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Thomas Stone & Son

Bedding and Cottons

You can scarcely appreciate the goodness of these values unless you see the goods these prices represent, when you see them you'll not care to miss them:

Extra fine English bleached satin Quilts, specially selected, design all new patterns, large double bed size at \$2, \$2.50, and..... \$3.00

Ready-to-wear Pillow Cases, of fine bleached cotton, 2 1/2 inch plain hems, sizes 42 x 36 and 45 x 36 inches, special at..... 25c

"Oat Coker" fine heavy bleached cotton, full yard wide, extra value, per yard..... 8c

Extra quality bleached and unbleached Sheetings, double bed width, in plain and twilled, at 20c, 25c and..... 30c

Ladies' Jackets

Ladies' fine cloth Jackets, lined with silk, colors blues, fawns and black, double breasted, with six pearl buttons, at..... \$5.00

Ladies' fine Covert Cloth Jackets, colors fawns, lined with satin, at..... \$7.50

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Tailor-made Suits

Ladies' Eaton Suits, Homespuns and Serges, skirt made with new box pleat, lined throughout with percaline and bound with velvetine at \$13.50 and \$14.00

Millinery

All this week our Millinery experts will be busied with Easter orders. Intending purchasers will find it to their advantage to come early in the week and early in the day, before noon if possible that's when selection can be made with the greatest comfort and pleasure.

SHOP EARLY.

Belts and Buckles

A magnificent range of Belt Buckles in plain, black and fancy colors, at..... 25c

Khaki Belts, with pretty buckles, each..... 25c

Pulley Belts

Fashion's latest creation, both serviceable and pretty, \$1.25 and \$1.50

FOUGHT TO LAST SHOT

The Irish Fusiliers at Bethany Only Surrendered

When They had no More Cartridges—Remounts for the Advance Arriving at Bloemfontein—Anxiety in London.

London, April 9.—The following despatch has been received from Bloemfontein, dated Thursday, April 5, and delayed in transmission.—The Royal Irish Rifles had been marching in the eastern part of the Free State, collecting arms, and were returning to Bethany on Tuesday, when they were intercepted by a Boer commando, which had placed three guns in position. The Irish entrenched themselves, while the mounted infantry fought along both flanks, only to find escape impossible. The Boers opened with gun and rifle fire. The British replied sparingly with rifle fire, husbanding their cartridges in the hope that help would arrive. Gradually the Boers drew into closer quarters. They fired interminably during Tuesday night but did not attempt to rush the British position until Wednesday, when the Irishmen, who had fought tenaciously, were suffering severely from want of food and water. At this time also the rifles had expended their last cartridge. Finding that there was no sign of succor they surrendered, having fought for nearly thirty hours. The British were ordered to march, bringing satisfaction. Assurance that nothing need be feared, even if the railways and telegraphs are cut and Bloemfontein isolated, together with the news that the ladies and other civilians are being ordered away, do not augur well. There are rumors from Cape Town that the telegraph wires were already cut yesterday (Sunday), and also that the Hussars, who were sent to the relief of the Royal Irish Rifles, are also missing, although probably these are the outcome of Boer exaggerations, designed to encourage the burghers. The attempt of Gen. Buller to catch the Boer leaders in conference at Rietfontein failed, probably because of the lack of cavalry. A belated Boer despatch says that bayonets were being made for the foreign legion under the late Gen. De Villebois Mareuil. The Boers are boasting that the Colesberg and Stormberg commandos, numbering 6,000, with ten cannon and 750 wagons, have gotten safely through.

