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The Fishing Season is Now in Full Swing. Is Your Tackle Complete? We have Rods from the best English and American Makers. Forest's celebrated Trout and Salmon Flies. Trout and Salmon Reels. Trout and Salmon Lines, Baskets, Gut and Hooks.

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Hams and Bacon, Fresh Meat and Poultry, Henry Eggs, Cheese, Vegetables Creamery Butter, Maple Syrup and Sugar.

Straw and Linen Hats FOR BOYS AND GIRLS. The Largest Assortment in the City. Our 50c. Linen Hats are the same as are sold by others at 75c. F. S. THOMAS, 555 Main Street, North End.

A TURKISH ROMANCE. CONSTANTINOPLE, May 23. — Kemal Pasha, the sultan's son-in-law, and other high officials have been arrested and sent into exile in consequence of the discovery of a secret correspondence between Kemal Pasha and Princess Khadija, daughter of the imprisoned ex-sultan Murad. Kemal Pasha, who is a son of the late Osman Ghazi Pasha, is a general in the Turkish army and aide-de-camp to the sultan.

MEN'S SUITS AND PANTS. There has been exceedingly lively selling in all lines of Clothing at this Store this Spring, but more especially in Men's Suits and Pants. By a wonderful streak of luck in buying we have been able to sell these lines to the customer, in some cases, less than the actual manufacturer's prices. See the Suits we are selling at \$2.95, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.50, \$8.75 and \$10. Will buy Pants at this store worth from \$2.50 to \$3.50—every size from 32 to 40 waist. Our Special Price \$1.98 J. N. HARVEY, Tailoring & Clothing 199 & 201 Union St.

RUSSIANS ARE ADVANCING. Korean Town of Anju Captured—Japs Retreated. Russian Raiders Devastating Korea—Chinese Fear Russians Will Destroy Manchurian Towns.

MUKDEN, May 24.—The Russians on May 18th made a sudden attack upon the town of Anju, Korea, from the village of Hai Tchen and captured the town, destroying it. The strongest garrison set fire to the houses and stores and retired in perfect order. SPION, May 23.—Further reports are being received that the Russians are advancing along the great South Road from Song Chien. Koreans estimate their number at about six hundred. The Cosaks who fought with the Koreans at Hamhung are supposed to have retired to Chang Chin. The latest reports from the front show that the Russians burned five hundred houses in the suburbs and partly destroyed the long bridge in the river. Detached bodies of Russian troops, which evidently lack mutual understanding, are continually appearing and they seem to have no definite purpose other than that of harassing the country people. Major Takagi, the commander of the 5th San, apparently wearying of this continued raiding, has sent a force north, the strength of which has not been stated and which is probably intended to garrison Ham-Hung.

CHINESE ALARMED. LONDON, May 24.—The correspondent of the Standard at Shanghai says reports from the Chinese there are alarmed because of threats made by the Russians that they will burn Harbin. The correspondent adds that the Russian viceroy at Mukden has ordered a brigade of Chinese troops to occupy that place immediately after the Russians retire. RUSSIA CONFIDENT. ST. PETERSBURG, May 24.—Lieut. Saint Paris, the French naval attaché, said today in the course of an interview with the correspondent of the Standard that the last Japanese disaster makes it impossible for Vice-Admiral Togo to longer hamper the Fort Arthur squadron. "Port Arthur will hold out till the Baltic fleet arrives and then the Russians will be able to gain command of the sea." The foreign office states that it has not received any protest regarding the alleged playing mines by Rear-Admiral Wittmoet outside the marine limit at Port Arthur. The admiralty denies the report of the capture of the three Japanese cruisers by the Vladivostok squadron, which has not been outside the harbor for several weeks.

RUSSIAN HUMORS. PARIS, May 24.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Matin says: "It is persistently rumored that the Vladivostok squadron captured three cruisers bought by Japan from Chile." ST. PETERSBURG, May 23, 11.30 p. m.—It is reported that Foreign Minister Lamdoroff has received a message from the Russian consul at Chefoo saying that the Japanese have made a land attack on Port Arthur and that in doing so they lost 15,000 men killed or wounded. The Russian loss is placed at 8,000 men. The ultimate outcome of the fighting is not stated.

