

STOESSEL IN THE LAST DITCH; PORT ARTHUR ABOUT TO FALL

Entire Force of Besiegers Is Being Hurdled Against
Doomed Fortress and Russia Expects the Worst.

JAPS REACH WALLS AFTER TERRIBLE SLAUGHTER

Paris, Sept. 24.—The Matin's St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs as follows:
"Telegrams of which the general staff have as yet no knowledge, reached the Emperor at 4 o'clock this morning. I can affirm that they concern Port Arthur, regarding which place the greatest anxiety prevails at court.
"The Japanese are now engaged in a general assault, which is more furious than its predecessors, attacking the town on three sides simultaneously, and employing their whole force, being determined to finish the business.
"Russian lines blew up whole battalions.
"Gen. Fock distinguished himself, directing the fire from the walls, which the Japanese reached after indescribable massacres.
"The whole of Admiral Togo's and Vice-Admiral Kamimura's squadrons are adding the struggle, which, it is feared here, will be final.
"The besieged forces are fighting as in a furnace. A perfect storm of shells is falling on the town, port and fortress from the whole hill and roadstead. Gen. Stoessel is going from fort to fort, encouraging the defenders in their desperate efforts.
"In St. Petersburg the tragic event, which perhaps will terminate by a glorious fall of Port Arthur, is wholly unknown. At court hope has not yet been entirely abandoned.
"Tshin, Sept. 24.—A Russian naval officer here has received official advice that cholera has appeared at Port Arthur. Up to Sept. 19 there were only a few cases, but there were grave fears that the disease would become epidemic.
Began on the 19th.

Gen. Fock, Sept. 24.—Noon.—A Japanese who has arrived here from Dally says that the battle which began at Port Arthur Sept. 19 continued during the night.

BOULDER ON THE TRACK

Attempt Made to Wreck an Express Train Near Brockville.

Brockville, Sept. 24.—What looks like a desperate attempt to wreck the B. W. and N. Express, which passed here yesterday but a short distance from the town, and at the most dangerous spot on the whole line, after this time, the press which left here at 4:10 was running slowly over the first trestle when Engineer John R. Graham noticed a huge rock lying in the middle of the track between the first and second trestles. The train was brought to a standstill before the boulder was reached, and with the assistance of the fireman, the boulder, which would weigh between two and three hundred pounds, was rolled off the track. That more than one party was concerned in this villainous act is a certainty, for the rock could not be handled by one.

AFTER KAISER'S LIFE

Threatened in a Letter Received by a German Consul.

New York, Sept. 24.—The German consulate in Tokyo telegraphs that it is a threat to the life of Emperor William contained in a typewritten letter delivered to the consulate. A short time after this letter was written information reached the consulate that a packet of letters, written in French, had been found on the corner of Wall and William streets. The German consul or his assistants, were also informed that these letters contained threats against the Kaiser. The letters are supposed to contain in detail the formation of a plot in this country and in Europe against the life of Emperor William.

Shells Exploded.

New York, Sept. 24.—A special cablegram to the Sun from Manila, says: While a ship of 4-inch shells, and a quantity of smaller shells, surrendered by the Spaniards in 1898, were being loaded on a lighter today in front of arsenal, preparatory to being dumped in the bay, there was an explosion that killed two men and mangled seven. The victims were all Filipinos.

Run Down by a Train

Toronto, Sept. 24.—Thos. Timble, a C. P. R. sectionman, was run down morning. He is now in the Emergency Hospital here. One of his legs probably will be amputated.

NOVELIST MEREDITH PREDICTS MARRIAGES FOR LIMITED PERIODS

Prophecies a Radical Change in the Legal Condition of Matrimony.

London, Sept. 24.—A silly-season newspaper discussion of the marriage question has provoked a remarkable statement from the novelist George Meredith, who, in an interview in the Daily Mail, welcomes free discussion of the subject, though, as he confesses, "everything that ought to be said has been cut in half." He predicts a change in the legal condition of marriage and forebodes a state of society permitting mar-

riages for certain limited periods, the state enforcing a provision of money during that period to provide for and educate children, the Government possibly taking charge of this fund, Mr. Meredith says.

"There will be a devil of an uproar before such a change can be made, and see what shreds there have been of the marriage laws in the past."
Mr. Meredith foresees great difficulties in English conservatism, notably revealed in criticisms of America, "indicating the Englishman's persistence in regarding any new trait as a sign of disease."

"Let," Mr. Meredith says, "it be a sign of health and I am very glad; but words of mine can help at the subject."



Scene of Collision on G. T. R. Near Wharfedale Road Bridge.

MARRIES A PRINCESS

Divorced Woman Escaped From an Imperial Harem of Sultan.

Monte Carlo, Sept. 24.—Princess Cherif Hilmy, the divorced wife of the Turkish prince imperial, who escaped from the harem some time ago, reached Paris, where Prince Oussouff, a Russian, became enamored of her. The couple were married at a registry office in London at the end of July, and the marriage registered at the Russian embassy in London, where the princess embraced the Orthodox faith. The prince and his bride then returned to France and have been staying at the Riviera. They learned that the Sultan had communicated with the Turkish ambassador in Paris on the subject of the marriage, and they have decided to start for America immediately to escape possible trouble.

KNEELS BEFORE CAR

Crowd on Street Sees a Woman Deliberately Suicide.

Cleveland, Sept. 24.—Unwilling to longer continue the struggle for mere existence, Golden Ansell, a woman, 24 years of age and a seamstress, knelt on the street car tracks, and was ground to death beneath the wheels of a fast car. The act of self-destruction was most deliberate, and was witnessed by a large crowd of pedestrians, who were powerless to interfere. The unfortunate woman arrived in this country but a short time ago, and soon found that she was physically unable to stand the strain of her work. Her friends and neighbors, who told her she was physically unable to stand the strain of her work, she faced starvation, she decided on death. She knelt but a few feet from the car, clasped her hands together and turned her face upward as if in prayer. The car passed completely over her before the motorman could bring it to a stop.

CLENDENNING RETIRES

Conservative Nominee for South Oxford Leaves the Field.

