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Men's Shirts and Collars..

on sale to clear

TUESDAY

Men's white laundered dress shirts, all sizes, open front and back, short and long sleeves, pure linen fronts and wrist bands, all sizes, 14 1/2 in. to 16 1/2 in. inclusive, reg. prices \$1 and \$1.25, on sale very special price, to clear the stock at..... **74c**

Men's white linen collars, the best quality made by W. G. & R., in each new desirable style as Pole Carew, Arizona, Kitchener, Chippewa, etc., all sizes, regular price 25c each, on sale very special to clear at 2 for..... **25c**

Ladies' Underwear

Penman's natural pure wool vests with shoulder opening, medium weight, extra fine, regular price \$1 each, on sale at..... **63c**

Ladies' fine Scotch merino vests and drawers, nicely trimmed, beautiful soft finish, medium weight, regular price 85c a garment, very special sale at..... **63c**

Ladies' shaker flannel night gowns, lace trimmed, in plain white, sky and pink, regular price \$1.00 and \$1.25 each, on sale at..... **67c**

Fine white Valenciennes, lace edging, regular price 25c a yard, on sale special per doz. Not less than one doz. sold..... **15c**

Men's Underwear

Men's all wool shirts and drawers, well finished, good weight, regular price 75c a garment, on sale very special at..... **38c**

Embroidery Special

10 pieces of fine white Swiss cambric embroidery, beautifully worked, all 2 inches wide, a special purchase and marked at special clearing price yd 8c, 7c and..... **6c**

White honey comb bed spreads, full double bed size, on sale extra special at..... **93c**

"Black Cat" Hose Supporters, in black only, regular price 25c pair, clearing at..... **10c**

THOS. STONE & SON.

GEO. STEPHENS & CO.

Axes, 50c.

Fur Coats, \$12.00

Horse Blankets, Lined, 85c

Copper and Nickel Plate Coffee Pot, 40c.

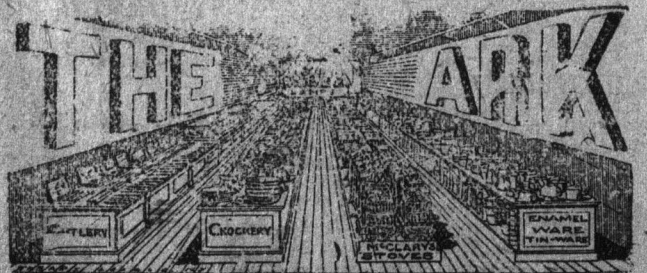
Milk Pans 6c.

Mrs. Potts Sad Irons, 75c

Granite Wash Dish 12c.

GEO. STEPHENS & CO.

DOINGS IN



Upsetting prices among the Chinese. Commencing on Friday, Feb'y 19th, we will sell China Cups and Saucers heretofore varying in price from 25c. to 40c., now 10c.

You get the choice of anything in the window at this price—10c. on Friday and following days. If you do not get the choicest Cups and Saucers, do not blame us for it.

The sale commenced at 9 o'clock This Morning.

A word to the wise is sufficient.

SPOT CASH. H. Macaulay, 89 KING ST

2,500 RUSSIANS REPORTED DEAD

Unconfirmed Rumor that They Fell in Engagements Between Outposts on Yalu.

Japan to Take Her Time in Manchuria—Weeks May Elapse Before Decisive Move is Made.

Special to The Planet.

London, Feb. 22.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, does not credit the report that 2,500 Russians have been killed in an outpost engagement at the Yalu River. He says there is no Japanese force that is so badly beaten as to be able to inflict such a loss.

The latest advice of Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, lead him to believe that the Japanese troops may now wait possibly two or three months before undertaking aggressive operations in Manchuria. He said:

"We have found that Russia is so unexpectedly surprised that I should not be surprised if the Japanese land forces contented themselves with establishing a thorough organization and advancing as the construction of the railroad towards the Yalu River progresses. Russia appears to be less prepared than was China in 1895. I believe that only three trains a day can be run through Manchuria. Supporting these are equally divided between troops and supplies, as would be necessary. Russia could not perceptibly strengthen her land forces before April."

