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Cushion Tops Handsome lithograph cushion tops in new designs, segular 75c each, to 43c.

Cretonne cushion tops in good de-signs and colorings, regular 25c each, to-night for 16c.

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You have probably seen or heard of the great, well covered, well filled cushions we have been selling for 23c. We have another lot of them, covered with denims and art sateens, and tonight we place them on sale for

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CLEAN CUT BARGAINS FOR TO-NIGHT

MEN'S SHIRTS Lot odd sizes Men's White Unlaundried

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To-night, Fine Imported Flowers and Roses, worth up to \$1.25 at...... 25 Finest French Roses and Flowers, worth up to \$1.75, to-night...... 48 To-night, your pick of any Trimmed Hat in stock, regular \$2 to \$10, at

Crash and P.K. Skirts, latest cut, reg-ular \$2.50 and \$2.75, clearing tonight......\$1.6

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The balance of our colored silk par asols and sun shades, reg. \$1.50 to \$5.00 clearing to night at almost half price. SHIRT WAISTS

Every line in stock cut down to quick selling prices. Come early and make your selection. Men's Fine Colored Shirts latest pat terns, all sizes, worth 1.00 and 1.25 clearing at............ 89c

dozz. Men's Solid Leather Braces, reg. 25c, to-night...... 17c Men's Fine Sox, Hermsdorf Black, dou-ble soles, spliced heels, rib tops, special at 10c, 12½c and............ 15c

OASH ONLY AND

Lincolnshires Fired it

BEFORE BEING OVERWHELTED BY THE BOERS AT NITRAL'S NEK - BETTER NEWS FROM OTHER PARTS.

London, July 14.-Details are now at hand regarding the disaster to the Lincolnshire Regiment on Wednesday It appears that five companies were ordered on Tuesday to proceed and hold the pass through Magalesburg in the neighborhood of Bashport Fort. They arrived in the afternoon at the pass, where three companies with two guns took up a position and camped for the night, leaving two companies on a plain south of the pass. The eastern hill was rugged rocky and inaccessible, but further east apparently approachable from the main ridge. At daybreak yesterday the Boers appeared on the eastern kopje, and opened a heavy fire. Confusion ensued. The Colonel ordered the men to take up a position on a kopje west of the gap. From this point a hot fire was kept up during the entire day. Two guns, under the escort of the Scots Greys, placed in advance of the main body, were captured after a stout resistance. Nearly every man was killed or wounded. A Maxim gun was brought into action early in the dday. The fire was too hot, and the men were forced to retire. A sergeant, aided by seven volunteers, saved the gun. There was a continuous fire all along the line, the Lincolnshire Regiment men vigorously replying. About three o'clock in the afternoon the Boers appeared to the left of the position occu-pied by the British. An officer and fifteen men attempted to charge them, and fourteen men were killed or wounded as the result. Three companies were practically surrounded, but they kept up a steady fire unwaveringly, until towards nightfall, when the ammunition gave out. The latest arrival from the s

latest arrival from the same states that, at the time of his cape, the men were taking a good position under cover, and with fixed bayonets were awaiting the approach of the enemy. It is understood upon good authority that the Boers have employed armed natives. Two of the natives leaped from cover when a small party from the Lincolnshire Regiment stepped up, and demanded their surrender. A soldier stepped forward and shot both of the natives dead, One officer who succeeded in making his escape had an encounter with an armed nawho succeeded in making his coape had an encounter with an armed na-tive. It is feared that the losses of the British were numerous. About thirty of the British soldiers straggled

According to all accounts a great force is being assembled to prevent further progress of the Boers. BRIGHTER NEWS ELSEWHERE.

Colonel Mahon, reinforced by Gen.
French's brigade, took all the positions held by the Boers in the neighborhood of Rietfontein. A number of
Boer dead were found. The British
tasualties were trifling. Commandant Grobler, who com-manded the federals at Nitral's Nek,

had four guns. Generals Hutton and Mahon had four days' fighting south-east of Pre-toria, resulting in the defeat of Eras-mus' commando with considerable loss. It is concurrently reported from Greylingstad that Gen. Clery found it necessary to retire to that place from Valkfontein, owing to the great ac-

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tivity of the Boers in destroying the railway and telegraphs between Grey-lingstad and Standerton. The news-papers here express considerable dis-appointment over the turn affairs have taken. DEATH FROM A RUSTY NAIL.

Blenheim News: Sudden and sad was the death early last Saturday of Gertie, the eldest daughter of S. Johnson, 10th Con., and grand-daughter of D. Hamil, Esq., town. The young lady, who was barely seventeen, some weeks before had her foot pierced by a rusty nail, but was around as usual. On Friday last she was away visiting and partook freely of ice water. She remained, however, in good health, but took ill during the night and died early next morning.

SCHOLARSHIPS A

Krause Conservatory of Music This Year

Were Won by the Students Mention ed Below-Next Season's Work.

