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BIG REDUCTIONS.
Prices to clear, \$35 to \$60
FOR CASH ONLY.

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ADRIAT IN THE SARAGOSSA SEA.
Met a Soul on Board the Italian Ship Vega Knew How to Handle the Vessel.

LONDON.—The Daily Mail says a thrilling tale of a ship adrift in the waste of the Saragossa Sea without a single sailor aboard able to navigate has been received at Queenstown from the captain of the British steamer Standfield, of London.

The Standfield was steaming westward of the Canaries; when in latitude 37 deg. north, longitude 28 deg. west, she sighted a ship apparently not under control and flying signals of distress.

The distressed ship was a small vessel and lay at the mercy of wind and wave. Hundreds of miles lay between her and the nearest point of land.

The Standfield altered her course and bore down upon the ship, which proved to be the Vega, an Italian vessel, bound from Penzance to Savona in the Gulf of Genoa.

Captain Hamilton, of the Standfield, lowered a boat and sent his second officer, Mr. Barrow, to investigate the mystery, and a terrible state of affairs

was revealed when he got aboard. There was not a single soul in the ship, he found, who understood the art of navigation. Not long after the Vega left Penzance, he was told, the chief mate committed suicide by drinking laudanum, and a week later the captain was washed overboard and drowned.

After that several sailors fell ill and were unable to get about the ship. No man being left who knew how to handle the vessel, she drifted helplessly from day to day until the Standfield came in sight.

Having heard the story, Capt. Hamilton decided that the best thing to do was to let some one take charge of the Vega, and he left Mr. Barrow on board to navigate her to her destination in the Mediterranean.

UNIONISM.
(Puck.)
Clerk—I want more salary, sir, because I am going to get married!
Employer—But I don't believe in "union" raising the price of labor.

A Meriden, Conn., woman has been appointed superintendent of a confectionery and gives satisfaction to the lot owners.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Jan. 18, 1904.

Clothing Sale Booming!

The number of garments sold at this sale, so far, beats all previous SALE RECORDS at this store—THE VALUES ARE THE BEST we have OFFERED and embrace nearly all in—OVERCOATS, ULSTERS, HATS, MEN'S SUITS, BOYS' TWO AND THREE PIECE SUITS AND MEN'S PANTS.

A BOYS' REEFER CHANCE—All our Boys' Reefers reduced to three special prices:
\$1.98, \$2.49 and \$3.49
These formerly sold from \$2.75 to \$4.75.

J. N. HARVEY, TAILORING AND CLOTHING,
199 and 201 Union St.

JAPAN IS NOW MARKING TIME.

Waiting for Russia's Reply to Her Proposals.

Belief that Russia's Diplomacy Has Failed—Russia Fears the United States

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Private despatches from St. Petersburg indicate, says a Times despatch from Paris, that the Japanese note has not helped to fortify optimistic expectations of a long as there was room for further negotiations, Russian diplomacy helped Russia to gain time. But Japan, having given a final answer to the latest Russian note, will not, it is expected, wait indefinitely for a decision on Russia's part.

There is said to be a good deal of irritation in St. Petersburg over the failure of Russian diplomacy. It is recognized that the conclusion of the Chinese-American treaty has materially affected Russia's prestige.

It is reported that Russia stands in greater fear at the present moment of the United States than of Great Britain. Another source of concern is the indifferent attitude of France.

PORT ARTHUR, Jan. 18.—The Japanese banks are rapidly closing up their accounts in Manchuria and are stopping business. Japan is seeking for agents in Manchuria and Korea to supply the Russian movements, in view of the hurried departure of the Japanese residents.

The Russian occupation of Sin-Mintun, thirty miles west of Mukden, is reported to be accomplished.

VIENNA, Jan. 17.—During the presentation of the general clause of the treaty to the Austrian Emperor, Francis Joseph said to Ambassador Storck: "I think that affairs are going to be better in the East. Everything will be arranged."

He spoke in a similar hopeful strain to other members of the diplomatic corps.

