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STONE'S BARGAIN SALE

Not what they cost or what they are worth is taken into consideration just now, but what will balance of these summer goods sell at—and sell quickly is the question. We think we have them marked so low for the ladies of Chatham and vicinity will not be able to resist the temptation, and before long will see the last of them. First comes have largest selection to choose from.

Regular \$6.50 Duck Muslin and Pique Suits, all White, at \$3.48

These are the newest lines of suits brought into the city this season, trimmed with Cheny Insertion, stylish from top to bottom.

Ladies' White Lawn Shirt Waists, your choice at Half-Price

The regular price of these range from \$1.00 to \$3.50. They're all the season's very best styles, and if you need a White Shirt Waist you should not miss chance.

Ladies' Dress Skirts

Regular \$5.00 quality at \$2.75

Buy a nobby Skirt when you get the chance at such small prices. They're all new and stylish, suitable for wearing with shirtwaists.

Regular 25c. Muslins and Dimities, Your Choice at 13 Cents

In nearly all the shades, including Blacks and White, the very best designs and colorings shown this season, and on sale at Half-Price. What now do you want better? Get some of them.

Regular 50c Japanese Wash Silks on Sale at 21 Cents

Don't you want a Silk Waist, a Silk Dress? We are almost giving these goods away. They are in nearly every shade, and are worth more than twice what we are asking for them.

Sailor and Outing Hats

Regular \$1.00 to \$1.50, on sale at 39c. They must be cleaned out quickly. Better get some of them while they are going.

THOS. STONE & SON

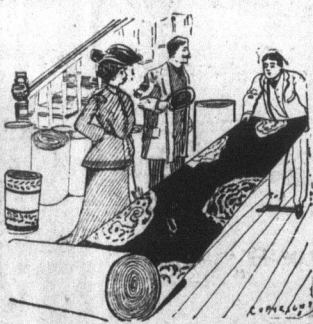
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Guaranteed by the Manufacturers and by us. Require no Honing, in private use.

Sold on trial. Price \$2.00.

Geo. Stephens & Co.



New Carpets

makes a wonderful difference in the appearance of a room, hall or stairway. If you have been making an old and worn Carpet do because

you thought you could not afford a new one, now is the time to change your mind.

Union Carpets, price per yd. 25, 35, 40 and 50c.
Wool " 60, 70, 80, 90 and \$1.00.
Tapestry " 30, 40, 50 and 70c.
Brussels " 75, 85, \$1.00 and \$1.10.
Axminster Carpets made and laid for \$1.30 to \$1.50.

THE McDONALD FURNITURE CO., Limited

POUNDED PORT 7 HOURS

Russians Then Succeeded in Silencing Jap Batteries.

Rumor That Jap Fleet Will Land at Che Foo and Destroy Wireless Telegraph—Japanese Were Positioned at Port Arthur, But Were Finally Driven Back By Russian Artillery Fire—Neutrality of China.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 23.—A despatch from Che Foo, dated Aug. 22, says that, according to Chinese reports, the Japanese yesterday bombarded Port Arthur from 6 o'clock in the morning until 1 o'clock in the afternoon, pounding in a heavy fire, but that the Russians succeeded in silencing the Japanese batteries. The Japanese fleet was not engaged, having put further out to sea.

Alarm at Che Foo. Washington, Aug. 23.—United States Consul-General Fowler called the State Department yesterday from Che Foo that the Chinese local authorities there, as well as the Chinese fleet, are greatly alarmed over the prospect that the Japanese fleet will land at Che Foo and seek to destroy the wireless telegraph system which has been operating with Port Arthur.

The Prince's Report. St. Petersburg, Aug. 23.—An official despatch from Rear-Admiral Prince Oskotsky at Port Arthur, by way of Che Foo, says that only two officers were killed on board the ships which returned to the harbor after the fight of Aug. 10. News that the Port Arthur squadron has again sailed out is expected at any hour, as Rear-Admiral Prince Oskotsky's orders are imperative to go out or destroy his ships beyond the possibility of repair before the fortress falls.

Experiencing Difficulties. London, Aug. 23.—The Shanghai correspondent of The Daily Mail says news has reached Tokyo that the delay in capturing the fortress is due to the difficulty in establishing a satisfactory artillery base.

JAPS' DESPERATE CHARGES.

Won Positions But Are Finally Driven Back By Russian Artillery.

