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Why the Relief Thrills the Empire.

The news of the relief of Mafeking sent a thrill of joy through the empire which was out of all proportion to the size or importance to the place. This can be explained from many points of view. The relief of this little town was a task upon which the British people and the army had set their hearts; the longer the gallant little garrison held out the more it became a point of honor that they should not be compelled to surrender at the last. But as this small frontier town was so far away from the base of operations, the speedy relief of it was not easy, even after the tide of military success began in all quarters to flow in favor of the British.

The name of Mafeking will live in the military history of this empire as the first British town in this strange war to be surrounded by the enemy, and as the last to be relieved by its friends. Even when there were other points of greater interest, as Ladysmith and Kimberley, the public always kept an eye on Mafeking, and recently this besieged town has almost monopolized interest and attention.

The siege of this tiny place shows perhaps the tenacity of the Boers who hung round it like a pack of hungry wolves for seven months, though, as it was near to their source of supplies, and they were able to change their forces, that was not such a great task for them. But it has certainly shown to the world a great specimen of British pluck and resourcefulness. This town, eight or nine hundred miles away from the sea, situated, so to speak, in the heart of the enemy's country, has been defended with wonderful skill, perseverance, courage and hope.

The material importance might seem to be slight, but the moral influence was great. The natives watched with interest the few brave men who determined to keep the British flag flying at that distant outpost, and the effort to maintain the old flag at last became a spectacle in which the whole civilized world was interested. This object lesson in firmness and hopeful determination will have a lasting influence in Africa, and will help in creating a lasting peace. There are many other lessons to be learned from the siege of Mafeking, such as the difficulty of attack under modern conditions, the weakness of the Boers in attack, and so on; but the one thing of interest and importance to the world is the intense loyalty of Britons to the flag which for them represents freedom and righteousness, and their determination to suffer the extreme pains rather than haul down the symbol of the Queen's sovereignty.

SOWENS PORRIDGE

The Old Scotch Dish on Which Mafeking Subsisted.

The London Daily News says: With regard to the statement by the Daily News' Mafeking correspondent, in Thursday's issue, that sowens (or sowens porridge, as he calls it), has become the staple dish of the besieged town, it may be of interest, says a correspondent, to know how this old Scotch dish is made. After the oatmeal is extracted from the oat all the remaining part, husks, bran and fine oat flour, is soaked in water for several days, during which time it sours and slightly ferments. The whole is then sifted and strained, the water poured off, and a fine white sediment left. This constitutes the sowens, and it is boiled with water or milk, and eaten with milk or syrup. In Mafeking, where there are no meal mills, I suppose the whole oat would be soaked. It is a highly nutritious dish, of a slightly sourish taste, and is often recommended by doctors as a light article of diet in cases of indigestion, etc. In Scotland the night par excellence for sowens is Hogmanay, the last night of the old year, where it is the staple supper dish in most farm kitchens in the north. There are also to exist a sentiment in favor of splashing other people's windows with the liquid on that particular occasion, which, however, is dying out. — London Daily News.

BIG THING FOR COLLINGWOOD

The Cramps Will Establish a Big Steel Plant There.

Toronto, May 21.—Letters of incorporation have been granted to the Cramp Ontario Steel Company, Limited. The capital stock is placed at \$5,000,000, divided into shares of \$100 each. Among the incorporators are Charles D. Cramp, late of the Wm. Cramp & Sons Shipbuilding Company, of Philadelphia. This company has been formed for the purpose of erecting blast furnace and steel works at Collingwood. The town has granted a cash bonus of \$115,000 and a free site of fifty acres on the harbor, together with other privileges as to taxation and water front on the harbor. It is understood that the arrangements have been made in the United States for the required capital for the company, and that work will be pushed during the coming summer. The best engineering talent in the United States has been secured for the erection of the plant, which will be one of the latest modern type, and will consist of a blast furnace of 250 tons daily capacity, casting machines, three 30-ton open hearth furnaces to be operated on the basic system, so as to take care if necessary of the Canadian phosphoric ores; also a blooming mill and a large rolling mill capable of producing steel rails, structural steel for buildings and shipbuilding purposes, and steel sheets for shipbuilding, bridges, tank and boiler purposes. The company will also produce nickel-steel ingots and castings, thus taking advantage of the market offered for this class of goods by the British admiralty and fostered by recent legislation of the Ontario Parliament.

lament. The company has secured a promise of sufficient first-class Ontario iron ore to keep it in operation for five years. The new steel shipyard at Collingwood, it is understood, will take at least one-third of the product of the plant annually. The moving spirit in the shipyard is Capt. Alex. McDougall, the inventor of the whale-back type of freight carrier on the great lakes.

