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## For Shopping To-night

Saturday night shopping is always interesting at this store, and to-night more so than usual. A money-saving list is always of interest to economical buyers. Glance over this one, come in to-night and participate.

1 pc. Unbleached Table Linen, 58 in. wide, guaranteed pure flax, a neat floral design, reg. 45c a yard, to-night only, special at..... 35c  
1 pc. Pure Ligan Crash Rolling, a good smooth finish, extra weight, reg. 8c a yard, to-night only, special 6c  
4 pcs. All-Wool Black Dress Goods, neat small design, 42 to 44 in. wide, reg. price 75c and 85c a yard, on sale to-night only, special at..... 42c  
Men's Four-in-Hand Ties in good dark and light colorings, reg. price 25c each, on sale to-night for..... 14c  
Gilt Fleur-de-Lis design ends for ladies' ribbon tie ends, very new and neat, reg. price 6c each, on sale to-night, special at..... 3c

Ever Ready and Peerless Dress Steels, in 6, 7 and 8 in. a few odd lines to clear to-night at per doz..... 4c  
Slate Watered Linenette Lining, good weight and bright finish, reg. 8c a yard, on sale to-night for..... 5c  
8 pcs. of Japan and English Blouse Silks in very desirable colors and patterns, reg. price 50c a yard, on sale to-night only, special at..... 33c  
Ladies' Black Cashmere Hose, correct weight for present wear, all wool, fast color, reg. price 25c a pair, on sale to-night, special at..... 19c  
White Lawn Handkerchiefs, just the thing for children's school use, on sale to-night, special..... 12 for 25c

### LACE CURTAINS.....

12 pair Lace Curtains, some badly soiled, some slightly soiled, some damaged, some perfect, all marked away less than half original value, none were less than \$1.50, some were worth \$2.50, on sale to-night at

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1 pc. Hemp Stair Carpet, 15 in. wide, on sale to-night, very special at per yard 6c.

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NOW is the opportune time to place your order for a SPRING SUIT. Do not leave it until the Rush—

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If you are about to buy a Piano or if you have been THINKING about buying one, or if you want to exchange an old Piano or Organ in part payment for a new one, our booklet will give you more real information than any thing else we know of.

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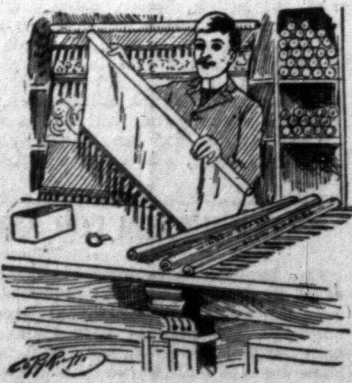
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Oak Curtain Poles complete, with oak or brass ends, at.....

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H. Macaulay, "The Ark"



## MUST FIGHT TO THE DEATH

Any British Soldier Surrendering  
After This Will Be Court-  
Martialled.

De Wet Reported Insane—His Men  
Himself Guarded Day and Night  
for Fear of His Own Men.

London, April 12.—The British War Office has issued the following special order regarding surrenders in the field: "Any officer or soldier, who, when in the presence of the enemy, displays a white flag or other token of surrender, will be tried by general court-martial."

The casualty list issued yesterday revealed the fact that Lord Methuen was discharged from the hospital last week, this being the first notification that he had been ill.

There is no information from South Africa beyond the fact that the British have evacuated Hoopstad, which the Daily Mail observes seems to show that Lord Kitchener's force is still none too strong.

It is announced from Brussels that the Dutch Transvaal Committee has handed to Mr. Kruger a check for 1,000,000 florins, collected in Holland for the assistance of the Boers.

It appears that Mr. Kruger's encouragement to the Boers is heavily fortified and able to resist the British for a long time.

DE WET INSANE.

A news agency publishes a dispatch from Cape Town confirming a despatch on the same subject, cabled to the Associated Press, which says that General De Wet is so distracted by the hopelessness of his cause that he can truthfully be described as insane. He goes in fear of his life amidst his own troops, and keeps himself surrounded day and night, by a body-guard of chosen adherents. But from his own ranks voices are now more frequently calling imperatively for peace.

UNRELAXING PURSUIT HAS TOLD HARD ON HIM.

For weeks past reports have been current to the effect that General Christian De Wet has lost his reason in consequence of his incessant anxiety, his inability to rest or even sleep, owing to the unrelaxing pursuit of his men by British columns. Although these stories have been attributed to reliable Boer prisoners, and have been accompanied with considerable details it has been impossible to accept them as entirely convincing.

## ASSESSMENT REFORM KNOCKED OUT BY THE CORPORATIONS

Government Abandons Its Original Bill and Substitutes an Imperfect and Useless Measure—Wants More Time to Get Information—Promises to Deal With the Whole Question Next Session—The Business of the House is Over.

Toronto, April 13.—The House ended the business of the session last night and will prorogue Monday. The members have all gone home.

