

GUILTY YOUTH PAYS FOR HIS EXPERIENCE

Supports Supposed Friend for Seven Months Only to Be Swindled

(From Sunday's Daily) After accepting more promises for financial assistance which he extended to a fellow lodger for seven long months until he was no less than \$100 out of pocket...

Last Thursday Williams imparted the welcome news that the officials of the company would arrive from Vancouver when the money would be forthcoming...

The latter reported the matter to the police but finally decided that the best thing he could do was to grin and bear it and charge the \$190 up to his experience account.

VICTIM OF ACCIDENT AS LAID AT REST

Funeral of the Late George Kent Was Largely Attended

(From Sunday's Daily) St. Barnabas church was thronged to the very doors for the funeral of George Kent...

The pallbearers were: Messrs. F. E. Goodie, Wm. Hillier and Thomas Huzzey, employees of Mr. Arthur E. Kent...

During the service the choir chanted the 90th Psalm, and sang the favorite hymns, "Nearer My God to Thee," and "Jesus! Lover of My Soul."

THOUGHT UNCLE SAM LACKED GRATITUDE

Dramatic Suicide of Aquilla Chase, Cousin of Lincoln's Secretary

New York, March 26.—After carefully preparing a long obituary notice on the death of Aquilla Chase...

Mr. Chase was sixty years old. He had been ill and dependent for some time. In the papers he left for publication he spoke bitterly of the fact that he had been unable to obtain employment in the government service.

Chase was a lineal descendant of Benjamin White, the first white child born to the colony of Virginia who came to America in the Mayflower.

MESS DINNER PROVED AN ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

Fifth's Officers Entertain Permanent Corps Staff—Speeches Delivered

(From Sunday's Daily) On Friday evening the officers and ex-officers of the Fifth Regiment sat down to their second annual banquet at the Empress Hotel...

STANDEN VS. LAUDER

Nanaimo Athletic Club Talks of Matching Their Man With Champion

Nanaimo, March 27.—In Rod Standen, the local lightweight boxer, the Nanaimo Athletic club believe they have the perfect pugilistic game...

The toast of the evening was "The King" having been duly honored in regal fashion by the permanent corps...

ACTION OF GERMANY KEENLY CRITICISED

London Times Says It Caused Austria's Great War Preparations

London, March 27.—The Times in an editorial this morning contends that Germany by the display of the mallets, virtually compelled Russia to recognize the annexation by Austria-Hungary of Bosnia and Herzegovina...

LOOKS FOR MISSING SON

(From Saturday's Daily) Through Hon. J. H. Turner, agent-general for British Columbia, comes the news that a young man, who is believed to have been in the Yukon...

BRITISH SPORTING EVENTS SUMMARIZED

Football is Craze in Old Land—Jem Driscoll, Boxer, Welcomed

That the football craze in the Old Country is obtaining an ever firmer hold on the populace, that the approaching visit of South Africa's spirit champion to England is eagerly anticipated, and that Jem Driscoll, the celebrated British lightweight champion...

MISSOURI RAILWAY RATES

Jefferson City, Mo., March 27.—That there has been a failure of all the railroad officials here during the last two days, was apparent today at a meeting of the Missouri Railway Association...

AN AGITATION TO SAVE DAYLIGHT

Workingmen of Great Britain Aim to Gain Many Hours Per Year

London, March 27.—Few movements have spread so rapidly in short time as the agitation in favor of the Daylight Saving Bill...

SCHOONER ADRIFT

Small Nova Scotia Vessel Meets With Disaster in Storm on Bay of Fundy

St. John, March 26.—A telephone message from Chance Harbor, on the Bay of Fundy coast, says that a two-masted schooner, hailing from Yarmouth, N.S., was captured in a heavy gale...

EDMONTON POWER PLANT

Edmonton, March 26.—Good progress is being made upon the construction of the new intake at the power house. Two of the five lengths of pipe have already been placed in position...

HOLY WAR IN MOROCCO

Washington, March 27.—A holy war is being waged in Morocco. Reliable news reached here today says that Fez and the surrounding country, which had been in the hands of the Sultan's supporters in Fez...

NO EXPORTATION OF NATURAL GAS

Ottawa, March 26.—The exportation of natural gas will be prohibited after March 31st. Last year the only company holding a license to export gas was the Canadian Gas Company...

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THE OLD RELIABLE

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LAND ACT

Form of Notice

Coast Land District—District of New Westminster

PURE BRED LIVESTOCK

STANDARD BRED S. C. White Leghorn eggs for hatching, \$2 per 100, \$10 per 1000, \$20 per 10000...

WANTED—Persons to grow mushrooms

Persons to grow mushrooms in cellars, gardens or farm can be supplied with all the necessary material...

RAILWAYS AND Y. M. C. A.

New York, March 25.—The new home of the Young Men's Christian Association, built by the C. P. R. company, was formally turned over by the president White last night...

Body of Suicide Found

Vanouver, March 27.—The body of Antonio Rusich, an Austrian laborer, aged about 30 years, was found in some bushes at the foot of Heath Street...

More Trouble in France

Paris, March 27.—Owing to the fact that the government has threatened to prosecute the numbers of the communist newspaper, the strike of telegraphers and postmen for issuing a manifesto after terms of settlement had been arranged...

Took Her Own Life

Vincennes, Ind., March 27.—Mrs. Jessie Lee Culbertson, a young woman of mystery, was found dead in a room at the Hotel... She was found in a room at the Hotel...

HEAVY DAMAGES FOR AN INJURED ENGINEER

Plaintiff in Logging Suit Gets Verdict for Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars

(From Saturday's Daily) The plaintiff yesterday was awarded a verdict of \$2,500 in the case of Woodruff vs. Vipond, after the jury had been out for nearly three hours...

Contradictory accounts of the accident were given by the plaintiff and the defendant. The plaintiff's account was that the engine was struck by a log...

It was also argued that the defendant was negligent in not seeing to it that the engine was properly secured...

THE FULL COURT

Vancouver Cases Only to Be Heard Before the Easter Vacation

(From Saturday's Daily) As there will be but two working days between the convening of full court at Vancouver and the opening of the Easter vacation...

SHEARWATER BOUND

Sloop of War Calls at San Diego

San Diego, Calif., March 27.—The sloop of war Call, under command of Lieut. H. M. S. Shearwater, Capt. C. Ford, reached San Diego on Wednesday...

May Visit Victoria

It is probable that the member attending the annual convention of the American Institute of Banking will visit Victoria. The matter will be taken under consideration by local banking fraternity...

What is It?

