr. Geo. White, in London Township, and placed him, with several others, in the aquarium. The big fellow killed all of his mates, and for the past year has been left alone.

City Auditor Jewell is having the fish mounted, and will keep it as a memento of the late city treasurer. The fish was 16 inches long and was about 12 years old.

GOEDERICH.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Goedrich, April 21.—Capt. William Gundry is seriously ill.

Rev. Marshall P. Talling, Ph. D. of Toronto, is filling Knox Church pulpit this month.

Mr. Andrew Rouevie, manager of the Fruit Farm Syndicate, who have purchased two farms, one on the lake shore and another across the road in Bayfield, has had a large number of apple and peach trees planted already.

It is learned on good authority that the committee appointed to choose a site for the building of a sanatorium, for tuberculosis patients, have been looking over an estate adjoining Maitland Cemetery.

The Junior band concert given last week in the opera house was a great success in every way. There was a large attendance, and those taking part were awarded liberal and hearty applause. Among those who assisted were J. J. Pink, of London; Master Douglas Stanbury, contralto; Roy Jones, cornet soloists; Mrs. Stanbury and A. Roy Adams, accompanists.

MUDLAVIA Cures Rheumatism, Kidney, Skin and Nerve Troubles with its famous Mud Baths. Big Hotel, open all the year. Thousands made well—natural treatment—drawn out pain and poison. Book Free. Dr. R. A. Adams, Free, London, Ont.

CONTRACTS ARE NOW READY FOR SIGNATURE

Electrical Engineer Roberts Has Returned From Toronto.

Electrical Engineer Roberts returned from Toronto today, where he has been in consultation with the hydro-electrical engineers regarding the equipment. He declares that the contracts are now ready for signature, having passed the engineers.

"The representatives of the companies will be in the city in a day or two, and then they will be duly signed," said Mr. Roberts. "Everything is now arranged satisfactorily, and we should make rapid progress from this time on."

He was informed that the city of Toronto would not be ready to distribute power until Jan. 1 of next year, and he expressed no surprise at that.

Power in the Fall.

"We should be ready much before that," he said, "I am not surprised that Toronto will not be ready before that time. They have considerable work to do."

As to the exact date when power will be here, I am not in a position to state with certainty. It will be some time before this fall. Mr. Sothman stated that power would be here during the coming summer. He may be right, but I do not look for power before the fall, at least."

DR. COOK IN PARAGUAY

Near Arctic Explorer Sightseeing in Asuncion—Won't Talk to Anyone.

Asuncion, Paraguay, April 21.—The arrival of Dr. Cook, the Arctic explorer, in this city is now confirmed. His impending arrival was announced by one of the local papers some time ago, but as another account stated that he was in the neighborhood of Rio de Janeiro no great importance was attached to the statement.

Dr. Cook is now staying at the Hispano-American Hotel, the principal hostelry in Asuncion. At half-past 9 this morning he left the hotel to make a round of inspection of the city. He was accompanied by his wife. He refuses to be interviewed by reporters or others and lives a life of retirement scarcely associating with anyone.

As Asuncion is a quiet place right in the heart of South America, without direct railway communication with the outside world, Dr. Cook is not likely to be molested here, nor does his presence evoke much interest among the inhabitants. The sole means of communication here with Europe or North America is by river steamer via Buenos Ayres.

POLICE CHIEF DEAD.

Peterboro, April 21.—Geo. I. Rossel, chief of police here for the last 23 years, died this morning at 6 o'clock, after an illness of about a month. The chief had always been most faithful in the discharge of his duties, and was a valued citizen. He was also a prominent Mason. His death will be a decided loss to the city.

PREMIER GOING WEST DURING THE SUMMER

Promises a Deputation to Make a Tour During July and August.

Ottawa, April 21.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier yesterday promised a deputation of the Liberal members from Western Canada that he would spend two months on a political tour of the west during the coming summer. Since the Premier has not visited the western half of the Dominion owing to the constant demands on his time at the capital, coupled with three imperial conferences and other public missions, during parliamentary recesses, Sir Wilfrid will probably take with him during his forthcoming tour two of his colleagues, Hon. Messrs. Graham and Fielding, and public meetings will be held at all the principal points in the west. The date has not yet been definitely fixed, but the tour will probably take place during July and August.

Ottawa, April 20.—Emigration to Canada is not looked upon with favor by all continental countries. In Hungary, according to the Dominion immigration officials, an order has been some months been in existence which prohibits in future emigration to Canada.