Che Foo, Aug. 23.—The first detailed news of the general assault on Port Arthur indicates that a tremendous conflict is raging and that victory is hanging in the balance. Chinese who left Port Arthur Sunday and arrived here yesterday state that the Japanese, by making desperate charges, which were reinforced by artillery fire from Shushien and Pigeon Bay, swept from the north the Russians back from the main forts. The ground being comparatively flat in this vicinity, the Japanese were unable to hold it in the face of the Russian artillery fire, and they retired north an eighth of a mile beyond the zone of fire.

Capture One Important Fort. The Chinese declare that the Japanese captured one important fort located on the Lushan Hills, midway between the western coast and the railway on a line drawn approximately from a point midway between Pigeon and Louisa Bays.

The fighting resulting in the capture of this fort was very severe. The position was first subjected to a bombardment for over forty-eight hours. Then the Japanese infantry assaulted it and compelled the Russians to retire. The Russian artillery then directed a heavy fire on the spot, compelling the Japanese in turn to retire.

Impregnable. The Chinese just arrived, who bring the latest information from Port Arthur, were employed by the Russian authorities carrying the dead off the field and also ammunition, which they say is plentiful. They confirm the statement that the Liotai Promontory was not assailed for the reason that it is impregnable from the sea side, and the Japanese are unable to move on it from the north.

The Japanese main attack has been the heaviest against the Russian centre and right particularly against the centre iron which the Japanese have taken up a strong position at Shushien.

Pigeon Bay had been the scene of fighting several days before the final assault had begun, the Japanese never being able to hold for long any territory they might gain. Their attacks were made mostly at night, during foggy days and misty mornings.

Hope to Wear 'Em Out. The Japanese believe that their superior physical condition will win the battle for them by wearing out the Russian garrison, which is constituted of less hardened material, down to the point of exhaustion by the persistence of their attack and their refusal to accept a repulse.

While the Russians apparently believe they will hold the Japanese successful resistance is not absolute. The Japanese have guns mounted on nearly all the hills which formerly formed Russian outposts.

The Japanese fire is accurate. The hospitals and Chinese houses at Port Arthur are full of Russian wounded. The narrators say the dead, until ready for burial, are stored in warehouses and are then buried on the outskirts of the town, quicklime being used freely to prevent infection.

Three large ships and two gunboats are being repaired in the dockyard and basin, other ships being behind the shelter of Tiger's Tail Peninsula.

The junks now depart from Liaotai lighthouse.

British Steamer Stopped. Durban, Natal, Aug. 23.—The British steamer Comedian, from Liverpool, July 24, arrived here yesterday, and reported that she was stopped by a Russian converted cruiser yesterday off the mouth of Basho River, in the southwestern part of Cape Colony. After the Comedian had been examined she was allowed to proceed.

REFERRED TO PEKIN. Consul's Meeting Decides on Delay re Chinese Neutrality.

Shanghai, Aug. 23.—John Goodnow, the American Consul-General, who is dean of the consular corps, presided at the meeting of the foreign consuls, held here yesterday. All foreign countries with consular agents were represented. M. Ogardir, the Russian consul, were in attendance. M. Ogardir left a sick bed to attend the meeting. He made a vigorous protest against the presence of the Russian cruiser and the torpedo boat destroyer Grozovoi in Shanghai harbor, and declared that China had failed in her duties as a neutral power. He asserted that the Japanese had the right to take the independent step of entering the harbor and seizing the two vessels. The attitude of M. Ogardir was warlike and uncompromising.

M. Kleinmoff protested against the entering of the harbor Sunday by a Japanese torpedo boat destroyer, and insisted upon the right of the two Russian warships in question to remain and repair damages.

REFERRED TO PEKIN. A suggestion made by the British consul to refer the entire matter to Pekin was adopted. In the meantime the work on the Askold is to cease for 48 hours, and no further steps are to be taken by the consuls, who will await instructions from their respective Governments.

The British fleet is expected to reach here to-morrow.

Yankess Cleared For Action. The Japanese torpedo boat destroyer which entered the harbor yesterday has left the harbor with dispatches for the fleet.

The Taotai has, by order of the Walwoupi (minister of Foreign Affairs), again taken a hand in the affair, and has issued another extension of time to the Russian vessels, which have been ordered now to leave at noon Tuesday.

The American men-of-war in the harbor, while retaining the outward appearance of inaction, have for several days been practically cleared for action, with gun sights in position and steam up. Rear-Admiral Sterling is determined that the Japanese shall not interfere with the Russian vessels. He has, it is reported, offered to escort the Askold and Grozovoi beyond a three-mile limit.