D. H. Hallam, in the windows premises at 1809 Douglas street, exhibiting a curious obstacle which he picked up on the beach at Cow Bay. At first glance it would appear to be nothing more than the tail of a log which had been cut off by the water for a long time...

Leaves For Europe

Mr. G. H. Redfern is leaving tonight for Europe on the C.P.R. steamer. He is a member of the firm of Redfern & Sons. He is to be away about five months and will visit Victoria on his return. There is no doubt that his every step will be followed by the public. He will spend some time looking over the methods of the large business concerns in the United States which will prove very useful to him.

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Contrary accounts of the accident were given, but Woodruff's account, which was accepted by the jury...

It was also alleged that the donkey engine was on the chute when the chute was closed...

On the re-convening of the full court on April 19, the proceedings of business will be resumed...

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SHEARWATER BOUND NORTH

Sloop of War Calls at San Diego For Coal and Water From South America to Esquimaux

H. M. S. Shearwater, Capt. Crawford, reached Seattle yesterday...

ALBERNI SHIPMENTS

W. A. Ward Here Making Arrangements For Sailing Ship

(From Friday's Daily) W. A. Ward, of the General Agency Company, Vancouver, was in the city yesterday making arrangements...

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GOVERNMENT WILL NOT LIFT TIMBER RESERVE

Persistent Rumors of Impending Change Has No Foundation in Fact

(From Saturday's Daily) There is no truth in the rumor that the government is contemplating lifting the reserve now existing on any of the unalienated timber limits in this province...

SHARKS SWAM NEAR THEIR UPTURNED BOAT

Steward and Purser of the Steamer Georgia Had Trying Experience

(From Friday's Daily) Clinging to an upturned boat with sharks herding around waiting until their grasp loosened...

Speaking of the experience yesterday, Mr. Symonds said: "I was never so close to death as we were yesterday night when I came ashore and when I fought back to the boat and got a fright, although it rolled over and over..."

"We left the Georgia to go ashore when the steamer was anchored in the open roadstead about two miles off the city. There is a gap of several hundred yards between the two sides and when there is no sea a strong current runs when we set off..."

DEATH OF NONAGENARIAN

Late Thomas Wood Was Over Ninety Years Old

(From Sunday's Daily) The death of Mr. Thomas Wood, of the very advanced age of 91 years, took place yesterday morning...

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STRANGE SUICIDE OF SOCIETY WOMAN

Mrs. Pierre Lorillard, Jr. Takes Her Life by Inhaling Gas in Bathroom

Washington, March 25.—Weary of the gay whirl of society, and face to face, as she believed, with years of physical suffering, Mrs. Pierre Lorillard, Jr., aged 49, wife of the tobacco magnate, committed suicide by asphyxiation at her home...

JURY INVESTIGATES DEATH OF GEORGE KENT

Accident Was Caused By Explosion of Old Whaling Bomb

(From Friday's Daily) That George Kent came to his death on Wednesday from the effects of wounds caused by the explosion of a whaling bomb was the verdict rendered yesterday afternoon by the jury...

Dr. George Hall, who attended the late Mr. Kent, testified that the explosion had shattered the left knee cap, a piece of metal lodged in the knee joint. The muscles of the legs had been torn and pieces of metal were buried in the flesh...

Arthur Kent, manager of the Pacific Transfer company, and brother of the deceased, stated that at the time of the explosion he was absent from the office...

Mr. Taylor reached Revelstoke last Sunday night. During this time he inspected the work at the new bridge for which the contract was let during the session to Messrs. Gillette & Macdonald, of Nelson...

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EVERYDAY THINGS.

Many a man is ready to die for his country, but he is unwilling to take an ax and drive in a protruding nail in the sidewalk in front of his own premises.

We know a lot of people who are confident of the future of the British Empire; they are ready to bet that Canada may become a great nation, and sometimes they will sufficiently unbend to acknowledge that the Columbia is destined to be a great province.

Another way in which everyday citizenship can be demonstrated is by an exhibition of optimism. When the other day, before the engines had ceased playing, the crowd on the Broad street block, Mr. F. E. Pemberton made it known that he had given instructions for the preparation of the plans for a better building.

Males reverent aax nos moutons. Let us get back with our eyes to a mighty sight easier apparently to a for one's country than to live for it from day to day.

A STEP AT A TIME

A writer in one of the British papers is very happy over the prospect of colonial co-operation with the Navy because he sees in it reason to think that Imperial Federation is approaching.

ence. If we, influenced by these things, deal with imperial problems as they arise from day to day, we can safely trust those who follow us to complete the work.

GREAT SLAVE LAKE.

The return of Inspector Pelletier, of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, from his lone journey through the Barren Lands, has directed attention to that great body of fresh water known as Great Slave Lake.

NAVAL DEFENCE

The Toronto News devotes two columns of its first page to an article urging the Ottawa government to act promptly in the matter of extending the naval programme.

"How would the millions of Egypt and India, far under the iron heel of Germany? How would the millions of people fare were they deprived of the shelter afforded by British prestige?"

DEFERRED ELECTIONS.

The discussion in the House of Commons over Mr. Martin Burrell's resolution in favour of simultaneous elections through Canada was interesting.

fixed term for Parliament, but to this Mr. Smith objected. Mr. Congdon did not think that a duty resolution if acted on would help the case of the Yukon.

CANADA AND THE NAVY

The suggestion that Canada should build a Dreadnought and present it to the Royal Navy is quite distinct from the question of the naval defence of our own coasts.

The condition which dominates the situation is the rapid growth of the German navy. Granting the existence of the most friendly feeling on the part of the Continental power towards the United Kingdom, the interests of the British Empire demand that the navy should never be impaired.

when the whole question of Imperial defence will be before the House of Commons. Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be ready with an announcement of policy.

From the antipodes, from far off New Zealand and Australia, has come the word that their people are ready to share the burden of defence with their kinsmen in the British Isles.

THE CITY STREETS.

"Make a campaign for better roads in the city, said a Victorian to the Colonist yesterday."

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THE NEW PLANET

Two planets have been discovered outside that of Neptune. This is a startling announcement. Until now inhabitants of our planet know only of five others, namely, Mercury, Venus and Saturn.

Comparison with previous observations made by astronomers, one land, a famous French astronomer, showed that the planet, which was followed by the Solar System, had not been suspected. The distance of the planet from the Sun is 2,761,000,000 miles. The planet's orbit is so eccentric that it is about a billion miles more than Uranus.

When we come to consider the covered planets we have to deal with startling magnitudes. Consider the members of the Solar System, for instance, a billion and a half miles Sun, and the other is nearly a billion yet more remote.

Photography is able to detect stars which are not visible to the naked eye. The photograph of a star for a series of nights and on examination shows spots of light in their position, the inference is that planets or comets.