The Premier, in moving the third reading of his bill to amend the assessment act, said the bill as originally introduced, based on the commission's recommendations, covered a wider range than the government intended. It was thought better, when the fact was discovered to confine the measure to a repeal of the scrap iron assessment, and to leave the other features over to be dealt with next year, when the commission's full report had been received. The present bill was practically the same as that recommended by the Municipal Association of Ontario, which could not be accused of favoritism to the corporations.

Mr. Ross went on to say that the impression had been created by the press that the House had been unduly influenced by the corporations. It became the duty of every member to let it be known that they resented any imputation upon their honor in this connection. Corporations had the right to come here, just as any citizen in the land had, and present their views. The House would weaken its influence and lose its power for useful legislation, and would to a great extent lose its character as a British legislative body, unless it saw to it that the reflections cast upon its independence were repudiated. (Ministerial applause.)

Mr. Whitney agreed with the sentiment expressed as to the honor of the House. He could, not, however, agree with the action of the Premier on the question of assessment. Last year the government had not dared to deal squarely with the question and they dared not do so to-day. He never supposed that any corporation had improperly approached a member of the House. He desired to repeat, however, the statement he had previously made, that the Assessment Commission's bill had been withdrawn because the corporations had opposed it, and the measure of the Premier giving the power to municipalities to deal with the question had been dealt with in the same way and for the same reason. He deprecated this method of dealing with the measure, and expressed himself as unalterably opposed to the measure now before the House.

Dr. McKay (South Oxford) thought the Assessment Commission might go further and present a report on assessment methods in other countries. He moved an amendment to the amendment, which, after striking out the amendment recited the adoption of the principal of the Premier's by the Municipal Association and declared it inexpedient at present to go further than to add to the clause that bridges belonging to or connecting two municipalities should be assessed as a whole or an integral part of the whole.

This amendment was carried by 10 majority on straight party vote and the Premier's bill became law by the same majority.

The battle of the evening raged over the Premier's extraordinary bill to extend the life of the present Parliament, on the ground that the business of next year's session would not be finished by March 29th, when the Parliamentary term expires.

Mr. Carleton, of East Hamilton, moved this morning's bill in a spirited address. He charged that the bill was a dangerous precedent and a violation of the constitution and of public rights.

The bill, however, carried by 11. Mr. Tupper voting with the Government.

## THE BLACKS MAY RISE IN ALL SOUTH AFRICA

Cry is Africa for the Africans—Native Ministers Preaching War—Great Britain Will Send out no More Troops to Quell the Boers.

London, April 13.—"A serious revolutionary movement," says the Pietermaritzburg correspondent of the Daily Mail, "is spreading among the natives. It is headed by native ministers, who preach the doctrine of 'Africa for Africans,' and inciting the natives to throw off all European control. The authorities are carefully watching the movement, but are reluctant to interfere through fear of making martyrs of the ringleaders."

A Nyatrom, Transvaal Colony, despatch says:—All the inhabitants of this place have been sent to Pretoria.

The Daily Express this morning says it understands that the government has decided to cease sending reinforcements to South Africa.

PLOT TO KILL KRUGER.

"The police of this city," says the Express, "recently got wind of the Amsterdam correspondent of the Daily contemplated attempts on the life of Mr. Kruger. One of the prisoners arrested is said to have made a confession."

PRaises THE COLONIES.

Gen. Sir Redvers Buller, speaking last evening at Plymouth, eulogized the assistance which Canada and Australia had rendered Great Britain in forming in South Africa a third English-speaking nation. "New nations are springing up around us," he said, "and must be allowed to do what is proper for themselves. Reasonable concessions must be granted to them. We must not repeat the error which lost us America. The first great child of the Empire was lost because a fine, growing, lusty boy was not given enough rope, and was not allowed to think differently in small matters from his parents."

## COUPLE OF M. P.'S HAVE A PRETTY LIVELY ROW

In the House of Commons—Clarke Wallace and Mr. Talbot, of Bellechasse, Almost Came to Blows—Some Nice Compliments Exchanged.

Ottawa, April 13.—There was a lively row in the corridor of the House last evening between Mr. Talbot, M. P. for Bellechasse, and Hon. N. Clarke Wallace.

The trouble really began in the public accounts committee in the morning, when, in response to Mr. Talbot's interruption, Clarke Wallace gave expression to the saying that had its origin, so it is said, in certain evidence given during a trial of Mr. Talbot's domestic differences in a migration debate in the House. Mr. Wallace believed he was again interrupted by the member for Bellechasse, who remarked that he didn't wish to be disturbed by the hon. member. Mr. Talbot declared he was only talking to a neighbor, to which he (Wallace) replied that he didn't wish to have anything to do with a man of Talbot's history.

"If the hon. member has anything to tell of my history," Mr. Talbot shouted, "let him say it out."

Then the speaker intervened and order was restored.

But the member for Bellechasse was evidently smarting under the sting of Mr. Wallace's insinuations.

