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SPECIAL NOTICE

We have pleasure in announcing that Mr. Babyan, from Turkey, will remain here over Friday and Saturday with his magnificent collection of Turkish and Persian Rugs, Pillow Tops, Slippers and Eastern Curios. These goods are on display in our Carpet Department and it is well worth your while to see the collections. The rugs vary in price, from the small sizes at \$4.00 to the large room rugs at \$150.00 and over. Elegant pillow tops at \$1.00 each and excellent curios at very moderate prices.

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For Friday Only

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Hosiery Special for Friday.

Ladies fine black cotton hose, made of Egyptian yarns, Hermsdorf Dye, warranted fast black, sizes 8, 9 and 10, full fashioned, on sale very special Friday at 3 pair for 80c.

Parasol Special for Friday.

In connection with our special opening sale of Ladies black and fancy parasols, we place on sale for Friday only Children's fancy cambric covered parasols, neat designs, good frames, very special, at each 19c.

Pillow Tops for Friday.

Your choice of 13 styles of fine Lithograph Pillow Tops, reg. value 65c and 75c each, on Friday for 33c.

Lace Curtains for Friday.

20 pair extra fine Nottingham Lace Curtains, white, elegant new design, corded edges, one of our most popular selling curtains, regular price 2.50 a pair, on Friday only, very special, at \$1.68.

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Men's fine Balbriggan undershirts and drawers, neatly finished, guaranteed for fit and wear, all sizes, special value, just in at a yard 50c.

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Hazardous White, 25c. to 40c.
Drawers, White and Black, 15c. to 40c.
Vests, 5c. to 40c.
Hose, All styles and sizes, 10c. to 50c.

WELDON'S

Next Door to Macdonald's Open Evenings

FINE BUILDING

Architect A. M. Paper expects to ask for tenders for the new Merchants' Bank building in about a week. The new bank will cost about forty-five thousand dollars, and will be one of the finest and most up-to-date blocks in the city. It will extend 20 feet further back than the present structure, with the present frontage.

The first story will be of stone and the rest of pressed brick and stone.

ST. CLAIR STREET

"We people over on St. Clair street certainly have a kick coming on the city council," a citizen of that busy thoroughfare said. "A Planet reporter this morning. 'No steps at all have been taken regarding the putting down of our pavement. The Victoria Avenue pavement and Park Street pavements have been started. Now St. Clair street, being a business thoroughfare, we think, should have been the first started. All the people and merchants are kicking. Work should be begun at once on our street.'"

TRIBUTES TO STANLEY

London, May 11.—The morning papers publish editorials expressive of deep regret at the death of Sir Henry M. Stanley. The premature death of Sir Henry is attributed to a disease which he contracted in the African swamps. The warmest tributes are paid to the man as one of the greatest of explorers. King Edward and Queen Alexandra, as well as the King of the Belgians, have written letters of condolence to the widow. There is a very strong feeling in favor of the burial of Sir Henry in Westminster Abbey, and an official statement has been issued to the effect that the Dean of Westminster has expressed his willingness to have the first part of the funeral service take place in the Abbey, as has been customary at the funerals of other distinguished persons in recent times.

RADIAL ROAD

N. H. Stevens returned last evening from a business trip to Toronto, in the interests of the electric railway for Kent County. Mr. Stevens was seen by a Planet reporter this morning. Mr. Stevens said:—

"We held a meeting while I was in Toronto and the promoters will be in Chatham inside of a week. They say that everything is in splendid shape. All that is now necessary is that Dwyer and Chatham townships give the aid required of them. If this is done, cars will be running over the road by December 1st of this year. The promoters have a schedule showing that it will cost the farmers of Chatham and Dwyer only three cents an acre. Surely every enterprising farmer will vote for the by-law, as the advantages to the farmers will be five times what they pay."

"Owing to the very bad roads in this part of the country, an electric railway would make this almost a paradise. We have everything except good roads and electric railway."

MAIL ROBBERS

Regina, N. W. T., May 11.—All preliminary hearings in the celebrated \$10,000 mail robbery case are ended and resulted in the commitment of J. H. Wilcox, mail clerk; J. Bangs, a lawyer of Calgary, and Boyce and Behan to stand their trials at the forthcoming sittings of the Supreme Court here. Boyce by his evidence directly connected Bangs with having possession of a portion of the stolen money, and Bangs in his evidence not only admitted having possession of the stolen money, but by his statement showed that it was through Wilcox he received it. He had not actually received his money from Wilcox, but had gone to a certain place and got the money. He had been told by Wilcox the money was there, and to go and get it. When he went to the place designated by Wilcox he took what money was there, but he did not know how much the parcel contained. Wilcox afterwards got about \$200 from him. Wilcox had authorized him to get the money changed, and had also told him that about \$2,000 was in the possession of another party or parties. The money left with him was under his control and could be obtained and restored. He was willing it should be restored. Wilcox had told him it was stolen, when he (Wilcox) had asked witness to get it. Dominion Government Detective Chamberlain and Bangs have left for the west, the object being to secure the remainder of the stolen money, which Bangs said he was quite willing should be restored.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

The Rise and Progress of the Standard Oil Co. by Gilbert Holland Montague, donated by Harper & Bros., N. Y.
The Year Book of B. C. R. E. Gosnell per Macaulay Club.
The Rights of War and Peace, translated from original Latin of Grotius by A. C. Campbell, with introduction by David J. Hill, assistant secretary of State of U. S., donated by Mr. Carnegie.

