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## A Glimpse At the New Silks

In all the years of our silk business we never saw such handsome silken fabrics as we are now showing. Oriental patterns in their wealth of bizarre colorings, dainty warp printed effects in subdued shadings, and—we might ramble on for an hour—THE PRICES ARE

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## ROBERTS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCES

That Cronje has Surrendered to Him Unconditionally and is  
Now a Prisoner in the British Camp.

The Boer General by Holding out for Ten Days has Given the Transvaal  
Authorities Time to Concentrate a New Army of Defence  
at Bloemfontein.

London, Feb. 27.—The despatch of Lord Roberts announcing the surrender of Gen. Cronje reads as follows:

Paardeberg, Feb. 27th, 7 45 a.m.—Gen. Cronje and all his followers capitulated unconditionally at daylight and he is now a prisoner. The strength of his force will be communicated later. We hope that Her Majesty's government will consider this event satisfactory occurring as it does on the anniversary of Majuba.

ROBERTS

London, Tuesday, Feb. 27, 4.20 a.m.—The Boers are assembling an army near Bloemfontein with which to dispute the invasion of Lord Roberts. This intelligence comes from Pretoria by way of Lorenzo Marques. The commandos are described as "hastening from all quarters of the two Republics." No estimate is made of their numbers, but the withdrawal of the Boers from most of the places where they have been in contact with the British except the district near Ladysmith may raise the resisting force to 30,000 men. This figure assumes that the Boers have between 60,000 and 70,000 men in the field. The gathering of this army across the path of Lord Roberts gives significance to Gen. Cronje's steadfast defence. He engaged the corps of Lord Roberts for ten days, and has given time for the dispersed factions to get together and to prepare positions to receive the British advance.

EVERY MAN TO THE FRONT.

A despatch to the Daily News from Lorenzo Marques, dated Friday, Feb. 23, says: It is reported here that 5,000 burghers have left Ladysmith for the Free State. The Boers are concentrating their forces thirty miles outside of Bloemfontein, and the Free State government is moving to Wynberg. Reinforcements from all parts are passing through Bloemfontein hourly. President Steyn has telegraphed Lord Roberts that Lord Roberts is within a few hours of Bloemfontein, and urges that every male, irrespective of nationality, should be commanded. President Steyn is said to favor peace. The Boer general, who was in command at Olenso, sent a message to President Kruger saying that he had been smashed up there, and recommending

overtures for peace. The burghers at Mafeking are also reported to have sent word to Kruger that they would rather defend their own farms than fight elsewhere. The Pretoria government is paying its debts with bar gold, the English professional soldier having refused to work. It is understood that continental shareholders are affected by the closing of the Robinson Bank. President Kruger allowed the institution to reopen.

ROBERT'S FORBEARANCE.

The Daily Mail has the following despatch from Paardeberg:—The Boers are about 4,000 men in Gen. Cronje's camp, exclusive of the losses he has hitherto sustained. His wife is not with him, although there are women and children in the camp. The Boer position was almost exclusively confined to the river bed. The enemy were entirely at our mercy, but Lord Roberts treated them with great consideration, from motives of humanity.

HARD WORK AHEAD.

A Cape Town despatch, dated Sunday, February 26, says:—The Boers are concentrating to defend Bloemfontein. The movement on the veldt, away from the railway, is becoming increasingly difficult for large bodies of troops, as the grass is burned up. Gen. French has no water for his horses, and even the infantry finds the long marches harder than before, as forage for the transport animals must be carried. This requires the formation of garrisoned depots. The ordinary camp has to be closely watched, and the sickly season, for both men and animals has set in. The technical writers take these things into consideration in forecasting events.

TREASON IN THE AIR.

The Daily Chronicle says it learns from private letters that British rifles and ammunition have been landed on the southern coast of Cape Colony, presumably for the Dutch colonists. The Brussels correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "As a result of special inquiries in Boer circles, I am able to corroborate fully the reported danger from the intrigues of the Afrikaner Band."

NATIVES RETALIATE.

Lorenzo Marques, Monday, Feb. 27, despatch from Gibeon, dated Thursday, February 22, says:—Chief Linche has reported that he made reprisals from the Boers near Sequali, killing a few men and capturing sev-

eral horses and wagons. There were several casualties on both sides. The Boers at Crocodile Pools notified Col. Plummer that the natives would attack the wounded, they had placed their hospital within the laager. Col. Plummer refused to work. It is understood that the ambulance would of course be respected, but the Boers, he said, could not expect to be saved from the natives while they were invading the territory of the natives.

## RHODES SEVERE.

He Says the Poor Dutchmen  
Have Been Humbugged

By Their Leaders Into This Unfortunate War.—An Unprincipled Gang.

Kimberley, Tuesday, Feb. 27.—Cecil Rhodes, presiding at the meeting of the De Beers Co. to-day, delivered a remarkable speech, which was received with enthusiasm. After announcing that the year's profits of the De Beers Co. amounted to \$10,000,000, he spoke of the Chartered Co.'s transactions with De Beers, and said that the shareholders were divided into two classes—imaginative and unimaginative. The latter, he said, passed their lives filling money bags that are dissipated by their offspring on wine and women and horses. To the latter class he stated that the transaction with the Chartered Co. had closed satisfactorily, as the De Beers Co. owned all the diamonds wherever its charter extended. To the imaginative he drew an eloquent picture of these mines 100 years hence as mirroring European civilization in the far south. "The latter," he said, "feel a glow of satisfaction at the thought that the immense riches taken from the soil have not been merely devoted to the decoration of the fair sex."

After showing how Kimberley had been defended by its citizens, of whom 120 had been killed or wounded, and thanking Gen. French for his gallant ride, Mr. Rhodes closed brilliantly, asserting: "We have done our duty in preserving and protecting the greatest commercial asset in the world—her majesty's flag."

## CARRIED BY DUBLINS.

The Famous Giebler's Kloof Storm-  
ed--Boers Last Strong Position.

London, Tuesday, Feb. 27, 4.20 a.m.—Gen. Buller on Saturday faced the last and strongest position of the Boers who bar his way to Ladysmith. The strenuous fighting indicates a fight between armies rather than rear guards, protecting a retreat. On Thursday and Friday he lost 43 officers killed and wounded, representing probably a total of from 400 to 500. Gen. White advanced on Saturday upon the Boer positions, and a heliogram from Ladysmith replied that the Boers were retreating and that larger rations were being issued in view of the fact that relief seemed at hand.

STURDBORN FIGHTING.

Mr. Winston Churchill, in a despatch to the Morning Post from Frere Camp, dated Sunday, says:—"The idea that the Boers are raising the siege of Ladysmith is premature. The advance is being pursued in the face of the most stubborn opposition and of heavy losses. President Kruger's grandson, among the Boers killed." Mr. Churchill then proceeds to describe heavy fighting last Friday, in which the Inniskillings approached within 500 yards of the summit of a rocky Boer position, and then gallantly charged in the face of a hail of bullets. He says:—"After repeated attacks and having lost heavily, they recognized that they were unable to prevail. Nevertheless, they refused to retreat, but lay down on the slope behind a shelter of wall. The Connaughts and the Dublin Fusiliers were sent to their support, but the light faded and the night closed in before the main attack had developed."

BULLER CRITICIZED.

Mr. Spencer Wilkinson's article in the Morning Post to-day is almost wholly devoted to criticism of Gen. Buller's tactics in sending small forces to take positions and then reinforce these by details, as revealed in the despatch from Mr. Winston Churchill. Mr. Wilkinson admits, however, that Mr. Churchill's advice is too incomplete to enable a correct idea to be formed, since his despatch breaks off in the middle, leaving the battle unfinished.

A HEAVY CASUALTY LIST.

London, Feb. 27.—General Buller, in a despatch from Colenso, dated Sunday, Feb. 25th, reports that the British casualties Feb. 20 were 12 killed, 89 wounded, among the Somerset and Dorset, and that on Feb. 22 and 23 twelve officers were wounded. The War Office to-day issued an additional list of the casualties sustained by the Fifth Brigade under Gen. Buller, Feb. 23 and Feb. 24, which includes seven officers killed, 25 wounded and one missing.

Gen. Buller's march on Ladysmith is being marked by sharp fighting. A Pietermaritzburg despatch of to-day's date says he is still heavily engaged in fighting.

Gen. Buller's death list contains the

names of three lieutenant-colonels—Thackeray, of the First Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers; Sitwell, of the Second Royal Dublin Fusiliers; and Thorold, of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

WAR NOTES.

Canadian transport Pomeranian, from Halifax, Jan. 27, with another contingent of Canadian troops on board, has arrived at Capetown.

Lord Roberts has recently received 22 additional pieces of artillery. Whether all have been sent to Paardeberg is not known. Probably the 8th division will leave England next Monday.

