

RUMOR OF A FRESH REVERSE TO THE RUSSIANS EIGHT VESSELS WERE SUNK AND TEN CAPTURED

Blowing Up of the Russian Cruiser Boyarin Is Verified at St. Petersburg—All Her Officers and a Crew of 187 Believed to Have Perished.

BRITISH GUNBOAT THREATENED BY RUSSIAN SOLDIERS AT YING KOW

New Japanese Cruisers Purchased From Argentine Arrive Safely at Yokohama—A Big Battle Reported as Raging On the Northern Banks of the Yalu—Mikado's Troops Likely to Attempt a Landing Near Dalny—The Foxton Hall Burned.

London, Tuesday, Feb. 16. — The dispatches from the far east contain numerous unconfirmed and conflicting rumors, among them a report of another engagement at Port Arthur, in which the Russians lost eight vessels sunk and ten captured.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16. — The report circulated here today that the Russian cruiser Boyarin was blown up last Saturday and that all her officers and crew, 197 in number, were lost is confirmed from a private source.

The Boyarin was 348 feet long, 41 feet beam and 16 feet draught. She was of 3,200 tons displacement and her trial speed was 25 knots. Her armament consisted of six 4.7 inch guns, eight 1.8 inch guns, two 3.4 inch and three machine guns. She was also fitted with six torpedo tubes. The Boyarin was last reported as having taken part in the engagement of Feb. 9 at Port Arthur.

THREATENED THE BRITISH.

Ying Kow, Monday, Feb. 15. — Threatening demonstrations have been made against the British gunboat Espiegle and the United States gunboat Helena by Russian soldiers, whose assaults upon and depredations against other foreigner continues. The civil administration is making every effort to arrest the offenders and has assured Captains Barton and Sawyer and Consul Miller that full reparation will be made.

The Eleventh Siberian Regiment paraded at New Chwang today in full strength.

The Russian authorities deny the report of loss of Russian vessels near Wei Hai Wei.

It is stated here that Japan will wait indefinitely to land troops in Manchuria, as she considers that the control of the seas obtained by Japan nullifies to a great extent Russian interests in the Far East.

A BATTLE RAGING.

A Paris dispatch says that news from a Russian source states that a battle between the Russian and Japanese forces is now being fought on the northern bank of the Yalu River, where the Russian land forces are concentrated.

A dispatch to the Paris Eclair from St. Petersburg says it is affirmed there that after the bombardment of Hakodate (which has not been officially corroborated), the four Russian cruisers which took part in the engagement were driven back to Vladivostok by a storm.

NEAR PORT DALNY.

Cablegrams to the Daily Mail from Wei Hai Wei and New Chwang report a Japanese fleet, with transports, cruising in the Gulf of Korea, and apparently with the idea of effecting a landing near Port Dalny.

NEW CRUISERS ARE SAFE.

Yokohama, Feb. 16. — The cruiser Nishin arrived safely at Yokohama at 6 o'clock this morning. The cruiser Kasuga at 11 o'clock.

These two vessels, recently purchased from the Argentine Republic, all increase materially the preponderance of the Japanese naval strength.

THE FOXTON HALL BURNED.

In connection with the rumors of another bombardment at Port Arthur, the owners of the British steamer Foxton Hall, which was detained by the Russians at Port Arthur, have received news that she has been destroyed by fire.

A RUSSIAN FLEET.

A Port Said dispatch says: The Russian battleship Oslabya, the volunteer fleet transport Saratoff, and four torpedo boats, including the Jemel Zupik in the Red Sea, 90 miles from Babel-el-Mandeb, and the volunteer fleet transport Smoleusk and other destroyers are at Doodalus, or Abdul Khessan, on the Red Sea, 350 miles south of Suez.

JAPANESE LOSSES.

A correspondent of the Daily Mail who witnessed the engagement off Port Arthur, confirms previous accounts of the fight, and asserts again that one Japanese torpedo boat was sunk and another deserted by its crew in a sinking condition. It was subsequently captured by the Russians. He says also that the Japanese lost one battleship, and had one cruiser put out of action, and the colonel of the Fifth Russian Regiment was killed by a shell during the bombardment.

In a dispatch from Tokyo dated Feb. 12, a correspondent of the Times urges the British Government to avail itself of the present unique opportunity of studying the developments of

an immense military enterprise. The correspondent says also that the Russian Vladivostok squadron is still to the eastward of Passaru Strait, the eastern exit being guarded by torpedo-boats. The total of the credit notes in circulation Feb. 11 was 680,000,000 roubles.

ISSUE OF CREDIT NOTES.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16. — An issue of 50,000,000 roubles credit notes, secured by gold, was made Feb. 13. The comparatively small influx of circulating credit notes into the treasury and the Imperial Bank, and the increased withdrawals for the Far East are assigned as the reasons for this operation. The total of the credit notes in circulation Feb. 11 was 680,000,000 roubles.

JAPS AND GERMANS.

Latter Say Their Cruiser Hansa Was Fired Upon.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16. — A semi-official telegram dated from the headquarters of the Viceroy at Port Arthur says the German cruiser Hansa, which had been sent to remove German subjects from Port Arthur and which had on board also a number of Russian women and children, had been fired upon by Japanese warships.

The telegram reiterates the statement that three Japanese torpedo boats were sunk in a night attack on Port Arthur.

All was quiet on Feb. 13 within the sphere of the war operations.

A WAR LOAN.

Paris, Feb. 16. — The correspondent Tokio of the Paris Eclair says that the subscription to the war loan will close March 10. The Empress of Japan, he continues, presented a splendid gift to Emperor De Rosen, wife of the last Russian minister before her departure from Tokio.

HARD CAMPAIGNING.

Great Difficulty in Provisioning Czar's Army in Far East.

New York, Feb. 16. — According to a dispatch from Russia, says the Times, the provisioning of the army in the far east is causing great anxiety, as nothing can be obtained there in the winter nor even forage for the horses.

Even were the railway in perfect order it would not suffice to carry the food for from 150,000 to 180,000 men. The Russian soldiers bear hardship better than European troops, and the Siberian forces are even harder than the rest of the Russian army, but in St. Petersburg it is well known that the Siberian forces are below European armies in tactics, rapidity of movement and marksmanship.

HE BLAMES ALEXIEFF.

M. Kurino Says It Was Viceroy's Acts That Caused War.

New York, Feb. 16. — Neither side wanted war, according to Mr. Kurino, former minister to Russia, in a cable to the Herald. Mr. Kurino is quoted as giving out an interview in Berlin to this effect: "When hostilities were at last opened," declared Mr. Kurino, "it was directly due to the action of Admiral Alexieff. By his ostentatious preparations for war he rendered war inevitable."

Mr. Kurino affirmed that the viceroy never delivered the last note to the Japanese Government. Mr. Kurino said he had not the slightest information as to what the note contained. "As to the duration of the war," said Mr. Kurino, "that is a matter of which I know nothing. The military experts alone can settle that point."

In conclusion Mr. Kurino expressed the strong conviction that France would not interfere in the conflict. "But if she does," he added, "land and sea will be depended upon to stand by the Japanese."

RUSSIAN MINISTER DEPRESSED.

Scenes at Departure of the Legation From Seoul.

Seoul, Feb. 16. — The Russian minister and all the resident Russians left this city on Friday last, the 12th inst., on a special Japanese train. Upon its arrival at Chemulpo it immediately went to the jetty between Japanese lines of soldiers. The Russian minister bowed to the westerners present, but not to the Japanese, boarding a launch in attendance with 100 Russian soldiers. On board the minister appeared very much depressed, and his wife wept. The party went on board the French cruiser Pascal, which sailed for Che Foo this morning at 10 o'clock. She had in all 700 Russians on board.

A THOUSAND REFUGEES.

Hamburg, Feb. 16. — The Hamburg-American line steamer Batavia has embarked over 1,000 refugees at Vladivostok. She will land them at Moji, Japan, or Kiao Chou, the German concession on the Shantung Peninsula, China.

60,000 TROOPS AT IRKUTSK.

Russian Fleet Is Moving in Direction of Southern Japan.

New York, Feb. 16. — The arrival is reported of 60,000 Russian troops at Irkutsk, says a Herald dispatch from Port Arthur by way of Che Foo. They are now being supplied from Siberia.

Manchurian trains are now running regularly, bringing supplies from Siberia.

Admiral Alexieff, Viceroy of the Far East, is still making his headquarters at Mukden.

The telegram reiterates the statement in the direction of Korea or Southern Japan with the intention of bombarding the nearest port, causing a diversion in favor of Port Arthur.

A TURKISH TRADE.

Constantinople, Feb. 16. — An article has been issued commanding the Turkish press to refrain from publishing comments unfavorable to Russia during the war.

JAPS SEIZE A CARGO.

San Francisco, Feb. 16. — Cable advice has been received by the California Fruit Cannery Association that their shipment of canned goods, shipped on the steamer Coyote a month ago, and consigned to Port Arthur, had been seized by the Japanese Government at Nagsasaki. As shipments consigned to neutral ports are not subject to seizure.



MARCUS A. HANNA, United States Senator from Ohio. Who Died Yesterday at Washington.

ALEX. STUART, K.C., DECLINES

Will Not Accept Solicitorship of the Ontario Treasury.

Mr. Alex. Stuart, K. C., of this city, announced today that he would not accept the position of solicitor of the Ontario Treasury, made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Frank Ford, and which was offered him by Hon. George W. Ross.

Mr. Stuart has notified the Premier of his intention to remain in London. There are said to be a number of applicants for the position.

VAN HORNE IN IT

American Company Gets Control of Guatemala Railway.

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 16. — Robert H. Van Horn, manager of the United Fruit Company at Belize, British Honduras, who is in Mobile, says that an American company, including Sir William Van Horne, of the C. P. R.; Minor C. Keith, of the United Fruit Company, and other capitalists and railroad men, have acquired the Guatemala Railway, running from Port Barrios, 135 miles inland. The new company binds itself to extend the road 65 miles.

RUSSIA AGREEABLE TO HAY'S PLANS

Considers the Limiting of War Operations Practicable.

CARNIVAL AT ST. PETERSBURG

Merrymaking Season Opens at the Russian Capital, but True Carnival Spirit Is Lacking.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16. — Information has been obtained at the foreign office that Secretary Hay's proposition to limit the area of war operations, is considered "practicable," and that a response will soon be forthcoming. Viceroy Alexieff is being consulted regarding the matter, and the authorities are doubtless awaiting an indication as to how the proposition will be received by Japan.

The sympathetic reception given by the powers to Mr. Hay's note, and the representations the powers have made here have undoubtedly had a good effect upon official opinion, and the Russian Government shows a more friendly spirit toward the direct representations made by the United States.