Woodstock, Sept. 24.—James Clendenning, of North Oxford Township, who was nominated for the House of Commons by the Conservatives of South Oxford, has decided to retire from the race. Mr. Clendenning states that he finds his other duties will not allow him to remain in the field.

Yankee Poacher Seized By a Dominion Cruiser

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 24.—The American steamer Alert, of Bellingham, and two large scows, one of them loaded with salmon and \$1,000 worth of nets, were seized by the Ruth, a Dominion Government fisheries protection vessel.

TRYING TO FIX UP A CHARGE

So as to Free Mr. Dunlop, M. P., From Representing North Renfrew.

Toronto, Sept. 24.—The counsel in the North Renfrew election case against E. H. Dunlop, M. P., stated today that the trial would proceed at Pembroke on Tuesday. Some negotiations undoubtedly have been going on, but counsel will not explain their object. It is believed, however, that Mr. Dunlop does not wish to defend the seat, and that the lawyers are trying to fix up a charge on which he may be unseated without going fully into the case.

A Good Idea

Windsor, Ont., Sept. 24.—A proposal has been made for the establishment of a museum in this city, to contain interesting products of Canada, as well as photographs descriptive of the country's business interests, and its resources, to be visited by the thousands of tourists who come to this city annually.

Packer's Plant Gutted.

Toronto, Sept. 24.—Fire broke out at 6:30 this morning in the singeing room of the plant of Blackwell & Co., Bathurst street, near the river. The third floor was gutted. The loss is estimated at \$35,000, fully insured. Considerable quantities of goods in lower floors were destroyed or injured by water.

Allans Sell Ships

Montreal, Sept. 24.—It is announced that the Allan Line have sold two of their oldest steamships, the Austrian and the Phoenix, to a European firm. These ships have been prominently identified with the Canadian trade.

JAP ADVANCE SHOWS CAUTION

Oyama's Armies Move North With Extreme Slowness.

JUNKS COME UP THE LIAO RIVER

Cold Wave Sweeps Across Manchuria Causing Great Suffering Amongst Japanese.

Mukden, Sept. 23 (delayed in transmission).—The Japanese continue their advance northward with extreme slowness. Gen. Kuroki's headquarters are close to Pashan, about forty-five miles east of Liao Yang.
A Turkestan regiment is reported to have killed eight Japanese cavalrymen in the brush near Yenlai.
Junks are coming up the Liao River regularly with supplies for the Japanese.
The return of Lieut.-Gen. Rennkampf to the command of the cavalry division has been signalled by renewed activity on the part of the Russians.
General Oku's headquarters in the field, via Fusan, Sept. 24.—Before the retreat northward began Russian officers told foreigners that the reinforcements brought into Manchuria since June last were only enough to counter-balance the casualties up to that date. It is true the Russian forces now in Manchuria are no larger than when the battle of Liao Yang was fought.

Winter Sets In

General Kuroki's headquarters in the field, via Fusan, Sept. 24.—(delayed in transmission).—The first touch of the Manchurian winter, which follows the summer abruptly, came yesterday with a sudden cold wave, the thermometer registering 44 degrees during the night. Much discomfort was experienced by the soldiers, who, clad in khaki, were sleeping outdoors. A supply of winter clothing has begun to arrive, and all the men will soon be provided for in this respect.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 24.—A dispatch from General Kurapatkin, dated yesterday, announces that not any of the Russian detachments were engaged during Thursday.

Raiders Out Again

St. Petersburg, Sept. 23.—Two destroyers belonging to the Russian squadron at Vladivostok returned to that port from a cruise today. While en route they captured a Japanese transport and a sailing ship. No announcement has been made as to the place where the capture took place.
The cruisers Rossia and Gromobol, which have been repairing at Vladivostok, have sailed for the Japanese coast, together with three torpedo boats and three destroyers.

BRITISH CREW MUTINED

Terrible Affray on a British Sailing Ship in Fiume Harbor.

Vienna, Sept. 24.—A terrible mutiny on board the British ship Andromeda is reported from Fiume. The vessel, a four-masted schooner, was on a voyage to the Adriatic. The crew, consisting of 100 men, mutinied against the captain and the officers. The vessel was captured by the Italian navy. The mutiny was suppressed, and the crew was taken to the Italian coast.

TEN REPORTED KILLED

Fatal Collision Between Two Passenger Trains on Southern R.R.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 24.—Two passenger trains on the Southern Railway collided at a point 30 miles east of Knoxville. Ten persons are reported killed, and about twenty-five injured.

Installed by a Londoner.

Allentown, Pa., Sept. 24.—Grand Sire-Elect Robert E. Wright, of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Oddfellows, was installed at his new home here today by Past Grand Sire Clement T. Campbell, of London, Ont., in the presence of a score of officials of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Tomorrow—Fair and Mild.

London, Saturday, Sept. 24. Sun rises, 5:06 a.m. Moon rises, 5:13 p.m. Sun sets, 6:53 p.m. Moon sets, 7:13 p.m. Rain has fallen generally today in the Lake Superior district, and a few light scattered showers have occurred in the Northwest Territories and in the Ottawa Valley.

FORECASTS.

Today—Moderate to fresh southerly with south winds; fine and mild.
Sunday—Mostly fair and mild.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
London	59	54	Rain
Windsor	59	54	Cloudy
Paris	59	54	Cloudy
Toronto	59	54	Cloudy
Ottawa	59	54	Cloudy
Quebec	59	54	Cloudy
Montreal	59	54	Cloudy
Father Point	59	54	Cloudy

Local showers are reported in the Territories, Manitoba and the Lake Superior district. Elsewhere the weather remains fine.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Friday were: Highest, 62°; lowest, 52°.

ORLOFF DISMISSED.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 24.—Major-General Orloff, who has been held responsible for the retreat of the Russian forces from Liao Yang, has been dismissed from the army. The action was taken in accordance with a decision of Gen. Kuropatkin.

GATHERING OF NOTABLE PRIESTS

Episcopal Bishops to Meet at Boston October 5.

THE TRIENNIAL CONVENTION

Proposal to Drop the Present Name of Protestant Episcopal Will Likely Be Discussed.