The Militia Department has received from Col. Otter a cable announcing the death of Capt. H. M. Arnold, of Winnipeg, and Pte. McCreary, of Sussex, N. B. Pte. McCreary, who was at first reported killed, died on Feb. 19, the day after the fight, and Major Arnold, who was reported wounded, died on Friday last.

The Governor of New South Wales cables to Lord Minto as follows:—Sydney, N. S. W., Feb. 26.—The Premier, on behalf of New South Wales, desires to express deep sympathy with the people of Canada in their loss of so many of her valuable and gallant sons. (Signed) Fred. M. Darieu.

The special correspondents at the front unite in echoing the general praise for the Canadians at Paardeberg on Sunday, Feb. 18, praising their gallant behavior under the hottest fire. The Daily News' special correspondent says:—"They were heavily engaged in Sunday's fight, when they gallantly attempted to take the enemy's position by assault."

## JOKE'S ON LONDON

Citizens Turned out Last Night  
en Masse

To Celebrate the Relief of Ladysmith  
by General Buller—Announcements Turned Out in-  
correct.

London, Ont., February 27.—Londoners went wild with enthusiasm over the report last night of the relief of Ladysmith. Bells were rung, fireworks sent up and the whole population that could be awakened from the quiet of a winter evening firsides turned out to cheer. The City Hall clock was rung for hours continuously. Then the chiming of St. Paul's joined in, and church bells in different parts of the city were pealed. The most intense excitement prevailed. Election day enthusiasm never surpassed the scenes that prevailed; perhaps never equalled them. The spirit of rejoicing seized upon everyone. The cheering was deafening, and practically continuous, so fast did outbursts follow upon outbursts. The streets were lighted up in all directions with red and white calcium fire. Giant firecrackers were thrown into the street and exploded. Sky rockets were set off all over the city. The excitement continued until after midnight. It was indeed a wild night in London.

The report which gave so much joy came over the Great North-western Telegraph Company wire at 9.10 p.m. The despatch was brevity itself. It read as follows:—"London, Feb. 26.—It is officially announced that Ladysmith has been relieved."

A telegraph messenger aroused the city to the scenes of enthusiasm which followed. He shouted as he ran along the streets. The fact spread like wildfire. The messenger had no sooner delivered the despatch than he ran to the City Hall, and, exerting might and main, started the fire-bell ringing. He had not long to wait for assistance. The news spread with amazing rapidity. The crowds grew and grew. Half an hour after the receipt of the news, two thousand people had gathered. An hour, and the numbers had doubled. People were in a frenzy of delight. The report plainly upset many an ordinarily sober mind. Despite the bitter cold, the crowd surged up and down the main streets, demonstrating in every possible manner the enthusiasm that with them knew no bounds. "Ladysmith has been relieved!" was upon every tongue. Several efforts were made to get a brass band out, and finally about eleven o'clock the Salvationists turned out and played several patriotic airs. When they came to "Rule Britannia" the immense crowds, seemingly almost to a man, joined in the singing. Flags were carried by many. The Christopher Columbus Society, carrying the flag of Italy, joined most heartily in the celebration. Von Archbishop Davies, rector of St. James' Church, led the tidings at an early hour, and without delay went to the church and rang the bell until assistance came, doing much to arouse South London. People hurried to the city from a distance of two miles about.

Then the C. P. R. which gets the official associated press reports, announced that they had no knowledge of the G. N. W. despatch nor had the cable company. And so the enthusiasm of the people was cooled.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

February 23rd, 1900.

## buying shoes

is quite a serious matter if you haven't money to burn—it pays to be careful—to look about and find the best place—even buying shoes. Some one shoe dealer must have better shoes than the others—must have better prices—he's the one you want—look around until you find him—it won't do any harm to start here.

A new line in this week is a man's fine, heavy dogskin kid lace boot, good weight sole, english back strap, nickel eyelets and hook, 19.00 spring last, very comfortable and sensible, the shape that will suit you—price.....

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## The Planet

S. STEPHENSON, Proprietor.

### A REMARKABLE CHARACTER.

The death of Joseph Cowen, the coal mine owner, member of Parliament and proprietor of the Newcastle Chronicle, has removed one of the most remarkable figures in English life, and one of the most extraordinary men in Europe. His whole life and personality teemed with vivid contrasts. He was a millionaire, yet dressed in shabby clothes, and as brilliant an orator as ever held the House of Commons' breathless attention, yet of small stature and awkward gait, and he spoke with a Northumbrian burr. A supporter of Lord Beaconsfield in his wildest schemes for Imperial expansion, yet Mr. Cowen was the friend of every conspirator from Moscow to Madrid, and financed revolutions from his own pocket as readily as other millionaires buy steam yachts. It was at Mr. Cowen's house that Orsini, who threw a bomb at the carriage of Napoleon III. and was guillotined, spent weeks prior to the perpetration of the deed. With such an intensely democratic tendency Mr. Cowen was naturally a home-ruler, yet none was more potent or more often quoted in argument furnished in favor of the present war, than the sentences penned by Mr. Cowen shortly before his death, when he declared that Great Britain was fighting to "prevent men of British blood from being treated as helots." Many years ago he retired from active politics owing to his independent ideas, devoting his attention to his paper, the Newcastle Chronicle, which wielded almost as much political influence in the north country as Mr. Cowen did when men pointed to him in the House of Commons as the next Liberal Prime Minister. In Northumberland they say Mr. Cowen had gypsy blood and they thus account for all that was erratic in his career.

### WHAT THE PEOPLE ON THE SPOT THOUGHT.

A copy of the Diamond Fields Advertiser, a paper published at Kimberley, has come into possession of the Stratford Beacon. It is dated Saturday, October 14th, 1899, and is the last paper published in the Diamond town before the war. It is remarkable as showing the extreme ignorance of "the man on the spot" as to the course events were about to take. An "Imperialist" writes a letter in which he declares that there will be no war and then proceeds to say: "Poor Colley went to one extreme, and under-estimated the Boers; the military authorities of to-day, are going to the other extreme and sending out a formidable army corps. It seems something like employing a steam-hammer to crush a beetle. However, admitting the necessity of practically exhibiting to the Boer the mighty power of England, surely 20,000 troops would have been sufficient. Presuming Great Britain will send the Transvaal an ultimatum, and presuming that that ultimatum will contain two clauses—a demand that the forts must be demolished, and that the equality of the two languages shall be recognized—it is just possible that the Boers will oppose the advance of the British troops to Pretoria, but that, I maintain, will not necessitate a war—a lengthened campaign—in the ordinary acceptance of the term."

Editorially the paper says that it is extremely doubtful if there will be war, but "if there is it will be a war of British strategy to hurry the pace and that the invasion of the Transvaal if necessary at all, will be a leisurely operation." It says that the Boers would fail for want of proper military organization, the lack of transport, and of efficient commissariat.

Seeing that the people in Cape Colony were generally so ignorant of the Boer resources and strength, there is some excuse for first that one army corps, of 30,000 men, would be sufficient to crush them.

### THE GAME THAT QUEBEC POLITICIANS ARE PLAYING.

In the house of commons on Friday, Mr. Desjardins and Mr. Ethier, two supporters of the government, spoke in French, both had spoken in the country, condemning the offer of troops, and Mr. Desjardins had said he would vote against any expenditure for this purpose. But both have now concluded to vote for the resolution. They content themselves with speaking against it. Mr. Marcotte, a Quebec Conservative, said that he would vote for the grant, but he believed that parliament should have been called last fall before action was taken. Mr. Monk, another French speaking Conservative, declared that he for one was ready to go among his constituents and justify the offer of troops, and the vote of money for them. He explained the program of the Premier's Quebec followers. When election time came they would go down into the French counties and quote their own speeches and that of Mr. Tarte to show that they were at heart opposed to sending troops to Africa. They would accuse

the Conservatives of the crime of engaging Canada in the foreign wars of Britain, and would thus make the same fight that they made in the Reille campaign in 1885 and 1886, and that they had made in 1896, when they accused Sir Charles Tupper of buying rifles with the intention of sending the French Canadians to fight England's foreign wars. The member for Jacques made a strong and dignified protest against that form of campaign.

The Afrikaner Bond is threatening a South African Dutch revolution if Great Britain will not agree to peace on the basis of Transvaal independence. Hang the Afrikaner Bond.

No news from Roberts is usually followed by good news. No news from Buller, as a rule, is succeeded by, "I regret to have to inform you," etc. That is the difference between the two.

The population of Windsor does not exceed that of Chatham by 2,000, yet Windsor spent on its public schools last year \$25,964.75 against Chatham's \$14,664.70. These figures look as if Chatham were either spending too little or Windsor too much. Perhaps both may be at fault, one erring to meanness, and the other to extravagance.