"Japan's naval coup has been so unexpectedly successful that I rather think our troops will take their time. The shallow inlets are now frozen over, retarding the disembarkation of our forces. This is especially true at Port Arthur, where a near landing of troops is impossible owing to the ice."

The only naval development Baron Hayashi expects in the near future is a possible attack on the Japanese fleet by the powerful Russian torpedo flotilla at Port Arthur and hitherto unengaged. On the Japanese side, except possible actions against the Russian Vladivostok squadron, the Japanese minister does not look for developments at present, believing that Admiral Togo will be satisfied to keep the disabled Russian squadron prisoners at Port Arthur.

The minister credits the Russians with having barely 100,000 troops in Manchuria.

From a reliable quarter the Morning Post's Chee Foo correspondent says he learns that tens of thousands of Japanese are advancing by forced marches from various parts of Korea on the Yalu and that severe fighting is expected shortly. These are the only references to actual operations that have reached London.

The Standard's Kiel correspondent hears that the Caucasians and Turkmen armies are to be mobilized. He adds that the rumor is not confirmed officially, but says if it is true it can only be interpreted as a veiled threat against India in certain emergencies.

The correspondent at Tien Tsin of the Standard reports an attack by 500 Chinese "brigands" on the Russian post at Foo Chow as probably an attempt to wreck the railway.

PORT ARTHUR OUT OF BEEF AND VEGETABLES.

Che Foo, Feb. 22.—The Russian authorities insist that there is no truth in the story that a force of 1,000 Japanese landed at Pigeon or Dove bay had been annihilated.

Port Arthur is said to be entirely out of beef and vegetables, and drawing upon Dalny for a slim supply. Troops are being rushed toward the Yalu with all expedition possible.

The French was sent from Port Arthur to Dalny for refugees, chiefly Japanese women. While leaving Port Arthur, with all lights out, she was fired upon by a Russian cruiser, 15 shots striking her upper works. It was subsequently explained that she was mistaken for a Japanese torpedo boat.

The entrance to Dalny is honey-combed with mines. Nothing was seen on the passage to this port of either the Russian or Japanese fleets.

RUSSIAN SHIPS REPORTED BETWEEN JAPAN AND KOREA.

New York, Feb. 22.—Russian Warships are reported between Japan and Korea, says a Tokyo dispatch to the American. Transports carrying troops across are heavily convoyed in consequence.

The Prefectural office has received a telegram from the chief magistrate of the island of Mi Yake, south of the Gulf of Korea, reporting that 12 Russians departed in a boat from a vessel in the offing on the 19th. The subsequent movements of this mysterious party are not reported, but inquiry is under way. The crew of the Tamagawa Maru, which arrived at Shimoneski on Sunday, report that the ship was followed by four warships from a point seven miles off the harbor of Fusan until close to the island of Tsushima, where the chase was abandoned.

DESULTORY FIRING.

A Port Arthur despatch dated Feb. 21, says: "Sounds of desultory firing

at sea are heard almost nightly, and this morning firing was again heard. This is doubtless due to the attempted approach of Japanese torpedo boats, but nothing serious has developed. The garrison is in excellent spirits, and is firmly convinced of the ultimate success of the Russian arms."

KING EDWARD WILLING TO INTERMEDIATE.

The Paris Petit Parisien's London correspondent says that during an interview preceding the departure from London to St. Petersburg yesterday of Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador, Lord Lansdowne, the British Foreign Minister, intimated to him that King Edward was willing to offer his mediation in the war in the far East if the Czar thought he could accept it.

TROUBLE AT SHANGHAI.

A Shanghai despatch says: "Urged by the Japanese consuls here, the Taishan ordered the Russian gunboat Mandajun to leave the harbor before five o'clock this afternoon, but the order was ignored. It is reported that Chinese squadron has been ordered here to enforce the Russian demand and to enable Japanese steamship companies to resume service between Japan and Shanghai."

