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## More New Dress Goods

Some recent arrivals in this important section of the store are now ready for your inspection. The bare facts about them are here, but you'll not understand the soft beauty of the colorings or the immense scope of choice in the different designs and effects without seeing them for yourself. As your new spring costume or tailored suit will have to be planned and arranged for soon—we advise you not to delay in seeing the many rich fabrics we are showing:

- 44 inch Dress Goods in small and large checks, complete range of newest colorings, newest mixtures, at 50c and ..... 65c
- New Homespun Suitings, in all the latest tints and grays, 56 inches, at \$1.00, \$1.25 and ..... \$1.50
- New Scotch Check Suitings, finest worsted finish in pretty color combinations, 45 inches wide, per yard ..... \$1.00
- Ladies' French Venetian Cloth, the correct weight for tailored suits, in a beautiful range of shades, 52 inches wide, per yard ..... \$1.50
- New Black French Novelities, in select designs for separate skirts, beautiful goods, 45 inches wide, at per yard \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50 and ..... \$3.00

### Popular Priced Silks

- 600 yards of Japanese corded Silks, in pretty stripes and checks, new designs, this is the kind of silk that you can wash, the colors are blue and white, pink and white, and numerous other colors, special at 45c and ..... 50c
- Silks often difficult to get are pretty Black and White Stripes and Checks at reasonable prices, we have them—beautiful quality and stylish effects, at per yard 60c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and ..... \$1.50
- Your choice of these rich silks, Black Beau de Soie, Black Merveilleux, Black Gros-Grain, French Black Satin, at per yard ..... \$1.25

**Thomas Stone & Son**  
DIRECT IMPORTERS



**Slater's Health Shoes..**



FOR MEN

It is a health shoe because by the way it is formed and constructed in makes your FOOT well.

Thousands have never had one pair of shoes that really fitted, but have jammed their feet into boxes of leather, the nearest fit the dealer could give.

Slater's Health Shoes are modeled with a skill that would delight you. They shape to the HUMAN FOOT, and not to a plank, and hygienic lining is in all their shoes.

Every doubtful feature has been kept out, and those embodied represent years of study and practical shoemaking.

While perfect in model, yet they pay special attention to styles and designs in toe shaping, leather and finish.

TWELVE STYLES They please the young man's fancy, and appeal to the business man's sense.



**The 2 T's**

Outfitters to all mankind.

Trudeil & Tobey

**Slater Shoe Agents**



### DID THE BULL KILL HIM?

William Stover, of Oldfield, Found Dead in His Barnyard.

Special to The Planet.

Dresden, March 9.—On Wednesday evening William Stover, of Oldfield, north half of lot 3, Con. 13, Chatham township; went out to the barn to do his evening chores. Not returning for an unusual length of time the family became uneasy and on a search being instituted the dead body of Mr. Stover was found in the barnyard. It is supposed that Mr. Stover was killed by a bull which was running loose in the yard although there were very few marks on the body to show that the deceased met with a violent death. Mr. Stover was very highly respected by all was 38 years of age and leaves a wife, one son, Arthur, and a daughter, Mrs. William Wemp, to mourn his loss.

### OVERTURES FOR PEACE.

London, Friday, March 9, 4.30 a.m.—The Daily News makes the following editorial announcement:—"It was rumored in London, yesterday, and we have some reason for believing the rumor to be correct, that the two Republics made informal and unofficial overtures of peace on the preceding day. Unfortunately the conditions suggested were of such a character as to preclude the possibility of leading to any result. Terms which might have been gladly accepted before the war, in order to avert it, are impossible after the war, with all the sacrifices it has entailed."

At Montreal the publishers of La Petite Geste, Pelletier, father and son, have been committed for trial in the Queen's Bench on a charge of blaspheming the name of our Lord in an article published in their paper.

JOHN NORTHWAY & CO.

**Men's Dress Overcoats**

Fine heavy or Black Kersey Cloth worth \$12, Saturday ..... \$8.00

JOHN NORTHWAY & CO.

**Ladies' Jackets**

A few stylish garments, worth up to \$10, Saturday ..... \$2.98

**Closing Out Prices**

On all winter goods. The final rounding up of the season. Every line marked down for quick clearing. It will pay you to buy at these prices even for next winter. Many other lines of every day goods marked down for Saturday buyers—here are a few of the many bargains that await you Saturday morning:

- 5 doz. Ladies' Heavy Wool Hose, fine quality, seamless sole, the best 25c line in the city, Saturday, per pr. 10c
- 3 doz. Ladies' Leather belts, in colors, good solid leather, bright metal buckles, sold reg. at 10c, Saturday 5c
- Canadian Stocking Yarn, good clean quality, 2 and 3 ply, in black and colors, reg. 12½c per skein, Saturday ..... 9c
- 1 pc. Heavy Twilled Shaker, 32 in. wide, in plain sky shade, extra value at 12½c yd., Saturday ..... 9c
- 10 doz. Heavy Shirting Flannels, Loch-lomond make, in medium and dark checks and stripes, fast colors, good value at 12½c, Saturday ..... 9c
- 5 doz. Art Decima, good heavy quality, reversible patterns, full 32 in. wide, fast colors, reg. 20c, Saturday ..... 15c

