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Dainty Wash Goods

AT LITTLE PRICES

Our very complete stock of popular priced Wash Goods, has been supplemented by an exclusive array of leading novelties from the celebrated makers both European and American. It is well known that we have made liberal arrangements for the absolute control of a large number of the most novel and pronounced among the high class attractions of this season. These together with our usual liberal policy and narrow profits are facts that will be fully recognized and appreciated by our customers.

American Gingham

American A. F. C. Gingham, in all the popular shades including linen, at per yard

12 1-2c

Dainty Dimities, in pretty colorings, many of them small patterns, suitable for children's waists and dresses at per yard 10c and

12 1-2c

American Organies in a large array of the most striking designs, with satin stripes, rare examples of intricate and delicate workmanship, at per yard

20c

Izabel Pongees

A fabric highly mercerized, which shows the remarkable results achieved by this wonderful process; they are silky in appearance and dainty in coloring, at a yard

25c

French Organies—With all the array of summer dress materials there is none that comes up to the perfection of the French Organies, in texture, in design or coloring. We show a large range that come to us direct from one of the largest manufacturers in Paris, per yard

50c

Don't Forget Our Summer MILLINERY OPENING Balance of This Week.

Thomas Stone & Son

Empress Shoes

Our \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50

Empress Shoes can not be excelled for style, beauty and wearing quality which cannot be excelled. We are the sole agent in Chatham for this shoe.

TURRILL'S

King Street

'Phone 248

PEACE TERMS PROTRACTED

The Majority of Transvaalers Favor Adoption While Free Staters Oppose.

Dewet now a Strong Advocate of Peace—Leaders Want Another Conference.

London, May 20.—Business on the Stock Exchange was very buoyant this afternoon, owing to reports of the receipt of a private telegram announcing that the Boer conference at Vereeniging had voted in favor of peace, on the best terms procurable by a delegation to be sent to Pretoria to confer with Lord Kitchener and Lord Milner, the British High Commissioner.

DEFINITE FACTS LACKING.

Optimism continues to prevail here regarding the prospects of peace in South Africa; but definite facts are wanting. Such an incident as Mr. A. J. Balfour, the government leader in the House of Commons, and Lord Roberts, the commander-in-chief, dining with King Edward at Windsor Castle last night has been magnified into an important conference on the subject of the proceedings in South Africa.

NEGOTIATIONS PROTRACTED.

The single facts appear to be that the official messages indicate that the meeting of the Boers at Vereeniging is in favor of sending a deputation to Pretoria to confer with Lord Milner and Lord Kitchener, perhaps during the course of the present week. The however, by no means assures peace. Anyway, the negotiations are likely to be protracted.

OBSTACLES IN THE WAY.

Pretoria, May 20.—While it is hard to sift out the truth from the mass of contradictory reports that are floating in here from Vereeniging, Transvaal, where the Boer delegates are in conference, the best information obtained from the Eighth Page.

FAIR EXPLANATION

R. A. Hughes, Inspector of weights and measures, called on The Planet today, and pointed out that he is paid by salary and that all fees, including cartage, are paid over to the government. The drayman is paid by the hour, at the rate of 30 cents per hour. The money collected for cartage is not enough to pay the drayman and Mr. Hughes tries to equalize the charges as much as possible. The charge for testing scales is according to capacity. On his trip over to the grocery stores at the corner of St. Clair and head St. Mr. Hughes collected for drayage \$1 contributed by the following—O. Doherty, 20 cents, Deago & Doyle 20 cents, J. W. Dyer 20 cents, John Edmondson, 15 cents, Jas. Paul 20c, Mr. Terry 5 cents. Mr. Hughes only collected a dollar and paid out \$1.00 to the drayman, so he was out five cents.

BOERS BEATEN

Four Hundred Burglers Captured in one of the Biggest Drives of the War.

Middleburg, Cape Colony, May 20.—The town of Aberdeen (about 75 miles south of Middleburg) was attacked on Sunday last by 120 Boers, who were repulsed. Commandant Van Heerden was killed.

