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A Wonderful Chance on Friday

On Friday morning at eight o'clock we place on sale in our Dress Goods Department

18 DRESS LENGTHS

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LEATHER=FOOD

A LECTURE TO SHOE WEARERS

THE plague of fine leather is thirst. The finer it is the drier it is—and the drier it is the more it needs fibre feeding polish. Cheap leathers, honestly made, are filled with oil. Cheap leathers, made to imitate fine grades, are coated with shoe varnish. Varnish of any sort must contain turpentine, spirits, benzine, ammonia or other evaporatives. Any shoe dressing that shines without rubbing is a varnish. Any varnish dressing will burn leather, crack it and seal up its pores. A rubber or patent leather shoe hurts the foot because it is air tight and does not allow the skin to throw off its poisons through the pores of the leather. A shoe which lives in an air-tight sweat box keeps constantly damp, engendering colds, chills, etc. Any varnish or wax dressing converts leather into rubber, and the foot acids which cannot escape through the shoe become absorbed into it, rising upon the foot. More shoes are burnt out from the inside by this foot acid than are worn out from the outside. A prepping foot is made twice as tender by the use of such a dressing. No polish need ever be wax coating, for it penetrates the leather, and no polish can preserve leather unless it penetrates it, moistens and keeps moist the fibres. One dose of moisture, even if sealed in the leather, is soon dried out by the heat of the foot.

A good polish should be neither waxy nor varnishy, nor oily enough to rub off and stain or to darken colored shoes materially. It should not coat leather and should not catch the dust, nor scratch easily, as wax or varnish must do when the foot or sun warms it. Slater Shoe Polish contains neither wax nor varnish, being a fine thin fibre-food oil, which quickly absorbed into the leather, leaves a film of burnishing powder on the surface, which acts upon leather when rubbed, as emery does upon brass. It burnishes the actual leather, leaving it hard, smooth and dry, so that dust cannot stick to it, nor contact scratch with a cloth. Three kinds for different sorts of leather, and no one of them will soil the whitest garment. For black or colored leathers. Best that money can buy for Ladies', Gentlemen's or Children's shoes. A coupon with each bottle which is "Good for five cents on the price of Slater Shoes."

25c per Bottle

"SLATER SHOE POLISH"

The 2 T's = Trudell & Tobey Sole Agents for Slater Shoes and Barrington Hats.

"TOP TO TOE CLOTHIERS."

IS WELL PLEASED

The British Press Satisfied With President McKinley's Reply

To the Boer Peace Envoy—The Result May Exasperate the Russians.

London, May 23.—The morning papers continue to discuss at length President McKinley's refusal to intervene, pointing out the collapse of the Boer hopes. The Times says the Boer delegates in the United States have had an interview with President McKinley, and the answer is what we had a right to expect from the chief magistrate of a great and friendly nation. It is just as well as things have turned out "that Mr. McKinley made a tender of good offices to Lord Salisbury, which we did not appreciate when we first heard it, for the answer the President's suggestion naturally called forth has served a double purpose, as it made the position of this Government and nation unmistakable to the world and armed Mr. McKinley with indisputable reasons for refusing to listen to the Boer emissaries. The refusal of the United States to interfere in a quarrel which is none of theirs, will further exasperate, we know, the susceptibilities of those well-known champions of justice and freedom, the Novosti and the Novoe Vremya, both of which are in the worst humor over our recent successes."

