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## NEW DRESS GOODS FOR SPRING

We have an intensely interesting display in our Dress Goods Department. No woman who truly represents her lovely sex can withstand the charm of this 1905 display of Spring Dress Goods. It is a feminine impossibility. If you haven't seen it the delightful shock is yours to-morrow. If you have seen it you have a world of fresh detail to keep your pleasure fresh and your eyes alert.

### Black Dress Goods

We have a very large assortment, bought direct from the manufacturers in all the popular materials, such as Lama, Wool, Canvas, Cheviot, Venetians, Mohairs, Brilliantines, Lustres, Volfes, Etamines, and Crepe Cloth, ranging in price from

50c to \$1.50

### Tweed Dress Goods

For Shirtwaist Suits or odd Skirts. We are showing the latest productions in all the fashionable mixtures, checks, flaked and striped effects at very popular prices from

50c to \$1.25

### Light Weight Dress Goods

Suitable for afternoon or evening wear. We are showing the latest assortment this season we have ever shown, in such popular makes as French Crepe, Etamine, Crepe de Chine and Crepe de Paris in all the leading shades.

### Spring Dressmaking Orders

Our two Dressmaking Departments under Madame Skirving and Miss Sangster are now open. Orders for spring garments should be registered soon.

## Thos. Stone & Son

## PUBLIC NOTICE!

### Genuine Gas Coke

From actual tests is found to contain as many heat units per ton, as the best quality of Anthracite Coal. At the reduced price now in effect, Gas Coke costs about two-thirds as much.

Moral: Use Genuine Gas Coke for furnace, range, grate or stove, and save money.

Chatham Gas Company, Limited.

## THE ARK

REMEMBER OUR

## Special Sale of Chinaware

—WILL COMMENCE ON—

FRIDAY, THE 10TH.

Cups and Saucers, Bread and Butter Plates, Salad Bowls. As we have too many of these, in stock, they must be cleared out to make room for fresh arrivals. Many of the regular prices are cut in two.

See our Windows for Samples and Prices.

Will you be on hand early and get first choice?

H. MACAULAY, PHONE 139

These goods will not be given out on approval.

### WINTER RESORTS.

### BEAUTIFUL SCENERY AT NIAGARA FALLS.

### WATER PECTORANT

There is a review trip to any Grand Trunk

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## 12TH MILESTONE IN GOOD WORK

### Splendid Record of the Public General Hospital Society at Annual Meeting

Tribute to President Malcolmson and his Loyal and Energetic Colleagues.

If there is one society engaged in philanthropic and charitable work in the City of Chatham, that deserves and should receive the hearty cooperation and support of Chatham citizens, that organization is the Public General Hospital Society.

The annual meeting of this society was held in Harrison Hall last evening with a fair attendance, there being present, Messrs. Rispin and Pritchard, and Rev. Messrs. Battisby, Cobble, McCosh, Mayor Cowan, Messrs. Campbell, Dr. T. K. Holmes, J. W. Shackleton, T. K. McKend, S. F. Gardiner and President Hugh Malcolmson.

It was shown by the reports read that the Society has had a most prosperous year—the most prosperous in its history—for which the officers and members of the Board, and the Ladies' Assisting Society is deserving of the highest commendation.

Perhaps without all belittling the splendid efforts of all of the officers, it is only right and fair to state that the man who deserves the major portion of the credit for the splendid and noble work which is being done by this society, is Hugh Malcolmson, the energetic, efficient, and beloved President of the society.

Mr. Malcolmson was one of the men who proposed the scheme to build the hospital and who worked so well in carrying it through; and ever since he has been a most active member of the Society. He has been President for a number of years and it is generally recognized that, apart from his being entitled to the honors of the position, no one could fill the duties of this responsible position as well as Mr. Malcolmson. Just to show how deeply and earnestly Mr. Malcolmson is interested in the work of this hospital, it might be mentioned that he came all the way from Hamilton to attend this annual meeting.

In opening the meeting Mr. Malcolmson welcomed Mayor Cowan as a member of the society, who was in the office, and announced that this was the 12th annual meeting of the society.

Mr. Malcolmson was confident that the people of Chatham generally had no idea of the amount of charitable work done by the society. As shown by the report of the work it was seen that during the past year the hospital cared for 122 patients from whom they received no remuneration whatever, and in the face of this drawback the affairs of the hospital have to be financed by the society.

"You may wonder how it has been accomplished," said Mr. Malcolmson, "but I might say that we never could have done it without the co-operation of the ladies. We have a hospital second to none. I have seen in the Dominion, and I have inspected the hospitals in Winnipeg and in all of the larger cities in Ontario.

Dr. Battisby also spoke of the splendid work being done by the Board and the ladies.