Politicians seem to have a convenient way of adjusting matters out west. It is announced that an arrangement has been made whereby Mr. Ennis, Liberal member for Beautiful Plains, in the local legislature, is to resign "for business reasons," and Hon. Jas. Davidson, the Conservative provincial secretary, is to be allowed to go in by acclamation. It would be interesting to know the details of the business reasons.

When the news was published of the battle of Colenso many people wondered why Gen. White did not help Gen. Buller by making a sortie from Ladysmith. The standard correspondent in the beleaguered town now answers the question. It was, he says, not known in Ladysmith that Gen. Buller contemplated attacking until the 17th of December, whereas the battle, it will be remembered, was fought on the 15th.

It looks as if our Canadian boys were sacrificed to Gen. Smith-Dorrien's old fashioned ideas of warfare. It seems impossible for some officers to realize that a position held by a determined enemy, with modern weapons, cannot be rushed as could a Kaffir kraal. The fact that the attack failed, and that Lord Roberts refused to allow it to be renewed when he arrived, looks as if he thought it both unwise and unnecessary.

After a long debate the senate of South Carolina has, says an American exchange, by a vote of more than two to one, passed what is known as the "Broad Tire" bill. Under this bill the sale of narrow-tire wagons is prohibited after January, 1901, but the use of the latter may continue until January 1901, when broad tires must be used. In the meantime, persons who use the broad tire are to be exempted from road duty and commutation tax. A penalty of \$5 to \$15 or 30 days imprisonment is provided for violation. The argument was effectively used, supported by the testimony of experts, that the public roads sustain much less damage from the use of broad tire wagons than from those with narrow tires. It is thought the bill will pass the house and be signed by the governor.

### WESTERN ONTARIO WIDELY AFFECTED.

Windsor Record.

It is curious to note how many points in the west are touched by the casualties at the Modder River engagement on Sunday. Windsor, Chatham, London, Hamilton, Toronto, and other places all mourn boys either dead or wounded.

### KRUGER'S TEN COMMANDMENTS.

Exchange.

- Thou shalt have no other President but me.
- Thou shalt not take unto thyself any Britisher; not on my lands or under any lands, or by the waters above. I am a jealous man, but they hate me, and I shall show no mercy unto the thousands that surround me, and keep not my command.
- Thou shalt not take the name of Oom Paul Kruger in vain; for I am a jealous and upright man.
- Remember to keep open the Sabbath day, by going to church; and take thy Bible with thee; even though thou dost all manner of work after, thou, thy son, thy daughter, nor thy Kaffir. Lord help a Britisher hanging around my gate; for this is my country, and I harrowed it!
- Honor Oom Paul Kruger, pay your taxes and see that the Britisher pays his, that thy days may be long upon the Transvaal, that I give thee.
- Thou shalt do no murder, to thine own people—but if a Britisher crosses thy path, take your little Bible in one hand, and your sword in the other.
- Thou shalt not commit thyself by any degree of malice or hatred, only when you show the whiter garb.
- Thou shalt not steal amongst thine own people—but when strangers come within our borders take all you can, for my sake and the government's.
- Thou shalt bear false witness against thy neighbor.
- Thou shalt covet thy neighbor's house, also his land, his mules, his ox or his ass—or anything he has, if he is a Britisher.

### A SYSTEM IN BUSINESS.

Cheap Theatre Tickets and the Modern Plan of Remembering Things.

In the private office the head of the firm was closeted with the most important out-of-town customer, who had found that some matter of discount or error in statement or courteous detail of the higher finance made it imperative on him to visit the city even though it was the holiday season. That New York in holiday times is worth any man's seeing is wide of the question. It must be business of the utmost importance, for even the confidential stenographer had been dismissed. Whatever it may have been, there was at least the evidence of cigars and hearty laughter to prove that it had been transacted to the satisfaction of both. After that had been settled the head of the firm broached the subject of entertainment. The customer was perfectly willing to take in a show that very evening and all the rest of the good things that might come his way, and it was the privilege of the resident business man to send out to reserve seats.

"I'll show you a wrinkle that may be new to you," he said with commercial pride. "You don't suppose that we pay box-office prices or speculators' premiums when it is possible to get just as good seats as there are in the house at fifty off. Just you wait while I telegraph down and you'll see. I'll find the man in just a minute. That's the advantage of carrying a system into everything you do. Just look at this arrangement. I guess it's got in it pretty nearly everything I want to know. Suppose I have an idea some day. Well, I jot down a memorandum on any piece of paper that comes handy and when I have leisure I file it away under its proper head in this system. Then when I want to use that idea all I have to do is to turn right to it here and find it at once along with everything you have on the subject. Just you watch me. In this case the subject is theatre tickets, and where I can get them at a bargain. There's where the system of keeping track of things comes in. You observe I open the 'D' drawer and turn at once to the 'Dre's' it's just like looking anything up in the encyclopedia. There, I've got just the man I want, telephone number and all, and I can promise you the tickets will be here as soon as we get back from lunch. That's where system comes in. You bet it's great."

"That's all very fine," replied the customer, "and I won't dispute the value of having a system. But I'll be hanged if I can understand why you turn up the 'Dre's' in order to find out where to scarp the theatres. Those letters are not the beginning of a man's name, are they? Just called, and they do not spell anything that will make you think of the show. Why 'Dre'?"

"Why, man alive, that's just where the beauty and the simplicity of the scheme comes in. I was told that you, at any rate, without paying too much for the tickets, so I look up the compartment 'Dre'smaker' in this arrangement and find the information immediately."

"But why dressmaker? What has that to do with the subject?"

"See here, you're mighty particular seeing it's my system and not yours, but I don't mind showing you that the old man is right after all. The way I first got on to this scheme was this, my wife told me that a dressmaker told her that she knew a dealer who always had good seats to dispose of for a reasonable discount. Got that straight and plain. Now, you don't suppose I'd put that under 'W' just because my wife told me. A man's wife tells him so many things that if he was to start a system of this kind storage on them the 'W' would be the whole thing and there wouldn't be any room for all the rest of the alphabet. So I skip the wife and nail the dressmaker as coming next. Then all I have to do when I want tickets is to think of my wife's dressmaker and there the whole story is told. But the more I use this system the more I wonder how we ever did business when a man had to remember things just any old way, indeed I do."

### Dan Rice's First Circus Tumble.

"Did you ever hear of the joke which got Dan Rice, the most famous of all the circus clowns, his first job under the canvas?" asked an old timer.

"No—what was it?"

"Dan, while still in his teens, applied to a circus manager for a position."

"What salary do you want?" asked the manager.

"Eight hundred dollars a night," replied Dan.

"Tell you what I'll do," said the manager.

"Well, speak quick," returned Dan.

"I'm losing time."

"I'll give you \$4 a week."

"All right," said Dan, "it's a go."

### An Economical Duke.

The Duke of Cambridge is not famous for his liberality. They say that he is not in the habit of spending two pence where a penny will do. One wet day long ago he hailed a cab in Pall Mall and bade the jenn drive to Victoria station. Arrived in due course at the terminus, the Duke handed the driver a shilling. The caddy looked at the shilling and then looked down at the Duke.

"'Er wat's this?" shouted the caddy.

"'Can't yer make it another tanner?"

"Certainly not," replied the Duke.

"And what is more, you came the wrong way. What made you go right round Hyde Park corner and Grosvenor place?"

The caddy saw he had no chance, but boldly replied: "Cos St. James's Park is closed, sir."

"Closed?" queried the Duke. "St. James's Park closed? Why, how's that?"

"Oh," bawled the caddy, sarcastically, "whipping up his horse, 'they say as 'ow the Dook o' Cambridge lost a three-penny bit a-comin' 'cross the park last night, and the park's closed as a rule and they shut it!'"

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### Notice to Contractors.

Sealed, separate or bulk tenders will be received by the undersigned, marked tender, until Thursday, March 1st, 1900, for the erection of a frame summer residence to be erected at Erie Eau. The plans and specifications can be seen at the office of T. J. Rutley, Architect. The lowest nor any tender not necessarily accepted.

GEORGE T. McKEOUGH, M.D.  
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### Notice to Contractors.

Sealed, separate or bulk tenders will be received by the undersigned, marked tender, until noon Thursday, March 1st, 1900, for the erection of a brick residence, having stone foundation, slate roof, hot air heating, plumbing, etc., to be erected in the Township of Raleigh. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of T. J. Rutley, Architect. The lowest nor any tender not necessarily accepted.

GEORGE JORDAN,  
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### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed, separate or bulk tenders will be received by the undersigned and addressed to John McKay, marked tender, and left at the office of the Architect, on or before noon of Saturday, March 10th, 1900, for the erection of a brick residence, stone foundation, hot air heating, etc. The building to be erected in the Township of Chatham. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of T. J. Rutley, Architect. The lowest nor any tender not necessarily accepted.

JOHN McKAY.