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It doesn't need much of a critic to tell how eloquent, need no further comment and

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15 doz. Ladies' Summer Vests, with half sleeves, to-night each.....5c
200 yds. Ribbons, Rodman stripes, plaids and checks, pure silk quality, up to 2½ in. wide, reg. 10c and 12½c quality, to-night per yd.....5c
10 doz. Beauty Pins, fancy twisted gold wire, special to-night each.....1c
15 doz. Ladies' Hose, fast Hermsdorf dye, seamless, spliced heels and toes, worth 15c per pr., to-night.....12½c
4 doz. Shirt Waist Sets, pretty styles, reg. 10c, to-night, set.....5c
3 doz. Fancy Belt Buckles, new styles, reg. 25c and 35c, special to-night.....15c
Pulley Belts, in leather, ribbon and metal, new styles, special at 25c, 35c, 50c and.....85c
10 doz. Fancy Stick Pins, very pretty styles, special at 15c and.....10c

3 doz. Pompadour Combs, large size, reg. 15c, special to-night.....10c
Ladies' Bow and String Ties, in fancy stripes and plain colors, new styles, special.....25c
Kid Gloves, fine French kid, plain or fancy stitched backs, 2 dome fasteners, in all the newest spring shades, special per pr. \$1.25 and.....\$1.00
20 doz. Shirt Waists, white lawns, fancy stripe and check prints, muslins, etc., separate collars, special each.....50c
Ladies' Ready-to-wear Skirts, crash, bonneted cloth serge, plaid and fancy lusters, plaids, covers, etc., made up in latest styles, with best trimmings, at each \$1, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3, \$3.25, \$3.50 and.....\$4.00
Ladies' Underskirts, in black and colored astatene, satane cloth, metallic stripes, moreens, taffeta silk and rich satins, handsome styles, at 85c, 95c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.65, \$1.80, \$2, \$2.25, \$2.50, up to.....\$5.50

Ladies' Gowns, good quality cambric lace and tuck trimmed, special at.....45c
Ladies' White Wear, lot gowns, drawers, skirts, corset covers, etc., slightly soiled, clearing to-night at.....1 OFF
Ladies' Tailored Suits, fine homespun tweeds and habit cloth, stylishly made, sold reg. up to \$10, clearing at.....\$6.99
10 doz. Ladies' Straw Sailors, white and colored, silk bands, special to-night each.....25c
8 doz. Fancy French Flowers and Roses, all this season's shades, worth up to 60c, to-night each.....25c
Trimmed Hats, 1 table, beautiful styles, in ladies' and misses' wear, special to-night at \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 and.....\$2.00
10 doz. Men's Ties, four-in-hand and knots, large range of styles, special to-night each.....10c
10 doz. Men's Colored Shirts, soft or laundried bosoms, handsome new patterns, fast colors, special at \$1 and.....75c

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A GRAND OLD BLUFFER.

Dom Paul Says the Transvaal Will Fight to a Finish.

Lord Roberts Has Again Commenced His March on Pretoria—Will be Across the Vaal River Before Sunday.

London, Wednesday, May 23, 3.30 a. m.—The Transvaal government has informed the correspondents at Pretoria that it has not considered and does not intend to consider unconditional surrender, but will fight to a finish. The foreign consuls have been informed that Johannesburg will be defended, and the government announces that it will not hold itself responsible for injury to persons or property resulting from the defence measures. Pretoria despatches affirm that President Kruger, President Steyn and all the most prominent leaders of both republics, after a prolonged interchange of views, are determined to continue the resistance, but that a minority of the leaders advocate surrender without terms. Mrs. Reitz, wife of the Transvaal State Secretary, and her family, with the families of other leaders, have gone to Lorenzo Marques. Johannesburg and Pretoria are being cleared of non-combatants. The Boer chiefs, who now recognize the possibility that they will have to defend these cities, are preparing with the utmost haste. The Boer spirit has been rising from a low ebb, and is now ready for a steadfast resistance.

Nevertheless, according to the Daily Chronicle, long messages in Dutch have been received by the British government by way of Amsterdam, in which President Kruger seeks peace. According to one account, President Kruger surrenders unconditionally; according to another, he asked for terms. There seems to be good reason for believing that he is earnestly endeavoring to secure terms, but cable inquiries fail to confirm the assertion that correspondence has recently passed between Great Britain and the Transvaal respecting terms.

AGAIN ON THE MOVE.

