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## Oh, Customers!

Down South when they call to a person at a distance, "John! John!"—and John doesn't hear, the caller does not shout any louder, does not pitch her call in a higher, shriller key, she just calls "Oh, John!"—the "Oh" as an explosive note, that does the business. Yesterday we called to you—an advertising call—about Spring Jackets, many heard and many jackets were sold—but to-day, so that every one may hear our newspaper magaphone, we say

Oh, Customers! See our Special List for Friday's Selling

Embroidery remnants 1 1/2 to 4 yds. long—these good imported by us direct from Switzerland regular price 4c to 25c, Friday at less than one half price.

Heavy cotton towels size 22x40, fringed, worth 10c each, Friday special 4 for.....25c

Mercerized Pongees, Scotch manufacture, very fine finish just like silk, special.....15c

We want to see you on Friday.

5 pos. black dress goods made to sell at 45c a yard, Friday special.....22c

American prints in new shades of blue—also pinks, navies, reds and browns very special.....8c

American Percales full yard wide in the new designs and color combinations, two yards will make a shirt waist, very special.....17c

Do you need carpets—see ours it will pay you.

One pos. only apron linen 48 inches wide with fancy red border, regular price 15c, Friday special.....10c

16 pos. English Cambric shirting prints, bought from a shirt manufacturer who had to many of them, worth, 15c on Friday special.....10c

Hosiery—We mention one line for Friday—Hermesford dye—full fashioned in all sizes, very special.....12c

Thomas Stone & Son

Direct Importers

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## A Gentleman

was heard to remark that The 2 T's scarfs had more individuality than any he had seen. That's our aim, and our line this year is more exclusive than ever.

50 cts.

Wide end Imperial Scarfs, colorings unusually bright, made up in Baratheas weaves, Ottomans, Surahs, etc. Embroidered scarfs are the scarfs of the hour. Finest twisted silks in dark color effects; dark brown, maroons and black, figures embroidered in the brightest colorings, Fleur-de-lis, crests and coats of arms, English squares, spots, dots, stripes, figures, etc. in rich, beautiful silk, colorings to harmonize with the endless assortment of fancy colored shirts now the vogue. Don't wait until the line is broken, but come and help break it.

The 2 T's = Trudell & Tobey

Sole Agents for Blatter Shoes and Harrington Hats.

"TOP TO TOE CLOTHIERS."

## RIGHT TO THE END

These Natives Desperately Fought the Boers.

Then Their Ammunition Gave Out And They Were All Killed But One.

London, April 26.—The arrival of Mafeking despatches has renewed the interest and anxiety in regard to the fate of its defenders. Lady Sarah Wilson's account of the slaughter of thirty-three natives, who went out from Mafeking last Friday to recover some cattle which had been looted by the Boers, and who, while they were sleeping, were surrounded by the burghers and shot without quarter, apparently harshly misrepresented the action of the Boers. A despatch received by the Associated Press from Mafeking says that the natives in question were unauthorized raiders, and that instead of being ruthlessly slaughtered by the Boers while asleep they beat back the burghers, who were obliged to get reinforcements of Maxims and Nordenfelters. The despatch adds:—There was no question of surrender. The leader of the nation of natives, a tall, spare man, rallied his men to the last, and the fight progressed from the rising to the sinking of the sun. Until their ammunition was finished the natives fought, and then the Boers killed all but one, who, hiding in the reeds, escaped. The correspondent concludes:—"Mafeking may be forgiven if it begins to prefer some attempt at relief rather than empty congratulations for its gallant stand. Though there is only sufficient to keep body and soul together it will never dream of surrender. But it is very, very weary of it all."

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## FRIDAY BARGAINS!

This business has never stopped growing since the first day we threw open our doors to the buying public. Every season has witnessed a marked increase in sales. This is largely owing to our system of doing business. We sell strictly for cash and at one price to everyone, and that price is always the lowest. Owing to the unusually heavy trade at this season of the year, we are going to offer special trade inducements to Friday buyers and thus relieve in a measure the Saturday crush. Read these prices over carefully, then come in and see the goods they represent. Come Early.