CHURCH SWINDLERS CAUGHT. Clever Gang of Fakirs Run to Earth—Stole \$20,000. NEW YORK, May 24.—With the arrest of William Davidson, alias "Fred Hall," alias "Fred Halford," alias "Fred Hill," agents of the Charity organization claim to have run to earth one of the cleverest church swindlers in the country. Officers of the society assure that Davidson in his hands carried a man answering his description with having collected nearly \$20,000 during the last fourteen years from church members in various cities. He has also been traced to Australia. It is alleged that Davidson would appear at a Presbyterian or Baptist church, attend services regularly for a time and then develop a consumptive cough. Soon he would appeal to members of the congregation for aid seeking another climate and generally met generous aid. Upon being arrested recently in Brooklyn, he established a complete alibi, but agents of the society immediately set to work on other clues and have now caused his arrest a second time.

VEGETABLE A DWARF GIANT. Dr. Welwitsch brings news of a wonderful tree which he found growing in the west of Africa and named for himself. It is a tree with a trunk four feet in diameter, with a height of only one foot, make the plant look like a round table. The tree never has more than two leaves, and these are the seed leaves, which appear when the plant first begins to grow, and which it never sheds or replaces with others. They are themselves remarkable productions, often attaining a length of six feet, with a breadth of from two to two and a half feet, each being cut into numerous ribbon like segments. The flowers form crimson clusters something like those of the larch. These trees form forests on a tableland some six miles broad, at a height of from 300 to 400 feet above the sea, on the west coast of Africa.

E. P. STAVERT ALIVE; THE OTHERS DROWNED.

Bodies of J. H. Thomson and R. P. Foster Found Close to the Boat This Morning. Marvellous Escape of the Man Reported Drowned—Swam 3-4 of a Mile in Heavy Clothes and Wandered in Woods 24 Hours.

Today's haunting flags and holiday appearance are inappropriate for nearly every thoughtful citizen by the calamity of Sunday on the South Branch of that familiar fishing haunt, the Oromocto. No gaiety could withstand the extreme sadness of that tragedy, by which two of St. John's worthiest residents were cut off, and a third half killed, if, indeed, he survives the terrible ordeal through which he passed in surging waters and land wastes. St. John has been torn with grief of a like kind on many deplorable occasions, but this last occurrence wipes off her roll of citizens two hundred names, at least one of which had been already an important factor in the development of this place, and both of which were full of promise.

Two homes, on the prairie of all the townships architecturally, are filled with deepest grief, and large circles of relatives, friends, business and fraternal connections are smitten with grief. It is the saddest holiday St. John has experienced. Robert Murray, captain of the steam yacht Skandia, owned by Commodore Robert Thomson, and Fred Thomson, who went on the Boston express, which left the city at 6:10 o'clock last night, with divers, pumps, and other appliances to be used in the search for the bodies. Those in charge of the search were: Michael McFadden, while Patrick Egan, Edward Doherty and Dan Dryden make up a second party. They were met at Gaspereaux station by a double team and driven to the lake. It is reported that the bodies of the two men were found in the woods near the shore of the lake, and close associates of the deceased who proceeded yesterday to make a thorough search of the waters commenced their solemn labors at daybreak.

That their efforts were successful is indicated by a telegram received by Alfred Porter, of Wm. Thomson & Co., shortly before three o'clock this afternoon. The telegram which was sent by Percy Thomson simply said that both bodies had been found close to the boat. Mr. Porter and a few friends of the deceased, together with an undertaker, are leaving for the scene of the accident by special train this afternoon to bring the bodies home. Among those who hurried to the South Branch today was Dr. T. Dwyer Walker, summoned thence on account of the condition of E. P. Stavert, who, in relation to the tragedy, has a lapse. His struggle through waves and over marshes, besides being exposed to the rigors of a gale as he lay unconscious on shore, have shaken him, and after a brief resuscitation he is said to have sunk back into a delirium of weakness.

Friends of Mr. Stavert are not surprised at his wonderful feat of swimming over half a mile in heavy water with his clothes on. Since his early youth, Mr. Stavert has been an expert swimmer and while a resident of the island was noted for his remarkable performances in the water. No word from the scene of the fatality has been received this morning, save some telegrams to friends. A telegram to Mrs. W. E. Stavert this morning conveyed the intelligence that her brother-in-law had been miraculously saved and that Mr. Thomson and Mr. Foster had been probably drowned. Messrs. William Thomson & Co. received the following telegram from Percy Thomson: "Stavert swam ashore and wandered over woods all night and today. He is now at Albert's utterly exhausted. He left Thomson and Foster on top of up-turned boat at 2:30 yesterday. Stavert says no possible chance of Thomson and Foster being saved. Will commence dragging today."

