



Santa Claus Is Coming This Week.

His private letter box is here now. Bring your letters, so they will be ready for him when he gets here.

SHOP EARLY Our Christmas stock is now complete, and we advise our customers to make their selections before the rush comes. If not convenient to take the goods now, we will keep them for you till Christmas.

Handkerchiefs

What makes a more useful present than handsome handkerchiefs? 10c—Fine lawn, fancy drawn corners, Valenciennes lace edge, only 10c 15c—Lawn Handkerchiefs, embroidered edge, special 15c 15c—Pure linen centers, deep Valenciennes lace edge, Valenciennes insertion, worth 50c, special Christmas price 25c

Hosiery

All this week we are giving great bargains in our Hosiery Department. **PLAID HOSE**—Ladies' Plaid Hose, fine cashmere, silk stripes, 50c Hose reduced to 35c 75c Hose reduced to 50c **BLACK CASHMERE HOSE**—Fine quality, wide rib, regular 50c, bargain price 25c Big reduction in Ladies' and Children's Hose.

Gloves

Kid Gloves are among the leading Christmas presents. 75c—See our line of Fine French Kid Gloves, in gray, tan, modes and black, worth \$1.00 and \$1.25, special 75c \$1.00 LINE—Best value on the market, all the newest colors and styles. **CHILDREN'S KID GLOVES**, in tan shades.

IRONS DIED POOR

After the Labor Leader's Defiance of Jay Gould He Never Got Work.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 6.—Martin Irons, the leader in the great St. Louis railroad strike in 1896, whose death at Bruceville, Tex., was told of a few days ago, died in destitution. That fact, by the desire of W. Shortt, of Cleveland, secretary of the International Musical Union, is made public.

Fourteen years ago Irons, who first became known in the labor movement as master workman of the Knights of Labor at Sedalia, Mo., was at the head of the railroad men in St. Louis.

He sent an ultimatum to Jay Gould, president of the Missouri Pacific Railroad. It was defied. Then followed the disastrous strike and riots which paralyzed commerce in the busy southwest.

Irons was so powerful with the men that when Gould sent word that he was willing to confer with him with a view to a settlement, the labor leader replied to the little financier in New York: "You will find me in Kansas City."

Irons lost the strike, and was a marked and ruined man. Wherever he went he said he was pursued by the relentless enemies he had made. He kept a fruit stand under an assumed name, and in disguise at St. Louis, but he was found out and compelled to leave.

BYE-ELECTIONS.

London, Dec. 6.—Mr. George Wyndham, formerly parliamentary under-secretary of the war office, has been re-elected to the House of Commons from Dover without opposition.

Mr. Robert William Hambury has also been re-elected without opposition to represent Preston.

GRIMSBY PARK ALL RIGHT NOW. Hamilton, Dec. 10.—Grimsbey Park will remain a Methodist camp ground. Early in the year it was feared that the park would have to be sold on account of the financial burden its directors were carrying. Now, however, it is announced that \$40,000 worth of stock and \$20,000 worth of debentures have been subscribed for, and this will result in a sufficient sum being realized to pay the indebtedness of the

Ladies' Neckwear

Just the thing for Christmas gifts. **TIES**—Taffeta silk, hemstitched, featherbone Stock Collar and Long Tie, all colors, special 50c **TIES**—Hemstitched and drawn work featherbone Stock and Long Tie, in plain colors and polka dots, all prices. **TIES**—A full assortment of Chiffon, Net, Duchess Point, French Silk Crepe, and Fringed Ties. All the newest styles.