The reason given for this order is that Canada attracts agricultural laborers and small farmers, classes whom it is especially desired to keep in Hungary, and further that such persons when once in the Dominion find the attractions so great that they rarely return to their motherland, but tempt others to follow them.

TROUBLE AT CHANG SHA

City in State of Great Unrest—British Gunboat Snipe Aground.

Pekin, April 21.—Advices from Chang Sha state that great unrest is apparent again in that city. The British gunboat Snipe is aground 30 miles from Chang Sha. A Chinese cruiser and 500 troops have arrived. The lawlessness of the natives, which began at Chang Sha, the capital of Hunan Province, is reported to be spreading.

Advices received here state that riots have occurred at Ning Siang, the site of a Protestant mission, about 30 miles west of Chang Sha. A mission school at Yi Yang, 20 miles north of Ning Siang, has been burned. The foreigners are said to have escaped harm.

Foreign residents at Yo-Chow were preparing to leave that place last night.

These reports are coupled with the statement that a wholesale desertion of the troops has taken place.

One hundred Chinese from the Chinese cruiser that recently arrived at Chang Sha are guarding the foreign settlement there.

FOUL PLAY STORY IS DISCREDITED

Calgary News Says Alex. Clark Died as the Result of a Fall.

POSTMORTEM WAS HELD

Story That Deceased Had Been Assaulted and Robbed Is Declared To Be Without Foundation.

The Calgary News of Saturday last has the following to say regarding the death of Alex. Clark, formerly foreman in the Advertiser job department: After remaining in a delirious condition since last Monday night, Mr. Clark, of the firm of Clark & Tivey, of the "Quick Print," of this city, died in the General Hospital, shortly after six o'clock this morning.

The direct cause of his death was due to a fall over a declivity while walking along the bank of the Bow River on Saturday night last.

The doctors who were attending Mr. Clark had some difficulty in assigning the exact cause of death, and state that the case was a most obscure nature, the symptoms being so indefinite and varying that it was impossible to determine whether it was a fracture of the skull, or hemorrhage, or the adjournment of an autopsy. There were no indications of the skull having received a fracture, and it was surmised that hemorrhage of the brain had set in as the result of the fall.

No Foul Play.

It has been suggested that Mr. Clark was a victim of foul play, but there is no reason to suppose that such was the case from the story told by Mr. Clark to his friends on Sunday.

He complained on Monday morning of feeling sick and having a bad headache, and stated that he fell over the bank of the river. He was unconscious for some time—did not know for how long—and after regaining consciousness was well enough to walk home. On Monday he became sick and gradually grew weaker, until Monday evening it became necessary to remove him from his room to the General Hospital. He became delirious the same night and remained in that condition until he succumbed.

According to the story he told his friends, he was not molested by anyone, and the imputation that he was a victim of foul play and that he seems to be without foundation.

Mr. Clark was about 33 years of age, was a native of Kincardine, Ont., and had been married about six years. He had a brother living in Kincardine, and a married sister, formerly of Nanaimo, living in Alberta.

It has been impossible so far to ascertain exactly where his sister is residing. He worked for some years in London, Ont., and in Winnipeg.

The doctors are holding an autopsy this afternoon for the purpose of determining the exact cause of death.

KREMLIN IMAGE LOOTED OF GEMS

Precious Stones to the Value of \$500,000 Stolen From Moscow Church.

[Associated Press Cable.] Moscow, April 21.—A diamond ornamented with hundreds of thousands of rubies and other precious stones, the greatly revered image of the Virgin in the Uspenski Cathedral in the Kremlin, it was discovered today.

The theft, which was perpetrated during last night, has caused Moscow to great excitement, and their emotion is pitiful to witness.

Many precious stones were cut out of the frames of the pictures of the saints. The total value of the loot is estimated at \$500,000.

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CHARGES CROCKET WITH DISTORTING

Mr. Carvell Defends Hon. Mr. Pugsley and Reid Attacks Carvell.

Ottawa, April 21.—The evening sitting of the House was taken up with a long discussion on the purchase of the Richibucto sawdust wharf, brought up on motion to go into supply by Mr. Crockett. This house has engaged the attention of the public accounts committee under Mr. Crockett's direction, most of the session to the exclusion of everything else. Mr. Crockett spoke for two hours, the evident purpose of getting a large amount of the committee's evidence on Hansard. Mr. Crockett alleged that the transaction was an improper one, and that it had been inspired by Hon. Mr. Pugsley.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley challenged the member for York to make a formal charge of any wrong-doing on his part.