JAPS ADVANCING ON TO HAI-CHENG

Also Expect to Occupy New Chwang To-Morrow Concentrated in Three Groups.

Russians Attack Garrison But Are Driven Off After Stubborn Fight.

London, Thursday, May 12.—A despatch from Shanghai of yesterday's date says:—"It is reported from Pekin that the Japanese on Monday occupied Kas-Ping, 16 miles below Tashichow, and expected to occupy New Chwang on Friday."

TO CUT OFF VLADIVOSTOK.

A despatch dated Peking, Siberia, May 11, says:—"A Japanese torpedo boat made its appearance in the roadstead two days ago, and suspicious lights have been seen. Everything is quiet here, but all is in readiness to meet any landing of the enemy, whose probable purpose is the cutting off of Vladivostok."

AT THE BATTLE OF THE YALU.

The Daily Mail's correspondent at the Japanese headquarters, in describing the battle on the Yalu, testifies that the Russian position there, if properly held, ought to have been impregnable, even with the sacrifice of 10,000 men. The correspondent says that the battlefield afterwards presented a sickening spectacle, but that the wounded were suffering with the most heroic stoicism. Judging from their disheveled appearance, the correspondent infers that the Russians must have been in the trenches for several days. He continues:—"The Japanese are showing the greatest kindness to the wounded prisoners, and the captured Russian officers are being treated by the highest among the Japanese as respected guests. In the hour of victory the Japanese soldiers show admirable restraint and sobriety of demeanor. They express open admiration for the courage and determination of the Russians, whom they have found to be utterly unlike the Chinese, and who are, they say, opponents worthy of their steel."

RUSSIANS BUILDING FORTS.

The Morning Post's Shanghai correspondent says the Russians are building forts at Mollen Pass and extensive entrenchments outside Liao-Yang. The Japanese minister at Pekin has complained of Russian repeated incursions of Chinese territory, and has asked the Chinese government to take measures to counteract them. Prince Ching, president of the Chinese Foreign Office, has promised to submit the matter to the throne.

CHINA SEEKS RECOGNITION.

The Tien-Tsin correspondent of the Standard, cables that the throne has authorized the Chinese minister in London, Chang Tai Jen, to sign the Hague convention with a view to securing recognition under the Geneva convention. The Chinese are making great efforts, the correspondent says, to obtain Russian and Japanese sanction, but considering the Chinese misconception of the international regulations, and the probability that the Red Cross flag would be misused, neither power is likely to assent.

A BRAVE PRIEST.

A Liao Yang despatch of yesterday says:—"Among the wounded from the battle of the Yalu who arrived here to-day was Father Stephen Teherbackofsky, the priest who led the charge of the 11th regiment at the battle of Kiu Lien Cheng. Father Stephen said:—"On the first of May I rose at 3 o'clock in the morning knowing that there would be a terrible battle, and I was determined to do my duty and to show an example by my death. At 4 a. m. I prayed and then laid down by my Bible and stood with the company. As the company moved forward to the charge I blessed the soldiers and went in front of the flag with the cross in my hand, standing by the side of my assistant, Joseph Herch. Bullets were flying all around us. I never felt my first wound. The second bullet struck my shoulder and I fell, losing consciousness. When I opened my eyes I found my assistant bending over me with a smile on his face. Seeing that I was alive, he clutched my hand and then took me off the field of battle. If ever there was a hero, Joseph Herch is one." The other wounded arriving seemed to be in good condition and are exhibiting the admiration of the foreign attaches.

DESTROYING THEIR SHIPS.

Tokio, May 11.—Nominally Togo reports that since the sixth of May many explosions have been heard, coming from the vicinity of Port Arthur, but their cause has not been ascertained. The impression here is that the Russians, despairing of their ability to defend Port Arthur, are destroying their ships before evacuating the place.

(Viceroy Alexieff in his report to Emperor Nicholas concerning the engagement of April 13, in which the Petropavlovsk was sunk and the Pobieda was seriously damaged, enumerated the effective squadron at Port Arthur as including the battleships Peresviet, Pobieda, Poltava, Petropavlovsk and Sebastopol, the armored cruiser Bayan, the protected cruisers Askold, Diana and Novik, two torpedo cruisers and five torpedo boat destroyers. It will therefore be seen

that on April 14, the day after the destruction of the Petropavlovsk, the Russians at Port Arthur had available three battleships, one armored cruiser and three protected cruisers, whereas, on Feb. 1 they had seven battleships, one armored cruiser, five protected cruisers and one torpedo transport. The number of torpedo boats or torpedo boat destroyers effective or disabled is not known.)

