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SPECIAL MILLINERY

Easter Display ON Wed. April 19th.

We are preparing a very special display of entirely new millinery for Wednesday. Our trimmers have been busy during the past few days making up many of the latest styles which we will place in our show rooms for the first time on Wednesday. We would be pleased to have you come in and look through.

EASTER SILKS

A new shipment of silks has just arrived to us direct from London, Eng., showing the trend of fashion in that great centre. These are some Pure Taffeta Silks, 19 in. wide, medium soft finish, recommended for waists and shirtwaist suits, in such popular shades as Navy, Brown, Green, Black, Reseda, Biscuit, etc., very special, at 75c, 50c, 50c. Shot Taffeta Silks, 21 in. wide, in the prettiest and newest color combinations imaginable, very special values at 75c, 85c and 90c. Checked English Silks, 21 in. wide, in very dainty effects, in shades of Black and White, Navy, Brown, Green, Fawn, etc., very special value, at 50c.

Thos. Stone & Son

Carpets and Wallpapers.

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What others sell at 3c., our price, 5c. 1
What others sell at 10c., our price, 8c.
What others sell at 12c., our price, 9 and 10c.
What others sell at 15c., our price, 12c.

A call will satisfy any who require Wall Paper that our prices are as advertised.

W. J. KENNY

PHONE 225

It is Not Too Early

To Look Around for Your Summer Stoves and Cooking Utensils.

"THE ARK" being head quarters for everything in these lines we invite your inspection of the famous Gas Ranges in two sizes, price \$14.00 and \$16.00, those that use them say "they are the best," we also have the handy kind for 90c, \$2.50 and \$3.25.

Ovens to fit in three sizes, Gasoline Stoves in three sizes, \$4.00 to \$8.50, Oil Stoves in six sizes, 90c up to \$10.00.

"THE ARK" is prepared for the Summer's trade with Our usual low prices.

H. MACAULAY, PHONE 159

ADVERTISE IN THE PLANET

BEEF PRICES SOARING 'TIS VICTORY OR DEATH

Toronto Butchers and Dealers Expect \$10 Beef Soon.

Rapid Advance Well in Evidence. In One Toronto Purchase—Seventeen Cattle Would Just Cost \$170 More Than They Were Bought For a Few Days Ago—Outlook is Still Toward Higher Rates.

Toronto, April 17.—The price of beef, within the past week has shown a decided tendency to soar beyond all reasonable limits. In New York and other large American cities the price-to-day is almost prohibitive. In Philadelphia a sirloin steak is selling at 30 cents a pound, while prime ribs of beef sell from 20 to 22 cents. In Toronto the advance is correspondingly great.

G. H. Waller, of G. H. Waller & Son, said: "The advance in the price of dressed beef within the past eight or ten days has been very sharp. A few days ago we purchased 17 cattle, and as serving to show, the rise in price the same cattle now would cost us just \$170 more. Dressed beef has advanced from \$1.50 to 2.00 per cwt., and the end is not yet."

"Six or eight weeks must at least elapse before there is any relief, and I shall not be surprised to see \$10 beef before the grass grows. Cattle are scarce, and already Chicago buyers have purchased from 8,000 to 10,000 head of animals. Mutton, too, is much higher, selling at 14-15 cents straight. Meat is now 2 to 4 cents dearer at the same time last year, and the effect must be felt in the increased rates in the restaurants and boarding houses in the city."

"Cattle King" Has No Opinion. W. B. Leavack, the "cattle king," would not hazard an opinion as to the price which might obtain. "One thing is certain," he said, "the price of beef has made a sharp advance, and the outlook for butchers' cattle, or the local trade, is toward higher rates. With export cattle it is more difficult to speak, as much depends on conditions elsewhere. The effect must be to increase the cost of living in the city."

