

WOODS' FAIR

Our Great Annual Basement Sale Ends Saturday, Feb. 29

Just Three Days More, Then Back to the Regular Prices.

Our sale that we started on the 1st of this month has been a tremendous success; not as a money-maker, to be sure, but from an advertising standpoint.

We have given big values; we wanted to get your confidence and to show you just what our Basement Department really means to the people of London. Even our regular prices are bargains, compared to what others ask for the same goods. Be sure and call on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday of this week. It will pay you.



The Matchless Inverted Gas Light

In this light the mantle burns upside down, and all the light is thrown downward, where it is wanted, and not up to the ceiling, like the old style light. You can see one burning in front of our candy counter on main floor. Price, complete \$1.00 and \$1.25

Some Bargains to Be Found in Basement for the Next Three Days

No. 8 Copper-Bottom Bolders \$1.20
No. 9 Copper-Bottom Bolders \$1.25
Three-String Broom, extra special 15c
Granite Cups or Mugs 5c
Granite Tea Kettles, No. 8 50c
Granite Tea Pots, large size 20c
Granite Soap Dishes 5c
Granite Pie Plates, large size 5c
Large Size Lamp Chimneys 5c
Six-Quart Covered Granite Pails 25c
10c Can Openers, sale price 5c
Wooden Pile Handles, 5 for \$3.95
\$5 Printed Toilet Sets, 10-piece \$2.95
\$4.25 Printed Toilet Sets, 10-piece \$3.25
\$2.50 Printed Toilet Sets, 10-piece \$2.25
\$2.25 Printed Toilet Sets, 10-piece \$1.75
\$1.75 Printed Toilet Sets, 10-piece \$1.50
25c English China Cups and Saucers 15c

Mark Twain's Books, 15c Each

These books are splendid reading, bound in paper covers and sold regular at 25c. They include such ones as Tom Sawyer, Roughing It, A Tramp Abroad, etc. Extra special price 15c

Special Sale Office Books This Week

We do not intend to handle these line of books any longer, so are anxious to close out what we have in stock if we have to lose money to do it. Look this list over and see if you can use any in your office. They are bargains.
1 only 1,000-page Journal, regular \$6.75, for \$3.95
2 only 600-page Journals, regular \$4.00, for \$2.75
1 only 400-page Journal, regular \$3.50, for \$2.00
1 only 1,000-page Day Book, regular \$6.75, for \$3.95
1 only 600-page Day Book, regular \$3.50, for \$1.75
4 only 1,000-page Letter Books, regular \$2.00, for \$1.25
4 only 600-page Letter Books, regular \$1.25, for 75c
Office or Reporters' Notebooks, 3 for 10c
Office Clips, regular 10c, at 5c
Order Books, each 10c, 15c

Remember our SALE OF DINNERWARE in Basement. One-quarter off regular on all Dinner Sets, China, and Fancy Lamps.

J. M. THOMSON WOODS' FAIR

MISSIONS AND THE AD TAKE BRIDGE TO THEATER

Presbyterians to Employ Up-to-Date Exploitation Methods.

New York, Feb. 25.—Modern advertising methods for the exploitation of up-to-date missionary efforts throughout the United States will hereafter be employed by the National Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, according to an announcement made today. In connection with this general plan, a one-day whirlwind publicity campaign will be conducted in about fifteen cities, beginning on Monday, March 16.

Among the speakers who will participate in the campaign are the Rev. Wm. Henry Roberts, D.D., moderator of the Presbyterian general assembly; the Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D.D., secretary of the board of home missions; the Rev. John Dixon, D.D., and Mr. J. Ernest McAfee, associate secretaries; the Rev. Charles St. Lee, superintendent of the department of church and society; the Rev. Thomas Clinton Moffett, specialist on United States Indian problems; and others. Those speakers will be assisted by prominent local men. The discussions will deal with the social, the economic, the religious and the general national problems confronting the church in the United States.

