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THE FALL OF MUKDEN.

The fall of Mukden is the climax of the stupendous struggle that has been in progress in Manchuria for the past ten days. The Russian army has been rolled up and smashed to pieces; a great fortress has fallen into the hands of the victors, and with quantities of stores.

Mukden must be regarded as the greatest battle in history. The two largest armies that ever faced each other were locked in a death grapple for more than a week around its gates. And immense were the stakes for which they battled. Russia, once the first military power in the world, making one last and desperate effort to hurl the tenacious little Saxon of the Orient from her throat Japan determined to clinch by one mighty blow, her supremacy in Korea and her peaceful possession of the territory that she won a few years ago.

It means more, this battle of Mukden. Russia is not only beaten. She is broken. Her dreams of supremacy in the east have vanished forever. She can no longer play the bully among the nations. Her bluff has been called by a hitherto insignificant military power—and the terror of Europe and the constant menace to the peace of the world lies torn and bleeding to-day at the feet of Japan.

RURAL MAIL DELIVERY.

The question of rural mail delivery as far as the present Government is concerned has been rather abruptly disposed of by the Postmaster-General, comments the Guelph Herald. The service in the United States has proved immensely popular in the sections served, saving much labor and adding very materially to the comfort and pleasures of life. But the cost of the service is rather startling. According to Sir Wm. Mulock the first vote by Congress for rural mail delivery was \$40,000. In 1904 it was almost \$18,000,000, and in 1905 \$20,816,000. For the coming year, \$25,828,300 is asked. Though the postal authorities are not in favor of such rapid extension, they are unable to prevent it, the influence of members of Congress being exerted to get routes established in their localities, and their desires as a rule proving stronger than the business scruples of the department chiefs. The effect is seen, among other things, in an increase in the annual deficit in the administration of the postal service. In 1902 this was only \$2,937,649. It is now \$14,000,000, and this in spite of an increase in the ordinary business of the post office.

The Weekly Sun is not impressed by Sir William Mulock's objections to the reform. His treatment of the question, it says, was hardly that of a statesman; it was more like the plea of an advocate on the other side who was determined to smash the case of an opponent. An answer based on this point of view, no matter how well prepared, would not be satisfactory in any event; the reply of the Postmaster-General becomes more unsatisfactory still when subjected to examination. The Sun proceeds: Sir William deals with the question solely from the standpoint of income and outgo by the Government. He wholly neglects to take into account the large saving that would be effected to the individual citizens by substituting a system of delivery by a single carrier for a personal call for mail by several scores of busy men. He ignores, too, the increased value which would be given to farm property by this convenience. The cost to the Government again is based on the expense incurred in the United States; the fact is overlooked that carriers in the United States receive much larger pay than would be necessary here. It is a most unfortunate thing that a Government which has a sympathetic ear for seeking after iron bounties or railway subsidies is so completely deaf to all appeals for the organization of a service which would be of great benefit to the farmers of the country.

A BRASS PIE.

Alfonso, King of Aragon, attended by several of his courtiers, called on a jeweler to inspect some of his wares. No sooner had he left the shop than the proprietor came running after him and complained that he had been robbed of a diamond of great value. The king returned to the shop and ordered a large vessel filled with brass to be brought and placed on the counter. He then commanded each of his courtiers to insert his hand closed and then withdraw it open. He was the first to begin, and after all had had their turn he asked the jeweler to empty the vessel on the counter. By this means the diamond was recovered and nobody was disgraced.

TWO OPEN LETTERS

IMPORTANT TO MARRIED WOMEN

Mrs. Mary Dimmick of Washington tells how to make a Vegetable Compound Made Her Well.

It is with great pleasure we publish the following letters, as they convincingly prove the claim we have so many times made in our columns that Mrs.



Mrs. Mary Dimmick

Pinckham, of Lynn, Mass., is fully qualified to give helpful advice to sick women. Read Mrs. Dimmick's letters.

Her first letter:

"I have been a sufferer for the past eight years with a trouble which first originated from painful menstruation—the pains were excruciating, with inflammation and ulceration of the womb. The doctor says I must have an operation or I cannot live. I do not want to submit to an operation if I can possibly avoid it. Please help me."—Mrs. Mary Dimmick, Washington, D. C.

Her second letter:

"You will remember my condition when I last wrote you, and that the doctor said I must have an operation or I could not live. I received your kind letter and followed your advice very carefully and am now entirely well. As my case was so serious it seems a miracle that I can walk without an ache or a pain, and I wish every suffering woman would read this letter and realize what you can do for them."—Mrs. Mary Dimmick, 404 and East Capitol Streets, Washington, D. C.

