

REBELS DRIVEN BACK

SUFFER HEAVY LOSS IN FOUR DAYS' BATTLE.

Pierce Fighting Stops With Federals in Control of Tampico—Attackers Raked by Gunboats' Fire, Leave 800 Dead on Field.

Mexico City, Dec. 16.—The rebels have failed in their attack on Tampico and have withdrawn some distance from the city.

Unofficial messages reaching here yesterday fully corroborate the war office report of the rebel defeat as a result of a heavy and sustained bombardment by two federal gunboats and federal field artillery. They did not, however, bear out the idea of a rout.

In possession of the railroad yards throughout the battle, the rebels, when they were driven off, remained sufficiently cool in the face of the furious fire to take away with them every locomotive and most of the rolling stock.

That the rebel loss was very great is also emphasized in these advices which add that the buzzards which inhabit the Mexican coast and which for generations have been protected by law, feasted, yesterday, over the battlefields in numbers so great as to present the appearance of low-lying clouds.

According to the federal report 800 rebels were killed before they could get out of range, and this would mean many hundreds wounded and probably left behind.

It is regarded here as probable that the relief of Tampico is only temporary and that before many days the rebels will resume the attack in greater numbers, although the three days' battle has materially cut down their supply of ammunition. This may delay operations for a time.

Reports reaching here do not indicate that the property loss as a result of the fighting has been large. Official denial was made yesterday that President Huerta had expressed anger at the alleged interference of Rear Admiral Fletcher with the federal gunboats; nor did the government ever receive corroboration of the report that the American commander-in-chief had issued any orders that could be interpreted as interference.

Whether the rebels under General Blanco now at Victoria decide to renew the attack upon Tampico, or direct their efforts against Monterey, they will be able to move men and war material much more expeditiously in the next venture, since as a result of the engagements about Tampico they now have in their possession

Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills

Cure many common ailments which are very different, but which all arise from the same cause—a system clogged with impurities. The Pills cause the bowels to move regularly, strengthen and stimulate the kidneys, and open up the pores of the skin. These organs immediately throw off the accumulated impurities, and Biliousness, Indigestion, Liver Complaint, Kidney Trouble, Headaches, Rheumatism and similar ailments vanish.

COMB SAGE TEA IN HAIR TO DARKEN IT

It's Grandmother's Recipe to Keep Her Locks Dark, Glossy, Thick. The old-time mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur for darkening gray, streaked and faded hair is Grandmother's treatment, and folks are again using it to keep their hair a good, even color, which is quite sensible, as we are living in an age when a youthful appearance is of the greatest advantage.

Nowadays, though, we don't have the troublesome task of gathering the sage and the musky mixing at home. All drug stores sell the ready-to-use product called "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy" for about 50c. a bottle. It is very popular because anybody can discover it has been applied. Simply moisten your comb or a soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, but what delights the ladies with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur is that, besides beautifully darkening the hair after a few applications, it also produces that soft lustre and appearance of abundance which is so attractive; besides, prevents dandruff, itching scalp and falling hair. Agent, Geo. W. Mahood.

twenty-three locomotives and several hundred cars; many of them loaded with construction material and other supplies.

THE LATE P. M. BILTON.

He Died in Westport on Wednesday, Dec. 3rd.

