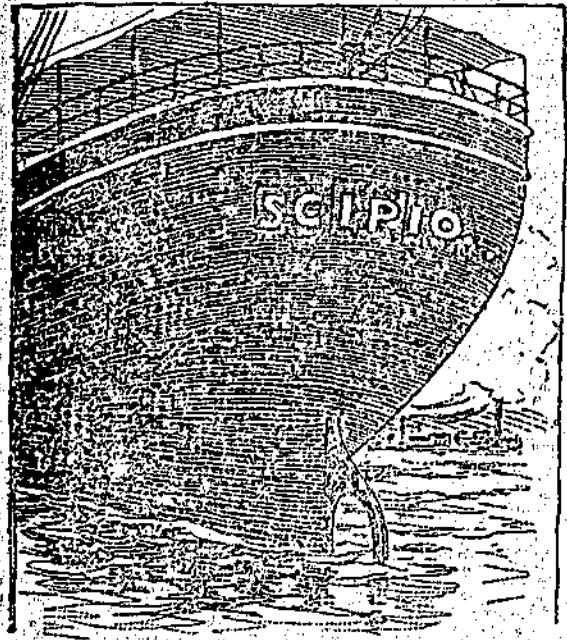


A WAR MYSTERY.

It Concerns a British Steamer and a Strangely Laden Derelict.

Some shrewd people think they have unraveled a mystery of the war. The mystery has to do with the disappearance from the high seas of the good ship *Ravenna*, one of the regular liners of an English East India company.

Just as the war broke out we had bought from a South American government a



THE STERN OF THE SCIPIO.

cruiser which had just been completed at a British shipyard. This cruiser was afterward christened the *New Orleans*. Being English built, she was armed with English guns, which required English ammunition, including smokeless powder. It was given out at the time that it was too bad that the neutrality laws prevented us from buying in England the needed ammunition.

Then the *Ravenna* sailed, not on her usual course, but to Antwerp, where, according to the manifest, she took on ballast. It was nicely boxed ballast, which was carefully handled. Then the *Ravenna* sailed out to sea and since then, although it was months ago, has never been reported. But if the *Ravenna* disappeared another ship came as mysteriously into existence. She was found by a United States scout boat some 200 miles off Sandy Hook, and, strange to relate, there was not a soul on board. She was in fine condition, too, and in her hold was a nicely boxed cargo. On her stern was painted in white letters, somewhat unskillfully, the name, *Scipio*. The scout boat took her in tow and left her at the Brooklyn navy yard. There is splendid system in our navy yards, so the ballast was taken out with exceeding care and stored away. Had persons of an unduly inquiring turn of mind been there at the time they might have wondered why ballast should be conveyed to the arsenal of all places, and there looked up so carefully as this ballast was. But, then, there was nobody around with an unduly inquiring turn of mind, and of course there was no possible connection between the picking up of a derelict, the arrival of a collier and the sudden abundance of ammunition for the English guns on the cruiser *New Orleans*—the only American warship, by the way, which used smokeless powder in the war.

As the *Ravenna* disappeared, as the derelict disappeared, so, immediately after being unloaded, the *Scipio* disappeared, but the navy yard has been open to the public again lately, and persons of an inquiring turn of mind found the *Scipio*. She was lying snugly in an inlet near the "Boneyard," where the old and useless ships of the navy molder ingloriously, and under the white letters that spell *Scipio* on her there are, faintly distinguishable, other letters. They spell another name. And that name is *Ravenna*.

A BOLD CAMPAIGNER.

Major Marchand, Who Is Causing England Trouble in Africa.

Major M. B. J. Marchand, the French army officer whose reported presence at Fashoda, on the White Nile, has rudely disturbed the British dream of an imperial



MAJOR M. B. J. MARCHAND.

African province stretching from Alexandria to Cape Town, is a fiery, energetic soldier who will very likely resent any interference with his plans. Three years ago he was merely captain of marines, but in 1896 he laid before the French war department his scheme for an African campaign, and not only was it adopted, but he was given a major's commission and put in charge of the enterprise.

It was a bold and audacious plan, this dash into the heart of the dark continent, and it was extremely doubtful if he would succeed, as he took with him but a few hundred Senegalese. His men are loyal blacks, however, and skillful sharpshooters. Fashoda was the destination which two years ago he picked out, and at Fashoda he is, according to recent reports.

