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10 dozen Ladies' Silk Belts, shirred pattern, giraffe back, all sizes, heavy, gold-plated, metal, black, all well sewed and neatly made, worth 50c each. Come early. On sale Wednesday, each 23c

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Our prices on Plain and Tri-Color Bunting are lower than any store in London. Come early.

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Chocolates,  
25 flavors,  
all fresh.

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10c pound.

## FOUR YOUNG GIRLS LOSE THEIR LIVES

Sad Ending of an Evening's  
Boat Ride—Escorts  
Escape.

Lebanon, Mo., Aug. 1. — Four girls were drowned in Horseshoe Lake here on Sunday by the capsizing of a boat while the three young men who were their escorts, all escaped. Those drowned were Alta and Ethel Perkins and Mabel and Percia Easterly.

The party started early in the evening for a boat ride. About midnight the girls in moving about the boat upset it. All were thrown into the water and the young men after doing what they could to rescue the girls started to swim for shore.

Gus Hogan, of St. Louis, who is visiting his mother across the lake, was aroused from sleep by screams, and sprang from bed and ran to the lake in his night clothes. Hogan dived at the point where the boat went down and recovered the bodies of Miss Alta Perkins. He carried her to the bank, where the three young men who had escaped by swimming ashore were lying exhausted.

Miss Perkins was still alive when brought to shore and Hogan left her with the three boys and resumed his search for the bodies. They did not revive her. He plunged again into the lake and came to the surface with the body of Miss Mabel Easterly. Believing she might be alive, Hogan swam rapidly to the shore, holding her head above water.

One of the other girls, who had been telephoned and notified several physicians as soon as he reached shore, and when Hogan swam to the bank with the second body many persons had already arrived.

Persistent efforts were made to resuscitate the two girls, who had been brought ashore by Hogan, but the physicians were unsuccessful.

Search for the other two girls was continued under direction of young Hogan, and within a few minutes the bodies of Misses Percia Easterly and Ethel Perkins were recovered. Attempts to revive the two girls proved ineffectual, and the bodies were removed to undertaking rooms in this city.

It was learned from the young men that the boat was overturned by the girls, who wished to exchange seats in bow and stern of the boat. Two of the girls in the stern failed to get up from their seats as the boat was tipped in the bow, and four girls, with one boy were collected in the stern of the small skiff.

The seven occupants were thrown into the water at almost the same point, and a desperate struggle followed, the girls clinging to the young men and pulling them under water.

Mandyville Mayfield, one of the young men, succeeded in grasping Mabel Easterly and started to swim to shore. Almost immediately he was seized from behind by Alta Perkins, and in the struggle which followed he lost his grasp on Miss Easterly, and the two young women sank a second time.

Phil Hogan and Charles Perkins, brother of the two girls who were drowned, made repeated attempts to save the young women, but were prevented by others catching hold of them. The whole would go on strike.

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A woman asks questions so as to argue with you if you answer them, and to be made with you if you don't. If people had to work as hard as performing their duty as if you don't get their fun, the whole world would go on strike.

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**ALL GERMAN**

## MANITOBA WHEAT CORNER CLOSED

Result of Legal Action Taken  
By Shorts Watched With  
Interest.

Winnipeg, Aug. 1. — The corner in Manitoba wheat was brought to a close yesterday and grain men are awaiting with interest the result of the legal action taken by some of the western shorts to compel the Ogilvie to accept a settlement below the present market price.

Yesterday, sales were made at \$1.30 a bushel and the interests in charge of the corner operations probably will offer this figure as a basis of settlement.

It is not thought the offer will be accepted, however, and the matter probably will come before the committee of the Winnipeg Board of Trade for adjustment.

There was very little excitement on the exchange, and few transactions were recorded.

With the July corner out of the way, it develops there is considerable short interest in August wheat.

The August sales, especially to eastern and foreign millers, who must have the wheat for milling purposes, have been large in the aggregate.

But whether or not any sensational advances will be recorded cannot be determined until the end of the month.

**BACK FROM WINNIPEG**

**County Clerk Robson Was Judge of Shortness.**

Captain Thomas Robson, clerk of the County of Middlesex, arrived home yesterday from Winnipeg, where he has been acting as judge of Shortness at the big cattle fair.

"The Shortness formed the best collection I have ever seen in the Northwest," remarked the captain, when questioned by The Advertiser. "Most of the prizes were carried off by Sir William Van Horne, of Selkirk, N. S., and Watt Bros., of Salem, Ont. The good bull class was very fine indeed, including nine very fine animals."

The following were the principal prizes awarded by the captain: 1, imported bull, "Scottish Canadian," owned by George Little, of Nepean; 2, imported bull, "Prince Newbeam," owned by Sir William Van Horne. (This bull was formerly owned by Capt. Robson, who sold him to W. D. Platt. He took first place at the Toronto Exhibition last year.) 3, Watt's bull, "Delaware Fortieth"; 4, "Spring Marquis," which took the prize at Toronto in 1903.

