

**Pearline** is a soapy powder - contains all the soap necessary and something else. Millions use Pearline with satisfaction - Hundreds have imitated Pearline to their own and the Peoples' disgust.

## PEKIN ENVOYS AGREE AGAIN

Report That They Have Really Signed the Joint Note

Regarding Negotiations Between China and the Powers—Ferocity of Russia's Troops.

London, Dec. 24.—Dr. Morrison, writing to the Times from Peking Saturday, says that official Chinese declare that China will accept all the conditions of the joint note without "losing her face."

SIGNED THE NOTE.

Peking, Dec. 23.—The last obstacle having been removed the joint note was signed yesterday by all the foreign ministers, including the envoy from the Netherlands, who arrived only recently. The note will be delivered to Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, the Chinese plenipotentiaries, as soon as the former shall have sufficiently recovered from his indisposition.

The Chinese close to Li Hung Chang still prefer to believe, despite the signing of the note, which they did not believe would take place, that the principal negotiators must be carried off in Europe or America. They resent the British modification of the note for, as they say, some power or powers might not be satisfied until the indemnity has been paid in full, which would mean the occupation of Peking for an indefinite time, as it cannot be expected that China will raise what would be required—possibly 1,000,000 taels—all at once. As a matter of fact it will take several years.

Li Hung Chang's condition is reported to be so much improved that he was able to be out of bed for a short time.

The cavalry and infantry detachments, which have been investigating the reported troubles near Ho Shi Enu, have returned and report that there is nothing to cause alarm. All the trouble, they say, is on the other side of the river, which the allies are not protecting. It was discovered that a party of Catholic Christians had started on an expedition, but its whereabouts is not known.

RUSSIANS THE WORST.

The Tokio correspondent of the London Times, in the course of a long letter, gives the views of Japanese officers upon western military methods in China, especially the conduct of the troops with regard to the graver crimes of robbery, incendiarism, murder and outrage. "The Japanese agree," he says, "in declaring the American troops free from all these excesses. The Germans come second in the list, and the British third, the latter being charged only with petty pilfering, and being fully acquitted of murder, arson and outrage. The French, who are fourth on the list,

## A MINISTER'S EXPERIENCE

Suffered Terribly With a Violent Form of Itching, Protruding Piles—Escaped a Dangerous and Painful Operation, and Was Thoroughly Cured by

Dr. Chase's Ointment

While scores of thousands of people in all the walks of life are being cured of the distressing and painful condition of itching piles by using Dr. Chase's Ointment, comparatively few are so considerate of the welfare of others as to help to make known this wonderful preparation. The following letter from a Methodist minister, who is held in high esteem in Central Ontario, where he is well-known, represents the experience of very many ministers and others, who recognize in Dr. Chase's Ointment the only actual cure for piles and itching skin diseases.

Rev. S. A. Dupran, Methodist minister, Concession, Prince Edward county, Ont., states: "I was troubled with itching and bleeding piles for years, and they ultimately attained to a very violent form. Large lumps or abscesses formed, so that it was with great difficulty and considerable pain that I was able to stool. At this severe crisis I purchased a box of Dr. Chase's Ointment, but I had little or no faith in it, as I had tried various remedies before and to no purpose. "Now, imagine how great and joyous was my surprise to find that just the one box cured me, so that the lumps disappeared, and also the external swelling. I feel like a different man today, and have not the least doubt that Dr. Chase's Ointment saved me from a very dangerous and painful operation many years ago. It is the only remedy which has never yet been known to fail to cure piles of any form. 50 cents a box, at all dealers or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

are given to loot and outrage, but not to murder. Of the Russians the Japanese speak with horror, as combining ferocity with lust and the love of plunder."

WU CHANG TO BE OPEN.

The London Daily News publishes the following from its Shanghai correspondent: Chang Chih Tung announces the receipt of an edict authorizing the opening of Wu Chang, opposite Hankow, to foreign trade. Wu Chang is the center of an important trade, and the site of the terminus of the Canton railway.

Chinese papers assert that the anti-dynastic rebellion in the Province of Kan Su is becoming serious, and is likely to compel the court to depart.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The semi-official Temps announces, in confirmation of the press dispatches, that the viceroy of the provinces of Huh Pei and Hu Kan declares that Wu Chang will be made an open port.

