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You must classify soap, or anything. There are many kinds, grades, qualities. In soap, that word **Surprise** stamped on every cake guarantees finest quality. A pure hard soap. When you buy **Surprise** you have the best.

5 CENTS A CAKE.

MULTUM IN PARVO

Premier Greenway is at Ottawa. Big building activity in Winnipeg. Ontario Legislature meets tomorrow. Archbishop Ireland may be made cardinal.

Imperial Bank will open branch at Listowel.

Victor Cavendish, M.P., will visit the governor-general at Ottawa.

One hundred Dunkards from Indiana will settle in the Northwest.

New Zealand's wheat surplus is estimated at 6,500,000 bushels.

James W. Brown, of Chatham, leaves \$52,000 to Knox College, Toronto.

Health of J. S. Willison, editor Toronto Globe, is greatly improved.

The German parliament has sanctioned the increased naval estimates.

Mr. Whitney, in keeping with an increased following, is growing fatter.

Kingston, Jamaica, will be converted into an impregnable British fortress.

Canadian commissioners expect to return home from Washington next week.

Galt merchants want stamp trading companies declared illegal by parliament.

Head offices of the Canada Life will likely be removed to Toronto. Senator Cox controls.

Toronto World says it is sure Dominion general elections will be held in June next.

General election for New Brunswick Legislature—nominations, Feb. 11; polling a week later.

Mrs. W. H. Rudolph and two small children perished in a snowslide near Apex, Colo., Sunday.

Knox College alumni are in conference at Toronto. Rev. W. J. Clark is one of the conferees.

The coming summer promises to be a record-breaker in the way of business on both the great Canadian railways.

Sir Robert Giffen holds that the alleged decline in British commerce is apparent, but not real, and offers no cause for alarm.

The Banque du Peuple announces that on the 16th of February, it will pay the depositors and creditors a dividend of 10 per cent.

Cubans and Spaniards are organizing clubs in Cuba for the purpose of hurrying the termination of the military control of the island.

Toronto World's Ottawa reporter says Hon. R. W. Scott may succeed Sir Oliver Mowat as governor of Ontario whenever the latter resigns.

Capt. Jos. Spence, aged 60, one of the best known lake mariners in Ontario, died at his residence, Hamilton, on Sunday. He had sailed the lower lakes for 25 years.

The body of Capt. Sturtevant, pilot of the naphtha launch Paul Jones, has been found near New Orleans. It is believed he was asleep and off duty at the time of the explosion.

William Dormer, deckhand on the W. L. Frost, at headforemost from the gangplank, plunging half way through the ice. His dead body was held feet up till chopped out.

Because of failing health Mrs. J. Meyers, a wealthy visitor from Pittsburgh, aged about 50, committed suicide by jumping into the ocean from the end of Young's pier at Atlantic City, N. J., on Monday.

Private advices received at Seattle state that the United States Government will send three detachments of soldiers into the Copper River district of Alaska next spring to lay out an all American route to the Yukon.

The Chicago Young People's Christian Temperance Union has decided to celebrate Feb. 17 as the first "heavenly birth" of Miss Frances E. Willard, and has devised a plan of issuing 80,000 \$10 shares of stock to raise the debt on the temple.

Four thousand Cubans peacefully participated in exercises of unveiling a memorial tablet in Havana on Sunday to the memory of Juan Marti, first president of the Cuban revolutionary government. Speeches were made favoring independence.

There is a coal fight on between the Hocking Valley and West Virginia producers, and a drop in prices of soft coal is expected. The Ohio coal roads have announced a reduction of 10 cents a ton in the carrying rate from the mines to Columbia.

In Pittsburgh, Pa., the bottom is being knocked out of the prices on pressed glassware and prices on all staple goods are being cut, in some instances as much as 10, 15 and even 25 per cent. Price-cutting is attributed to the failure to form a combine a few weeks ago.

A dispatch from Manila says: Insurgent natives wish the Americans to land at Iloilo. The insurgent army are kicking and want to lick the town. They have already burned several vil-

Koladermic Skin Food is what its name implies—a food for the skin—builds up the wasted and worn places, restores it to a natural color and imparts a baby-like softness and delicacy.

Removes pimples and blackheads, and the defects of the complexion caused by indigestion and stomach troubles. At all druggists. Price 25 cents.

DISASTROUS CONFLAGRATIONS

N. A. Company's Chair Factory at Owen Sound Destroyed.

The Whole Plant Burned—Loss Placed at \$75,000.

The Residence of a Family Near Berlin Burned Down and the Occupants Missing.