25 pos. White Muslin, 26 in. wide, satin stripes, cords and open lace effects, this is part of a large order contracted for the South African market and secured by our buyer when in Europe, we place the entire lot on sale to-morrow (10 yds. to a costume) at per yd.....15c

Window Shades—35 only, odd lines in cream and green shades, mounted on rollers, sold reg. up to 40c, Friday each.....25c

Jute Carpets, 1 pc. extra heavy quality, reversible patterns and colors, full 36 in. wide, sold reg. at 35c yd., Friday.....25c

Bobbin Net for Curtains, full strong net, 2 1/2 yds. wide (note the width) soft finish, worth 35c yd., special.....25c

Boys' School Caps, 3 doz., fine navy serge with peak, full crowns, all sizes, good value at 20c, special Friday.....12 1/2c

6 pos. Art Denim, 34 in. wide, fine soft quality, in new designs and colorings, reg. 20c yd., special Friday.....15c

10 doz. pr. Men's Heavy Cotton Sox, in blue and white and brown and white mixtures, rib top, heavy soles, special at 3 pr. for.....25c

12 pos. English Oxford Shirting, extra quality, neat checks and stripes, absolutely fast colors, wide widths, at per yd.....12 1/2c

1 pc. Extra heavy Cream Table Linen, warranted pure flax, choice patterns 68 in. wide, reg. 75c yd., special.....60c

Boys' 2 Pc. Suits, 10 only, odd lines for boys 4 yrs. to 8 yrs., in tweeds and navy serges, neatly made, well lined and good fitting, reg. \$1.00 to \$2.25, special Friday.....\$1.68

Ladies' Shirt Waists, pretty designs in fast wash prints, new spring styles, also white or black lawn waists, separate collars, laundried cuffs, point yokes, 10 doz. in all, your pick of the lot Friday.....50c

Ladies' Tailored Suits, 11 only, manufacturer's sample costumes, sizes 34 and 36 only, up-to-date styles, in all-wool homespuns, tweeds, serges and habit cloths, in spring shades, coats lined with silk or Roman in-socket, deep velvet facings, clearing in two lots, at per suit, \$5.48 and \$7.48

Ladies' Spring Jackets, smart up-to-date styles, in fine Kersey, coverture and box cloths, lined or unlined, silk stitched, pearl buttons, special at \$2.00, \$7.00, \$3.50, \$5.50 and \$4.00

Children's Reefers, for ages 4 to 12 yrs., fine Shepherd checks and plain navy and corded cloths, very prettily made, with sailor or point collars, trimmed with ribbon ruching or soutache braid, at each \$1.50, \$1.65, \$1.75, \$1.85, \$2.00 and.....\$2.25

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CASH ONLY AND ONE PRICE.

## WEPENER IS RELIEVED.

### The Boers Flying to the North-east to Escape.

#### General French is in Pursuit—Enemy did not Wait to Fight at any Point—Latest War News

London, Thursday, April 26, 4 a. m.—Shortly before midnight it was officially announced that Wepener had been relieved. The War Office issued the following from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, April 25, 3.25 p. m.:—"The enemy retired from in front of Wepener last night and this morning fled north eastward along the Ladybrand road. Their number was between 4,000 and 5,000."

A Cape Town despatch says:—"The relief of Col. Dalgety was accomplished by Gen. Brabant."

The Times has the following from a special correspondent, dated Mafeking, Basutoland, April 25:—"I rode from Jammersburg here, skirting Wepener, and I met Gen. Brabant's advance guard four miles south of Wepener. They reported three successful fights, Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday, with 22 casualties. The siege was raised and 5,000 of the enemy retired along Ladybrand road, within our sight and unpursued. Col. Dalgety's casualties are 33 killed and 132 wounded."

A despatch to the Times from Dewet's camp late Wednesday says:—"Gen. Ruddle arrived here this morning."

A RACE FOR LIFE.

London, Thursday, April 26, 5 a. m.—The Boers have everywhere retired at the first pressure of the British advance, and the hope that Gen. Ruddle would be able to induce them to remain at Dewet's camp and that they had been forced to fight or to surrender has been disappointed. No attempt was made to pursue the commandos retiring from Wepener. Everything now depends upon the progress of Gen. French's cavalry brigades, but they are entering a very difficult, hilly and practically unknown country. The cavalry have already had a long march over heavy and sandy roads, and nothing is known regarding the condition of the horses. In any case it is now a race between the federate and the forces of Gen. French and Gen. Hamilton. The slowness of the recent movements of the British infantry and previous experience of the ability of the Boers to move rapidly with guns and baggage over their own country leads to a belief that Lord Roberts' enveloping operations will have to be repeated further north. At the most he will perhaps capture some Boer guns and baggage and harass the retreating burghers. Considerable results have been obtained in the relief of Wepener and in clearing the south-eastern corner of the Free State of Boers, but the Boer army, whatever its strength, has still to be dealt with. Besides the casualties among the men, the Boer bombardment of Col. Dalgety's position wrought great havoc among the cattle and horses. The garrison could have held out for another fortnight; but it is in no condition to render much assistance in pursuing the Boers.