Boston, Sept. 24.—A number of bishops from abroad who will participate actively in the proceedings of the triennial general convention of the Episcopal Church, to be held in this city Oct. 5 to 26, have arrived in the United States. Among them are Right Rev. Charles E. Brent, Bishop of the Philippines; Right Rev. Henry B. Restarick, Bishop of the Hawaiian Islands; Right Rev. James H. Van Buren, Bishop of Porto Rico; Right Rev. Peter T. Rowe, Bishop of Alaska; Right Rev. Lucien Lee Kinsolving, Bishop of Southern Brazil; Right Rev. John McKim, Bishop of Tokyo, and Right Rev. D. S. Ferguson, colored, Bishop of Cape Palmas, Liberia.

In addition to Most Rev. Randall T. Davidson, Archbishop of Canterbury, the Church of England will have as representative here Rev. William Boyd Carpenter, Lord Bishop of Ripon, Canada, who will be represented by Right Rev. Charles Hamilton, Lord Bishop of Ottawa; Right Rev. James Carmichael, Bishop coadjutor of Montreal, and a number of prominent priests and laymen.

At the opening service the preacher will be Right Rev. William Cowell Doane, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Albany. The Archbishop of Canterbury will preach on the following Sunday of the convention and probably address missionary meetings and also a meeting at Harvard University.

Among the business to be considered is the report of the commission appointed three years ago to consider changing the name of the church to Protestant Episcopal.
The commission decided against a change at this time.
The agitation for a more explicit and stricter canon of the prohibition of the marriage of divorced persons, except for one cause, and the advisability of grouping the dioceses of the country into provinces with a primate or senior bishop at the head of each province, will also be considered. A proposed board of review, where appeals from diocesan courts may be heard, and other issues will be taken up.

THE TELEGRAPHERS' CASE

Tell Arbitrators Company Would Not Answer Correspondence.

Toronto, Sept. 24.—The board of arbitration—Judge Teetzel, G. F. Shepley and Harvey Hall—sitting on the grievances of the G. T. R. telegraphers, sat here today. Geo. C. Jones, local superintendent and W. E. Foster, president of the company, and G. Campbell, D. M. Kennedy and W. Fasker, the telegraphers, A. B. Aylesworth, K. C., was present, advising Foster, but to Mr. Campbell's objection, the judge read the act to mean only that counsel should not be heard by the board. Mr. Campbell then presented the statement of the men's grievances, which had been laid before a board of conciliation. He added some correspondence to show that the men could get no answer from the company to their complaints.

LEITERS START RACE WITH DEATH

Hope to Reach England in Time to See Lady Curzon Before She Dies.

Denver, Sept. 24.—An anxious journey which will cover five thousand miles was begun by Joseph Leiter, the Chicago millionaire, his mother, Mrs. Levi Z. Leiter, and his sister, Miss Daisy Leiter, Thursday, when they left Denver for the east, hoping to reach the bedside in England of Lady Curzon, Mr. Leiter's sister, before she dies.

FALL WHEAT ON WINNIPEG MARKET

A Carload Offered for the First Time in the History of Manitoba.

Winnipeg, Sept. 24.—What is said to be the first car of fall wheat ever received on the Winnipeg market arrived Thursday and was inspected yesterday morning. The car was shipped by Walter & Hanson, of Claresholm, Alta. No certificate has yet been issued for the wheat, as there is some uncertainty as to how it should be graded. The opinion is given that it should grade No. 1 white winter. It is in appearance very different from standard No. 1 hard. The grain is larger and of a fine, clean appearance. The shipper of this car says that if the wheat is suitable for milling purposes, and a suitable price is obtained, a quantity of it will be shipped from Alberta. This is an experiment, and so far promises to be successful.

He Got Off Easy.

Tangier, Morocco, Sept. 24.—Mr. Leo, the British merchant of Rabat, who was captured by tribesmen while fishing in the Rabat River, and who subsequently returned safely to Rabat, only secured his freedom after paying a ransom of \$15.

PETROLEA'S FAIR A SPLENDID ONE

Excellent Exhibits and the Best of Management.

RECORD-BREAKING ENTRY LIST

A Great Display of Live Stock—Spirited Speeding Events—Rain Only Drawback.

The bright little town of Petrolia was never stirred to such a pitch of enthusiasm as it was yesterday, when the annual fall fair for Petrolia and Bonistown took place. Through the day the streets literally swarmed, and at the fair grounds everything was a stir with a variety ranging from a first-class midway to a splendid stock show and fine races. All through the past years the exhibition has gained in importance and in numbers, until now it can be classed beside any fair in Canada, excepting those of one of the wealthiest districts in Ontario; its people are wide awake, and all it needs to insure a good exhibition is the executive ability. It is needless to say that the fair is complete in this respect.

The entries were in great excess of those of any previous year, and when the crowd came the fair was perfect. Then the rain came, and the fair for the while lost its brightness and glitter, while not its life. The agricultural show suffered, and even then most of the crowd refused to be forced to the rear by Jupiter Pluvius. The feature of the attractions was the crack band of London's Seventh Regiment.

The Attendance.
During the day in the neighborhood of 4,000 people paid admission at the fair, securing satisfaction to the directors in regard to finances. There were quite a number from London present, and each town in the vicinity was represented. The agricultural population contributed largely to the attendance. The grounds had the appearance of a big, well-conducted fair, being put on in miniature form. Ring attractions were unnecessary, as there was a good line of midway stalls, the management of the Western Fair, the Junior subject, was completely filled by the various exhibitors of the district.

The Live Stock.
No entry was so strong as the horses. The entry around Petrolia is famed for breeding splendid stock, and this year it has excelled itself in this respect. In all 206 animals were exhibited, and many of them were able to carry away some prize or other. At the conclusion of the judging they were taken around the ring, and along with the other classes of animals they made a splendid display.
The cattle exhibit was also very strong in numbers and quality, and there was a good line of sheep, and a few swine also made a creditable showing, and the same could be said in a general way of every other class of display on the grounds. The figures in each were as follows: Sheep 84, swine 48, poultry 187, dairy 48, horticultural 184, apples 165, trees and vegetables 225, grain and seed 68, domestic 101, ladies' fancy work 182, fine arts 20.