Lord Roberts is again moving. The British infantry left Kroonstad Monday and headquarters were expected to leave yesterday. The railway has been restored and the first train is due to arrive to-day. The Boers are busy blasting for gun emplacements along the Rhenoster River. General Dewet commands, as Gen. Botha is ill. The advance of Lord Roberts will probably be swift. It is the expectation of well informed observers here that the Vaal river, 80 miles beyond Kroonstad, will be crossed by the end of the week.

Sir Redvers Buller, in a general order to his troops, congratulating them on the result of their tedious operations, says they were only checked at Laing's Nek by a fresh commando sent from the Transvaal. Gen. Clery, with a cavalry brigade, assigned the rear guard of the Boers at Laing's Nek on Sunday, captured

a number of wagons and took some prisoners. His artillery shelled the Nek. The Boers, in their retreat, laid waste the territory, blew up bridges and burned several houses, as many as six in Newcastle. The machinery of the Navigation Collieries was ruined. Gen. Buller, replying to residents of Newcastle, who presented to him a trophy, said he expected to return from Pretoria soon.

GEN. BOTHA'S ULTIMATUM.

London, May 23.—The Durban correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Tuesday, says:—The Rev. Adrian Hofmeyer tells me he was informed by a high Boer official that when President Kruger notified the Raad of the government's arrangements to blow up the mines and to destroy Johannesburg, General Louis Botha hurried to Pretoria and had a stormy interview with President Kruger, to whom he said that if the plan were not cancelled he would himself defend Johannesburg, adding that the Boers were not barbarians. At this, according to Mr. Hofmeyer, the plan was abandoned. A telegram from Durban asserts confidently that a plot has been disclosed at Pretoria which has as its object to depose Kruger and his executive council and surrender at an early day. Many progressive Dutchmen, who are also members of the judiciary, are said to be parties to the movement.

DEADLY DISEASE

And Boer Bullets Have Reduced the First Canadian Contingent

To Almost Half Strength—It Marched Out of Bloemfontein Only 623 Strong.

Stanley McKeown Brown, the Mail and Empire's special correspondent with the first Canadian contingent in South Africa (and who has recently been wounded), writing from the Royal Canadian camp at Bloemfontein on April 7th says:— Business is business, and this week the Royal Canadians have been paying strict attention to business. Since had my last letter been posted when Col. Otter's men were called to arms and sent out with the rest of the brigade to reinforce a strong reconnaissance some 15 miles southeast of here. Without a thought of moving on the morning, word came through the lines that the regiment was to move at 5 o'clock on Saturday morning, and consequently the night of unlucky Friday was spent in hasty preparation to go forth to no one knows where. The getting ready part was easily done. There is a vast difference now compared with the time we first came to the country. The adjutant now gives orders in a matter of fact way, and the men lie down for a quiet sleep. A good night's rest, regular reveille, and the regiment was ready for the march at 6 o'clock in the morning. The route lay towards Ladybrand, along a good road to the southeast, but far more east than south. There were many of our men who were unable to undertake the journey on account of sore feet, and when the battalion started 180 were left behind in charge of Capt. Stuart and Capt. Weeks, who also had to look after all who were left behind for the whole division. Broken, battered-up boots were responsible for the inability of many to proceed, while dozens of these who went from here with the intention of going all the way were forced to fall out on the march from causes too varied to mention, and all day long the Canadians kept constantly dropping into camp too sick to go and too shilly-shally to stand the tramp. That morning and afternoon the regiment went on over a grass-covered veldt, through a good country, but though it was the Royal Canadian Regiment, it was not the same that got off the Sardinian four months ago at Cape Town. Then we had 1,039 in all, now when the slim companies started out they had the startlingly small number of 623. It is a Canadian regiment practically cut in two, broken by Boer bullets and battered almost as distressing a part in this war as have the enemy's weapons. Capt. Weeks and Lieut. Laybourn, of the Royal Canadian Regiment of Infantry, have been discharged from hospital, and returned to duty.

One of the morning papers suggests that the men of England should present a sword to Lady Sarah Wilson, the Daily Mail's correspondent at Mafeking during the siege.

Which Side?

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