A BROKER IN TROUBLE.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—Mr. E. Strathairn Cox, a well-known broker and ex-adjutant, was charged in the police court this morning with stealing \$465 from H. A. Drummond. Some time ago Drummond claims he paid Mr. Cox \$465 to secure him a seat on the Standard Stock and Mining Exchange. Drummond was blackballed and went to Cox to get his money back. The latter refused, hence the police court proceedings. Cox said he had received the money, but as Drummond owed him \$1,100 he had retained it on account. The case was remanded for a week.

Said to Quickly Improve Complexion

When it's so easy to bring back the bloom of youth, to remove the blemishes and fill the hollows, isn't it foolish to plaster on cosmetics? Sallow skin and fallen cheeks are produced by disorders of the alimentary canal. Remove the cause—correct the condition that keeps you from looking what you ought. Use Dr. Hamilton's Pills and very soon you'll have a complexion to be proud of. Just imagine how much happier you will feel when those pimples and murky look have gone. Dainty looks came to Miss Nroonan, a well-known resident of Belfast, from using Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Read what she says: "My friends all admit that I have a very delightful complexion. This I owe positively to Dr. Hamilton's Pills. I used to look so yellow I thought it might be jaundice. There was simply no color in my cheeks at all. Today my skin is clear and never gets that murky, dull appearance it had before. Dr. Hamilton's Pills have also given me a good appetite and improved my general health also."

Not only the complexion, but every organ of the body is strengthened, cleansed and made healthy by Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Buoyancy, vim and a feeling of vigor invariably follow their use. Sold in yellow boxes by all dealers; 25c per box or five boxes for \$1.00.

RETRIBUTION FOR A TRAITOR

Why Deputy Gustavus Schmidt Was Expelled From the Russian Duma.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—The Russian Duma has taken the extreme step of expelling from its fold Deputy Gustavus Schmidt, not for Socialism or bomb-throwing—for Mr. Schmidt is more imperialistic than the Emperor himself—but because when a naval captain at Kronstadt in the eighties he sold naval secrets to England and to Germany, was degraded and imprisoned for this offense and has consequently no right to sit in the Duma. Schmidt originally got into the Duma from Minsk, owing to the support of those pure patriots, the Extreme Right, and also owing to the fact that he told the peasantry of Minsk, who are mostly Russian, that if they returned him as their member he would get the Duma to expel from their benefit the estates of the local Polish landlords. After his election the outcry against Schmidt became so great, however, that the "Union of Russian Men" decided to drop him, whereupon he tried to join the Cretobrists, but they would not accept him.

Forms Own Party.

Then he formed in the Duma what he called "The Frontier Union," of which the programme was: "The unity and integrity of Russia, against the Polish Kolo, (i. e., the Polish group in the Duma), and its aspirations for the Polish lands." Schmidt induced 40 members from the frontier districts of Russia to join his party.

His anger against the Poles was only simulated, of course, for he himself is of German origin, and his experiences as a naval officer and long before made him a very tolerant cosmopolitan. He simply wanted to create in the Duma such a conflagration of racial feeling that his own party would be forgotten. In this he failed, for the commission appointed to examine his case returned an adverse report.

Wanted to Fight.

Then he became pugnacious and challenged to a duel Baron Meyendorff, the vice-president of the Duma, who had in a speech made some complimentary remarks about Schmidt. But the baron refused to fight with the convicted traitor.

CZAR AND WIFE WILL MEET DUMA

Nicholas Invites First General Audience Since Institution of Parliament.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—For the first time since the institution of the Russian Parliament a general audience of the members of the Duma will be held tomorrow at Tsarskoe Selo. Deputies to the number of 260, representing all parties except the Constitutional Democrats, the Radicals and the Poles, will go to Tsarskoe Selo by special train, for presentation to the Emperor and Empress at the personal request of Emperor Nicholas himself.

The members will be accompanied by M. Khomyakov, the president of the Duma, who at first had decided not to participate in the absence of a complete representation. Unless the Emperor chooses to raise the subject of the rebuilding of the navy or similar questions, the audience will be of a non-political nature. The Opposition are opposing the plans of the reactionaries to give the reception the character of a grand conservative demonstration. Any remarks by the spokesman of the deputies, it is understood, will be confined to an expression of devotion to the monarchy, a desire to carry out their parliamentary labors in local cooperation with the sovereign and his ministers.