The Races.
Card of three exceptionally good races was provided for the afternoon. The grandstand was well filled and the half-mile track was in splendid condition. All of the races were known to those attending the fair, and this (Continued on page 5.)

INTERNATIONAL LAW

Arbitration and Neutrality Matters Discussed at Edinburgh.

Edinburgh, Sept. 23.—A conference of the Institute of International Law, comprising the leading jurists of the world, commenced here yesterday under the presidency of Lord Reay. Many of the principal subjects discussed were arbitration treaties, their proper interpretation, international conventions, the position of foreigners in the military service of belligerents and declarations of war and neutrality. Sir Thomas Barclay, vice-president of the International Law Association, one of the international conferences, said the consideration of the question of neutrality alone would probably occupy the institute for four or five days.

JACK FROST HITS ESSEX COUNTY

Thousands of Dollars Damage Done to Tomatoes in the Northern Section.

Windsor, Ont., Sept. 24.—The damage done in the northern portion of Essex county by Wednesday night's frost is greater than was first thought, and the market gardeners will lose thousands of dollars. Whole fields of tomatoes have been practically ruined. The gardeners had only begun picking the first part of the crop. Grape vines were touched, but it is not believed that they will be damaged to any extent.

Broke All Records.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 23.—A special chartered train on the Pennsylvania Railway has broken all records on that line between Philadelphia and Chicago, making 82 miles in 17 hours and 57 minutes. The train left Philadelphia yesterday at 4:08 p.m., arriving in Pittsburg this morning at 10:05 a.m. The train was chartered by a Chicago business man desirous of arriving in time to close a business transaction said to involve \$250,000.

**MAJOR BEATTIE WAS EMBARRASSED
BY NORTH MIDDLESEX CONVENTION**

**Virtually Nominated for the
Dominion House.**

**Delegates Solved the Problem
by Adjourning.**

**Mr. C. C. Hodgins Consents to Run
Again for the Local House—His
Nomination Unanimous.**

A convention representative of the Conservatives of North Middlesex was held in Ailsa Craig yesterday afternoon to nominate candidates for the Ontario and Dominion Houses. Mr. C. C. Hodgins was given the nomination for the Local Legislature on the first ballot, the convention being very nearly unanimous in their choice. With regard to the candidate for the Parliament in Ottawa, there was more difficulty, and no such unanimity, and the

Mr. matter was finally left in abeyance, and the meeting adjourned until the following evening, at which time each received some support. Quite a surprise was sprung in connection with the ballot box, which was opened, and among the others. After the first ballot it was found that the ex-mem- bers of London had more votes to his credit than all the other members. The remaining votes were distributed almost equally among the other names.

The next morning the members met in the old town hall of Alsie Craig by 9:30 o'clock. Mr. Christopher Walker, president of the Association, presided. The Executive Association, was in the chair. Around him on the platform were Messrs. A. J. Macdonald, President of the Western Ontario As- sociation; Mr. Hume Elliott, J. W. McEwen, and Mr. C. E. Macdonald. Mr. J. M. P. of South Lambton; Mr. John Morgan, of Adelaide; Mr. V. G. of the Parkhill Post, and others.

In calling for nominations, the presi- dent said he hoped to see the hopes of gaining power. He thought there was much scandal attaching to the various parties, and he hoped the Liberal party would take the shape.

He urged that the convention

The ballot for the Ontario candidate showed only four votes against Mr. Hodgins, and the election was made unanimous. There was some talk as to whether Mr. Hodgins would accept the nomination, for it was well known that he had not relished the outlay of time and money which he had had to make, all to no purpose, when defeated. It was, however, a day of triumph, and therefore, some anxious moments were not. Mr. Hodgins ascended the platform, then apprised of the result of the

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was the most spectacular witnessed in the last ten years. A great stream of lava was discharged, threatening widespread destruction. The spectacle was witnessed by thousands of awe-stricken

BARRACKS FOR KINGSTON

New Structure for Permanent Force
to Cost \$100,000.

Kingston, Sept. 24.—Hon. W. Harty recently wrote to the militia department to the effect that the contemplated erection of new barracks for the permanent

forces at Lake Ontario Park seemed to be moving slowly, and inquiring as to the delay. He has just been advised by the department that the work is going ahead, that the director-general of engineer services is now busily engaged in preparing the plans and estimates, and that tenders will be speedily called for the new barracks, which will likely cost \$100,000.

TO HEAD OFF THE IMMIGRANTS

Trades Council Proposes to Combat the Government Immigration Agents

Montreal, Sept. 24.—The question of sending a man to Great Britain to combat the Government immigration agents and stem the tide of unwise immigration was discussed yesterday morning at the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress.

Several resolutions were adopted, one of the most important being that proposed by John O'Callaghan, of Montreal, that the Congress set aside a sum of money for the purpose of providing the school children of Quebec with free school books.



at the Village of Kwa Ko Ho Shi,
Skirmish by the Japanese.

ESSEX SOLDIERS

MEET CRONJE

St. Louis, Sept. 23.—Gen. Cronje, "The Don of South Africa," Gen. Viljoen and other prominent Boer officers attracted attention in the lines of the Twenty-first Fusiliers camp on Friday. The famous Boer warriors and the officers of the Illinois Naval Reserve, First Arkansas Regiment, Texas, Virginia, Kentucky, and others of Uncle Sam's troops, were entertained at an "eat home" given in their honor by the officers of the Twenty-first Fusiliers.

On Thursday night the members of the Twenty-first Fusiliers who fought in South Africa

A Fast Run.—In order to ac-

accommodate those members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association who desired to attend the banquet in Montreal last night, the Grand Trunk ran a special train, leaving Montreal at 2 a.m., arriving in Toronto 9:10 a.m., making the run in seven hours and ten minutes. This is one of the fastest ever made between the two places.

Ordered to Far East.