A FRENCH VIEW.

A Paris despatch says: "While France has acceded to the British proposal for the extension of neutrality by China to all points in China leased by powers save those occupied by Russia, the Foreign Office says that such action in no wise impairs the rights of powers under their leases. The question has been brought up that the British proposal tended to reaffirm Chinese sovereignty over the points occupied, as well as to foreign municipalities, but the view of French authorities that there is no change in the status of these territories in consequence of the extension of Chinese neutrality."

JAPAN'S LEADING GENERAL.

The announcement that General Kodama has been replaced in the Japanese cabinet by Mr. Koshikawa is regarded as meaning that General Kodama is about to take command of Japanese land force. Kodama, who is Japan's leading general, did splendid work during the Chinese-Japanese war.

It is said that Viceroy Alexieff has asked the Ministry of Marine to send him officers who are not too young, and admirals who are not too old, of whom he already has too many. The viceroy has issued proclamations to the Chinese throughout Manchuria, seeking to enlist their sympathy and their assistance in maintaining the railway intact by representing to them Japan's treacherous methods in beginning the war.

PRIZE CONTEST

Mrs. Burton C. West, daughter-in-law of Mrs. W. C. West, of this city, was the recipient of a cheque for one hundred dollars in a prize contest offered by the American Dental Syndicate, of Grand Rapids, Mich., last week.

COAL SITUATION IS RELIEVED

About Fifteen Cars of Coal Received in the City This Morning.

Dealers Said to be to Blame for the Recent Scarcity—Railroads Are Very Active.

The coal situation is much relieved today by the arrival of many cars for different dealers about town.

The three cars received in the city Saturday morning by J. L. Scott and J. J. Couzens were loaded out to about five hundred families in the city and thus the situation was relieved over Sunday.

It was learned yesterday that there were twelve cars of coal for local dealers at Fargo, and the L. E. & D. R. R. sent out a special engine to bring it in this morning.

The cars were billed as follows: J. J. Couzens two, Moore & Hensen two, A. Crow four, and J. L. Scott four.

J. L. Scott received another via C. P. R. and Marx and Handcock have received a car.

The railroads took advantage of the break in the weather and thousands of cars were moved that have been snow-bound for many days. Special attention was given to coal to relieve the distress that has been experienced lately.

The coal difficulty this year has been, it is said by many who ought to know, the fault to a great extent of the coal merchants.

J. J. Couzens explains his situation in the matter: "I put in 50 cars at the beginning of the season and would have had more than plenty for my usual trade. The other dealers, however, did not do the same, and I guess I have supplied them with 200 tons and, of course, ran shy myself. Consequently I have handled some 55 cars, which is more than I would have taken under ordinary circumstances to supply my customers."

An instance of how the blockades have knocked the railroads about is the fact that J. J. Couzens has the invoice for a car dated January 20, which he has not received, and has received a car which was invoiced February 17.

BRAKEMAN MET INSTANT DEATH

Fatal Accident on the Lake Erie in Which James Hutchinson Lost His Life.

Trains Collided Near Port Lambton with Terrible Result—Both Brothers met Death on Road.

Another fatal accident occurred on the Lake Erie at Port Lambton, Sunday morning about half-past five, by which brakeman James Hutchinson, of Walkerville, was instantly killed, and Engineer William Gossip slightly injured. One locomotive was completely smashed and a caboose and three freight cars disabled and smashed.

The Eastlake special south left Sarnia Sunday morning 6:21 and on a Thurlow special freight with two engines left the same place bound south, about half-past two o'clock. It seems, from all accounts, that the accident was the result of carelessness. The matter will be investigated later by the authorities of the railroad.

At Port Lambton the Eastlake special was ordered to take the siding in order to allow the double header perishable extra freight to pass ahead. Here is where the mix up came. Whether the order was misinterpreted or whether the first freight had not time to get out of the way, is not known. The blow came when the Thurlow special came thundering along and crashed into the rear end of the Eastlake special. The double header was running on "pass orders," that is, it had the right of way. A flagman was sent back from the first train to flag the double header. At this point there is a sharp curve and also a very steep grade, and it is supposed that either the flagman did not go back far enough or that the slippery rails and the steep grade prevented the other from stopping in time.