**FINED FOR FLIRTING**

**Young Men Who Made Eyes at Girls Pay for the Fun.**

Montreal, Aug. 1. — A novel legal proceeding was recorded at St. Louis de Mile End, a municipality adjacent to Montreal, on Friday, when two young men, Henri Elie and Joseph Beaudet, were each fined \$5 and costs of fifteen days in jail for flirting. The young men had made a practice of going into the vicinity of Peck's clothing factory, and standing under the open windows, afforded a good opportunity to flirt with the girls at work there. The management of the factory observed that repeated distraction as a complaint was registered at police headquarters. As a result Constables Lafontaine and Delorme hid near the factory and surprised the two youths while they were flirting. Recorder Pelletier imposed the fine.

**Runaway Caught.**

Windsor, Aug. 1. — A 15-year-old boy who gives his name as John Slaty, of the Victoria Industrial School, Toronto, is detained here by the police until an officer arrives to take him to Toronto.

**The Argyle.**

Toronto, Aug. 1. — The steamer Argyle is not so badly injured as the first report indicated. Her owners say that she is so little damaged that she will be floated at once and taken to Oshawa, where her hull will be placed in Kingston, where she will be dry-docked and repaired.

**Tariff Revision.**

Ottawa, Aug. 1. — It is officially announced that the committee of ministers who are to inquire into the operation of the customs tariff, with a view to some revision at the next session of Parliament, will enter upon their work about the end of August or the beginning of September. The ministers will devote themselves almost wholly to that service for several months.

The ministers desire that all parties interested in the matter, and wishing to be heard before the committee, shall at once prepare such information as they intend to submit, and select representatives.

## RUSSIAN ENVOY'S MISSION TO JAPAN

The Czar's Courier Talks About  
Terms of Peace.

### NOT SANGUINE AS TO RESULTS

Both Sides Greatly Mistaken in  
Speaking About the  
Negotiations.

London, Monday, July 31. — The Telegraph prints an interview with M. de Witte, the Russian peace envoy, who is a passenger on the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. The interview was transmitted by wireless telegraph from a correspondent on board the steamer. The correspondent opened the conversation by referring to the two opinions entertained in regard to the outcome of the negotiations to be held at Portsmouth. M. de Witte replied, very deliberately: "Both sides are greatly mistaken in speaking of the negotiations about to take place in New Hampshire. If I knew what I am going to negotiate with, I am plenipotentiary there I should feel much more hopeful as to the results than I do, but such is not the case. It is usual when plenipotentiaries meet that they come to give and take within certain sharply-defined limits, and they generally agree in the end. Contrary to usage, however, Japan's plenipotentiaries are myself are setting out without any such preliminary understanding. We have no common basis whatever. Therefore, our plenipotentiaries are, mine, are very complete. But, in spite of this fullness of powers, I feel my role at the outset to be that of an imperial courier sent to learn the terms on which the Mikado's Government is ready to make peace. The very fact of my being dispatched on such an errand is conclusive proof of the sincerity of my imperial master. Beyond question it would have been much better if Japan and Russia had agreed upon a common basis before appointing plenipotentiaries; as this could not be, we must make the best of things as they are. To stop the war just when the tide of reverses appears to be turning back is a proceeding which requires more moral courage than people commonly imagine. My imperial master has given proof of this, he desires real and lasting peace conditions, which, while just to the real facts, cannot take into consideration mere fancies. The war broke out because certain Japanese plenipotentiaries were rejected by Russia. In the ensuing campaign fortune was favorable to our enemy, who, therefore, insists upon the fulfillment of his demands. She further expects that her military and naval successes shall be treated as titles to other concessions not included in her original claims. I consider that a legitimate subject of discussion. I am ready to deal with the matter in a businesslike spirit, and take and give, but what cannot and will not entertain are demands based on expected military successes in the future."

It is of course always open to victorious belligerents in all wars to make roscaceous forecasts of what would have happened if the war had gone on. But that is an indefinite proposition, right which no one can question, but it would be simply preposterous to expect that the possible results of luck should not only be regarded, but also treated, as real achievements and placed to the credit of the victor in arranged terms of peace. Considerations of that kind must be wholly indefinite, otherwise we might, on the same principle, be asked to discount an invasion of Western Siberia or even European Russia, on the ground that only the campaign had lasted long enough for the victor would have clung tenaciously to our enemies and their roscaceous anticipations. We must keep ourselves within the limit of accomplished facts if we hope to agree upon a common basis for negotiations. My first task will not be to carry out the terms of the peace, but to go in search of a basis for fruitful discussion. That is why I look upon myself at the present moment less as a peace negotiator, than as a peace seeker, having found common ground, that that role may fall to my lot."