### Tenders Wanted.

Whole tenders for the erection and completion of the House of Refuge of the County of Essex, will be received up and including Saturday, March 17th, 1900, by Mr. Geo. F. Cronk, chairman of building committee at Leamington. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of A. G. Baker, Leamington, Ont., and at the office of H. J. Powell, Stratford, Ont. Separate tenders both for stone and hot water will be required. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

A marked cheque for 2 1/2 per cent. of the amount of the contract must accompany each tender, such cheque will be returned to the unsuccessful tenderer. Successful tenderer will be required to give good and sufficient bonds for the due performance of the work.

H. J. Powell,  
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## Mortgage Sale

Of Valuable Real Estate, in the City of Chatham, in the County of Kent, under Power of Sale contained in a certain registered Mortgage made by James Lamont to the Vendors, will be sold by Public Auction by A. Thompson, Jr., Auctioneer, at the Garner House, in the City of Chatham, on Friday the Second day of March, 1900, at 2 o'clock p. m., the following freehold property, namely:—FIRSTLY, Those parts of Lots numbers Four and Five, in Block "C" on the North side of King Street, in the said City of Chatham, known and described as follows: Commencing at a point on King Street in said Lot number Five, distant Seventy-five feet from Third Street and butting on land sold to John McDowell, Thence Easterly along King Street a distance of One hundred and three feet more or less on said Lots Four and Five, thence at right angles from King Street to the River Thames, thence down the stream to the limit of that portion of Lot number Five purchased by John McDowell, thence in a line at right angles to King Street a distance of beginning, being the two parcels of land heretofore conveyed by instrument Number 13584 and number 11096 respectively.

SECONDLY, The one undivided part or share in part of Lot Eighty-five, in the said City of Chatham, particularly described in a certain deed dated Sixth of October, 1886, to one Charles Northwood, from the Canadian Bank of Commerce and Joseph Northwood and duly recorded heretofore by registered deed to Edwin C. Radley.

THIRDLY, Part of Lot number Fourteen, on the corner of King and William Streets, in the said City of Chatham, as described in said deed to said Charles Northwood, fifty feet more or less on William Street by Seventy-five feet more or less on King Street.

FOURTHLY, Lots numbers One Hundred and Eighteen and One Hundred and Nineteen, on the North side of King Street, in the said City of Chatham.

FIFTHLY, Lots numbers Ninety-nine and Fifty-seven, Northwood's Survey, in subdivision of park Lots One and Two, on the West side of the Gravel Road in the said City of Chatham.

SIXTHLY, The southerly part of Lot One Hundred and twenty-two, in the Government Survey of the said City of Chatham, described as follows: Commencing at a point on the South East side of King Street, Fifty six feet South Easterly along King Street from the angle of King Street, formed by said Lot at the North West angle of said Lot, then South Easterly parallel to the South Westerly boundary of Lots One hundred and twenty-one and One hundred and twenty-two, thence South Easterly along said boundary Eighty-three feet, more or less, to the South Westerly boundary of said Lot number One hundred and twenty-two, then North Westerly along said boundary One hundred and fourteen feet six inches more or less to King Street, On Parcel No. 1 there is a large three story brick block 48x65 feet, all in good order. There is also frame warehouse 36x65.

On Parcel No. 2—Two brick stores three stories, having a frontage on King Street about 34 feet, one being occupied by G. O. Scott (Dry Goods) and the other by J. W. McLaren (Drugs), this is in the best locality in the city and all in good repair.

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### SURE CURE FOR BALDNESS

Tuna Whaler and Go Toward the North Pole, says a Man Who Knows.

"Talk of hair restorers," said the captain of a Sound steamboat, who was a whaler once, "none of them is it with the air of the Arctic regions. A man with thin hair who falls to get a man with thick hair who falls to get a man with thin hair. I have seen whalers who got bald when they stayed home for a year or two and got a new crop of hair every time they went toward the North Pole on a whaling expedition."

"How do I account for it? Ask me something harder. The farther you go north the land animals get shaggier. It is a provision of nature against the cold. When the Arctic winter approaches, the reindeer, the bears and other animals take on a thick coat of hair or fur. Similarly, the hair of the human head thickens when you go far north, especially on the approach of winter. It is a fact. Now I don't want you to think that once the follicles of the hair are dead, new hair always comes even in northern regions. Some times when a man is apparently as bald as a billiard ball the follicles are not dead and there is hope for him."

"I remember a remarkable case when I was mate of the whaler Sea Foam in the latter part of the fifties. The boatswain was a man named James Rogers, but he was generally known as Baldy, because he had not a single hair on his scalp. He was a good whaler and an all-around good seaman, and in spite of the fact that he had tried it for years with no result apparent to the eye, he had a firm belief in whale oil as a hair restorer. He must have used gallons of it in his time. At the time I speak of we were in the neighborhood of Behring's Straits, and it was melancholy to see us all with thick, matted locks including some poor Baldy was as smooth on the scalp as ever. Well, we killed the queerest-looking specimen of a whale I ever saw, Baldy throwing the first harpoon. Its tail tapered off longer than that of any other whale we had ever met with before and the oil that came from it was of a peculiar color and had a musky scent. Baldy as a matter of course plastered his scalp with the oil until it was running down his face and neck. One does not need to follow hygienic rules regarding cleanliness in those latitudes, where it is too hot for disease germs. Within a few days it grew much colder and we were frozen in among ice flows. I never felt such cold before or since and nearly every one of the crew was more or less frost bitten. We used the ice saw industriously, and in forty-eight hours more got clear of the ice and into smooth water and sailed southward. A week later Baldy came running out of the focle with his eyes bulging, shouting 'It's growin'! It's growin'!'

"What's growin'?" says I, thinking he was getting nutty. "My hair," says he waving his fur cap which he had taken off, and pointing to his head. Sure enough there was a growth of downy hair like that of a baby all over his head, and what was remarkable, the hair had come to stay. Before the voyage was over he had a fairly thick natural head covering and he didn't blame himself. He said that it was the new brand of whale oil that started his hair growing again, but I say it was the extreme cold that did the trick. After that I concluded that no one could give me any more hair restorers. If you want thick hair go north."

No Fear When Death Draws Nigh.  
"I have seen thousands of persons die under all sorts of circumstances, and never yet have I seen one display the slightest fear of death." This remarkable statement was made the other day by a physician who has practiced many years in Philadelphia, and who has seen a great deal of hospital service.

"It is a popular fallacy," he went on, "to imagine that a deathbed scene is ever terrible, other than as a parting between loved ones. The fear of the unknown is never present at the last. Even amid ignorance and vice I have never experienced such a scene as a novelist who strives to create a picture will sometimes picture."

"When a patient is told that he cannot recover and the end is near he invariably seems resigned to his fate, and his only thought seems to be of those who are to be left behind. This is true alike of men and women."

"Those who become hysterical and declare they are not fit to die are the ones who are not as ill as they think they are. They always get well."

"A psychological reason? O, I don't know that there is any. It's just a human trait."

Made Their Nest in a Camera.  
A young man in a nearby town is an enthusiastic photographer. He had invested in a rather expensive camera, which when not in use he kept in a third story room of his home. For over a week he had been too busy with other things to think about pictures, but on the morning in question he decided to go out and take a few. When he picked up his camera he was surprised to find half a dozen bees flying about it, and as he proceeded through the room a whole army of the insects came in a line out of the small opening in the black box cover.

Then the owner placed the camera on a table and started an investigation, which he gave up when the truth flashed upon him that a swarm of bees, which had come in through the open window, had made a hive of the camera. The bees have been dismasted as tenants. The camera will have to be overhauled before any more pictures can be taken.

A Splendid Toilet Water.  
Sweet spirits of nitre is one of the best and simplest of toilet waters, says the New York Evening Post. It is an excellent deodorizer, and while possessing no actual fragrance itself, imparts a most acceptable aroma of cleanliness. Many careful housekeepers see that a bottle of this, with perforated cork—in order that only a few drops may be used at a time—is kept on the dressing tables in their servants' rooms.

### KNOWN EXPENSES.

#### "BREAKAGE" AND "STEALAGE" IN NEW YORK HOTELS.

Thousands of Dollars Every Year Lost by Breaking Dishes, and Other Thousands Spent to Replace Articles Stolen by the Guests.

Breakage, crockery and glass—\$50,000  
Wear and tear of linen—40,000  
Silver (lost, stolen and broken)—25,000  
Recovering and wear and tear of furniture—10,000  
Carpets—10,000  
Soap—10,000  
Notepaper—5,000  
Matches—5,000

One of the heaviest items of expense at big New York hotels is breakage. Under this head, for politeness sake, is included stealage. The more fashionable the hotel the more stealage goes on—not by the help but by the guests.