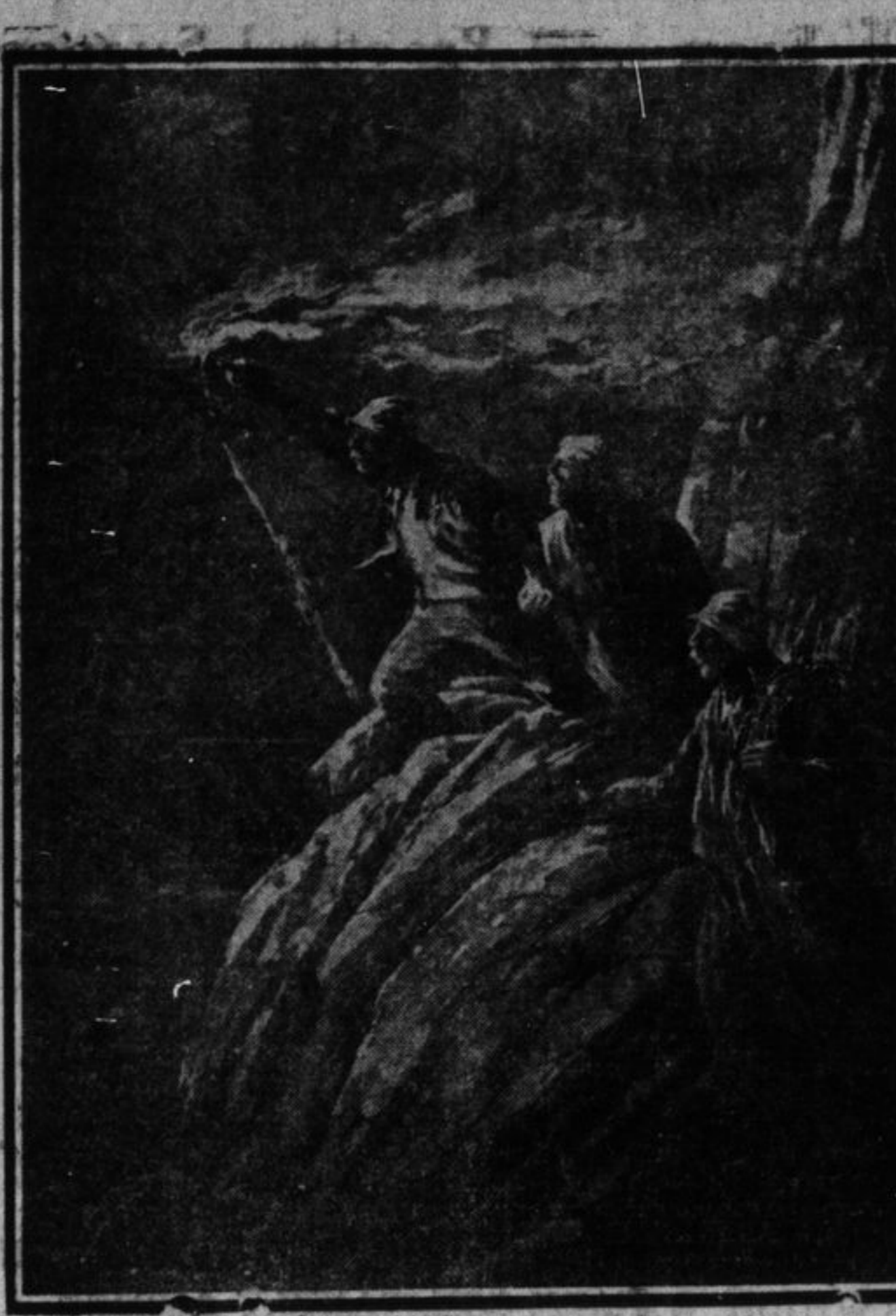
P. Maxwell Bilton, a life-time resident of Westport, and vicinity, passed away at his residence on Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, after a very brief illness. He had reached the age of sixty-seven years, having been born near Newboro, May 14th, 1846. He was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bilton. He married on Oct. 7th, 1874, Miss Sarah E. Wing, who, with his family of seven children, survive him. The daughters are: Helen, Mrs. Marshall Crozier, Cecile, Margaret, Jean, Frances, and Sadie, the five last named are resident in Calgary, whence they returned home on hearing of their father's illness. There is one son, Campbell Bilton, who is manager of a furnishing store in Westport. The deceased had followed the business of carpentry, sawmill work and building at home and elsewhere, and during the last few years had been engaged with the Westport Woodworking company, with whom he worked up to the time of his illness. He was a man of great strength and endurance, and in his work never spared himself. Until quite recently, he had been in robust health. Lately, however, he had developed organic heart trouble, which about five days before his death brought on a loss of power of his left side, with other related complications. Without any apparent pain, he lingered until Wednesday evening, 3rd inst., when at 8.15 p.m., he passed quietly to rest.

The funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at his late residence, and were conducted by Rev. C. D. Baldwin, who spoke on the sympathy of Jesus, from the text, John 11:35. Rev. Dr. MacKenzie, of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. Mr. Hisey, of the Baptist church, also took part. After this part of the service was concluded, the brethren of the Westport Masonic lodge, of which Mr. Bilton had long been a member, conducted the impressive service of the order.

Among the mourners immediately connected with the family, present at the funeral, were his brother, Robert Bilton, Newboro; his sisters, Mrs. J. R. Gorrell, of Westport and Mrs. R. W. Leech, of Prescott; his brothers-in-law, D. P. Algire, J. R. Gorrell, Messrs. Wm. and George Wing, of Westport and George Dean, of Lansdowne; his sisters-in-law, Mrs. James Conley and Mrs. Richard Myers; and his cousins, W. C. Fredenburg, W. S. Bilton, of Newboro, and Mrs. V. R. Marshall, of Brockville, besides many younger relatives of the family.

Mr. Bilton was a member of the Methodist church, and had a share in the erection of the beautiful building of that body in Westport. He was much esteemed in the community, and was known as a faithful and indefatigable worker, a loving father and a kind neighbor. The sympathy of the friends and of the orders to which he belonged was expressed in many beautiful floral tributes; a pillow from the family, a cross, from Mrs. R. W. Leech, wreaths from D. P. Algire and family, the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church; G. S. Moir, of Ottawa; E. C. McEwen, Westport, the Independent Order of Foresters, and the officials and employees of the Westport Woodworking company, and the Westport Manufacturing and Plating company, Ltd.; sprays from each of the following: Miss H. Bilton's Sabbath school class, Mr. and Mrs. R. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. James Conley, Mr. and Mrs. James McGuire, Brockville; Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Marshall, Brockville, spray; and a floral square and compass from Masonic lodge, Westport.

Sunset. By Charlotte F. Talbot, Bloomfield. The sun has disappeared, rest Behind the clouds, beyond the blue. Beyond the brilliant distant west, His rays in glory, shining through. See him while his beams are glowing, Thro' softest grey and amethyst! His glorious tints are still a-showing. They tremble on the falling mist. Oh, glorious sunset of the west! A day is hushed in crimson light! With soft-winged hope, the weary rest. A voice from darkness says "'tis night."



RECRUITS FOR THE BRITISH CANADIAN SHIPS.

When addressing the Canadian Club recently, Hon. P. T. McGrath, of Newfoundland, said Newfoundland could provide the sailors for Canada's ships if they were needed. The above illustration, showing the rugged fishermen of Newfoundland signalling from the crags to some ship in distress off their coasts, shows the reason for Mr. McGrath's assertion. Few sea coasts are more full of peril than the precipitous crags of Newfoundland. Dense fogs lie off the land and baffling currents put the navigating skill of the most experienced skippers to the severest tests. The chances are all against the sailing ship, damaged aloft at sea and caught in bad weather with the Newfoundland reefs under her lee. The hardy watchers on the cliffs are ever on the alert to warn off vessels of fairs, and ready with life-saving ropes should the worst result.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

The Prices Paid at the Union Stock Yards. Union Stock Yards, Toronto, Dec. 15.—Receipts were large. 208 cars, 3,674 cattle, 1992 hogs, 2356 sheep and lambs, 139 calves.

Cattle.—The quality of cattle was generally good. Choice butchers' steers, \$8.50 to \$9.00; good butchers' steers, \$8.00 to \$8.50; medium butchers' steers, \$7.75 to \$8.00; choice butchers' heifers, \$8.00 to \$8.25; common butchers' heifers, \$6.75 to \$7.25; choice cows, \$6.00 to \$7.00; good cows, \$5.00 to \$6.00; canners, \$4.00 to \$4.50.

Feeders and stockers.—Feeders sold higher than ever. Choice steers, \$6.25 to \$7.25; medium steers, \$6.50 to \$6.75; stockers, \$5.00 to \$6.25. Milkers and springers.—Prices ranged at \$65 to \$95 each; bulk sold at \$75 to \$85 each.