CAN FRENCH CATCH THEM?

London, April 26.—The progress of Gen. French is regarded as of the utmost importance. It is now evident that Lord Roberts wishes not only to defeat the Boers, but to pen them in at Paardeberg. For this end 40,000 British troops are concentrating in the south-eastern portion of the Orange Free State, and are operating according to carefully devised plans, in which the delay may be as much due to strategy as to necessity. The success of this important movement almost entirely depends on Gen. French. If he can sweep down from the north, with the rapidity of execution which he displayed at Kimberley and Paardeberg, he will effect the same swift, sudden transformation which followed the cavalry evolutions two months ago. According to last accounts he was pushing on successfully. Every day the Boers remained at Wepener improved Gen. French's chances of success. To put a girdle round the 5,000 Boers estimated to be in the south-eastern part of the Orange Free State Lord Roberts has evidently taken large chances. The British critics differ regarding the result, some declaring it is already impossible for the Boers to escape from the net.

There is a general impression that the main advance upon Pretoria will be taken up without any reconcentration at Bloemfontein. With more than half the British army stretched in echelon across the Orange Free State such a change in directions would indefinitely delay the accomplishment of Lord Roberts' main objective. The news received to-day has little bearing upon the question of the hour.

AN ARTILLERY DUEL.

Warrenton, Wednesday night, April 25.—The Boers, having become emboldened, shelled the village and the British trenches, and it became necessary to give them a lesson and to ascertain their strength.

Monday night Col. Paget placed several guns on the river bank under cover of darkness, within 1,000 yards of the Boer trenches across the river. The horses and carriages were withdrawn beyond range and at daybreak the British opened a heavy bombardment with shrapnel and he-ditch.

The Boers were taken completely by surprise, but they replied with five guns, including a 40-pounder, and a heavy rifle fire was opened at the same time. The duel continued many hours, the Boers finally evacuating the position with it, it is believed, considerable loss.

There were no casualties on the British side. During the evening the guns were shelled withdrawn. The sniping to-day showed that the Boer lancers had been removed far back to the eastward.

SAVED BY KAFFIRS.

London, April 25.—The Daily Mail has the following from Lorenzo Marques, dated Wednesday, April 25:—"A daring attempt to destroy the bridge at Komati Poort Sunday night was frustrated by Kaffirs, who gave the alarm and frightened off the Boers."

"The Boers have lined all the hills in the vicinity with riflemen, fearing an attack by British troops advancing by some mysterious route."

"The Irish-American brigade, chiefly so-called 'ambulance men,' left Pretoria Saturday, under Col. Blake, after being addressed by President Kruger, to whom the men responded with an American college cheer."

"The Boers assert that Lord Roberts is waiting for 20,000 horses. No serious fighting is expected until the end of May."

## WAR NOTES.

A special despatch from Pretoria, dated Tuesday, says that the Boers have re-occupied Boshof, the British retreating.

Richter's farm, near Leowu Kop, from which, while flying a white flag, the Canadians were fired upon, has been burned as a punishment. Richter is a prisoner.

There is little news from other quarters than Wepener. The inhabitants of Mafeking are now on a daily ration of two pints of soup and two quarts of 'skilly.'

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Kimberley, dated Wednesday, says:—"Yesterday the Boers formed a new laager near Winderton. The force there consists of Praks, Campbell and Griqualand rebels, about 500 strong."

The Lorenzo Marques correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Tuesday, says:—"It is asserted that the Boers are collecting enormous quantities of provisions at depots in the Lydenburg district, with a view to a final stand in the mountainous districts around Johannesburg and Pretoria are being extensively entrenched. Beattie's foundry at Johannesburg is turning out 700 shells a day."

Spencer Wilkinson, in the Morning Post, says:—"The army deployed in the Free State may not be used for a converging attack on Thabanchu. Unless the Boers are in strong position and great numbers there, a more concentric advance may well suffice to compel their retreat. Generals Brabant and Hart are not likely to pursue the Boers retreating in the direction of Ladybrand. These possibilities are all based upon the assumption that the decisive advance has now begun, and that the army was not spread out until it was ready."

Chatham, April 26th, 1900



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