Women of wealth have no hesitation in appropriating articles they admire, never stopping to consider that they are the property of the house. The managers have learned by experience to take it as a matter of necessity that guests will carry off pieces of china or silver that strike their fancy whenever they get a chance.

They don't call this stealing. It is collecting souvenirs. Perhaps it would astonish many of these collectors to know the harsh names hotel proprietors give their conduct.

Haviland china is used, and the havoc wrought is great. The Waldorf is the only large hotel in the city that uses a dishwashing machine, and in this way they have cut down the force of dishwashers from fifty to twenty hands. Much of the breakage is done not by the machine but by the waiters.

Sherry estimates his breakage at \$5,000 a year in the restaurant and the same in the catering department.

Even at this exclusive resort of the fashionable world eternal vigilance is required to keep silver and small pieces of china from being carried away by appreciative guests. College boys are the most untiring of souvenir collectors and find Sherry spoons decorative for their rooms.

At a banquet recently given at Sherry's a young man took a large silver pitcher, and wrapping it up in his napkin, deposited it in his lap.

The head waiter has a set speech for such occasions. He goes up to the offender and says, smilingly: "I think that is a little too heavy for you to carry home with you. You had better leave it and let us send it around in the morning."

At the Holland House "Royal Worcester" is used exclusively, and one of the requisites for waiters is extreme care. With all the precautions possible, Mr. Branson figures the yearly breakage at \$12,000. The loss of this bill in small silver amounts to \$2,000 per annum. Much of this amount is in after-dinner coffee spoons. They are very fascinating.

At the Imperial the breakage is given at \$10,000 a year. Of the dishes and glassware half is broken by hot and cold water. There is no fine imposed upon the waiter when he is unfortunate enough to break anything. The small silver cream pitchers used at the Imperial excite the fancy of those afflicted with the collective mania.

The Hoffman House has a breakage bill of \$100 per month. All dishes except Mr. Cadden, the proprietor, states, are washed by hand, and 320 persons handle the crockery and glass.

The less expensive restaurants suffer but little from stealing. It is the fashionable hotels that have that problem to deal with.

Military Men Might Learn From the Spider.  
Every one remembers the famous anecdote of Robert Bruce and the spider, which encouraged him to renew his patriotic efforts when he was hiding discouraged in a hut. Others will remember how David was saved from the pursuit of Saul by the spider that spun its web over the mouth of the cave in which he was hiding and misled his pursuers into the idea that he could not possibly be in the cave. But the latest discoveries of an American scientist, Dr. Henry L. Cunningham, may suggest to military men that the habits of the spider are instructive as to tactics. Seated at the centre of operations, he feels the slightest touch at any part of his domain by the wonderful telegraph line built by himself. His method of providing a line of defence, avenues of escape and his constant oversight of his territory inspire us with hearty respect for the skill and cleverness of the most wonderful of insects.

Lawton's Reply When Cautioned.  
President Hall of the Commercial Club presided at a smoke social last evening. The main feature of the occasion was an hour's talk on the Philippines by Major R. J. Fitzgerald. The Major spoke feelingly of Gen. Lawton, whom he personally knew, and related this incident:

Gen. Lawton had arranged his line beneath the bow of a hill, with the artillery commanding an excellent position. While preparations were going on Gen. Lawton ventured out to a point where he could easily be seen, had the enemy been near. A Lieutenant stepped up to him and said:

"General, you are too valuable a man for us to lose. Pardon me if I suggest that you do not expose yourself so freely."

"There is nothing to fear," said Gen. Lawton. "The bullet that's to kill me hasn't been made."

Stewed Beef and Onions.  
Cut one pound of beefsteak into pieces, melt one ounce of the dripping in a stewpan which has already been dredged with flour. Turn meat about until it is brown, but not cooked, and add two sliced onions. Stir all together, and then cover the meat with good gravy. Let all simmer very slowly until cooked, then take up the meat and thicken the gravy with half an ounce of dripping rolled in flour. Garnish with small sprigs of boiled cauliflower and baked tomatoes and serve.

### GOOD THINGS TO EAT.

What they are depends mostly on the condition of the eater. Most anything is good to eat if a man is properly, healthily hungry. Every man is properly hungry at more or less distinct intervals if he is healthy.



Corned beef and cabbage taste better to a healthy, hungry man than terrapin and *pate de foie gras* to the jaded appetite of a dyspeptic. The enjoyment of eating depends on the condition of the stomach, bowels, and kidneys. If these do not do their work properly there accumulates in them undigested, fermenting, putrid, blood poisoning matter. The appetite cannot be healthy till this is removed. A machine will not run if it is all clogged up with dirt. The stomach cannot appropriate food unless it is clean, and so healthy hunger cannot come. The stomach cannot be clean if the liver and bowels do not dispose of the food passed along to them. If poisonous, effluvia are allowed to accumulate and congest the liver and bowels more or less of it gets into the blood, and is carried all over the body. Is it any wonder that it makes you sick?

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### RATHER TO SLIM.

This Young Man Appeared to be From an Athletic Point of View.

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Every seat in the North State street car was taken and four or five persons were standing. One of the latter was a young woman who stood near the middle of the car. A tall young man, rather too slim for his height from an athletic point of view, rose from his seat near the rear door and stepped forward to inform the young woman, who was looking the other way, that there was a seat for her. As he did so a man dropped into it.

"I beg your pardon," said the young man, "I didn't get up to give you a seat."

"But I got it," said the man. "I intended it for the young lady," said the young fellow.

"But I got it," retorted the other, with a sneer.

He was the bigger man, but the young fellow's hands descended on his shoulders and he was on his feet and on the platform before he knew it.

"Conductor! Conductor!" he cried. "The conductor had a faraway look in his eye and was interested in something going on down the street. The man was in the street before he had time to call out again."

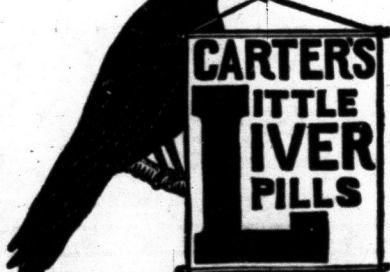
The hero—for he was a hero in the eyes of the passengers—reentered the car, and lifting his hat politely said: "Madam, there's a seat for you."

And the passengers were so tickled that they actually began to clap their hands. The young man simply smiled, and said:

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Then he leaned up against the front door and became absorbed in a paper, while the woman watched him admiringly.

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## LOCAL BRIEFS

Rev. Father Francis starts for the South on Thursday to engage in missionary work.

Red Cross hedges, the profits from which go to that grand work, are being sold at Kenny's book store.

Geo. S. Howard has in his window a picture of the Queen, with British flags. This is in honor of the British triumph.

The choir of Christ Church will sing Ferial Litany service in connection with the Ash Wednesday services to-morrow evening. Mr. Forsythe will also render a Lenten solo at that service.

John Barry, of Montreal, who volunteered for active service in South Africa in place of his brother, who was killed, and was willing to pay his own expenses, has been accepted, and will be attached to the Strathcona Horse.

Members of the W. C. T. U. will meet at their rooms in the Rutherford block Thursday afternoon. A devotional service proceeds all business. Strangers and visitors to the city are made heartily welcome. Text for the week—Acts, 5, 38-39.

Wm. Pearce, Inspector of Mines, Calgary, paid a flying visit to his old friends, Mr. Rufus Stephenson, Collector of Customs, in this city, and J. C. Tassie, of Dresden. He goes east this afternoon.

The bachelors of Wallaceburg gave a ball to the opera house last night with music by Latham's orchestra. About sixty couples were present. Among the strangers were, Miss O'Brien, St. Thomas; Mr. and Miss O'Leary, Port Lambton.

A CADET CORPS.  
The Chatham Collegiate Institute has been authorized to form a cadet corps, with J. S. Black as instructor. The Department has gazetted the following officers: To be acting captain, G. D. O'Brien; to be acting lieutenant, F. F. Sheldrick; to be acting second lieutenant, L. Parrott. The Department will issue the necessary rifles and accoutrements to equip the corps.

UP WENT THE FLAGS.  
On hearing the news of Cronje's surrender this morning Mayor Smith had the city flag raised on the park. Flags were also flying on the Merchant's Bank, Harrison Hall, fire hall, Central school, McKeough school, I. O. O. F. Temple, New Dominion, C. P. R. Wagon Works, Post Office, the residences of John Piggott, Harry Taylor, Walter Wing, Joe Bosworth, E. Putman and many others.



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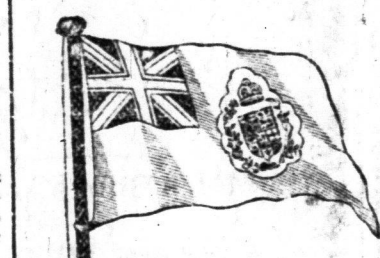
## Society Dress Hints....