TOKYO, Jan. 17.—The Associated Press correspondent is reliably informed that Japan has received a Russian communication saying that Russia will respect the rights and privileges already acquired by the powers in Manchuria under existing treaties with China, excepting the establishment of foreign settlements and in so far as these rights and privileges are not prejudicial to Russia's future relations with Manchuria, her reservations are regarded as nullifying the value of the assurance.

TOKYO, Jan. 17.—Japan does not anticipate Russia's rejoinder for at least one week. In the meantime she is preparing to meet any possible challenge to war. Political and other dissensions have disappeared and the country is patriotically united.

The Japanese people would welcome an honorable peace, but are resolved to fight before receiving from Russia in Oriental affairs. They apprehend the aggression of Russia and believe it is not stopped now and never be stopped. They are confident their demands are fair and moderate and that their diplomacy, which has been patient, has gone to a reasonable limit. They expect the world's sympathy in the struggle and have splendid confidence in their navy and army. In the event of reverses or a national disaster, it is thought that England and the United States would intervene to preserve a balance of power in Eastern Asia. There is no fear of an invasion of Japan, which is probably the most strongly defended in the world. The growth of British and American sentiment is remarked. Numerous displays of the flags of the two nations are made and popular songs relating to the war are sung.

The characters of "Uncle Sam" and "Johnny Bull" are in vogue in public dances. The activity of the United States in the opening of the ports of Mukden, Port Arthur, and the Yalu, and in some quarters it is hoped that this may aid in solving the problem of the Yalu.

The censorship prohibits the publication of military movements. At present the military movements are preliminary and aimed to insure an immediate dispatch of an immense land and sea force if it should become necessary.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 17.—The czar's pacific utterances made during the New Year's reception at the Winter Palace in the foreign press, which have been reproduced here, have created a splendid impression and have diminished the war talk in army and navy circles, which were quick to take their cue from the assurance coming from the throne.

HOW TO MAKE HENS LAY.
(Detroit News.)
John Kernell, the Irish comedian, who died in Detroit recently, used to tell of an experience he once had in farming.

"One summer," he would say, "I lived in the country, and as there was a garden to my cottage, I decided that I would keep chickens. I bought a cock and a half dozen hens, but I got no eggs. The chickens were vigorous and healthy, but my omelets each morning came from the village store."

"To remedy this state of affairs I answered an advertisement in an agricultural magazine. This advertisement said that for \$2 an infallible way to make hens lay would be communicated. I forwarded the \$2, and in due course I received the advertiser's reply. It was a printed slip that read:

"To make a hen lay—Be a stout strong around the hen's body, lay the bird on her side on a board, and fasten the string underneath. If it is thought desirable a pillow may be placed under the hen's head."

TARTE FOR PROTECTION

Strong Denunciation of Goldwin Smith and of the Doctrine of Free Trade.

(Special to Star.)
MONTREAL, Que., Jan. 17.—Valleyfield.—Mr. Tarte addressed a large meeting here on Saturday. The feature of his speech was an attack on Goldwin Smith. He had read a despatch in the papers saying that Goldwin Smith had declared Canada owed nothing of its present prosperity to protection.

"In 1879," Tarte declared, "Canada had passed through a violent crisis. Sir John A. Macdonald introduced his protection policy and factories arose all over the land. Had we had the tariff in 1887 to cut down the tariff, some liberal leaders had declared they would do, Canada would have been plunged again into the depression which existed in 1879. Prof. Goldwin Smith, an enemy of Canadian industry, and I denounce him as such before the whole province of Quebec, and I hope my words will reach the other side of the ocean. Speaking now as a former minister of public works in Canada, I say that whenever I proposed to improve the St. Lawrence to help the trade of Canada, Goldwin Smith opposed that expenditure on the ground that the United States routes were sufficient. I take advantage of this meeting to project in your name against the standard set by Goldwin Smith, who, though born in England, is a Yankee at heart."

THE BECHTEL MURDER.
Eckstein, the Dead Girls Lover, is the Principal Witness Against Her Mother.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Jan. 18.—The commonwealth depends largely upon the testimony of Alois Eckstein to the fact of the murder of her daughter, Mabel, Eckstein on Saturday testified that he visited the Bechtel home on Monday night, Oct. 27, Mabel's body was found the morning after.