AN UNOFFICIAL REPORT.

Cheong Foo, May 11, 5 p. m.—An unofficial Japanese despatch has been received here, to the effect that the Russians have destroyed their fleet in Port Arthur.

Seoul, Tuesday, May 10, 1.30 p. m.—A Russian force, estimated to number 200 men, is attacking An Ju, about sixty miles south-east of Wiju, Corea. The small Japanese garrison at that place is fighting fiercely.

JAPS ASK FOR REINFORCEMENTS.

Seoul, Corea, May 10, 2.30 p. m.—(Delayed in transmission.)—The sudden attack on the Japanese garrison at An Ju by 200 Russians confirms previous reports of the presence of Russian scouting parties behind the Japanese lines. The small Japanese garrison at An Ju indicates that the blow was not expected. The fighting at An Ju commenced early this morning. The Japanese garrison has sent a telegram to near-by posts on the Wiju road for reinforcements.

RUSSIANS DRIVEN OFF.

Tokio, May 11, 7 p. m.—Details of the attack by Russian Cossacks at An Ju, Corea, yesterday morning, were received here to-day. The Russian cavalry numbered 200 men, and their attack was spirited. The Japanese garrison resisted stoutly, and succeeded in driving off the enemy. Later Japanese reinforcements arrived from Ping Yang. Indications point to the presence of a Russian force at Yong Byong, between An Ju and Un San, but it probably is small. It is evident that these Russian cavalrymen were sent south for the purpose of harassing the Japanese flank and lines of communication. The Japanese report of the fighting at An Ju does not give any losses.

ANNUAL MEETING

Programme for Annual Gathering Has Been Arranged.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Historical Society will be held in Windsor, beginning June 1st. Mr. Francis Cleary, of the Windsor society, will speak, and Col. Cruickshank, of Niagara Falls, will describe a trip from Montreal to Mackinaw, in 1789. Miss Jenn Barr, sister to Robert Barr, the novelist, will present a paper on "Easter of Old," and Miss Margaret Claire Kibbey will speak on "Local Historical Features." A paper on the "Place Names of Essex County" will be read by Mr. Arthur W. Marsh, of the Amherstburg Echo, and Rev. Thomas Nattress will speak on the "Western District Literary, Philosophical and Agricultural Association of Amherstburg, 1842." A paper will be read also by Mr. C. W. Martin, United States Consul at Amherstburg.

RESULTS READY

Mr. A. M. Fleming, Chatham's talented young artist, has completed his examination of the drawings submitted in The Planet Junior competition and his award will be published in The Junior on Saturday.

Mr. Fleming has also kindly consented to write a little article of criticism and suggestion which will appear in the same issue and will prove valuable to the young artists.

Mr. Fleming expresses much pleasure with the general excellence of the drawings sent in.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL

Windsor, Ont., May 11.—Lieut. Col. Guillot, formerly commanding officer of the 21st Regiment, Essex Fusiliers, and now retired with rank, has been appointed brigadier-general of the London encampment, which opens on Carling's Heights in that city on June 7.

Col. Guillot is one of the best known military men in Canada and has been commanding officer of the 21st Regiment for a number of years. He participated in the Reil rebellion and received decorations for his service on the field, besides the long service medal. He was appointed brigadier-major at the encampment held at Niagara last year. He has been granted two weeks' vacation by the City Council, during which time his office of the city treasurer will be looked after by Tax Collector Cheyne.

HANGED HIMSELF.

Port Colbourne, Ont., May 11.—Geo. Zavitz, aged 65, a farmer, living in Wainfleet township, hanged himself early this morning in a shed near his house. Zavitz had been in ill-health for some time.

Mrs. McEwen, of Thamesville, has returned home, after receiving a course of treatment at the Chatham Mineral Bath House. Mrs. McEwen returns home fully recovered in health. You can't muzzle a microbe.



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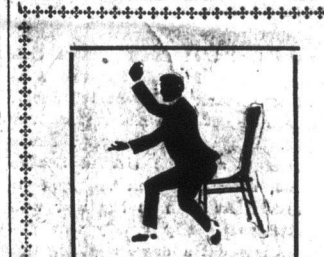
P. S.—Sample mailed on request to out of town customers.

Lovers of the wonderful and beautiful, in nature, will find an interesting serial, in story form called "Nature Studies, in Out door Life." A Magazine, published in Denver, Colorado, by a Chatham writer, under the non-deplume of, "Lizzie Fleming Thrasher."

Rev. Dr. Briggs says, "We like the manner of your presenting the many curious phenomena of nature. It should appeal to the young readers, and in this popular form will, I have no doubt, be very much enjoyed by them."

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