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The New Floor Coverings

The Carpets are the making or unmaking of the home—they are the foundation of all harmony in furnishing—quality means much in Carpets, but all may buy from the best mills if so disposed, we have none but proven sorts—but will build the merit of this Carpet Store on the fine character of the designs which we select and largely control. We choose tints and color tones that will assure harmony rather than contest it. There is a wonderful variety here to-day, well worth seeing.

Of Tapestry we show 50 designs, at from 25c to 75c yd.

Of Brussels we show 40 designs, at from 90c to \$1.35 yd.

Of velvets we show an immense range at \$1.25 a yd.

Of wool and unions we show 25 patterns, at from 25c to \$1.00 yd.

Of Axminster Rugs in all sizes up to 12 ft. x 14 ft.

Carpets
and
Mattings

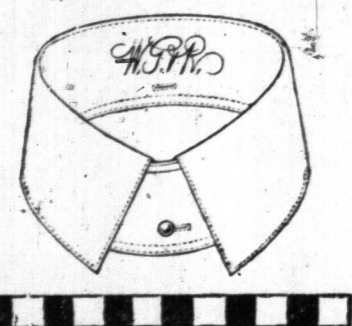
STRAW MATTING—From China and Japan, hundreds of patterns just lately from the Orient, bought in the direct way that assures you of the fresh toughness, the best time of a matting's life. These in our own select designs.

The most striking patterns will be picked up first. The line is at its top notch fullness now at from 15c to 50c yard.

Then there is a splendid assortment of linoleums, oil-cloths and fibre carpet and rugs.

Thomas Stone & Son

Direct Importers



We'll Collar You Twice for 25c

We haven't quite enough Collars at this price to go around the world, but we've enough for a couple of hundred quick buyers. They are from one of the best known collar firms in Canada. All styles turn-down, high stand-up turn-down, plain standing and turn points, sizes 13 to 17 1/2.

....The 2 T's....

Trudell & Tobey

Sole Agents for
Slater Shoes and Barrington Hats

UNDER SHELL FIRE

Canadians Were in the Recent Fighting Near Bloemfontein.

They Sustained no Loss and are now Back in Their Old Quarters.

Montreal, April 5.—The Star's South African correspondent cables as follows:—

"Bloemfontein, April 2.—The Canadians returned to Bloemfontein to-day from Bushman's Kop, where, as part of Col. Smith-Dorrien's brigade, they had been ordered to the support of the column under Col. Broadwood. There were no casualties to the Canadian troops in the fighting at Bushman's Kop, although we were in the thick of the shellings which were continued between the British and Boer batteries after the ambuscade.

"The Canadians are now back in their old camp, outside of Bloemfontein. The defences of the town are being greatly strengthened, and the railway line to the south is strongly guarded. It is reported that a very large force of the enemy is advancing from the north. Whether this is true or not, it is evident the burghers have taken heart with their recent successes, and are once more trying to assume the offensive. We expect some severe fighting within the next few days."

One more death from enteric fever, that of Private Forest, of Quebec, has been taken place.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature in each box.

JOHN NORTHWAY & CO.

"THE BUSY STORE"

JOHN NORTHWAY & CO.

New Spring Carpets

With a Carpet stock that is as complete and up-to-date as can be found anywhere, with such a variety of patterns, colorings, and grades, enough to satisfy every fancy, and with values the best that big and careful buying can give. Why shouldn't this be your best and safest place for buying carpets? We buy carpets as we do other lines in Six Store quantities for cash, we sell them for cash only and at cash prices. Shrewd, economical buyers will do well to investigate these statements before purchasing. We will be satisfied with your verdict.

New Velvet Carpets, bought direct from the best English manufacturers, in new shades of terra cotta rose, olive, etc., beautiful color combinations, handsome designs, rich heavy pile, special per yd. \$1.15
Brussels Carpets, extra quality, in lovely new designs and colorings, with 1 border to match, worth \$1 to \$1.25, special at 85c and..... 95c
Super 2 Ply All-wood Carpets, full yard wide, reversible patterns and colorings, made from thoroughly secured yarns, warranted in wear, at 75c and..... 85c
Axminster Carpets, in extra heavy quality, in new blues, olives and terra shades, full deep pile, handsome designs, with border to match, suitable for drawing room, parlor or library, our special price..... 85c

