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BUTTERICK PATTERNS

THOMAS STONE & SON

FASHIONABLE SHEETS FREE

Honest Linens

Has been one of the features of this business ever since your grandmothers filled their linen closets from our shelves. Thus by only having reliable Linens to sell this "satisfactory store" has become purveyor of Linens to her serene highness, the Chatham matron and her household.

Table Damask

As never before, by the yard, in all widths, bleached or unbleached, or the creamy satin Damask Cloths of every size, with Napkins to match, at all prices per yd. from

25c to \$2.00

Towels and Towelings

Make us really "Linen proud." For if we have learned to judge your taste correctly, we've Towel comfort for you by the dozen.

Towels from 10c each to 50c

Towelings, all Linen, 8c, 10c, 12c and 15c

The Art Linens

Include all manner of dainty things for table, dresser, cray cloths, carving cloths, squares and scarfs, innumerable, some hemstitched, some plain, at very special prices.

25c, 35c, 40c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 & \$1.50

A Splendid Purchase

Of manufacturers' samples of Battenberg Pieces of all kinds, these we are selling at 25 per cent below regular prices

Mill Seconds

Lots of them left. Just think of buying Napkins that are only slightly imperfect at these prices.

size, regular \$4.50 quality, for \$2.50

size, regular \$1.50 and \$1.75 quality for \$1.25

THOMAS STONE & SON, Direct Importers of Irish Linens.

The Pruning Season

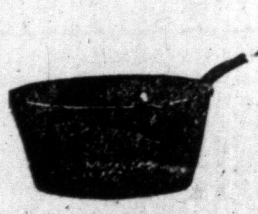
Will soon be here and those who wish to raise good fruit and grow nice trees must prune. Geo. Stephens, Quinn & Douglas have all the necessary tools for this purpose and their prices are right.

Geo. Stephens, Quinn & Douglas

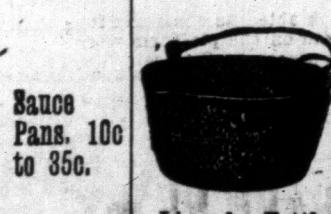
FAMOUS ENAMELED WARE



Covered Stew Kettles 35c, 45c, 55c



Round Pudding Pans 10c to 30c



Lipped Kettles for Preserving or Cooking, 20c to 75c



Oval Bake or Pudding Dish 10c, 15c, 20c.



Mugs and Cups 5c to 8c.



Wash Basins 15c to 25c.

"THE ARK" for any thing you need for the kitchen.

H. Macaulay "THE ARK"

STILL STAND ON GUARD

The Lion and the Bear Show a Desire to Mix-up.

Forces are Reduced, However, to Prevent Possible Collision During Negotiations.

Tien Tsin, March 18.—There is no change in the situation developed by the Anglo-Russian railway dispute here. The Russian and British forces are represented by small detachments with officers encamped on opposite sides of the railway siding. The utmost friendliness is exhibited toward each other by the opposing parties; but as a measure of precaution the guards have been reduced to twenty-seven on each side in order to prevent any possible collision during the negotiations. A Russian general arrived from Peking Saturday evening. Owing to the persistent rowdiness of French soldiers in the British concession, the British authorities have been reluctantly compelled to forbid the French to enter the concession unless on duty. Maj. Hockley, of the British forces, arrived yesterday afternoon in the French concession.

The Russians continue to purchase land in their new territory. Count von Waldersee is expected to arrive here Tuesday from Kiao-Chow.

THREAT OF AN ENGLISH PAPER.

London, March 18.—The Tien Tsin correspondent of the Standard, says: "The railway dispute here is another of the attempts of the Russian admiral, Alexieff, to create trouble, and until he is removed there will be constant friction, which will eventually lead to hostilities. He loses no opportunity to thwart the English." Commenting editorially upon its Tien Tsin advice the Standard reminds Russia that "the British fleet is as potent as ever and Japan is burning to second the efforts of anyone ready to oppose the annexation of Manchuria."

"It is a painful task thus to be compelled even to hint at contingencies so vast and disturbing, but the perils of the moment are more likely to be overcome if it is thoroughly realized that we do not shrink from such action as would be best calculated to maintain our rights."

SITUATION VERY GRAVE.