St. Johns, Nfld., Sept. 23.—The French battleship *Paris* has sailed for France under orders understood to proceed to the Far East. It is expected that the ship will be ordered to the far east as soon as she can be released. If the Anglo-French conven-

is ratified by the French Senate next month, only a small gunboat will visit these waters henceforth, this being the last visit of any of the larger French

ships to the Newfoundland coast.

Of Interest to Women

Charity.

What an inestimable quality is charity! Not so much the charity that gives of its money, as the charity that gives of itself and gives freely to all those within one's immediate circle, and those strangers without the gates; the charity that thinketh no evil and that is ready to defend others from all appearance of it.

Over and over again you hear people say, "Oh, I like her so much, you never hear her say anything nasty about anyone." And yet you go right on in the course of back-biting and gossip, and never stop to think that no one could ever say that about you, if you were a joy and a delight to all who came in contact with you, if you were a glow of conscious virtue in the life of her, which is worth more than anything else.

Yesterday I saw a girl do a very sweet thing, and she did it with a graceful ease and unconsciousness that made it much sweeter.

A woman with a very small baby in her arms was trying to descend from a high dogcart. The man with her was holding the horse, which appeared very restless, while the woman stood there, afraid to descend and not quite knowing what to do. Over in a doorway near stood a group of girls, laughing at the odd appearance she presented and not making a move to help her.

Along came this girl, swinging down the street with swift, athletic walk. She took it all in, in one quick glance and walking over to the lady in the dogcart said, "May I help you, madame?" And in a minute she had the baby in her arms, the lady on the sidewalk and having restored her baby to her, she was off again, apparently quite unconscious that she had done one of the little things that make life sweeter and more worth living.

To take a very sudden transition, have you noticed the fashions for this winter? One would imagine we had gone back to the days of our grandmothers, for everything is in the style of 1830; big, wide skirts, all shirings and puffs and gathers, that look as if we were to go back to crinolines and hoops, which heaven forbid! drooping shoulders, which come half-way down the arm, and great, big, full sleeves. Verily, a quaint picture will we women present this winter.

It will be lovely for the tall, slender, maiden, of willowy grace, but oh! poor short, fat ones; what a melancholy fate, is ours! We had it all our own way, now everything was tight and clinging, how our thin sisters have their turn, and where, we once said: "Didn't she look like a dressed-up match in that tight skirt?" they will say: "Didn't you see Miss Pat? Doesn't she look awful with all those puffs and frills. Just as broad as she's long."

Fats are almost equally impossible. They are shown in the grand, consciousness and very broad brims, which are bunched up there, that look as if they had been run over by a railroad wagon and squashed out of shape. But they're "very swell" and "quite the newest thing" and they're awfully expensive, so, of course, we'll wear them, and look absurd, with the grand consciousness that we have on something which is the very latest style. What a Moloch the god of fashion is!

Veils float from every hat you see, whether the lady is tall or short. Veils of all colors and sizes, but they must wear a veil or else you're not "in it" at all.

As for colors, everything is brown or green. Brown dresses, brown hats, brown veils, brown shoes—everything to match. The brown is very frequently relieved with a dash of burnt orange, and in fact, the more brilliant the color in combination, the more fashionable you are.

Green is also shown a great deal—emerald green, a regular 17th of March color.

It is rather a brilliant kaleidoscope of colors and styles, and I must say, that to me, they seem very ugly, but what would you? We must be in style, so let us proceed to dress up and "do our worst."

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When a man has greatness thrust upon him he has mighty little inclination to dole.

A bust of St. John Berchmans, a young Belgian Jesuit who was beatified by the Catholic Church, has been unveiled at Loyola College, Baltimore, as a memorial to the late James J. Gunning.

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or Fruit Liver Tablets

cure. Not merely relieve—but completely cure all Stomach and Liver Troubles. The curative qualities of fruit in tablet form. At your druggist's. 50 cents a box.

"Oh, Perfect Love."

"Marry in haste and repent at leisure" is a time-worn adage, but alas, there are numbers of couples who marry at leisure and repent in haste. And more particularly is this the case of courtship in the holiday days of courtship, when the holiday days of courtship are the holiday days of courtship.

For however free those treasured holiday hours may be, they are weighed with most sacred responsibilities, and these responsibilities will be sorrow and disappointment, will be cause love to fly from the home it once so glad to enter. For a man's love, however great and real at the outset of an engagement, will not keep bright and untarnished in wedded life, unless the wife is a woman of the highest character and the most perfect of her duty to her love.

The wedding ceremony is unsatisfactory at best, for no woman save she who has tried it can realize how hard it is to win back a husband's love when, in the first place, she is a woman of the highest character and the most perfect of her duty to her love.

The little more, and how much it is, the little less, and what miles away! But the girl who finds her husband's love does not last under the strain of her own inexperience, must not altogether blame the man. She should remember that the bachelor and the married are two very distinct beings. The former may appear the most perfect of his kind, but once he is married, he becomes the center of his wife's world, and his life is a life of sacrifice and self-denial.

"Feed the brute," was the favorite adage quoted by our forebears to prospective brides, and though there is a good deal of truth in this precept, food, however well cooked, will not keep a man in a good temper, and hold him still the lover, unless every other detail of his home be in keeping with his culinary arrangements.

A woman's love, equally with a man's, needs sustaining, and the girl who finds her efforts at keeping a loving home are not appreciated, soon grows weary of her work, and her husband slowly but surely dies. The man who finds the club and other outside amusements more attractive than his home must not wonder when his wife's love does not last, and he must be aware of the days that were to be devoted to him in pain and disappointment, and all life's fair promises have vanished.

Love must be absolute love. Faith in its fullness or naught.

If both husband and wife are to keep their wedded vows sacred against the odds of commonplace that must inevitably assail them.—New York Journal.

THE FINE ART OF BEING A SISTER

Good Ones. Not Ready-Made—Three Absolute Essentials.

Poets are born, not made, but they may be brought to the provincial clergyman's family of old, and yet not be a success as a sister, for a good sister is not a thing which can be found ready-made.

It is true that the clergyman's family of old, and yet not be a success as a sister, for a good sister is not a thing which can be found ready-made.