400 BOERS CAPTURED.

Vryburg, Bechuanaland, May 20.—The immunity which Lord Kitchener granted to the delegates to the Vereeniging conference of Boer leaders and their immediate followers from molestation by the British columns has not prevented the consummation of one of the biggest drives of the war, which has just wound up against the Bechuanaland blockhouse line. General Hamilton and other commanders have gathered in 400 prisoners including a hundred rebels and recalcitrant Boers, who have caused much trouble in the past. Among the prisoners are a brother of General De la Rey and several other commanders. The movement was remarkable for the lack of resistance by the Boers, most of whom surrendered after aimlessly dodging without fighting.

ROBBED DEAD AFTER BATTLE

Inhuman Acts of the Boers Following the Hart's River Fight.

Interesting Letter From Trooper Kendall to Wm. Potter of this City.

Transvaal, April 10, 1902.

Dear Sir and Brothers,—I now take the pleasure and opportunity to write a letter to brethren of Western City Lodge, No. 93, telling them of my first baptism of warfare. On Easter Monday we got on to Delarey's rear guard firing with pompons commenced about 10.30 a. m., the third and fourth troops of E Squadron, under Lieut. Carruthers acting as rear guard to our column. We would be about two or three miles from advance column. We could not see the action of Delarey's army; only hear the noise of pompons. On our way up, we passed a house turned into a hospital by the Boers, to attend their wounded. A Boer doctor came out with red cross flag and wanting some sheep for hospital work. It made a delay of a few minutes to us. During that time Delarey's army went in two directions, our column in centre. Camp was struck about one o'clock p. m., alongside a pool of water, which is the main thing we look out for for our horses as well as ourselves. It was in a donga, with clear fields each side for about one to three miles; then a bush, under which the Boers got cover. At two o'clock our rear guard came up. Sgt. Perry went in to camp to see if we should go in. On returning a fifteen pound shell came between our main body, and there was nothing else to do but gallop for a line of our own, which we soon had to form under the circumstances. They started rifle fire as we started out for cover, but all we had was a bare field.

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TELEGRAPH

The independence of Cuba is being celebrated at Havana.

M. Waldeck-Rousseau, Premier of France, will resign before June 1.

President Loubet, of France, visited the Casar in the harbor of Cronstadt.

Queen Wilhelmina is now able to leave her bed for a short time each day.

A record price for over twenty years was made for cattle in the Toronto market yesterday, when exporters sold at \$6.75 per cwt.

The Patriotic Fund Association has decided that members of the last contingent of Mounted Rifles shall share in the benefits of the fund.

The Breakneck reservoir near Connelville, Pa., broke, and five million gallons of water flooded White Run Valley. No lives were lost, although a lot of damage was done.

The Governor-General has been advised to commute the sentence of death imposed upon Yusuf Solomon, the Galician, for the murder of his wife in Manitoba, to imprisonment for life.

ACCIDENT AT MT. BRIDGES.

A correspondent at Mount Brydges, writing on the 20th inst., says:—"A very painful accident occurred here on Saturday last to a little five-year-old boy, the second son of Linus Welch, merchant, of this village. The lad was playing near the town hall, when a horse with harness on came dashing down the street at a furious pace, knocking the little fellow down and breaking his leg above the ankle. He was at once carried into the nearest house and a doctor sent for, who set the leg, and now the youngster is getting on as well as can be expected. Strange to say, when the lad saw the horse coming, he got out of his way, but the brute turned and followed him, as if determined on mischief, but an over-ruling and merciful Providence saved the boy's life. The writer was on a visit with Mrs. Welch, at the time of the accident, and was very much pleased to see the kind sympathy that was shown by the citizens of this thriving little village. Many friends called to enquire after the lad, bringing with them flowers, oranges and sweetmeats to comfort him in his sufferings."

INTERESTING SAMPLE OF LIBERAL CAMPAIGNING

The following facts speak for themselves.

