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## Only one more week

And Christmas will be upon us. Have you done your shopping? For your own comfort and convenience we would strongly advise you to shop early in the week and early in the morning. Better chance of looking around if you come early, and better chance of being carefully waited upon.

We present here a list for your careful perusal. You all know from the past few days experience what great bargains we are now offering in Christmas goods. You know too that the early buyer is the one who secures best choice. Come to-night or Monday morning if you would have full benefit of these offerings.

### BLACK DRESS GOODS SALE

For to-night and Monday we place on sale a number of pieces of Black Dress Goods. 1 piece 40 yds., 42 in. wide all wool Black Whipcord.  
1 piece 35 yds. 38 in. wide, all wool Black Russell Cord, regular price 45c a yard.  
1 piece 30 yds., 42 in. wide, all wool Black Cheviot Serge, worth regular 50c a yard.  
1 piece 35 yds., wide, all wool Black Coasting Serge, worth 40c a yard.  
2 pieces 50 yds., each, 40 in. wide, figured Black Satin Cloth, worth reg. 35c yard.  
All these six pieces will be placed on sale to-night and Monday for

25c yard.

### SALE OF MEN'S UNDERWEAR

10 dozen Men's all wool Under Shirts and Drawers will be placed on sale to-night and Monday for

35c each

### SPECIAL HOLIDAY NOVELTIES

We are exceptionally well provided this season with dainty gifts, not costing much money.

#### LADIES' TIES

Some bought from a manufacturer, some made up by our own department in Chiffon Bows, long Satin Ties with lace ends, Stock Collars, trimmed with pretty lace, etc., ranging in price from

25c to \$1.25

More acceptable gifts it would be hard to find.

### SILK HDKF SALE

Ladies' fine Japan Embroidered Hdks—worth regular 40c, 50c and 75c, placed on sale to-night and Monday for

25c each

### LINEN HUCK TOWEL SALE

15 dozen Half-bleached Linen Huck Towels, with red borders, hemmed ready for use, placed on sale to-night and Monday for

15c a pair

### Ribbon Selling

Have you ever experienced such a deluge of bargains before as we are running on you just at holiday time, and just when you want to make times and dollars go as far as you possibly can. Our Administration Sale has been a tremendous success and no such business has ever been done in Chatham as we have done since Nov. 15th, and are doing still. The reason is not far to seek. Our great obligation to reduce the stock has forced us to mark every line of goods in the entire stock regardless of cost. Only considering the price which would mean quickly sell the goods. Especially in this case with our Ribbon stock, through our error an English house sent us out exactly twice the quantity of Ribbons we ordered, and rather than take them back we were allowed a considerable concession on them. Ribbons were never so cheap in Chatham before as these on our Ribbon Counter.

### SALE OF XMAS JACKETS

Children's Jackets made of Navy Blue Beaver Cloth, trimmed with fur—also Children's jackets made of heavy Serge trimmed with braid and brass buttons, all these jackets worth regular from \$2.00 to \$4.50 will be placed on sale to-night and Monday for

50c each

### SALE OF BOYS' UNDERWEAR

Boys' heavy Winter Under Shirts and Drawers, in sizes about 3 to 10 years, placed on sale to-night and Monday for

10c each

### SALE OF COSTUME CLOTHS

15 pieces 42 in. wide Costume Cloth in colors, browns, greens, blues and grays, good weight and fine finish, regular price 25c and 25c a yard, on sale to-night and Monday for

14c yard

### LADIES' AND MEN'S UMBRELLAS

LADIES' UMBRELLAS  
With the daintiest, prettiest handles imaginable, with silk tops and neat silk covers, for

\$3.00 to \$4.50

#### MEN'S UMBRELLAS

Good solid frames, tight rollers, silk or satin-de-couche covers, with swiftest possible handles in price

\$2.00 to \$6.00

### COLORLED CHEESE CLOTH

In all shades for decorative purposes, for

5c yard

## GENERAL BULLER'S ATTACK FAILS. Repulsed in Trying to Force a Passage of the Tugela River With the Loss of Eleven Field Guns.