A woman nine times out of ten will find another woman against man, and she will find another woman against man, and she will find another woman against man.

But the whole art of being a sister lies in the woman's attitude to her brothers. To be a success in this field needs a very intimate knowledge of human nature and, if this is lacking, no exceedingly delicate perception of the thoughts and feelings of others. Many sisters regard their brothers as a sort of errand boys given them by nature. They expect their brothers to fetch and carry for them, to chaperon them, to look after them, to wait patiently on their sovereign will and pleasure, and the idea of putting them on one side on behalf of their brothers, never enters their heads.

Some sisters even carry this to the length of a sort of resentment against the very existence of their brothers, which they regard as detracting from their pleasure or profit. This sounds inordinately sordid, but it is absolutely true.

While this is the attitude of many sisters, that of a brother is invariably the same. To a brother, his sister is a woman, and he looks upon her as such, and he is not a brother, but a woman, and he is not a brother, but a woman, and he is not a brother, but a woman.

position with her brother if she chooses. But she is considered as an abstraction, not as a woman. The platonic affection some women talk about so much and profess to long for, amounts to no more than this.

There are three great essentials to the art of being a sister. The first is not so much usefulness, as the power of absolute self-effacement upon occasion. The second is complete control of the temper. Women may lose their temper with their father or her lover or her partner, or another man of her acquaintance, without its making any permanent difference, but she must never lose her temper with her brother, or with little influence she had with him will go with it. The third essential is the tact of an ambassador.

A sister should expect nothing from a brother, unless she is prepared to be disappointed. Above all, she must not expect to have any influence with him, if she sets it up against that of the woman he loves. The sister is bound to go to the wall and has probably made an enemy in the bargain. Brothers will confide in their sisters if they show themselves worthy of it.

A sister can be helpful if she is discreet. In her brother's love affairs she can act as a go-between or carry away the undesirable fourth party, and distract him more likely than otherwise. Her brother's money affairs she can be the go-between and peace-maker with the parents. But she should be a woman of tact and self-command, and she needs to be a woman who is not completely absorbed in herself, or she will be a touchy woman, always looking out for herself, a selfish woman who cannot give up a single pleasure without pulling a long face, or an unprincipled woman who makes scenes—these are hopes and not business.

TEA-GOWNS AND MATINEES

Tea gowns are truly the most bewitching accessory of a woman's wardrobe, and they are universally becoming to everybody, as there seems to be a model especially designed for them. In fact, they are almost a necessity.

The English woman, who is devoted to her tea, never relinquishes the tea gown. She always has a few of them packed away in her trunk, and she always has a few of them packed away in her trunk, and she always has a few of them packed away in her trunk.

The kimono shape is popular with women who desire a loose garment for comfort, but it is only suitable to the seduction of her own apartment. The Japanese model is naturally the correct one, with the single seam under the arm. The imported goods are the most desirable, and a clever needlewoman can embroider her own kimono and save many dollars by so doing.

Smart little Empire gowns will be shown for the first time, and the great variety of styles and colors will be shown for the first time, and the great variety of styles and colors will be shown for the first time.

Veils for Occasions.

The veils of the present are certainly strange and curious. Apparently they have come from some little faded page of the past, and they are as strange and curious as the veils of the past.

The so-called half veils are worn for tennis, golf, driving or sailing, and they are as strange and curious as the veils of the past.

How Do You Know?

How do you judge crackers? By their crackling crispness—their snowy lightness—their appetizing deliciousness? That's the way to judge.

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Measure them by quality's standard and they score 100 per cent. If you haven't tried MOONEY'S, you've missed a treat in crackers.

PADS OF THE NEW YORK GIRL

The Motor Boat is the Latest Thing to Tackle Her Fancy.

A motor boat is the New York girl's latest fancy. This motor boating is a wild, tragic delight, sally forth at the start with a life preserver, an accident policy and an appreciative obituary notice.

The first step in handling the boat is to learn to swim; the second is to train the cur to recognize the preface to a gasoline explosion, and the third is to put one's nerves to the tests employed in making Saumarez boys into Spartan soldiers. If you are fearless, an athlete, with a prophetic instinct for the unknown, you are ready to face the spray, and get a record or two.

The New York girl has learned to swim, and she had at the outset the most perfect of nerves that fashion-able American girls generally boast; for they live out of doors, they are modern and rich girls, from the time they can handle a racket or an oar, and they grow fearless and adventurous with a red-brown skin, whether they be blonde or brunette, which will be known as the American complexion.

At the start the New York girl had been in training for her own boat. Every girl she knew could drive her own auto and had made records and set records in the house flag of her brother's yacht in the New York and Continental harbors. All the world runs an auto.

But at the time of the purchase of her motor boat she had not a competitor at a water chauffeur, or "skipper," and that was Mrs. Willie Vanderbilt, who not only takes the wheel of her own little water motor, but takes the prizes from the men who own power boats, big ones, and have been practicing and learning all summer.

Mrs. Vanderbilt, with the instinct of a true housewife and true sportswoman, named her boat the "Hard Boiled Egg," because it could not be beaten. It was a race of her Rochelle this sprightly little craft was winner in its class, making nineteen miles in one hour and twenty minutes.

The New York girl has since made the same distance in one hour and nine minutes. She has named her record breaking boat "Posterior," because she is always trying to do something for it. It is built so lightly that even she can sit on the gunwale, and racing in blue serge, she is not only a winner, but she is a winner in the class of roller skates.

You may be the best skier on the coast, but it won't help you any with your motor boat. To rely upon your yachting experience for a new boat would be like using your knowledge of ice skating on roller skates. You'd simply not understand.

The New York girl is a licensed skier, and she knows as many technical things about a yacht as she does about a tailor-made dress. Tilters and sails are no more difficult for her to manage than various fancy steps. But she finds they have nothing to do with "driving" a wheel in a little catamaran that looks like a huge cartilage fitted up with an armchair and a whirling propeller.

No previous knowledge of other sports was any help to the driver of "Posterior," when it came to a race in a rough sea, for a record man would envy. The boat is so frail that the slightest strain or a collision with a good-sized mackerel would be disastrous. It is stitched instead of riveted, and the hull is made of steel ribs, with a fair boat for a flower race; but it is a fair boat for a flower race; but it is a fair boat for a flower race.