Carnival week, usually the gayest of the year in Russia, opened yesterday, but, under the shadow of the war, the merry king was only a ghost of that of former years. In St. Petersburg all the festivities, including balls, public and private social functions and fashionable weddings, planned months in advance, have been abandoned. Business, however, is as usual, suspended only by the thoughts of the war.

Thousands of little Finnish sleighs, with tinkling bells, which for this week are allowed to compete with the regular drovsky drivers, which people through the snow-covered streets at cut prices, although their occupants evidently are not possessed by the true carnival spirit.

The rush of crowds to buy extra editions of the newspapers, the intense activity at the war and marine ministries and the thoughts of the war, are instead of the customary festivities the theater gave double performances for the benefit of the Red Cross.

Last night the artists' ball, one of the biggest events of the social season, which it was intended to abandon, was held in a hall, the artists representing the company of Bonares. The artists were attired in the garb of Hircos. The object was to swell the Red Cross Society's funds.

PERMANENT CAMPS

Fifty Square Miles Will Be Required By Militia Department.

Toronto, Feb. 16. — Col. Biggar, transportation agent, of Ottawa, is conferring with the Ontario Government concerning the establishment of permanent camps. Fifty square miles will be required by the militia department. This cannot be obtained west of Toronto. It is stated that the land can be obtained between Toronto and Montreal, within easy reach of the C. P. R.

ACETYLENE GAS WRECKS HOUSE

Disastrous Explosion at Bridgen Ont.—Dr. Seager's Residence Ruined—Narrow Escapes.

Bridgen, Ont., Feb. 16. — The brick residence of Dr. F. R. Seager here was wrecked by the acetylene gas plant blowing up about 10 o'clock this morning. Fire quickly started and consumed everything. Dr. Seager escaped by jumping from an upstairs window. Mrs. Seager and daughter, Blanche, escaped, being slightly burned. The walls over the gas machine were torn away from the ground to the roof, and the large frame kitchen adjoining the main building completely collapsed. Within 45 minutes from the time of the explosion the fine residence was completely ruined, and only part of the brick walls now stand.

BRITISH SCHOONER LOST

Scotia Queen From Nova Scotia Lost on Atlantic Coast.

Nantucket, Mass., Feb. 16. — Nothing could be seen today of the British schooner Scotia Queen, which struck on Tucker's Shoals last night, and it is feared that the vessel was lost during the heavy northwest gale with all hands.

The Scotia Queen was bound from River Herbert, N. S., for Berwick, with a cargo of lumber.

NO ONE TO BLAME

Stratford, Ont., Feb. 16. — "We find, by the evidence adduced, that Lorna Gibson came to her death by peritonitis, and attach no blame to any one." Such was the verdict arrived at by the coroner's jury who inquired into the death of the late Mrs. Gibson, who was supposed to have died without a doctor, owing to Christian Science beliefs. It was shown by the evidence that deceased did not wish a physician's help.

MORE BRITISH TROOPS COMING

Seven Regiments May Be Quartered in Canada During Far East War.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 16. — The British Government is making inquiries concerning facilities for quartering in Canada seven regiments of troops, in addition to those already here, during the war in the east.

It is proposed to send two regiments to this city, two to Esquimaux, B. C., and one each to Quebec, Montreal and Toronto.

It is understood in military circles here that the Government wishes to station troops at these points in order to have them nearer the scene of hostilities between Japan and Russia in case complications involving British interests should develop.

While the Government has forces in India, it is said that it would not move them because of the danger that soldiers of Afghanistan or Tibet would cross the Indian frontier and become a serious menace.

PANTRYMAN KILLED

North Bay, Ont., Feb. 16. — A boy named Wright, pantryman on the C. P. R. diner Versailles, was killed while attempting to get on the car at a closed vestibule door, 15 miles east of North Bay.

FELL THIRTEEN STORIES

New York, Feb. 16. — Three men were killed by the fall of a wall of a building in course of construction on East Twenty-first street, yesterday. The victims, George Ripp, Joseph Mantel and Joseph Marger, brick-masons, were on a scaffold, at the top of the rear wall, when the wall, for several feet, toppled out. They fell thirteen stories to the bottom of the cellar.

ANOTHER IROQUOIS VICTIM

Chicago, Feb. 16. — The death roll of the Iroquois Theater disaster has been increased by the death of Leo Pinkus.

Pinkus was a musician employed at the theater, and was burned while escaping from the rear of the building.

Six Hundred Czar's Troops Perished On Lake Baikal

Berlin, Feb. 16, 5:04 p.m. — The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Tagliche Rundschau says that 650 Russian soldiers have been frozen to death while marching across Lake Baikal, Eastern Siberia. The correspondent adds that the temporary railroad across the lake is not yet completed, that a large detachment of troops was sent on a 22 mile march over the ice covered lake, and that it is presumed that part

GREAT STORMS EAST AND WEST

Blizzards and Intense Cold Sweep Northern States.

TWO MEN FROZEN TO DEATH

Trains Buried in Snowdrifts — Acres of Wheat Laid in New York State Ruined.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 16. — This was the coldest day in Cleveland and Northern Ohio in five years. The thermometer recorded 8 degrees below zero and at some points 14 below zero.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 16. — Last night was the coldest of the winter in the lower peninsula of Michigan. It was 9 below zero, here; 10 below at Grand Rapids, and 16 below at Alpena. Forecaster Conger says that the crest of the cold wave has passed.

Calumet, Mich., Feb. 16. — A severe storm is sweeping over Michigan, deeper range passenger train was stalled north of here sixteen hours. The weather is the coldest of the winter.

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 16. — A fierce snowstorm is raging all through this section of the state. The thermometer in Syracuse was 15 degrees below zero during the night. All trains are several hours late.

Buffalo, Feb. 16. — This is the coldest day experienced in Buffalo since 1899, the thermometer at the weather bureau at 8 o'clock, registering 8 degrees below zero. On the streets it was several degrees lower and in the suburbs from six to eight degrees lower. Railroad trains running behind their schedules owing to the inability of the locomotives to make steam.

Provincetown, Mass., Feb. 16. — The entire Cape Cod section, which was swept by a furious blizzard yesterday and last night, the worst since that of November, 1888, and not recovered today, and traffic on land and navigation was delayed. The employees of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad today dug out of snowdrifts a Boston train which had been stalled with passengers all night, and two relief trains, which had been unable to reach the stalled train.

Pittsburg, Feb. 16. — Thermometers registered from 5 to 10 degrees below zero in and about Pittsburg today.

At Corry it was 3 degrees below zero. Two men were found frozen to death — an unknown, in Allegheny, and Robert O'Brien, at Coropolis, a suburb.

Elmira, N. Y., Feb. 16. — The mercury dropped to 15 degrees below zero in this city last night, and today is one of the coldest of the winter. Farmers report that winter wheat crops are ruined because of the thaw early last week, and the freeze following.

In several inches thick snow covers after acre of wheat, and the plants are rotting.

MORLEY'S MOTION TURNED DOWN

Amendment to Throne Speech Expressing Want of Confidence Defeated.

London, Feb. 16. — By a vote of 327 to 278 the House of Commons last night defeated John Morley's amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne concerning the Government's fiscal policy.

The division took the form of a vote of want of confidence in the Government, which implied many Unionists, who totally disapproved the idea of protection, to vote to keep Premier Balfour in power.

While Mr. Balfour's absence was keenly felt, it was perhaps a source of strength to his party, as without any defined fiscal declaration from the Premier, many of his supporters felt justified in upholding the cause of the Government.

John Redmond, the Irish leader, said the Irish party voted against the Government solely to forward the cause of home rule. He added the same action would be taken against every Government until home rule is secured.

Neither the speeches nor the division can be taken as an accurate indication of the public trend of public opinion on the fiscal question. In the lobbies of the House of Commons it was frankly admitted that the Government given to the Government which may be counted on the opposite side when a general election on the basis of free trade versus protection occurs. A large crowd heard the debate.

Scarcely a member of the House who voted with the Government did not frankly admit his ignorance of the degree of fiscal reform to which the cabinet is really committed. The hopeless division of opinion among members has been a feature of the discussion.

SUICIDE AT PALMERSTON

Palmerston, Feb. 16. — Mr. Waller, excise officer here, committed suicide by shooting. Dr. M. Forster, the coroner, announcing investigation, deemed an inquest unnecessary.

FIFTY-TWO GRANDCHILDREN

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 16. — Mrs. Mary Ducharme, aged 71 years, wife of Joseph Ducharme, of Tecumseh, died yesterday, leaving what is probably a larger number of descendants than any other patriarch of Essex County, who has passed away. Nine children, 22 grand-children, and 6 great-grandchildren survive.

First Trophy of the War To Be Presented to Mikado

Tokio, Feb. 16. — The first of the Russian cruiser, Variag, recently sunk off the harbor of Chemulpo, which will be presented to the Emperor as the first trophy of the war, reached Sasebo yesterday on the cruiser Chiyoda, together with the anchor, a gun and other souvenirs of the destroyed warship. The captain of the cruiser Chiyoda has been summoned to Tokyo to recount to the Emperor the story of the engagement.

He will present the flag to the Emperor.

The German steamer Batavia has just reached Moji with 1,500 Japanese refugees on board including the commercial agent of Japan at Vladivostok. The latter reports that ten Russian torpedo boats were frozen up at that port unable to move. The commander of the garrison and the local authorities at Vladivostok called on the departing agent, and complained that the Japanese had opened hostilities without having declared war.

SUMMARY OF WAR NEWS.

Rumors of disasters to the Russian navy continue to pile up. Another engagement is reported off Port Arthur in which eight of the Czar's vessels were sunk and ten captured. By way of St. Petersburg comes a confirmation of the blowing up of the cruiser Boyarin last Saturday. All her officers and crew, 197 in number, perished. The whereabouts of the disaster is unknown. The Boyarin was supposed to have been in the fight of Feb. 9 at Port Arthur. The report of a fight between land forces along the Yalu River is repeated. The fact has been established that the rival forces are in the section of Korea and it is more than probable that there has been a clash. A Japanese fleet with transports is cruising in the Gulf of Pe-Chi-Li with the idea of effecting a landing at Dalny. The newly-purchased battleships for Japan have arrived safely at Yokohama all ready for instant action. A Russian squadron of considerable strength is in the vicinity of the Red Sea bound east. Russian soldiers at Ying Kow have threatened British and American gunboats. British steamer Foxton Hall was destroyed in the bombardment of Port Arthur. Russia has issued credit notes to the extent of 50,000,000 roubles. Carnival week has opened at St. Petersburg, but the real spirit of merry-making is absent from the capital. Six hundred Russian soldiers were frozen to death crossing Lake Baikal. Russia has not yet given her answer to the proposal to limit fighting to Manchuria. Sixty thousand Russian troops are close to Harbin, and the Manchurian railroad is said to be working smoothly. It is apparent that Russia is playing a waiting game at present, acting simply on the defensive, while she recovers from the many reversals Japan, on the other hand, is anxious to make sure of Port Arthur before advancing into Manchuria.

ure, local merchants hope in that way to reach their consignees. A large shipment of mess beef for the Russian Government, aggregating 1,000,000 pounds, has been ordered, requiring a renewal of the negotiations. The approval of the various powers has not been identical. Great Britain attaching a condition that the terms of the accord should be applicable to the foreign concessions and establishments, like Kiao Chou and Wei Hai Wei, the same as to other parts of China. France was inclined to take the same view, but Russia thus far has not approved the condition covering the foreign concessions. So, final action is likely to await Russia's determination. It is pointed out that the reservation might mean of serious importance if foreign concessions like Wei Hai Wei and Kiao Chou were used as a base of operations by either of the belligerents.