STOCK COLLARS—Best satin, plain Stock Collars, all colors 15c Fancy Satin Stock Collars 25c **STOCK FORMS**, black and white featherbone, special 15c **MILITARY STOCKS**—The newest Stock Collar, military red and cream, trimmed with black and gold braid, gold buttons, special 25c

Umbrellas

Christmas Umbrellas for ladies and gentlemen. **LADIES' UMBRELLAS**—Steel rod, silk and wool covering, tortoiseshell handle, Christmas price \$1.00 **LADIES' UMBRELLAS**—Steel rod, silk and wool covering, bone handle, silver mountings, grand value \$1.25

GENTLEMEN'S UMBRELLAS—Space will not allow us to mention all the different kinds. We have them from \$1.00 up. **GUN METAL**—See our gun metal dog and horse head handle, steel rod, fine silk and wool covering, worth \$3.50, special Christmas bargain \$2.05

park and furnish capital for improvements.

SEEKING DIVORCE

Ottawa Society Lady Wants Separation From Her Husband.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—Florence Gough, now of Montreal, formerly of Ottawa, is applying for divorce from her husband, Charles Arthur Gough, of Ottawa, an employee in the privy council department. Mrs. Gough figured in society here.

TREED BY WOLVES.

Salisbury, Ont., Dec. 10.—Secretary Matthew Jamieson, of Munroe Son's camp, No. 2, formerly proprietor of the Little Windsor Hotel, Peterboro, lost his way in the woods, and spent a dismal night up a tree, with a large pack of wolves howling around him. He was rescued at 10 o'clock next morning by a party of one hundred men from Mr. George Ritchie's camp.

POLICY PAID TO HIS SWEET-HEART.

Kingsport, Ont., Dec. 10.—T. D. Minnes has paid over to Miss Cousins the sum of \$1,000, an insurance policy taken out on the life of the late W. T. Manion, of Toronto, killed at Paardeberg, South Africa. She was the fiancée of the deceased Canadian. Manion was formerly a resident here, but joined the Toronto contingent. Other insurances of Mr. Manion went to the relatives.

The best protection against fevers, pneumonia, diphtheria, etc., is in building up the system with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

PLENTY OF COAL IN CHINA.

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—Robert C. Hoover, chief engineer of the department of mines of the Chinese Government for two years, proceeding to the Boxer outbreak, in speaking of the commercial importance of China, said: "In the near future the chief factor in the Chinese trade of the Pacific coast will be coal. There is more coal in the three northern provinces of Chi Li, Shan Tung and Shen King, than in any other region in the world. This coal is anthracite of excellent quality."

POWERS HAVE AT LAST AGREED

On the Note Proposed by the Envoys at Peking.

Waiting Now the Decision of Great Britain—Another Anti-Foreign Rising Planned.

London, Dec. 10.—A Peking dispatch, dated Dec. 9, says: "All the foreign envoys except Sir Ernest Mason Satow, the British minister, have received instructions from their governments, agreeing to the joint note proposed at the last meeting. Another meeting will probably be called for Tuesday next. Should the British minister have received his instructions to sign the joint note by that time, communication will be immediately opened with Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang, who are in daily touch with the court by the Chinese telegraph."

Prince Ching says Emperor Kwang Su is ready to return as soon as assured that the negotiations will allow him to come under conditions consonant with his dignity and safety. The removal of Gen. Tung Pu Hsiang from the command of the Chinese forces surrounding the court is considered by foreign envoys to be a very important step, showing the real desire of the government to come to terms. His banishment indicates that the court recognizes the expediency of obeying the demands of the powers.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB. The International Club has been opened, its object being to bring together, in a spirit of social harmony, the officers and diplomats of the various nations. There was a large company present, and music was discoursed by military bands. It is expected that the club will be a great success. The building was formerly an imperial temple.

THE AGREEMENT. Washington, Dec. 10.—The text of the agreement reached between the powers at Peking has been received at the state department, and a process of translation from the cipher code.

The St. Petersburg Novoe Vremya, in an article, evidently inspired, referring to the recent dispatch from Dr. Morrison, in Peking, to the London Times, saying that all the credit for securing softened terms, is given by the Chinese to the Russians, remarks: "The credit for the existing contentment really belongs to America. England begrudges President McKinley his just praise because he has emphasized America's friendship for Russia. The Russian journal regards the alterations which America has produced in the peace preliminaries as of the greatest importance."