London, Saturday, Dec. 16, 12.47 a.m.—The War Office has received a despatch, announcing that Gen. Buller has met with a serious reverse. Gen. Buller was attempting to cross the Tugela River. Finding it impossible to effect his object, he ordered a retirement in order to avoid greater losses. He left eleven guns behind. The following is the text of Gen. Buller's message, announcing his reverse:—

"Buller to Lansdowne:—  
"Chevilly Camp, Dec. 15, 6.20 p.m.  
"I regret to report a serious reverse.  
"I moved in full strength from our camp near Chevilly at four this morning.  
"There are two fordable places in the Tugela River, and it was my intention to force a passage through one of them. They are about two miles apart.  
"My intention was to force one or the other with one brigade, supported by a central brigade. Gen. Hart was to attack the left drift, Gen. Buller was to attack the right, and Gen. Lyttelton was to take the centre and to support either.  
"Early in the day I saw that Gen. Hart would not be able to force a passage, and I directed him to withdraw. He had, however, attacked with great gallantry, and his leading battalion, the Connaught Rangers, I fear, suffered a serious wound.  
"I then ordered Gen. Buller to advance, which he did, and his leading regiment, the East Surrey, occupied Colenso station and the houses near the bridge.  
"At that moment I heard that the whole artillery had sent to support the attack—the 14th and 66th Field Batteries and six naval twelve-pounder quick-firers, under Col. Long, had advanced close to the river in Long's desire to be within effective range.  
"It proved to be full of the enemy, who suddenly opened a galling fire at close range, killing all their horses, and the gunners were compelled to stand to their guns.  
"Some of the wagon teams got shel-

ter for the troops in a donga, and desperate efforts were made to bring out the field guns. The fire, however, was too severe, and only two were saved by Capt. Schofield and some drivers, whose names I will furnish.  
"Another most gallant attempt, with three teams, was made by an officer whose name I will obtain.  
"Of the 15 horses 13 were killed and also several drivers were injured.  
"I would not allow another attempt, as it seemed as they would be a shell mark, sacrificing life to a gallant attempt to force the passage.  
"Unsupported by artillery, I directed the troops to withdraw, which they did in good order.  
"Throughout the day considerable force of the enemy was pressing on my right flank, but was kept back by

of the Indian mutiny the nation has not been confronted with so painful and anxious a situation. Plainly, Gen. Buller's advance is paralyzed for the moment as completely as Lord Methuen's and Gen. Gatacre's.

#### BRITAIN'S ANSWER

To Every Reverse is Another Call for Troops and Guns.

Immediately on receiving the news, the war office decided to mobilize still another division, and to replace the losses of artillery. The necessary reinforcements will be hurried off as speedily as possible. Fifteen transports are due to arrive at Cape Town between Dec. 17 and Jan. 8 with about 15,000 troops of all arms, but unless Gen. Buller is able to renew the attack, which is exceedingly doubtful, the British generals will be compelled for another fortnight or two to remain practically on the defensive. Maj.-Gen. Sir Herbert Charles Chermiside has been appointed to command the 14th Brigade in the seventh division.

#### THE GLOOMY INFORMATION.

The depression over the defeat of Great Britain's trusted and idolized commander is all the greater, as during the last 48 hours there had been reports of the relief of Ladysmith. Yesterday (Friday) the war office allowed it to be understood that the position of affairs in Natal was entirely satisfactory. During the afternoon the War Office received a despatch from General Buller, dated Dec. 15th, which, while indirectly giving a quietus to the Ladysmith relief rumors, was otherwise unimportant. The gloomy information came too late to reach the service clubs, and only a few journalists and stragglers were waiting at the war office. It has hardly been realized until now, even after the experience of the week, that Gen. Buller could fail. Virtually nothing had been allowed to leak through regarding his preparations, but the public waited patiently, in the confident belief that he was taking such time and precautions as would ensure success.

#### ENTRAPPED AGAIN.

No independent reports of the engagement have yet been allowed to come through, but Gen. Buller's own despatch tells the sad tale in sufficient outline to show that the British have been entrapped again by the astute Boers. It was not anticipated that Gen. Buller would make a frontal attack, but no criticisms of his movements are made, since, apparently he suffered a repulse rather than a defeat, and did not push the attack home, but broke it off in the middle so as to save a useless sacrifice of life. It is expected that he will renew the attack shortly.

#### THE GUNS RECAPTURED

And General Clerly Reported to Have Entered Ladysmith.

London, Dec. 16. — A report from Pietermaritzburg says that General Buller has retaken the guns abandoned in the attempt to force the Tugela. It also declares that Gen. Clerly has forced his way into Ladysmith and joined General White with a large force of troops.

Baillie's Art Galleries will be open Saturday nights. Everybody will be welcome at any time to view our photo and artistic frames. Get prices before buying.