The following is a list of the students who were successful in winning valuable free schoolships donated by the Conservatory the

R. Victor Carter piano scholarship-won by Miss Maude Wees, Marshall Co

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U. S.
R. Victor Carter piano scholarship—won
by Miss Annie Bogart, Chatham.
R. Victor Carter theory scholarship—won
by Miss Gertrude Kelly, Chatham.
Lillian Pratt piano scholarship—won by
Misses Flossie Bogart and Nellie Richards.
Elda Idle vocal scholarship—won by
Misses Maude Wees, Marshall Co., U. S.,
Mahel Merriam, U. S., Allie Humphrey

Mabel Merriam, U.S., Alie Humphre, and Pearl White, Chatham. May Cooper vocal scholarship Miss Maud Oliver, Chatham. Louise Hillman piano scholarship-by Misses May VonGunten, Blenheim

Candace Fleming, Chatham.
Georgie M. Copeland piano scholarship—won by Miss Irene Paterson, Chatham.
Clara Blight piano scholarship—won by Misses Geneva Scott and Donielda Foreman,

Dorothy Sheldon piano scholarship—wor y Misses Grace Landon, Blenheim, and by Misses Grace Lando Grace Ecklin, Chatham.

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Margaret Houston piano scholarship—
won by Misses Queenie Holmes and Maud
Banning, Chatham.

Henry McCaw violin scholarship—won by
Master Ray Peck, Chatham.

Misses G. Copeland, Nora Stephenson,
May E. McDonnell, Florence Hillman, and
Florence Stephenson, pupils of Mr. Carter.

May E. McDonnell, Florence Hillman, and Florence Stephenson, pupils of Mr. Carter, are mentioned with high honors but either as members of the Conservatory faculty, or from non-fulfillment of rules and regulations governing scholarships, the above students were non-eligable to compete for scholar-

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Scholarships donated for the past season by the Conservatory entitle students win-ning to free tuition for a period of half year (partial scholarship) and full year (full scholarship). In the past season they were awarded to the students who had shown the most marked musical progress, in conjunc-tion with most carpest and callon and aption with most earnest application and ap-pitude in their studies. These scholarships alue from \$30 to \$80

The Conservatory gratifying success and benefits accru-ing from the many scholarships donated by the Conservatory in the past season's work. No less than twenty students have been directly benefitted students have been directly benefit ted by these free scholdrships. This alone speaks volumes of the great advant-ages accruing from a Conservatory course of musical eduication, and spe-cially of the interest the Conservatory takes in the welfare and advantages of its students, practically endowing more scholarships (free) than any musical institution in America.

These free scholarships having fully demonstrated the wisdom of inaugur-ating such advantages to earnest musical students, the Conservatory an-nounces that, in next season's work, nounces that, in next season's work, a large number of free scholarships will be endowed by the Conservatory, for open competition amongst the Conservatory students. All students intending to compete for scholarship honors for next season's Conservatory work, must enrolly on or before Sept. 15th, 1900, in order to be eligible to compete for such honors, and must strictly abide by all rules and regulations governing same scholarships. With the many valuable scholarships offered for next season's work, of most special interest to all earnest musical students are the musical exmusical students are the musical ex-aminations, which will be held annual-ally, under the auspices of the Toronto college of music who will grant conservatory students successfully passing the same Toronto College of Music cirtificates and diplomas, which will imnediately give Conservatory students provincial recognition through the University of Totonto, which institu-tion the College of Music is directly affiliated with.

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Mr. Carter, musical director, has engaged the professional services of two most capable and experienced musicians to specially conduct the free classes in the elements and rudiments

classes in the elements and rudiments of music, thereby assuring all Conservatory students every advantage and benefit accruing from such free class work, which is so essential to their musical progress and welfare! Attendance in these free classes is obligatory for all Conservatory students for next season's work.

The Conservatory of Music has demonstrated to the public its position as an educational factor in the city of Chatham, and should be most strongly supported by all true lovers of music and the public of Western Ontario. It may justly claim to be the largest and best equipped musical institution in Western Canada, and of such high standard as to merit the confidence of musicians and the public.

Foreign Troops are Hard Pressed.

HINESE SWEEPING THE STREETS WITH HEAVY GUNS-LITTLE HOPE CONCERNING PEKIN.

London, Satarday, July 14, 4 a. m-The scanty cable despatches received yesterday, (Friday) add nothing to the knowledge in London of the Chinese situation. It is stated positively from Canton that Li Hung Chang will remain there until the allied troops have defeated Prince Tuan's forces, and will then go north to lend his powerful aid in arranging terms of peace, co-operating with Prince Ching, Yung Lu and the other pro-foreign viceroys. For the present Li Hung Chang considers that he can best control and direct the viceroys from Canton and also keep in check the turbulent province of Kwang Tu-All the foreigners and missionaries have evacuated Wen Chau and have arrived at Ning Po, Large bodies of Boxers appeared at Wen Chau and threatened to exterminate the foreigners and Christians. They also distributed banners, badges and inflamnatory anti-foreign appeals. The Tien Tsin correspondents of the

express, telegraphing under date of July 9, asserts that the Chinese are daily driving in the allies. They have mounted, says the correspondent welve fresh gans in advantageous positions, with which they are sweep ing the streets of the foreign settle ment, the incessant fire rendering position after position quite unten-able. The Daily Mail's St. Petersburg correspondent says that in the last six hours' battle outside Tien Tsin the Cossacks captured six Krupp gans and killed a number of fleeing Boxers. The Chinese lost three handred killed, including Gen. Kek.