KOREAN MISSIONARIES.

Philadelphia, Feb. 16. — Relatives and friends of missionaries now stationed in Korea, Manchuria and Japan are alarmed for their safety. The latest news received by the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was contained in a letter from Rev. F. Arthur Noble, dated Jan. 1. He wrote:

"The general conditions here in Seoul, as well as elsewhere are good. However, all our work is much affected by the general disturbed condition of the country. It is difficult to keep the Christian groups out of political questions. We are expecting Japanese troops to land in two or three days. They are heeded here to keep the Korean soldiers in order, in case war should be declared."

ALEXIEFF TALKS REVENGE.

Port Arthur, Feb. 16. — The work of repairing the damaged Russian battleships is progressing rapidly. The city and fortress were undamaged by the Japanese attack. The people are anxious and business is at a standstill, but tranquility prevails. After the

WEATHER BULLETIN

TOMORROW—FAIR AND VERY COLD.

London, Tuesday, Feb. 16. Sun rises, 7:16 a.m. Moon sets, 7:08 p.m. Sun sets, 5:28 p.m. Moon rises, 6:18 p.m.

Toronto, Feb. 17—8 a.m. A snowstorm, accompanied by high winds, prevails tonight in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, while elsewhere it is fair. A pronounced cold wave, which was over the Territories yesterday, has since spread rapidly eastward and is now affecting Ontario. The outlook is decidedly cold in Ontario and Quebec.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 14 below-4 below; Victoria, 40-56; Calgary, 18 below-4; Qu'Appelle, 35 below-8 below; Winnipeg, 28 below-10 below; Port Arthur, 20 below-zero; Parry Sound, 8 below-15; Toronto, 5 below-10; Ottawa, 10-15; Montreal, 4-20; Quebec, 12-20; Halifax, 4-20.

FORECASTS.

Tuesday, Feb. 16—8 a.m. Today—Fresh northwesterly winds; fine and decidedly cold.

Wednesday—Fair and continued very cold.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	4	-4	Fair
Winnipeg	29	-29	Clear
Parry Sound	22	-22	Clear
Toronto	19	-19	Clear
Ottawa	30	-30	Fair
Montreal	2	-2	Snow
Quebec	8	-8	Snow
Father Point	22	16	Snow

FIRE AT TILBURY

A Large Black Completely Gutted—Well Insured.

Tilbury, Ont., Feb. 16. — Fire broke out this morning in the rear of J. R. Pelmer's store, the volunteer fire spread rapidly to the front of the black occupied upstairs by the News printing office and Society Hall. The buildings were completely gutted. Losses, however, are well covered by insurance.

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White Cambric and Muslin Embroideries, medium widths, were 12½c and 15c, for only 8c and 10c yard.

White Cambric and Muslin Embroideries, narrow widths, were 8c and 10c, for 5c and 7c yard.

Colored Cambric Embroideries, in red and white. Regular 12½c and 15c, for 8c and 10c yard.

White Cambric Insertions, pretty patterns. Regular 8c, 10c, 12½c and 15c lines, to clear at 5c, 7c and 10c yard.

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From the Fancy Goods Department
We don't need to talk about these lines; you know them, and understand the economy of buying at these prices.

White Honiton Braids, large and small. Regular 5c and 8c, for 2c and 5c yard.

White and Cream Battenburg Braids, all reduced to clear at 8c, 20c and 45c doz. yards.

Black Battenburg Braids, to clear at 2c, 4c and 5c yard.

White Pearl Buttons, in 3 sizes; "special" only 7c doz.

Zephyr and Berlin Wools in odd shades. To clear, the lot at only 3c skein.

Lawns and Muslins.

Victoria Lawn (45 inches), special value. Regular 15c and 20c for 12½c and 17c yard.

White Linen Lawns (wide width), at 12½c, 15c, 20c and 25c.

White Book Muslins (36 inches wide), at 8c, 10c, 12½c, 15c and 20c yard.

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STREET.

SENATOR HANNA PASSES AWAY

Famous Politician and Financier Dead From Typhoid.

AFTER ILLNESS OF TWO WEEKS

Prominent Figure in United States Public Life and Leader in Republican Party.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.—Marcus A. Hanna, United States senator from Ohio, and one of the foremost figures in American life, being chairman of the National Republican commission, and recently considered a possible candidate for the presidency of the United States, died yesterday evening in his apartments at the Arlington Hotel at 6:40 p.m., of typhoid fever, after an illness of two weeks. He passed away peacefully and without pain after being unconscious since 3 a.m., at which time the first of a series of sinking spells came on, from the last of which he never rallied.

All the members of the family with one or two exceptions were at the bedside when the end came. During the last hours life was kept in his body only by the use of powerful stimulants. Death following a sinking spell that lasted ten minutes, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Senator Hanna will be given a public funeral in the Senate Chamber at noon Wednesday, and probably lie in state at the capital. Funeral services will also be held in Cleveland Friday.

Marcus Alonzo Hanna was born in Lisbon, Columbiana County, O., Sept. 24, 1837. When he was 5 years old his father moved to Cleveland, where he organized the firm of Hanna, Garrettson & Co., wholesale grocers. Subsequently he organized a large coal-mining interest, which included the mining of iron ore and of coal, the building and operation of vessels on the lakes, and the formation of the Union National Bank, of Cleveland, in 1888. In addition to these interests Hanna was for more than 15 years president of the Cleveland City Railway Company. He was interested in the manufacture of pig iron, and in the controlling interest in furnaces in Buffalo and in Western Pennsylvania. He had also other manufacturing interests in Ohio. In the course of his business career Hanna engaged in the mining of both coal and iron ore. More important still, he engaged in the transportation. It was his brain that organized the importance of the bringing together of these two raw materials at some meeting place made them economic by natural conditions. He early took an active interest in politics as a Republican. In the spring of 1886 he began the task of securing delegates to the national convention for McKinley. These efforts culminated in success. In the St. Louis convention, Hanna's management of that campaign, and of the second McKinley campaign is well known. He succeeded the late Senator Sherman in the Senate when the latter became Secretary of State, and has held a seat in that House ever since.



A Man is Only as Old as He Feels.

Some people are always young—in spirit and vigor. The man who feels his age is the man who neglects his stomach and liver. As the years pile up the delicate organisms grow weaker.

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strengthens the system to resist the added strain. A perfect laxative—it removes all poison from the system. Purifies and enriches the blood. It keeps the liver and kidneys active. Abbey's possesses the rare quality of being a bowel and stomach tonic, without any re-actionary effects.

At all Druggists 25c. and 60c.

JOTTINGS FROM NEAR-BY PLACES

Furnished by the Special and Occasional Correspondents of The Advertiser.

Contributors' names are not published, but all letters should be signed and dated.

MOUNT BRIDGES.

Mount Bridges, Feb. 15.—The Guild of town hall on Wednesday night, at which they realized \$10.75.

A concert under the auspices of the church choir was held in the Methodist Church on Thursday night, a good proceeds were rendered. The proceeds were over \$34.

Rev. Mr. Gregory is able to be around again.

Mrs. J. Mitchell has recovered from her illness.

Mr. W. Simpson is still quite sick.

Mrs. C. Lidgett remains confined to the house through illness.

Mrs. W. Getty has returned to Weidmann, after spending some time with relatives and friends in the vicinity.

THAMESFORD.

Thamesford, Feb. 15.—The week just past has been an unusually quiet one in this vicinity.

The lawsuit between Messrs. Weston and Wilkinson, of the 8th line, East Nisour, vs. Alexander Ross, of the same line, in regard to a dog, resulted in the defendant having to pay a fine and costs, amounting to \$20.

The case was tried at Woodstock on Saturday.

Mr. W. W. Cawthorne, who supplies the London Asylum with flour, teamed in the last week 500 bags. The consumption of flour per day at the asylum is about eleven hundred and fifty pounds.

In this institution number nearly 2,000.

George Club is around again. He was quite ill with a gripe.

The sidewalks in this village are in a very bad state, and it is, we think, nearly up to the trustees to get them in passable shape.

The dogs are also getting to be quite a nuisance, and the majority of them should be muzzled. We think if the trustees can make laws for shutting the dogs off the streets, they can make regulations to abate the nuisance.

Rev. John F. Damon is dead in Seattle of pneumonia. He was known all over the Pacific Northwest as the "marrying parson," having married 2,385 couples. It is said that he held the record in the United States.

FOR INFLAMMATION OF THE EYES.—Among the many good qualities which Parmentier's Vegetable Pills possess, besides regulating the digestive organs, is their efficacy in reducing inflammation of the eyes. It has called forth many letters of recommendation from those who have suffered with this complaint, and found a cure in the pills. They affect the nerve centers and the blood in a surprising way, and the result is almost immediately seen.

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Ladies' Flannelette Gowns, good soft quality, in fancy stripes, round collar, sleeve and front trimmed with narrow frills, good value; regular price \$1.00; on sale now for only 75c
Dainty White Flannelette Gowns, round yoke of fancy tucks, edged with pale blue, yoke, collar and sleeves, finished with frills embroidered in blue silk, rare value; regular price \$1.25, for only 75c
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Good Heavy Flannelette Gowns, in white, fancy square yoke of tucks, hemstitched, with blue, sleeves, yoke and neck finished with narrow frills embroidered with pale blue silk; regular price \$2.40 and \$1.75, for \$1.10
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Young Girls' Flannelette Underskirts, nice fine goods, assorted colors and extra value; regular 40c, for 25c

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Almost every day we are receiving new arrivals in Wash Goods Department. Among those recently received are Plain and Striped Flaked Zephyrs, Crash Suitings, Linen Matting, Galateas, Apron Gingham, Fancy Linen Suitings, etc. Frequent visits to this popular department will keep you posted on what's new.

