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January Sale of Dress Goods . . .

NEVER before have we made such sweeping reductions through our Dress Goods stock. You have now a great chance to buy seasonable dress goods at away less than regular prices, and you get a variety from which to choose which in most stores is not equaled at the commencement of the season. Here are some of the Price cuttings in our Dress Goods Section:—

- 27 in. wide, all wool French printed and Embroidered Flannels, in almost every desirable shade and great variety, regular values 50c., 65c. and 75c. a yd., on sale for 36c.
- 56 in. wide all wool Homespun Dress Goods in excellent shades of Grey, correct weight for skirts and suits, regular price 75c. a yard, on sale for 56c.
- 44 in. to 52 in. wide suitings, canvas weaves and fine covert cloths in excellent shades of Fawn, Brown and Green. Mixtures, regular price 75c. a yard, on sale for 48c.
- 54 in. wide All Pure Wool Black Canvas Cloth, one of the most correct weaves for suits and separate skirts, regular price \$1 a yard, on sale for 72c.
- 40 in. wide All Pure Wool Serge Dress Goods, splendid weight and extra bright finish in shades of Navy, Royal, Marine, Cardinal, Crimson and Black, regular value 35c. a yd., very special, January sale price, is 25c.
- 48 in. wide Union Serge Suiting, good weight and fine finish, in shades of Navy, Brown, Fawn, Grey, &c., regular price 35c. a yard, very special, January sale price is 25c.
- 48 in. wide Union Serge Suiting, good weight and fine finish, in shades of Navy, Brown, Fawn, Grey, &c., regular price 35c. a yard, on sale for 27c.

Thomas Stone & Son.

OVERSHOES

For men and women and for children, nowhere on earth can you find a more comfortable place for your feet during the cold weather than can be found inside our Aretics and Button Overshoes. All sizes.



FOR MEN
6 to 13

FOR WOMEN
2 1/2 to 8

FOR MISSES
11 to 2

FOR CHILDREN
7 to 10

TURRILL The Shoe Man

TELEGRAPH BRIEVITIES.

A case of smallpox is reported at Brantford. Montreal is again threatened with a coal famine. Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier arrived at Miami, Fla. The Moorish rebels have retired from their positions around Fez. Three new and promising oil wells are reported in Raleigh Township. Mr. C. D. Ross, a Canadian by birth, won the bye-election at Newmarket. Geo. Third, jun., of Scarborough Township, a prominent football player, died very suddenly. Hiram Harman, chief accountant of the Dominion Bank, is seriously ill with appendicitis. The Senatorial elections in France resulted in a net gain of 13 seats for the Government.

It is said that the Pope will appeal to all Christian Governments to take steps to stop duelling. Peter Binkley, a well-to-do farmer of Brampton Centre, committed suicide by hanging himself in his barn. The C. P. R. has bought a piece of land on Notre Dame street, Montreal, to be utilized in enlarging Viger Square station. Exclusive of profits for the performance at Bayreuth, the heirs of Wagner received during 1902 \$115,000 in royalties from his operas. It is reported at Quebec that Mr. Justice B. Caron will succeed Sir Louis Jetté, whose term expires in February, as Lieutenant-Governor. Conductor Mason and Motorman Renaud, employees of the Montreal Street Railway, were arrested on their car on a charge of using two boxes to collect fares and retaining the contents of one box.

CASTRO ABDICATED.

DESPATCH RECEIVED BY THE NEW YORK HERALD.

VENEZUELA'S AFFAIRS IN VERY BAD CONDITION.

REMAINDER OF THE FLEET CAPTURED BY GERMANS.

New York, Jan. 5.—The Herald says: A cipher message received from Venezuela last night indicates that President Castro has either abdicated or is about to abdicate his post as the executive head of the Venezuelan Government. As the despatch is not so entirely clear as to make its full purport absolutely conclusive, The Herald publishes this information with due reserve. It is manifestly impossible for The Herald's correspondents in Venezuela to send full details by wire owing to the rigid censorship, but the despatches received seem to fully warrant this construction. The same paper's despatches from various Venezuelan points say:—If the financial outlook is bad, the military situation is hardly more flattering from the Government point of view. On Wednesday the Government troops, under Modesta, President Castro's best General, were disastrously defeated near Guatire by the revolutionary troops under General Antonio Fernandez, the insurgent commander.