CHASED BY WOLF PACK

Ontonagon Man and Load of Meat Followed for Miles.

Houghton, Mich., Feb. 25.—Edward S. Wise, bookkeeper for the Noble-Corwin Lumber Company of Ontonagon, had a terrifying experience while driving to the company's camp, south-west of Ontonagon, a few nights ago when he was pursued by a pack of wolves, which only gave up the chase when the light of the camp fire was sighted.

Mr. Wise was taking a supply of fresh meat to the camp and when a short distance out was surrounded by a howling pack of large timber wolves. Having no weapons along, Mr. Wise urged his team ahead, hoping the wolves would abandon the chase, but they continued to surround the team for some miles, until the close proximity of the camp caused them to lose interest in the rig and its contents. Mr. Wise did not get over the shock for many hours.

THAT BLACK HAND THREAT.

Washington, Feb. 25.—An inquiry of an informal kind is being made by the United States naval officials regarding the threatening letter alleged to have been written by one of the "Black Hand" to Commander Braunreuther, in charge of the naval magazine at Iona Island. The threat contained in the letter was that if the magazine was not taken back all the magazines on the island would be blown up.

Responsible officials of the department say they had received no information on this subject.

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Headache and relieve all the troubles fast—send to a billous state of the system, such as Dizziness, Nausea, Broominess, Distress after eating, Pain in the Side, &c. While their most remarkable success has been shown in curing

Headache, yet Carter's Little Liver Pills are equally valuable in Constipation, curing and preventing this annoying complaint while they also correct all disorders of the stomach, make the liver and regulate the bowels. Even if they only cure

ache they would be almost perfect in those who suffer from this distressing complaint; but fortunately their goodness does not end here, and those who take these little pills will find them able in so many ways that they will not be willing to do without them. But after all, let head

ache be the base of so many lives that here is where we make our great boast. Our pills cure it while Carter's Little Liver Pills are very small and yet take the two vital organs of the body, they are strictly vegetable and do not gripe or purge, but by their gentle action please all who use them.

CARTER MEDICINE CO., NEW YORK.
Small Pill. Small Dose. Small Price.

TO TAKE FISHERY DISPUTE TO HAGUE

Canada Will Join Newfoundland To End Controversy With United States.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—James Bryce, the British ambassador to the United States, is now en route to Washington to resume his official duties. During his stay in the capital Mr. Bryce has had the fullest opportunity of ascertaining the views of Canadian public men on the questions pending between this country and the States. In addition to his discussions with the Governor-General, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his ministers, Mr. Bryce has conferred privately with members of Parliament to ascertain their views on matters which affect their constituents in connection with the proposed settlement.

Mr. Bryce has also been enabled to hear or read of the discussions in Parliament, from which he must have gathered, as from his conference with individuals, that Canadians are united in their determination to maintain their rights. This is the attitude which Mr. Foy and his colleagues in the Ontario Government presented Friday. It was the same ground which was advanced by Dr. J. O. Reame on the fisheries question. The latter is not the least of the subjects which the United States desires to have included in a treaty arrangement. In opposition it is argued that the States have practically depleted their portion of the Great Lakes of fish, and under the pretext of reciprocal fishing rights would now like to get access to Canadian waters, including the Georgian Bay, as a part of Lake Huron. It is said to be hardly likely that Ontario will assent to such an arrangement as this. The outcome of Mr. Bryce's visit will not be known for some time.

How far the Government has pledged itself to the United States will develop when the first minister comes to make a statement to Parliament. This much is known, that Canada has consented to become a party to the reference of the Atlantic fisheries question in certain of its aspects to The Hague tribunal. In other words, Canada will join with Newfoundland in a case to be submitted to the international peace court on points such as the use of the Magdalen Islands by Nova Scotia fishermen as a basis of operations, landing rights on uninhabited shores, such as the Canadian and Newfoundland, Labrador, and other matters. But it is stated that Canada has not deviated a hair's breadth from her intention to control her inshore fisheries.