How easy it was for Mrs. Dimmick to write to Mrs. Pinckham at Lynn, Mass., and how little it cost her—a two-cent stamp. Yet how valuable was the reply! As Mrs. Dimmick says—'I saved her life.' Mrs. Pinckham has on file thousands of just such letters as the above, and offers all women helpful advice.

THE STAGE

"All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players."

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At the Grand—

Polly Primrose—March 13. Larry Brogan's Promotion—Mar. 17. Matinee and night.

Hooligan's Trouble—Mar. 18. Don Leon's Imperial—Mar. 20-22. The Bonnie Brier Bush—Mar. 31.

"POLLY PRIMROSE."

Adelaide Thurston as "Polly Primrose," is at the Grand to-night, and judging from the seats that are already sold the play-house will be packed.

Recollection of pretty Adelaide Thurston's former visits to this section in her winsome comedies will make attractive the promise of her return to-night, when she is to be seen in her great success of last season, "Polly Primrose." This comedy displays her charms, according to the critics, equally as well as did "The Little Minister," when she delighted everyone as Lady Babbie. Miss Thurston's play tells a story of a wild and amusing little Georgian town miss in the days when that suburb of Washington was of such social importance that the partisans of the older town could afford to snub the national officials at the capitol. Polly is a mix-up but dear, and she leads her audience as she does her lovers a merry race with her pranks and doings. A large and carefully selected company of artists surround Miss Thurston, and she brings a carload of scenery and mahogany furniture as well as all the bric-a-brac that adorns the stage.

The Croup.

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DISTRICT DOINGS

WALLACEBURG

March 11.—Mr. Frank Miller, of The Planet, was in town on Friday. Miss Margaret Barry is visiting in Chatham.

The ladies of Knox church gave a sleigh ride out to John Skinner's on Friday evening last. The band presented Miss Daisy Burgess with a gold lock on Friday last for her services rendered to them in their last minstrel show as accompanist.

The rink was open on Friday evening. The band was in attendance and furnished excellent music.

The Wallaceburg increase club was organized on Thursday evening last in the Council Chamber. The officers elected are as follows:

Hon. Pres.—Mr. Campbell. President—Mayor Himeczan. First Vice-Pres.—Harry Martin. Second Vice-Pres.—E. B. Smiley. Managing Committee—Bert Williams, E. H. Huntington, B. J. Mohan. Secretary—James McKisic. Treasurer—W. H. Ogwell. Grounds Committee—Joe Ames, John Beattie, Frank Johnston, Harry Boulton, James Scott.

TILBURY

March 11.—Tilbury junior hockey team visited Bothwell last night for a friendly game.

An Uncle Tom Cabin show visited Anderson Hall last night, drawing a good house.

R. P. Adams leaves next week on a couple of months visit to Calgary, Alberta, to superintend the shipment of 450 cattle for export from his ranch there to Victoria and the Klondike district.

Tilbury and Amherstburg Chess Clubs were badly defeated on the occasion of their recent visit to Windsor. The latter place ran in a bunch of seven Detroit players and one Essex player out of a team of 11. The score was 25 to 7. 1-2 in favor of the home team. Tilbury winning 5-1-2 to Amherstburg's Tilbury furnishing seven players and Amherstburg four.

DRESDEN

March 13.—Mr. and Mrs. Osgoode McVean entertained a number of friends and relatives on Friday evening.

Messrs. Rudd and McIntosh have booked a number of good attractions for the close of the season at the Grand. The first of these, "Don Leon's Imperial," will be put on next Wednesday evening, and will undoubtedly be greeted with a good house.

Miss Clara Bridgewater is confined to the house with a grippe. Mrs. Harrison is on a business visit to London.

Miss A. Hughes has rented rooms in the Oddfellows Block in the rear of Dr. Thornton's office and will open up a millinery parlor for the coming season.

Frank Miller, of Chatham, was a visitor in town on Saturday. Miss Annie Hodder gave a fitch party to a number of friends on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Alkin, of Windsor, are the guests of Dresden relatives.

Rev. Dr. Gambell, of California, gave an address in the Presbyterian church Friday evening on the subject of "Sabbath Observance." In the afternoon he gave a short talk for children on the same subject.

The regular Wednesday evening Lenten service will be held in Christ Church on Wednesday evening. Rev. Mr. McQuillan, of Blenheim, will conduct this week's service.

