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FREEDOM OF THE SEAS.
 This is a subject which is likely to occupy quite a prominent place in the Peace Conference and it is well known that Germany hopes to see some trouble arise between Great Britain and the United States in connection with the matter. Since the days of Drake John Bull's sea supremacy has been acknowledged by the world, so much so that the war vessels of other nations when they meet a British warship, first dip the flag in salute.
 The Detroit Free Press during the course of a recent editorial upon the subject, said in part: "If the past record of British naval policy means anything, the stronger her fleet, the more probable it is that an equitable workable freedom of the seas can be maintained both in time of peace and in time of war."

When we come to the subject of the formation of a league of nations, as it is affected by the British naval policy, it is obvious that the preponderance of sea power is bound to reside either in some one government or in some dominating group of governments; whatever may be thought of the dogma, as applied to individuals, nations are not created "free and equal." Whether all the world henceforth is joined in friendship or disjointed by enmities, there always will be dominant powers. Evidently Great Britain intends to be one of them. And we are quite sure also that the United States intends to be another of them. And the present trend is toward the formation of a small group of states, which naturally will include France, Italy and Japan, to act as a sort of composite mother chicken for the remainder of the earth's political divisions.

The United States should be the slowest of all countries to object to the British sea policy as outlined by Churchill. British sea supremacy has saved the world from Prussian despotism; it has directly saved this country from the grasp of the Teuton. Its existence has been a blessing and a help to us so far, and no matter how ambitious we may be to take a place as a leading naval power, we need not be jealous of the strength of the other great English speaking state.

John Bull's supremacy has never yet been taken advantage of and under his aegis the seven seas have been absolutely free to everyone and also British ports. The Detroit paper very well points out that owing to such domination the world has recently been saved from Prussian domination and it might also have added a like comment with regard to the machinations of Philip of Spain and of Napoleon. That this supremacy shall still continue is a vital necessity for the Island Kingdom and her Dominions, not for purposes of aggrandizement or dress, but as an essential guarantee in connection with such a widely separated Empire.

STILL RESENTFUL
 The people of St. Thomas are still exceedingly chagrined over the fact that the route of the Provincial Highway does not touch that city. The contention is that "If the principle of directness is to prevail the road should run from Toronto through Brantford to St. Thomas, without even touching Hamilton, and thence westward through Ridgetown and via the Middle road to Windsor. If the principle of service is to prevail, the road after being twisted from the direct course to serve Hamilton, Woodstock and London, should return to the direct route at St. Thomas and pass thence through Rodney, West Lorne, Highgate, Ridgetown, Blenheim Chatham, and thence through Essex by whatever route the people of that county decide will best serve their interests."

The Saints still continue to blame London for the alleged attempt to "sandbag" their burg. There does not in reality seem to be any ground for the assertion, and most people will come to the conclusion that the highway as adopted was warranted on the basis of service to by far the greatest number.

The Armories are nearly ready for the Midway Thursday night.
 The Cleveland Railway Co. has decided to dismiss 150 women working on the street cars.

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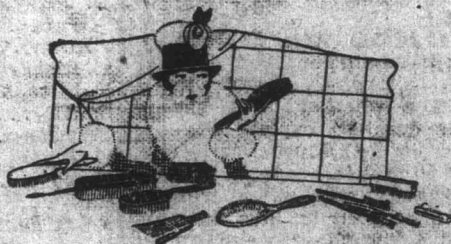
Women's and Misses' New Winter Coats, made from wool velour, blanket finish coating, curl cloth, mixed tweeds and chinchilla. Colors are Copen, brown, grey, navy, green and black, in the baby lamb cloth. These include a number of good samples up to \$26.50. All sizes from 14 years to 44 bust. Some are half lined; others are lined throughout. Specially priced for tomorrow's selling at **\$19.50**

Smart New Winter Coats \$24.50

Women's and Misses' New Winter Coats. Made from Burilla velour, blanket coating, baby lamb and tweeds. Some are made in the loose style; others belted with novelty belts, button trimmed; collar and cuff plush trimmed; slot or patch pockets. All have large convertible collars, in notch or shawl style. All sizes. Coats worth up to \$36.00. Specially priced for this sale at **\$24.50**