London Press View. London, Aug. 23.—The afternoon papers here take it for granted that if any intervention is necessary at Shanghai the powers will act together in upholding the neutrality of China equally against both belligerents.

Paris Says "Unjustifiable." Paris, Aug. 23.—The officials here consider the statement that the Taotai of Shanghai has informed the Chinese Government that he is unable to enforce the neutrality of the port. In spite of pro-Russian sympathies serious opinion here considers that Russian conduct in the difficulty is not justifiable.

Fearing Jap Attack. St. Petersburg, Aug. 23.—The despatches saying that energetic action had been taken by the American warships at Shanghai to protect the neutrality of China has aroused the liveliest satisfaction in official and unofficial circles here. The protected cruiser Askold and the torpedo boat destroyer Grozovoi will be disarmed.

The refusal of the Russian consul-general at Shanghai to comply with the requests of the Foreign Office, due to the fact that no agreement had previously been reached between the Chinese and Japanese authorities, and Russia did not propose to allow the Chinese to disarm the ships, as they did in the case of the Ryeshi-tai at Che Foo with the possibility that they might subsequently be attacked by the Japanese in port.

What Britain Would Prefer. London, Aug. 23.—Interest in official and diplomatic circles in London yesterday centred at Shanghai, where British interests are strongly appealing for protection. Great Britain, however, would prefer that the United States take the initiative in maintaining the neutrality of China.

Great Britain's position as the ally of Japan making her situation delicate unless her interests are directly menaced. It is true, the officials say, that Great Britain agreed in principle to the neutrality of China, but she did not undertake to enforce it. Throughout the discussion relative to the Askold and the Grozovoi she has held the view that it is none of her business, and the extent to which Great Britain has gone is to point out to China the importance of maintaining her neutrality, by which both belligerents are affected.

A sudden fit of anger may have an influence in many directions.

NOW TO PAVE

MURRAY STREET

City Council Decide to Lay Asphalt Block Pavement as Result of Petition.

Ald. McCoig Watching the Estimates—Criticism Amounts Which were not Out Down in Accordance With Tax Rate.

Murray St. will have an asphalt block pavement this year. So it was decided by the Council last evening.

At a meeting of the Council, held some time ago, the initiatory proceedings were taken for a bitulithic pavement on this street. Later on a petition was received for an asphalt block pavement, and when this petition came up a number of the residents on the street addressed the Council and asked that no pavement be put down this year. This was granted and a motion was passed laying the matter over until next year. This was thought to be satisfactory to the residents of the street and the matter was dropped.

Last evening, however, the matter was opened up again by Ald. Piggott, who presented a petition for an asphalt block pavement. It was referred to the Clerk, who reported it sufficiently signed, and he moved it be referred to the Engineer to report on and that tenders be asked for so that the contract can be let a week from last night at a special meeting.

Ald. Tye understood that nothing was to be done this year. Ald. McCoig—If we follow out what we have done in the past we will have to give the Murray street people what they ask for.

Ald. Martin—When the other petition came up a number of the people of the street came to me and said they were positively against any motion to that effect. If it depends on me to rescind that motion I won't do it.

The Mayor—It doesn't.

Ald. Martin (continuing)—None of the people on the street have come to me.

Ald. McCoig—If we are going to put down this pavement we will have to do it right away before the bad weather comes. If we wait until the people go to Ald. Martin we will be putting down the pavement when the snow is lying.

Ald. Piggott—None of them have come to see me, either, but I don't need any of the girls or men to come to me and ask me how I am going to vote.

Ald. Martin—This petition seems to be an easy-street affair and if we wait a little we will have a counter petition in again.

Ald. Edmondson—Whatever we do we will have to do at once. Piggott—Edmondson—That we rescind the motion passed to the effect that no pavement will be put down this year. Carried.

The petition was then referred to the Engineer for the report and tenders will be asked for at once. At the special meeting next Monday night the initiatory proceedings will be abandoned and a by-law passed for an asphalt block pavement.

There were present at the meeting Mayor McKeough and Ald. Scullard, McCoig, Piggott, Tye, Westman, Edmondson and Martin.

The following was the Treasurer's statement of expenditures from the first of the year to the present time:—

Administration of Justice...\$2,312.41
Board of Works " " " 5,549.67
Board of Health " " " 1,062.01
Charity " " " 1,350.93
Fire Department " " " 3,132.61
Bridges " " " 968.41
Contingencies " " " 1,377.61
Electric Light " " " 3,959.19
Harrison Hall " " " 1,064.13
Interest Acct. " " " 1,760.69
Legal Expenses " " " 378.80
Police Department " " " 2,622.10
Salary Acct. " " " 2,564.46
Tennant's Park " " " 190.41
Victoria Park " " " 131.58
Printing and Stationery " " " 1,011.00
Cemetery " " " 708.08
Election Expenses " " " 166.25
King St. Paving Acct. " " " 625.58
R. G. TLEMING, Treas.