He stated that the demeanor of the entire Bechtel family toward him had changed. First at a loss how to answer him, and finally replied in nervous tone that she had gone out driving. Mrs. Bechtel was usually kind and genial, was cross and disagreeable. This change had taken place in less than twenty-four hours.

Today, Attorney Schaefer, counsel for Bechtel, subjected Eckstein to a rigid cross-examination.

WILD DAY AT MONCTON.
Church Dedication, Twice Postponed, Takes Place—Moncton Exhibition in June

(Special to Star.)
MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 18.—This morning the thermometer stood below zero, following one of the worst storms of the season, which set in early last night, and lasted all day.

Moncton liberals met tonight to make arrangements for a reception to Mr. E. Patterson.

The new Presbyterian church at Humphrey's opened for divine worship yesterday afternoon. Notwithstanding the bad storm there was a good attendance. The dedication sermon preached by Rev. James Ross, superintendent of missions, St. John; Rev. D. Macdonald, of Moncton, and Rev. W. A. Ross, who is to have charge of the church at Humphrey's.

The Moncton exhibition association professes to have its exhibition between the fifteenth of June and the first of July, and to have the Maritime exhibition open about the fifteenth of September.

BANK OF N. B.
Old Board of Directors and Old Officers Re-elected.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of New Brunswick was held this forenoon. The statement for the past year was presented and considered, and the shareholders expressed satisfaction at the good showing made. A resolution was passed thanking the directors and manager, W. B. Staver, for their work during the year.

The old board of directors were re-elected. These are James Manchester, J. M. Robinson, W. W. White, P. Starr, G. W. Jones and C. P. Baker. James Manchester was re-elected president and J. M. Robinson vice-president. Mr. Robinson and Mr. Staver each delivered short addresses.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.
Arrived.
Str. Lake Erie, 624, Capt. Carey, from Liverpool; general cargo.

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CAPT. FERRIS, HARBOR MASTER

The Mayor Appointed Him; Aldermen Couldn't Decide

Five Balleets Led to a Deadlock—Duties of Position Increased and Salary Reduced.

Competition waxed keen this morning at the special meeting of the common council, called to consider the appointment to the vacant position of harbor master. The string pulling was interesting, and not until the mayor had intervened, in order to make a majority vote, was the struggle brought to a conclusion.

Those present were Mayor White, Aldermen McGoldrick, Robinson, Milne, Hildard, Christie, Barrie, Macrae, Tilley, Allan, Bullock, Hamm, McKinnon and Recorder Skinner.

The position was held by W. S. Ruddock, G. M. Kenneally, John S. Thomas, Barton Gandy, R. H. Fleming, John E. D. Murr, J. A. Clarke, A. F. Kenny, Charles McLaughlin and John Ferris.

Before the meeting was called to order the aldermen debated in caucus the claims and abilities of the respective applicants. Nothing like unanimity being arrived at, they returned to the council chamber and the meeting proceeded.

Mayor White said that before the meeting proceeded to business it would be well to speak a few words with regard to the departed harbor master. Death of late, the mayor said, has been very busy with the civic government. Since last meeting it has been the duty of the council to take notice, first, of the death of Alderman Tufts, and now of Harbor Master Capt. Charles Taylor.

It was unnecessary for him to add anything to the general expression of public opinion as to the late harbor master's work and character, which is the best possible token of appreciation which he could receive. It, however, would not be fitting to proceed with the appointment of his successor without placing on record the appreciation of the council of the departed harbor master's character and of his work in connection with his duties, his important position, and the confidence and respect of the community in a special degree, and his widow and family.

When the harbor master's duties were more onerous than they are now he was able to stand up to his judgment and in everything he did he had an eye single to the good of the community. After a useful life, he died suddenly and painlessly passed away. The mayor said he would like the council to do something to honor the memory of its appreciation of his services extending over a period of some thirty years.

Ald. Baxter then moved that a committee be appointed for the purpose of framing a suitable resolution appreciative of the long and useful services rendered by Capt. Taylor as harbor master, and that a copy of such resolution be transmitted to his widow and be entered as a record of the minutes of this council.

Ald. Robinson seconded the motion, adding his endorsement to all that had been previously said.