LEGATION QUARTERS.

It is proposed that all the legation buildings should be situated within a square mile west of the Tartar City, that each building should be owned by the government using it, and that the whole should be surrounded by a moat and defended by having an international guard sufficient to protect the legations against any repetition of the recent attack.

AN ICE BLOCKADE.

A dispatch received from Taku says the only harbor there is frozen, and that 50 vessels are locked in the ice. Pao Hon Nin, taotai of Chu Chau Fu, in the province of Che Kiang, who was responsible for the July massacre, and who absconded after the massacre, has been captured near Su Chau and sent to Hang Chau Fu.

Sheng announces that Gen. Tung Pu Hsiang is proceeding to the province of Kan Su, and that a Shanghai correspondent of the London Standard, Palace officials report that the emperor dowager will leave Sian Fu on Dec. 12, and that Emperor Kwang Su will go to Peking.

DETAILS OF MASSACRES.

London, Dec. 10.—A Peking dispatch of the 8th says: Capt. Wingate and Ryder, who accompanied the expedition to Kalgan, returned today. They learned that some twelve Europeans, mostly Swedes and Norwegian missionaries, besides Capt. Watts Jones, were massacred at Kwai Hua Cheng by orders of the taotai, and that 100 native Christians had also been put to death. The details of the massacres are most revolting. Capt. Wingate and Ryder visited the Belgian station, where the priests in charge and 2,000 converts had sustained a prolonged siege by Boxers and imperial troops. They were informed that other stations further west are still besieged, not only by Boxers, but by Chinese troops, acting under orders from the authorities.

PLAN FOR ANOTHER RISING.

Chinese carrying concealed weapons are arrested at Peking. Native allies that Dec. 19 had been fixed as the date for a rising against the foreigners in the capital. No alarm is felt, however, as the troops there are sufficiently numerous to deal with a rising should one occur.

REFORMER'S SUGGESTIONS.

London, Dec. 10.—A Peking dispatch, dated Dec. 8, says: "Mr. Conger, U. S. minister, and the other foreign envoys received today a letter signed by Kang Yu Wei, the well-known Cantonese reformer, who was formerly an adviser of Emperor Kwang Su, and who has always been favorable to foreigners. Kang Yu Wei says he desires to make suggestions which would insure the just punishment of the rebel cultists, satisfaction to the different courts and a permanent settlement of the international relations of China." He urges first that the emperor and his advisers should not be allowed to negotiate peace. Second, that the emperor, who is a friend of the foreigners, should be restored, and that a careful watch should be kept over the so-called friendly viceroys. In the south, Unless Young Lu, Prince Tuan and others are severely dealt with, Kang Yu Wei contends that they will continue to say that the foreigners are powerless. "The foreigners should not rely upon the viceroys," continued the Cantonese reformer. "They send men, money and argument to the empresses, and are her obedient servants. The emperor's party consists of the most enlightened men, who are friendly to the foreigners, and desire to incorporate western civilization and culture in an ancient country."

Steamship Arrivals.

Dec. 8 and 9.	At	From
New York	New York	Southampton
Panama	Hamburg	New York
Campania	Liverpool	New York
Lake Champlain	Quebec	Montreal
Dianda	Halifax	London
LA Bretagne	New York	Havre
Grat Waldersee	New York	Hamburg
Anchorage	Mobile	New York
Kensington	Southampton	New York



THE WEATHER TODAY—Fair and cool snow flurries.

EARLY CLOSING—Customers will kindly bear in mind that this store closes at 7 o'clock every Sunday evening to permit employees to enjoy a well earned rest.

LADIES' GLOVES.