## MURDER IN THE WAR DEPARTMENT.

A Well Known United States Government Official Shot Dead by a Clerk.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Frank H. Morris, of Ohio, auditor of the war department, was shot and killed Saturday afternoon by Samuel MacDonald, also of Ohio, recently a disbursing clerk of the treasury, in the former's office at the Windsor building. Seventeenth street. MacDonald afterward shot himself and also slashed his throat with a penknife.

Auditor Morris was cajoled alone with MacDonald when the shooting occurred, and in trying to make his escape he also assaulted the watchman, Thomas Cusick, with the butt of his revolver. He was arrested while leaving the building. Before being taken into custody, however, he shot himself in the stomach and also made an ugly gash in his throat with a small penknife. When the officers arrested him he was heard to exclaim: "I did it. I know I'm done for."

An eye-witness to the latter part of the encounter between the two men, stated that upon hearing the sound of the shot he ran into the auditor's office, which he had just left. Upon entering the room he saw two men struggling in each other's arms. MacDonald holding his revolver close up to Morris' breast. MacDonald, after firing again, attempted to get out of the room, but encountered a number of clerks and employees whom the sound of the firing had brought to the doors and then turned and fired again. This is believed to have been the fatal shot.

Employees who knew MacDonald said he had a grievance against Morris, who, he claimed, was responsible for having his pay reduced. Others who knew him said that they could not attribute his deed to anything but a diseased brain from over-indulgence in liquor.

CONFESSED TWO MURDERS.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 24.—Edward V. Higgins, who resides in Coldwater Canyon, has confessed that on Dec. 4 he murdered his mother and Wm. Sheehan, a sheep herder, with an axe. A body has been found in a grave on the hillside where Higgins says he buried his victims.

25,643,073 TONS

Of Freight Has Gone Through the Canadian and American Soo Canals This Year.

Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 24.—The report of the season's traffic through the American and Canadian ship canals has been made public. It shows a total freight tonnage of 25,643,073, which is an increase of 887,283 tons over last year's. Of the freight, 20,639,493 tons was east-bound, and 5,003,580 tons was west-bound. The traffic through the American canal amounted to 23,607,354 tons, as against 2,035,719 through the Canadian canal. Of the registered tonnage, 20,128,183 tons went through the American canal and 2,179,652 through the Canadian waterway. In addition to the traffic, 15,500 cords of pulp and 8,500,000 feet of pine logs passed over the rapids bound for lower lake ports. Both canals had a season of 233 days.

## SMASHUP ON THE WABASH RAILWAY.

Locomotive and Several Cars Wrecked at St. Thomas—Two Persons Injured.

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 24.—A rear-end collision occurred at 3:30 yesterday morning in the Wabash yards here, and as a result one man lies at the hospital in a precarious condition, and another is badly hurt.

A through east-bound freight train was standing on one of the main tracks at the west end of the yards. The conductor, Hector Finney, and his two brakemen, were asleep in the way car, when another east-bound freight, with engine No. 1,352, and Engineer Thomas Yates, crashed into the standing train, wrecking the locomotive and seven or eight cars, some of which were loaded with merchandise. The wreckage took fire, and before the brigade could check the blaze the caboose and three cars were burned.

Conductor Finney was picked up in an unconscious condition. He was badly injured around the head, and his back is terribly wrenched. Brakeman John Lawton had his face badly cut and leg ripped open.

Engineer Yates and his fireman escaped with a few cuts. Both crews belonged to Windsor. The watchman says the tail lights on the standing train were not lighted, and he gave the incoming train the track, thinking the other train had left. The company's loss will be heavy.

## BOYS OF B COMPANY AT HALIFAX

Lake Champlain Arrived at 2 A. M. Sunday.

They Met a Hearty Reception and Left for the West at 2 P.M.—To Reach Toronto Christmas Morning.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 23.—The steamer Lake Champlain, from Liverpool, with the balance of the first Canadian contingent, arrived in the harbor at two o'clock this morning. At nine o'clock the steamer came up to the dock at Deepwater terminus, while a salute was fired by the Royal Artillery from the citadel, and church and fire bells rang out a joyous welcome. The troops were received by Lieut.-Gov. Jones, the mayor and aldermen, and officers of the Royal Artillery, 30 of the R. C. R. I. and militia. A special train was in waiting, and men and luggage were quickly transferred thereto.