- 1 pc. Bleached Table Linen, full 2 yds. wide, fine pure quality, grass bleached, satin finish, worth 75c, Saturday ..... 63c
- 15 doz. Heavy Stripe Flannels, 30 in. and 32 in. wide, fast colors, reg. 7c, Saturday ..... 5c
- Millinery—3 only, Handsome Trimmed Hats, sold reg. up to \$3.50, Saturday ..... 89c
- 8 only, Misses' Astrachan Tams, with buckle and quill trimming, in navy, red and white, curl, reg. 50c, Saturday ..... 25c
- Baby Bonnets, in silk beaver, corduroy, plush and velvet, very prettily trimmed with ribbon and ruching, sold reg. at \$1 to \$1.75 each, Saturday ..... 48c

- 15 pr. Lace Curtains, odd lines, extra large size, choice patterns, reg. \$2 to \$2.50 per pair, Saturday ..... \$1.50
- 2 doz. Heavy Turkey Red Tableing, wide, in choice red and white patterns, fast colors, reg. 35c and 40c, Saturday ..... 25c
- 5 doz. Cretans, good heavy quality, in new colorings, worth 7c to 8c per yd., Saturday ..... 5c
- Men's Braces, good solid elastic web, fancy wave, strong buckles, sold web ends, reg. 20c per pair, Saturday 2 pair for ..... 25c
- 6 doz. Men's Ties, assorted styles, in light and dark silk and satin, reg. 20c and 25c, Saturday, 2 for ..... 25c
- Boys' Knives & Pens, good solid tweeds and pens, for ages 4 to 14 years, reg. 50c and 60c per pr., Saturday ..... 39c

The Busy Cash Store

**JOHN NORTHWAY & CO.**

## MAFEKING HARD SET.

**Garrison Reduced to a Handful and Suffering From Starvation.**

London, March 9.—The following despatch has been received from Mafeking, dated Feb. 19.—Horse meat now composes a considerable part of our rations. There is little grumbling. The first pinch of the siege is over, and the town has settled grimly to stick it out. What may be typhoid-malaria has broken out in the women's laager, and dysentery, due to the absence of vegetables, is rife among the garrison. We are thrown upon our own resources. Such luxuries as we had are exhausted or have been commandeered for the hospitals, which are filled to overflowing. The children's graveyard, close to the women's laager, grows weekly, as the young lives are cut short prematurely by shell and fever. We look with hope deferred for relief. The cheerfulness which was characteristic of the early days of the siege has almost deserted us, the men preferring to remain at their posts rather than move about and work up an appetite which cannot be satisfied. The natives are in the worst plight. Those who are unable to obtain work are allowed a small handful of meal daily. Braving the danger, wander about the town with gaunt and hungry faces in search of work, which entitles them to an extra ration of meal. If they find work they are generally too weak to perform it. From their advance posts the Boers rake the streets and the market square. It is impossible to dodge their bullets. We have

taken remarkable precautions, however, and the casualties, though heavy, are not what might have been had less able men been at the head of affairs. Even the headquarters' mess fares scantily. Two hundred and ninety-two persons have been killed, wounded or died of disease. The garrison is so small that it would be criminal to make its weakness public. There is never so much as a whisper. If no one has suggested the possibility of surrender, it is because we do not mean to get beaten, and we are cheerfully enduring the hardships of to-day rather than to make a surrender in any degree possible to-morrow.

### RELIEF FAR OFF.

London, March 9.—The military criticism on the discouraging news from Mafeking, Col. Baden-Powell seems to be in grave need of outside help; otherwise he would not allow the correspondents to send out information revealing the distress of the garrison. It will take a mounted relief force at least three weeks to reach there, and the one which started has not yet been ten days on the way. A readjustment of some of the higher commands is taking place. General White is to go to Stormberg to take supreme command of Gen. Gatacre's division, and the tenth division, now in process of formation, will be under the immediate command of Gen. Buller, Sir George White's chief of staff.

## BOERS IN FULL FLIGHT.

**Kruger and the Free State Police Both Tried in Vain to Stop Them.**

London, Friday, March 9, 4.15 a.m.—The Boers appear to have made no stand whatever except that while in retreat they twice repulsed Gen. French's cavalry with rifle fire. As no report has been made of the capture of prisoners, the enemy probably got away with their entire force. Gen. French is still following them, and keeping between them and Bloemfontein. The evacuation of the northern districts of Cape Colony is now nearly complete. The British are in possession of the railroad crossings.

Spencer Wilkinson, commenting on "the difficulty in quite understanding Lord Roberts' plan of detail," says:—"Probably Lord Roberts is planning to make his way in some manner north of Bloemfontein, compelling the Boers to make their way north by a circuitous route, and they may also be captured. The Government should be warned by his despatches to be ready to send reinforcements. The news from Mafeking makes one wonder as to the chances of relief, for even with a

mounted force, Mafeking is three weeks' march from Kimberley.