President Castro on Friday sent to the front fifteen hundred Andino troops, with two field guns, the entire force under the command of General Campbell Acosta, who will try to check the further advance of the revolutionists toward the capital along that line. Caracas, Jan. 5.—Just about daybreak on Saturday 150 armed marines from the German warships Vineta and Vineta were landed at Puerto Cabello and occupied the wharves. Commodore Schroeder, the commander of the German fleet, sent a note to the American Consul informing him that the occupation was only for the purpose of protecting a force that was to seize Venezuelan ships which had taken refuge inside the harbor. This was to mean the blockade of effective.

The marines re-embarked at 8.30 o'clock after their comrades had captured seven sloops, seven schooners and eight small boats and taken them to sea. The captured vessels are worth about \$40,000.

The people remained calm while this action was in progress. Caracas, Jan. 5.—The report that President Castro purposes to abdicate or resign the Presidency of Venezuela is untrue. The correspondent of the Associated Press saw the President with regard to this matter to-day. He said: "I will no more abdicate than I will resign. The Matos revolution, without assistance from foreign powers, will soon be a past story."

DYNAMITED THE SAFE.

DARING ROBBERY COMMITTED AT ABINGTON, PA.

Five Men Secured \$4,000, and Two of Them Were Later Arrested on a Train.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Five masked men dynamited the safe of the First National Bank at Abington early yesterday morning, and stole \$4,800. Two of the robbers were arrested at Quincy on the arrival of the fast mail on the Burlington from Galesburg. The five men held up the night watchman in the main street of Abington, shortly after midnight, bound and gagged him, and placed him in the office of the bank, while they wrecked the vault and safe with dynamite. Having secured their booty, they gave the watchman \$40 and fled. Their escape was made in a buggy stolen from a barn in the outskirts. Their horse proved a slow traveller, and they exchanged it at a farmhouse near town. The thieves, it is thought, "drove to Galesburg, where they boarded a Burlington express bound south. Information was wired ahead, and detectives were in waiting at Quincy when the train drew into the depot. Only two of the safe-blowers arrived at Quincy. They were recognized instantly, and both drew pistols when the officers rushed at them, but they were quickly overpowered and disarmed. The men gave the names of Edward Raymond and J. A. Haines. Raymond had a card bearing the words, "R. A. Vance, with the Government service." He said formerly he had been a United States secret service detective. Haines had the name Quinn on his shirt, and also a matchbox with "Q" on it. Each man had a grip filled with loose money, burglars' tools and explosives, and the money on them aggregated \$1,752.

Six Bodies Recovered. Nelson, B.C., Jan. 5.—At the Mollie Gibson mine the work of searching for the bodies of the men buried in the slide of last night. Besides that of Campbell, five more bodies have been found, including those of M. S. Hall, the assayer, Louis Brownlee, W. Collin, one of the two Italians killed, and that of a Chinese coolie.

ANNUAL MEETING

Notices have been sent out for the annual meeting of the non-commissioned officers of the 24th Regiment to be held to-morrow (Tuesday) night in the mess room over the Merchants Bank.

The election of officers will take place and other matters of importance are to be dealt with. It is a parade for the non-coms, and no excuses can be taken. All, without exception, should be present.

A FATAL COLLISION.

Firemen Waring and Desault Killed at Merritt.