It is interesting to know that the newly discovered planets is sixty times as far away as the nearest quarter as far away as the nearest planet is only an approximation. It is a very distant world, the distance of the planet from the Sun is supposed to be the nearest of the supposed that around Alpha Centauri. The distance between them is as far away from that star of the Sun's known planets as planets representing different systems bridge half the distance between stars.

MINOS

Some of the weirdest of all ancient clusters around the name of Minos have been king of Crete and the other words the conviction is but particular set of myths, some of loathsome, but mention may be made of figures in them, and his name was the fact across the set of wings of his own construct led behind him a wonderful reptile.

"This civilization was as ancient as established as it was wonderful. The flint deposits found beneath it are of a date which is estimated to be 10,000 B.C., and from that time of the Minoan people can be seen.

"The Minoan civilization was a mean, and is most sharply distinguished that rises in Egypt or the East, also it is strikingly modern. The faces, some of the pottery, even ladies seem to belong to the modern world. In view of the inventions of the Minoan and their extraordinary need anything that Crete could produce, and must be due in part to which the ancient legends attribute to the view of the inventions of this civilization, for it was a time of Crete was such that it was the only one on the supposition that

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Two planets have been discovered whose orbits lie outside that of Neptune. This is a singularly interesting announcement. Until March 13, 1878 the inhabitants of our planet know only of the existence of five others, namely, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn. On that day Sir William Herschel discovered a planet, which he called Georgium Sidus in honor of the king, but it later became known by the name of its discoverer, until quite recently when it was called Uranus, after one of the heroes of Grecian mythology. For sixty years the existence of the planet outside the orbit of Uranus was unsuspected, but in 1841 astronomers reached the conclusion that there must be such a body, or the irregularities of the orbit of Uranus would be inexplicable. The story of the discovery of the more remote orb is one of the romances of science. Among the many astronomers who were giving attention to the matter were John Adams of Cambridge University and Urbain Leverrier of the Paris Observatory. These two observers carefully calculated the position in which the planet ought to be found, if there was one. Leverrier communicated his calculations to Dr. Galle of Berlin and asked him to search for the planet. On September 23, 1846, Dr. Galle found in the place indicated a star of the eighth magnitude not shown upon the star-map in his possession. He thought it was the supposed planet and a short series of observations proved this to be the case. Meanwhile Mr. Adams had sent his calculations to Professor Challis, who began a search with the Northumberland telescope. On August 4 he found the planet, but having no star-map was unable to distinguish it from other stars. On August 12 he again observed it, and was satisfied that he had made the hoped-for discovery, but having no star-map at hand, and not having leisure to map his own observations, he delayed announcing his discovery until Dr. Galle had been heard from. Therefore, though the first discovery was made by Professor Challis acting under direction from Mr. Adams, the honor is shared equally with Dr. Galle, who followed M.ons. Leverrier's instruction.

Comparison with previous observations and memoranda made by astronomers, one of them by Lalande, a famous French astronomer of the Eighteenth century, showed that the planet, which is now called Neptune had been seen, but the fact of its being a planet had not been suspected. The distance of Neptune from the Sun is 2,761,000,000 miles, that is the mean distance, the planet's orbit being elliptical it is sometimes nearer and sometimes further away. It is about a billion miles more remote from the Sun than Uranus.

When we come to consider the two newly discovered planets we have to deal with distances of startling magnitude considering that these orbs are members of the Solar System, for their nearest distance is a billion and a half miles further from the Sun, and the other is nearly a billion and a half miles yet more remote. In other words, the outermost known member of the Solar System is estimated to be 5,580,000,000 miles from the Sun, whose influence is its movements. Professor Galle, of Paris, made the new discoveries, has not yet given out report of his observations, at least no such report as has been made by Leverrier. Whether he was led to seek for the planets, as astronomers were who found Neptune, or if he was not, is a matter of conjecture. In the process of mapping the heavens now in progress it is almost certain that other planets will be discovered. Photography is able to detect stars which the human eye cannot find even with the most powerful telescopes. If photographs are taken of the same field for a series of nights and the positions of the stars are found to show points of light that have changed their position, the inference is that these points are planets or comets.

MINOS

Some of the weirdest of all ancient Grecian myths cluster around the name of Minos. He is said to have been king of Crete and the son of Jupiter. We are not acquainted with the details of his life, but a particular set of myths, some of which are very loathsome, but mention may be made of the fact that Daedalus figures in them, and his greatest claim to fame was that he flew across the Aegean Sea with a pair of wings of his own construction. These myths have left behind him a wonderful reputation as a builder. His greatest work is said to have been the Cretan Labyrinth, wherein was confined the monster, the Minotaur, a creature half bull and half man. Perseus, who was also a son of Jupiter, slew the Minotaur. He also slew the monster Medusa and has been rewarded by a place among the constellations. Until comparatively recent times the position has been regarded as the myth of Minos as a pure invention, although there was an attempt to explain it, as has been undertaken in the case of other myths, by assigning it a place among the fancies originating in sun-worship, but a writer in the London Times tells us that "the recent excavations in Crete have made it necessary to reconsider the whole scheme of Mediterranean history before the classical period." In other words the conviction is being forced upon investigators that mythology is only distorted history. The Times article describes conditions in Crete at a very remote period in these words:

"Although many questions are still undecided, it has been established beyond any doubt that during the rule of the Eighteenth Dynasty in Egypt when Thebes was at the height of its glory, Crete was the centre of a great empire whose trade and influence extended from the North Adriatic to Tell el Amarna and from Sicily to Syria. This civilization was as ancient and as firmly established as it was wonderful. The beginning of the flint deposits found beneath the Palace at Knossos is considered by Dr. Evans to date from at least 1800 B.C., and from that time onwards the development of the Minoan people can be traced continuously. "The Minoan civilization was essentially Mediterranean, and is most sharply distinguished from any that arose in Egypt or the East. In some respects also it strikingly modern. The many-storied palaces, some of the pottery, even the dresses of the ladies seem to belong to the modern rather than the ancient world. At the same time, the number of Minoan sites and their extraordinary richness far exceed anything that Crete could be expected to produce, and must be due in part to that sea-power which the ancient legends attributed to Minos." In view of the inventions of the present day the story that Daedalus, who lived during the height of this civilization, for it was a time when the glory of Crete was such that it was thought to be explained only on the supposition that the king of the land

was a son of the greatest of the deities, succeeded in flying his calculated to see his wonderland. All we are so far ahead of those days as we think we are. At one time it was said that there never was a King Minos, for no trace of such a monarch could be found. Now we know that there was a story of Daedalus and his wings was a subject of mirth, but it may be doubted if the Messrs. Wright or Mr. Douglas McCurdy will think it necessarily a fable. It was in those times that Mercury, the messenger of the gods, lived, whose speed was incredible that he could like Puck, "put a girdle around the world in forty minutes." Anyone can do it now if he can pay the cost of the telegram. Is the myth of Mercury a survival of a time when the mystery of the telegraph was a wonder?