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"BOBS" HAS RETIRED

Duke of Connaught Appointed Inspector General Under New Scheme.

London, Feb. 16.—It is officially announced that Lord Roberts has retired from the war office, but that at the special request of Premier Balfour he has consented to continue his services at the disposal of the committee for imperial defence.

The Duke of Connaught has been appointed inspector-general, under the new army reform scheme.

Deadly "La Grippe"

OR EPIDEMIC INFLUENZA IS CAUSED BY AN AIR GERM-THE MOST SCIENTIFIC REMEDY IS CATARRHOZONE.

Two years ago, the medical journals commented widely on the marvelous success of Catarrhozone which assisted very largely in stamping out the epidemic raging at that time. Cases that had resisted all other treatment were at once relieved, and through the grateful healing powers of Catarrhozone further progress of the malady was arrested.

It is doubtful whether in the whole range of medicine a more lasting cure can be found, as a patient in the warning of the approach of La Grippe has only to inhale the germ-killing vapor of Catarrhozone a few times daily and escape entirely.

Even as a preventive of colds and catarrh it is a wise precaution to always carry a Catarrhozone Inhaler in your pocket. At the first shiver or sneeze you can ward off an impending attack by merely inhaling a few breaths of Catarrhozone. Fatal consequences are often avoided in this way. The Inhaler is beautifully finished and made entirely from hard rubber. It can be conveniently carried in the vest pocket ready for use in church, at work, in the theater, street car, anywhere, at any time. The complete Catarrhozone outfit contains a large bottle of inhalant, sufficient to keep recharging the inhaler for two months. It costs \$1.00 and is guaranteed to cure. Sold by all druggists or sent direct to your home by mail. If the price is forwarded to N. C. Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont., or Hartford, Conn., U. S. A.

There are 29,000 Indian children in school, 62,616 Indians who can speak English, and 143,974 Indians who wear civilized dress.

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To prove to you that Dr. Chase's Ointment is a certain and absolute cure for each and every form of itching, bleeding and protruding piles, (hemorrhoids) in the daily press, and ask your neighbors what they think of it. You can use it and get your money back if not cured, risk a box, at all dealers or EDMANSON, BATES & CO., Toronto.

Dr. Chase's Ointment

A novel restaurant the World's Fair will be one with the walls of the building made of glass tanks in which fishes will swim.

Lever's V-Z (Vase Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder dusted in the bath, softens the water and disinfects.

Eighty-three cases of a plague, involving 48 deaths occurred in Mauritius in the week ending Dec. 17, 1903.

Constipation

Headache, biliousness, heartburn, indigestion, and all liver ills are cured by

Hood's Pills

Sold by all druggists. 25 cents.

THE SOO COMPANY CHANGES NAME

Will in Future Be Known as the Canadian Improvement Co.—Start With \$40,000,000.

New York, Feb. 16.—Announcement is made that the Consolidated Lake Superior Company will be reorganized under the name of the Canadian Improvement Company. Interests identified with the latter organization will take over the assets of the Consolidated Lake Superior. John R. Dos Passos, counsel for reorganization, is authority for the statement that the company will start business with about \$40,000,000, and that an issue of about \$15,000,000 bonds will

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The Soft Coal Duties.

While Canadian coal thus gets free into the United States for the benefit of their factories and railways Ontario is taxed heavily for the United States coal needed in its steam furnaces. It is a most unjust and one-sided state of business, and the London Board of Trade does well to petition that the wrong be rectified.—London Free Press.

Our contemporary is very much exercised over this question, and breaks into double-headed denunciation of the Government for retaining the soft coal duties. It would be easy to convict the Free Press of inconsistency by pointing to its plea for "adequate" protection for every Canadian industry. The mining of soft coal is a great industry, and the mine owners of Nova Scotia are opposed to the abolition of the duty of 13 cents per ton, which, they claim, gives them control of the Canadian market as far west as Montreal.

Over a year ago, under the pinch of the fuel famine, Congress suspended for one year the duty on soft coal entering the United States. The Dominion Government was urged at the time to reciprocate by knocking off the Canadian tax on bituminous. The tax falls chiefly on this Province, which is prohibited by freight rates from using Nova Scotia coal, and must import all its soft coal from the other side. The Government took the position that the removal of the United States duty was probably a temporary measure, and that it would be inadvisable to disturb the position of the Nova Scotia industry in the home market by taking off the Canadian duty when there was little likelihood of Congress continuing its liberal policy. The Government proved to be right. Congress restored the duty (67 cents per ton of 2,240 pounds), when the year expired. The London Free Press and the London Board of Trade are apparently unaware of this.

The United States has shown no desire for reciprocity in fuel. For years there has been a standing offer by Canada to reduce the duty on soft coal to 40 cents per ton if Congress will do the same, but the offer has never been taken up. Soft coal is an article in which a free exchange would be profitable for both countries. The natural market for the Nova Scotia mines is the New England States, and for the British Columbia mines the Pacific Coast States. The middle provinces of Canada can buy more cheaply from the American mines. The Canadian miners, when they are confronted by a tariff of 67 cents per long ton in the United States market, have some excuse for protesting against throwing open their home market to their American rivals.

Senator Hanna.

There is an element of tragedy in the death of Senator Hanna in the flush of his high ambition, when he was seriously challenging President Roosevelt's prescriptive right to a second term in the White House. Senator Hanna was already past middle age when he entered politics, in 1896, as the sponsor for William McKinley, whose campaign he managed in that year. The United States is probably the only country where a man without political training, especially a man of mature years, could leap into the commanding position in public life which Mr. Hanna occupied from the moment he set foot on the stage. Our neighbors believe that every citizen is a potential statesman and that the art of governing comes by nature. Prior to 1896 Mr. Hanna was a successful business man, little known outside his own state. His conduct of the Republican campaign revealed his great powers as an organizer and made him a national figure. He was elected United States senator for Ohio in 1897 and in 1900 he duplicated his first success by again managing the Republican forces in the presidential election. While a man of great energy of character his talents and ideals were not of the highest order. He was a superb machine politician; a master of the science of wire-pulling and of the underground methods of that distinctive American product, the political boss. Rightly or wrongly his opponents pilloried him as the creature of the trusts and the money power, though he professed to be a friend of organized labor, and was chairman of the civic federation, a body of distinguished men volunteering to mediate between capital and labor on a grand scale. It is no secret that the Wall Street kings, anxious to sidetrack Roosevelt, tried to persuade Senator Hanna to stand for the Republican nomination. He gave the public no hint of his intentions, but allowed the Hanna "boom," skillfully engineered in all parts of the country, to assume proportions which greatly disquieted the friends of the President. It is improbable that Hanna could have secured the convention in any event, but he might have shown a strength which would have seriously damaged Roosevelt's prestige. His death leaves the President the undisputed master of the field.

The Cape Colony Elections.

The Cape Colony elections have resulted in a majority of five for the Progressives in a house of 56 members. The race issue was again dominant. It was a battle between the British (Progressives) and the Dutch (the Afrikaner Bond). It is probable that the British were able to win because so many of the Dutch were disfranchised for treasonable conduct in the war. The British party has now con-

trol of both the House of Assembly and the Legislative Council. Its first act will be a redistribution of the seats so as to give a larger representation to the cities and towns, in which the British population is concentrated, the Dutch being mainly the farmers and graziers of the colony. For years the Progressives have claimed that the arrangement of the constituencies gave an unfair advantage to the rural districts, where the Bond is supreme.

Under the aggressive leadership of Dr. Jameson, of Jameson raid fame, there is a prospect that the British party will seek to trench itself by a use of the election machinery which may not accord with strict constitutional principles, but may be justified by the preconcilable attitude of the Dutch. Dr. Jameson was among the militant Progressives who demanded from the Imperial authorities a suspension of the constitution of the Cape. What they failed to achieve by that stroke—the exclusion of the Dutch from political control of the colony—they may insure by other methods, which the possession of office will put into their hands. The bulk of British immigration goes to swell the population of cities and towns, and aids in the process of shifting the balance of political power to the urban constituencies. There is also an opportunity to manipulate the franchise of the natives, so as to make it operate in favor of the British.

It is deplorable that the people of the colony should still be divided so sharply on race lines. It is to be hoped the Progressives will not push their advantage to unnecessary extremes and so retard the work of reconstruction. Lord Durham, in his famous report on the Canada of 65 years ago, said he found "two races warring in the bosom of a single state." When we read that report and reflect on the condition of this country at that time and for many years afterwards, and contrast it with the Canada of today, we can put a great trust in the healing influence of time and the amalgamating power of British institutions. What the British and French have done in the Dominion, the British and Dutch may do in South Africa.

Those Russian cruisers sunk at Port Arthur seem to multiply like Falstaff's men in buckram.

Mr. J. L. Johnson, a large importer of china, lays down some sound tariff principles in a letter in another column.

The young gentleman in this office who "sets up" the weather probabilities has become tired of setting up "Fair and Very Cold" every day, and now keeps the line standing.

The Balfour Government had a majority last night of 51, the vote standing 37 to 27. The Irish party voted with the Opposition. The position of the parties after the general election of 1900 was as follows: Ministerialists 402, Liberals 186, Nationalists 82. This gave the Ministerialists a majority of 135 over all parties. The Government's majority, therefore, has been more than cut in half.

Dr. Routledge, M. P., has introduced a bill in the Legislature to prevent the giving of prizes for docked horses at fairs and exhibitions. A docked horse is less stylish and not more useful than its long-tailed brother. It commands a higher price because of a mere caprice of fashion, which inflicts great cruelty on the noblest of animals. The practice would soon disappear if people regarded it from the point of view of the horse.

Congressman Lind, of Minnesota, the advocate of Canadian reciprocity, in his speech in Congress the other day, said he had penetrated 1,700 miles into Canada from the Minnesota boundary. The territory he covered, to quote from his speech, "was more than twice the size of Texas, three times the size of the original thirteen states, larger than Minnesota, the two Dakotas, Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois, with Michigan, Ohio and New York thrown in. For 1,200 miles he saw wheat fields dotting the prairie. Within three years the wheat crop has doubled. This immense region is destined to raise more grain, more cereals other than corn, than any equal area in the United States."

KEPPEL'S NERVE.

The English papers tell the following story which illustrates the intrepidity of the late Admiral Keppel and the discipline he maintained aboard ship: His ship, the Raleigh, was in danger of sinking, and he had to run her into a French port. As she entered the harbor a French vessel fired a salute. The Raleigh was fast sinking, but Sir Henry literally stuck to his guns and returned the salute with the water rushing in at the port. The sailors manning their guns and firing till the ammunition above water was exhausted.