### ROBERTS' LOSSES.

London, March 8, 4.47 p.m.—The following is the text of Lord Roberts' despatch:—"Poplar Grove, March 8.—Two brigades of cavalry, with horse artillery and Kelly-Kenny's division, marched to-day ten miles eastwards. The Boers were quite taken by surprise yesterday. They moved off so hurriedly that they left cooked dinners behind. We captured a Krupp gun and several tents and wagons.

### THE TOTAL CASUALTIES.

were—Killed—Lieuts. Koswick and Frieslick. Wounded—Lieuts. Bailey, of the 12th Lancers, and De Crespiigny, of the Second Life Guards, both severely, who is believed to have been picked up by a Boer ambulance. Two men were killed, forty-six were wounded and one man is missing.

### IN FULL FLIGHT.

Poplar Grove, Thursday, March 8.—President Kruger, who at present is far in the rear, yesterday tried to stop the retreating Boers, who refused to stay. The Bloemfontein police tried to stop the retreat of the Free Staters, but they declared they were not willing to fight any longer, and they blamed President Steyn. German and Dutch military attaches arrived at the British camp yesterday.

The movements of the mounted men were somewhat too rapid for the supporting infantry, and as a result, the Boer position was turned before the main body could strike effectively. The Boers fell back precipitately, and extending to the south-east, they checked the advance of the British cavalry with a heavy rifle fire at 800 yards range. Accordingly Gen. French moved southward, and outflanked them again, but the Boers repeated their tactics.

### THE ENEMY OUTWITTED.

Osfontein, Wednesday, March 7.—Lord Roberts' movement again thoroughly surprised, outwitted and outmanoeuvred the Boers, who fled almost without firing a shot. The plan of battle was as follows: Gen. Colville's division extended along the north bank; Gen. Tucker held the centre reserve, and the Guards Brigade had the centre advance. Gen. Kelly-Kenny's division was ordered to make a huge flanking movement on the Boers' left, following Gen. French, who was instructed to move south-east until opposite the Boer flank, and then to swing around the rear. Every movement was admirably executed and entirely successful. The Boers were surprised, as was evident from the state of the deserted camps. Twice the British cavalry were almost in a position to charge, but they admit they were foiled by the manoeuvring of the Boers. When last seen Gen. French was pursuing the enemy vigorously. He was between them and Bloemfontein, about 11 miles from the right wing. Gen. Colville merely demonstrated against a high mountain occupied by the Transvaal troops, who are now fleeing in consequence of the flight of the Free Staters south of the river. It is impossible to give the Boer numbers, but it is estimated that they reach 14,000, all of whom are now in flight.

### LANCERS RETIRED.

Osfontein, Wednesday, March 7.—In the course of the operation the Ninth Lancers attempted to get close to the Boers' right with the object of charging, but the Boers came out in great force, and the Lancers were compelled to retire. A battery was then sent forward to hold the enemy in check, while the Grahamstown volunteers and a company of mounted infantry, supported by another battery, engaged the Boers on the right flank. The Boers fired shell, falling short, however, and they made a stubborn defence on the kopje on our right, entangling the battery, killing 18 of the battery horses. The mounted infantry gradually repelled the Boers, and the battery then took a position and expelled them from their laager in confusion. The Boers held a strong position on the north bank of the river, but the fire from the southern bank compelled them to retreat. They showed great adroitness in getting away the wagons, and displayed bold front while the rest of the force was busy retreating. Gen. French's division consisted of three brigades of cavalry, two of light mounted infantry and seven horse batteries.

March 1st, 1900.

**Stand the Family In a Row**

How many are there in it? Three, four, five, six? How many are in need of shoes? What kinds are wanted?

Remember that this is a family shoe store, that we have every good sort of shoe for father, mother and all the children down to the tot who takes the little bootie.

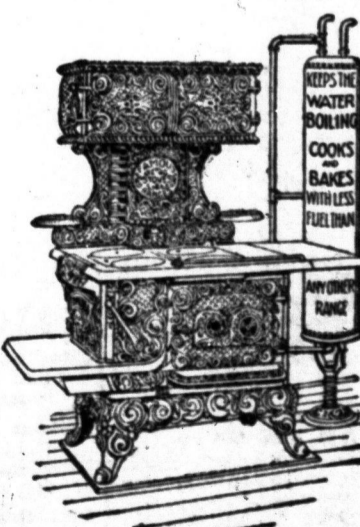
And the prices are as right as right can be.

- RUBBERS Children's now ..... 25c
- RUBBERS Misses' now ..... 25c
- RUBBERS Ladies' now ..... 35c

SLATER SHOES FOR MEN

- \$5.00 kind for \$4.00
- \$3.50 kind for \$3.00

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Chatham



This range is within the range of all who can arrange to be up with the times.

It burns coal or wood. It is economical. It is a thorough baker. It is guaranteed to be everything any other range is. It is strong and durable.

Always for sale at

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