LAND GRANTS FOR S. AFRICAN VETERANS

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—The question of land grants to South African veterans was under discussion in the House today. The House was in committee on a resolution to make a grant of two adjoining sections of land to all South African volunteers who came from Manitoba, Assiniboia, Saskatchewan or Alberta.

Mr. Bergeron asked why the volunteers from the other provinces were not recognized in the same way. The Premier showed that Ontario and British Columbia had already made grants of land to the volunteers who came from those provinces. The Dominion, he said, was merely following their example in the provinces whose lands it controlled.

Sir Frederick Borden said that the Federal Government should recognize the sovereignty of the prairie provinces over their lands, but the other provinces should severally recognize their own volunteers. The prairie provinces, he said, had no way of recognizing their volunteers except through the Federal Government.

Prince Francis Joseph Arnolphe, fourth son of Leopold, Prince Regent of Bavaria, has died at Venice.

Booker T. Washington, jun., son of Booker T. Washington, is now a student of Fish University, Nashville.

WILL U. S. ANNEX CANADA?

Uncle Sam has about as much chance to do so as a cheap acid corn salve has of curing a corn. Nothing gives such satisfaction as Putnam's Corn Extractor, which cures painlessly in 24 hours. Use only "Putnam's."

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Wednesday
Feb. 26

STORE NEWS TODAY.

New American Silklines

Just received, a splendid range of the above drapery material, in the popular color combinations, and newest, floral, striped, Oriental, lattice, verdure and scenic designs, with ground of red, blue, green, pink, olive, yellow, brown, white and cream.

1,500 Yards 36 Inches Wide, 17c Yard

This is the largest and best assortment we have ever shown in this material, but would advise an early selection, as we have no duplicate of any pattern, and while this range is unbroken you have a bewilderingment of new designs to select from, and all are dainty, pretty and effective, and all washable colors.

These are being used for bedspreads, bedroom curtains, comforter coverings, screen fillings, cushion covers, lining lace spreads, door, shelf and mantel drapes, etc.

Note the width—a full yard wide—at only, yard 17c

Denims, Burlaps, American Chintz, Etc.

36-inch Plain Denims, heavy weight, and best quality, in red, myrtle, olive, pale blue, navy, Nile and brown, at, yard 30c

36-inch Plain Burlaps, in red, green and brown, for door curtains, box coverings, cosy-corners and wall coverings, at, per yard 20c

N w Casement Cloth, 36-Inch, at 20c Yard

Very popular for over-draperies, being a soft texture, printed in small designs, in colors of pink and green, and blue and green; 36-inch, at, per yard 20c

33-inch American Chintz, in good variety of colors. Some of these can be matched in silkline, and make complete bedroom furnishings at, per yard 20c and 25c

36-inch Hungarian Cloth, in all Oriental designs; just the thing for inexpensive coverings. Note the width; at, yard 35c

Printed Stained Glass Madras, 36-Inch, 20c Yard

36-inch, in colors of green and red, dark green and terra, blue and white, terra and white, and green and pink. See these. 36-inch, at, per yard 20c

About 300 yards Silklines, equal to 17c quality, comprising about twelve patterns, to be cleared at, per yard 15c

COTTON FRINGES, to match silklines, at, yard 5c and 10c

Housefurnishing Department, Second Floor. Take Elevator.

Rubber Sheetting, 65c to \$1.00 Yard

A complete assortment of these now in stock.

36 inches wide, Kleinert's Rubber Sheetting, white, at, per yard 65c

45 inches wide, Kleinert's Rubber Sheetting, white, at, per yard 75c

45 inches wide, Kleinert's Rubber Sheetting, black, at, per yard 75c

36 inches wide, Stork Rubber Sheetting, white, at, per yard \$1.00

Cotton Diaper Cloth, in airtight packages, antiseptic, medicated and non-irritant; ten yards each; per yard 12½c

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CRIME EPIDEMIC AT MONTREAL

Stabbing, Shooting and Robbing Rampant Amongst Foreign Element.