Extensive Xmas Stocks of French Ivoryware

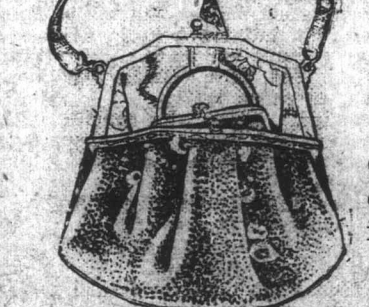
- offer splendid scope for making gift selections, whether you plan giving a single piece or an entire set.
- Hat Brushes, extra fine bristle, in French Ivory. Prices range \$1.50, \$1.95 and **\$2.25**
- Photo Frames, in oval or square design, also twin style, extra fine grade French Ivory. Prices range 75c, \$1.25, \$1.95 and **\$2.25**
- Ivory Trays, in square style. These are very useful. The prices range from 85c, 95c and **\$1.25**
- Ivory Buffers, Button Hooks, Files and Cittle Knives and Shoe Horn. Prices range from 45c, 95c, \$1.25, \$1.95 and **\$2.25**
- Hair Receivers and Powder Boxes, in the newest designs. The prices range from 75c to **\$4.50**
- Jewel Cases, in plain and pretty floral design. These give a handsome finish touch to the set. The prices range from \$1.75 up to **\$6.75**
- Ivory Mirrors, in round or straight handles, extra fine grade of French Ivory. The prices range from 75c, \$3.95, \$4.50 and **\$6.75**
- Ivory Hair Brushes, with extra fine bristle, in plain or concave back. Priced at \$1.25, \$2.25, \$3.95, \$4.50 to **\$8.50**
- Ivory Sets, in pretty satin lined Cases, which contains mirror, hair brushes, dressing comb, cloth brushes and buffer of Fine French Ivory. Priced at from \$17.50 to **\$18.00**



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When you but stop to notice the good natured crowds in our aisles, making their way to the various departments, knowing full well that there will be no disappointment, and no end of choice in this store for early buyers. Our stocks are now wonderfully complete considering the heavy selling of the past week, but a word of real advice: Early Buying is absolutely necessary if you would make sure of securing those gifts you have set your mind upon getting for Christmas.

Newest Smart Shapes and Sizes In Leather Bags and Purses



A stock that meets every requirement, whether the gift is to be an inexpensive one or the very fine and fashionable kind of bag or purse. The finest quality leathers are developed into a variety of popular styles. Prices vary from **\$1.00 to \$15.00**

Let That GIFT be a Sweater

Ladies' Sweaters, in tan, Copen, Myrtle. Specially priced at each **\$3.75**
 Ladies' High Grade Wool Sweaters, in the popular stitches. Made in several splendid styles. All have large collars. Some finished with contrasting colors, and others all self. All sizes. Priced at each \$8.00 to **\$13.50**



An Exceptional Selling of Smart Serge New Silk and Velveten Dresses \$12.95

Most of these charming frocks owe their attractiveness to their simplicity. A few are embellished in silk braid, but most of them rely on their perfect lines and richness of fabric for distinctiveness. Materials are serge, silk, poplin, taffeta, messaline and charmeuse. Formerly priced up to \$22.00. Specially priced for tomorrow's selling at **\$12.95**

Silk and Serge Dresses \$9.95

Women's and Misses' Silk and Serge Dresses, made from taffeta, messaline and good quality all-wool serge. These include sample dresses. Others are taken from our regular stock. Priced up to \$16.50, in sizes from 14 years to 38 bust measure. Tomorrow's price **\$9.95**

MEN'S GIFT TIES 59c

Men's New Silk Ties, in handsome brocade weaves and floral patterns, also neat designs, in spots, stripes and novelty rainbow tints. Very special at from \$2.50 down to **59c**
 We Box All Ties for Christmas
 Men's New Initial Handkerchiefs, hand embroidered letters, narrow hemstitched edge. At each **40c**
 Men's Best, Pure Irish, Linen Handkerchiefs, 1-4 and 1-2-inch hemstitched border. Priced at each, 25c, 30c, up to **\$1.00**
 Men's Fine, All-wool Black Socks. Just the thing for Christmas. At **95c**

TOYLAND

Brimful of Toys Awaiting Your Selection

Every kind of toy imaginable is here, and one may choose gifts for children of every age and disposition. Dolls, Dishes, Games, Books, and Woolly Animals are among the delightful things which will certainly please little girls. The boys will be particularly pleased with the steam engines and mechanical building Sets, but they are by no means the only suitable gift to be found here.



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FREEDOM OF SEAS.
 By Courier Leased Wire
 London, Dec. 11.—As a result of informal conversations regarding President Wilson's freedom of the seas proposals, the British Government is now in possession of concrete suggestions, which are more understandable than the "free seas" clause in Mr. Wilson's "fourteen points," according to The Express.

President Wilson, the newspaper says, has information showing definitely that Great Britain cannot surrender the right of search, the contraband law and the right to enforce blockade. It is understood that Mr. Wilson's proposals do not include the abandonment of any of these rights and that they are in nowise antagonistic to British interests as had been supposed.

TO EXPLAIN SITUATION.
 By Courier Leased Wire
 Zurich, Dec. 11.—The Hungarian Government of Count Michael Karolyi will send a mission to Paris to explain to the Allies the situation in Hungary, according to a Budapest despatch to The Neue Presse of Vienna.

"Mother" Mary Jones has been nominated by the Illinois Federation of Labor to intercede for Thos. J. Mooney.

LOCAL
VOTERS' LIST
 Appeals for the city vote. His Honor J. Quite a number far been entered.
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