It is understood also that the company are securing 5,000 acres of coal lands in the coking region of Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and that they will make their own coke, so as to be independent of the American combines with respect to fuel. The company will also prospect for natural gas, which exists in that district. The town of Collingwood furnishes better facilities for assembling of raw products than any other point on the great lakes, and was chosen by them largely for that purpose, as can be seen alone on the ore from Lake Superior and fuel from Ohio to any point on Lake Ontario would have amounted on their output to something like \$30,000 per year.

FRICTION IN THE M. E. CHURCH

Anti-Catholic Law Troubles the Conference—Colored Baptists Have No Use for McKinley.

Chicago, May 21.—There will be an exciting and prolonged contest on the floor of the Methodist Episcopal conference before the majority report of the temperance committee censuring President McKinley for his attitude on the enforcement of the anti-catholic law will be accepted, if it is accepted. The supporters of the minority report, from which all reference to the president has been eliminated, claim that the conference will refuse to become a party to any censure of the president, either as chief executive of the United States or as a member of the Methodist Church.

The thirteen members of the committee who signed the minority report, has been busy with the members of the conference in an effort to secure support in their refusal to criticize the president. The action of the majority is said to have caused a sense of embarrassment among the leaders of the conference who will be called upon to take a stand on the issue which the submission of the two reports will raise.

Letters, telegrams and appeals on the subject have been pouring in upon the members of the committee from all parts of the country since the committee decided upon its report. A number of these communications appeal to the members not to recede from the position taken by the committee, while others present equally earnest appeals to the conference not to go on record as criticising the administration.

CLEVELAND VS. MCKINLEY. Hartford, Conn., May 21.—The colonial Baptist Association of Southern New England (colored), comprising 30 churches in Connecticut and Massachusetts, which is in convention here adopted resolutions which criticize President McKinley and the administration, because of the treatment of the colored men in the south, denounce imperialism, laud Grover Cleveland as a man who did his duty, and deplore the conditions which have increased race prejudice and emboldened the lawless factions of the country who are now seeking to mould public sentiment with which to nullify the fifteenth amendment to the constitution, which would disfranchise the entire negro population. Alluding to the Booker T. Washington resolutions state the blood of the father and child is upon the skirts of the present administration.

A Failing Memory

Is One Symptom of Low Vitality and Waning Nerve Power—A Sign That You Need Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

To the practical physician, skilled in the diagnosis of disease, there is much to be read from this one symptom. A failing memory signifies that the nerve force is exhausted, and that the mind lacks energy to give attention. It points to low vitality, to an exhausted condition of the nerves, to thin, watery blood and to weakness and irregularities of the organs of the body.

The person with the failing memory has sleepless nights, is nervous and irritable, suffers from nervous headache and dyspepsia, and gloomy, despondent feelings. He is weak, exhausted and run down, and may be fast approaching nervous prostration, paralysis, epilepsy or insanity.

This wasting away of the nervous energy of the body must be stopped, and stopped quickly, if robust health is to be restored. Whatever the cause of this weakened condition, the cure is the same—restoration by the building up process, restoration by the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

This great blood builder and nerve vitalizer has proved wonderfully successful in restoring to perfect health scores and hundreds of pale, weak, nervous men and women. It promptly stops the wasting process, and aids nature in the restoration of health and strength.

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food is not a patent medicine, but the favorite prescription of the world's greatest physician, Dr. A. W. Chase. It is thoroughly up-to-date and scientific. It has proven its right to the high estimation in which it is held by physicians and people alike by the marvelous cures which it has brought about. As a restorative it is unsurpassed by any preparation known to man; 50 cents a box; at all dealers, or Edman-son, Bates & Co., Toronto.

The Woodstock and Ingersoll Gravel Road Company have lost the opportunity of selling their road to the Woodstock, Thames Valley and Ingersoll Electric Railway Company. The company has now nearly completed the purchase of a rod of land from the farmers on the south side of the road, at \$75 per acre.