Montreal, Feb. 25.—The police of the city are in a quandary over the shooting and stabbings in the Italian quarter. The shooting of Mrs. Tadour yesterday by her husband, who claims it was an accident, adds another to the list.

The police claim: the Tadour shooting was no accident. They point out that the trigger was pulled three times, as shown by the indented cartridges, two of which had failed to explode. It was the third shot which killed the woman.

Chief Detective Carpenter declares that never has there been such an epidemic of crime before in the history of the city. No less than five murders have been perpetrated by Italians in the city since the beginning of the year.

On January 5th a party of Italians held up a number of Italian boarders in a house on St. David's lane, with the result that one man, Gerolamo Cappogregio, was shot through the brain, and two others were wounded by knife thrusts.

On Friday 8th, in a house on Amherst street, an Italian named Caserri was shot through the head. On Friday two Italians quarreled in a boarding house on Cadieux street, with the result that Vitti drove a knife through the heart of his companion, de Lucia Vitti has not been captured.

Saturday, in a house on Cadillac street, Vicario Silvio was shot through the eye by another Italian named Carmine, and died several hours after in a hospital.

Again this morning at 511 St. Timothy street, an Italian named Michael Tadour put a bullet through the heart of his wife. This latter, of course, may have been an accident.

Since November there has been a regular epidemic of crime among the Italian citizens. In the last three days it has reached its height, but previous to that cases of stabbings, assault, hold-up, blackmailing, with violence, have been rampant.

ASKS HELP FROM U. S. AND GERMANY

China Wants Them To Keep Open Door Against Japs in Manchuria.

Berlin, Feb. 25.—Sun Pao-ki, the Chinese minister at Berlin, received instructions some weeks ago from Peking to discuss with the German foreign office the Japanese treatment of trade in Manchuria, and to broach the possibility of the United States and Germany entering into a special agreement concerning the maintenance of equal trade opportunities in all the Chinese territories.

In Washington, it is understood, Wu Ting-fang, the Chinese minister, has received identical instructions and has laid them before the state department. China's idea of a special agreement between the United States and Germany appears to rest in the belief that these two alone of the great commercial states would be likely seriously to oppose Japan's disposition, as China avers, to discriminate in Manchuria in favor of her own merchants.

China's appeal has raised the question, both at the foreign office here and at the state department at Washington as to whether such an agreement as China proposes would not be superfluous, and if its object is not already fully covered by international agreement.

It is considered probable that the purpose of President Roosevelt, purposes sending a circular to the powers regarding Chinese trade is a direct consequence of the question brought out by the application of the Chinese Government to Germany and the United States.

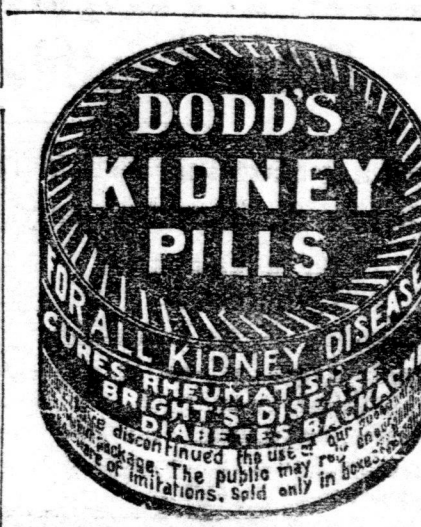
It is possible to read by the light emitted by a half dozen Jamaican flies.

MRS. PARENT DEAD.

Sandwich, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Felice Parent, one of the oldest residents of Sandwich East Township, is dead at her home on the river front, at the age of 83 years. She died in the same house in which she was born.

FINE FOR WINDSOR.

Windsor, Feb. 25.—A part of the International Hotel will be demolished to make room for the Dominion Bank's new building here, which will be put up at the corner of Sandwich and Ouellette. It will be a three-story structure with dressed stone front. The basement will be fitted with safety deposit vaults, something new in this city.



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