St. Catharines, Jan. 5.—A fatal head-on collision took place on Saturday on the G. T. R. about 200 yards west of the tunnel, under the Welland Canal between No. 4 express, due to arrive at Merritt at 6.28 a.m., and a light engine No. 973, from Niagara Falls. The express was 31 minutes late. The collision occurred at 7.03 a.m. The light engine was in charge of Engineer Buckpit and Fireman Waring of London. Fireman Waring was instantly killed. Conductor Reil of Niagara Falls, Engineer Duke and Fireman Desault of Sarnia Tunnel and about thirty passengers were on the express. Of these Fireman Desault was fatally injured and both engineers seriously injured. The passengers on the express escaped with a shaking up. The injured men were brought to the St. Catharines Hospital, and are expected to recover. Engineer Buckpit of the express sustained a broken collar bone. The left knee joint is fractured. He has several scalp wounds. Engineer Duke's left leg was broken, and he received several cuts and bruises.

Charles Waring, the dead fireman, was jammed between the tender and the engine proper. His body was frightfully mangled, and so tightly was he wedged in that when the remains were taken out his overalls remained, and could not be got out of his pocket (still going) by a coroner.

Coroner Goodman opened an inquest at Merritt on Saturday afternoon to inquire into the cause of the collision on the G. T. R. After the jury had viewed the body of Fireman Waring, who had been killed, and the injured men, identified by his brother, the inquest was adjourned until 3 p.m. on Tuesday. Some confusion arose at the time of the accident over the identification of the man who was killed. The station agent at Merritt informed Coroner Goodman that the dead man was Abraham Desault, but as a matter of fact Desault had been taken to the hospital, and the dead man turned out to be Fireman Waring of London; but Desault died at the hospital from effects of his injuries about 1 o'clock on Saturday. The bodies of the two dead firemen were brought to Grobb Bros' undertaking rooms, St. Catharines, and Waring's body was shipped to Delhi on Sunday morning and Desault's to Sarnia on Saturday night.

MET AT CHARLESTOWN.

Chamberlain and Milner Were Heartily Greeted.

Charlestown, Natal, Jan. 5.—Lord Milner, the British High Commissioner in South Africa, and Colonial Secretary Chamberlain had an impressive meeting here on Saturday in the presence of a great crowd of soldiers and civilians, many of whom came miles across the veldt to witness the reception of the commissioner by his chief. Lord Milner and his staff mounted the steps leading to Mr. Chamberlain's special train, and there was a look of delighted pleasure on the thin features of the Colonial Secretary as he grasped Lord Milner's hand. There were cheers and loud calls for a speech, but Mr. Chamberlain contented himself with briefly thanking Lord Milner for the welcome, and the two officials entered the observation car of the train, which steamed off toward the Transvaal, followed by the cheers of the crowd.

Pretoria, Jan. 5.—The special train bearing Mr. Chamberlain and his party arrived here at midnight. The Colonial Secretary met with an enthusiastic reception.

RICH DIAMOND FIELDS.

Confirmation of Reports of Discoveries North of Pretoria.

London, Jan. 5.—"It seems to be beyond question," cables the Johannesburg correspondent of The Daily Mail, "that large and enormously rich diamond fields exist north of Pretoria."

BETTING ON RACES.

Rapid Spread of the Evil in the United Kingdom. London, Jan. 5.—The rapid increase in betting on horse-races in the United Kingdom, especially among working-men, and the evils arising therefrom, are fully acknowledged in the report of the select committee of the House of Lords, issued Saturday. The committee finds that betting is greatly facilitated by the universal practice of the news agents in publishing racing prices, but the committee is not prepared to recommend its prohibition, as it would tend to encourage dishonesty on the part of bookmakers. It recommends that all advertisements and circulars of sporting "tipsters" be made illegal and favors legislation enabling bookmakers to be imprisoned for betting on the streets with children.

THE STAR OF INDIA.

INVESTITURE OF THE ORDER AT DELHI DURBAR.

FATMAN'S ATTEMPT TO ROB THE JEWEL ROOM.

VETERANS OF THE MUTINY RECEIVED WITH HONOR.