In his 3,000 mile march to the upper valley of the Nile Major Marchand left a trail of blood such as other African mili-

tary expeditions have done before. Unable to transport his 8,000 loads of supplies to Brazzaville, he burned every village on the road, killed several hundred natives and took their live stock for food. At daylight the inhabitants of a village would be awakened by the blast of a trumpet, and they would issue from their huts to be shot down. That was the last heard of Marchand on the west coast.

From time to time there were reports that Marchand's expedition had been wiped out, and as nothing definite has been heard from him sometimes these were believed. But news travels slowly from the heart of Africa, and so Major Marchand's appearance at Fashoda is hardly a surprise.

TIP THE WAITER OR STARVE.

This Is What You May Now Expect In All Big Cities.

Waiters in most big cities have formed leagues similar to that which has existed in New York for years for the punishment of "miffs." A miff is a person, male or female, who does not tip the waiter. A reporter recently went to a modest eating house and bar where a dozen men were grouped about a table. The men, it seemed, were waiters out of a job, and the place was one of sordid rendezvous of the craft. They were conversing, and over and anon the talk returned to miffs—for instance:

"Dat's a pretty good place, but dere's too many dem miffs. You work for nuttin dere."

"So I fixed it all up nice and run back about 20 times, and the dirty old miff never gimme a cent."

"No use talkin, Emile, you can't make wages with all them miffs in town."

By keeping his ears open the reporter picked up a large share of highly esoteric information.

When, through principle, economy or for any other reason, the diner at restaurants fails steadily to tip the waiter, things are apt to happen. Dishes that ought to be cold come to him sizzling and those that should be hot are as chill as charity. If he orders eggs, he will probably get tripe, and when he calls for soup the waiter accidentally brings him pie. Naturally he gets mad and kicks. Then the waiter apologizes, declares it was all a mistake and dreamily spills gravy down his back.

The effect of this course of discipline is usually to confirm the miff in his perversity. He grasps the situation and determines grimly that he won't be bullied into paying tribute. He will complain, b'jove, and he proceeds to interview the manager.

That dignitary looks troubled. He has been there before. He knows the miff is being disciplined, but by such subtleties that it is difficult, as the saying goes, to put one's finger on them. It is hard to draw the line between accident and malice prepense. Moreover, the waiter is, as likely as not, a good one otherwise and a favorite with many patrons who are not miffs. So he scratches his ear and says that he will see about it.

Driven desperate by famine, the miff probably seeks another restaurant, but the move is futile. His evil fame has pre-



GETTING EVEN WITH A MIFF.

ceded him, and, little as he dreams it, he has long worn the brand of miffdom. His victims have pointed him out to the fraternity; he is known and marked for destruction. Consequently the mishaps that have dogged him are merely continued on an aggravated scale. If he is a man of iron constitution, he prolongs the struggle indefinitely, an embittered wanderer from house to house, seeking vainly to elude his Nemesis; otherwise he reforms.

In New York the more abandoned miffs once organized an antitipping league. They were encouraged and headed by William Dean Howells, the novelist, who went to the length of writing several essays in which he intimated that tipping was sapping the vitals of the republic and undermining its institutions. It is a significant fact that in his next novel, "A Hazard on New Fortunes," Mr. Howells went out of his way to complain that one could get nothing to eat in New York. The waiters of that city have three old established clubs and it is said that the walls of these resorts are adorned with portraits of the officers of the league bearing inscriptions that would not gratify their families. It is also claimed that photographs of the more notorious miffs are kept in albums and inspected by new arrivals.

Would Cultivate It.

"They say that blushing is a disease," she suggested.

"Indeed," he replied. "I thought it was a fashion."

At any rate he knew that a pretty girl would not run away from a case of it for fear of infection.—Chicago Post.

A Protracted Winner.

"What a novel style of hairdressing! What do you call it?"

"The Dewey."

"Why the Dewey?"

"Because I commence it before breakfast and finish it after."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

CAUSE OF RHEUMATISM.

HOW THE DISEASE IS DEVELOPED AND CAN BE AVOIDED.

For Years This Troubled Baffled Physicist's Skill—Now Understood and Easily Cured—The Result of Scientific Research.

From the Advance, Kemptville, Ont.