Imported Tapestry Carpets, from the best English makers, all bought before the price advanced, an immense range of new patterns and colorings, every yard of which selling at much less than their present value, we are showing them at per yd. 35c, 35c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 65c and..... 75c
Union Carpets, good serviceable quality, 36 in. wide, in reversible patterns, new spring colorings, suitable for bedrooms, at per yd. 25c and..... 35c
Extra Quality Union Carpets, heavy firm weave, in handsome new colorings, reversible designs, exceptional values at per yd. 40c and..... 50c
Floor Oil Cloths, good wearing quality, in black, tile and floral designs, in widths of 1 yd., 1 1/2 yds., 1 3/4 yds. and 2 yds., special per sq. yd. 22c

Extra Quality Floor Oil Cloths, heavy weight, choice variety of new patterns, all widths, from 1 yd. to 2 1/2 yds., wide, at per yd. 35c and..... 22c
Linoleums, good heavy quality Scotch and English manufacture, in large range of new patterns, in widths of 1 yd. to 4 yds., wide, wear guaranteed, special per sq. yd. 50c
Superior Quality Linoleums, in new floral and black designs, 1 yd. to 4 yds., wide, the best value in the city, at per sq. yd. 75c and..... 40c
New Chenille Curtains, we just received through the customs a large shipment of the latest designs, direct from one of the largest makers in Philadelphia, the styles and colorings are new and the prices are the lowest we have ever seen for equal goodness, at per pair \$2.95, \$3.25, \$3.75, \$4.75, \$5.50 and..... \$7.75

JOHN NORTHWAY & CO.

CASH ONLY AND ONE PRICE

AT POINT BLANK RANGE

This Sixteen-year Old Fool Fired at the Prince of Wales.

Missed Both Times—Two Other Cartridges Failed to Explode—The Boy was a Boer Sympathiser.

Brussels, April 5.—The Prince of Wales was shot at yesterday while leaving the railroad station here. He was not hurt. At 3.35 p. m. as the train was leaving the Northern station for the Southern Railway station, an individual fired a revolver at the Prince of Wales, but missed His Royal Highness. The would-be assassin jumped upon the footboard of the Prince's saloon car as the train was starting, and fired into the car, aiming at the Prince of Wales. The man was immediately arrested.

The would-be assassin is a tinsmith named Spido, a resident of Brussels, 16 years of age. His pockets were found to be full of Anarchist literature. He fired two shots at the Prince of Wales. The Princess of Wales and others were in the car, but no one was touched. When examined by the railroad station officials, Spido declared he intended to kill the Prince of Wales, that he did not regret his action and that he was ready to do it again if given a chance to do so.

Hearing the shots, the station master rushed to the scene and knocked down the would-be assassin's arm as he prepared to fire a third shot, and a number of persons threw themselves on the Prince's assailant. In the confusion, a second man, who was quite innocent, was seized, roughly handled and beaten.

After the Prince of Wales had ascertained that the man who fired the shots had been arrested, he declared himself and the Princess uninjured, and the train started.

CAUSE OF THE CRIME.

Spido subsequently said he wanted to kill the Prince of Wales "because he caused thousands of men to be slaughtered in South Africa."

Intense excitement prevailed for the moment, as it was feared the Prince had been hit, the shots having been fired almost point blank. The railway carriage door was hastily thrown open, and great relief was felt when the Prince himself appeared at the door, unhurt. Both the Prince and the Princess had a very narrow escape.

The police on duty took Spido in charge. The latter appeared proud of his exploit, and seemed quite calm. Spido told the authorities that he lived on the Rue de la Forge, at Saint Gilles, two miles south of Brussels. The attack is condemned even at the labor headquarters here and at the Maison du Peuple, where the extreme Anarchists meet. A leading member of the young Socialist guard was loud in his denunciation this evening of Spido's act. Le Patriote, in a special edition, denounces the attempt as "cowardly and senseless," and says:—"It will create general indignation, and the worst enemy of Belgium could not have dealt her a fouler blow."

An eye-witness says that the train

was already in motion, and when the engineer heard the pistol he shut off steam, applied the brakes, and stopped the train. As the train re-started, after Spido's arrest, the public loudly cheered the Prince, who acknowledged the demonstration from the car window.

TRIED FOUR SHOTS.
An examination of Spido's revolver showed that four chambers had been discharged, but that two of the cartridges had missed fire. The weapon is of the cheapest six-chamber description, such as is usually sold here for three and a half francs.

Spido is a round, boyish face, black eyes and dark hair. At the examination before the magistrate it was ascertained that he had purchased a penny ticket in order to reach the departure platform, where he walked up and down a while at the same time that the Prince was promenading. Persons who attended the Maison du Peuple yesterday say they heard Spido declare that if the Prince of Wales came to Brussels he ought to have a bullet in his head, and they also heard him offer to bet five francs that he would fire at the Prince. According to Le Patriote some news of the views expressed at the meeting referred to was conferred to the station master, who had taken what he thought were extra precautions. Spido appeared at the station in his best clothing, having explained to his father that he was going to seek employment.