Calves.—Choice veals, \$10.00 to \$11.50. Sheep and lambs.—Prices were firm. Sheep, \$5.00 to \$6.00; ewes and rams, \$3.50 to \$4.50; lambs, choice ewes and wethers, \$8.75 to \$9.00. Hogs.—Selected, fed and watered, \$8.50 to \$8.25 f.o.b. cars.

Winter in Algonquin Park.

With Switzerland, Canada is taking its rightful place as a winter playground of the nations. One of the most popular districts where unrivalled opportunities are found for healthful sport and where an invigorating atmosphere may be enjoyed, is the Algonquin Provincial Park, situated in Ontario, 200 miles north of Toronto and 160 miles west of Ottawa. It is easily reached by Grand Trunk railway system. The Highland Inn, a well run and comfortable hotel, offers splendid accommodation at reasonable rates. During the season, such sports as tobogganing, skating, skiing and snow shoeing are enjoyed. The territory is 2,000 feet above the sea level and the air is pure and invigorating. Just the place to rest and recuperate. The winter rates at the Highland Inn are \$16 to \$18 per week. Write to J. E. Colson, resident manager, Highland Inn, Algonquin Park Station, Ont., for handsome illustrated booklet, "Winter in Ontario's Highland Heritage," and make your reservations early.

STRATHCONA EXPLAINS

WHY CANADIAN WHEAT PRICES ARE LOWER.

Than Those of Inferior Foreign Grain—Explanation Found in Different Buying Conditions—Bigger Supply Would Mean Higher Prices.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—That Canadian wheat is selling in London at higher prices than market quotations would indicate in comparison with the foreign brands, but that it would sell for better figures still if the British miller could invariably reckon upon a great and regular supply of Canadian wheat is the substance of a report made to the Trade and Commerce department by Lord Strathcona, Canadian High Commissioner, on the price of Canadian wheat in England.

"As the current prices of Canadian wheat have lately been the subject of comment," says Lord Strathcona, "inquiry has been made and some research instituted with a view of ascertaining the reason for the fall in values." He goes on to state that the abundance of the world's annual wheat crop is the main factor in making prices, fluctuations being at present caused by reports received in regard to the next Indian and South American crops and the reported sowing under the best conditions of an extra 4,000,000 acres of winter wheat in the United States.

Price Fluctuations.

If then goes on to deal with fluctuations in Canadian wheat prices particularly. Canadian wheat suffered in a greater measure than other kinds owing to the quantity of the crop combined with its pressure to sell. No. 1 northern, for instance, fell from 36s 3d on September 9th to 33s 6d on November 14th, whereas Australian wheat during the same period depreciated only about 1s 6d. The explanation, for the fact that the quantity of a superior wheat like No. 1 northern should affect its own price so rapidly without lowering the cost of other wheats lies in the practice of British millers of blending various wheats. They cannot alter the type of flour they supply except within comparatively narrow limits, consequently

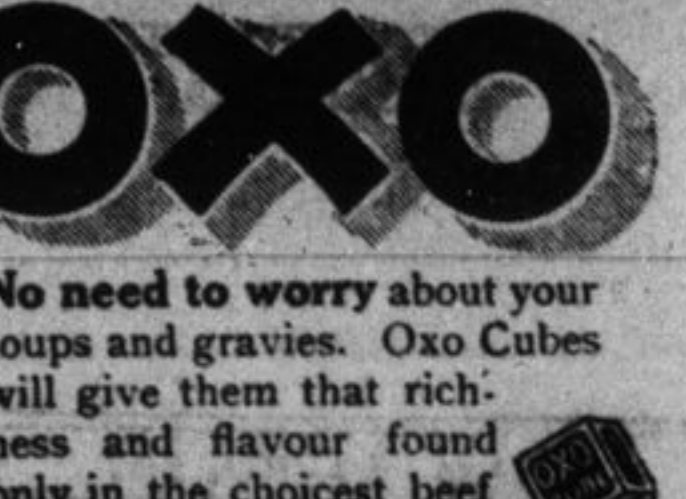
they have to buy the non-Canadian wheats, even if they are relatively dear, in order to retain uniformity in quality of their products. "This rule will hold," said Lord Strathcona, "until the British miller can invariably reckon upon a very great and regular supply of Canadian wheat, when no doubt he will so alter his blend as to take advantage of the changed conditions. At present no single country can supply all the wheat that is needed here."