Mr. Malcolmson was very glad Mrs. Rispin had been elected President of the Ladies' Assisting Society. He was sure she would do everything possible for the advancement of the Society.

Mayor Cowan also spoke of the encouraging report and was pleased to be a member of the society.

Mr. Malcolmson said that more members of the society were not present, but the recent meeting of the Ladies' Assisting Society probably kept many away, and the meeting also was not properly advertised.

Dr. Battisby suggested that it was hard to draw an audience now-a-days unless you gave them something to eat and hinted that it was becoming the case in reference to mid-week prayer meetings.

A little discussion arose over the project from the city to induce the hospital to build an isolation hospital.

The officers were all unanimously re-elected for the coming year: President—H. Malcolmson, Secretary—T. K. McKend, Treasurer—S. F. Gardiner, Auditors—W. M. Fleming and W. Robinson.

Board of Management—H. Malcolmson, T. K. McKend, S. F. Gardiner, Mayor Cowan, Mr. Houston, Wm. Ball and M. Campbell.

Several speakers took occasion to compliment the Board on their year's work, and special praise was tendered Mr. Malcolmson.

The cash statement showed receipts of \$12,320.27, and disbursements of \$11,452.55, leaving a cash balance on hand of \$867.72.

The following is a statement of assets and liabilities.

Liabilities. Mortgage to the Chatham Loan & Savings Co., \$1,500.00. Surplus assets, \$28,793.61. Total, \$30,293.61.

Assets. Lot, \$2,760.00. Building, furnishings and fixtures, \$22,226.08. Isolated building, \$1,397.93.

Nurses' Home, \$2,519.53. Laundry, \$622.35. Cash on hand, \$867.72. Total, \$30,293.61.

S. F. Gardiner, Treasurer.

The following is the report of the Hospital and Training school as read and adopted:

Patients in Hospital Jan. 1, '04, 22

Admitted during the year, 493

Discharged, 503

In Hospital Jan. 1, 1905, 23

Males, 209

Females, 340

Canadians, 562

English, 15

Irish, 5

Scottish, 4

French, 7

Americans, 16

Patients from city, 255

Patients from country, 238

Heart disease, 23

Cancer, 2

Pneumonia, 1

Empyema, 1

General debility, 1

Acute nephritis, 1

Gangrene, 1

Embolism, 1

Compression of brain, 1

Extensive burn, 1

Tetanus, 1

Abcess of liver, 1

Following is the report of the training school for nurses:

To the President and Board of Trustees of the Chatham General Hospital.

Gentlemen,—I have the honor of submitting to you the following report of the twelfth annual anniversary of our training school:

There are at present fourteen nurses engaged on the staff: Miss Ross, Kincaid; Miss Head, Chatham; Miss Millard, Chatham; Miss Kelly, Watford; Miss Bonter, Trenton; Miss Meikle, Galt; Miss Smith, Frankford; Miss Sisson, Barrie; Miss Maynard, Essex; Miss Panazick, Woodstock; Miss Brighty, Aylmer; Miss Newkirk, Chatham; Miss Holmes, Chatham; and one probationer.

The nurses have been carefully chosen and all are doing their work in a very satisfactory manner.

Five nurses graduated last June, which makes the total number of graduates since the school opened twenty-three.

Our thanks are due to the medical staff who so kindly lectured during the past year.

There have been many improvements in the arrangement and appearance of the rooms, which have added much to the neatness and homelike character of the hospital.

The Ladies Assisting Society have refurnished the Nurses Home, so that it is a pleasant retreat after the long and fatiguing hours of duty, and we are much indebted to the Society for their kindly interest in the general welfare and happiness of the nurses.

Respectfully submitted, BERTIE KENNEDY, Supt. of Nurses.

\*The nurses have to thank the following ladies for ice cream, cake and candy: Mrs. Swain, Miss Crow, Miss McKee, Mrs. A. McKay, Mrs. Aiken, Dr. Carson, Mrs. S. Mercer, Mrs. Hargreave.

The ladies also wished to thank all those who made donations to the Hospital during the year.

The meeting then adjourned.

### PRESBYTERY MET

There was a good meeting of the Chatham Presbytery in St. Andrew's church yesterday. The Rev. J. M. Nichol, of Wallaceburg, was elected moderator for the next six months. Mr. McGregor, of St. Andrew's church, London, addressed the Presbytery upon behalf of the assembly and Sabbath school work.

A call was sustained to the Rev. Mr. Watt, of Toronto, to Harrow and the call of the Rev. Dr. Smith, of Brantford, to Comber, was sustained.