Hutchinson was the head brakeman on the double header. At the time of the accident he was riding in the cab of the first engine. When it was seen that the wreck was inevitable both engine crews jumped for their lives with the exception of Hutchinson, who, queer to say, remained in his position in the cab. His comrades cannot understand why he did not jump. He was killed instantaneously. Fortunately, none of the other train's crew were in their van when the crash came.

The auxiliary from Chatham was called out, and started for the scene of the wreck in charge of Foreman Wm. Turle and "Tramway" Black. Cameron, of Ridgeway, who happened to be in the city. The track was cleared in a short time and all of the trains from Sarnia are on time today.

Hutchinson, the unfortunate victim of the accident, was 38 years old and married. A widow and a small child are left to mourn his sad and untimely death. He was a brother to the Hutchinson who was killed in a similar accident just outside the city on the Lake Erie a few short weeks ago. The news of his death has come as a sudden shock to his family, and it is expected that his father, who is an aged gentleman, will not be able to bear up under this his second affliction.

Mr. Hutchinson was a well known and greatly respected railroad man of Walkerville, where he has lived for several years. Mrs. Hutchinson and her daughter were visiting relatives in Leamington when the accident occurred. The remains were taken to Walkerville for interment.

FOUL PLAY OR FREEZING?

Warton, Ont., Feb. 21.—What appears to be a case of death by freezing or foul play was discovered at Oliphant, six miles west of here this morning. An old lady named Mrs. Cookman was found dead by her bedside frozen stiff. For years the lady has lived a secluded and some say a miserable existence in a little shanty in the woods. She was the possessor of a good bank account, but it was generally supposed she did not keep any of her wealth in the cabin. The severity of the recent storm and her helplessness make it probable that she was the victim of the weather. There was no wood and little to eat in the house. An inquest will be held.

PERE MARQUETTE

General Manager Carpenter, of the Pere Marquette Railway, has issued a circular announcing that on and after March 1st the business heretofore conducted in the name of the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railway Company, will be conducted by and in the name of the Pere Marquette Railroad Company, (except as to the line between London and Port Stanley) pursuant to a trackage contract between the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railway Company and the Pere Marquette Railroad Company, which has been approved by the Dominion Government. The lines to be thus operated by the Pere Marquette Company will be known and designated as the Buffalo division.

Spring 1904, new vesting cloths for shirt waists and shirt waist suits at The 2 T's.

Beads

Are the Fad of the Hour.

Can you think of anything nicer to make than bead work? It will be the rage all summer. We have made arrangements accordingly and now have in stock a full assortment of all shades. We would be pleased to have you call and make inquiries about the work.

Novels

Just at hand 2,000 of the best and most popular novels, at the price of 10c. each. Call and look them over.

Toilet Soap

See the line we are using as a trade winner in our Sixth Street, Windsor, 3 for 10c, worth 5c. each straight. It's good soap, we guarantee.

Sulman's Beehive

Opp. Garner House.

King and Sixth Sts.

The Finest Retail

Store in Ontario...

Shoes



We're constantly weeding out of stock all slow sellers and odd sizes, so as to keep assortments in good shape. Nothing wrong with the shoes in any way—simply a clearance of styles we don't intend to duplicate. No more at the prices when these are gone:—

Woman's Empress Kid Bals, leather lined, in new up-to-date lasts, sizes, 1-4 1/2, 3-5, 1-5 1/2, 2-6, 1-6 1/2, 1-7, regular \$3.00 shoe for..... **\$2.50**

Woman's Empress Box Bals, this season's goods, sizes 1-3, 2-4, 2-5, 2-5 1/2, 1-6, 1-7, regular \$3.00 shoes for..... **\$2.50**

Wish everybody knew how good a store we have here. That's why we make it worth your while to come.

TURRILL
The Shoe Man