The New York girl found herself somewhat bewildered and concerned because the boat was so frail that the slightest strain or a collision with a good-sized mackerel would be disastrous. It is stitched instead of riveted, and the hull is made of steel ribs, with a fair boat for a flower race; but it is a fair boat for a flower race; but it is a fair boat for a flower race.

This very positive feeling of the little boat, which was so frail that the slightest strain or a collision with a good-sized mackerel would be disastrous. It is stitched instead of riveted, and the hull is made of steel ribs, with a fair boat for a flower race; but it is a fair boat for a flower race; but it is a fair boat for a flower race.

Great as is the thrilling joy of the sport, a sport that takes the brain of a Japanese admiral, the wrist of a French fencer, the sheer living joy of a Greek and the nerve of an American girl, still the spray and foam and strain on the wheel and uplift of the bow are not all of the interest in motor boating—there are the clothes.

A costume new and unusual had to be designed which would be at once becoming, nautical, moorish and practical to be permanently pretty.

For a motor boat, for a race in a thunder storm, for a "drive" through gray sea mist, or for rough sea boating there is always the gay yellow tarpaulin, picturesque, with a scheme and usually becoming, for the New York girl is young and fresh and rosy brown and in harmony with a vivid yellow patch on a blue-green wave.

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Elaborate Furs.

Although it makes a woman gasp to think of furs at this time of year, yet fashionable women are ordering their winter wraps already, because anything that can be gotten so much more cheaply now than later.

Although the season's stock may not yet be all made up in the fashionable houses, many simple garments, and plush and cloth models are at hand from which to see the styles and to order.

Furs this season are to be much more elaborate. Lace, passementerie, braiding and fancy gilt or cut steel buttons will be used on these garments. The fur will be so cut that it hangs full, but in almost a straight line at the outer fold, from shoulder to elbow.

These two lines of fur will also be worn as a vest, many fur coats will be made at right angles, so that the effect of this sleeve is a square fall of fullness over the elbow.

The old-fashioned log-of-mutton sleeve has a place this season along with the bell sleeve, whose fullness is left loose and which is caught up, as well as other forms of large sleeves. If all the fur garments seen this winter few will be more popular than the boleros and little jackets that just cover the hips.

The late Marquis of Salisbury and Prof. Lecky are succeeded on the British historical manuscripts commission by Mr. Morley and Prof. C. H. Firth.

IF YOUR CHILDREN moan and are restless during sleep, cough, or wake, you may depend upon it that the primary cause of the trouble is worms. Mother Gravel Worm Expeller effectively removes these pests, at once relieving the little sufferers.

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—Pope.

Lever's Y-L (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is a boon to any home. It disinfects and cleans at the same time.

THE GRAND... S. PLAYERS AND PLAYGOERS

Tonight... Tuesday... Wednesday... Saturday...

There were four attractions booked for the Grand next week, but one, "Grimes Cellar Door," has been cancelled...

Mr. Fleming, business representative of C. W. Bennett, announced that the London Opera House will be known as the London Vaudeville Theatre...

"The Jewel of Asia," the new musical comedy which is being produced at the Criterion Theatre, New York...

The dominant feature of Florence Gale's acting is her method of repression of self, her subordination of the ego...

and hearts. And there is where Miss Gale's great intelligence shines resplendently...

Probably as long as De Wolf Hopper's name is before the public it will be connected with that familiar "epic" "Casey at the Bat"...

"One night I was playing 'Wang' in Worcester, nearly five years ago, and I got a note at the theatre which asked me if I would come around to a club I knew after the show...

Lew Fields' company includes Marie Cahill, Bessie Clayton, Billy Norton, Anna Fitzhugh and Julius Steger.

An American paper says: "Miss Matheson, whose work in the title role of 'Everyman' as presented by the Ben Greet Company, will be long remembered, has been engaged for two years as leading woman in Sir Henry Irving's company."

Verla Michelena, with the "Jewel of Asia" Co at the Grand Today.

Irving, Dorothea Baird, Basil Gill (Tree's leading man), and Miss Matheson, who owes most to him."

William Faversham opened his season in New York last Monday night, appearing in Pinner's latest play "Letty."

Maxine Elliott will reach New York the last of the month from Europe, and will open her season in "Her Own Way," Oct. 3, in Harlem.

Eleanor Robson has made an emphatic hit at the Duke of York Theatre (London) in "Merely Mary Ann."

may, whose occupation has stirred two continents, is again announced to come to America to appear in vaudeville.

James H. Decker, late manager of Lew Dockstader's Minstrels, who resigned in Cincinnati last week, arrived in New York last night to organize the big company headed by George H. Primrose, the London minstrel, that he is to take out as soon as all the arrangements can be completed.

Decker attributes his difficulty with Dockstader to a series of disagreements that finally culminated in the break.



MISS FLORENCE GALE, Who will appear as "Rosalind," in "As You Like It," at the Grand Tuesday Night.

personality of the actress has appealed to the English theatregoers and upon every appearance she has scored a triumph.

Fred C. Whitney has arranged for Alice Fisher to go out again at the head of her own company. This time she will be seen in a three-act comedy written by Stanislaus Stange, entitled, "A School for Husbands."

Fola La Follette, daughter of the governor of Wisconsin, has decided to go upon the stage, and the Shuberts have engaged her for a prominent part in the company supporting Ada Rohan.

Channing Pollock has just finished an original four-act comedy called "The Girl in the Gray Lady," which is now in the hands of a prominent manager, and will be given an early New York presentation.

Clara Ward, former Princess de Ch...

He asserts he was the means of Dockstader's making more than \$125,000 last season, and this year the show started out with greater prospects for prosperity than ever before.

Dockstader, however, he asserts, became jealous of his successful conduct of affairs and tried in many ways to secure a favorable criticism, in the slang of the day must "deliver the goods."

Decker is confident the show he will send out, headed by Primrose, will be the greatest in the history of minstrelsy. There will be 100 in the organization, and today he will begin engaging the people, having the scenery painted and making contracts for the show.