LIFE SAVED.—Mr. James Bryson Cameron writes: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs, and was given up by physicians. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, stating that his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on the advice I procured the medicine, and less than half a bottle cured me; I certainly believe it saved my life. It was with reluctance that I consented to a trial, and I was reduced by a state that I doubted the power of any remedy to do me good."

THE RUNIANS, GRAY, CARRIE CO.

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SALE PRICES EXTRAORDINARY OF WASH GOODS

13,000 Yards Muslins, Zephyrs, Gingham, Prints and White Cottons.

Lot 1--1,125 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards Tambour Muslin, black, green and navy grounds, with colored flowers and sprigs, French goods, imported to sell at 25c per yard. To clear at 5c yard.

Lot 2--1,425 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards of Zephyr Gingham, finest 15c quality, in light and dark shades and plain pinks. To clear at 5c yard.

Lot 3--1,742 yards assorted lot of Prints, light and dark patterns, fast colors, regular 8c, 10c and 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c values. To clear at 5c yard.

Lot 4--504 yards Linen Suitings, just the thing for skirts and waists, fine quality. To clear at 5c yard.

Lot 5--2,140 yards Best Percalette and 32-inch Prints, navy blues, garnets, black, white and light regattas, best 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c goods. To clear at 5c yard.

Lot 6--1,147 yards best 32-inch Indigo Blue Prints, small designs, dots, sprigs and stripes. Special to clear at 5c yard.

Lot 7--463 yards only Fine Muslins, 29 inches wide, various patterns, regular 5c. To clear at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c yard.

Extra Special White Cotton Values.

850 yards only White Cotton Ends, of from 2 to 5 yards, regular 5c to 8c per yard. To clear at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c yard.

1,547 yards Fine White Cotton, 36 inches wide, worth 10c and 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. To clear at 8c yard.

68 only 9-4 Sheets, plain and twill, hemmed ready for use, bleached sheeting, regular value \$1 50 pair. To clear at \$1 per pair.

Tempting Chances in Dress Goods.

For 24th of May selling. No explanation needed, a perusal of the following list will convince:

24 ends, 27-inch Tweed, 4 1-2 and 4 5-8 yards in each, lengths for girls' and misses' skirts, Checks, Plaids, Camel's Hair Tweeds and Cheviots; regular price, 75c to \$1.00. To clear at per yard..... 35c

1 piece 46-inch Bicycle Tweed, 46 yards in end, Brown Cheviot Effect; regular 90c. To clear at per yard..... 50c

4 ends 27-inch Golf Skirtings, 4 5-8 yards each, Plaid with Cheviot back; regular price \$1.50. To clear at per yard..... 65c

14 ends Tweed Suiting lengths, 1 3-4 to 5 yards, 54 inches wide, lengths suitable for misses' skirts and ladies' skirts and suits; regular price \$1.00 and \$1.25. To clear at per yard..... 65c

5 suits Stripe Worsted, 5 yards each, 50 inches, in pastel, green, blue and gray; regular price \$1.25. To clear at per yard..... 65c

The Runians, Gray, Carrie Co.

208, 210, 210 $\frac{1}{2}$, 212 Dundas Street, London.

TWO BOYS RUN OVER

Chatham, Ont., May 21.—A lad, who was playing about the C. P. R. tracks Thursday, was run over and both legs seriously injured. The lad is the 5-year-old son of Drayman Schevis, of the G. T. R. freight department. He attempted to board a moving train at Princess street and fell beneath the wheels. Young Pasion, aged 10, was run over and his leg severed at the Center street crossing the same day.

MANGLED TO DEATH.

Detroit, May 21.—Laying across the M.C.R. tracks at Twenty-fourth street, with face upturned, the dead and mangled body of Gateman William Irwin was found Saturday midnight. Engine No. 205 had just passed over his body, and it was not until the big machine was clear of his corpse that George and David Grant, two switchmen, noticed the dead man. How he came to be on the track is not known at present.

WE DESIRE YOUR SUPPORT

Our present facilities for quick and correct dispensing are unsurpassed. When you intrust us with your doctor's prescriptions for filling, we guarantee satisfaction in quality of drugs as well as in prices, assuring you of our best endeavors to please. We desire your support.