A BOER ACCOUNT
of the Bloemfontein water works affair, says: "Colonel Broadwood evacuated Thaba Nchu owing to the advance of Commandant Olivier from the south. The federal troops found General Dewet immediately placed guns and the commandos in such positions as to surround the British, who did not have time to recover from their surprise."
A special despatch from Bloemfontein, dated April 5, says that the American scout, F. R. Burnham, was

captured near Thaba Nchu, but made his escape. He wandered about for two days, finally reaching the camp of the 12th Lancers in a weak state. He says the Boers are determined, but that they realize their eventual defeat is inevitable. Burnham testifies to the terrific pace with which the Boer commandos cover the ground, and the ease with which they move their guns. Making was still besieged on 1. The garrison was suffering severely from lack of bread, and a mixture of oats, bran and mealies, was doing duty for that article, which is described as "coarse in substance, of the color of gingerbread, and of the consistency of Norwegian pine."

WOMEN ORDERED SOUTH.
The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Morning Post, telegraphing Friday, says: "No anxiety need be felt as to the security of Bloemfontein, although the enemy may succeed in destroying telegraphic communication and even in cutting the railway, for a brief period. A number of civilians, including Lady Beninck, and Lady Edward Cecil, who arrived here recently from Cape Town, left today in compliance with a general order issued by the authorities."

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, in a despatch dated Friday, says: "All is quiet here. Remounts and reinforcements are arriving, and preparations are being made to deal with the enemy. Last Tuesday many of the historic regiments—the Scots Greys, the Inniskilling Dragoons and the Lancers—could not muster a hundred mounted men, while artillery horses were very scarce."

TWENTY-ONE GOT AWAY.
Simons Town, Cape Colony, Saturday, April 9.—It now appears that no fewer than 20 Boers escaped from the old camp last evening. Nine have since been recaptured. The prisoners effected their escape by cutting a fence under the sentry bridge, while the sentry was above. A driver of a sanitary cart was offered £200 to carry off the prisoners. A new tunnel has been discovered in the direction opposite to the former one. It had been completed to within five feet of the point for a breach.

WAR NOTES.
The British transport "Bavaria" has arrived at Cape Town with 2,300 troops.

Remounts are rapidly arriving at Bloemfontein. The British are in high spirits and anxious to advance.

Another of Mr. Steyn's brothers was captured near Kares Siding Friday and arrived at Bloemfontein to-day.

The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing Friday, says: "Owing to a lack of horses and to the suffering of the men from pneumonia, due to thin clothing, Lord Roberts has decided not to make a big move until the troops are provided with thicker uniforms."

Sergeant-Major Broker, who is now appears escaped from Pretoria with Capt. Haldane and Lieut. Lemesurier, has reached Lorenzo Marques. He lost his companions at Eland's River, obtained a situation as barman at a railroad station, and eventually made his way to the frontier.

PARENTS' PRAYER.

They Petition the Queen to Intercede for Their Son.

Who Attempted the Life of the Prince of Wales—Say he is Repentant.

Brussels, April 9.—The parents of Spido, who made the attempt on the life of the Prince of Wales, have addressed the following petition to Queen Victoria:

"Your Majesty: Two unhappy parents wish to tell you their despair and implore your pity. It is a father and a mother who beseech your majesty to pardon an unfortunate son for an attempt whereof he has been guilty. We are poor, even in indigence, but we are honest. Neither of us has ever failed in our duty. Our child who has committed this fearful crime, is an innocent lad, acted on by evil influences. They have taken advantage of his inexperience, but he understands now the character of his act and weeps with us and implores pardon, oh Queen."

"We have nine children, all still little, and all come to you with the same prayer and the same supplication. For to your gracious kindness they look for help."

"Our child is in prison. The idea of it is too horrible. Have pity on us. Have pity on him. His crime was hateful, but he is our child. His heart is good and he repents his act. It seems to us impossible that he can be con-

founded with criminal wretches.
"At your knees we pray you to intercede in his favor. He is only 15 and was a most respectful and submissive, loving boy, with a heart of gold, knowing nothing, a boy whom they have wickedly deceived by odious lies, inducing him to fire at your most esteemed son, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales."
"Great, noble Queen, deign to cast a look of pity on our misery and our life will be but one outpouring of gratitude and respect to your most august merciful majesty."

A petition in much the same terms was sent to the Prince of Wales.