McClurg and Harrington will sell by auction four lots between Lacroix and Edgar streets on Thursday next at the Garner House at noon.

Dr. George T. McKenough is a candidate for school trustee in No. 3 ward, which he has acceptably represented for a number of years.



MAJOR-GEN. WAUCHOPE.  
In command of the Highland Brigade, killed at Magersfontein.

mounted men under Lord Dundaonald and part of Gen. Buller's brigade.

"The day was intensely hot and most trying to the troops, whose conflict was excellent.

"We have abandoned ten guns and lost one by shell fire.

"The losses in Gen. Hart's brigade are, I fear, heavy, although the proportion of severely wounded is, I hope, not large.

"The 14th and 66th Field Batteries also suffered severe losses.

"We have retired to our camp at Chevilly."

#### BLAME THE GENERALS.

The Boer Commanders, say the London Newspapers, are Able to Give Our Officers Executive Lessons.

London, Saturday, Dec. 16, 4.30 a.m.—The news of Gen. Buller's reverse was received so late this morning newspaper comment to-day is confined to perfunctory expressions of extreme regret and disappointment and of the necessity of calmness and redoubled efforts to retrieve the position. This latest check is regarded as the most serious event in Great Britain's military history since the Indian mutiny.

The Standard says:—"Gen. Buller's despatch is deplorable reading. It is the now familiar story of concealed Boers and of British troops marching up blindly almost to the very muzzles of the enemy's rifles. It cannot be doubted that the moral effect will be to aggravate our difficulties over the whole field of operations. The country has discovered with annoyance and surprise that subduing Boer farmers is about the hardest work we have entered since the Indian mutiny. Their commandants have shown themselves able to give our generals useful, but expensive, lessons in modern tactics."

The Times says:—"Since the days

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| Table Raisins.   | 12 1/2 to 25c lb |
| Currents, perfectly cleaned, large blue fruit.   | 3 lb. for 25c    |
| New Dates.   | 3 lb. for 25c    |
| Cooking Figs.  | 5c per lb        |
| Table Figs.  | 15c and 20c lb   |
| Malaga Grapes.   | 30c per lb       |
| Shelled Almonds.   | 35c per lb       |

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| BOYS' CLOTHING—Boys' 2 pc. Suits, fine all-wool Tweeds, neat patterns, medium and dark colors, nobby styles, well lined, a splendid school suit, our special leader at.....\$2.50 | Fine Black Clay Worsted Suits, 3 pc. warranted pure wool and best dye, in size 32 to 35, the noblest suit in the city at.....\$6.90   | Youth's Hoofers, sizes 28 to 35 in., heavy rough serge, double breasted storm collar, a dressy and comfortable coat worth \$4.00 to \$4.50, special at.....\$3.50  |
| Boys' 2 pc. Suits, fine Scotch Tweed patterns, very stylish make, choice patterns, medium and dark shades, matchless value at.....\$3.75  | Youth's Suits, manufacturers sample lot, sizes 32 to 35, long pants, fine all-wool tweeds, choice patterns, medium and dark colors, well tailored, A 1 lining, perfect fitting, clearing at \$3.90, \$4.50, \$5.00 and.....\$6.00 | Men's Suits, in Canadian and Imported Tweeds, English Clay worsteds in black, fine domestic and imported Serges, in black and navy, an immense range of styles and patterns to select from guaranteed in workmanship and fit, at \$4.50, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$10.00 and.....\$12.00 |
| Boys' 2 pc. Suits, in good strong Tweeds and Navy Serge, neatly made well lined, these suits are goods value \$2 and \$2.25, our special price.....\$1.08                         | Boys' Knicker Pants, good strong tweeds and Serges for boys 5 to 14 years, worth \$1.00 to \$1.50 special, to clear.....48c   | Men's Frieze Ulsters, heavy weight pure wool strong tweed lining, high storm collars, special at \$4.50, \$6.00 and.....\$10.00  |
| Boys' 3 pc. Suits, fine wool Tweeds, small checks in medium colorings well tailored, regular \$4.50 Suits 6 only left, to be cleared at.....\$3.48                                | Boys' R-cloths, sizes 20 to 27 in., black boucle Serge, good heavy weight, double front high storm collar, well lined, guaranteed to give satisfaction, our special leader at.....\$2.80  | Men's Rain Front Coats, in fast blk. Serge twills, with cape, check linings, sewn seams, worth \$3.00, special at.....\$2.48   |
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