[G. N. W. Special to The Advertiser.] Owen Sound, Ont., Jan. 31.—Fire broke out in the North American Chair Company's factory about 4 o'clock this morning, and the whole plant was completely destroyed. The loss will be in the neighborhood of \$75,000. Two hundred and eighty hands are thrown out of employment. Building and contents were insured for \$28,000.

AT BERLIN.

Berlin, Ont., Jan. 31.—About 3 o'clock this morning fire broke out in a new brick house occupied by Frau Von Wehman, an Austrian countess and her two nephews, named Baldenhausner.

This property was situated outside of the fire limits, and the fire had made such progress before assistance could arrive that the building could not be saved. Nothing is known as to whether or not the occupants of the house succeeded in escaping, and there are fears that they have perished in the flames. A diligent search is now being made for them.

62 BELOW ZERO

Severe Weather Reported at Many Points—62 Degrees Below Zero at Bagby River, East of Rat Portage.

St. Paul, Man., Jan. 31.—Thirty-eight at Battleford and ten below at Marquette were the official announcements for temperature for yesterday. The local record, 28° below, was the coldest in years.

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 31.—The worst blizzard of the winter raged in Northern Ohio yesterday. The mercury has been hovering around the zero mark for the past 48 hours. Kate Stevens, 70 years old, living at 190 Canal street, was found unconscious in her room, being frozen. Physicians say she will die.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 31.—The thermometer at St. John's College, this city, registered 43° below zero at seven o'clock yesterday morning. Reports from ports in Southwestern Manitoba show that it was even colder, the thermometer decreasing to 43 below.

At Eagle River, east of Rat Portage, Ont., the thermometer is reported to have registered 62° below, but this is discredited.

U. S. PAPER COMBINE

Strongly Opposed by the American Publishers' Association.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The American Newspaper Publishers' Association, representing over \$200,000,000 of capital, on Monday held a special meeting at Washington to ask a revocation of the present United States duty on printing paper and pulp.

They show that the paper makers of the United States have entered into a huge combine, which, by excessive capitalization, fleeces every newspaper in the United States.

A committee consisting of S. H. Cummin, of the Washington Star; R. W. Patterson, of the Chicago Tribune; W. H. Self, of the Pittsburgh Times; James Elverson, jun., of the Philadelphia Inquirer; and Hermann Ritter, of the New York Staats Zeitung, was appointed to present to the president the statement of the views of the publishers on the question of free pulp adopted at yesterday's meeting.

At 2:15 yesterday afternoon the publishers called on the president at the White House, and at 3:30 they had an informal meeting with the American joint high commissioners.

OUR FOOD IN BRITAIN

Unlimited Market for Canadian Butter—The Prices for Cheese.

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—Returns received at the department of trade and commerce show that the part that Canada is taking in supplying the British demand for food products, particularly those of the dairy, in 1896 Canada sent to Great Britain 88,357 cwts of butter; in 1897, 100,402 cwts, and in 1898, 156,835 cwts. The total consumption of butter in Great Britain in 1898 was 3,209,093 cwts, so that as far as Canada is concerned there is practically an unlimited market for her products, and the condition in which it reaches the consumer will determine the quantity she will be able to sell there and the prices she will receive. The average price paid for the choicest Canadian butter during 1898 was from 96 to 100 shillings per cwt, and the quotation advanced in January of the present year from 100 to 102 shillings. For the finest quality the prices received by Canada were second only to those for the finest Swedish and Danish product, being from 86 to 94 shillings in 1898, and from 96 to 98 shillings in January of 1899. Of cheese Canada sent to Great Britain in 1896, 1,224,297 cwts; in 1897, 1,326,664 cwts, and in 1898, 1,432,131 cwts. The prices paid for the choicest quality in 1898 were from 44 to 45 shillings per cwt, and for the finest, 42 to 44 shillings. During January of the present year, choicest brought 50 to 51 shillings, and finest from 47 to 48 shillings.

SIX PERSONS HURT.

Rutland, Vt., Jan. 31.—Three cars of a west-bound train on the Addison Railway were derailed and a passenger coach rolled down a bank and burned, one mile from Larabee's Point, Vt., Monday evening. Six people were injured. They were: Conductor G. B. Bingham, Express Messenger H. J. Estey, F. B. Newton, of Plainville, Ct.; G. W. Fenn, of Bristol, Conn.; V. S. Smith, of Ticonderoga, N. Y.; and W. P. Smith, of Andover, Vt.