Not reported 766 The social status of the recruits in 1903. News in the appended summary: Par 1,000 inspected. Laborers, husbandmen, etc. 674 Artisans 113 Mechanics 113 Shopmen and clerks 61 Professors and students 8 Boys under 17 years 41 Total 1,000 EDUCATIONAL EFFICIENCY. A similar proportionate table estimates the educational efficiency of the would-be soldier: Par 1,000 inspected. Well educated 67 Able to read and write 99 Unable to read only 11 Total 1,000 Religious beliefs are tabulated thus: Church of England 123,963 Presbyterians 20,129 Wesleyan 13,469 Other Protestants 3,232 Roman Catholics 44,119 Mahometans, Hindus 2,599 Jews 153 The percentage of deserters in 1903 among the regulars was 8.2. The inspector-general of recruiting regards this proportion as still too high, though it is hoped that it will be reduced as a result of the character system introduced for recruits.—London Express.

THE BRITISH SOLDIERS. Their Numbers, Nationality and Their Religion. The annual report on the British army issued recently, forms an elaborate statistical guide to the numerical strength, the nationality, the religious beliefs, the progress, and the condition of recruiting of the British army. The report is only for the first nine months of 1903, because of the decision of the secretary of war that it should be rendered annually in future as from Oct. 1, 1904, Jan. 1st. For the regular army the number of recruits enlisted in the period under review was 25,774, and for the militia 25,774, these figures showing a large diminution on the numbers in the corresponding period of previous years. Much is expected from the increase in the free provision of artificial teeth in the case of soldiers who have incurred loss of teeth directly attributable to active service. Their service of the two dentists experimentally employed in London and Aldershot have been continued for a further period. The results of the experiment have been such as to lead to the extension of the scheme, and an additional number of dentists have been appointed. How proportionate is the representation of England in the British army is shown by the following table: Englishmen 20,552 Scotsmen 22,442 Irishmen 31,467 Indian and Colonial 10,461 Foreigners 155

SAVED THE BOTTLES. An old dorky in North Memphis, past three-score years and ten, until recently was almost an entire stranger to any sort of illness. He took sick last week and after much persuasion on the part of the neighbors consented to have a doctor. Quinine was among the things prescribed and the old dorky was instructed to take every two hours one of a dozen capsules that the doctor had gotten for him. The physician called again in a day or so and asked his patient if he had taken the quinine regularly. "Yes," he said, "and, doctor, you'll find your little bottles up on the fire board." The physician turned to where the old negro pointed and saw twelve empty capsules. The patient had emptied them and swallowed the quinine just as it was.

FORETOLD HIS OWN DEATH. NEW YORK, May 24.—Edward Kearns, 65 years of age, and a well known resident of Pocantico Hills, near Tarrytown, while hurrying across the tracks of the New York and Putnam Railroad ahead of an express train at Pocantico Hills, tripped over a rail, and, falling in front of the train, had his head cut off yesterday, says the Tribune. Kearns had a premonition that he would be killed, as he dreamed of it several nights before and told his friends about it. Hawkins—My wife never gasps. Robbins—Neither does mine. By the way, what does your wife call it?—Town Topics.

10 lbs. Oatmeal for 25c. Oatmeal \$5.20 bbl., 1-2 bbl. \$2.70, at The 2 Barkers, Ltd 100 PRINCESS STREET. Ladies' Shirt Waists! Strongest Values we've ever had. Newest Materials—Snappy Styles—Dainty Colorings. Other varieties of White Waists at \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25 each. Colored Waists, plain, 50c each. Light Colored Waists, made with bias tucks, 75c and \$1.00 each. Colored Waists, tucked and trimmed with folds, 85c each. Colored Waists, tucked and trimmed with insertion, \$1.10 each. Colored Chambray Waists, made with tucks piped with white, \$1.45 each. Linen Colored Muslin Waists, with White and Blue Stripes, 95c each. Black and White Muslin Waists, tucked and trimmed with fagoting, \$1.90 each. Shirt Waist Suits, latest designs, \$2.25, \$2.75, \$4.75 each.