The writer in the Times seems to be of the opinion that we will have to take Plato's half-told story of Atlantis a great deal more seriously than scholars have been inclined to. There never was any reason why the story should not be accepted. There is nothing at all improbable in the disappearance of an island with all its people and works of human skill beneath the waves of the sea. The known destruction of Cretean civilization, the fate of Atlantis and sundry other things of the same nature all point to the occurrence at a remote period of a great catastrophe, which well might blot out humanity. In a former series of articles printed on this page reference was made to the evidence going to show that such an event occurred some time before the dawn of what we call history.

THE FALL OF JERUSALEM

Titus, son and heir to the Emperor Vespasian, appeared before Jerusalem in the spring of A.D. 70, with a force which he hoped was sufficient to compel the immediate surrender of that city. For four years the Jewish capital had defied the army of Rome, and it seemed almost essential that it should be taken, the prestige of the emperor was to be maintained. Titus had 80,000 men under him, and the most efficient siege train which up to that time had ever been got together. He was aided by King Agrippa, who had thrown in his lot with the enemies of his nation, the Tiberius Alexander, and by Josephus. As the Passover drew near the Jews streamed by thousands into the Holy City, and the chief priests and elders summoned the Roman general to the city. He had abandoned the faith of his fathers and had become a proselyte to the Jews. He was anxious to pay the taxes imposed upon them. He was influenced in his feelings towards them by his own naturally kindly disposition and by his affection for a Jewish princess, Berenice, who, though she had abandoned the faith of her fathers and had become a proselyte to the Jews, yet was anxious that Jerusalem should not be destroyed. But the Jews had sworn to defend their city to the last, and the overtures of the Roman general were promptly rejected. The first collision between the Jews and the Romans was favorable to the besieged, for they surprised and completely defeated the famous Tenth Legion on the Mount of Olives; but this success did not delay the Roman advance, and the Jews were driven to the walls and the assault was begun. It had been expected that, during this festival, the Jews would not fight, but to his surprise they rushed from the city like demons, and fought with the fiercest of the Passover the battering rams were brought up to the walls and the assault was begun. It had been expected that, during this festival, the Jews would not fight, but to his surprise they rushed from the city like demons, and fought with the fiercest of the Passover the battering rams were brought up to the walls and the assault was begun. It had been expected that, during this festival, the Jews would not fight, but to his surprise they rushed from the city like demons, and fought with the fiercest of the Passover the battering rams were brought up to the walls and the assault was begun.

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After some three or four weeks provisions ran short in the city, in the streets of which lay thousands of unburied corpses. Deserters became numerous, but as they reached the Roman lines they were ruthlessly slain. A conspiracy arose, but it was promptly suppressed, and the conspirators were put to death. The Roman camp was attacked, but the Romans mean while had replaced their siege works at the Antonine Tower, and three weeks after the destruction of their former preparations attacked the wall with their battering rams. The wall fell with a terrible crash, and their amazement the Romans found that a second wall had been built by the besieged. They tried to carry this by assault, but were unsuccessful. Titus once more summoned the besieged to surrender, but met with a stern refusal, and the Jews retreated within the Temple, there to make their final stand. They then set fire to the beautiful wooden colonnade by which this holy place was approached, and sallied out amid the flames to attack the enemy. The sufferings of the people were intense. Anything that seemed likely to sustain life, no matter how revolting, was eagerly eaten, and at least one instance was observed where a woman had killed and eaten her own infant. Pestilence stalked abroad as the warm days of summer came on, until it seemed as if the remorseless foe, famine and disease the last stage of suffering had been reached. But still the Jews fought on. Hungry and sick, with death on every side of them, they rushed to the field against the foe with a courage that seemed superhuman. So intense was their fervor and valor that some Romans, believing that they must be invincible, deserted, and, accepting Judaism, fought grimly with the besieged until the end.

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in the Holy of Holies and offered sacrifices to their gods. The emperor ordered that what remained of the city should be destroyed. This was accomplished only after a prolonged resistance. Twenty-eight days elapsed from the destruction of the Temple to the capture of Zion, and the upper part was the scene of the fiercest days marked by the most stubborn resistance on the part of the Jews. The slaughter was terrible, the Zealots fighting, as they had sworn to do, until the last man fell. When he was in possession of this stronghold, Titus ordered the city to be levelled to the ground, and as the buildings had all been consumed by fire, nothing was left of the Jewish capital but smoldering ruins. During the siege fully a million lives were lost. There is no other story in all history like the Jewish independence shall with the destruction of the capital, but the Jewish people can take pride in the fact that no nation ever resisted a conqueror with greater valor or remained as faithful to the traditions of their race and the principles of their religious faith.

The Birth of the Nations
XI.
(N. de Bertrand Lugrin.)

THE NORTHMEN

I.—The Norwegians

This is one of the old sagas of the Norsemen's mythology, and tells of the beginning and end of the world and the life which is to come. In the dawn of time the world was peopled with gods and men, and the God omnipotent, unnamable, ruled the universe. Odin was the highest among the lesser gods. His hall was Valhalla, the heaven of dead warriors, his guardians were two wolves, his horse the swift sure-footed Sleipnir. Odin was the god of poetry and wisdom, Thor was the strongest of the gods, his weapon was a hammer. Ager was the ruler of the sea. There were countless other gods, and they lived in peace in Asgard, their dwelling-place in heaven, and man lived in peace upon the earth, until the Wotun woman came among the celestial beings and caused strife among them. There was constant warfare between the Yotun men who attacked Asgard and the inhabitants of the heavenly dwelling place. The wicked Loki, who is also a god, has three children, the Fenris-wolf, the Midgard serpent, and Hel. The gods bound the Fenris-wolf hand and foot, threw the serpent into the sea, and hurled Hel down to the nether world, where she became the ruler of the dead. "There will come a day when all the world will be ruled by the Fenris-wolf and the Midgard serpent shall leave the sea. All the gods, and the fallen heroes shall array themselves for battle, and Odin shall lead them against the hosts of evil. But not delay the Roman advance, and the Jews were driven to the walls and the assault was begun. It had been expected that, during this festival, the Jews would not fight, but to his surprise they rushed from the city like demons, and fought with the fiercest of the Passover the battering rams were brought up to the walls and the assault was begun. It had been expected that, during this festival, the Jews would not fight, but to his surprise they rushed from the city like demons, and fought with the fiercest of the Passover the battering rams were brought up to the walls and the assault was begun.