There is a popular idea that rheumatism is caused by exposure to cold, and that some localities are infected with it more than others. Scientists say that such conditions frequently promote disease, but from the fact that this ailment runs in certain families, it is shown to be hereditary, and consequently a disease of the blood.

Frequently an individual in whose family rheumatism has not occurred, develops the disease, and when diagnosis of the case is made, it is generally found that the ailment is due to a derangement of the blood.

One such sufferer who has been cured is Capt. D. W. Becket, who lives in the township of Oxford, Grenville County. Capt. Becket is the owner of 275 acres, and lives in a beautiful farm home on the banks of the Rideau, some three miles from Kemptville. In addition to being a thrifty farmer, Mr. Becket has taken an enthusiastic interest in our volunteer force, and has graduated from the military college at Toronto with a first-class certificate, which entitled him to the rank of Major. To a reporter of the Kemptville Advance, Capt. Becket made the following statement:—"Four years ago I was taken suddenly with rheumatism in both by elbows and thigh joints. The pain at times was something terrible. I took medicine and doctored for over six months, but continued to grow worse and worse. My arms from the elbow joints to the tips of the fingers became numb and had a prickly sensation, and I was unable to do any work; in fact I could not lift my hand to my head. The pain I suffered in my hips was also almost unbearable and my legs were nearly as useless as my arms. I had frequently read testimonials where Dr. Williams' Pink Pills had cured this disease, and at last I thought I would try them as an experiment. Before I had completed the first box I felt they were helping me, and after I had taken the pills a little more than a month, the pain had entirely left me, and I felt an altogether different man. I feel satisfied there is no other medicine could have wrought such a speedy cure, and I can truthfully say I met the enemy and defeated him through the aid of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

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Elderberry Pie.

Elderberry pies may be made so that they are hardly distinguishable from blueberry. The following is an excellent recipe: Scald the berries thoroughly and turn off the water. To one heaping teaspoonful of fruit add one teaspoonful of granulated sugar, butter the size of a walnut, a tablespoonful of vinegar (or lemon juice) and one egg. Bake with two crusts.

These pies may be made in the winter with canned elderberries which are put up by first scalding the berries, turning off the water, adding more water and heating ready for the cans. No sugar is required.—Josephine Detmar in Good Housekeeping.

A Democratic Princess.

Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, is perhaps the most democratic of Queen Victoria's daughters, so far as such a term can be applied to any royal princess. She has no sympathy with pretensions and affectations. On many occasions her royal highness has done things with her own hands that women whose chief claim to consideration existed in their own imagination would have rung the bell for a servant to do.

Once when visiting the schoolroom of a certain little lady who had very exalted ideas of her own rank she discovered that affairs between pupil and governess were a little strained. The princess inquired of the governess the cause. The little lady, at once sure of the right on her side, burst in with: "Miss F. wanted me to clean my slate. Surely a duke's daughter need not clean her own slate!" "Miss F. is quite right," said the princess. "I am the queen's daughter, and I always cleaned my slate."

Once the princess was presiding at a committee meeting, and when leaving the house where it was held the hostess dropped her bag. She was politely waiting until the princess had passed to pick it up, but to her surprise Princess Louise stooped, picked it up and gave it to her, saying simply, "I might have trodden on your pretty bracelet."

The dignity of royal ladies depends upon other things than small observances, although in the matter of etiquette they are all past mistresses when occasion requires.—Baltimore True American.



PERSONAL CHATS.

Wellington once said, "Take my word for it, if you had seen but one day of war you would pray to Almighty God that you might never see such a thing again."

Sir William Henry Broadbent, M. D., F. R. C. P., has been appointed one of Queen Victoria's physicians extraordinary in the room of the late Sir Richard Quain, M. D.

Falling Shower is the name of an Indian girl baby born recently in Brooklyn. Her parents' names are Little Cloud and Laughter Water, and she has a small brother called Morning Glory.

Count Cassini, the new ambassador of Russia to the United States, is said to have extraordinary powers as a linguist. He speaks fluently seven languages, including Turkish and Chinese.

It is said that Colonel John Hay, our ambassador to England, during the two days following Schley's victory shook hands with over 4,000 people who came

to congratulate him on his country's triumph.

Snapper Garrison, the once famous jockey, has quit the turf and is engaged in the life insurance business in New York. He failed to save any of the big sums he made as a rider and is said to be in debt.