A Brussels despatch says:—M. Defeberau, minister of foreign affairs, has received a telegram from M. Decenting de Marchianne sacratary of

ship honors.

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The Chinese minister at Paris has communicated to M. Deleasse, the French minister of foreign affairs, an imperial edict, dated June 2. To this, M. Deleasse has replied that since the Chinese government had the means to communicate with its representatives abroad it ought to guarantee communications between the Correign powers and their representaantee communications between the foreign powers and their representa-tives at Pekin. He also asked the Chinese minister to transmit a tele-gram to M. Pichon, the French minis

THINKS THEY'RE ALL DEAD. Washington, July 14.-(A) cablegram received at the State Department to day from Consul-General Goodnow at Shanghai announcing the beginning of the final attack on the legations at Pekin terribly depressed the officials here. All along they have suspected that the various communications received from Chinese sources in Shan-ghai have been preparing the way for the announcement of the exterminathe announcement of the extermina-tion of the foreign ministers and their wives, children, attaches, dependents and guards. The consul-general's message, it is understood, is but a repetition of the latest press reports from Shanghai, but the state department has come to place a high esti-mate upon Mr. Goodnow's advice.

THE W. C. T. U.

Of the various branches of the W.C.T.U. Society not one does more unestentatious good work than the branch called the "Flower Mission." Day by day, week by week, the ladies of the mission with flowers and comforts in their hands visit the shek and sorrowful, comforting with loving gospel messages, of a precious friend and Savior. Quietly and cheerfully they do the will of the Master. A special meeting was held on the 12th when several ladies gave their report of the work done during the past year. A short address was then given by the president on the origin of the mission. After prayer, and a hymn had been sung Rev. Mr. Ross gave an address on the "Sevenfold Attitude of the Christian Life," showing that the Christian had to rest as well as run. He gave expression to many Of the various branches of the W.C.T.U showing that the Christian had to rest as well as run. He gave expression to many beautiful thoughts. The whole Christian course seemed embodied in the last verse of the 41st chapter of Isaiah. All received spiritual help and blessing. Mrs. Walker and Miss Reddick sang a beautiful duet after which the meeting closed with the berediction.

The great amount of design work done at the Victoria Avenue Green Houses is sufficient proof of the excellence of the work. Nothing but the best at the lowest prices. Telephone 181.

Keep cool by coming along with the Victoria Ave. Methodist Sanday school on their excursion to Belle Isle next Tuesday. Bicycles carried free. Re-freshments on board.

A HIGH CLASS COURSE.

lanager Cairns has Booked a Series of Star Attractions for the

For the past few days Manager Cairns, of the Grand Opera House, has been working on the subscription list of the most pretentious concert course at popular prices ever offered in Can-

ada outside of Massey Hall, Toronto, The course, which with one exception, is the same as the one arranged for next season at Massey Hall, consists of six entertainments, which will be given at intervals of about one nonth during the coming winter, Each of these entertainments is of the very highest class, the best that money will buy, and Mr. Cairns is offering season tickets covering the entire course for one dollar, which is less than 17 cents

performance. To enable him to furnish such renarkable talent at such a low, price it is necessary that he sell six hundred season tickets, and unless this number is sold the course will not be put on. He has in the past week sold nearly 350 tickets, with but two refusals fro mpeople who have been shown the prospectus. The prospectus and list will for the next few days be placed in the Central Drug Store, where all who the Central Drug Store, where all who are interested in high class entertainment are invited to inspect it.

The course as arranged comprises:

1. "The Fadettes" Ladies Orchestra,

1. "The Fadettes" Ladies Orenestra, of Boston, of 21 pieces, the highest-priced musical attractiin that will visit Canada next season. The Globe, Toronto, said last year concerning them: "It can be authoritatively stated that the Fadettes are the best woman's orenestra that ever appeared." roman's orchestra that ever appeared here, and are not equaled by any similar orchestra on the continent to-day.

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3. Slayton's Jubilee Singers, nine in

4. Albert Armstrong, in an illustrated recital of either "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush," or "The Little Minister," whichever the subscribers prefer.
5. "The New York Musical Club,"

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The balance of the amount of the tender must be deposited with the undersigned on or before October 1st, 1900.

No passes will be issued.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

(Signed), HENRY ROBINSON, 2d-1w Sec'y W. K. A. S.

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