Bert Stanley, aged 7, of Guelph, went out on a log to watch the flood, slipped in and was drowned.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take Laxative Bromo Quine Tablets. All Colds cured. E. W. Grove's signature in each box.

The Latest Creations

Men's Fine Shoes

This week we have passed through the customs OUR NEW LINE of MEN'S SHOES. These goods come from the best manufacturers in New York city and Boston—They are perfect in style, stock and workmanship—They come in all the new shapes, shades, and different kin is of leather.

You can come here and be properly fitted, these AMERICAN SHOES come in all widths and sizes—and then there's something in knowing how to fit a customer's foot—that's our business—we make it a study.

See price and goods in window.

Geo. W. Cowan

Chatham

DO GREAT DAMAGE

Texas Rivers Break Loose and go on a Rampage.

Death and Destruction in the Floods—Great Dams Break Away and Let Free Immense Reservoirs of Water.

Austin, Texas, April 9.—This city is in pitch darkness, with a raging river one mile wide and swollen far beyond its natural banks, roaring and surging through all the lower portions of the town, having spread destruction and death in its wake. In addition to the vast loss to property interests, it is calculated that between thirty and forty lives have been sacrificed, and the reports coming in from the tributary country to-night do not tend to improve matters. The flood is not unlike the disastrous Johnstown flood some years ago, in that a raging river, already swollen far beyond its capacity, bore too heavily upon an immense dam spanning the river here, breaking and letting loose a reservoir of water thirty miles long, half a mile wide and sixty feet deep, to aid in carrying destruction down the valleys of the Colorado River.

The great dam in the Colorado River gave way from the enormous pressure of water and debris, and with a roar and crash swept the valleys below the city, wrecking the immense light and power plant and drowning eight men.

For some reason, difficult to tell, the use of spears for taking fish has been illegal. This spring, however, the provincial fisheries department has issued a regulation providing that during the run of suckers the fish may be speared in any part of Ontario.

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- 1—Enterprise—Buying at first-hand, importing direct for ourselves and bringing producer and consumer into closer relationship.
- 2—Economy—Selling strictly for cash and doing away with an expensive system of booking and bad debts.
- 3—Uniformity—One lowest price, no favorites, no discounts, we do our best for every customer.
- 4—Integrity—No juggling with fiction to make it look like fact, and no misrepresentation in any way, shape or form. If goods are not exactly as represented you get your money back.
- 5—Quick Sales—The largest volume of business on the smallest percentage of profits. With trade growing, the cost of conducting the business is constantly decreasing.

Wash Goods

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| Standard Percales, fine firm quality, full yard wide, in pretty stripes, new spring colorings, absolutely fast, at per yd..... 17c | shirt waists, fast colors, 32 in. wide, at per yd..... 12 1/2c | pretty broche designs, guaranteed to retain its color and brightness, at per yd..... 37 1/2c |
| White Piques and Bedford Cords, in wide, medium and narrow waists, at per yd. 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c, 25c and..... 30c | White Figured Piques, extra quality, in pretty designs for suiting, very special at per yd. 25c, 30c and..... 35c | American and English Galateas, in stripe and plain colors, suitable for children's suits or blouses, very serviceable, fast colors, at per yd. 12 1/2c, 15c, 18c, 20c and..... 25c |
| Imported Dimities, fine sheer quality, in new stripe designs, special at 15c, 20c and..... 25c | Colored Piques, in fancy blue and white, and pink and white stripes, firm cord fast colors, very special at per yd..... 12 1/2c | Khaki Cloth, the new material, worn by our soldiers in South Africa, very popular for children's suiting, the color is absolutely fast, per yd..... 20c |
| Fine French Organdies, in handsome designs, large assortment of spring colorings, fine sheer quality, at per yd. 35c | English Cambric Prints, in beautiful new plaids and stripes, rich effects for | Prints, a better assortment is not to be found in Chatham, every desirable style and color, at per yd. 8c, 10c, 12c, 15c and..... 20c |
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