Colonel Hallowell, formerly of Wichita, Kan., who died the other day, was the opponent of Jerry Simpson when that Populist first ran for congress and was the originator of the famous nickname, "Sockless" Simpson.

General George E. Bryant, who was Admiral Dewey's roommate at Norwich (Vt.) Military academy, says that Dewey belonged to a student society calling themselves the "University Regulars" and was the leader in all their mischief.

Mr. Gladstone is said to have managed the Hawarden estate, which was once much involved, with so much thrift and sagacity that the eldest son of W. H. Gladstone will, it is believed, succeed to £10,000 a year on attaining his majority.

Joseph M. Nowak, a lawyer of Cleveland, after ten years of married life divorced his wife and married her seamstress. Then he divorced the seamstress and remarried his first wife. In less than a year they were again divorced, and now Nowak has married the seamstress once more.



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| Name of company. | Business written. | Gain in business. | Percentage. |
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| Great West Life..... | \$2,206,300 | \$1,405,830 | 64 |
| Ontario Mutual..... | 3,081,900 | 1,485,719 | 49 |
| Dominion Life..... | 599,700 | 56,596 | 43 |
| North American..... | 3,431,524 | 469,208 | 43 |
| Sun Life..... | 4,317,292 | 1,256,173 | 29 |
| Temperance and General | 1,797,650 | 501,075 | 28 |
| Canada Life..... | 3,627,652 | 1,008,529 | 28 |
| Confederation..... | 3,132,072 | 714,649 | 23 |
| Federal..... | 2,068,850 | 85,105 | 4 |

As great emphasis is—very properly—given by all the companies to the percentage of "gain in business" to business written, it is gratifying to find that, as in so many other respects, its friends will still have reason to be proud of

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HORSES AND DRIVERS.

Carbonate, 2:09, pacing, is credited with a trial mile in 2:06 3/4.

Star Pointer paced in 2:01 3/4 at Detroit the other day in an effort to beat 1:59 1/4.

It is predicted that Zombro, the California trotter, will take a record as fast as 2:08 this season.

Monopole, pacer, by Leicester, is the first New England bred horse to enter the 2:10 list this year.

Directum Kelly is the largest money winner of the year thus far, his earnings amounting to \$5,500.

The correct breeding of Star Hal, 2:16, pacing, is by Bruno Hal, dam Dixie, by Black Dick. His sire has been printed as Brusco.

Mr. C. R. Bentley, known as a turf writer over the non de plume of Driftwood, is now managing the Forest City farm's horses.

It is likely that Riley Medium, 2:10 1/4, pacing, will be shaped up for a few races in the fall. He has made a good start season in South Bend, Ind.

It is reported that Scott Hudson drove Eagle Flanagan, 2:12 1/4, a half mile at Ottawa recently in 1:02 1/4, and the full mile was faster than the horse's record.

A 8-year-old colt named Onward Silver, by Onward, dam sister to Kentucky Union, 2:07 1/4, is reported to have shown a mile in 2:20 1/4 and a half in 1:09.—Turf, Field and Farm.

No Excuse.

Guest (angrily)—Your charge for three days' board is outrageous—a regular swindle, sir!

Hotel Proprietor.—You must remember that hotel charges are not based on what a guest consumes, but on what is provided. The waste of food at hotels is enormous.

Guest.—Then why don't you cook it better?—New York Weekly.

THE CUMBERLAND NEWS

CUMBERLAND, B.C.

FIRST AUTUMN STYLES.

Say Colors the Key-note—No Radical Change in the Cut of Gowns.

The autumn color card shown by the French manufacturers presents a perfect riot of colors, the purple and plum shades predominating in both the plain cloths and fancy wools. The first installment of fall goods is already in the hands of the French couturiers, some of whom are even showing what they term "autumn models." One never has much confidence in the modes displayed before the 1st of September. They may be "autumn models" without being autumn fashions, for there has been many a carefully designed model condemned to waste its glory in the atelier of the dressmaker. It is not easy to prophesy what the fashionable world will choose to wear a season ahead. However, the opinions of several leading dressmakers as to what will be fashionable are of interest and possess a certain amount of value.