TO SEEK FRAUD IN NORDICA DIVORCE. Referee Named by Judge MacLean to Investigate "Charges and Confession" of Zolan Doeme. NEW YORK, May 23.—Zolan Doeme will have an opportunity to ventilate the charges of fraud and collusion that he made recently and on which he based an application to vacate and set aside the interlocutory decree of divorce which his wife, Mme. Lillian Nordica obtained from Judge Blaisdell on January 23. Judge MacLean, of the supreme court, yesterday determined in view of these charges and the denials made by Mme. Nordica and the other parties concerned, a reference should be had and a thorough investigation made, and for this purpose he has appointed former Judge Joseph F. Daly as referee. The hearings will begin in a few days. Judge MacLean strongly hints that the matrimonial differences of these parties should never have been brought before the court, as he intimates that there is some question as to whether they are residents of this city within the meaning of the law. He says the jurisdiction should not be constituted an eastern asylum of refuge in matters matrimonial. He says the court will be alert to heed and act from motives of public policy, because the public is peculiarly concerned when such charges arise as were made in this instance, and "proceed against fraud, collusion and imposition at all times and under all circumstances, leaving the guilty parties to take whatever consequences flow from their wrongs."

DROWNED IN AN OIL TANK. Horrible Death of Two Workmen Employed in an Oil Refining Plant in Texas. PORT ARTHUR, Texas, May 24.—Wm. Richards, of New York city and Fred Trapham, of Guridan, La., were accidentally drowned in a tank of oil at the Gulf Refining Company's plant at Port Arthur, Texas, yesterday. Richards, who was working on one of the agitators, became dizzy and toppled overboard, assistance but failing to reach him, he fell into the tank. Richards was soon rendered unconscious and dropped in. The tanks were of several thousand barrels capacity and it was necessary to draw off all the oil to recover the bodies. FERGUSON & PAGE At 41 King St. FOR YOUNG MEN ONLY. If you are going to change from wearing a cap, the Derby is the noblest up-to-date, also soft hats in all the latest shapes. J. B. Burdley, Hat Specialist, is the man to consult about your hat. Three doors from Royal Hotel entrance. JACK BARDLEY, Hat Specialist, 3 doors from Royal Hotel, 55 Germain Street. POTT'S Having the largest salesrooms in the lower provinces, we feel ourselves in a position to give the public a place where they can dispose of all kinds of goods in quantities from car load lots down, with best results. We will put on special fall sales at salesrooms for those wishing us to do so. Books now open for dates. We also make a specialty of house sales at residences, and try-five years' experience before the public of St. John at house sales, etc. We feel ourselves in a position to give the best of satisfaction. All kinds of outside sales promptly attended. Mitting stocks, bonds, real estate, etc., etc. W. J. NAGLE, Manager. F. L. POTT, Auctioneer. Salesrooms 88 Ger. main street. Tel. 973. Box 298.

THE WEATHER. WASHINGTON, May 21.—Eastern States and Northern New York: Fair tonight and Wednesday fresh west winds.

GRAND TRUNK SHEDS DAMAGED. PORTLAND, Me., May 23.—The Grand Trunk R. R. Co.'s stock sheds in the East Piering district, were partially destroyed by fire tonight. Loss \$10,000; insured in the general policies held by the company.

Children's Headwear. We have some new patterns in Boy's Norfolk, Golf and Yachting Caps. Children's Tams, in blue, brown and fawn. Prices from 25c. to \$1.00. Children's Straw Hats from 15c. to \$1.25. NEW GOODS. LOWEST PRICES

ANDERSON'S 17 Charlotte Street. Perforated Seats Shaped and Square, Light and Dark (Bring Patterns). Chair Seating—Cane, Split and Perforated. L. S. Cane only. Umbrellas made, Recovered and Repaired. Hardware, Paints, Oils, Glass and Putty.

DUVAL'S 17 WATERLOO STREET. NEW GOODS! We have just received a nice stock of fine GOLD BROOCHES, GUARDS, BROCKLETS, FERRIS, LOCKETS, RINGS in great variety, STUDD, LINKS, COLLAR BUTTONS, Etc. We have a great stock and invite inspection. FERGUSON & PAGE At 41 King St. FOR YOUNG MEN ONLY.

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