Buying Conditions Better.

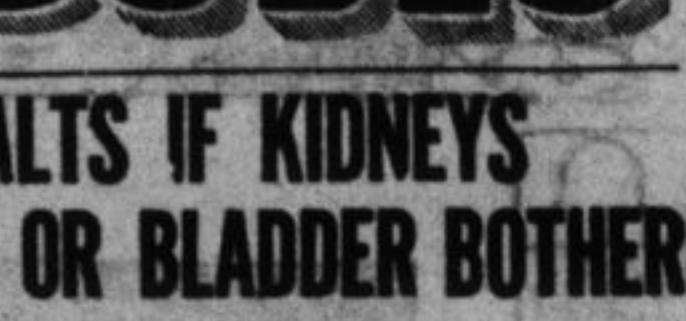
A statement has recently been made, according to the high commissioner's report, that Canadian wheat is selling at a lower price than "inferior foreign wheat." He explains why this appears to be so, the reason being the different conditions upon which "inferior foreign" wheats are bought as compared with the Canadian brand. The unity of quantity for Manitoba and Australia wheat, for instance, 480 pounds for Indian wheat, 492 pounds, and for North Russian 496 pounds. Then on Kurachaee or Indian wheat buyers get a cash discount and in the first instance also an allowance of two per cent. off contract price, whereas on Manitoba wheat there are neither. Various methods of delivery also affect prices. The Indian wheat is shipped in bags, for which no charge is made; the Australian wheat in bags which are weighed in with the wheat; while the Manitoba and North Russian wheat are shipped in bulk, so that the buyer gets no advantage on the score of bags and has no pay in, to a ton to work the wheat out of the ship, whereas bagged wheat is put over the side free, the buyer paying only for the weighing.

From September 1st to the middle of November this year a smaller quantity of wheat has been imported into the United Kingdom than during the same period in 1912, the figure being 21,720,000 cwt., says Lord Strathcona. How much of this is Canadian it is impossible to say, but the high commissioner is endeavoring to have the ignorance dispelled in future.

With a family to bring up a good bread maker is of more value than a dozen piano players.



No need to worry about your soups and gravies. Oxo Cubes will give them that richness and flavour found only in the choicest beef.



SALTS IF KIDNEYS OR BLADDER BOTHER

HARMLESS TO FLUSH KIDNEYS AND NEUTRALIZE IRRITATING ACIDS

Kidney and Bladder weakness result from uric acid, says a noted authority. The kidneys filter this acid from the blood, and pass it on to the bladder, where it often remains to irritate and inflame, causing a burning, scalding sensation, or setting up an irritation at the neck of the bladder, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night. The sufferer is in constant dread, the water passes sometimes with a scalding sensation and inflame, causing a burning, again there is difficulty in voiding it.

Bladder weakness, most folks call it, because they can't control urination. While it is extremely annoying and sometimes very painful, this is really one of the most simple ailments to overcome. Get about four ounces of Jad Salts from your pharmacist and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast, continue this for two or three days. This will neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer is a source of irritation to the bladder and urinary organs which then act normally again. Jad Salts is inexpensive, harmless, and is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is used by thousands of folks who are subject to urinary irritation caused by uric acid. Jad Salts is splendid for kidneys and causes no bad effects whatever.

Here you have a pleasant, effervescent lithia-water drink, which quickly relieves bladder trouble. Agent, George W. Mahood.