Mr. Speaker had scarcely departed for the chamber behind the door, when Mr. Talbot walked across to Mr. Wallace's seat, and in an excited voice, and shaking his fist meanwhile, dared him out to fight, at the same time making a grab for Mr. Wallace's walking stick.

"You are a low, mean cur," yelled Mr. Talbot, excitedly. "If you are a man come outside and say it."

Mr. Wallace's retort was to the effect that he wouldn't "dirty" his hands with the member for Bellechasse; that everybody knew his history.

"If you know my history publish it in the papers," Mr. Talbot replied, endeavoring to elude the restraining grasp of his friends.

Mr. Costigan was one of them. He stepped up at this point and endeavored to take Mr. Talbot away. Mr. Talbot brushed him aside with an admonition to the ex-Minister to mind his own business. Then Mr. Sutherland tried his hand at pacification, but it was not till Mr. Davis, of Alberta, waded in and removed the irate member bodily into the corridor that the altercation in the chamber subsided.

Mr. Talbot, however, renewed his attack on Mr. Wallace out in the corridor, calling him again a "low, mean cur," daring him to fight it out and remarking: "You're not in an Orange lodge now."

At this point the belligerent Talbot was successfully pulled into the Liberal committee room, and the row was over.

## CZAR MAKES A FATAL BLUNDER

Shoots a Loyal Officer Dead Mistaking Him for an Assassin.

New York, April 13.—A Vienna despatch says that the Czar recently made a terrible mistake, owing to his growing nervous fear of death by assassination. It is said a young army officer entered the Czar's presence in Tsarskoe Selo palace, 17 miles from St. Petersburg, hurriedly and unannounced, having been sent on an important errand, which would admit of no delay. Alarmed by the young officer's sudden entrance and excited appearance, Nicholas seized a revolver and fired wildly several times at the man whom he supposed had come to shed his royal blood at the behest of some Nihilist band. The unfortunate messenger fell dead almost at the feet of the monarch. Soon servants had removed the lifeless remains, and it was hours before anyone had the courage to tell the Czar of his awful blunder. When he did learn it the shock was so great as to throw him into epileptic spasms.

## A TRAVELLER DIES AT LONDON

Who Had Been Going Through Western Ontario for Many Years.

London, April 13.—Samuel Wilkins, one of the oldest and best known commercial travellers in Western Ontario, died at Victoria Hospital at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mr. Wilkins had been sick only since Tuesday. He left home on a Western trip on Monday, apparently in good health, and the following morning on reaching Courtwright, he was taken suddenly and seriously ill with an acute obstruction of the bowels. Drs. Scott and Armstrong, of Courtwright, attended him, but failing to improve Mr. Wilkins resolved to come home, reaching here at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, accompanied by another traveller. He was removed to the City Hospital, where it was apparent that his case was hopeless. Gangrene of the bowels, due to the obstruction, was the cause of death. The deceased was sixty-two years of age, and for thirty years he travelled for leading wholesale grocers, being for twenty years with W. H. Gillard & Co., of Hamilton. He was a native of England, and for a short period before coming to this city, lived at Stratford. No traveller was better known and his sudden death will be generally regretted. During the past year Mr. Wilkins had been on the road for the Leamington Tobacco Company.

## BEFORE GOING OFF TO CHICAGO

Thomas A. Delahanty is Given a Send-off by His Former Employer and Fellow-Workers.

Thomas A. Delahanty, a trusted and popular employee of Austin & Co., severed his connection with that firm and left for Chicago to-day.

Mr. Austin yesterday presented Mr. Delahanty with a handsome gold watch, as an expression of the excellent manner in which Mr. Delahanty had served him while in his employ.

The departing clerk's fellow employees also presented him with a traveling companion and the following address:—

Dear Friend—Your fellow clerks at C. Austin & Co. have learned with regret of your intended departure for Chicago. We realize that we are losing a genial companion and real friend, and ere you leave we would express our appreciation of you and your many excellent qualities. Will you accept the accompanying travelling case, as a souvenir of many happy days spent together in business and pleasure. We all wish you success beyond measure.

Signed on behalf of the staff,  
C. J. NORTHWOOD.

A number of the young ladies of the establishment also individually presented Mr. Delahanty with tokens of their regard.

## LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of Park Street Church Ladies Aid Society was held on Wednesday afternoon, April 10th, in the school room. There was a large attendance. The society has a membership of over eighty. The treasurer's report showed a good balance after paying \$200 to the trustees on the church debt. After the regular business had been disposed of, Dr. Hanson occupied the chair during the election of officers, which resulted as follows:—

Mrs. Seane—President.  
Mrs. Snook—Vice President.  
Mrs. Chanter—Secretary.  
Mrs. A. Wemp—Assistant Sec'y.  
Mrs. Oldershaw—Treasurer.

After the close of the meeting, light refreshments were served, which were much enjoyed by the ladies.

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