BLENHEIM

Mar. 11.—Elder S. Brown, of Stevenson, will preach at the L. D. S. Church to-morrow at both services.

Miss Carrie Witherford left this week for Detroit to spend a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. R. Seall.

P. Haggart has imported a black Percheron horse, weighing 1850 lbs. The registered name is Marshall McMahon.

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist Church will hold a bazaar on April 14th and 15th.

Wm. Cookson left on Wednesday to visit friends in Brantford.

Mrs. Jas. Forbes, who has been visiting relatives here for the last three weeks, returned to her home in Winkata, Manitoba, last evening.

Miss Rose Sheldon, of Bennington, N. Y., is here on an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. W. O'Brien.

Frank Norton left this week for Shavely, Alberta, where he intends to locate. He was accompanied by Wm. Lloyd and Chas. Slocombe.

March 13.—Mr. J. K. Morris received word from Port William of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jackson.

The concert, given under the auspices of the Baptist Church in the Opera House on Friday evening last, was a success every way. All the numbers on the program were good. The violin solos by Miss Mabel Wilson, Detroit, delighted the audience.

Mrs. Wallender, of Ridgeway, is visiting friends in town prior to her departure for Fort William.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Nixon and son, of Bridgeton, are visiting at T. B. Shillington's.

Mr. Dennis, of Chatham, conducted the services both morning and evening in Trinity Church yesterday.

Miss Ouellette, of Chatham General Hospital, is attending Mrs. Joseph Stewart.

Mr. McLean, of Courtright, arrived here on Friday and has assumed the charge of the Baptist Church here.

Bear in mind the Home Rule Luncheon and Irish Concert to be given under the auspices of the Methodist Church, on St. Patrick's evening, the 17th inst.

SOWING AND REAPING.

What we sow will surely grow. Though the harvest may be slow. It may be. We shall see. Fruitage in eternity.

From some seed. Dropped, like seed. For a soul that was in need. Let us strive. While we live.

Worthy things to do and give. Striving still. With good will. Empty granaries to fill. For what we sow. Though the harvest may be slow! —Josephine Pollard.

CANADIAN SOCIOLOGY.

William Houston, M. A., on its Scope, Method and Terminology.

"The Scope, Method and Terminology of Sociology" was the subject of a paper read recently at the Canadian Institute, Toronto, by W. Houston, M.A., drawing attention to the vagueness of the significance of "sociology," and putting in an objection to the hybrid origin of the term. The lecturer defined it as "the science of organized human society," and proceeded to point out that it is wide enough in its scope to include several other sciences, especially politics, jurisprudence and economics. The first of these has to do with the institutional framework of organized society; the second with its legal character; the third with its industrial and commercial pursuits. In one sense, ethics might be included under sociology, but that science would have first to be a science of legal character, as a matter of scientific and academic treatment it is convenient and sufficiently accurate to define sociology as follows:

Political institutions are the concrete means through which civilized society expresses its will and does its work. The constitution of the country is not an end in itself, but there are also municipal, educational, domestic and legal institutions, not to speak of those that are quasi-economic, like property and public finance. It is sociology, though not necessary, to make a social class of legal institutions under the title "jurisprudence." It is customary, also, to deal with both property and finance as phases of economics.

In Mr. Houston's opinion, the academic treatment of sociology has in Canadian universities, and especially in the University of Toronto, been serious and needlessly handicapped by the want of clear conceptions of the subject matter, method, and aims of the science. There is some connection between economics and politics, but an intimate relation as justifying the assigning of them to the same professorship. Similarly, there is a great advantage in the academic separation of politics and jurisprudence, the latter, in the university course, includes the history of science of positive law, the history of Roman law, the history of English law, and international law, which Prof. Holland has aptly called the "vanishing point of jurisprudence."

Canadian students are, in Mr. Houston's opinion, advantageously situated for the prosecution of the study of sociology in all three of its great subdivisions, and Canadian universities should rise to the occasion and afford them the necessary opportunities.

Canadian's Strange Adventure.

One of the most terrible ordeals a human being has ever been called upon to go through was that endured by Ward Thomas Kelly in the prison hospital at Kingston.

Kelly, who arrived in London the other day, was for six days in a death-like trance, and only returned to active life when actually in the mortuary.

A Canadian, 49 years of age, who has spent fourteen years in the navy, Kelly spent physically a wreck, and was an impression of extreme bloodlessness.