The other morning papers recognize the gravity of the situation at Tien Tsin and counsel the government to be firm but they express themselves less aggressively.

"A grievous blow has been inflicted upon our reputation in the far east," says the Daily Mail. "Our weakness and unpreparedness for war are well known to our enemies and there is reason to expect further surprises in the diplomatic line. Before, however, we can put our foot down the empire must be placed in fighting order."

There is no fear of Lord Salisbury going to war with Russia for a good or bad cause," says the Daily News. "Russia is a fit object for graceful concessions and not a small republic to be bullied and provoked."

St. Patrick's Day will be observed by a splendid concert in the Grand Opera House to-morrow evening, when Harold Jarvis, Miss McGill, and the best local talent will present an admirable program. Seats can be reserved at the Central Drug Store.

"We were very much pleased with the design you sent. It was beautiful and appropriate." The Victoria Ave. Green Houses receive such words of commendation every day. Telephone No. 181.

A GENERAL SURRENDER NOW IN CONTEMPLATION

Boer Leaders are Reported to be Holding Daily Conferences Upon the Proposal.

London, Monday, March 18.—A Cape Town despatch, dated Sunday, says:—General De Wet's commando has been broken up at Senekal, Orange River Colony.

A Pretoria despatch of Sunday says:—The prospects of peace are still considered hopeful.

The Boer losses last month were 100 killed and 400 wounded and 1,000 captured and surrendered. Nothing has transpired except that the fate of the Boers who have surrendered is one of the subjects of discussion. The leaders are in communication on the subject of a general surrender with the Boer committee at Amsterdam. It is stated that the manufacture of ammunition is proceeding vigorously.

CONFERRING DAILY.

Monday, March 17.—A special despatch from Standerton says the Boers are massing at the station on the Delagoa line, and the leaders are conferring daily at each station and also at Pietersburg. Nothing has transpired except that the fate of the Boers who have surrendered is one of the subjects of discussion. The leaders are in communication on the subject of a general surrender with the Boer committee at Amsterdam. It is stated that the manufacture of ammunition is proceeding vigorously.

CONFERENCE AT PIETERSBURG.

London, March 16.—A special despatch from Durban, Natal, says the Boer commanders are holding a meeting at Pietersburg, in the northern Transvaal, to discuss the position and the advisability of a continuation of the war.

LOOTING AND BURNING.

London, Cape Colony, Friday, March 15.—The Boers passed through here yesterday morning. They looted the stores, seized forage, and burned what wheat they could not carry off.

ERASMUS CAPTURED.

London, March 16.—A despatch from Gen. Kitchener, dated from Pretoria, March 16, announces that the notorious Abel Erasmus, of Lydenburg, has been brought in with his family of Col. Park's column.

DRIVEN OUT IN II.

London, March 16.—Whatever the result of the peace negotiations between Gen. Kitchener and Gen. Botha, it is tolerably certain that the rumors of the inclusion of Gen. De Wet in any form of amnesty are not based on fact. Gen. Kitchener's personal views of the Boer leader are not known in Pall Mall, but if the War Office is consulted the officials there would rather see De Wet killed in action than taken alive.

One of the officials responsible for the direction of the affairs of the army said to a press representative:—"I cannot see how Kitchener can possibly accept De Wet's surrender. If he ever gets him he will be obliged to try him for his recent alleged murders of prisoners. I have no doubt that the verdict of either a military or a civil court would be death, and if such a verdict should be carried out there would be a horrible howl on the continent and in America. And, indeed, one would be sorry to see such a brave fighter meet such an end. Therefore, we can only hope De Wet will either be let out of the country or shot in battle."

RAIDERS DRIVEN BACK.

Cape Town, March 16.—A party of Boer invaders, which was evidently marching with the intention of raiding the remount depot at Bowker's Park, Cape Colony, was met by the colonial district forces, and driven back. One British soldier was dangerously wounded.

A small party of Boers in the Tarkastad district met three colonial scouts. The Boers held up their hands and showed a white flag, but when the scouts approached the burghers fired on them. One of the scouts was severely wounded.

An armored train from Kimberley collided yesterday with a regular train near the Orange river bridge. One soldier was killed and four were injured. The rolling stock was considerably damaged.

CASUALTY LIST.