TO IMPROVE PRETTY HAIR AND BEAUTIFY UGLY HAIR

Harmony Hair Beautifier, a delightful liquid hair dressing, is just what it is named—a hair beautifier. No matter how pretty your hair now is, it can be made to look even better by using Harmony Hair Beautifier. To those who mourn because the hair is stringy, dull, lustreless and homely, Harmony Hair Beautifier will prove a real blessing and perfume the hair, making it glossy, silky-soft and more easy to put up in graceful, wavy folds that "stay put." It overcomes the oily smell of the hair with a dainty, true-rose fragrance, very pleasing to the user and those around.

Very easy to apply—simply sprinkle a little on your hair each time before brushing it. It contains no oil, and will not darken the color of the hair, nor change gray hair. To keep hair and scalp dandruff-free and clean, use Harmony Shampoo. This pure liquid shampoo gives an instantaneous rich lather that immediately penetrates to every part of hair and scalp, insuring a quick, thorough cleansing. Washed off just as quickly, the entire operation takes only a few minutes. Contains nothing that can harm the hair; leaves no harshness or stickiness—just a sweet cleanliness.

Both preparations come in odd-shaped, very ornamental bottles, with sprinkler tops. Harmony Hair Beautifier, \$1. Harmony Shampoo, 50c. Both guaranteed to satisfy you in every way, or your money back. Sold in this community only at our store—The Rexall Store—one of the more than 7,000 leading drug stores of the United States, Canada and Great Britain, which own the Big Harmony Laboratories, Toronto, where the celebrated Harmony Perfumes and Toilet Preparations are made. Mahood's Drug Store, Kingston, Ont.

A teaspoonful of gossip will taint a kettleful of pure truth. A brunette may be fairer than a blonde in some ways.

APPLES, CHEESE, LEATHER.

Subjects of Canadian Trade Commissioners' Reports in Britain. Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Canadian apples, cheese and leather are all subjects of reports made by Canadian trade commissioners in Great Britain to the trade and commerce department this week. It is five years since Canadian apples have been so high in price in England, observes one commissioner, the cause being the shortage of the local crop. Canadian Baldwins are selling at \$5.35 to \$5.84 per barrel in Liverpool and other grades of the fruit are in proportion.

"The rapid decline in Great Britain's imports of Canadian leather," is pointed out by a Canadian trade commissioner, J. E. Ray, at Birmingham. The increased demand in Canada and the superior profits obtained in the United States market are blamed.

In regard to Canadian cheese, it is observed that shipments to England since the beginning of the season up to November and 166,844 boxes less than last year, and that stocks on hand in Canada at the close of navigation this year will be the smallest on record for the last twenty years.

Toronto Street Market.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Wheat, bush, 90c, 92c; oats, bush, 30c, 40c; barley, bush, 62c, 65c; rye, bush, 65c, 70c; hay, No. 1, \$17.00, \$18.50; hay, mixed, \$16.00, \$17.00; straw, per ton, 16.00, \$17.00; dressed hogs, heavy, \$10.25, \$11.00; dressed hogs, light, \$11.00, \$12.25; butter, dairy, lb., 30c, 33c; eggs, doz., 55c, 70c; chickens, lb., 18c, 20c; fowl, lb., 13c, 14c; ducks, lb., 16c, 17c; turkeys, lb., 22c, 23c; Geese, lb., 15c, 16c; apples, bbl., \$2.50, \$4.00; potatoes, bag, \$1.00, \$1.10; best, forequarters, cwt., \$11.00, \$12.50; best, hindquarters, cwt., \$14.00, \$15.00; beef, choice sides, cwt., \$12.50, \$13.00; beef, medium, cwt., \$11.50, \$12.50; beef, common, cwt., \$9.50, \$10.50; mutton, light, cwt., \$10.00, \$12.00; veal, common, cwt., \$11.50, \$12.50; veal, prime, cwt., \$13.00, \$14.50; lamb, cwt., \$15.00, \$16.50.