The correct dress for gentlemen for social functions occurring after 6 o'clock is the full dress suit.  
There is but one exception permissible, that is the Tuxedo, or dinner coat. These may be worn at theatres and dinner parties respectively.  
The Inverness is worn as an easy top coat over dress suits.  
The Paletot is becoming quite a favorite among good dressers, while the frock suit is the correct day dress.

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# EIGHT THOUSAND BOERS

Were Surrendered by General Cronje--  
The Wounded Lay in Heaps.



MAJUBA HILL AVENGED.

New York, Feb. 27.—A special to the Journal, dated Paardeberg, Orange Free State, Feb. 27, 4.05 a. m., says: Gen. Cronje sent an officer through the British lines at dawn to-day with a flag of truce. The officer said he had a message for the British General in command. He was taken to Gen. Kitchener, to whom he said Gen. Cronje was willing to surrender, having found his position untenable, and only defeat and capture in prospect if he continued the fight. He wished to avoid unnecessary shedding of blood and to save the women and children. He requested that they be given safe conduct.

Gen. Kitchener granted the request so far as the women and children were concerned, but insisted that the surrender in all other respects be absolutely unconditional. To this Gen. Cronje agreed.

The Boer commander at once left his laager, escorted by a half dozen officers, and entered the British lines. He was met by Gen. Kitchener, who immediately brought him to the headquarters of Field Marshal Roberts.

THE NEWS  
London, Feb. 27.—"Majuba avenged," "Cronje surrenders!" "Great British victory!"

These are the expressions being shouted all over London to-day, yet there are few signs of the natural joy that Lord Roberts' despatch has really caused. The capitulation of Gen. Cronje has been looked on as almost a certainty for a week past, and now that it has come enthusiasm finds itself disappointed by anticipation.

The magnitude of the success of "little Boer" is almost overlooked in the fact that it synchronized with the anniversary of Majuba hill and wiped out a dishonor of 19 years' standing. While the afternoon papers all comment on this coincidence, they do not forget the splendid bravery of the Boers. The St. James Gazette says:

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The greetings between the rival generals were kindly, and extremely sympathetic on the part of Gen. Roberts, who has great admiration for his captive, and brave and dignified on the part of Gen. Cronje.

WOUNDED IN HEAPS.  
The condition of affairs in the camp of the Boers was something frightful. They had run out of food except trek cattle, and these were eaten as rapidly as they were killed by the British shells. Their ammunition had given out, and most of the artillery was badly damaged by the British fire. Most of their wagons were burned.

The laager was strewn with the corpses of the dead, lying in the broad light of the scorching sun, unburied and festering. The wounded were in an awful plight. The hospital corps was insufficient to attend them, and they lay about the laager in heaps, some dying pitifully, others shrieking in pain, many silently ending their agonies.

The British troops, immediately on taking possession of the laager, were ordered by Gen. Roberts to devote all possible attention to succoring the wounded and burying the dead, as well as caring for the women and children, who were panic-stricken in expectation of some awful punishment and could hardly be induced to accept kindness or aid from the conquerors.

The British commissariat was taxed to the utmost to give immediate relief to the sufferers, but everything possible is being done to alleviate the condition of the captives.

It is believed that the surrendered force will number between 7,000 and 8,000 combatants. Besides these, there are over 1,000 women, children, Kaffir laborers, and a number of the Red Cross relief corps.

IN BRITAIN.  
"The splendid courage of the Boers has not been able to withstand any longer the bombardment which few modern soldiers could have supported for so many hours as they have days. The influence of the surrender not only on the situation at Ladysmith but on the conduct of the war will be immense."

"If the news of the relief of Ladysmith only reaches England, and it is quite possible this may be the case, the cup of national happiness will be full."

The Globe, under the heading of "Majuba Avenged," says: "We shall not jump at the conclusion that the war is ended, but that a victory has been gained which brings the end well in sight. Gen. Cronje no doubt succeeded in delaying Lord Roberts' entrance into Bloemfontein, but the delay is all he has been able to accomplish."

The Westminster Gazette, which is inclined to be pro-Boer, says: "Admiration for the desperate valor of Gen. Cronje is mingled with anger at the necessity imposed upon us of purchasing victory at this cost. Let us remember Paardeberg, if we like, but forget Majuba Hill, and have done with the whole train of misleading associations and ideas which gathered around that unhappy memory."

Speculation as to how soon Lord Roberts will be able to press on to Bloemfontein: but before he enters the capital of the Free State he will undoubtedly have to overcome a powerful force and take strong entrenched positions.

The news of Gen. Cronje's surrender was received with unbounded satisfaction at Windsor. The queen immediately telegraphed her congratulations to Lord Roberts and the troops.

STOPPED A DANCE.  
New York, Feb. 27.—A despatch to the World from Mafeking, Feb. 16.—All well here. A dance was interrupted on Sunday, Feb. 11, by an alarm sounded announcing that the Boers intended to attack the town. There was some heavy firing, but it was not pushed home.

The next day, Feb. 12, Capt. Girdlately of the Third Royal Irish Rifles, was mortally wounded.

"Creeky" (apparently the name of a Boer siege gun) was dismantled at nightfall, Feb. 14, and had disappeared on the morning of Feb. 15, but during the day turned up five miles west of Mafeking, and began shelling the town at noon, the range at that distance being as favorable as that from the previous position, while she is inaccessible at present to the gradual advance of the British gunners by running trenches. The last advance made the Boers uneasy.

WAR NOTES.

Lord Roberts has appointed to his staff, Maj. Dennison, of the Royal Canadian Regiment.

The Prince of Wales, who yesterday (Monday) paid a visit to the wounded who had arrived at Southampton on the hospital ship Princess of Wales, singled out the Canadians and told them how proud the empire was of them and of their brave compatriots who had come forward so loyally, and spontaneously to make common cause with the mother country.

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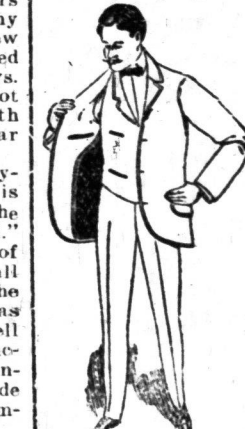
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18 in. Minie Crash, dark color, fancy weave, pure linen, regular 12c value, special 10c yd  
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Boys' 3 pc. Suits.  
We have passed into stock this week many of the staple lines such as serges and wearing tweed suits, well made and lined, the best values we ever showed, full range of sizes, from 28 to 38, prices run \$3.75, \$4.40, \$5.05, \$5

Youths' Long Pants Suits  
The lines we are opening up for this season's trade will be the best values ever shown in the clothing history of Canada, shown in the clothing history of Canada, shown in the clothing history of Canada. Many lines in this lot shipment nobby patterns and plain serges, sizes run from 31 to 35, prices range at \$4.50, \$5, \$6, \$7.50

Men's 1900 Spring Suits  
The swiftest pattern: Tweed and Worsted Suits, ever exhibited by any clothing house will be on display in our popular clothing department this season, watch us for clothing news—many new lines opened up in this lot, neat checks, overplaids, plain serges and sweeds, and rough goods, all the leading styles and patterns for spring, sizes from 36 to 44, prices range at \$5, \$6, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$9, \$10

Nobby Spring Top Coats  
A new line just opened this week, swell whippersn, No. 1 quality, easily worth \$13 of any man's money, our special At \$10.00, handsome coloring, all sizes 35 to 40.

Greatest Pant values of the century  
We have passed into stock during the past week over 1000 pairs of pants, in all the popular prices and qualities of tweeds, worsted and whippersn, being the best made and cut pants ever shown to the trade. We can fit any size from the smallest to the largest man, men's sizes from 31 to 50 inch, waist measure, special sizes for slender and tall men, prices in tweed pants range from 75c to \$2.50—we show the best \$1 and \$1.50 pants you ever saw. See us about your spring pants—all kinds and styles to choose from.

Several Cases of New Shirts  
It is a regular ocean of new goods now—dray load after dray load every day, bringing us all the leading styles and patterns of the coming season. We are showing special values in new colored Dress Shirts with collars attached, four ranges consisting of twelve patterns, neat pin head checks, and hair stripes, extra quality 50c, sizes from 14 to 17. The nobbiest colored Dress Shirts you ever saw at 75c and \$1, colors warranted. Our Iron Frame Linen Unlaundered Shirts, double back and front, all sizes, extra value at 50c. Men's Working Shirts, 25c, 35c, 40c, 50c and 75c, in Flannelette and Oxford Shirts, Standard Shirtings, Black Satens, Molekin and Black Blue Shirtings. Come in and see our showing for spring, it will pay you, can fit anybody.