The motion was unanimously carried. Ald. Baxter, Robinson and Macrae constituting the committee.

Ald. Macrae then moved that the positions of harbor master and harbor inspector be amalgamated and that the salary be \$1,000.

Ald. Allan seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

The names of the applicants were read. Ald. Christie moved that the mode of selection be by dropping a ballot for all names. This motion was carried.

The result of the first balloting, as announced by Ald. Macrae was as follows: Ferris, 6; Kenneally, 5; Fleming, 2; Thomas, 1; Kenney, 1.

The required number of votes, namely seven, being not attained a second balloting became indispensable. Things moved calmly for awhile, everybody feeling confident that the end was not far distant; but the end was not yet.

The reading of the second balloting showed: Ferris, 6; Fleming, 5; Kenneally, 2; Thomas, 1.

A discussion now arose whether in the event of a third balloting proving ineffective the mayor might not intervene. The mayor thought he should refrain from interference until a tie vote had been reached for any two of the applicants.

The scrutineers again went round and shortly announced the result of the third balloting. It was: Ferris, 6; Kenneally, 5; Fleming, 5.

And once again the scrutineers passed round and once again the result was announced as: Ferris, 5; Fleming, 4; Kenneally, 5.

It now became evident that the struggle was between Ferris and Fleming. The fifth ballot showed this, namely: Ferris, 6; Fleming, 6.

The mayor's intervention had now become unavoidable. He cast the deciding majority vote in favor of Capt. Ferris. Ald. McGoldrick then moved that Capt. Ferris be appointed harbor master of the City of St. John which was unanimously carried.

AMERICAN GOODS FOR EXPORT.
Manifests were received at the customs house this morning for 118 cars of United States exports. The following is the list: 18 cars of flour, 9 cars of barley, 2 cars of corn, 9 cars of meat, 1 car of corn, 1 car of provisions, 1 car of lard, 1 car of glucose, 3 cars of poultry, 10 cars of hogs, 1 car of cows, and 5 cars of cattle.

STABBED HIS SWEETHEART

Crime of Jealous Italian—But for Police He Would Have Been Lynched.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Charged with having stabbed Theresa T. Ussello, a young Italian girl, because she refused to marry him, Nicola Skelton was arranged today and held without bail to await the result of his injuries. Last night, it is charged, Skelton in a fit of jealous rage stabbed the girl in the back with a shoemaker's knife, the blade going near her heart. She was taken to the hospital and is in a dangerous condition.

A policeman said that he had to lock Skelton in the cellar and secure the assistance of three other policemen to take the prisoner to the station house, as a crowd of angry Italians gathered around and threatened to kill Skelton.

DISASTER IN BLOEMFONTEIN

Waterspout Wrecks the Town—Hundreds Homeless and Destitute—Probably Many Killed

BLOEMFONTEIN, Orange River Colony, Jan. 18.—A waterspout yesterday destroyed three hotels and many houses here, and it is believed resulted in loss of life. The number of dead, however, has not yet been ascertained. Hundreds of persons have been rendered homeless and destitute by the disaster.

SLAUGHTER IN WEST AFRICA

Native Tribes Revolt and Murder Settlers—Local Forces Insufficient—Germany Sends Aid

BERLIN, Jan. 18.—Further advice from German South West Africa says the Hereroes are murdering settlers and burning homesteads over wide areas. The German colonial troops in the disturbed district are wholly insufficient to deal with the revolution. At a conference between Chancellor Von Bülow, Emperor William, war minister Von Elernan, admiralty secretary Von Tirpitz, it was decided yesterday to ask the Reichstag immediately to authorize the sending out of reinforcements.

METHODIST.

The Methodist ministers met at the usual time and place, Rev. S. Howard presiding. After singing and scripture reading Dr. Wilson led in prayer. There were present Dr. Sprague, G. M. Campbell, W. C. Mathews, S. Howard, H. Penna, C. W. Hamilton, Dr. Wilson, J. J. Kirby, H. D. Marr, J. A. Clarke, J. A. Rogers, of Fredericton, and A. C. Borden, of Toronto, Japan, and Oscar Grouland, of Calgary.