The Rev. Mr. McLune had reasons to present for dissenting from the Presbytery in releasing Dr. Jamieson at the last meeting, but after conferring for a few moments with a small committee the charges were withdrawn. It is hoped by the members of the Presbytery that this will for all time settle the differences that have existed at Mull.

### A \$4.25 SORAP

William Little and George Brooks had a difference. The two had been indulging in the concentrated essence of headache provoker. They were feeling in real good humor until they were turned out of the Hotel Garner. Then Brooks tried to get Little to go home. Owing to his efforts, Little's ire was aroused and the fight was started on Cross St. P. C. Dodson arrived too late to gather in the combatants, but he learned their names, however, and they appeared in court to-day and were assessed \$5 and costs each, \$4.25 apiece.

## BROKE RUSSIAN CENTRE

### Japs Capture 13 Siege Guns—Kuropatkin Retreating.

Russian Commander Now Fighting a Rear-Guard Action to Cover His Retreat—Will Require All His Ability to Extricate His Army From His Present Predicament—Casualties Exceed Those of Battle of Liaoyang.

London, March 8.—For ten days the Japanese and Russian armies in Manchuria have been engaged in a mighty conflict, the issue of which has not yet been reached. Although the most of the news from the scene of the battle comes through Russian sources, and consequently may be supposed to present the facts in as favorable a light as possible for the Russian army, it is evident that the Japanese made some gains yesterday.

St. Petersburg has an unofficial report that Gen. Kuropatkin's centre has been broken, and that thirteen siege guns have fallen into the hands of the Japanese. These guns, which are of six and eight-inch calibre, were given permanent emplacements on the line of the railroad north of Shaku Station, the fact evidencing the confidence of the Russians that the Japanese could not penetrate thither.

Covering His Retreat. In St. Petersburg it is generally believed that Gen. Kuropatkin was yesterday fighting a rear-guard action to cover his retreat, and that the night will have witnessed a large withdrawal of troops toward Tie Pass. All of the commander-in-chief's ability it is considered, will be required to extricate his army from his present predicament.

The issue, it is expected, will be decided to-day, and much unquestionably depends upon the comparative ability of the opposing armies to resist the effects of hunger and fatigue, the limit of human endurance having been nearly reached on both sides. Beyond the statement that the casualties exceed those of the battle of Liaoyang, there is little known as to the number killed or wounded.

### STIMULI FOR JAPS.

Condensed Life in Pills to Incite Them to the Attack.

Mukden, March 8.—It is reported that the Japanese are giving their men stimulating drugs to incite them to the attack, pills of which were found in the pockets of prisoners.

Both Sides Desperate. Mukden, March 8.—Fighting of the fiercest nature, which is likely to decide the fate of the battle which has been in progress for ten days, began at dawn yesterday, and has continued uninterruptedly up to the present time, on a front 14 miles long, west of the railroad and on a line with the Shaku River. The Japanese also have made a desperate attack on Bentzen, putting reports are arriving here that fighting was renewed yesterday morning on the extreme left of the Russian army. Both sides are fighting with desperation to the westward, though the troops were well-nigh exhausted.

The issue of the battle may depend largely on the relative physical condition of the men and the uniform features the combat is like that at Liaoyang, and if the Russians should be able to crush the flanking force victory may be regarded as won. The losses in the ten days of battle on both sides are already far greater than were the casualties in the battle of Liaoyang, and are likely to increase as the days pass, before the issue is fully decided.

### 50,000 Japs in Attack.

Beginning at 2 a. m., the Japanese made a succession of desperate attacks on Gen. Tserpitsky's division, on the west front south of Mukden, repeating the assault at intervals of two hours, with constant reinforcements. About 50,000 Japanese with 200 pieces of artillery, participated. All the attacks were repulsed, there being enormous losses on both sides. One extremely important position changed hands several times. Finally Gen. Tserpitsky, on horseback, placing himself at the head of his troops, led his regiments to the attack with colors flying and music playing. The attack was successful. After it was over the victorious soldiers crowded around Gen. Tserpitsky, shouting his praises and even kissing his hands and feet. The Russians captured several quick-fire guns and many Japanese prisoners, including officers.

### ANOTHER DEFEAT.

Russian Army is Now in a Very Desperate Way.

St. Petersburg, March 8.—That the battle of Mukden will go down in history with Liaoyang in the long list of Russian defeats, is the almost universal belief here. The War Office does not admit that the issue of the great battle, which already exceeds in magnitude of operations and losses that of Shaku, has been decided.

Despatches dated at 8 o'clock last night indicate that the position of the Russian army is a day of furious fighting, is desperate. Everything probably now depends on Gen. Kuropatkin's reserve. While the Japanese hurled themselves forward at every point yesterday, their main energies were behind the west and southwest in an attempt to envelope the Russian right and drive a wedge through the line at Mafyank; but Gen. Kuropatkin seems to have been able successfully to change front on his shattered right, aligning from northwest to southeast, to protect the railroad to Mukden; and at nightfall it was reported, he practically was holding all his positions. At the same time he was drawing in and shortening his line to the southeast.