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WITH THE POETS

Condonation
Now that wise Time hath shown me I was wrong,
I to its stern arbitrament submit my wrong.
Long have I lived, but Time hath lived more long,
And many an eon more hath melted in
It hath seen princes crowned, and kings disowned,
Ere itsen ritual, desecrated fane,
Godesses scorned and demigods dethroned,
Hillocks of wounded, holocausts of slain
Entombing hatreds and nervous grave.
It hath condoned rebellion and wrong,
Embalmimg only memory of the brave,
Friends of Freedom and the sons of Song.
So whether I have ill or rightly striven,
Be all my faults forgotten and forgiven.
—Alfred Austin in The Independent.

Outlook
In the hushed midnight of the year,
To him who listens well
Shall come the sound of twain notes clear,
From Time's unfaing bell.
White-robed the priestly Winter stands
And reads the service then;
About him, with uplifted hands,
The trees breathe an Amen!

Then in the distance, soft and sweet,
Celestial voices sing
Arise, my Heart, and run to meet
The choristers of Spring!
—Frank Dempster Sherman, in Success Magazine.

Who Knows?
A caterpillar is a thing
All round and fat and fuzzy,
My mother says a butterfly
Was once like that—
Now was he?

My father says that, long ago,
When he was young and giddy,
He took the horrid caterbug
Up in his hand and said,
Now did he?

I'd like to hold a butterfly,
My sister says, "Well, silly,
Just put some salt right on his tail
And he'll stink as still!"
—Nancy Barnhart, in Smith College Monthly.

The Coming of Spring
Cast wide the folding doorways of the East
For now is light increased!
And the wind-besomed chambers of the air,
See they be garnished fair.

Spring has come home with her world-wandering feet,
And all things are made young with young desires;
And all for her is light increased,
In yellow stars and yellow daffodils.

O Earth, unchilded, widowed Earth, so long
Lifting in patient pine and ivy tree
Mourful belief and steadfast prophecy,
Behold how all things are made true!

Rejoice, O barren, and look forth abroad!
Your children gathered back to your embrace,
See with a mother's face
Reintegrated are the heavens and the earth!

A Little Bunch of Green
A voice beside the dim enchanted river,
Out of the twilight, where the brooding trees
Hear Shannon's druid waters chant forever,
Tale of dead kings, and Burds and Shanachies;
A girl's young voice out of the twilight singing
Old songs beside the legendary stream,
A girl's clear voice, for the wan waters ringing,
Beats with its wild wings at the Gates of Dream.

The flagger-leaves, whereon shy dewdrops glisten,
Are swaying, swaying gently to the sound,
The meadow-sweet and spearwort, as they listen,
Breathe the wistfully their pearl-balm around.
And there, alone, where the dawn is breaking
Thrush-like she sings and lets her voice go free,
Her soul, of all its hidden longings driven,
Soars on wild wings far from her wild melody.

Sweet in its plaintive Irish modulations,
From sky to sea, the old old sorrow seems,
The passionate cry of countless generations
Keenes in her breast as there she sings and dreams.
No more, sad voice, for now the dawn is breaking
Through the long night, through Ireland's night of tears,
New songs wake in the morn of her awaking
From the enchantment of nine hundred years!

Inter Nos
I did not know that Heaven was Heaven
Until by heart, touched mine,
I did not know that Love was Love
Until I drank of thine.

I did not know that Wrong was Wrong
Until I ruled thy soul;
That Weak was Weak and Strong was Strong
Until I paid the toll.

And now I know that Lost is Lost,
From sky to sea, the old old sorrow seems,
And now I know that Hell is Hell,
For I can feel its pain.
—John Randolph Sidman in Appleton's.

The Craftsman
Oh, let me carve what I can see
And brand my strand of song,
For when the darkness covers me
The night will be so long.
—Edward Lucas White in Smith's.

Twilight
Sweet Day, all weary and sleep-crested,
Unbanded her jewels and dainty array,
And Twilight came, so soft and still,
And hid them all away.
—Florence Calnon in Smith's.

Jasper's Song
Who goes down through the slim green willows,
So soon, so soon,
Dawn is hard on the heels of the moon,
But never a lily the day-star knows
Is white, so white as the one who goes
Armed and shod where the hyacinths darken.
Then hark, oh, harken!
And rouse the moths from the deep rosemallows,
Call the wild brood down from the fallows,
Gather the silk of the young sea-popples, the bloom of
the thistle, the bells of the foam,
Bind them all with a brown owl's feather,
Snare the winds in a golden net,
Chase the clouds from the gipsy's weather, and fol-
low, O follow the white spring home.

Who goes past with the wind that chilled us,
Late, so late?
Fortune leans on the farmer's gate,
Watching the red sun glow in the south,
With a plume in his cap and a rose at his mouth;
But oh, for the folks who were free and merry
There's never a sign of a red rose-berry.
But old earth's warm as the wine that filled us,
And the fox and the little gray mouse shall build us
Walls of the sweet green bloom of the cedar, a roof
of bracken, a curtain of whin,
One more rouse ere the bowd repose
Low in the dust of our lost red roses,
One more song ere the cold night closes, and welcome,
O welcome the dark death in.

—Marjorie L. C. Pickett, in Metropolitan Magazine.

THE STORY TELLER

"What is the matter with the service this after-
noon?" asked the angry manager of the telephone
exchange, "the town is in a tumult and every sub-
scriber has a complaint."
"It can't be avoided," explained the subordinate,
"the papers came out and said that a man
by the name of Smith had been injured in a trolley
wreck. As a result every Smith is telephoning every
other Smith to learn if the Smith who was struck
was his Smith."—Puck.

Some time ago Mr. Max Beerbohm succeeded
Mr. Bernard Shaw as dramatic critic of a well-known
English publication; apropos of which fact, the fol-
lowing amusing story has been told. The manager
said "Max" what salary "G. B. S." had received, and
ended by saying: "Of course, being comparatively in-
experienced, you can scarcely expect as much."
"Oh, yes, I shall," replied Mr. Beerbohm with one
of his genial smiles. "Indeed, I shall expect more."
You see, as Shaw knows the drama thoroughly it was
perfectly easy for him to write about it. Now, as I
know nothing about it, it will be awfully hard work.

Transparent
Dr. Blank, a professor in a certain university, was
on the eve of a trip to Europe, to be absent two
years. In pathetic and rather harrowing tones he
made his farewell address to his class.
"Yes, I am about to part with you. This is more
than distressing to me. Would that there was a
window in my breast, my dear boys, through which
you might see the innermost recesses of my heart."
A strapping in the rear, seized with a happy
thought, shouted:
"Professor, would a pane in the stomach do?"