New Spring Caps  
We have just marked off a big case of men's, boys' and children's caps in all the new styles and patterns, see the swell golf caps, beauties, we never had such values, prices run 25c, 40c, 50c and 75c

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Are here—all the new things, nobby shapes, in fedoras and stiff hats, black and colors, prices run 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.25

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## WOMAN NOW SEES

Remarkable Surgical Operation Performed at Chicago.

Total Blindness Cured—Doctors Removed a Tumor From a Woman's Brain, Restoring Blood to Optic Nerve.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—One of the most remarkable achievements in modern surgery and medical science was accomplished here when total blindness that had existed for several years was relieved and the sight restored. This was done through an operation on the brain. Dr. C. Fruyt Stringfield, consulting physician of the Chicago Hospital, assisted by Dr. Allen T. Haight, Dr. Walter Metcalf and Dr. Robert Dodds, performed the operation on Mrs. F. G. Parker.

Seven years ago Mrs. Parker's sight commenced to fail and within a month she became totally blind. She had met with no accident, there had been no unusual strain on the optic nerve, neither was there any physical condition that could be considered in any way associated with the affliction. For years no relief could be given her and Dr. Stringfield could determine no reason for the condition unless there was obstruction to the blood vessels supplying the optic nerve. The X-ray was employed by Dr. Metcalf and a skiograph was obtained faintly outlining what seemed to be a tumor in the upper portion of the occipital lobe. Dr. Stringfield commenced the operation by trepanning a section of the skull, thence opening the membranes of the brain and the tumor was exposed to view. By the removal of the tumor the blood supplying the optic nerve is again permitted to flow freely and tissues were rehabilitated and the woman's sight will be restored in a short time.

## BISHOP'S POLICY

Regarding the Establishment of Separate Schools Unchanged.

Rev. Father Solanus Says the Reports From Belle River are Being Sent Out For a Purpose.

To The Planet.—In yesterday's issue of your valuable paper an article was reproduced from the Detroit News-Tribune which is full of inaccuracies and which I consider decidedly misleading. Consequently I beg leave to offer a few words of explanation in your columns. To anyone closely observing the events in reference to the Separate schools, which have transpired during the last six months in the counties of Kent and Essex, it must not seem that "Bishop McEvoy's elaborate scheme" had been abandoned. It is true that His Lordship six months ago announced his determination to have separate schools in his diocese, but, at no time did he announce that this must be accomplished within a few weeks. It is easy to understand that a reversal of existing conditions of this kind requires some time for proper adjustment.

The next statement is born either of ignorance or malice. It is a known fact that so far five schools have been established, i.e., two at Belle River, one between Belle River and Woodville, and two at Pain Court, and a sixth one is well under way. The statement that the establishment of a separate school at Belle River has been carried out at the expense of a big breach in the church is untrue. Indeed, it is significant that the opponents of separate schools must resort to these and kindred false statements in order to prop their opposition. There is no breach in the parish at Belle River, nor has been one. The mere fact that a few stubborn members of a large Catholic congregation have refused to obey their ecclesiastical superior does not constitute a breach. According to information received from the reverend pastor of Belle River only a few days ago, the number of recalcitrants is not one-tenth of the whole number of faithful parishioners.

In sending out such false reports there is a particular object in view. It is the desire to lead the people of other towns and cities to believe that these opponents have really a following worth noting, and that their efforts are seconded by, if not the majority, at least a respectable minority. It is for this reason also that such assertions are made, as appeared in your paper a few days ago, where it was stated that the reverend pastor of Belle River, in his Sunday sermon, had spoken of the public schools as "the Devil's schools." The priest has categorically denied ever having used such words, or any other words conveying the same meaning. It is easy to understand that the object of sending out such reports is none other than an attempt to influence non-Catholic sentiment. Such methods are unworthy of any fair-minded and honorable man.

There is, indeed, an impression among non-Catholics that Catholic bishops and priests, in their endeavor to establish separate schools, consider the public schools as worthless. But this impression lacks foundation. Catholics believe that, if the religious training is not begun in early youth, it cannot easily be successfully carried out in later years, and consequently, that many, whose parents were faithful members, would be lost to the Church. Moreover, if the study of religion is placed on an equal basis with the study of arithmetic, geography, etc., this may lead the pupil to consider the study of these latter branches of importance equal to the former. But to the Catholic the knowledge of religion must be paramount, and he is convinced that this knowledge can be obtained only in a school under the control of the church, without neglecting in the least the instruction in the secular sciences.

In the same News-Tribune article mention is also made that the Bishop's intention with regard to separate schools has changed and his ardor has cooled. For a mind-reader commend me to the writer of that article. Just a day or two ago I had the pleasure to

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be in His Lordship's company and to be engaged with him in a conversation upon this subject; and I can assure everyone that his intention has not changed nor has his ardor cooled. Nor could it be otherwise. As bishop of this diocese it is his duty to watch over his flock and to do everything in his power to preserve among his people that priceless jewel of faith.

The article insinuates also that this fictitious change of intention and cooling of ardor has been brought about by the attitude of the Ontario Government. That this assertion is without foundation is apparent. Besides, no patriotic Canadian would easily maintain that the Government could be so inconstant as to first lawfully establish a privilege and then throw upon those who make use of it. If, therefore, the Catholics have a right to establish separate schools, why should they not make use of it? In conclusion, I may say: Catholics will continue to hear of separate schools. FR. FRANCIS SOLANUS.

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## DRESUEN

Feb. 27.—Miss Daisy Calville, the young daughter of Mr. Colville, who has been suffering with inflammation of the lungs, is slowly improving.

Class Shaw will give a fancy dress carnival on Friday night. This will be the best one of the season.

Miss Jean Macdonald will entertain a number of young lady friends this evening.

Robert Ogilvie, living near Irish's schoolhouse, died yesterday. He was suffering with pneumonia. The deceased was a well known and highly respected young man. He was also well known in Chatham, having for some time been in the employ of Western Bros.

## The Mutual Life Insurance Company's Business in 1899.

The Annual Reports of The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York are successive records of great achievements. Year after year a rapid growth is indicated; year after year its beneficial progress is made manifest establishing this institution as being not only the largest insurance company in the world.

The report for 1899 shows that during the year the assets were increased \$23,272,212 and the total sum now held by this institution for the security of its policyholders is \$301,844,537.52. The receipts for the year were \$58,890,777.21. The Mutual Life paid out \$251,711,888 to the credit of the reserve fund and other liabilities in accordance with the requirements of the New York Insurance Department has a contingent guarantee fund of \$47,922,548, in addition to the dividends to be apportioned this year.

In 1899 the claims paid arising from the death of policyholders amounted to \$15,029,979, and in addition to this the Company paid during the twelve months \$10,739,057 on account of endowments, dividends, etc. The general business of The Mutual Life in 1899, when compared with the results during the previous year, is highly satisfactory. The insurance in force December 31, 1899, amounted to \$971,711,997. On December 31, 1899, the business in force aggregated in amount \$1,052,665,211.

Thomas Merritt, Toronto, is the General Agent for Canada.

## KILLED AT LOS ANGELES.

The sad intelligence was received in Chatham yesterday of the death of Mr. Benj. Talbot, at Los Angeles, Cal., on the 17th of Feb. last. Mr. Talbot was engaged at work at the time of his death on a high scaffold and through some mishap was precipitated headlong to the sidewalk, death resulting almost instantaneously. The deceased left Chatham about ten years ago with his family, and took up his residence in the west. While living he was employed in the blacksmith shop in the rear of the Rutley house, and at the old Fleming Harvester works. He is survived by a widow, two daughters and four sons. Willard and James Talbot, of this city, are nephews. The funeral was largely attended and was under the auspices of the several orders of which he was a member.

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## MISMANAGEMENT. THE MARKETS LOCAL BRIEFS

It is Again Alleged In Connection With the Yukon.

Government Anxious to Stop Further Exposures in the Ballot Box Stuffing Cases.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—In the House yesterday there was an interesting discussion on the Yukon mismanagement. Sir Charles Tupper said that the principal source of complaint was the hydraulic regulations, which were wholly in the interest of the minister's favorites. When the Government had refused a judicial investigation into the administration of the Yukon last year he ventured to tell them then they would shortly have to appeal to a higher authority, namely, the people, when the fight for judgment and postmasterhood would not avail them. Well, an election had since been held in Manitoba, and Mr. Sifton again pronounced the issue to be "every vote polled against Greenway is a vote for Tupper. Neither he himself nor Hon. Hugh J. Macdonald found fault with the issue, and, although Mr. Sifton had pronounced every second man in Manitoba a place in the Yukon, every body knew what the result had been." The result ought to show Sir Wilfrid Laurier that Mr. Sifton was anything but a tower of strength to his Government.

Mr. Sifton replied, defending his regulations, and also defending the Yukon administration. He protested that all reserve claims which fell into the hands of the Government were now paid to highest bidder. He contended that high royalty was justifiable in view of the large expenditure in that country. Referring to Manitoba elections, Mr. Sifton said he would be in that Province when the next general election came, and would fight for himself and party.