Thousands of citizens turned out to greet the returning heroes, and they were given a royal welcome. Sixteen officers and 275 men arrived on the steamer, all of whom are in excellent health and spirits. Col. Otter and Lieut.-Col. Buchanan brought their chargers with them.

A special train, carrying the boys for the west, left Deepwater at two o'clock. The train was made up of a baggage car, four tourist cars and one first-class sleeper. The New Brunswickers will leave the train at Moncton and take another special for their destination. As the train pulled out the band of the Third R. C. R. I. played "Home Sweet Home," and thousands of citizens gave three hearty cheers.

The Charlottetown men left for home at one o'clock today.

HOME CHRISTMAS MORNING.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Otter tonight received a telegram from Col. Otter, stating that he and the Toronto officers and men would be home early Christmas morning.

The military will escort the colonel and his men from the station to the armories. It is proposed to present the homecoming St. Thomas soldiers with \$25 in gold each on their arrival home, and to give them a banquet. Arches are to be erected in the streets, and the school children will walk in the procession.

HOW IS THIS?

London, Dec. 24.—Lord Kitchener has evidently made earnest appeals to the British Government to dispatch reinforcements by stendering whether, as Canada has no national force in South Africa now, the Strathcona being the result of private munificence, Canadian troops will be a second corps of 500 mounted men from the Northwest, to be raised and equipped by the Canadian Government.

## SERIOUS SITUATION

The Natural Gas Supply in Essex County Running Low—Factories Must Use Other Fuel.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 22.—The statement that the Essex county gas fields are giving out has raised a feeling of alarm in all the districts that are being supplied with natural gas. The failure of the natural gas supply would mean a dead loss to Windsor of over a hundred thousand dollars in money they had put out to take advantage of it. A very conservative estimate of the cost of connections, burners, and all other necessary expenses to enable a family to use natural gas is \$30 for each house. Most people claiming that the average price would be nearer \$75. Should the gas supply give out all the invested capital would be a dead loss.

Kingsville, Ont., Dec. 22.—At 6 o'clock tonight, by order of an agent of the United Gas Company, all factories in this town were shut off from using natural gas. The town at once connected its two wells, and will keep the furnaces going in the glass factory until Tuesday.

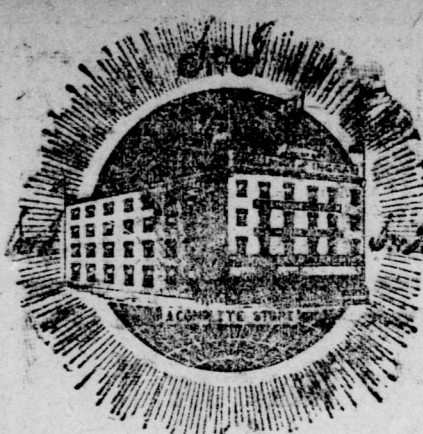
If the government does not act promptly by stopping the export to Detroit, the large glass factory will be closed Wednesday. The woolen mills and electric light plant are also badly handicapped.

In Greece, a man who is there sentenced to death waits two years before the execution of the sentence.

## Cancer Sufferers Shrink From Chloroform and Cutting

No Further Need for Dangerous and Painful Operations Since the Introduction of the New Constitutional Treatment.

People naturally dread the surgeon's knife, the chloroform and the operating table. More especially is this so in the case of those suffering from cancer, as the most skilled surgeon will tell his patient that he can promise no hope of a permanent cure by operation, and that the disease is as likely to return as not within a year. The new method of treating cancer by a constitutional remedy, taken internally, has been so wonderfully successful that within the last few years it has practically superseded all other forms of treating this disease. The principle on which it is based is this, that cancer is a virulent poison in the blood, and removing the lump or growth simply does not get at the cause of the disease. The new remedy, when taken into the system goes directly to the root of the trouble, searches out the cancer poison, neutralizes and destroys it, and builds up the weakened organism. It is a pleasant preparation to take and will not upset the stomach of the most delicate. Messrs. Stott & Jury, Bowmanville, Ont., on receipt of two stamps, will be pleased to send further information about this remedy to anyone desiring it.



THE WEATHER TODAY—Colder, with snow flurries.

STORE OPEN TONIGHT—Closed between 6 and 7 o'clock.