One Ray of Hope. H. R. Frankland did not view the situation seriously. "We always look for an advance at this season of the year," he said, "and even if the price does attain \$10, as predicted, it will not be a record. In 1874-75 we sold beef for 12c. per lb. in the quarter. At the time we sold beef at 12c. some 4,000 soldiers were camped at Niagara. The ordinary rates have not shown any unusual rise. Beef has never gone beyond 6c a pound, and to the average citizen who buys his own beef the price is not greatly enhanced. The day has gone by for high prices."

Prices To Go Higher. A number of other leading wholesale and retail butchers when spoken to regarding the sharp advance within the past few days declared that a still further rise in the price was probable, and that the result as seen was only the natural outcome of the scarcity of beef cattle.

BOGUS BALLOT BOX.

Farmer Finds One in Grass Corroborating Phil Lott's Story.

Belleville, April 17.—The bogus ballot box sensations still crop up in this district. It will be remembered that Phil Lott told how his brother Byron had at one time in his possession a bogus ballot box, alleged to have been secured from Liberal headquarters in Toronto, which worked with a spring in connection with the lock. This box, Phil said, Byron kept in a barrel in his barn in Anson. He (Byron) afterwards told Phil that this box had been destroyed.

On Saturday, 8th inst., a farmer named Patterson, who lives about a mile away between Anson Station and Stirling, while taking a walk across his fields, discovered partially hidden in the dead grass a bogus ballot box. The box is different from the last improved kind, made in Watertown, at the corner of Rath and Lott, but is in perfect working order.

The discovery of this box, it is believed, goes a long way towards corroborating Phil Lott's story of what his brother told him. The box is now in the possession of a citizen of Stirling.

ESQUIMALT ABANDONED.

Naval Stores Sold on Saturday For a Mere Song.

Victoria, B. C., April 17.—The abandonment of the Esquimalt naval station was completed Saturday when an auction sale of discarded naval stores, including lighter scows, torpedo nets, anchors, chains, etc., was held.

The former sailing schooner Beatrice, converted into an Admiralty lighter after being seized in Behring Sea and condemned, brought \$25, though \$3,000 worth of copper was placed on the vessel a few months ago.

There were bargains galore, mostly selected by junk dealers from Pacific coast cities.

Battle Royal in Manitoba.

Winnipeg, April 17.—The announcement of the Liberal convention at Baldwin to-day, to nominate a candidate to contest Mountain on April 27, together with reports from Ottawa that ex-Premier Greenway and Messrs. Jackson and Crawford are coming west to stump the constituency, confirms the prediction that there will be a battle royal over this bye-election.

Hard workers are mostly honest; industry lifts them above temptation.

Rojevsky's Final Message is So Construed.

Rumors of a Sea Battle Between Russians and Japanese Reported From Manila—Five Hours Firing, But No Confirmation—What Togo May Do—St. Petersburg Thinks Japanese Admiral Was Surprised at Russ Daring.

April 17.—Gaston Dru telegraphs from St. Petersburg to The Echo de Paris that Admiral Rojevsky's last telegram before leaving Nossi was singularly laconic and eloquent. He wired: "I will not telegraph again before the battle. If I am beaten you will learn it through Togo. If I defeat him I will announce it to you."

M. Dru adds that the telegram was accepted as meaning that the Russian admiral seeks victory or death.

Rumors of a Battle.

Manila, April 17.—Rumors of a battle between the Russian and Japanese fleets off the Viper Shoals came Saturday night from Palawan Island and from Sandukan, in British North Borneo.

No authority is given in the despatch from Palawan Island, and the message from North Borneo, says that a coaster in from Balabac, twenty miles southeast of the Viper Shoals, says there was continuous firing from 4 in the morning until 9 o'clock. The warships were not seen by the coasters, being too far northeast, but the captain is confident that a naval fight was in progress. One other thing that bears out the supposition is the fact that every ship that traversed the main route from Hong Kong to Manila and from Saigon to Manila has found no trace of the Russian warships since Thursday.

Battle is Probable.

