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## THOS. STONE & SON.

### MORE NEW MUSLINS AT -14c-

By great good fortune we have just received another shipment of those exquisite American Muslins. The designs are entirely new, entirely different from the lot we received 10 days ago, but the same price will clean them out.

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-14c-

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Imported especially for this month.

Japanese Vases, fancy shapes and new designs, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5.  
French China—Plates, Pudding Sets, Fruit Sets, Bon Bons, etc.  
Jardinieres, "Doulton" blue ware, "The Browning," "The Rozane," and many others.  
Cut Glass Tumblers, a very useful gift, two per dozen \$2 to \$3.50.  
Fruit Spoons, Pie Knives, Cold Meat Forks, silver plated and gold lined, some pretty designs, \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50.

JAS. E. GRAY, Importer, CHINA, GLASSWARE, CROCKERY, SILVERWARE

### "PRINCIPLES ARE ETERNAL."

A fundamental business principle is, "Not what you spend, but what you get for what you spend" that counts.

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WESTLAKES' FINE PHOTOS.

THE BEST IS THE CHEAPEST IN THE END

ADVERTISE IN THE PLANET

### ALL EUROPE INVOLVED

Parisian Press Relates Some Startling Rumors.

Trouble Apprehended Along Franco-German Frontier—Situation is Undeniably Serious—Apprehension is Felt Concerning the Continuance of the Strained Relations Between France and Germany Over Morocco.

Paris, June 17.—The strained relations between France and Germany over Morocco continue to give rise to serious apprehensions, but while admitting that there are real difficulties involved, the officials protest against this being made the basis of exaggerated reports. Such reports have been circulated for several days past by a small and unimportant section of the press, notably by *The Patrie* and *The Presse*. One report that Germany had submitted an ultimatum brought out a formal denial from the Foreign Office.

Another report in *The Patrie*, is that Germany has demanded that France and Great Britain complete a guarantee that the Anglo-French entente is not in the nature of an armed alliance against Germany. The *Presse* asserts that M. Delcasse when Foreign Minister signed a secret offensive and defensive alliance with Great Britain.

Nervous Paroxysms.  
These reports are dismissed in authoritative quarters as fanciful enlargements of the situation, and an editorial in the semi-official *Temps* last night gave warning against what it terms "nervous paroxysms."

At the same time the diplomatic strain between France and Germany is undeniably serious. The chief cause of this is the inability thus far of either party to propose a remedy acceptable to the other. France is anxious to uphold her predominant position in Morocco without subjecting it to inspection and revision by the International Congress proposed by Germany. On the other hand, Germany does not recognize French predominance in Morocco or the Anglo-French agreement on which this predominance is based. Thus Germany's issue is equally serious. Great Britain and France, although the latter is more immediately involved.

Takes in All Europe.  
All parties are making appeal to the friendly co-operation of other nations, so that indirectly all Europe is participating in the controversy, and this permits a wide range of speculation concerning a rearrangement of political alliances. However, the officials maintain that the issue does not involve such far-reaching questions, but is the removal of long pending struggle over Morocco in aggravated form.

One of the chief causes of the present apprehension is the possibility of some untoward incident along the Franco-German frontier, which for years has been garrisoned by formidable military forces.

French Cabinet Changes.  
Paris, June 17.—Premier Rouvier announced at a meeting of the Council of Ministers yesterday that he had definitely decided to permanently retain the portfolio of Foreign Affairs, and relinquish that of Finance. It was also announced that M. Merion, at present Under Secretary of Finance, would be appointed Minister of Finance.

Later advice shows that M. Merion's appointment as Minister of Finance is regarded as certain, and that Premier Rouvier to-morrow will present the new Minister to President Loubet.

Decided Not to "Peach."  
Windsor, June 17.—James C. Gibbs, the Malden Township man charged with having received furs stolen last fall from the fur factory of Bishop Company, Wandalette, Mich., and selling them to his neighbors, was remanded a week ago on his promise to go to Wandalette and assist in the prosecution of the men who stole the furs. Gibbs afterwards refused to do so. He was brought before Magistrate Bartlett here again yesterday and held for trial.