PITT'S FONDNESS FOR PORT.

The ruin of Pitt's health was attributed to his physicians, who made him take port in large quantities in his youth, so that he could not do without it later. Lord Grenville has seen him swallow a bottle of port in tumblerfuls before going to the House. His hands shook so much that when he helped himself to salt he was obliged to support the right hand with the left. Stothard, the painter, happened to be one evening at an inn on the Kent road when Pitt and Dundas put up there on their way to Walmer. Next morning the waiter said to Stothard: "How much wine do you suppose they drank last night? Seven bottles, sir!"

HIS MOTHER.

["Chicago Record-Herald."] "Do you think she is a suitable match for your son, Mrs. Bagstock?" "Oh, no, but then I suppose he must marry somebody."

THE WOMEN OF OLD LONDON.

["Ottawa Events."] From a table of the occupations of

women in London it is seen that 29,100 are engaged in teaching, that 13,000 are commercial clerks, that over 16,500 are engaged in medicine, and nearly 12,000 in art, music and the drama. There are 3,000 employed by the national government, 5,000 who are put down as engaged in "clerical" work, and 2,700 employed by the local government. There are 367 engaged in literature, 184 in law, 16 in teaching, money and finance, 958 in literary and scientific pursuits and 660 are merchants and accountants.

HEAVEN'S BEST GIFT TO MEN.

["William J. Lampton."] There are women who are pretty. There are women who are sad. There are women who are modest. There are women who are vain. There are women who are happy. There are women who are sad. There are women who are plucky. There are women who are tough. There are women who are polished. There are women who are rough. There are women who are tender. There are women who are stout. There are women who are bright.

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in connection with Oxford Radiators an even, steady circulation of hot water is kept up throughout the house. Each radiator is diffusing the same temperature of heat in sufficient quantities for the size of the room. The illustration below shows that the distance from the fire to the first surface is less than in any heater made, and the water has a shorter distance to travel, thus a more equal temperature is maintained in the water of the several sections.

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THE LESSENING YELLOW PERIL.
["New York Mail and Express."] The only peril to civilization of any race that represents it is not that a superior civilization may come in competition with it, but that it may be dragged down in the mire of an inferior culture. If there were only one nation upholding courteous and European culture, and all other nations about it had sunk into Asiatic sloth, the yellow peril would be acute indeed. But every yellow nation that lifts itself out of the wallow of a stationary civilization and joins the progressive nations advances, rather than aggravates, the peril. Japan transformed has ceased to be a liability to western civilization. It has become an asset. China transformed would make a positive and large contribution to the progress of the world.

Letters to the Editor.

SEVENTY PER CENT ON CHINA.
To the Editor of The Advertiser.—I notice by the issue of your paper of the 13th, that Mr. Thompson, of Youngstown, Ohio, wishes to establish a pottery in this city. Being the largest direct importer in Canada in this line of goods, and coming as I do, in contact with the largest buyers of such goods, I am in a position to give an unprejudiced opinion on this subject.

A few days ago Ald. J. T. Petrie, of St. Catharines, who is quite an extensive buyer in this class of goods, called to see me, and incidentally stated that this same firm approached the council of his city on this subject. Mr. Thompson was horrified when he was informed that we had a tariff of only 20 per cent against British goods. He had the presumption to ask the citizens to render his party and the country signal service. He enters the ministry without portfolio, but in the near future he will have a department, control of which will afford scope for his marked business capacity. Mr. Hyman's admission to the cabinet is only popular in Ontario, but in all the other provinces as well. He is broad in his views, warm in his sympathies and imbued with the true spirit of Canadianism.

NOTHING FOR QUEEN LIL.
Washington, Feb. 16.—The bill to pay \$150,000 to ex-Queen Liliuokalani, failed to pass the Senate yesterday, the vote being 26 to 25.

Another club woman, Mrs. Hauke, of Edgerton, Wis., tells how she was cured of irregularities and uterine trouble, terrible pains and backache, by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—A while ago my health began to fail because of female troubles. The doctor did not help me. I remembered that my mother had used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound on many occasions for irregularities and uterine troubles, and I felt sure that it could not harm me at any rate to give it a trial.

"I was certainly glad to find that within a week I felt much better, the terrible pains in the back and side were beginning to cease, and at the time of menstruation I did not have nearly as serious a time as heretofore, so I continued its use for two months, and at the end of that time I was like a new woman. I really have never felt better in my life, have not had a sick headache since, and weigh 20 pounds more than I ever did, so I unhesitatingly recommend your medicine."—MRS. MARY HAUKE, Edgerton, Wis., from *Household Economics Club*.—\$5000 forfeit if original of above letter passing through hands of others.



Sudden drops of temperature are impossible in the home heated by hot water. Stove fires die out, hot air furnaces heat unevenly, and the hot air switches to other parts of the house leaving the remaining rooms cold and drafty. But with the heating system of the

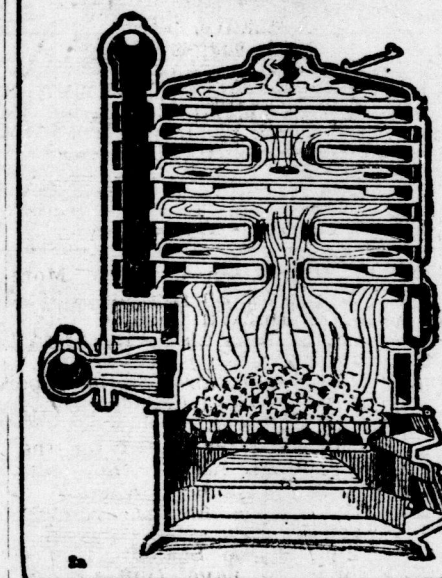
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The Pavement Question Disposed of by Council

Ratepayers Must Not Specify Brand of Roadway Wanted.

Ald. Cooper Says Some Local Churches Are Death-Traps.

Suggestions Made By the Canadian Fire Underwriters—Claims For Damages—A Brief Meeting.

The city council of 1904 is making a record for itself in the matter of expediting business. Last night it again had its hustling habits on, and the city fathers found it possible to quit the city hall at a quarter of 10. To be sure, the business was somewhat light, but it doesn't always follow that because there is a dearth of business there will be a dearth of eloquence or aldermanic oratorical flights in the council chamber.

The most important act of last night's meeting was the ratification by the council of the recommendation of No. 2 committee that ratepayers be allowed to say what kind of pavement they wish to be put down, but they must not specify any particular brand. Some discussion was engendered before the action was taken by the council, but it was over minor matters, for the most part, that the few verbal battles of the evening were waged.

TOOK UP A SUBSCRIPTION.

A lively tilt took place over a motion made by Ald. Cooper to remit the taxes of a widow who resides on the south side of the city. The lady in question is paralyzed, but owns her own little home. Something like \$30 back taxes are owing on the place, and Ald. Cooper asked that a portion of this sum be remitted.

The mayor, however, objected, and asked that inspector McCallum's report on the case be read. The report stated that the case was not one for charity. The lady had an income of \$5 a week, and had a lodger who paid \$1 a month rent. She had also a piano and a nicely furnished house.

Ald. Cooper explained that the piano belonged to the niece, who was taking care of the old lady, and that in such weather as this \$5 a week did not go very far. Nevertheless, the council refused to grant the exemption of taxes, and Ald. Cooper grew wrathful. The mayor then said that he would sooner take the money out of his own pocket than grant the exemption, and, suitably to the action, he started a subscription. In a minute or two \$14 was raised, and this would be paid the tax collector on the widow's back taxes.

FIRE BRIGADE MATTERS.

Mr. J. H. Bascom, secretary of the Canadian Underwriters' Association, wrote the council as follows: "The Fire Brigade—Our association desires to extend their sorrow over the death of your chief, while on duty. We would be glad to learn of the appointment of an efficient and energetic successor, as it is of the utmost importance in your city, where your fire-extinguishing appliances are limited and water pressure is low, that the brigade make the very best possible use of the means at their disposal. We would like to know if any regulations have been made for the inspection of the business blocks in the center of your city so that the foremen and chief of the brigade may become thoroughly familiar with them."

"Bylaw Re Storage of Inflammable Materials—It will be satisfactory to us if you grant special permission for storage, as at present, by the Queen City Oil Company, the Sun Oil Company and the Western Oil Company. You should arrange for each of these companies to dyke their premises, so

that oil, if on fire, could not run off their property." The secretary also stated that he was glad to see that new hose was being purchased; that several additional hydrants had been put down, and that the city could not be asked to put down any others until after the cold weather; that as yet no gongs had been placed in the houses of firemen, as there should be; that a heater to keep the water at a boiling point in the new steam house was necessary; that he would like to see a reformation in the manner of supplying water to the G. T. R. by a swinging crane, and, finally, that the city should be asked to pay the water commissioners lay aside a certain sum each year for the purpose of putting down new hydrants in the outlying portions of the city.

The letter was sent to No. 3 committee.

PAVEMENTS AGAIN.

As was expected, the pavement question was the subject of a long and animated discussion. The third clause read as follows: "That in future no petition for a permanent pavement be entertained or accepted by the council that specifies the brand of material to be used in the construction of the pavement." Ald. Matthews objected. He moved that the words "any patent material" be inserted, but the mayor said this would prevent ratepayers asking for asphalt blocks, which were patented.

The amendment was opposed by several of the aldermen, who thought the clause covered all that was necessary. Ald. Matthews, however, kept up the fight, and finally a vote was taken on the amendment, which was defeated, as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Greer, Matthews, Becher, and Cooper—4.

Nays—Ald. Garratt, Wyatt, Forriest, Gerry, Abram, Greenlee, Stevely, and the mayor—8.

After some further discussion, clauses 4 and 5, re pavements on Clarence and William streets, were passed. "That the kind of pavement to be constructed on Clarence street, between Dundas and York streets, be of asphalt and guaranteed for ten years, and that the proposed construction of such a pavement on said street be advertised under local improvement clauses of municipal act on the initiative."

"That an asphalt pavement, guaranteed for ten years, be the kind of pavement to be constructed on William street, between Dundas and King streets, and that the proposed construction of such a pavement on said street be advertised under local improvement clauses of municipal act on the initiative."

With the exception of clause 9, which recommended that a certain list of cement walks be laid this year, the remainder of No. 2's report carried. This clause was referred back, so that the aldermen may be served with a copy of the list of proposed walks.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS DANGEROUS.

When No. 3 committee's report was read Ald. Cooper objected vigorously to the motion of Ald. Becher, which was to send the clause relating to the inspection of public buildings back again to the committee, which had asked for instructions as to what the council wanted it to do.