We have made special preparations in this Department for a large holiday trade. We glove a great many hands during the year, but there are hundreds of hands in London we have not gloved, which we would like to. Once we do we win a steady customer. Gloves fitted free and every pair guaranteed. Gentlemen who have decided to buy gloves for their lady friends are invited to look over our attractive stock. The best to be had is none too good for a gift, and we have the best to be had.

Stylish 50c Skirts

Made from this elegant material. Fit guaranteed.

We are showing extra special value in Figured Silk Poppins. These have sold freely and we find only a few patterns left. Anyone requiring a nice Dress Skirt will find this a special opportunity to secure it at a very small cost.

\$1 25 Figured Silk Poppins, for	75c
\$1 50 Figured Silk Poppins, for	\$1 00
\$1 75 Figured Silk Poppins, for	\$1 25
\$2 25 Figured Silk Poppins, for	\$1 50

Figured Silk Poppins

42 to 48 inches wide. A skirt made for 50c.

Other Specials in Black Dress Goods.

56-inch Black Frieze, for unlined skirts, especially good for rainy day skirts, at	85c
52-inch Black Vicuna Suiting, all wool, nice color, will show the stitching well, at	\$1 00
52-inch German Homespun, for suiting, nice rich colors, at	\$1 00
42-inch Black Homespun Serge, all wool, a pleasing color, at	50c

Specials in Colored Dress Goods.

44-inch Homespun, in dark and light colorings, in checks and plain, very special goods at a very special price. Only	50c
48-inch Camelhair, in checks, very fashionable goods and make up into stylish skirts. We have reduced this line to clear at	75c
56-inch Homespun, stripe effect, heavy weight, make up without lining; in brown, fawn, gray, blue and black. This elegant goods reduced to	\$1 00
48-inch Homespun, twill, in dark gray and blue gray, heavy weight. Special value at 85c the yard, our price now, only	65c
Navy Blue Court Series, guaranteed already shrunk, at	65c, 75c, 85c and 95c

Skirts of Any of the Above Specials Made for 50c.

Jacket Specials

We have just received another shipment of those Fawn and Black Jackets that we sold out so quickly because of their attractiveness. Some customers have been waiting for this lot to come to hand. You will get best choice by selecting early.

Style 108—Of Fawn Kersey Cloth, coat collar, double breasted, large pearl buttons, two corner pockets; collar, lapels, front and skirt of coat neatly finished with rows of silk stitching. Suitable for maids or small and medium size ladies. Price for this stylish, serviceable coat, only	\$3 75
Style 120—Of Fawn or Black German Beaver; fly front, coat collar, fancy lapels, two corner pockets; collar, front, skirt and cuffs of coat finished with narrow braid. Handsome, and the price is only	\$5 00
Style 110—Of fine quality of Beaver Cloth, in black or fawn; fly front, coat collar, satin lining, two small pockets; a very stylish tailor-made coat, finished with rows of silk stitching, and the price is only	\$7 50

Ladies' Capes

Style 1104—Of Heavy Curl Cloth, 35 inches long, large storm collar, full sweep, only	\$3 75
Style 719—Of Heavy Beaver Cloth, lined throughout, large storm collar, trimmed in pattern with narrow mohair braid. A warm, stylish cape for	\$6 50
Ladies' Fur-Lined Capes, in correct lengths and styles, elegant gifts, from	\$12 50 to \$39 00

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Plurality of American Presbyteries Voted in Favor of Revision.

Washington, Dec. 10.—After two hours' deliberation today the Presbyterian committee of the General Assembly concluded its discussion of the revision of the Westminster Confession of Faith and adjourned. The committee finds:

1. That the returns from the presbyteries plainly indicate that the church desires some change in its creedal statement.
2. No change is desired which would in any way impair the integrity of the system of doctrine contained in the confession of faith.
3. A large plurality of the presbyteries desire that changes should be made by some new statement of present doctrines.
4. The returns also indicate a desire on the part of many presbyteries for some revision of the present confession.