At \$25 in Bill.  
Bowmanville, June 17.—Mary Jane Sculler was until recently employed by Stinson Robinson of Clarke Township, near Kendal, as a housekeeper. They had trouble and she was dismissed. She took \$25 in \$5 bills belonging to Robinson and chewed \$25 worth of them up and hid the rest. In court she pleaded guilty and pleaded that her temper had got the better of her. She will make restitution and pay costs incurred.

Strike Is Not Perceptible.  
Chicago, June 17.—Although rumors of exposure of bribery in connection with the teamsters' strike were numerous yesterday there was little tangible evidence to support them. The strike yesterday was almost dormant.

Even flattery may begin at home.

### DEFICIT OF OVER \$6,000 IN TILBURY EAST FUNDS

Treasurer Robinson Breaks Down and Signs Full Confession—Bond Amounted to \$30,000—Special Council Meeting Called.

The funds of the Township of Tilbury East are some \$6,000 short. This unpleasant and startling discovery has just been made as the result of the investigation of Provincial Auditor McPherson into the accounts of the municipality.

The treasurer, Finlay D. Robinson, a gentleman always held in the highest esteem, has admitted the defalcation and signed a full confession to Mr. McPherson, acknowledging all save a few hundred. Mr. Robinson completely broke down and assisted the auditor in every way possible to locate the disbursements.

Mr. Robinson's sureties amount to \$30,000, and, while investigation goes to show that many of these are badly mortgaged, it is believed that the township will escape loss. The treasurer himself owns \$25,000, but this is also mortgaged.

### EARL G. MITCHELL LOSES LIFE BY DROWNING IN THE THAMES

He Was Paddling in a Row Boat When he Fell Overboard—Was in Water 35 Minutes—Splendid Efforts of Physicians Could Not Effect Resuscitation.

One of the saddest accidents that has occurred in Chatham in years happened yesterday afternoon about a quarter to six o'clock when Earl G. Mitchell, the 15-year-old son of W. W. Mitchell, caretaker of the Post Office, lost his life by drowning in the river.

The circumstances surrounding the death are very sad. The young boy was a very great help to his father in taking care of the Post Office and at four o'clock yesterday afternoon was engaged in sweeping off the steps that lead to the Customs office when he heard the City of Chatham whistle as she was preparing to leave the Rankin dock on the Christ Church excursion. The boy had a row, boat of his own manufacture in the river near Barron's marble and granite works, and he suddenly thought he would like to go out in this boat and ride the swells made by the City as she left town.

He ran upstairs and told his mother where he was going and bade her a cheery good-bye. This was the last time she saw him alive. Earl ran to the river, leaving the broom on the stairs, intending to complete his work of sweeping when he returned. He got his boat out, rode the swells and then got out of the place where the Electric Railway's power house is being erected, and after talking to the men there, he got into his boat again and started back home. He was standing on the railing of the boat when he got to the rear of the stone yard near the bank the oar slipped out of his hands and he lost his balance and was thrown overboard. Isaac Fobers was fishing off the Rankin dock not 20 yards away from the boy. He saw the accident and immediately ran up the bank calling for help. Luke Braxton was sitting in the Barnes livery stable, but did not hear Fobers call. Luke has saved many lives from drowning and had been heard Fobers' cries the boy might have been saved.

Dave Stringer heard Fobers' cry and ran to Watt's store, where Mitchell's brother is employed. Jack Watt heard the accident and ran down to the river. A large crowd soon gathered on the bank, some with pike poles and attempts were made to locate the body. Marshall Taylor, who is an expert swimmer, was one of those on the bank and he tried to locate the body by diving several times, but was unable to find it.

About 25 minutes after the boy disappeared from sight his body was floated by Jack Watt and passed to the surface. Reg. Miller, of Holmes & McKee's office, immediately made efforts to resuscitate the unfortunate. Dr. T. K. Holmes, K. Holmes, Geo. Munson, Sullivan and W. R. Hall also worked hard to revive the young lad but to no avail. The doctors labored earnestly for an hour and a quarter but their efforts were unsuccessful. It was claimed that the boy was dead ten minutes before he was taken out of the water.