Saigon, April 17.—That a battle is being fought in the China Sea, or a little south, in the Sulu Sea, off the coast of Palawan, is strongly believed here; not that the Russian squadron has been seen, but because seven Japanese warships in all were sighted on Friday evening between Mindora and Balabac Island. It is deemed certain that the Russian warships are on this course. They undoubtedly left the main trade route on Thursday.

Since Thursday afternoon, when the Russians were 24 miles southwest of the Paracel Islands, they have not been sighted by any ship entering this port from Hong Kong, Manila, Palawan or North-Borneo. This makes it certain that they have turned sharply north toward the coast of Annam, in Cochinchina, or have sailed towards Formosa by the Philippine route. In the latter event it is not at all improbable they have met the Japanese cruiser division in the Sulu Sea.

Rojevsky's Tactics. The majority of opinion is that the Russian admiral deliberately took the regular route from Singapore for 1,000 miles, so that he could be reported to the Japanese at least twice a day. He was reported regularly from Sunday until Thursday, since which time there has been no trace of his fleet.

Togo May Delay.

Tokio, April 17.—Outside a semi-official statement in The Jiji Shimpo, there has been no disclosure here that throws any light upon the movements of the Japanese fleet. The Jiji Shimpo regarded as an organ of the Government and says:

"That Japan is certain to lose trading vessels and commercial steamers of all kinds. The Jiji Shimpo thinks inevitable, because the Baltic fleet is traversing the path of navigation. Nevertheless, the enemy will be allowed some latitude without molestation to its movements. Even marauding in the open seas will be unnoticed while the Japanese complete their plans to catch the enemy's fleet and effect in a single engagement the annihilation of Rojevsky's squadron. Meanwhile the Japanese should bear slight losses of commerce with equanimity, awaiting Togo's ultimate glorious victory."

Defence Zones.

The navy department has proclaimed defence zones surrounding the Pescadore, the Island of Okinawa, in the Loochoo group, and the Islands of Oshima and Etmu, off the Province of Osumi. The usual navigation restrictions apply.

To Stop Running.

On account of the presence of the Russian Baltic squadron in Pacific waters, the Japanese steamship lines, operating between Japan and America, are planning temporarily to suspend trans-Pacific operations.

Think Togo Surprised.

St. Petersburg, April 17.—There is no information from Vice-Admiral Rojevsky's squadron, but the Admiralty would not be surprised to learn of skirmishing between scout ships to-day or to-morrow and the inauguration of torpedo boat warfare soon is not unexpected.

The naval organ here expresses the opinion that Togo was taken completely by surprise when Rojevsky suddenly appeared at the entrance of the China Sea, and is now concentrating his widely scattered fleet near the Pescadores, where it is believed a sea fight will probably occur.

Recovered 200 Guns.

London, April 17.—The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Tokio reports that the Japanese recovered 200 of the 500 guns which the Russians abandoned in the retreat from Mukden.

Did Not Sight Jap Scouts.

Paris, April 17.—A despatch to The Temps from Saigon, French Cochinchina, says Admiral Rojevsky did

not sight any Japanese scouts during his entrance into the China Sea.

Fifth Fleet Sails In July.

Port Said, April 17.—Information has reached here to the effect that a fifth division of the Russian second Pacific squadron, under the command of Vice-Admiral Vessurga, and composed of the battleships Imperator, Alexander II, Slava and Paul I, the armored cruiser Pamyat Azova and the second-class cruiser Admiral Korniloff will traverse the Suez Canal in July or August.

Fight To Be Off Formosa.

London, April 17.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of The Times says: "Experts agree that the naval battle must be fought off Formosa. The Minister of Foreign Affairs denies that the cruiser Askaniya is preparing to quit Shanghai. They are alarmed and are incapable of manoeuvring."

DEFEATED AND CHASED THEM.

Jap Force on Hailung Road Reports Two Successful Skirmishes.