It was therefore unanimously agreed by the committee to recommend to the General Assembly that some revision or change be made in confessional statements. Substantial, but not final agreement was reached as to the method of preparing changes embodying both revision and supplemental statement; but the determining of the whole matter was deferred to a subsequent meeting.

The committee will convene in this city on Feb. 12 next, and will prepare its statement to the General Assembly in May.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 10.—Rev. Dr. Henry Van Dyke, member of the com-

A Well-Known Toronto Clergyman's Wife

Suffered Untold Agony for Ten Years from Asthma and Bronchitis—Was Cured by Clarke's Kola Compound

It matters not how long you have suffered from asthma or how many remedies you have tried, you can be cured by Clarke's Kola Compound, which is today universally recognized to be the only permanent cure for Asthma and Bronchitis.

Rev. C. H. Wisker, one of Ontario's best-known clergymen (living in his connection with the Upper Canada Tract Society) residing at 224 Baskinville street, Toronto, writes: "My wife has been a great sufferer from asthma and bronchitis for ten years. Many times she has had to sleep sitting up, and frequently we have had to call in our physician, as we thought she would suffocate. About a year ago a friend recommended Clarke's Kola Compound. My wife took it in three bottles, after which her asthma entirely disappeared and has not since troubled her. I can highly recommend this wonderful medicine to all who are troubled with asthma or bronchitis, and I know of many others whom it has also cured."

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LAMBETH.

Lambeth, Dec. 10.—Mrs. DeLacy, of St. Thomas, has been visiting her sisters, Mrs. John Routledge.

Miss Alta Cornell recently spent a day with Mrs. Dudley, Grand avenue.

Mr. Alfred Jones' sale of farm stock, held on Wednesday, was well attended and was quite successful. Mr. Jones has sold his farm and intends moving to London in the near future.

The Lambeth and Delaware stage has changed hands, Messrs. A. and F. Mann, the late proprietors, having disposed of it to Mr. Ferguson Ireland.

Mr. P. Thompson, Inspector, visited the public school on Monday of last week.

The pupils of our school sent a Christmas donation to the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, last week.

A quiet wedding took place on Thursday evening at the home of Mr. Thomas Bailey, when Mrs. Bailey's sister, Miss Bell Cornell, was united in marriage to Mr. Chas. Sutton, a prosperous young farmer on the Gore of Westminster. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. S. Fisher in the presence of only the immediate relatives of the bride.

Keep Yourself Strong

And you will ward off colds, pneumonia, fevers and other diseases. You need to have pure, rich blood and good digestion. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes the blood rich and pure as no other medicine can do. It tones the stomach, creates an appetite and invigorates the whole system. You will be wise to begin taking it now, for it will keep you strong and well.

Hood's Pills are non-irritating. Price 25 cents.

THERE ARE SO MANY cough medicines in the market, that it is sometimes difficult to tell which to buy; but if we had a cough, a cold or any affliction of the throat or lungs, we would try Bickel's Anti-Consumptive Syrup. Those who have used it think it is far ahead of all other preparations recommended for such coughs. The little folks like it as it is as pleasant as syrup.



HAMPERED WITH BACKACHE.

No man can do his best work if hampered with backache or lame back.

When the kidneys quit doing their duty the poisons which they ought to filter out of the blood, stay in, and are carried all through the system. Then the back gives the warning of trouble ahead by aching and paining.

The only way to cure the backache is to set the kidneys acting right. That's what

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"For about five years now I have suffered from kidney complaint. I had to get up about six times nearly every night, had much pain in voiding my urine, and the pain in my back was sometimes beyond endurance. I read in the papers about Doan's Kidney Pills and sent for a box. I did not want to try anything about them until I was sure I was cured. Now I can say from personal experience that Doan's Kidney Pills are the best remedy I know of for kidney troubles. They have given me perfect relief from pain, I now get rest at night without being disturbed and in every way my health is much better and I feel stronger than I have in years."

(Signed) CHAS. AUGUST GRISLER.

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