Decker's contract with Primrose is for five years, and he develops an ambition to be the greatest of minstrel leaders. He is somewhat of a surprise, as he announced the expiration of his contract with Dockstader that he intended to retire from the business, as he was satisfied with the money he had accumulated.

Dockstader has been in minstrelsy for about seven years, when he was induced to enter into a partnership with Primrose after the Primrose-West split. At that time he was doing a vaudeville monologue. The two men were brought together by Decker, and the partnership was most successful.

Primrose, as said above, retired from the company at the expiration of his contract, leaving the stage for good. He is rated as one of the wealthiest of the show business. He went out again in vaudeville, however, appearing with the Foley boys.

Another old employee who will leave Dockstader is John Sheen, general agent for the show. He will close to-night.

The Marlowe-Sothern Shakespearean combination received a black eye this early in the season from James O'Donnell Bennett, who as a dramatic critic is looked upon as the Clement Scott of America. In the Record-Herald of Wednesday Mr. Bennett pays these compliments to the efforts of the combined stars:

"It is spirit was intensely modern, its reading colloquial, its action jerky and vague, of the long, glorious, sustained note of order which is essential to a perfect Shakespearean representation there was not one hint. Only two plays were in the cast, Mrs. Sol Smith as the Nurse and Mr. Crompton as the Friar, seemed in the spirit of the play, and they were so because they were content to avoid the tiring, teasing, dis-tracting elaboration of mere theatrical business, of gesture, bounce and grimace in which the others were almost constantly occupied. These two veterans allowed Shakespeare to have some-thing to say. They did not swamp him with artifice and tricks in an attempt to illuminate what already is radiant with meaning."

This should be sufficient to keep the artists from thinking for a moment, but just pause and listen to this comment on Mr. Sothern's performance: "Then a brief, hued picture of the market place of Verona was disclosed. The turmoil of the quarreling lovers of the river was so intense and excessive that line upon line of the scene was lost. Then silence fell, and Mr. Sothern came down the stage with measured, mining steps that seemed an exquisite blend of the means of locomotion employed by a stork and a turkey-cock. His appearance was that of a young man recovering from the grip. He wailed forth Romeo's lamentations about Rosaline's cruelty in muted tones, and had he been playing Hamlet instead of a half-whimsical lover at outs with his mistress, his aspect could not have been more vociferous."

So much for Mr. Sothern. Miss Marlowe now comes in for her turn in this manner:

Miss Marlowe's first appearance, in the passage with Lady Capulet and the Nurse, was the signal for volleys of applause. When it died away, Miss Marlowe promptly defined her new conception of Juliet, that is, her conception of the Juliet of all save the deeply tragic scenes. This is not her Juliet of ten years ago; it is a good-natured, easy-moving, robust, coquettish girl, who is given to bland glances, frank bestowals of kisses, emphatic whistles—suddenly dropping into deep chest tones that as suddenly expire in prolonged gasps. Sometimes the gasps denote surprise or ecstasy. More often they were uproars of nothing. The scene with the Nurse was played in a vein of romp and none of the fond pathos which ought to sweeten the babbling of the strident laughter of the dancers obliterated Mr. Sothern's reading of the "Like a rich jewel in an Ethiope's ear"—a piece of Shakespearean

Joseph Jefferson Gives the Signal, "Lights Out."

Dean of the American Stage Quits It Forever—Had a Wonderful Career.

"Rip Van Winkle" and "Bob Acres" vanished yesterday from the ken of American theatregoers and two of the brightest, cleverest pictures in the gallery of theatrical art were lost.

Joseph Jefferson announced that he has retired from the stage for all time. There was no opportunity for a farewell tour of the country, no reliever of heart to permit of his being seen "one more" by those who have loved him for decades and those of the new generation who would see him for the first time, and who would treasure that event in their memories.

At his home on Buzzard's Bay during the summers and in Florida or Louisiana during the winters he will apply himself to fishing, painting and perhaps writing, for he has promised other reminiscences of the 70 years he has spent upon the stage.

ARTIST IN MANY SENSES. "The Dean of the American Stage" is a title the Jefferson has borne for more than 70 years.

In addition to his life work as an actor he has found diversion in the pursuit of many other lines of artistic and literary endeavor. The paintings of "Joseph Jefferson the Artist" sell on his merits as works of art.

SEVENTY-FOUR YEARS ON STAGE. Jefferson is now 74 years of age, and he has been 74 years upon the stage.

"Oh, ladies and gentlemen, I'd have you for to know, That I've got a dame here that jumps Jim Crow."

Thus Jefferson became one of the first of the coon-song singers of the country, and from that time there was a hard and tedious task upward until he became the master actor of his age and gave to the stage two of the finest characters it has known.

He made "Rip Van Winkle" and "Bob Acres" his own, and few other actors have had the hardihood to attempt either part during the life of Jefferson. "Rip" was written for him by Dion Boucicault—that is the play as we know it today.

At the American Theatre, beginning Oct. 1, there will be a six weeks season of plays in the French language by a company imported from Paris, with New Orleans as its ultimate destination.

At the Lyric Theatre, it is probable that the new company of these and treatment to prove as highly successful in America as it might under other conditions.

The newest Kealey-Shannon play, called "Taps," at the Lyric Theatre, is probably too intensely German in theme and treatment to prove as highly successful in America as it might under other conditions.

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FAMED AS SALEM SCUDDER. Jefferson had played many parts before the time he danced Jim Crow with Rice and his band and audacious act in staging "The Octoroon," dealing with the subject of slavery at a time when the feeling of the country was at white heat.

When he decided to become a star the first thing was to find a play. The legend of "Rip Van Winkle" appeared to him, and notwithstanding the many obstacles in the way he staged the "lovable drunkard" of the Catskills with an art that has made "Rip" a run in parallel lines with the stage life of Jefferson.

Jefferson also, as said before, made the part of "Bob Acres" his own. He partly rewrote the play, making rather free with the original, and the play of "The Rivals" is known to the American public today, not as it was written, but as it was given by Jefferson.

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