Mr. Foster referred to common reports that the Government was not safe for parties injured to make public protest, as they would turn against them all the officials at whose mercy they were. The Government had refused a full and open investigation last year, and Mr. Foster's information was that under Ogilvie's management the condition of affairs was not much improved. Mr. Blair followed, arguing that the Yukon regulations were practically the same as those of British Columbia. Mr. Fraser, who has been in the Yukon, expressed the opinion that the royalty was too high, and Mr. Maxwell, a Government supporter, who has visited the Yukon, also expressed the opinion that the royalty should be reduced.

Sir Adolph Caron held that high royalty was retarding development. At ten o'clock the discussion ended.

## THE BALLOT STUFFING.

It has become evident that the Government will, if possible, choke off inquiry into the West Huron and Brockville ballot stuffing charges. When Mr. Borden first asked to have the papers and evidence sent back to the Privileges Committee to complete the investigation, he was headed off with the point that he must give regular notice of motion, and could not treat it as a privilege. He gave such notice at once, and it stands under February 14. Since then he was never allowed to make his motion till last night. When he rose to move it in the list of unopposed motions, Sir W. Laurier ordered it to stand, which means that he intends to oppose it. As it comes after several other controversial motions, and cannot come up except on private members' day, it can be kept back for weeks. On motion to adjourn, Mr. Borden said if the Government were as willing for this investigation as they professed to be last year, they would give the enquiry a chance. Sir W. Laurier, however, was unrelenting.

Orders for bookbinding should be left at The Planet office. It is surprising how nice a volume can be made of magazines, even though they are somewhat soiled from much handling. Books, magazines, or periodicals bound or rebound in any style at very reasonable prices.

## TORONTO GRAIN.

Toronto, Feb. 24.—Wheat—In Chicago wheat had a sharp drop. May sold 66 1/4, a decline of 1 1/2 c from Wednesday's close. Local prices were heavy. Quotations are as follows—Ontario, red and white, 61 1/4 to 65c, according to nearness to the mill, Western points; and 65 to 66c east; goose wheat, 71c, low freights to New York; spring, east, 66c, Manitoba, No. 1 hard, 78 1/2 c asked, North Bay; and at 79c asked g.i.t.

Flour—Steady to firm. Outside millers offer straight roller in buyers' bags, middle freights, at \$2.66 per bbl., and export agents bid \$2.55. Speculative brands, in wood, for local account, sell at around \$3.

Millfeed—Scarce. Bran is quoted at \$15.50 to \$16, and shorts at \$17 to \$18, at the mill door through Western Ontario.

Corn—Steady. No. 2 American yellow, quoted at 42c, track, Toronto; and mixed at 41c. Canadian corn, 41c, on track, Toronto. Offerings of Canadian corn light.

Pease—Prices have risen another cent. Car loads, 62 to 62 1/2 c, north and west, and 63 to 63 1/2 c east.

Barley—Rather firmer. Car lots of No. 2, middle freights, 42 1/2 c; and east at 43 1/2 c. Demand fair, but offerings are very light.

Rye—Firm. Car lots 51c west, and 52c east.

Oats—Higher. White oats, north and west 27 1/2 c; middle freights, 28c, and 28 1/2 c.

Buckwheat—Quiet. Offerings light. Car lots, outside, quoted at 49 to 50c.

## TORONTO DRESSED HOGS.

Toronto, Feb. 24.—No dressed hogs coming in on track, and street deliveries very light. Market is firm and high. Select weights, dressed hogs, car lots, on track, delivered, sell at \$6 to \$6.25, and \$5.75 for heavy; sows are 50c to \$1 off these prices. On the street, in farmers' loads, choice bring from \$6.50 to \$7, according to the quality.

## TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Toronto, Feb. 24.—The receipts at the western cattle yards totalled 45 loads, including 1,300 hogs, 250 sheep, and a few calves and milkers.

Stocks were in small supply, with a light enquiry; prices range from 3 to 3 1/2 c per lb.

Export bulls sold at from 3 3/4 to 4 1/4 c per lb.; light bulls are worth from 3 1/4 to 3 1/2 c per pound.

Good heavy feeders, scaling from 1,000 to 1,200 lbs., are worth from 3 1/2 to 4 c per lb.

The market for butcher cattle is hard to correctly reflect. Any good stuff will sell at from 3 3/4 to 4 c, and 4 1/4 c per lb., is paid for choice picked lots. But secondary and common stock makes up too large a proportion of the receipts, sells slowly at poor figures and depresses the cattle trade generally. As this kind of stuff when here has to sell for anything it will fetch, prices are hard to quote, but they range from 3c down to as low as 2 1/2 c for inferior stock. Medium cattle sells at from 3 1/8 to 3 5/8 c per pound.

At the close there were several loads of the poorer grades of butcher cattle left over.

Sheep are quoted at from 3 to 3 1/2 c per lb., and are a slow sale.

Lambs sell all the way from 4 to 5 1/4 c, with a few choice lots at 5 1/2 c. Bucks are worth 2 1/4 to 2 3/4 c per pound.

Lambs are wanted, if good, but there has been so much poor stuff coming in for the past week or so, which it has been difficult to dispose of.

There is also a steady demand for really good veal calves; the right kind will sell up to \$10 or \$12 each. Hogs are steady and unchanged. For prime hogs, scaling from 160 to 200 lbs., the top price is 5 1/4 c; light and fat hogs are bringing 4 5/8 c per lb.

Robert J. Bardette says that Evangelist McCrossen's book, "Love and Life," now on sale at Dingman's Book Store, is one of the finest religious story books he ever read. Bound in cloth, 25c.

Two rinks of Tilbury curlers arrived in the city this afternoon and are engaged in a contest with rinks skippered by W. G. Richards and Geo. Fielder.

Miss Grace Seelick is visiting Mrs. T. H. Forest, Windsor, and will probably accept a position in a wholesale millinery establishment in Detroit.

E. J. Forsythe will be musical director of the ceremonies in connection with the opening of the new I. O. O. F. Temple. Members of city choirs will make up the chorus for the occasion.

On Sunday evening, at the First Presbyterian Church, Miss Ada Ross gave an exquisite rendition of the contra-tenor solo, "O Jesus, Thou Art Standing," by Adam Geibel. The rendition was an exceedingly fine one.

Owing to the difficulty experienced in obtaining regulation uniforms for those who are to present the military features in the patriotic entertainment in the Zone Township Hall on Friday evening, it was found necessary to improvise uniforms for the occasion. A Sheldrick generously volunteered to cut out the jackets for the whole company. These will at once be made up to fit the several members so that there will positively be no disappointment in anything promised for the evening. Major Rankin's address upon the war is looked forward to with keen interest. The attendance promised to be so large that a gallery is being put up in the hall for the occasion.

## DEFEATED AGAIN.

Thamesville's curling club defeated the Chatham club by nine shots yesterday afternoon. The rinks were as follows:

CHATHAM Rink I.

J. Fleming, G. Higgins

D. A. Gray, J. Trudell

P. S. Coate, J. Hardy

J. P. Dunlop, sk—11 M. Trudell, sk—18

THAMESVILLE Rink II.

W. E. Merritt, A. Appleford

R. Pritchard, S. Sims

J. McCoig, F. C. Fleming

G. G. Taylor, sk—14 A. Davis, sk—21

Rink III.

D. A. Hutchinson, F. Laurence

W. D. Seelick, A. Sherman

W. T. Bray, D. Young

Dr. J. L. Bray, sk—19 A. Nichol, sk—14

## AT OSGOODS HALL.

Re Wooliver and others: School Trustees and Corporation of County of Kent, Aylesworth, Q.C., for the Municipal Council of the County of Kent, appealed from judgment of Honourable J. J. granting a mandamus to the Municipal Council of the County of Kent directing them to appoint arbitrators to hear the appeal to them against by-law number 315 of the Municipal Council of the Township of Chatham in the County of Kent, providing for the alteration of the boundaries of school sections numbers nine, twelve, and seventeen of the Township of Chatham. It was contended that under sections 28 and 29 of the Public Schools Act an imperative duty is not imposed upon the County Council. Its duty is to consider each particular and to appoint or refrain from appointing arbitrators, and having refused in this case exercised under the circumstances disclosed a wise discretion in so refusing. J. S. Fraser (Wallaceburg), for Wooliver and others, contra. Reserved.

## NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Public General Hospital Society will be held in the city council chamber, Harrison hall, on Tuesday, the 6th day of March next at four o'clock in the afternoon.

THOS. K. MACKEND, Secy.

Chatham, February 27th, 1900.

"There is no little enemy." Little impurities in the blood are sources of great danger and should be expelled by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Miscellaneous—Lumberman's Friend.