Dr. Hall bore the sad intelligence of the accident to the boy's mother who is prostrated with grief over the unfortunate affair. It was a gloom over the entire city last evening and much sympathy was expressed for the bereaved family.

Earl was the youngest of the family and a very bright child. He was in attendance at the Central school and would have tried his entrance examination this year. Besides his parents he is survived by three brothers, Fred and Henry, of Detroit, Robert at home, and one sister, Miss Helen.

The funeral will be held on Sunday. Rev. Mr. MacGillivray will conduct the services. The pall bearers will be six playmates of the deceased boy, Fred, Chrysler, Jas. Boyd, Hy. Miller, Geo. Watt, Fred. Carver and Roy Wilson.

### BATTLE BEFORE PEACE

Japs Commence Forward Movement in Spite of Rainy Season.

Linevitch Bewildered by the Jap Strategy—His Army is Completely Enveloped—Stirring Events Imminent in Manchuria—Delay in Peace Negotiations Fraught With Terrible Results to the Russian Army.

London, June 17.—The practical certainty now that peace negotiations cannot begin for another month leads to the conviction that another great battle will be fought in the interval.

According to *The Daily Telegraph's* Tientsin correspondent, a Japanese forward movement has already commenced in spite of the rainy season.

The *Daily Telegraph's* Tokyo correspondent gives an interesting idea of the situation from a correspondent who is said to be in a good position to know the actual facts. This correspondent says that the principal Russian depot is at Gushu Pass, whence many light railroads are being constructed northward to facilitate retreat.

Leut. Gen. Linevitch, bewildered by the strategy of the Japanese, is making repeated reconnaissances and throwing out innumerable scouts. Nevertheless, at the present moment, the correspondent says all his army is completely enveloped. The Japanese army has made a circle a hundred miles in circumference around Linevitch and is gradually closing in.

The Japanese military correspondent of *The Morning Post* says the Russian evacuation of Omso shows that Gen. Kawanuma's army of the Yalu, despite the difficulties met with over a mountainous country, has arrived in time to synchronize with the movements of the other Japanese armies, and the correspondent adds, stirring events are imminent.

Drove Japs Back.  
St. Petersburg, June 17.—Gen. Linevitch, in a despatch to Emperor Nicholas, dated June 15, reports that a Russian turning movement forced the Japanese to retire from Iliantun on June 11, after burning their supplies. Another Russian force on June 13 advanced from the valley of the Tsin River to the village of Vantoungow, pushing back the Japanese advance position. The same day the Russian cavalry occupied Nanshanchen, retired slightly northward.

Russians Turn Pirates.  
London, June 17.—The capture of the Russian cruiser on the high seas is causing great anxiety here. The British Indian Steam Navigation Co.'s steamer *Idkna*, from Singapore for Yokohama, has been missing for a week, and it is supposed that she has shared the same fate as the German steamer *St. Kilda*, which was sunk by the Russian cruiser *Dueler*.

Linevitch Not Resisting.  
St. Petersburg, June 17.—An official denial has been issued of the reports that Gen. Linevitch and other generals have sent appeal to the Emperor requesting his resignation.

No Successor to Alexia.  
It is probable that no successor to Grand Duke Alexia, who resigned his position as high admiral of the navy Thursday, will be appointed, and that affairs of his department will be entrusted to a responsible ministry like that of the War Office.

Admiral Summoned.  
Sevastopol, June 17.—Vice-Admiral Choukna, commanding the Black Sea fleet, has departed for St. Petersburg. His summons to the capital is connected with the report that he will succeed Admiral Avellan as head of the Admiralty Department.

Russ Ship Heads For Home.  
Saiton, Coochin-China, June 17.—The Russian auxiliary cruiser *Kouban*, formerly the Hamburg-American line steamer *Augusta Victoria*, has arrived off this port and is expected to be supplied with coal sufficient to reach the nearest Russian port. Her request is under consideration. The *Kouban* is fitted with wireless telegraph apparatus and carries fifteen guns of small calibre.