Mr. Crockett said that he did not intend to do so.

In conclusion, Mr. Crockett moved an amendment, declaring that the evidence given before the public accounts committee indicated that the purchase of the wharf at Richibucto was a corrupt and fraudulent transaction which deserves the severest condemnation of the House.

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SHRINERS REPORT FINE TIME IN NEW ORLEANS

All Local Delegates to the Big Convention Have Returned.

All the local Shriners have returned from New Orleans, where they have been attending the imperial council meeting. All the travellers report having had the time of their lives, and declare that it was the best council meeting yet held.

"We had a fine trip down," said Past Ill. Potentate A. L. Davis. "We were met at Cincinnati by Dr. W. L. Alexander, of Ismailia Temple, Buffalo, and he remained with us all the way to New Orleans. He was the life of our party, and the Shriners of Mocha Temple have nothing but the warmest feelings of friendship for him. He is a prince. We spent a day at Chattanooga, where we visited the battlefields in the vicinity, and had a royal time."

"On arriving in New Orleans we went directly to headquarters, where we registered. The council meeting was in session, and we soon were engaged in its deliberations. When the business of the session had been completed, we were in the sights, and the entertainment provided by the New Orleans nobles could not be improved on. The next day a celebration was excellent. Judge F. G. Garty, a well-known character in that city, took us in charge, and it is needless to say we had a great time."

"On our return we spent a day or two at Louisville, where we were met by E. Woods, two of the best-known Shriners in the city, took charge of our party there, and they gave us a right royal time. We have engaged part of the Rochester Hotel, Rochester, for the next two hundred nobles from Mocha Temple attend."

"It was a great time," said Noble A. E. Somerville. "Dr. Alexander, of Buffalo, is a gem, and the way he is treated was magnificent. We are off for Rochester next year, and then we will go out for some fun. It will be immense."

Paris, April 21.—In the foothills of the Kok-Schad Mountain range, which is the frontier between the Russian Semiretchye territory and Chinese East Turkestan, is the Russian fortress of Narynskoye, on the edge of a tributary of the Syr-Darya, a military post cut off from the movement of the world. It has acquired a unique reputation among the directors of geological parks in Europe. It is the headquarters of the retired frontier soldier, Neshiv, who after his army service was done, he devoted his life to the study of returning to civilization, and has set himself up at Narynskoye in a trade that has grown to large dimensions.

He captures wild animals and sends them to eastern Europe, mostly to the zoological parks and natural history collections of Germany. His specialty is trapping expeditions, comprising the Semiretchye territory, Kashgar, Turfan and Chotan, in Chinese East Turkestan, and even part of the Tatarian territory.

As far back as the eighties, Neshiv began collecting rare birds and plants for the zoologists. He has been so successful that he has developed his trade to supply the foreign market with the great specimens of the animal world. He sends two consignments yearly to Europe.

From Narynskoye to Tashkent they are taken in trek wagons; the journey lasts 24 days. The rail journey from Tashkent to St. Petersburg takes from 15 to 18 days, and three days more to Germany. For transporting his strange merchandise the Russian Government Railroad department charges him 3 rubles a load, about 4 cents a pound.

His wares include tigers, panthers, lynx, Chinese wolves, jackals, foxes, deer, wild sheep and goats and many specimens of rare birds. The transportation of a tiger from the Narynskoye fortress to St. Petersburg costs 60 rubles. But tigers and panthers are a rarity in Neshiv's list. In 10 years he has only trapped 4 tigers and 56 panthers. He gets from \$750 to \$1,000 for a live tiger and from \$75 to \$100 for a panther. Each consignment he sends abroad fetches from \$2,000 to \$7,500.

Nor is his business confined to live animals. He exports horns, skins, stuffed birds and shells. His trade with zoologists is believed to have made him the most prosperous man in the region.

JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFF

Local Trusts Company Sues For a Claim.

A very brief session of the County Court was held this morning before Judge Macbeth. It did not last much more than five minutes.

There was only one case, that of the London Western Trusts Company v. Stewart and Walter D. Rogers. The plaintiffs are liquidators of the Northern Ontario Milling Company.

The action was postponed from the county court sitting about two weeks ago, the claim being for lumber supplied and an account. Judgment was given in favor of the plaintiff for \$51.15 and costs.

M. D. Fraser, K. C., appeared for the defendants. The defendants were unsuccessful, and no defence was put up.

Canada is the third best customer of the United States. Only Great Britain and Germany buy more than the Dominion does.