## THE LAST DAY.

Today—the last before Christmas—the capacity of this store will be heavily taxed. There'll be a rush from the city and country, and before the doors fold to for the night we realize that thousands of pretty, useful, elegant and appropriate articles will be taken from our stock to be given as gifts on the coming day. We thank our many customers for their thoughtfulness in not leaving all their shopping till the last day, as in this way we have been given a chance to carefully serve all. If you have gifts yet to secure we recommend any of the following:

## Fur Gifts

What nicer for a daughter than a set of Furs? They are very stylish, very useful, and cost little here—drygoods prices prevailing. Any of the following will be found splendid value:

Black Thibet Ruffs.....	\$1 25 to \$2 75	Sable Muffs.....	\$8 and \$9 50
Sable Ruffs, were \$3 25; reduced to.....	\$2 and \$2 25	Gray Lamb Gauntlets.....	\$4 75, \$5 and \$5 75
Children's Gray Lamb Caps.....	\$3 00	Splendid quality Persian Lamb Gauntlets.....	\$6 50
Storm Collars to match.....	\$5 75, \$6 50 and \$6 75	Astrachan Capelines, three tails.....	\$5 00
Electric Seal Muffs.....	\$4 50	Astrachan Capelines.....	\$8 75
Coon Muffs.....	\$3 75	Astrachan Capelines, with Electric Seal band and collar.....	\$10 00
Astrachan Muffs.....	\$3 50	Electric Seal Capelines, long front.....	\$12 50

COZY RUGS FOR CHILDREN'S CARRIAGES, \$4.50 THE SET.

## Boys' Toys and Girls' Toys.

Whether you have much or little to spend you can make it go further here. Our toy stock is new and in it you will find articles that will cause the eyes of the little ones to glisten with joy.

DRUMS.  
BUGLES.  
TOOL CHESTS.  
BLOCKS.  
PUZZLES.  
BUREAUS.  
STOVES.

NOAH'S ARKS.  
DOLL TRAINS.  
DRESSED DOLLS.  
PAINT BOXES.  
DOLL CARRIAGES.  
TOPS.  
BANKS.

GUN BOATS.  
TYPEWRITERS.  
KITCHEN SETS.  
RATTLES.  
GAMES.  
CHINA SETS.  
ENGINES.

THE BIGGEST QUARTER'S WORTH EVER GIVEN.

As we hope to clear out every Toy in the store before we close tonight come along as early as convenient.

## Suggestions From Upstairs.

CHILDREN'S EIDERDOWN JACKETS—Sizes 1, 2 and 3, cream, cardinal, blue or fancy light shades, at \$2 50, \$2 75 and up to \$3 50

LADIES' FLANNELETTE GOWNS—In fancy stripes or plain pink, blue or white; all tastefully finished. Prices..... 39c, 50c, 75c and up to \$2 25

FASCINATORS—In all wool or wool and silk, pretty styles, in cream, pink, blue or black. Prices..... 50c, 75c, 95c and \$1 50

FINE WOOL WAISTS—One table, in medium and dark shades, with fine white stripes. Price each only..... \$1 00

FRENCH FLANNEL WAISTS—Up-to-date colors and makes. Prices..... \$2 50, \$2 75 and \$3 25

WOOL SHAWLS—In cream, gray or black, selling quickly at..... 50c, 75c and up to \$2 50

SILK SHAWLS—In cream, or black..... \$1 50, \$2 and \$2 50

LADIES' EIDERDOWN DRESSING JACKETS—Always nice for a Christmas gift. Prices..... \$1 50, \$1 75, \$2 00, \$3 75

SILK WAISTS—In black or colors. Prices..... \$2 50, \$3 50, \$3 95 and up to \$10

CHILDREN'S SHORT JACKETS—Warm, prettily finished, and in a nice assortment of styles. Price..... \$2 50, \$3, \$3 50 and up to \$7

FUR-LINED CLOAKS—What so nice for wife or mother? Nothing so seasonable, reason be or acceptable..... \$14 50, \$19 50, \$25 up to \$39

LADIES' JACKETS—Ladies' Warm Winter Jackets, in black or colors, at from, each..... \$3 25 to \$18

We wish every customer, every citizen, every reader, a right Merry Christmas. We expect one ourselves.