First, the colors will be extremely gay and will lean more toward purple and plum than to red or blue. The predominance of these shades will lead to some rather novel combinations—purple and salmon pink, for instance. There will be little or no change in the cut of the skirt. In the models ready to be seen now the skirts agree to a dot, and the dressmakers seem to have given up the half-hearted attempt to make drapery popular. This model skirt fits absolutely glove-like about the hips, and in fact defines the figure in a manner that would have seemed astonishing a year ago. The volants en forme have about run their course. They may appear in the autumn, but the dressmakers are not showing them and advise flat trimmings that do not destroy the contour of the figure. The trimmed skirt will not be so necessary as it has been during the spring, but trimmings



GOWN OF BROWN GLACE SILK.

will be fashionable. Embroideries and novel braidings will be much used, and perforated cloths in a new form appear among the new goods.

Perhaps a word should be said in regard to the deep collars that occur on the summer gowns and promise to be even more extensively worn during the autumn. The simplest form is the dauphin collar, which is cut to pass about the shoulders, the ends meeting on the bust and surrounding a heart shaped portion of the dress waist; the ends generally join under a bow or a scarf may pass under the collar to tie in a butterfly on the bust.

The change in bodices will consist more in novel arrangements of trimmings, of new forms of collars and probably a different shaped sleeve than in any decided change in cut. To judge by these advanced models the blouse will remain, as it is now, the most popular of shapes. Its new features seem to be an elaborate form of a sailor collar and long, wrinkled sleeves. There are some basque effects worn, usually with a belt, and one gown has a curious little waist that barely covers the waist line.

Almost all chokers are snug, trig and smart rather than elaborate in character, but the entire style of a gown may depend on the finish at the neck. It is probable that the cut of these chokers is more difficult to achieve than that of the more elaborate one, for evidently they must be carefully shaped. Some dressy costumes have simply a turnover collar of the stuff, with a bow finishing it. A pretty choker that is in vogue again is the double collar. The high choker is of the cloth, and one of silk turns over this, while a scarf of the same silk passes about the neck inside the collar and makes a bow in front. A pretty form of this choker has the silk turnover collar cut to flare

away in two points under the chin. The foregoing items of fashion, by a Paris correspondent, are reproduced from the New York Tribune, in which the cut of a brown glace gown with flat trimming and lace applique also occurs.

Fruit Stains.

At this season of the year napkins, tablecloths and even children's clothes are very apt to become stained with fruit. One of the simplest methods to remove these fruit stains from linen or cambric is to place the stained part over a bowl and continue pouring boiling water through until the stain disappears. If this be done soon after the article is stained, there will be no trouble in most cases. The water must be boiling hot.

Not Enough.

She (loftily)—If I washed dishes for a man, it might make him look upon me as a servant.

He—Oh, no. You'd have to break them to do that.—Brooklyn Life.

Signs of Clemency.

"You weren't afraid to propose to that reserved Miss Sniff?"

"No. I noticed that she was indulgent to her poodle."—Chicago Record.

Best He Could Do.



Mr. Crusty—Here are some pennies, but I don't think you tell a plausible story.

Indolent Ives—Well, I sized yer up fer a cheap guy, an dat's de best story I kin put up fer 2 cents.—New York Journal.

THE COOKBOOK.

Never boil anything that can be cooked by steaming.

Add lemon juice to the water in which rice is boiled, as it causes the grains to separate.

If you have a good recipe for Boston brown bread, try stirring in a half cup of seeded and partly chopped raisins just before putting the batter in the baking pans.

In roasting beef, dredge with flour, salt and pepper, then sear quickly in hot oven or in suet on top of stove, put in a cool oven and finish roasting, allowing ten minutes to a pound.

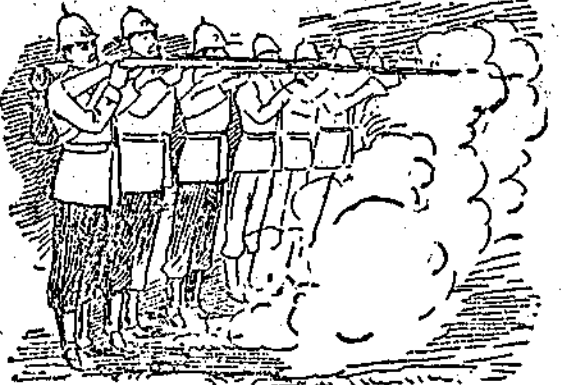
If you want to have chopped jelly for garnishing dishes, remember to chop or cut it with a knife which has been dipped in ice water and have the jelly on paper which has also been dipped in water.