On May 14 the local "Liberal" organ engaged in an effort to discuss Ontario's educational system. To show "what had of late years been accomplished"—to use the Banner's own words—it said:

"The third class certificates have been abolished in all the public schools of the Province."

To which, the following day The Planet replied:

This is rubbish and will simply make the machine organ the laughing stock of an intelligent public. Every year our County Model school turns out its quota of third-class certificate teachers. The report of the Minister of Education shows thousands of them throughout the Province and if the Banner will once again turn up its files for December—last December, this time please—it will find that The

offensive asseveration of The Planet's, no third-class certificates have been issued for TWO OR THREE YEARS! There are no third-class certificates in force excepting such as have by special dispensation been extended. Nobody can now enter the teaching profession unless he or she has obtained a second-class certificate.

It needs a deal of assurance to invoke the laughter of the public on a statement of fact, but in this instance The Planet exhibits an assurance truly monumental. Even in falsification there is such a thing as discretion, but really The Planet has become utterly reckless in its crazy opposition to Mr. Ross.

In this connection—a sample of the "arguments" submitted in support of Pardo and Ross—the accompanying exact facsimile of one of the 35 third-class certificates, issued last December from the Model school in this city, as mentioned in The Planet's comment

"No," said Mr. Park, "that is a mistake. Of the 99 certificates now in operation in West Kent, 41 are first and second and the balance thirds. The Model schools turn out the thirds every year; seconds are only granted at the Normal schools at Ottawa, Toronto and London and firsts at the Normal college, Hamilton."

"Oh, no," continued Mr. Park, "third-class certificates have not been abolished. They were issued last December and will, in all probability, be issued next December. Why, it is provided by law that everyone must teach for one year on a third class certificate before being admitted to the Normal school."

"Then a statement to the effect that no third class certificates have been issued for two or three years

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ONTARIO.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Public School Teacher's Third-Class Certificate.

This is to Certify that William J. Walsh (Name in Full)

having attended the prescribed time at the County Model School, and passed the examinations required by the Education Department has been awarded a

Third-Class Certificate of Qualification, as a Public School Teacher, said Certificate to be valid for THREE

YEARS from the date hereof, in any County of the Province.

Dated at Chatham this thirty first day of December one thousand nine

hundred and one

Robert Park, J.P.S.

H. H. S. Collier, J.P.S.

G. A. Mather

Board of Examiners

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Planet is not "misquoting" or "manufacturing opinions for it" when this journal calls attention to the fact that it credited some 35 students with having secured third-class certificates from the County Model school right in this city.

The "Liberal" organ took a few days to think it over and now breaks forth again as follows:

Now, gentle reader, would you believe it, as Mr. Whitney is wont to say, when he breathes out threatenings and slaughter against Mr. Ross for some fresh crime committed, that, notwithstanding this vehement and

before-mentioned, will be of interest to the Banner and those of the electors who may have followed the discussion. The original was courteously loaned to this journal by Mr. Walsh and can be seen by the Banner or any one desirous of examining it at any time.

Robert Park, J. P. S., chairman of the County Board of Examiners, whose signature is attached to the certificate in question, was interviewed and asked if third-class certificates had been abolished.

would be wrong?" Mr. Park was asked.

"Oh, yes, quite wrong," was the Inspector's response.

To its statement that this journal didn't know what it was talking about when it disputed the "Liberal" organ's statement concerning these certificates the Banner appends the following:

SEE OUR East Window

For Men's

"Invictus"
"Oxfords"

TWO NOBBY LINES

PATENT COLT VAMP
Seal Back, Light Weight
\$4.00 goods but this week

All \$3.50 Sizes

ALSO AN

Enamel Box Calf Vamp
with Velour Calf quarters
Rope stitch Heavy Soles,

Per \$5.00 Pair

These are two leathers which have stood the test and do not crack.

PEACE'S

Cash Shoe Store

4 Doors from Market