Wireless News to Russians.  
Tokio, June 17.—As the result of a preliminary inquiry, A. E. Bouguin, a French attaché, has been requested for trial on the charge of furnishing information to the Russian Government. M. Strang, an Englishman, and a stationer of M. Bouguin, was discharged on account of insufficiency of evidence.

### WAR STORES DESTROYED.

Great Fire in Moscow Follows Three Explosions.  
Moscow, June 17.—Four goods depots belonging to the army commissariat and a mineral water factory were destroyed by fire yesterday. Three consecutive explosions were heard, and the conflagration followed. The cause is unknown. Great quantities of stores intended for the Far East were destroyed. The fire is not yet under control.

### Woman Had Access to Vault.

New York, June 17.—Among the papers of William Lloyd Middleton there was found yesterday a receipt for box 1,009 in the Knickerbocker safe deposit vaults, dated February 9 last. It shows that Middleton paid \$25 for the box for a year and that "Grace Foster" was to have a right to enter the vault in addition to himself. It was learned that Middleton visited the company's vaults sometimes twice a week. On a few visits he was accompanied by a woman. The same woman also went there alone.

A hard head seldom goes with a soft heart.

Love may be blind, but it will generally find a way.

## SPORTING GOODS

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FOOT BALL  
LAWN TENNIS  
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We are sole agents in Chatham for the "Spaulding" Goods. You know what that signifies—everything first-class and guaranteed—the name of Spaulding has become a household word for perfection in games and sporting goods. Other fellows try to get as good—none profess to be better—so why not have the best—the original?

Come to us when you want anything in this line and you will be more than pleased. We have nearly everything in stock, but if you want anything special 48 hours will do the business and we'll get it for you.

Buy the best brand—"SPAULDING."

## Sulman's Beehive...

Corner of King and Sixth St.

### REFUSED TO PAY

District School Teacher Purchases a Picture of King Edward and Trustee Objects to Footing the Bill

The patriotic order of a young school teacher of Raleigh Tp. received a cruel blow recently. The teacher had taken up a collection of ten cents each from the pupils of her school with which to buy flowering plants to beautify the school yard. A gang of hoodlums broke into the school grounds the night after the plants had been installed and destroyed them. Filled in this direction the energetic school-mistress decided to spread the small balance of the sum remaining in her hands in the purchase of a picture of His Glorious Majesty, King Edward. Great was her chagrin to find that her efforts toward the adornment of her school and the imbuing of patriotism in her scholars met with the disapproval of one of the trustees who requested her to account for the balance she should have had after purchasing the plants and refused to ratify the purchase of the portrait. The money spent in the purchase of the picture was very small and the action of the unpatriotic trustee a receiving much unfavorable comment in the neighborhood. Fiel Fiel

### CROP OUTLOOK

The Recent Rains Have Done Much Damage to the Crops—Farmers Under Disadvantage

The recent wet weather has made it very inconvenient to cultivate the land, according to the reports of the farmers in the city today. The prospects for the bean crop are very gloomy at present, the water settling on these plants settles them unless they can be cultivated before the ground hardens. Potatoes may also suffer from rot owing to the wet weather. However it is an ill rain that blows nobody good for the hay crop and the pastures were never better. The corn is not so forward as in other years but if the fall is favorable this crop will hold its own. The spring crops are looking well, especially the wheat, oats and barley. All indications point to a fair crop of fruit of all kinds, with little likelihood of a heavy yield of any kind.

### WINS SUCCESS

The results of the graduating examinations in the Emerson College of Oratory, Boston, have been published and it is found that Miss Verna Sheldon, the talented daughter of W. D. Sheldon, of this city, passed with honors. Miss Sheldon is receiving the congratulations of her friends over her marvellous success. Miss Agnes Knox Black and Mr. Black are teachers in this college. Miss Sheldon will probably take a post graduate course next year.