Two small hints on the word of a cooking authority are that a few grains of salt sprinkled on coffee before adding the water bring out and improve the flavor, and that apples are not so apt to break when the attempt to core them is made, if that is done before they are peeled.

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Proprietor—Oh, say that in consequence of the number of umbrellas going up there's no room for the balloon.—Ally Sloper.

A Prouder Record.

Norah (reading)—In England servants are proud of growin' gray in th' service of wan family.

Bridget—Huh! That's joost loike thim Sassenachs! What'd they tink o' th' loikes o' me what's made more'n a hoondred misthresses grow gray in th' same toime?—Town Topics.

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A Distinction.

"Isn't that new neighbor of yours rather eccentric?" inquired the commercial traveler.

"No," answered one of the village's prominent citizens. "He ain't rich enough to be called 'eccentric.' He's just a plain crank."—Washington Star.

Cash For Antiques.

"Sagasta wants us to pay for the forts and Morros we captured."

"Say, he'd be glad to have us come over to Spain and capture a lot more under the same arrangement."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Not In His Line.

"No," said the retired pugilist, sitting down ponderously and sighing heavily, "I'm too fat to ever fight again. Bill Shafter put up a good scrap at 300, but it is beyond me."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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Justifiable Indignation.

One evening John Scott (Lord Eldon) had been sipping rather too freely of the convivial bowl with a friend in Edinburgh, and upon emerging into the air his intellect became considerably confused. Not being able to distinguish objects with any degree of certainty he felt himself quite capable of losing his way to his own home. While in this perplexity he saw some one coming toward him whom he asked, "D'ye ken whaur John Scott bides?"

"Whaur's the use of your speering that question? You're John Scott himsel'."

"I ken that," answered John indignantly, "but it's no himsel' that's wanted—it's his house."

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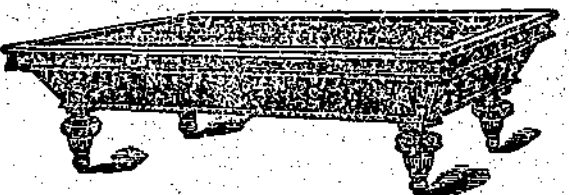
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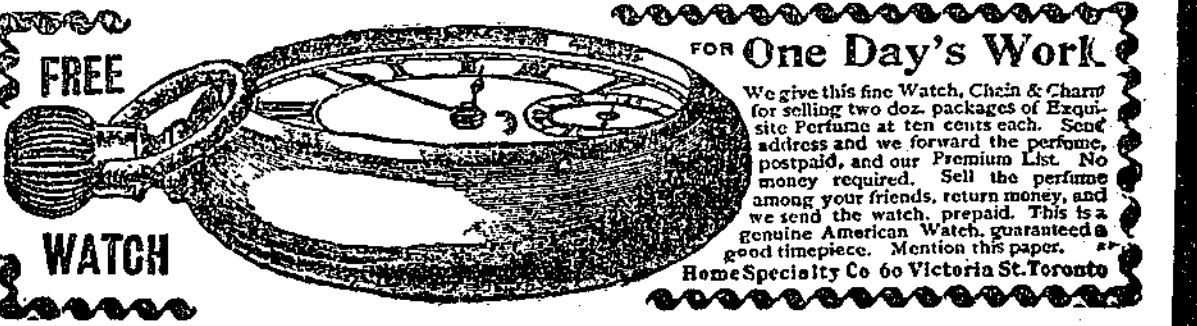
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THE SEMI-WEEKLY
NEWS.

TUESDAY, FEB. 28th, 1899

With this issue of THE NEWS I retire from the business. Miss M. E. Bissett, lately the teacher at Comox school, will take charge. In a few words I desire to thank my many friends who have stood by THE NEWS in the past six-and-a-half years, staunch supporters, whose interests I have endeavored to promote as much as was in my power and from whom I will part with regret, for without their kindly help my little paper could not have rided over the years. In retiring, I bespeak for the young lady who succeeds me, your patronage and encouragement, believing she will prove a capable managing editor, deserving of your support. All arrears for subscriptions should be paid to Miss Bissett.