**Death of Dr. D. D. —** Dr. D. D. Sykes, son of B. D. Sykes, of Brantford, is dead. He had been injured received at Niagara Falls. The young man touched a live wire by mistake.

**Alberts Conservatives Summoned.**

Calgary, N. W. T., Aug. 1. — The Alberta Conservative Association has been granted on the only ground permitted by statute in this state to the defendant in the South Dakota action.

Two homes had been disrupted through the easy workings of the Dakota courts, two associated petitions having been granted there. The two plaintiffs, both of whom had been married for more than fifteen years, were married in Sioux Falls after their decrees were obtained. The husband defendant here made no protest, but the deserted wife appealed to the New York courts for redress, with the result that she not only obtained an absolute divorce in this state, but before a suit for \$20,000 for alienation of her husband's affections had been brought to trial a settlement was made by which she is understood to have received about \$25,000 from the woman who became her husband's second wife.

Mrs. Josephine M. Heyward, formerly the wife of Charles P. Heyward, is the successful litigant before Judge Keogh. It was Mrs. Annie V. Secor, formerly the wife of Horace Secor, Jun., a New York lawyer, and now the second wife of Mr. Heyward, whom Mrs. Heyward sued. I sued for the alienation of her husband's affections.

**3,000,000 Logs in Ottawa Run.**

Ottawa, Aug. 1. — The Upper Ottawa Improvement Company will bring down at least three million logs this year, a much greater number than for some years.

**Trust Gets Big Tannery.**

Kenosha, Wis., Aug. 1. — Articles of incorporation were filed at Madison today for N. R. Allen Son's Tannery Company of Kenosha. The capital stock is \$100,000. The company is the first step in turning over the big Kenosha tannery, the largest independent tannery in the world, to the American Hide and Leather Company, by which the company will secure control of all the largest independent plants in the country.

**Killed in Play.**

Bloomington, Ill., Aug. 1. — While playing "hold-up man" Fred Mobius, 12 years of age, shot his 6-year-old companion, Harold Gross, of Chicago, killing him instantly. Then, frightened at what he had done, the boy wrapped the child's body in a blanket and secretly carried it from the backyard to a bedroom in his parents' residence. Afraid to tell his parents of the killing, Mobius felt the body into the house. There he remained until members of the family found him. He was arrested, but probably will be released after the inquest.

**The Deadly Canoe.**

Toronto, Aug. 1. — Reginald James Stocks, C. P. R. fireman, was drowned in Ashbridge's Bay Sunday by the upsetting of his canoe. Stocks, who lived at Toronto Junction, went canoeing with a friend, Clarence Payne, and died Payne felt the canoe quiver, and looking around saw Stocks struggling in the water. In trying to regain the canoe, Stocks upset it, and both young men endeavored to swim ashore, but the weeds hindered them. Stanley Coleman rowed to the rescue, but when he arrived Stocks was drowned, and Payne was exhausted. Stocks' mother was prostrated at the news.

**New Channel at Detroit.**

Detroit, Aug. 1. — President Livingston, of the Lake Carriers' Association, says a new channel will be introduced at the next session of Congress to secure an appropriation to make a new 600-foot, straight channel at the Limekiln, Amherstburg, Ont. crossing, running west of Bois Blanc Island, to strike the present channel about Bar Point Light. This would give distinct and separate channels, one for up-bound and one for down-bound vessels.

**Resignation of U. S. Secretary Day.**

Assistant United States Attorney General William A. Day and the appointment of Milton D. Purdy to succeed him, has been announced by Attorney-General Moody.

Mr. Day resigns to become controller of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York, to which position he was elected by the new Equitable directors last Wednesday.

He has been in the service of the Government since the first Cleveland administration.

**PERSONAL.** — Men should know that the only perfect and safe Vacuum Appliance is manufactured and controlled by the Erie Medical Co., 94 Mohawk street, Buffalo, N. Y., who have introduced their remedial having a world-wide reputation for weak men. Write today

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## NEW LOCOMOTIVES

## WEIGH 202 TONS

Treble the Size of Those Used

Eleven Years Ago on the

N. P. R.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 1. — Engine-men employed on the Northern Pacific, in the Spokane district, were awed eleven years ago by the arrival of a new series of locomotives, weighing 72 tons apiece. These engines were the largest ever sent to the western division, and were regarded as marvels of the engine builders' handicraft.

Last week the Northern Pacific received on its Spokane division the first installment of some 202-ton engines.

"We thought the very limit had been reached with the 72-ton engines," says Master Mechanic Frank E. Childs. "But now we have received 202-ton machines we are more chary about believing that a weight limit is a known quantity."

The new type of engines is embraced within two classifications. One is freight locomotives, each weighing 202 tons, with the normal load of twelve tons of coal and up to 9,000 gallons of water. The other is passenger engines, somewhat lighter. These engines are among the largest in the United States, and almost everywhere combine to render the use of such locomotives imperative, but all center on the wonderful development of the Pacific Northwest.

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