Paine's Celery Compound is the great banisher of nervousness, sleeplessness, neuralgia, dyspepsia and liver and kidney troubles. If you have not been a user of Paine's Celery Compound in the past, we heartily recommend it to you.

E. W. BOYLE, DRUGGIST,
652 Dundas street, London, Ont.

SHOT HIMSELF.

Winnipeg, Man., May 19.—A young man, Joseph Richot, of Grand Point, Ont., on Friday shot himself through the heart. Whether the shooting was accidental or not is not known.

MANITOBA CROPS.

Winnipeg, May 21.—The C. P. R. has received several reports on crop conditions throughout the districts touched by its lines. The reports show that rain fell at Emerson, Melita, Clearwater, Kilmory, Lander, and brief showers at other points within this territory. The crop is shown to be in good position at nearly all places. On the Souris and Pipestone branches the reports state that wheat is up four or five inches, and is looking healthy and of even growth.

NEW WRINKLE IN COMPASSES.

St. Joseph, May 21.—Capt. Stewart, of the steamer City of Milwaukee, announces a new invention in a marine compass with a registering clock attachment. On a slip of paper which goes through the machine, the slightest deviation from the course is registered, with the time thereof, and in this manner the exact position of a boat may be determined during any instant of the voyage. Capt. Stewart claims the invention cost him \$5,000 and eight years' hard study. He believes it will be useful in admiralty litigation.

DROPPED DEAD.

Detroit, May 21.—A man was seen to stagger and fall at the corner of Lafayette avenue and Wayne street, on Saturday night, and was soon identified as Barclay Smith, a pioneer spice merchant, who had been in business at 177-179 West Larned street for the last score or more years. It was found that life had left his body. He was 55

years old, was born in Scotland, and went to Detroit about 23 years ago. He leaves a widow.

"The Strength of Twenty Men."

When Shakespeare employed this phrase he referred, of course, to healthy, able-bodied men. If he had lived in these days he would have known that men and women who are not healthy may become so by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine, by making the blood rich and pure and giving good appetite and perfect digestion, imparts vitality and strength to the system.

The non-irritating cathartic—Hood's Pills.

This is the worst season London jewellers have known for years. Orders are few and far between, and but for the inevitable wedding presents their business would be at a standstill.

Blown to Atoms.

The old idea that the body sometimes needs a powerful drastic, purgative pill has been exploded; for Dr. King's New Life Pills, which are perfectly harmless, gently stimulate liver and bowels to expel poisonous matter, cleanse the system and absolutely cure Constipation and Sick Headache. Only 25c at W. T. Strong & Co.'s drug store.

During the year 1899 the United States issued about 2,500,000 of 2-cent postage stamps, which, if placed end to end, would reach a distance of nearly 40,000 miles.

LAXA-CARA cathartic tablets are an old and well recommended remedy for constipation and evils arising from disordered stomach and impure blood. At druggists, 25 cents.

John Harrison, of Dereham, has received the sad intelligence of the death of his son Fred by drowning at Toledo, Ohio, while fishing. Deceased, who was 22 years of age, and unmarried, had been employed at the Noxon works at Ingersoll, last summer, and was an enthusiastic bicyclist.

The First Methodist Church of St. Thomas has adopted the coupon system of contributing. Each contributor is supplied with a sheet of 52 coupons, upon which is marked their number, the amount they promise to give, and date for each Sunday in the year. By this plan the holder of coupons can at any time tell how his account stands, the coupon being a weekly reminder as to whether he is in arrears or not.

One Minute Cure for Toothache.

Toothache, the most common and one of the most painful afflictions, is instantly cured by the application of Polson's Nerviline. Polson's Nerviline is a combination of the most powerful anodynes, and it strikes at once to the nerves, soothing them and affording in one minute total relief from pain. Mothers try it for your children's toothache. Nerviline is sold in 10 and 25 cent bottles by all druggists.

Ohio women took active part in the recent contest for members of the board of education, for which offices they are electors, and were in many cases candidates.

ANGOSTURA BITTERS, the world-renowned appetizer and invigorator. Used now over the whole civilized world. Try it, but beware of imitations. Ask for the genuine article, manufactured by Dr. J. G. B. Siegler & Sons.