Would Not Keep
Apropos of his name, Sir James Dewar tells an
amusing story of how, when in the Highlands of
Scotland one summer, he stopped at a farmhouse for
a cup of milk.

"What a superb place to live in," he remarked
to the farmer.
"Oh, aye," he answered, "it's a' right; but hoo wad
ye like to hae to walk a mile like a time ye
wanted a wee glass of whisky?"

"Why don't ye get a bottle and keep it in the
house?" Sir James suggested.
"The farmer, looking at his head sadly and said:
"Whisky won't keep."

The Dollar
"The editor of my paper," declared the newspaper
business manager to a little coterie of friends, "is a
peculiar genius. Why, would you believe it, when
he draws his weekly salary he keeps out only one
dollar for spending money and sends the rest to his
wife in Indianapolis!"

His listeners—with one exception, who sat silent
and reflective—gave vent to loud murmurs of wonder
and admiration.
"Now, it may sound thin," added the speaker,
"but it is true, nevertheless."
"Oh, I don't doubt it at all!" quickly rejoined
the quiet one. "I was only wondering what he does
with the dollar!"

Just the Big Poles
Charles Sumnerville, the ablest police reporter in
New York, is perhaps the most successful in his
business in appearance and manner as to fall in
impressing strangers with his quality, and this has
made him unexpected success in the newspaper
business. While making up German
bread crusts and fragments of food from the sad-
covered foot of a cafe, which Sumnerville was
lunching, he accidentally struck him on the heel with
the broom.

"Hey, there!" said Sumnerville, sharply. "What
are you trying to do—sweep me?"
"Nain, nain," answered the waiter, calmly. "Only
der big pieces I take."

Sure to Recover
Occasionally The Lancet tells good stories on the
doctors. Some of them would prove offensive if they
came from a mere newspaper. This one, however, is
very mild.
A patient with malignant disease of the throat
consulted a specialist. The surgeon, after a careful
examination of the larynx, the patient expressed a fear
that the operation was very dangerous.

"Oh, no," said the surgeon, "you are sure to re-
cover."
"But," said the patient, "I understood that the
operation was very serious indeed."
"Well, sir," said the surgeon, "my reason for saying
that you are sure to recover is this. The mortality is
nineteen out of twenty, and I've had nineteen deaths
already."

The Affirmative
A representative of a firm of household decora-
tors was one day called to the suburban home of an
eccentric man, who had a large and interesting fam-
ily, including a number of girls.
As the decorator went through the house for the
purpose of giving the estimate for redecoration de-
signed, his attention was caught by a legend, framed
and prominently displayed over the mantel in the
room of each girl, reading:

"Would you mind telling me what that means?"
asked the decorator, nodding to the legend, and ad-
dressing his question to the daughter who was acting
as guide.
"Oh," explained the girl, blushing, "that's one of
dad's ideas. There are eight of us girls, you know!"

Wireless Telegraphy
For forty-four years Charles Henderson at the
Savoy Theatre, London, has been one of that total he
has been a member of the famous Gilbert and Sullivan
orchestra. Mr. Henderson jocularly claims to be the
discoverer of wireless telegraphy. While Sir Arthur
Sullivan was conducting at a festival rehearsal on
one occasion he turned to Mr. Henderson and said:
"Stop that vibration, Henderson!"

"I knew it wasn't my arm vibrating," says Mr.
Henderson. "It's that big bass drum over there, Sir
Arthur!" And that proved to be the case. The big
drum had been left uncovered, with the consequence
that every time it hit my drum the other caught the
vibration and boomed in sympathy. It was wireless
telegraphy, although I didn't know it!"

No News There
A country correspondent for a Kentucky news-
paper once found himself in the mountains of that
State looking for items of interest to his journal.
"There ain't a bit of news," said one farmer. "All
down the way are too busy with their crops to think
of anything else."
"Fine crops this year, eh?" asked the corres-
pondent.

"Couldn't be better," asserted the farmer. "I
oughter to be in my field right now, an' I would be only
I came to town to see the coroner."
"The coroner?"
"Yes, he's wanted to hold an inquest on a couple
of fellers in our place."
"Accident?"
"I reckon not! Ran Morgan ain't doin' nuthin'
like that by accident! He shot Jim Jeffords an' his
brother Tom with two shots! Got to have an in-
quest, though!"

"What led to the fight?"
"There was no fight. Ran never gives the other
fellers any chance to make it a fight. Jes hid behind
a tree an' give it to em as they came along."
"Has Ran been arrested?"
"No, 'no, the case." Some of the Jeffords
people come along, burned down Ran's house, shot
him an' his wife, an' set fire to his barn. No, Ran
ain't been arrested. But I ain't got the time to stand
heab talkin' to you. Got to get back to my harvestin'.
But there ain't any news down our way. Ef anything
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Paris, March 20.—The police are having a great deal of trouble to suppress roulette in the so-called clubs in which many thousands of dollars have of late been fraudulently won and lost.

LUCKY MR. BROWN

If it had not been for "Fruit-a-tives," Mr. Lamuel Brown, of Avondale, N.B., would still be living on stale bread and porridge, and suffering tortures with indigestion.

His stomach was so weak that he had to give up all kinds of meats, potatoes and other vegetables, and even deny himself the comforts of a cup of tea.

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DISCUSS PLANS FOR PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN

Members of Victoria Development League Urge Necessity of Canvass

(From Friday's Daily.) A special meeting of the subscribers to the funds of the Victoria Development League was held yesterday afternoon in the board of trade rooms, the president, Simon Leiser, in the chair.

Mr. Wallace submitted some further particulars in reference to the project of advertising Victoria at the Seattle exhibition, through the medium of an acre of sweet peas, from which 40,000 blooms, making 8,000 bunches of five blooms each, would be distributed every day by three young ladies.

Mr. Leiser stated that in the correspondence which has passed, Mr. Richardson, of Portland, has mentioned a candidate, who in all probability will come up with Mr. Chapman to hold a public meeting in the Victoria theatre, or in some other suitable place, when addresses will be given by Mr. Chapman as well as by others.

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Praise for Victoria. "A most beautiful city and fine weather" are the written comments of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. D. Simpson, of San Francisco, who called on the Tourist Association's rooms yesterday.

Pleased with Victoria. Mr. John C. Turner, of Mount Forest, Ontario, is at present in the city, and is the guest of his uncle, Rev. Dr. Broadbent.