## SMALLMAN & INGRAM

149, 151 and 153 DUNDAS STREET.

## REV. C. H. YATMAN

Addressed Many Meetings in London Yesterday—Interesting Services.

Since coming to this city on Saturday, Rev. C. H. Yatman has held eight services, all well attended, interesting and eloquently addressed. On Saturday afternoon he spoke to a meeting for boys in the Auditorium, his subject being "A Mouse and a Martyr." At 9 o'clock on Sunday morning he held a union young people's service, and at 11 o'clock he preached to a large audience at the First Methodist Church. At 2:30 o'clock and 4 o'clock two other meetings were held, the latter being for men only, at the Auditorium. "Judas Iscariot" was the theme upon which he spoke, and so soul-stirring was his appeal that a large number of those present signified their intention of seeking the better life. After taking the evening service at the First Methodist Church, Mr. Yatman concluded a day of strenuous effort with a meeting in the Auditorium. This afternoon he held special services for old folks, speaking of the "Sunset and Sunrise of Saints." Tomorrow a grand union service will be held at the First Methodist Church, 10:30 a.m. Mr. Yatman will tell the story of his second missionary journey of 40,000 miles around the world, during which he preached in Japan, China, Manila, Australia, Ceylon and India.

## Steamship Arrivals.

Ship	From	Arrived
Halifax	Halifax	Dec. 22
Campania	New York	Dec. 22
H. H. Meyer	New York	Dec. 22
St. Louis	New York	Dec. 22
Pennsylvania	New York	Dec. 22
Colombia	Genoa	Dec. 22
Lucania	Liverpool	Dec. 22
Sardinian	Glasgow	Dec. 22
Tunisian	Toronto	Dec. 22
Lake Champlain	Halifax	Dec. 22
Oreagan	Portland	Dec. 22

## LIVED 101 YEARS.

Detroit, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Melissa Berry, aged 101 years, who lived with in thirteen days of seeing three centuries, was buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery last week. She was born in Virginia, Jan. 1, 1799, of a slave mother; moved to Newport, Ky., and was married there, and finally escaped to freedom with her six children, settling in Chatham, Ont. In 1856 she came to Detroit, where five grown daughters and a number of grandchildren, and one great-grandchild survive her. Rev. Wm. S. Braddon, pastor of the colored Baptist Church, of which she was a member, conducted the funeral services.

## Says He Was Tortured.

"I suffered such pain from corns I could hardly walk," writes H. Robinson, Hillsborough, Ill., "but Bucklin's Arnica Salve completely cured them." Acts like magic on sprains, bruises, cuts, scabs, scalds, burns, boils, ulcers. Perfect healer of skin diseases and piles. Care guaranteed by W. T. Strong & Co. 25 cents.

## The Brand Means Something.



"I look on the Brand of a 'Slater Shoe Rubber' as a sort of protection. You never know what you are getting in a pair of common rubbers till you wear them.

"But a Company with a reputation like the 'Slater' people have would hardly risk it by putting their Brand on a poor rubber.

"That's one reason why I like the 'Slater Shoe Rubber.'

"And another thing:—You are always sure of a fit, which is hard to get in the common sorts of rubbers."

Name and price branded on the soles. All styles from \$1.00 up.

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LONDON, MONTREAL, TORONTO, OTTAWA.

## SANTA FE STRIKE ENDED.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 22.—The telegraphers' strike on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway was called off last night.

## This Is What They Say.

Those who take Hood's Sarsaparilla for scrofula, eczema, eruptions, catarrh, rheumatism or dyspepsia, say it cures promptly and permanently, even after all other preparations fail. You may take the medicine with the utmost confidence that it will do you good. What it has done for others you have every reason to believe it will do for you.

Constipation is cured by Hood's Pills. 25c.

## THE OCEAN'S SPITE.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 24.—It looks as though the sea were venting a pitiless spite upon the victims of the Alpha disaster. Three of the recovered bodies were being taken in a boat to the place of holding the coroner's inquest, when through the capsizing of the boat three corpses were again swallowed up by the sea. The bodies were those of Purser J. H. Barber, Third Engineer Murray, and Sullivan, able seaman.

The blood will be poor so long as the stomach shirks its duty. A half wine-glass of DR. SIEBERT'S Angostura Bitters before meals cures dyspepsia. [Adv.]