M. WHITNEY.

France is like some other countries; it has no respect for a nation until it shows its teeth.

The Queen is very pacific. In her speech upon the opening of parliament, she made no allusion to the difficulty with France.

The English government will not be drawn into the ritualistic agitation. Recently when Balfour was questioned upon the subject, he refused to answer.

The Bonkbobors are going into Manitoba and the North West Territories in considerable numbers. They are steady, quiet, thorough going people, and possibly some of them may be utilized in the coal mines.

We publish in this issue an offer from Wm. Saunders, director of Experimental Farms, Ottawa, to furnish the best of seeds without charge. Applications must be in by the 15th March, and if some kinds may be exhausted, it will be best to make application without delay.

The returns brought into the House, show that since the present government by the grace of Lieutenant Governor McInnes, came into power there have been 57 dismissals and 63 appointments. The spoils policy rules in this Province. No doubt some changes were desirable, but it is not believed or claimed that the greater part of these removals were made for any other than political reasons.

We have looked carefully over the estimates, and find nothing specially voted for the completion of our new school. As to the hospital, it will get \$500 for the next fiscal year and 50 cents per day for each patient actually treated. The other hospitals get the same. So far as putting all the hospitals on the same basis, the plan is a correct one, but the amount allowed is too small.

There is hardly as much reciprocity between the farmers of Comox and the people of Union and Cumberland as would be advantageous to either. It should be made a rule by the people of the town to buy whatever they need of the farmers rather than send away for it, and the farmers should patronize the town stores instead of sending out of the district for what they can obtain here. This would keep the money at home, and every one will admit this is desirable.

PASSENGER LIST.

Per Thistle, February 22.—Miss M. White, S. Jones, W. H. Warren, J. Holmes, F. Brown, W. Burns, J. McCarthy, W. Coulson, O. Lindon, Mrs. Bardison, S. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Mobius, M. Miller, G. Hicks, Mrs. McQuillan, Hernal, Mr. Booth, T. Ross, D. Smith, O. F. Lacey, E. Yarwood, G. Chapman, M. Strutt, R. Irvine, O. Bramer, J. Peterson, M. Trebayer, Mr. and Mrs. Kelson, Mrs. Fontain, Miss L. Armson, G. Ramsey, Mr. Burdett, Miss M. Piercy, D. Beven, W. Lacey, John Bell, A. Biscittels, W. Chalmers, A. Gelding, R. Armstrong, Joe Haskins, O. Swanson, Mr. Buckley, Miss Hudson, Mrs. Day, Rev. J. P. Hicks, A. McMillan, A. Fontain, W. E. Harmston.

MUNICIPAL INCORPORATION.

EDITOR NEWS:

If the estimates allow Comox Electoral District no more than you state they do, then it is time that the people take up the question with a view, if possible, of preventing a similar outrage in the future. Politics should cut no figure in the discussion of the matter. What is right and ought to be done remains the same no matter who is in power. \$6000.00 for Comox! What will that sum enable to be done? Will it open new roads? Will it even keep in repair those already opened? Doubtless those and similar questions will present themselves for the consideration of the public. Municipal incorporation may in some parts of the district prove a remedy for the future. I do not know sufficient about the district, to suggest that incorporation ought to be obtained. The wisdom, or otherwise of having self government must be determined by those interested in the district. However, if incorporation can be shown to be a good thing, the people should not hesitate to incorporate. Political, social, religious, and other differences should give way to the consideration of commonweal. I trust that our people will not allow the subject to pass their attention. If they do they may be assured that as silence gives consent their lot next year will be no better.

—OBSERVER.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Remember the concert to-night at the Methodist Church.

Mr. D'Arcy of H. M. S. Imperius is a fine service musician.

A good deal of hay is being brought into town from Comox lately.

FOR SALE—Four dozen Mason fruit jars, gal., qts., and pts., all for \$3.00. Inquire at NEWS OFFICE.

Of those who came up last week, all who were miners went to work.

There was quite a number leaving Friday morning. So they come and go.

The prospecting level of No. 5 shaft has struck a fine vein of coal 4½ feet thick.

FOR SALE.—A batching outfit. Apply AT ONCE at the Bowery.

The business of T. D. McLean, jeweler, will be continued at his old stand here as usual.

A Union has been advocated here but as the Company does not employ Union men it would be useless.