Miss Beauland Improving. An attack of pneumonia is said to have supervened in the case of Miss Dorothy Beauland, who was seriously ill some weeks ago, and as the supreme crisis in her illness was expected to occur yesterday, the feeling of suspense among the membership lists has promised to do so in due course.

There is much cause for gratification in the announcement that the threatened strike of the coal miners in the properties in British Columbia and Alberta has been averted.

WEALTHY AMERICANS WANT TIMBER LANDS Unlimited Capital Available for Exploitation Island's Natural Resources

"We are authorized to announce that there is unlimited American capital available for the exploitation of the timber resources of Vancouver Island." So stated E. Lyons, a prominent financier of New York, who in company with his partner, W. R. Welsh, is visiting the west.

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DEAL INVOLVING MILLIONS CONCLUDED

Michigan Lumber Co. Purchases Immense Area of Island Timber

The Jordan Lumber company and its timber holdings, comprising 32,892 acres and representing about 38,000,000 feet of lumber, has passed into the hands of the Michigan Pacific Lumber company, a corporation composed of the wealthiest Americans of that and other States.

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COAL MINE CONFERENCE

Miners and Operators in Alberta Field Reach Agreement Likely to Be Satisfactory

Macleod, Alta., March 25.—The conference of the mine operators and miners closed this afternoon. An agreement was unanimously agreed upon by the miners' committee, and an adjournment was made to allow the said agreement to be presented to the respective unions.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND Politics Lively in Little Province—Communication With Mainland Again Cut Off

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Subscribe for The Colonist

EASTER IS NOW NEAR AT HAND

Everybody wants something new for Easter, the season that always marks the discarding of the winter apparel and the adoption of the Spring Apparel. As the time intervening between now and Easter is growing short, any wearables that you intend to have should be selected now. At the last minute you may not be able to procure just the things that you want, but now you have ample time to select and the best possible assortment to choose from.

Dresses for Evening Wear Will Be Wanted Soon

After the Lenten season comes the revival of social festivities of all kinds. New dresses for evening wear will be greatly in demand. In addition to the evening dresses of the regular sort—of which we have a splendid selection—we have lately opened a fine assortment of handsome Princess and Empire dresses, that are decidedly dressy and useful.

These dresses are the one-piece sort, and are made of nets and silks. There can be no question about the vogue of the net dress, and as the warm weather approaches the popularity of the silk garment will increase. These dresses are dainty, dressy, smart creations, and are sure to please you. These are a few of the styles:

PRINCESS DRESS—Made of white Brussels net. Waist part made with rows of tucks going across front, and rows of pretty Persian trimming and fine insertion. Panel of fine tucks four inches wide, edged with Persian trimming, goes down front to bottom of skirt. Long sleeves, with rows of tucks and insertion going round. Skirt part has three deep tucks around bottom, and fine tucks over hips. Waist lined with silk and silk drop skirt. Price **\$19.75**

PRINCESS DRESS—Made of taupe, brown and black taffeta silk. Waist part trimmed with straps of self and tucks and covered buttons. Long, tight sleeves. Skirt part plain with panel down front, trimmed with silk covered buttons. Price **\$21.00**

HANDSOME DRESS—Made Princess and Empire style, of good black taffeta. The waist part has a yoke of black silk lace, wide tucks over shoulder and down back. Long sleeves trimmed with covered buttons and silk braid, row of covered buttons goes from the bottom of yoke down the front of skirt, which is made of the new polonaise effect. Price is **\$30.00**



PRETTY DRESS—Made Princess and Empire style, of ecru embroidered lace. Waist part trimmed with rows of Oriental and Val. lace. Long sleeves with vertical rows of insertion. Skirt part has wide front panel of tucks and insertions and rows of insertion going round. Waist lined with silk, and silk drop skirt. Price **\$40.00**

Your Easter Suit is Here for You

During the last few days we have opened many new costumes, supplementary styles that reflect fashion's very latest dictates. We are now in a position to show you a handsome collection of the very finest costume novelties. We wish to impress upon you the fact that our costumes are exclusive. We buy only from the very best tailors, and only on the condition that the styles are confined to us.

Our costumes have that smartness and finish that appeals to the woman that wants a perfect garment. Our prices are the very lowest consistent with quality.

COSTUME, made of handsome fancy worsted, in a pretty shade of grey, with colored stripe. The coat is 36 inches long, semi-fitted back, roll collar. The sleeves and the rest of the coat are finished with covered buttons, lined throughout with silk. Skirt plain Directoire style with row of buttons from waist to bottom of skirt. Price **\$45.00**

COSTUME, made of serge in beautiful shades of reseda, mauve, rose, also cream. Coat is forty inches long, full Directoire cut, having the long lines now so popular, collar and cuffs of silk, edged with fancy braid, lined throughout with silk faced with fancy trimming. Skirt is pleated style, having a cluster of three pleats at each seam. Price **\$90.00**

COSTUME, made of reseda green, self striped panama. Coat has semi-fitted back open in the centre with rows of buttons, patch pockets trimmed with buttons, roll collar and cuffs inlaid with black satin, lined throughout with silk. Plain skirt with cluster of pleats and buttons on front. Price **\$37.50**



COSTUME, made of self striped panama in peacock. Coat is cut graduating in length from 30 inches long in front to 40 inches in the back, the back being finished with buttons, shawl collar inlaid with black satin, lined throughout with silk. Skirt cut plain with centre panel trimmed with buttons and braid. Price **\$47.50**

COSTUME, made of pretty fawn and cream striped worsted. Coat is 40 inches long, with semi-fitted back finished with four rows of covered buttons, roll collar and cuffs, inlaid with bronze green satin, lined throughout with silk. Skirt is plain gored style. Price **\$45.00**

Costumes at \$19.75

At this price we have about twenty-five suits, made up of very pretty materials, in all the new colorings. In style these garments are absolutely correct, and they are well made. These costumes are ordinarily worth \$30.00 and \$35.00, but they were bought at a special price, enabling us to offer these suits at the special price of **\$19.75**

Novelty Silk Scarves and Squares

The most novel things for neck are the new Silk Scarves and Squares. They are very smart and entirely different from anything that has been used for years. The squares are also splendidly suited for evening wear, making an admirable head-covering.

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NEW SCARFS—In Paisley Pine pattern, with self cold edges. Could be used for hat drapes, 2 yards long. Price **\$1.50**

SILK SCARFS—Of crepe de chine, chiffon, ninon de soie and fancy jacquard. \$2.00 and **\$2.50**

SILK SASHES—In rose, new blue and mauve, with chenille and gold tassels, \$10.50 and **\$13.50**

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EXTRA HEAVY BED LOUNGES—In English tapestry, extra large size with double springs and 54 inch drawer. Spencer's Price **\$19.00**

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This popular shoe has been vastly improved by a neat strap design, which positively does away with the old trouble of slipping at the heel, adds to the appearance, and the fit is perfect. We have a great range of these new pumps, made on new forms, of new leathers and in new colors.