Ald. Cooper said that the city had dilly-dallied altogether too long with the matter, and that the citizens were at stake; not alone in the theaters, but in the churches, many of the latter being veritable death-traps. If an accident were to occur such as had happened in Chicago, the city would be liable, and the council would be to blame.

The other aldermen did not take so serious a view of the case, however, and the clause was referred back to the committee, so that the members, when preparing a bylaw, may secure information from Toronto and other cities as to what is being done to safeguard the public in places of assemblage.

The council agreed to the recommendation of No. 3 committee that a bylaw, not to exceed \$50 in cost, be

erected in the Central fire hall to the memory of the late Chief Row. The clause of the report providing for a steam boiler to be placed in the basement of the Central fire hall, so that steam may be kept on hand in times in the new steam fire engine, was also accepted.

WANTS HIS MONEY BACK.

A point of law which is sure to have some effect on the city's tax account was brought to light by a letter received from Bucke & Bucke, of Sarnia, a legal firm acting on behalf of Mr. P. E. Bucke, a former Londoner. The communication explains itself and as follows:

Sarnia, Feb. 15, 1904. Mr. P. E. Bucke, formerly of London, a supernumerary civil servant, from whom during the years 1898-1903 inclusive, you have wrongfully collected an assessment upon his supernumeration, allowance (paid under protest) now, in view of the decision of Judge Liddell, sitting at Ottawa, a summary of which is as follows: "Held, that the supernumeration allowance of a civil servant of the Federal Government is not taxable for any local municipal purposes, by any act or authority of the Legislature of the Dominion."—demands that you refund him the money so wrongfully collected from him, with interest, amounting to \$143 10. The demand was referred to the finance committee.

MEDAL FOR A FIREMAN.

Ald. Cooper brought up the matter of presenting a medal to Fireman Robinson, who, it is said, saved the life of Fireman Robinson at the Sterling fire by catching the latter when he was falling down a ladder. It was referred to No. 1 committee.

On motion of Ald. Forriest it was decided to have the fire bylaw amended so as to give the fire chief greater powers, necessary for the proper discipline of the fire department, and that after the improvements have been made the member be used for council purposes only.

Mayor Beck gave notice that at the next meeting of the council he will move to have the fire bylaw amended so as to give the fire chief greater powers, necessary for the proper discipline of the fire department, and that after the improvements have been made the member be used for council purposes only.

It was also decided to advertise for streets which residents desired to be sprinkled this year, outside the regular area which is watered each year, the names of the streets to be in the council's hands not later than March 1.

The council ratified the action of the manufacturers' committee in offering the American china factory, of Youngstown, Ohio, exemption from taxation for five years if they establish a factory in London.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

E. W. Scatterer, on behalf of Geo. Hart, put down a motion for damages alleged to have been sustained by him through a fall occasioned by the snow piled up at the sides of the street railway tracks at Horton and Richmond streets, Mr. Hart claims the city is liable. Referred to No. 2 committee.

Mary Helen Furke asked for permission to open up a street 50 feet wide on her property on Ridout street, south of the law courts, no street shall be opened up on private property of less width than 66 feet. Referred to No. 3 committee.

Sheriff Cameron wrote to say he was glad the city appreciated the work performed on the breakwater by the prisoners at the Central Prison, and he stated that he thought it might be possible to keep some of the prisoners in London, who are now sent to the Central Prison, and these men could be put to work on the breakwater. The letter was filed for reference.

OTHER MATTERS.

Permission was granted on the usual condition, the use of the city hall on the evening of March 18, for a K. T. entertainment.

Edmund Weld and others asked for

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An electric light on the Ridgeway in South London. Referred to No. 3 committee.

The application of C. G. Morehead and others for an electric light at the corner of Dufferin avenue and Elizabeth street, was also referred to No. 3 committee.

F. W. Fortner asked to be appointed second engineer at the central fire hall. Referred to No. 2.

George B. Nash asked for the free use of the city hall on the evening of March 1 for an entertainment of the Chosen Friends, and the request was granted.

Thomas J. Le Secler and others petitioned to have Dufferin avenue opened up from its present termination at English street, through to Ontario street. The petition will be dealt with by the board of works.

With the exception of Ald. Judd, all the aldermen were present.

charged \$48 50 for a 'phone. He said also that at one time he had a 'phone upstairs in his factory, connected with the one downstairs, but now he could not get such a 'phone put in. He was told he would have to pay for another complete circuit.

Mr. Richmond said the reason for this was that a new switchboard arrangement had been put in by the Bell Company.

Ald. Stevely wanted to know why the veterinary surgeons were made to pay \$40 for a 'phone, which was given to a doctor or a dentist for \$25? Mr. Smith's answer to this was that he never could see why the doctors and dentists were accorded special favors anyway.

Ald. Judd—How would Mr. Smith like to consider an agreement with London similar to what Mr. Stark has offered Toronto?

Mr. Smith—Not at all. We wouldn't do so. And as regards the rate charged veterinary surgeons, that is a matter for the head office to deal with.

Mr. Richmond explained that one-third, or about 500 of the subscribers to the Bell Company's 'phones, and some of them paid the company less than \$18 a year.

In reply to Ald. Judd, Mr. Smith said that the offer the company had made the city was the best the company could do. This was absolute.

THE STARK OFFER. During the discussion which followed the hearing of the representatives of the telephone companies, it was brought out by Mr. Smith that the Stark Company were able to offer such low figures to Toronto as that the company proposed to use the same wires for lighting the city and for telephone service.

In some quarters there was a disposition to force Mr. Leonard to commit himself as to whether his offer was final, but the Ottawa man refused to be cornered. He maintained a silence until the mayor proposed to allow both offers to lay over until the Stark Company could be heard from.

Mr. Leonard hereupon remarked that he didn't think it would be fair for the city to use his company as a means to pull a better offer out of the Bell people, and then throw the Canadian Company overboard.

Mr. Leonard was assured, however, that his company would receive fair treatment at the hands of the city. It was then decided to report progress to the council, and to secure all the information possible before granting a franchise to any company.

TORONTO'S BIG FRAUD Court Drops the Assessment Scandal for Election Inquiry.

Toronto, Feb. 16.—The investigation into the assessment rolls was continued yesterday morning before Judge Morgan. The new feature of the morning was the recital of a dialogue which took place a year ago between Chief Clerk J. C. Forman and City Clerk Littlejohn. Forman said that a year ago Littlejohn had told him that there would perhaps be a row over the padded list and gave Ald. Starr as the name of the one who knew of it and might cause the row.

There will be no more assessment department investigation for some time. Judge Winchester announced he would begin the investigation into the municipal election frauds today and continue it every day until March 1, when the sessions will open. As a consequence the assessment roll investigation was adjourned at 1 o'clock yesterday until some date in March.

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THE OFFER MADE BY THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY IS FINAL

So Says the District Superintendent—Canadian Offer Fully Explained—Action Deferred.

The special meeting of the finance committee of the city council, called to consider the offers for a franchise received from the Bell Telephone Company and the Canadian Telephone and Telephone Company, last evening decided to postpone action on both offers for some time, in order that the proposals made by the city of Toronto to the Stark Company may be thoroughly investigated, and if possible an offer secured from the same company for London.

Ald. Judd was in the chair, and Mayor Beck, Ald. Stevely, Cooper and Becher, Mr. E. T. Smith, or Toronto, the superintendent of the Bell Telephone Company, Mr. J. L. Richmond, local manager of the Bell, and Mr. P. J. Leonard, the general manager of the Canadian company, were present.

The chairman read the offers of both companies. The Canadian concern offered to pay \$1,000 for a competitive franchise, and to fix a rate of 22¢ a year for residence 'phones and 35¢ a year for business 'phones, or both for \$50.

The Bell Company asked an exclusive franchise, for which they were prepared to pay \$250, the rate to be the same as now charged—\$20 for a house 'phone, \$40 for a Blake transmitter business 'phone, and \$45 for long distance equipment.

After some preliminary discussion as to the offer made Toronto by the Stark Company, in which the aldermen seemed to take a great interest, it was decided to hear the representatives of the rival companies, the Canadian Telephone and Telephone Company's representative speaking first.

MR. LEONARD EXPLAINS.

Mr. Leonard stated that though he had not made any comparisons himself, he could not see how, despite the statement of the Bell Company, the figures of his company were really lower than the Bell's. If his company were asking for an exclusive franchise they might be expected to offer London more money, but for a competitive franchise he thought the offer a good figure. All over the United States the dual system of 'phones had been found to be satisfactory. In some cities of the United States the dual system had saved the subscriber \$50 a year. Ottawa had sent a deputation to many places to study the dual system, and the deputation had reported in favor of it. He was prepared to go ahead and demonstrate to the people of London that they could save money by a first-class service at a cheaper rate.

Mr. Leonard further explained that his company would not charge for 'phones until they had 500 subscribers. If given a franchise, they would have a service in London in working order within a year. His company had a clause inserted in its charter which provided for exchange with other companies.

The coming system, he said, was the remedies.

automatic system of 'phones, such as is now used in Chicago, Toledo and other places, and if the city wanted this system the Canadian Company was ready to give it to them. His company would put down conduits, or if the city wished to construct its own conduits, his company would be willing to rent ducts from the city. If his company erected conduits, they were willing to allow other companies to use them.

THE BELL SIDE OF IT. Mr. Smith, district superintendent of the Bell Company, said that they had nothing new to offer the city. He stated that it was the policy of his company to keep ahead of permanent improvements and place their wires underground.

The Mayor—Your company hasn't done so in London.

Mr. Richmond—Yes, we have. In the business section our wires are underground.

The Mayor—How about King street? Mr. Richmond—We have no wires on King street. We have allowed our poles to stand on that street, because the poles carry the wires of the fire department. They are of no use to us.

Mr. Smith then said that his company had not increased its business rate from \$10 to the extra \$5 being merely extra equipment. There were in London about 500 'phones equipped with long distance attachment.