"I arrived at Mauritius seven months ago as boatwain on a steamer, and was sent ashore to a small island," he said. "Stranded on the island, I accepted a wardship in the little prison, where I looked after the condemned cells when there were any murderers there."

"In November I caught the fever, and went into the hospital. One day, when they thought I was better, I was taken down to a fainting fit as I was sitting down to a meal. I fell from the chair, and was carried back to bed in only six days I lay there without moving a muscle, yet perfectly conscious all that was going on."

"My feet were as far as the ankles, but the rest of my body was quite cold. On the last day of my trance I was stripped, wrapped in a little dead horse, and taken into the little deadhouse. Just as they were carrying me raised me on a slab, I came to. They dropped me with a howl, and I cut my head open in the fall. Both coolers ran away, and one had not returned to the hospital when I left the island."

"The Governor of Mauritius and his wife were very kind to me, and helped me to get a passage to London. As for the doctor on this ship, I should have died on the voyage here if it had not been for him."

The Rheumatism Germ.

Some time ago a circular germ belonging to the same family as the pneumonia germ was announced as the cause of acute rheumatism. Subsequent investigation has tended to confirm this statement, according to Dr. J. M. Bittle of the University of Edinburgh, who has recently grown in milk or bouillon the germ produces a marked acidification of the fluids, and when animals are inoculated with it a train of symptoms resembling similar to those of acute rheumatism in man occur. For these reasons, says Dr. Bittle, the "micrococci rheumaticus" may be considered a special organism and the cause of acute rheumatism.

Origin of "Yankee Doodle."

Johann L. Lewalter of Berlin has traced the tune of "Yankee Doodle" to 1775, at Wassenburg, the central depot of the Hessian troops, employed as mercenaries in the war of American independence. Lewalter is an eminent authority on folk songs.

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Robert Louis Stevenson.

Here is a pen portrait of Robert Louis Stevenson, written by Dr. Alexander H. Japp: "Not so tall probably as he seems at first sight from his extreme thinness, but the pose and air could not be otherwise described than as distinguished. Head of the type, carried well on the shoulders, and in walking, with the impression of being a little thrown back; long brown hair, falling from under a broad-brimmed Spanish form of soft felt hat, Rembrandtesque; loose kind of livery cape when walking and invariable velvet jacket inside the house."

The Gain From Others.

A man is strong in proportion to the quantity, the quality and the variety of forces which he absorbs from others. He is a power in proportion to the extent of his contact—socially, mentally and morally—with his kind and a weakling just in proportion as he cuts himself off from others.

After the Denial.

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"Be a brave laddie." When she said it Donald noticed a tear in her eyes and felt a dimness in his own. He watched her as she stood in the doorway for the road was clear; he watched her till the smile was lost, till the face grew indistinct, till the waving arm was describable no longer, till the figure left and the door was closed.

Life was before him. He was free; he was his own master; he could do as he pleased.

A day later Donald was in London, that metropolis of humanity, waiting for the boat to sail for America, and in that little Scottish home, in the quiet of her room, a mother prayed.

"Lord, keep my laddie safe."

And Don, was lonely in this great city, this pulse of the world; he saw much to tempt; he saw much to lead; but over its roar he heard his mother's voice, and the words: "Be a brave laddie," and took heart again.

Two days later he stood on the deck of the vessel and watched those who were left behind as they waved goodbye to the ones they loved. But no eyes searched him out, no handkerchiefs fluttered for him; he was alone in the world, and the world seemed wider than he had thought.

Donald watched the home land fade, watched it disappear into space, even as his mother disappeared in the doorway of his cottage home.

Donald is older now, his face is bearded and his voice is firm and his action resolute.

He found it hard when he came to Canada—he found it difficult, he found that even in this land there were 30 men willing for one who was needed and capable.

He often became discouraged, but the voice of his mother was stronger than the discouragement. He was often tempted bitterly, but the same voice was stronger than the temptation, and if he fell, it bid him rise again, for he heard the words: "Be a brave laddie," and often fancied that he felt the imprint of that kiss and that gentle pressure of her arm about his neck.

He felt that he was held. He did not know how or why, but could he have listened the little home, could he have watched the door of her bedroom, he would have heard the words: "Lord, keep my laddie safe."

She is dead now, but Donald lives, a prosperous and respected citizen of this Canada of ours, and his children wonder that when sometimes the old home is mentioned his voice becomes soft and his eyes moist and his head is turned away.

She is dead now, but Donald is kept by the Power Invisible.—Charles F. Raymond, in Toronto Star.

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