Ald. McCoig—If the expenditure of the Electric Light Dept. to the present time is \$3,959.19, and the estimate is \$7,500, how did the Finance committee arrive at the rate and not cut them down?

Ald. Edmondson—The new dynamo and the extension of the main were included in the estimate and not in the Treasurer's report.

Ald. McCoig—I understand there is a special rate of 5 mills to cover the expense of the water main, and by that the Property committee's estimate is \$1,200 more than last year.

Ald. Edmondson—It is not one cent more than last year.

The Mayor (Ald. McCoig)—It would be well to ask your question when Ald. Marshall is here to answer as he is the only one in a position to answer it.

A communication was received from the Massillon Brick Co., dated 17th of August, notifying the Council that they have sent a carload of brick. Received.

The brick have not yet been received by Messrs. Blight & Fielder.

A petition for a granite walk on Patterson avenue, from Queen to Raleigh streets, was received and referred to the Clerk to report on.

A petition for a granite walk on Princess street, from King to Wellington, was sufficiently signed, and referred to the Engineer for a report.

The Warren Bitulithic Company asked for the amount of their account, \$187. This will be paid as soon as the work is completed and proved to be satisfactory.

Mr. Turner, caretaker of the Maple Leaf Cemetery, notified the Council of the removal of a couple of bodies. A refund will be given to the interested parties.

A petition was received for an asphalt block pavement on Murray St. Referred to the Clerk to report. S. J. Pense wrote notifying the Council of the annual meeting of the Canadian Municipal Association on Sept. 8 and 7.

The Book of Canada Company asked for a scene of Chatham to put in the book they are publishing. Finance.

The City of Montreal passed a resolution accepting guarantee companies instead of public works. A circular was sent to the Chatham Council, asking them to take the same action. Finance.

William Chrysler asked for larger pay for granite walks in view of his extensive losses. Ref. Board of Works.

Fred W. Knott complained that some electric light poles should be moved to the outside of a new granite walk in front of his property.

Mr. Sayer, for Mary Labombarde, asked for damages for an injury Mrs. Labombarde received on Head St. from some electric wires which were down. Referred to the Finance committee. The wires belonged to the Chatham Gas Co.

A petition against the sewer on Park avenue, from Pine street to St. George street, was referred to the Board of Works.

Ald. Piggott reported that he would have a proposition to make to the Council at the next meeting night in connection with a large iron industry which he is bringing to the City.

Ald. Edmondson asked about the city dumping ground. Some one has locked up the premises and citizens can't get to the ground. Ald. Edmondson was empowered to interview the solicitor in the matter.

Ald. Piggott asked Ald. Edmondson about the trouble experienced by the Electric Light Company in getting coal. The coal is supplied by the Lake Erie Coal Company, who should be able to deliver it at this season of the year.

Ald. Edmondson—This is the first

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School Books

Not so long now before you start your brains to work again. We would remind you that we still have the largest quantities and best assortment of School Supplies that came to the city.

High School Books....

Public School Books.....

Model School Books.....

School Helps,
Exercise Books,
Scribblers,
Note Books,
Pencils,
Pens,
Rubbers,
Rulers,
Chalk, etc.
It will pay you to buy your Books this year at

SULMAN'S BEEHIVE

KING and SIXTH STREET.



Here's
A Tip
On The
"Q. T."

The present week will be your last chance, for some time to come, to buy Shoes at the prices at which we are now selling them.

Hundreds of buyers have taken advantage of this **Great Shoe Sale**, and not one of them would, to-day, sell you their Shoes at the price they paid for them.

Our Great Clearance Sale is and has been a

HOWLING SUCCESS

Have you had your share of the good things at this **Great Shoe Treat?**

If not, heed our warning and come at once for, when the lights go out on **Saturday Night**, it will be everlastingly too late. Buy now and save regrets.

Here are some of the bargains that remain:—

25 pairs Womens \$4 co Shoes for \$3.00	
35 " " 3.00 " 2.50	
30 " " 3.50 " 3.00	
40 pairs Mens \$5 Shoes for \$4.00	
30 " " 4 " 3.00	
25 " " 3 " 2.50	

Turrill = The Shoe Man