Ald. Stevely said he was now, being

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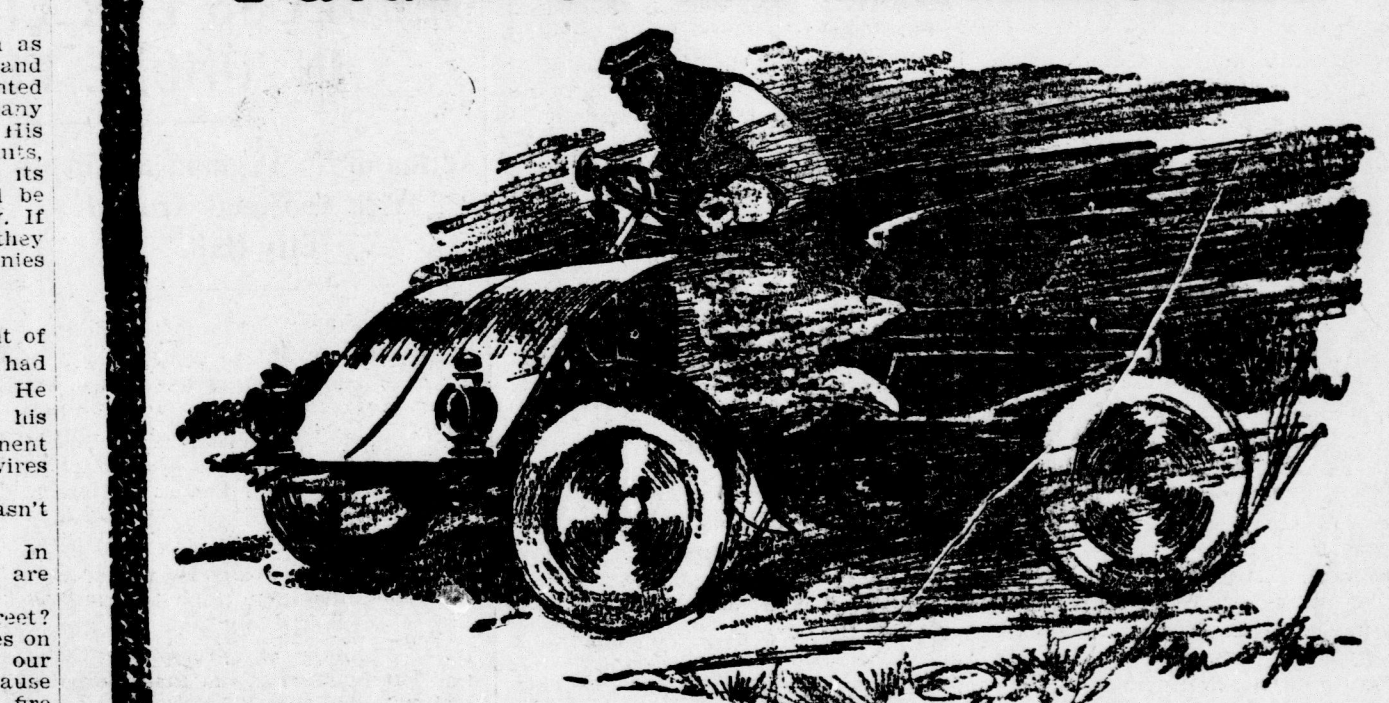
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Vera's Love Affair

"I would fain see you with my grandchildren on your knee" says Dyrart, with a careful but ineffectual effort to look patriarchal.

"There are many other women in the world who could gratify that fancy of yours beside Vera," says Seaton, coldly, his glance fixed on the carpet, "and you will pardon my saying so, but I find a difficulty in seeing your prospective grandchildren could influence you in any way."

"You would grope me," said the old man with a dangerous scowl. Then he controls himself and goes back to the former gravity of his manner. "Have you forgotten," he says, turning his bright, eager eyes upon Seaton, "that Vera is the only woman I now know? Excluded as I am from the world, she alone presents herself to me as a woman who might make you a suitable wife. Doubtless, there are many others, but she alone I can see and judge of, for myself. She is well-born, well-educated, one not to be ashamed of at the head of one's table."

"You have studied her," says Seaton with a rather pale smile.

"And she is pretty, too, eh?" with a contemptuous sneer, pretty in the meaning of which words approve, handsome enough to drag at her feet a score of idols. What would you more, boy? Have I not given you reasons plenty as blackberries, or is it that on are not as satisfying as that you would call me liar?"

He is trembling with some secret agitation, and has grasped the arms of his chair with both hands, and with his deathlike face poked out in regarding his son with a menacing expression. Fear largely mingled with a fiery anger dominates his expression. He is evidently working himself up into a second fit of passion, the bare idea of which alarms Seaton.

"Pray be calm. Let us discuss this matter, if it must be discussed, leisurely," he says, with sharp appeal in his tone.

"My reasons—my reasons, you would have them?" he gasps the old man.

"I tell you, boy, there are none—none—save a longing for your well-being."

A sudden rush through Seaton's mind. Has his father guessed his fatal attachment to his cousin? Was it to see him, Seaton, united to the woman he loved—the woman who, at least, would never love him—that the old man was thus working early and late to bring about this marriage? Or had he wronged him, if, indeed, only at the very last he had lit upon this truth? A great wealth of remorseful tenderness springs up within the young man as this thought enters into and finds dwelling-place within his heart, and bending over his father he smooths his pillows and ministers to him with a mind filled with regretful memories.

CHAPTER XXXI.

I have heard of late (but wherefore? I know not) lost all my mirth, foregone all custom of exercises. And indeed it goes so heavily with my disposition, that this godly frame the earth seems to me a sterile promontory.

Four long days have crept languidly into the past, four of the dullest days Griselda Dyrart has ever endured, as she is compelled to acknowledge even to herself. Oh, with what a relentless sluggishness each of these wretched hours that go to make up her day has dragged itself to its close! There is no chance now, anyone's breaking in upon her monotony, no vaguest hope of gaining a breath from that outer air that lies beyond her prison.

Slowly with aimless steps she rises and flings aside the mouldy volume she had found in one of the rooms below, and which she has been making a fruitless effort to read, and looks out upon the sunless pleasure-ground beneath her window. There, and there, and going to the looking-glass, puts it on; she pouts a little in doing this, the sunbonnet makes her look so adorable, but who is there to see her? With a last stifled sigh, and a little rush of tears in her pretty eyes, she goes down the staircase, and makes her way to the garden.

There is the usual touch of silence, of sacredness—that general hush in the air that precludes evening. Far down below the ocean is glinting in the last rich rays of the dying day, and against the clear rose of the perfect sky stand out the unspeakable colors of the strong calm hills. There is a soft plaintive rush of water somewhere, and on her right she can see the broad spreading of the old chestnut woods, so full of memories that now must indeed be dead, and to her left the fresh flower-filled green of the sloping meadows as they run down to the sea.

The sweetness, the intensity of it all reaches, yet scarcely satisfies her, though it does seem hard that peace should not lie where its very home seems set. But peace perfected is not to be for anyone in this round of existence.

Griselda, walking onwards in her dinner-gown of white, with her arms naked to the shoulder, and her charming face peeping out from the huge snowy bonnet, becomes suddenly aware of an unfamiliar figure that, kneeling on the grass before one of the beds, seems

to be weeding away for its dear life. It is certainly the new gardener. Poor creature, whoever he is, what could have induced him to come here? Not the wages, certainly; dire poverty, no doubt. After all, what those dreadful newspapers say about the people's distress must have much truth in it. Perhaps Durdan had made a mistake in leaving; it might not be so easy these hard times to get another place, and he is, however, moulty, better than no bread. However, Tom had promised to help him. A heavy sigh escapes her—oh, that he could help her!

Uncle Gregory had evidently found no difficulty in replacing Durdan. Had he secured this new gardener on the old poor terms? If so, how badly off this poor fellow must have been! Indeed, on closer examination of him and of his clothes, it became apparent to her that this miserable being must have been at fortune's lowest ebb, when chance threw him in her uncle's way. His coat is not only dirty, but in the last stage of decay, so patched and darned, indeed, that the original stuff has long since assumed an air of mystery, lying perdu as it were, and waiting for a resurrection that may once again restore it to its primitive beauty. His trousers are but a melancholy reminder of other and happier days; his boots, a marvelous illustration of how things "hang together," whilst his cap, pushed down well over his forehead, is a dismal obituary of a rabbit, dead a hundred years ago.

Unhappy creature! poverty, indeed, must have been his guest before he and his old clothes came to such a sorry pass!

At this moment the "unhappy creature" lifts his head, turns it deliberately towards the lady, and shows herself face to face with Tom Peyton!

(To be Continued.)

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AYER'S

MATINEE RACES AT THE PARK; INTEREST IN WEDNESDAY'S EVENTS

Sheik Indrum and Klondike to Meet for the First Time—New Comers.

The matinee races at the Queen's Park track tomorrow afternoon promise to be the most interesting of the season, and with fine weather a bumper crowd is assured.

The bulk of the interest will be centered in the class A event, in which the fastest of the horses are to compete. Klondike, Lithopolis, Blackbird and Sheik Indrum, the newcomer, are to start, and as each has already shown much speed it is expected that they will put up a hard race. Klondike has already won a number of races, and has the ice record for a half mile on the track, covering the distance in 1:15. Sheik Indrum did well last week, winning the class B event in straight heats, and making time which places him in the class A event for tomorrow. Klondike did not race last week, and the fact that he will meet Sheik Indrum for the first time this week adds interest to the programme.

Another change in the classification of some of the horses has been made. Lulu Mac and Grocery Boy were in the first event last week, but did not make the necessary mark, and in consequence are sent back to class B. There are several newcomers for tomorrow, but these have all been placed in the class D event in order to give them a chance to show what they can do. Before qualifying for the matinee cup race, a horse has to win two events during the season. The entries for tomorrow are:

Class A—Klondike (McCartney), Lithopolis (Gordon), Blackbird (Gray), Sheik Indrum (Robinson).

Class B—Lulu Mac (McLeod), Grocery Boy (R. J. Wood), Lady Black (Dr. Wood), Young Corn (Drake).

Class C—Dentist (J. Wood), Dan (Sadler), Brown (Billy Collins), Minnie (Paisley).

Class D—Jap (Sage), Stratford Boy (Siddner), Beth (Brooks), Baldy (Harding), Gold Ring, Jun. (O'Meara), Baldena (Cook).

There will be a prize for each race.

HOCKEY.

ATLANTIC TO PLAY HERE.

The Waterloos of this city club arranged with the Atlantic club for a game to be played at the Princess rink tomorrow night. The Waterloos are one of the smartest hockey teams in the city, and should draw a large crowd.

At the Westminster rink last night teams representing the hardware firms of London, Ontario, and the Purdon-Gillespie Company met, the former winning. The teams lined up as follows:

Westminster—Goal, D. W. Macdonald; point, J. Tanton; cover, G. Hardy; rover, J. McHugh; center, A. Black; wings, H. Rodger and A. Ashford.

Purdon-Gillespie Company—Goal, F. Browne; point, A. Purdon; cover, Piper; wings, N. Underhill and Shopland; center, T. Purdon; rover, McKeen. Mr. Art Gould made an efficient referee.

PROTEST LOOKED FOR.