Delhi, India, Jan. 5.—The chapter of Indian orders, held Saturday, was one of the most brilliant functions following the durbar. It was attended by the Viceroy and Lady Curzon, the Duke of Connaught, the Duchess of Connaught and scores of native Princes. Among the assemblage were nearly three hundred members of the Order of the Star of India, and many Maharajahs. The hall was aglow with hundreds of electric lights. The silken garments and the uniforms of orientals, blazing with jewels, made the scene a most brilliant one. Lady Curzon and the Duchess of Connaught walked up the hall together, both attired in dresses of white and silver and wearing diamond coronets. They took their seats between the golden thrones, occupied by the Viceroy and the Duke. During the ceremony of investiture the Duchess rendered a musical number from the balcony. When the herald and trumpeters announced the beginning of the function a regular silken curtain at the foot of hall was drawn aside, and the grand procession through the building began. The thousands of troops were formed in line; music was given by the massed bands and the responses in the service were rendered by flag signals. A notable feature of the service was the singing through megaphones by the bandmen.

London, Jan. 5.—In a despatch from Delhi, the correspondent of The London Daily Mail, says:—"A body of Pathans made a bold attempt in broad daylight to attack the guard and rob the jewel room of the Arts Exhibition, where gems valued at \$1,250,000 were in keeping. Members of the police force and the jewellers present, after a scuffle, succeeded in foiling the attempt."

Delhi, India, Jan. 5.—A grand assault at arms in the durbar arena was the feature of Saturday's festivities. Thousands of British and native soldiery participated in artillery and cavalry displays, tent pegging and other feats of horsemanship and arms. Subsequently the Viceroy, Lord Curzon, of St. Johnston, and the Duke of Connaught received the Mutiny veterans at the central camp. Lady Curzon and her guests witnessed the reception from the veranda of the viceregal residences. Lord Curzon and the Duke spoke to every man of the battered column, whose rows of medals pinned on faded, old-time uniforms, civilian clothing or flowing native garments recalled the revolt of nearly half a century ago. To one blind, old soldier Lord Curzon said: "I am sorry you could not see the durbar."

"Thank you, sir," came the reply. "I felt it."

DEVoured BY WOLVES.

Sight Officials Meet Death in Roumania—Country Overrun.

New York, Jan. 5.—The Sun has the following from Bucharest:—Every day as winter advances accounts are received of the ravages of wolves throughout Roumania. Every part of the country appears to be infested with these animals. Hardly a newspaper appears without reports of half a dozen cases where persons have been attacked and devoured by wolves. On Wednesday eight officials left Tulcea on their way to Galatz on three sledges. When their arrival was not reported the started a search for them. On Thursday they found three broken sleds. A number of empty revolvers and a broken rifle were also found. The story of the tragedy that had happened. Even the harness had been devoured by the famished beasts. A gendarme who was passing the edge of the forest of Baden, near Ploesti, in the afternoon was pursued by a pack of wolves. The gendarme unslinging his carbine, and fired three cartridges at them as he galloped along the road. Then he emptied his revolvers and killed several of the pack. He kept on pursuing him, and finally he drew his long cutting sword and slashed at each wolf as it attempted to bring down his horse. The gendarme reached Ploesti in an exhausted condition, the wolves giving up the chase not far from that place. There have been scores of similar happenings.

FIRE AT DAWSON.

A \$50,000 Blaze—Hon. J. H. Ross' Majority—Mayoralty Candidates.

Dawson, Y.T., Jan. 5.—Hon. J. H. Ross' majority is now 680, all points having been heard from. A \$50,000 fire occurred on Tuesday night on Second avenue, with the temperature at 45 below zero. An accident prevented a quick application of water and the fire spread rapidly. At one time it looked as if half the city were doomed. The buildings destroyed were principally of a poor class. The Northern Commercial Company's private service saved the situation, being the first to throw water on after a delay of half an hour.

The famous "grubber" has been stopped at a cost of \$50,000.

There are four candidates for the Mayoralty and election for Aldermen, etc. to be elected. The election will be held on Monday.