Messrs. Moore and Stokes of this town, will leave on Friday for the Altn country. Good-luck go with them.

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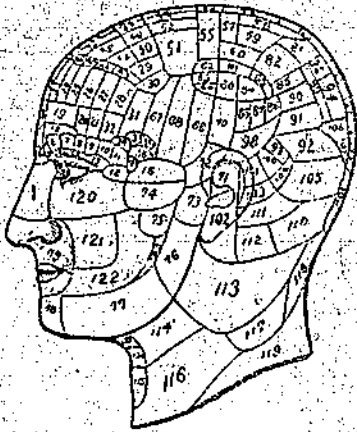
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The Thistle last Friday put back to let off a few passengers who did not have the cash to pay passage money.

The opening dance at the Wilson House has been postponed until Wednesday evening March 8th. Train leaves at 7 o'clock Wednesday March 8th, from Sawmill.

At Union Wharf proceedings are likely to be taken which will lead to a big scandal growing out of idle and probably untruthful gossip—one woman vs another.

The estimates provide pay for only four Stipendiary Magistrates in the province. Probably in the cities where a county court judge resides the work of a stipendiary will be transferred to that official.

Dr. Williams and Capt. Martin of the Imperius were guests on Saturday and Sunday last at the Courtenay House. Capt. Martin is an old timer and came up to Comox on the Daphno 20 years ago.

The exhibition of the Indian troupe next Monday night at Pickets hall will be notable affair. The troupe is made up of real Indians—10 men and two women. They will march through the streets Monday evening before the performance begins.

—FOR SALE.—An 80 acre ranch, well located in Comox on the gulf; 30 acres cleared. Price \$300; \$300 down, and the balance in ten years at 6 per cent. Enquire at this office.

The Dominion government has arranged to send to this district to the telegraph stations, where they will be posted up, weather bulletins, giving a forecast for 36 hours. If sent daily, as expected, they will be of some public utility, the last one received before going to press will be published in each issue of THE NEWS.

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LADIES' AID—SALE OF WORK.

On Tuesday 28th inst., the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church, will hold a Sale of Work in the school room, commencing at 3 p. m., both useful and fancy articles will be offered for sale.

CONCERT.—In the evening of the same day (Feb. 28th) a concert will be given by the Choir, assisted by others. The program will be miscellaneous. Two excellent choruses—"The Heavens are Telling," Haydn, "The Damascus Triumphal March," Costa—will be rendered. Miss Lillian L. Armson, elocutionist, and Mr. Gideon Hicks are expected to take part. Admission, 25 cents.

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| No. 2 Daily. | | No. 4 Saturday. | |
| A.M. | | A.M. | |
| De. 9:00 | Victoria | De. 3:00 | Victoria |
| 9:30 | Goldstream | 3:25 | Goldstream |
| 10:15 | Shawnigan Lake | 4:10 | Shawnigan Lake |
| 10:55 | Duncan | 4:45 | Duncan |
| P.M. | | P.M. | |
| 12:30 | Nanaimo | 6:05 | Nanaimo |
| Ar. 12:45 | Wellington | Ar. 6:20 | Wellington |
| WELLINGTON TO VICTORIA. | | | |
| No. 1 Daily. | | No. 3 Saturday. | |
| A.M. | | A.M. | |
| De. 8:25 | Wellington | De. 3:10 | Wellington |
| 8:45 | Nanaimo | 3:25 | Nanaimo |
| 10:01 | Duncan | 4:37 | Duncan |
| 10:42 | Shawnigan Lake | 5:05 | Shawnigan Lake |
| 11:33 | Goldstream | 5:59 | Goldstream |
| Ar. 12:00 M. | Victoria | Ar. 6:25 P.M. | Victoria |

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NOTICE

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W. E. Norris, Sec'y

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Lodge meets on every Saturday on or before the full of the moon. Visiting Brethren cordially requested to attend.

R. S. McConnell, Secretary.

Cumberland Encampment.

No. 5, I. O. O. F., Union.

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CHAS. WILKIE, Scribe.

I. O. O. F.

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L. W. NUNNS,

Feb 1, 1899. CITY CLERK.

NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS indebted for milk supplied by Mr. Andrew Seater are kindly requested to pay their accounts. All accounts unpaid by the 20th of March prox, will be placed for collections.