Permanent Cure of Severe Salt Rheum.

The permanent cure after permanent cure that is being received and published day by day has placed Burdock Blood Bitters far above all other remedies in the estimation of the sick and suffering.

Even the severest and most chronic diseases that other remedies fail to relieve yield to the blood purifying, blood enriching properties of B. B. B.

Salt Rheum or Eczema—that most stubborn of skin diseases, which causes such torture and is so difficult to cure with ordinary remedies—cannot withstand B. B. B.'s healing, soothing power.

The case of Mrs. Jas. Sanderson, Emerson, Man., shows how effective B. B. B. is in curing Salt Rheum at its worst, and curing it to stay cured.

This is what she wrote:

"Burdock Blood Bitters cured me of a bad attack of Salt Rheum three years ago. It was so severe that my finger nails came off. I can truly say that I know of no more valuable medicine in the world than B. B. B. It cured me completely and permanently, as I have never had a touch of Salt Rheum since."

DISARMAMENT ONLY POSSIBLE

When Civilized Nations Agree to be Content.

Lord Roberts Gives His Views on the Subject—Privation in Palestine—Eloped With a Nun—Mixed Tribunals to be Prolonged for a Year.

London, Jan. 31.—Lord Roberts, in a letter to the periodical War Against War, expresses what is doubtless the general feeling of soldiers on the czar's disarmament scheme. While he has no love for war in itself, he believes disarmament will only be possible when all the nations of the civilized world agree to rest content with what they have got and never strive for anything more. "What," he asks, "would be the fate of civilized nations if they were to deprive themselves of means of defense against the barbarians, who outnumber them by many millions? What would unarméd civilization do against armed barbarism?"

ELOPED WITH A NUN.

Vienna, Jan. 31.—A Vienna doctor in attendance at the convent here has eloped with a nun of noble birth and great beauty, whose parents prevailed on her to take the veil. The couple fled to Hungary to contract a civil marriage.

FAMINE IN PALESTINE.

Jerusalem, Jan. 31.—There is a famine throughout Palestine. Flour has advanced 70 per cent in price. The crops have failed through drought and unseasonable weather.

Crowds of starving people, principally poor Jews, are flocking into Jerusalem, and all charitable funds are taxed to the utmost to feed them. From the country round about harrowing reports come of death and privation. Appeals have been made to England and other countries for help.

WANT CANADA TO TAKE PART

In the Shoe and Leather Fair in Old London—Will Buy Our Products.

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—Every effort is being made by the British leather trade to induce Canadian tanners, leather manufacturers and merchants to take part in the shoe and leather fair shortly to be held in London. Mr. John Day, a leading spirit in connection with the fair, and editor of the Shoe and Leather Record, has written to Mr. Harrison Watson, curator of the Imperial Institute, offering to set aside King Edward's Hall, which adjoins the main hall, and the main entrance of the Royal Agricultural Building in Islington for the Canadian section of the exhibition.

Mr. Leonard, president of the Federated Association of Boot Manufacturers, has promised that if the Canadian section is arranged he will do everything in his power to recommend British manufacturers and other large consumers of leather to support the Canadian tanners by buying their products at the fair.

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The most extraordinary offer ever made by a reputable house. People expect to buy Clothing cheap in February, but all must admit that an offer like this is new to Clothing buyers. This sale is indeed a marvelous opportunity—a sale that brings staple goods of the best qualities to the people at a price far lower than the regular wholesale rates.

LOT 1.

—All our \$6 50, \$7 50 and \$8 50 Suits, single and double breasted, all-wool tweeds and serges, fit and wear guaranteed. Your choice of all for.....

\$4.95

LOT 2.

—Every \$10 and \$12 Overcoat, single and double breasted, all-wool beavers and curls, superb styles, custom finish. Your choice of all for.....

\$7.95

Corresponding values in Suits and Overcoats go at \$2 98, \$3 50, \$3 95. If you have a loose dollar it is worth \$2 at this great store.

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TRAINS COLLIDE

Result of the Big Business Being Done by the Grand Trunk.

Flint, Mich., Jan. 31.—The Chicago and Grand Trunk Railway has been doing a rushing business during the past few days. Forty-six trains passed by its depot here during the last 24 hours. In one instance one westward bound train was held at the depot while thirteen trains passed eastward.

The rush reached a climax last night, when an effort was made to use the same track upon which to switch two trains at the same time. The trains came together with a terrible crash, and several fine freight cars were wrecked to kindling wood. The wreck was cleared away in short order and the trains resumed their journeys with a little less cargo.

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