READING CAMPS

The secretary of the Reading Camp Association for Lumbermen, Mr. E. A. Hardy, writes to the Principal of the Collegiate Institute as follows:—"Our association is placing about a dozen teachers in the camps this year, and we are so cramped for funds that we are asking our friends to prepay all cost of sending magazines to the camps. If you could arrange it, we should be glad if you could send to the Reading Camp of Playfair and White, Collins' Isles, Ontario, two or three recent magazines every other week, or even one a week, by mail, for the next three or four months. Any patriotic citizen who can contribute a magazine on the above terms is asked to communicate with D. S. Paterson at once. It will be remembered that last year three large boxes of books and magazines were sent from Chatham to three lumbermen's camps in the north."

BRITISH LICENSE ACT.

Is Particularly Severe Upon Habitual Drunkards—Also Affects Clubs of Various Classes.

New York, Jan. 5.—The Sun has the following special from London:—"The greatest feature of the new year is the licensing act, which went into operation on January 1. The newspapers yesterday and to-day printed columns as to how the new law, which carries terror to the hearts of habitual drunkards, was applied. The law keeps the proprietors of saloons from the opening to the closing hour in a condition of nervous apprehension. It invests the police with power that even Carrie Nation might envy, and promises to overwhelm the Police Magistrates with a new class of work."

The principal malcontent now, perhaps, is the habitual drunkard. Formerly the police could not touch a man or woman, no matter how drunk they might be, unless they were also disorderly. Under the new law, anyone found drunk in any public place may be arrested, prosecuted and punished. Three convictions within twelve months constitute "an habitual drunkard." At present, a man or woman is not ready from all parts of England reports are coming of habitual drunkards being blacklisted for three convictions, the law being retroactive. The act applies equally to the social West End clubs, and there are stringent regulations in regard to registering a club and depositing a copy of its rules. Frequent cases of drunkenness on the premises have created such excitement that every club in London and the provinces is overhauling its rules. Clubs of this kind, however, are not aimed at, but any one may get information as to what goes on in a club. Any one, on payment of a fee of a shilling, may inspect the rules of a club, which are deposited with the authorities, and every club is taking precautions in this matter.

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KING GEORGE DYING.

RULER OF SAXONY CANNOT LAST VERY LONG.

Four Physicians in Attendance Pronounce His Condition Critical—Has a Bronchial Affection.

New York, Jan. 5.—The Sun has the following from Dresden:—"Four physicians, who are in attendance on the King of Saxony, issued a bulletin to-night stating that his condition was critical. Little or semi-official information was to the effect that there was little hope that the King could live more than a few days. The King has been under treatment for a bronchial affection."

Deputy Chief Noble Hurt.

Toronto, Jan. 5.—Deputy Chief John Noble of the Toronto Fire Department was injured while engaged in fighting a fire, which broke out in a three-story brick building at 510 Queen street west, occupied by Thomas Smith, and used as a restaurant. Deputy Chief Noble was on a short ladder, and desiring to get in the first story window on the sill to draw himself up. The box gave way under his weight, and Mr. Noble was precipitated to the ground, a distance of fifteen feet. He was dazed by the fall and was carried over to the Portland Street Jail, where he is stationed. Dr. J. McCullough of Spadina avenue was called in attendance, and the physician found that Mr. Noble had sustained a slight injury to his right hip. The exact nature of his injuries will not, however, be known till to-day.

AN ELEPHANT EXECUTED.

Over Six Thousand Volts of Electricity Were Required.

New York, Jan. 5.—Several hundred people witnessed the execution by electricity at Coney Island of "Topsy," an elephant, who had killed three men and had recently become unmanageable. Immediately after 200 grains of cyanide of potassium, concealed in a carrot, had been administered a current of 6,400 volts was turned on through the copper plates, on which the animal stood. Almost instantly the elephant fell, and at the end of ten seconds, when the current was turned off, was pronounced to be dead. "An autopsy showed that the poison had not had time to take effect. The execution was conducted under the supervision of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Topsy was about 35 years of age, and was brought to the United States by Adam Forepaugh 25 years ago. She was nearly ten feet high and weighed about four tons."

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