The Prince of Wales appeared quite unaffected by the incident. He asked whether the revolver was loaded, and on being informed in the affirmative, smiled, and begged that the culprit might not be treated too severely.

ENGLAND INDIGNANT.

London, April 5.—The news of the attempt on the life of the Prince of Wales spread with marvelous rapidity in all parts of London, and created the most intense excitement and the most bitter indignation among all classes. The Prince and Princess of Wales started for Copenhagen for the purpose of attending the celebration of King Christian's birthday, which occurs April 8. The fact that the attempted assassination occurred in the city where Dr. Leyds, the diplomatic agent, makes his headquarters, was generally taken to indicate that the would-be assassin was a Boer sympathizer, and this sort of inflamed passions that the most bitter invectives were hurled at the Boers and everything connected with them.

One high official remarked:—"That settles the question of the Prince of Wales' visit to the Paris Exposition."

Some fears were expressed as to the effect which the occurrence may have in Dublin. It was pointed out that such attempts are contagious. On the other hand those who are best acquainted with Ireland contend that the only effect would be to increase the determination of the Irish that no untoward incident should mar the success of the Queen's visit.

The news of the attempt on the life of the Prince of Wales was immediately telegraphed to Queen Victoria.

BOERS CLOSING IN

They Seem Determined to Invest Roberts in Bloemfontein.

Enemy are Very Daring—Still Hold the City Waterworks—War Notes.

London, Thursday, April 5, 5 a. m.—It looks to-day as though the Boers had conceived the audacious plan of attempting to invest Lord Roberts at Bloemfontein, or, at least to endeavor to delay his northward advance by harassing the British lines of communication. On his side, Lord Roberts is concentrating his forces and preparing to take every advantage of the bold but risky tactics of the enemy. He is not likely to strike at any of their force until he is certain of delivering a crushing blow.

A Bloemfontein despatch, dated the 4th, says:—There are numerous indications in pursuance of their boast that they will recapture Bloemfontein. The Boers are trying to surround the town and cut our lines of communication to the south. Large forces are reported east and south, which are supposed to be making for the railway. They are holding Thaba Nchu and the waterworks. Lord Roberts is completing his concentration. Four 4.7 guns and four naval twelve pounders have been mounted on kopjes commanding the plain. The cavalry camp has been removed to a better position north-east of the city. Special precautions are being taken to protect the railway southward. The railway to the north is in possession of the Boers as far as Kameps Siding.

IMPREGNABLE TILL TAKEN.

New York, April 4.—Interviewed by the Washington correspondent of the Herald, ex-Assistant Secretary Webster Davis said, in part, with reference to his visit to Pretoria:—"I viewed the defenses of Pretoria, and I consider them impregnable. The line of

hills surrounding the town bristle with high power Krupp and Creusot guns. Pretoria lies in a basin, surrounded by a ridge of rugged hills, affording most admirable opportunities for defence. While there I learned enough to know that the city is one vast storehouse of foodstuffs and ammunition."

A return brought down shows that in Dawson for the first year \$23,861 was collected in fines in that city; 25 persons were fined for assault, 10 for creating a disturbance, 68 for creating a nuisance, 4 for cruelty to animals, 234 for being drunk, 113 for gambling, 67 for being inmates of houses of ill-fame, 22 for keeping such houses, 14 for selling intoxicating liquors without authority, 25 for profanation of the Sabbath, 1 for selling bad food, and 9 for selling liquor in prohibited hours.

A Drowsy Couple—A pair of \$3.50 Slater Shoes and a \$2.50 Barrington Hat. The 2 T's.

The Latest Creations

Men's
Fine Shoes

This week we have passed through the customs OUR NEW LINE OF MEN'S SHOES. These goods come from the best manufacturers in New York city and Boston. They are perfect in style, stuck and workmanship. They come in all the new shapes, shades, and different kinds of leather.

You can come here and be properly fitted, in the AMERICAN SHOES, come in all widths and sizes—and then there's something in knowing how to fit a customer's foot—that's our business—we make it a study.

See price and goods in win low.

Geo. W.
Cowan



Reduction Lamp Sale

"THE ARK"

Parlor, Library, Hall, Vase and Banquet Lamps to be sold at reduced prices for the next

10 DAYS

\$10 Lamps at..... \$6.00
\$8 Lamps at..... \$7.00
\$6 Lamps at..... \$6.00
\$4 Lamps at..... \$4.00
\$3 Lamps at..... \$3.25
\$1.50 Lamps at..... \$1.25
\$1 Lamps at..... 80c