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TAN RUSSIAN CALF ANKLE STRAP PUMP SHOES—Light, flexible soles, Cuban heels, tan leather bows **\$3.00**

A similar line to above, in Black Patent Colt, with ribbon tie effect **\$3.50**

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OYSTER GREY SWEDE CALF PUMP—Hand turned soles, grey Cuban heels **\$5.50**

BLACK PATENT COLT—With white kid strap and trimming, Cuban heels, turn soles **\$5.50**

New Designs in Brussels Carpet

The finest and best range of designs and colorings we have ever shown. The quality speaks for itself. We have just opened up this large assortment and can therefore assure you the designs and colorings are the very newest. We are not going to attempt to describe the many different designs, but we are making Monday a special day in the Brussels Section of our Carpet Department, so would ask you to visit the Carpet Department on Monday, or at your earliest opportunity, and let our salesmen show you these new carpets.

The Best Time to Select Your

EASTER HAT

Is Now



Don't wait until the last minute when the milliners will be rushed, select your hat now, the assortment is broad enough to please you no matter how hard you are to suit, and this season's styles are so varied that you will have no trouble getting a hat that is correct and at the same time becoming.

Our millinery showroom is a vertible garden these days; flowers, the season's strongest favorite for trimmings, are there in profusion and combined with the pretty colorings of the hats make the showroom particularly inviting. When you come you will find hats to suit all purses, and all tastes, our assortment was never so complete as now. You will find that a visit to our showrooms will be pleasant and profitable.

Fancy Parasols Will Be Popular This Year

Indications point to this season being the greatest season for parasols that there has been for some time. Fancy parasols of all kinds will be greatly used, and parasols to match the suits worn are absolutely correct.

For present use silk parasol the shade of the suit worn will be used, for later wear white ones for white suits, pongee shades for suits of the same color, and all sorts of fancy effects to use with summer dresses. A few suggestions—

FANCY PARASOLS—A beautiful assortment of sunshades, made of silk applique and chiffon, all dainty, desirable shades, and finished with frills. Priced at \$6.75 and **\$9.75**

FANCY PRINTED BATISTE PARASOLS—With spot, stripe and ring designs **\$7.50**

LAWN PARASOLS—In sky, pink, Nile, pongee cream and white, cane handles **\$1.00**

LAWN PARASOLS—With fancy striped borders, in pink, mauve, sky and pongee **\$1.50**

SELF-COLORED PARASOLS—With silk mixture cover, in shades of Alice, tan, brown, electric, royal green, sky, emerald and navy blue, with natural wood handles **\$1.50**

SILK PARASOLS—With pretty stripe and check effect and satin border **\$2.00**

SILK PARASOLS—In pongee, with floral design border, and tan and navy, with fancy striped borders **\$2.50**

SILK PARASOLS—In newest stripe and fancy borders, with patent frame—in all colors—\$2.75, \$3.00 **\$3.50**

WHITE LAWN PARASOLS—With lace and Swiss insertion and double row tucks, non-rusting frame, natural wood handles **\$1.75**

WHITE SILK PARASOLS—In Jap taffeta and Glace silk, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$3.75 and **\$4.50**

PONGEE PARASOLS—In lawn and silk, with pretty mounted natural handles, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 and **\$3.75**

Children's Parasols

CHILDREN'S PARASOLS—In printed batiste covers, 25c, 50c, 75c and **\$1.00**

CHILDREN'S PARASOLS—In self colors of mercerized satens, in all shades, 50c, 75c and **\$1.00**

CHILDREN'S AND MISSES' SILK PARASOLS—Some with frilled edges. \$1.50, \$2.00 **\$2.25**

Black Parasols

BLACK SILK PARASOLS—With silk braid applique and silk embroidery **\$3.50**

BLACK SILK PARASOLS—With satin stripe and checks **\$2.00**

BLACK MOIRE ANTIQUE PARASOLS—Beautiful quality silk, with crook handles. \$3.50, \$4.50, **\$5.75**

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To mould your figure to correct lines you must have the proper corset. An expert fitter is also here.

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London Chronicle
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London, April 1.—Despatch parts of the Empire detailing the increase of the efficiency of the colonies, although there appears as to the method which, in the producing the result aimed at. At first despatches received of Dreadnoughts to the effective method of dealing with Germany's ambitious governments both of the Dominion opinion that they can best be housed in order by providing and commerce.

New Zealand has made a good has been welcomed with gratification but the Chronicle (the leading spatch from Melbourne, which a Dreadnought by the Australian Federal premier, Mr. Fisher, offer on behalf of the Federate governments are themselves of the States of Victoria and New such a contribution, while the correspondent of the Standard event of the other states not in Wales and Victoria will give as foreshadowed in earlier despatches. The Chronicle today prints the remainder of his life in the arise, to impress upon his fellow the unassailable position of the seem of the opinion that Canadian campaign along these lines. The Standard editorially the creation of a Canadian navy Britain and the Empire than powers.

BRITISH COLONIES

Premier McBride believes give any assistance possible. The action should be taken by the individual provinces, he believes. In response to a query from the following telegram upon

Toronto Star, Toronto, Ont. As states occupy more in Commonwealth than given Dominion as a whole should be to the Mother Country in ish Columbia will cordially and end by Ottawa.

TEXT OF THE GERMAN NAVAL PROGRAM

Berlin, April 1.—The German programme provides that between 1911 and 1917 fifteen battleships shall be built, additional to those now on list—three in each of the years 1910, 1911, and 1912, and one in each of six subsequent years; also nine battleships (one each year), eight smaller cruisers, and eighteen divisions of destroyers.

The object in view is to complete the intended establishment of this eight battleships, twenty battleships, thirty-eight small cruisers and 144 destroyers. Of the battleships, the Schleswig-Holstein and Schlesien, which are Dreadnoughts, were completed respectively on September 21 and 12. The Nassau and Westfalen, Dreadnoughts, were laid down in the spring of 1907, and were launched severally at the Imperial yard, Wilhelmshaven, and the Weser yard, Bremen, in March and July 1908. There was a mishap with the first of the but she is being pushed on energetically, and is expected to be completed by the intended date, which is the close of the present year. Rheinland and Posen were begun the summer of 1907, were launched September and December 1908 at the Vulkan yard, Stettin, and the Germania yard, Kiel, both of which establishments, in a return made by German shipbuilders to Count Sevastopoul, declared their ability to build ships