Waterloo, Ont., Feb. 15.—Hagersville played at Waterloo tonight in a Southern Counties' League match. The score stood 2 to 1, according to the goal umpire's decision, in favor of Hagersville. The decision of the last goal was decidedly unfair, according to the referee and several spectators and players. A protest is looked for.

ONE FOR THE BEECHGROVES.

Kingston, Ont., Feb. 15.—The first of the Junior O. H. A. semi-finals between the Upper and Lower Colleges of Toronto and Beechgroves of Kingston, took place here tonight and was won by the Kingston team by a score of 2 to 0. At half-time the score was 2 to 0 in Beechgroves' favor.

OSHAWA SENIORS EASY.

Whitby, Ont., Feb. 15.—The Whitby Junior O. H. A. team defeated the Oshawa seniors here tonight by a score of 13 to 2.

CURLING.

WINNIPEG'S BONSPIEL.

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—Four interesting games of curling were provided on the international primary Saturday. Hope, of Carberry, won out by a big majority over Strong, of St. Thomas, North Dakota, but the latter was a close Dunbar was the only American skip to win. He finished 5 points over Scott, of Toronto, who was defeated by Rocheon and Johnston, of Drayton, played a tie game. The summary:

Canada—Hope, Carberry, 15, vs. Barlow, 14, of Toronto, 10; Hope, Carberry, 9, vs. Scott, Toronto, 13.

United States—Strong, St. Thomas, 4, vs. Irwin, Hownessville, 11, Johnston, Drayton, 9, vs. Dunbar, Minneapolis, 13.

The Canadian rink will now play off for the trophy. Dunbar, of Minneapolis, has won every game he has played so far.

WRESTLING.

DRAW MATCH.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 15.—Walter Wiloughby, of Buffalo, and Charlie Conlon, of Hamilton, Ont., wrestled two and a half hours to a draw tonight before the Olympic A. C. here, neither man securing a fall.

STRATFORD IS TO HANG UP \$4,500

Six Stake Races To Be On the Summer Programme—Gossip From Many Tracks.

The total amount to be offered in purses at the Stratford races this year is \$4,500, which will be divided equally among nine events. This is \$1,369 more than has been put up for several years, and should draw the best horses, and, at the same time, very large crowds in anticipation of seeing horses of high standard. Six stake races are announced, the entries for which will close about April 1.

The present New Orleans meeting has developed fewer good jockeys than in former years.

Scorpio won six straight at New Orleans and is quite a public favorite.

James E. Swarts, of Wingham, who sold Harold H. 2:31, to Mr. Mackenzie, of Wingham, Ont., wrestled two and a half hours to a draw tonight before the Olympic A. C. here, neither man securing a fall.

The Canadian "talent" have picked

Angus Pointer, trial 2:08 1/2, some say a notch or two swifter, to win the Chamber of Commerce stake at Detroit next year. Angus Pointer is said to be liable to be the star of the Grand Circuit, barring accident.

The Horse World says that among the clever young reindeer at the Canadian ice races this winter, who is attracting considerable attention, is Russell McGill of Meaford, Ont. The boys down the line have christened Mr. McGill the Ed. Geers of Canada.

Walter Jennings still heads the list of winning owners at Oakland and Jockey Hildebrand still ranks the star performers in the saddle.

King Edward has named his filly foal by Persimmon out of Ambleslie after his wife, Queen Alexandra, and all England is accepting the fact as the best possible indication that the young miss is the best looking and most likely ever foaled at the Royal Derby.

Local Derby, 2:05 1/2, is in active training again and he will be raced not only in amateur events, but in the annual stakes for the 2:06 class. George Spear, Mr. Smathers' trainer, says Derby is a sounder

LONDON LIFE Insurance Company.

The twenty-ninth annual meeting of the shareholders and policyholders of the London Life Insurance Company was held at the company's offices, London, Canada, Feb. 8, 1904.

The president, Mr. John McClary, occupied the chair, and there were present a number of shareholders and policyholders of the company.

The notice calling the meeting was read by the manager and secretary, Mr. J. G. Richter, after which the following report and financial statement were submitted:

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The directors of the company beg to submit annual report and duly audited financial statement for year ending Dec. 31, 1903.

During the year 14,102 applications for insurance, amounting to \$1,874,729, were accepted and policies issued therefor.

The net premium and interest receipts of the year were respectively \$323,565.95 and \$744,423.33, totaling \$308,011.28, an increase of \$42,908.17 over the previous year.

The sum of \$80,744.23 was paid for death claims, \$4,590 for matured endowments and \$3,458.56 for surrenders of policies, cash profits a total of \$95,238.25 paid policyholders or their heirs during the year.

The insurance in force on the company's books at the close of the year, after deducting all re-insurances, amounted to \$7,466,827.67, under \$752 "Ordinary" and \$9,851 "Industrial" or a total of \$53,782 policies—an increase of 4,644 policies for insurance of \$638,793.30 for the year.

The assets of the company, exclusive of uncalled but subscribed capital amount to \$1,462,965.88, an increase of \$160,902.02 for the year. The interest and other income during the year was \$1,874,729.67, the main satisfactory factor. No losses in respect of investments were incurred during the year.

The liabilities of the company under existing policies, and in all other respects, have been provided for in the most ample manner, the whole amounting to \$1,338,793.55. The surplus on policyholders' account, exclusive of uncalled but subscribed capital, is \$124,172.33, and after deducting paid up capital, accumulating profits and contingent fund, there remains a net surplus over all liabilities of \$44,535.33.

JOHN G. RICHTER, Manager and Secretary.

JOHN MCCLARY, President.

CASH STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.	DISBURSEMENTS.
Interest.....\$744,423.33	Paid policyholders or heirs.....\$4,590.28
Insurance premium.....106,104.31	Divid. and other disbursements.....137,602.85
Industrial premium.....27,464.41	Balance to investments account.....185,162.12
\$880,011.28	\$880,011.28

BALANCE SHEET.

ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
Mortg. Debent. and Stocks.....\$1,318,731.98	Re-insurance reserve, net.....\$1,316,534.00
All other interest-bearing.....7,960.01	Claims awaiting payment.....7,590.00
Surplus liabilities.....27,864.01	Surplus on policyholders' account.....124,172.33
Outstanding and acc'd prem.....30,556.00	
Interest due and acc'd.....\$4,378.88	
\$1,462,965.88	\$1,462,965.88

Surplus on policyholders' account apportioned as under:

Contingent fund and special reserve.....\$11,000.00
Accumulating profits on with-profit policies.....\$8,827.00
Capital stock paid up.....50,000.00
\$79,827.00
Surplus over all liabilities and capital.....\$44,535.33

To the Shareholders of the London Life Insurance Company:

As auditor I have checked and examined the company's books for the year ending 31st December, 1903, and find them correct and correctly kept. The annexed cash statement and balance sheet are true abstracts from the books, and properly exhibit the company's affairs. I find the securities covering loans in place.

JAMES MCILLAN, Auditor.

The actuary of the company, Mr. Edward E. Reid, B.A., A.I.A., submitted his report on the valuation of the company's outstanding policies and other obligations, as follows:

The valuation of the reserves on the policies in force has been made on the same basis as in previous years. The interest basis is 4 per cent on business issued previous to January 1, 1900, and for policies issued since that date 3 1/2 per cent for "Ordinary" business and 3 per cent for "Industrial" business. The Government requirements in this respect have therefore been considerably exceeded.

Provision has been made for surrender values on policies now lapsed, but for which no surrender value has as yet been applied for; and the practice, hitherto followed, of providing in the liabilities for accruing as well as accrued profits has been continued.

The claims of the year have been somewhat higher than in any previous years. In the ordinary branch the average amount of the claims exceeded very considerably the average amount of the policies in force. The total amount of claims paid during the year exceeded the total amount of claims payable by nearly \$3,500. The industrial claims continue to show a very favorable percentage (20.9 per cent) of the premium income, although the total amount is in excess of any previous year.

The adoption of the report was moved by the president, Mr. John McClary, who said:

Gentlemen,—The report of the directors and accompanying financial statement are, as usual, sufficiently clear, and present the affairs of the company in such detail as not to require any extended remarks for their elucidation.

The results of the past year are, on the whole, quite satisfactory, steady and solid progress having been made in all essential respects.

The interest and premium receipts of the year exceeded the like receipts of the previous year by over 12 per cent. The assets also increased by over 12 per cent, and the surplus over all liabilities, ascertained on the company's exceptionally stringent basis, increased over 12 per cent.

The funds of the company are being invested mainly in first mortgages on good class real estate, the new mortgage loans of the year aggregated over \$223,000, and over 80 per cent of the whole funds of the company are thus invested. Over 95 per cent of the total assets are invested in interest-bearing securities of undoubted character, leaving less than 5 per cent of non-interest-bearing assets, consisting of outstanding and deferred premiums and interest accrued on current investments.

The company's exceptionally strong financial position, as evidenced by the foregoing, will, no doubt, be equally as gratifying to the shareholders and policyholders of the company, as it is to the directors.

With these remarks I beg to move the adoption of the report.

The vice-president, Mr. A. O. Jeffery, K.C., LL.D., D.C.L., in seconding the adoption of the report, said:

The company, transacting "Industrial" as well as "Ordinary" insurance, the ratio of expense to income will naturally be somewhat greater than would be the case if "Ordinary" insurance only were transacted. As, however, the income from the respective branches is such as to cover the respective expenditures, each branch takes care of the outlays pertaining thereto without detriment to the other. For example, the gross expenditures of the past year in proportion to net income after deducting dividend paid to shareholders from interest earned, was 34.7 per cent; the apportionment of this ratio to the respective branches is 35.5 per cent to the "Ordinary," and 33.4 per cent to the "Industrial," which, taking into account the volume of new business transacted in proportion to total insurance in force, and the nature of same, is, I am confident, as favorable a showing as is made by any other company.

The president has already called attention to the character of the company's investments. I would add that not only are they exceptionally good as regards security, but they are also highly remunerative. It naturally follows that to invest the company's funds in high-class mortgage securities than it would to invest the same funds in debentures or other such securities, but the extra income realized from mortgage investments is much more than makes up for the difference in the first cost in this connection.

The average rate of interest earned by the company the past year on its mean invested assets was 5.2-3 per cent, which must be admitted to be a very good showing.

I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report.

The adoption of the report was carried unanimously.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the agents and other employees of the company for the satisfactory manner in which they discharged their several duties during the past year.

The election of directors resulted in the following gentlemen being elected for the current year: Messrs. John McClary, president; A. O. Jeffery, vice-president; William Bowman, George C. Gibbons, W. F. Bullen, A. S. Emery, Judge A. Bell, T. H. Smallman and Thomas W. Baker.

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