London, March 16.—The war office last night issued the monthly return of casualties of the British force in South Africa. The total reduction of the force throughout the war is 16,859 officers and men, as follows:—Deaths in South Africa—664 officers, 13,137 men.

Missing and prisoners—17 officers, 783 men (some of the latter have rejoined).

Invalids sent home, who have died—4 officers, 287 men.

Invalids sent home, who have left the service as unfit—1,967 men.

The total casualties during February were 632 officers and men.

ing in the ditches from famine, the Sultan of Turkey sent his check for the sum of £10,000. While the richest of all the world's sovereigns, Queen Victoria, whose purse was overflowing with gold, the gold state from Ireland's poor, opened the strings and with the dying echoes of a famished people ringing in her ears, donated the munificent sum of £5.

UNCLE SAM IS NOT NEUTRAL.

"Not content with crushing the life out of a famished people, she sends her petted lords abroad to spill the blood of the defenders of a weak republic in South Africa. But she was met with drawn steel, the only thing which England fears. The reports of her defeated generals were daily, 'I regret to announce.' Regrets are in order yet. And this great nation is selling its horses to England to help drag cannon against the builders and defenders of a republic. It is a violation of the laws of neutrality."

"England lives in dread of that day when the united Irish soldiers from this country and all the world over will march upon her and crush her into dust, blotting out forever that monster of greed, that glutton of blood, vampire of destruction, mistress of famine and consort of savages and barbarians."

Frank C. Cook acted as chairman for the evening, and on the platform were Assistant Corporation Counsel McGrath, Bishop Foley and other Detroit citizens. A musical program followed with Irish solos by local talent.

TELEGRAPH NEWS

Sir William Macdonald has just presented McGill University with \$100,000, and Miss Jessie Dow has made a gift of \$50,000 to the same institution.

The time of ratification of the reciprocity treaties between the United States and Jamaica, Bermuda, Guiana and Caledon Islands has been extended for a year.

A select committee of the House of Commons on the premature publication in The Times of the details of the civil list yesterday recommended the Speaker to take steps, whether by exclusion of The Times' representative from the House or otherwise, as he saw fit, to prevent a recurrence of the offence.

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CITY SOLDIER WRITES HOME

Private Wm. H. Reed Tells of the Campaign in South Africa.

Is Identified With the Imperial Light Horse now on Active Service.

Major Reed has received the following letter from his son Willie, who is with the Imperial Light Horse, South Africa.

Bernato Park Camp, Johannesburg, Transvaal.

My dear Parents, I presume you are in receipt of my letter under date of January 12th, from Cape Town. Well, dear father and mother, I take pleasure in saying that I am in active service now, being identified with the Imperial Light Horse, a Colonial regiment that has gained great distinction throughout this campaign. I enlisted with them at East London, Cape Colony, and I left the Cape Jan. 14th and arrived at E. London the 17th, a distance of 600 miles, it taking three days to make the journey, as we only travelled during the day. From there we were ordered to this city, leaving E. London on the 18th, and on the route we stopped at Queenstown and Bloemfontein, the latter city being the capital of the Orange Free State (which is now the Orange River Colony). I must say that it is a beautiful city. The British have it well fortified, there being about 8,000 soldiers stationed there, and from there we journeyed to Kroonstadt, a city where in the earlier campaign there was heavy fighting. At the latter place our captain received orders from head quarters to proceed to Johannesburg that night, and as the train on which we were was the first to make the attempt by night, we had only 250 soldiers aboard and we left Kroonstadt about 7.30 p. m. Prior to the train leaving the captain gave the command for us all to be in readiness as we were bound to engage the enemy in this hostile part of the country. So here is where the fun begins; and I shall never forget it. About 2 a. m. valley after valley was poured into the train. The captain gave the order for the train to come to a standstill, and we all got on the opposite side of the train from which the Boers were, and rushed to the rear part of the train, where we had 15 Boer prisoners, the captain ordered us to keep them very close in order that they should not give any information to the Boers. We engaged the enemy from 2 a. m. until 4 a. m., when it was breaking day and we could then see the Boers beating a hasty retreat to the mountains. There must have been fully 600 of them who attacked us, and we drove them off, so you may judge what kind of fighters they are. There were 13 Boers killed and about

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