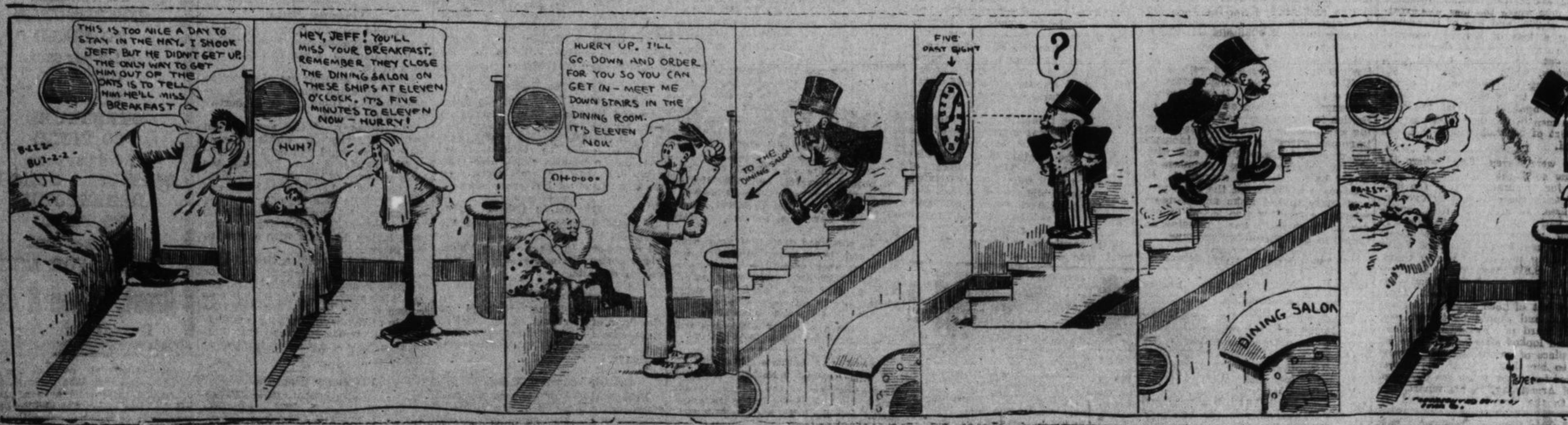
The world is full of that class of willing workers who are willing to "work" others. You owe it to yourselves to use your best endeavors to keep out of the "rusting" class. Many a man works overtime because his wife needs the money.



AFTERNOON GOWNS OF VELVET OR CHIFFON SUITABLE FOR CONCERT OR LUNCHEON

It is promised for some time to come that the loose, un-fitted lines which mark many of the frocks and suits of the moment will continue to modish. In soft materials they are becoming nearly every one, as they fall and drape the figure rather than add to its size, as so many people think. In 8077 is illustrated a gown of chiffon over a supple satin. The color is bronze, and the draped sash is of coral velvet. This frock may be copied in size 36 with 4 1/2 yards of 26 inch material. The circular trimming bands on the skirt and the smart collar make \$110 attractive. It is developed in charmeuse in a rich old red with the gumpse and gathered tucker of shadow lace. This model may be made in size 16 with 4 1/2 yards of 42 inch material and 1 1/2 yards of all-over lace. No. 8077—sizes 14 to 18. No. 8119—sizes 14 to 18. Each pattern 15 cents.

At Last Mutt & Jeff Sail For Home By "Bud" Fisher



"THIS IS TOO NICE A DAY TO STAY IN THE HAY. I SHOULD DEEF BUT HE DIDN'T GET UP. THE ONLY WAY TO GET HIM OUT OF THE HAY IS TO TELL HIM HE'S HAD BREAKFAST."

"HEY, JEFF! YOU'LL MISS YOUR BREAKFAST. REMEMBER THEY CLOSE THE DINING SALON ON THESE SHIPS AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK. IT'S FIVE MINUTES TO ELEVEN NOW—HURRY!"

"HURRY UP, I'LL GO DOWN AND ORDER FOR YOU SO YOU CAN GET IN—MEET ME DOWN STAIRS IN THE DINING ROOM. IT'S ELEVEN NOW."

"OH—"

"TO THE DINING ROOM."

"FIVE PAST EIGHT."

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"DINING SALON"