Tokio, April 17.—The following official announcement was made Saturday from the headquarters of the Japanese armies in Manchuria:

"Our forces, advancing east along the Hailung road, defeated a body of the enemy April 14, near the Hailung-shu, 10 miles east of Panshi, and vigorously chased them towards Tachot-su, 28 miles east of Panshi. "Another force, advancing north from Singking, attacked the enemy holding a position five miles south of Pachau."

"There has been no change in the military situation. The expected Japanese turning movement is not developing, but preparations it is understood are progressing. Reinforcements, food and ammunition are being brought up from Newchwang. The Japanese outpost extend 30 miles on either side of the railroad."

30,000 Celebrated.

Tokio, April 17.—Thirty thousand employees of the arsenal paraded yesterday in celebration of the fall of Mukden. They visited the palace and cheered the Emperor, and afterwards went to the war and navy departments and cheered the Ministers and their staffs.

Stoessel's Trial.

St. Petersburg, April 17.—The court-martial of Lieut.-Governor Stoessel is proceeding behind closed doors.

POLICE COMMISSIONER'S SHOT.

Official at Moscow Wounded by Would-Be Assassin.

Odesa, April 17.—Police Commissary Olschewsky was shot in the chest while walking in the street. The man who fired the shot has been arrested. He refused to give his name.

They Mean Business.

Moscow, April 17.—The waterworks congress, attended by 350 representatives from all parts of Russia, opened yesterday with a stormy scene. Resolutions were offered that the congress refrain from discussing the objects for which it had met because "Fruitful work is impossible until we can see free life dawn for Russia." The resolution was rejected.

In a State of Siege.

St. Petersburg, April 17.—Almost a state of siege exists in the Narva quarter, owing to the suspension of the Futilek Ironworks. Soldiers are stationed inside the works and Cossacks and police swarm in the surrounding streets. The appearance of the district resembles the scenes witnessed during the disturbances last January. The tension yesterday was great, but there was no collision during the day.

Acquitted of Treason.

Helsingfors, April 17.—The High Court of Justice at Abo, Finland, has acquitted Senator Schumann of the charge of high treason, finding that although he drew up a document of limited treasonable tendency, he was not responsible directly for the treasonable documents with which the prosecution sought to connect him.

Epidemic of Black Death.

Reno, Nev., April 17.—Inhabitants of Tonopah are coming to Reno by scores to escape an epidemic that thus far has puzzled the doctors at Tonopah. Governor Sparks will appoint a special commission to go to Tonopah to check the disease that is killing people at the rate of from five to a dozen each day. The disease brings death in 12 to 24 hours. The bodies become black after death.

It is better to be able to appreciate the things we cannot have than to have things we are unable to appreciate.

YOUR NEEDS

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Does your DINING Room need Papering?

Does your KITCHEN need Papering?

Does your BATH ROOM need Papering?

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Mouldings to match if you want them.

Sulman's Beehive ..

Cor. of King and Sixth St.

BOGUS BILL

Slick Stranger Presented it at the G. T. R. Depot—The Police Take Action.

Saturday night a stranger bought a ticket for Gloucest from G. T. R. Ticket Agent Haxley Marshall. Shortly afterwards about eight o'clock Mr. Marshall discovered that the bill tendered by the stranger was a bogus five dollar bill of the Molson Bank variety. Mr. Marshall went out to look for the man and from Baggageman Sturgis learned that the fellow had started to walk down the track seeking a westward direction. He called up the police and asked the chief for permission to use his name in telephoning the diamond asking that the man be stopped there. He got a reply that the man had already passed the diamond. There was a freight in the yard just leaving for Windsor so Mr. Marshall asked Chief Holmes to send an officer down on it in the hope of overtaking the man. This was done and P. C. Tom Groves was called. On the way to Windsor one man was encountered but he wasn't the fellow who passed the bill. The Windsor officers were notified but no trace of the man could be found. The bill is an exceptionally good imitation and would deceive anyone but an expert.

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