The reports of churches showed that the Queen Square and Centenary churches held their missionary anniversary yesterday, when Rev. J. A. Rogers, of Fredericton, and Rev. A. O. Borden, of Toronto, Japan, preached.

Fairville circuit reported having held the quarterly meeting when Rev. W. J. Kirby was unanimously invited to return for a fourth year, but declined the favor. Rev. Geo. M. Young, of Charlottetown, was therefore invited to fill the vacancy.

Rev. J. A. Rogers spoke briefly of his work in the Fredericton church, and Rev. A. O. Borden gave a most interesting address on work in Japan. Rev. Oscar Grouland, of Calgary, spoke of his work in the west. A very interesting discussion followed.

The paper on the subject of Baptism by Rev. S. Howard, was made the order of the day for next week.

PROBATE COURT.

In the estate of James Mason, enlargement of time for serving citations was granted on motion of E. T. C. Knowles.

In the estate of William Clark an adjournment of three weeks was granted on motion of S. E. Morrell for the administration.

In the estate of Jane C. Leavitt, a citation to pass accounts was granted; C. F. Sanford, proctor.

In the estate of G. Vernon a similar citation was granted on motion of C. S. Hamilton. Estate valued at \$30,000.

In passing the accounts of Daniel Hatfield, the administrator, C. W. Hatfield gave evidence. L. A. Curvey for the administrator; Chapman & Tilley for Jos. Hatfield.

FUNERALS TODAY.

The funeral of Hannah Dickson, daughter of the late Richard Dickson, was held today from the residence of S. H. Shaw, Harding street. Rev. Mr. McKim officiated and interment was made at Cedar Hill.

William Parks, who died last Saturday in his 81st year of age, was buried this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from his late residence, 22 Duke street. Rev. B. N. Nobles officiated and interment was made at Cedar Hill.

The funeral of Harriet Light, widow of the late Robert Light, C. E., was held this afternoon from Trinity church, Rev. Mr. Richardson officiating. Interment was made in Fernhill.

James Dickson, late of Crouville, was buried this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

He—Nothing delights a girl so much as the devoted attention of a man of some other girl's choice.—Chicago Journal.

Socrates was sipping the hemlock. "It's pretty bad," he acknowledged, but "think what I have escaped. I might have been invited to a pink tea."—Brooklyn Life.

Mrs. Suburb—"There goes Mrs. Toughman. Is she in mourning for her late husband?"
Mrs. Knowit—"No, only wearing black for him."—Cincinnati Times-Star.

THE WEATHER.

Jan. 18
Highest temperature, 20 above; lowest temperature, 4 below; temperature at noon, 3 above; barometer at noon, 30.22 inches; wind, N.W.; velocity, 10 miles per hour. Clear.

Forecasts—Fresh northwest to north winds; fine and very cold today and on Tuesday.
Synopsis—Very cold weather prevails in Canada, the temperature being considerably below zero in nearly all localities. Wind to Banks and American ports fresh northwest to north.

10 p. c. to 30 p. c. REDUCTION
...IN...
FURS

Our annual January Sale of Furs begins on **MONDAY, Jan. 18th.**

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After Holiday Prices!
—ON—
Sleds, Framers and Snow Shovels.

—AT—
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Umbrella, Repairing and Chair

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17 WATERLOO STREET.

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Valenc. Oranges 15c. pr doz
They are good size and of a better flavor now than any other time of the year. Get the best at Glad to call for orders.

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Glad to call for orders.
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A BARGE HAS ARRIVED
with Springhill Coal for Gibbon & Co. Springhill Coal is the best for cooking-stoves.

Price low while landing.
GIBBON & CO.,
6-12 Charlotte St., Smythe St. and Marsh St.

An order was introduced in the Waterville, Me., city council for the sale of the stock on hand at the liquor agency, which gave as a reason therefor that the stock was being wasted by evaporation.

POTTS

Grand Evening Auction Sale!

At store corner Mill and Main streets, commencing Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock, and continuing every evening until whole stock is sold. The goods comprise Fancy Lamps, Crockeryware, Glassware, Cups, Saucers and Plates, Fancy Goods, Keweenaw, Forks, Spoons and a general assortment of fancy and useful articles.

W. L. POTTS, Auctioneer.