All the concentrated attacks of the Japanese to the westward failed, and the efforts of Gens. Nogi and Oku to push the encircling movement north and eastward across Gen. Kuropatkin's line of communications was blocked. One correspondent telegraphed of hearing firing to the northward, towards Tie Pass, which may be between Cosaks and a flying column of Japanese.

Must Evacuate Mukden. St. Petersburg, March 8.—Kuropatkin has advised the Czar that the general situation of the Manchurian army is such as to make it imperative that Mukden be evacuated at once. The Czar, it is reported, has ordered the Russian commander to hold the city as long as possible.

### SIXTH DAY OF BATTLE.

Raged With Undiminished Vigor From Dawn Till Dark.

Mukden, March 8.—(Delayed in transmission.)—The sixth day of the battle of the Russian right flank raged with undiminished vigor from dawn till dark. The Japanese made good their position at Tachab and pushed the contest north to Simintin, the same as on Sunday, four miles from the main battle line, though apparently no nearer.

As was the case in the battle of Liaoyang, the semi-circular positions where the battle is progressing now are so near that the whole of them are accessible from Mukden in a day's tour. The losses already exceed those in the battle of Liaoyang on the Russian side, and the Japanese are supposed to have suffered much more, though this does not seem to shake the Japanese tenacity, for at noon to-day they attacked Yenhsin, advancing their infantry and provoking a counter-attack, which was first reported to have resulted in Russian infantry occupying Yenhsin about 2 p. m., when the artillery battle increased furiously, shells setting fire to many buildings, the smoke from which, joining a dust storm, surrounded the east plain in clouds, in which the battle raged and the sun sank.

Seven Days Without Rest. Graves are increasing in number, while dead animals strew the ground. The troops have been seven days without rest and their powers of resistance are declining. They plainly show the strain of the terrible week. The ground is deeply frozen. The Japanese continue to flank the Russian position. One Japanese division is known to have extended to Beijing.

The Japanese maintained a frontal attack Sunday night, having attacked Shaku, Erdagou and Huanai and the extreme east, where they are again advancing. The centre remains Russian, but on the southwest the Russians are falling back on their second positions. The army on the right wing is now thrown back on the Russian settlement, converting it into a great metropolis. At night long trains of lighted cars are seen extending in all directions on improvised railways to camps where, three days ago, there was nothing but bare fields. In magnitude the present battle resembles the about equal to the battle of the Shaku River.

Vladimir a Marked Man.

Terrorists Seek the Grand Duke's Life—Another Attempt.

St. Petersburg, March 8.—Grand Duke Vladimir, it is reported, has again been placed for assassination, in spite of the promises contained in the recent Imperial rescript.

On account of the receipt lately of several warnings and terrorist notifications, the sentries about the Grand Duke's palace have been doubled and ordered to exercise special watchfulness.

According to a current report, a general, attempted to gain access to the Grand Duke on Saturday. On being searched, the man was found to be armed with a loaded revolver.

COMMISSION IS DISSOLVED.

Russian Workmen Refuse to Elect Representatives.

St. Petersburg, March 8.—The Shidlovsky Commission, appointed to ascertain the causes of discontent among the working people of St. Petersburg, has been dissolved by order of the Emperor. An official communication explains that this action is due to the impossibility of proceeding with the proposed plan in consequence of the refusal of the workmen to elect representatives to the Commission.

The Minister of War and Communications has directed the employees in the workshops of the State railways to elect representatives to present their needs to the managers of the shops.

Police Whipped Servant Girls.

Warsaw, March 8.—The strike of the house servants here suddenly collapsed yesterday. This is attributed to the action of the police, who have severely whipped domestic, and the others, fearing similar treatment, gave up the struggle.

No Newspapers in Vilna.

Vilna, March 8.—A general strike has been inaugurated here. No newspapers appeared yesterday. All shops have been closed. Troops are patrolling the streets.

Stirred Up Agitation.

Lodz, March 8.—The police have arrested a dozen prominent lawyers and doctors on the charge that they had been stirring up the Polish language agitation in the Siles.

OFFICERS MEET

The annual meeting of the officers of the 24th Kent Regiment will be held to-morrow evening at eight o'clock.

There is much business of importance to be dealt with, and a full attendance of the officers is requested.

A woman's influence may be strong but she seldom uses it judiciously.

Our Japanese China Sale

which started Saturday was a decided success and will last for a week. Do not neglect this opportunity to secure some China at less than regular wholesale prices.

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