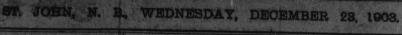
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## WHOLESALE STEALING FROM BAIRD & PETERS

William A. Mullar, who runs a beer nd tohacce shop on Walkey's wharf, as arrested this forenoon on the harge of stealing from Baird & Peters, his is the climax of a year of whole-ale stealing, which has recently as-umed serious proportions, and within very short time, goods to the yaite of illy five hundred dollars have been tken. shop. It was not long before they suc-ceeded in bringing to light fully five hundred dollars worth of goods, placed in different parts of the shop, and in-cluding almost all lines of stock sold by Baird & Peters. Mullar's tastes seemed to be mostly in the direction of class and tobacco, for in these good mail bulk. But there were also bar-rels of flour, canned goods and many other things.

reis of flour, canned goods and many other things. When arrested Mullar readily admit-ted the crime with which he is charged, and stid that most of the stealing had been done about five o'clock in the morning, when there were no police-men in sight. Mrs. Mullar is also pixed up in the affair, and admits that she, too, has taken goods from the store. She used to go over to feed the cats, and says that Mullar forced her to carry home goods which he selected. Mullar says this is true. No action will be taken against the woman. The Mullars live in a rather dirty sort of house, and have two young chil-dren.

thilly five hundred dollars have been taken. Mullar has been in the employ of Baird & Peters for six years, and un-fil within the last year was considered trustworthy. He has been an assistant shipper, and in addition, as. he lives quite near the store, was employed to attend the furnace, being given the keys for that purpose. About two weeks ago Mr. Jones, one of the dirm's traveliers, hind his key to the cigar room on one of the office desks. This key went astray and is now known to have been taken by Mul-lar. With it and those aiready in his possession, he was able to enter all parts of the building, and has been do-ing so. Tor some time it has been believed that goods were going astray and Mr. Peters, after quietly enquiring, decided to have Mullar watched. The result was that this morning the man was caught in the digar room with a parcel of goods rolled up. He was at once situted as search in Mullar's house and thur and the same paper is authority for the statement indicating prepara-tions on the part of the Mikado's gov-ernment for the transportation of an expeditionary force. NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The world prints the following special from Wash-ington. "The administration believes that war between Russia and Japan is imminent. The beginning of hostili-ties within a short time would not spr-prise the president or Secretary Hay. Their conviction that war cannot long be averted is based on reports from Minister Conger and from other sources.

initial constance of the Czar's chal-"If the acceptance of the Czar's chal-enge is not as prompt as is desired, the davices to the state department plain-davices to the state department plain-base that Russia will begin hostili-des. War within a few days would be fulfilment of the predictions of Mino-ster Conger, and would be just about what the British foreign office looks here.

dren. The stolen goods which were recov-ered today have been taken to the pol-ice station, but it is believed that Mul-lar has been selling them from his store for some time. Mr. Peters said today that Mullar had been making arrangements to leave the employ of the firm in a week or two. THE WEATHER. THREATENED A JEW.

George Saunders Fined \$10 for Point ing a Pistol at Isaac Komiensky.

ing a Pistol at Isaac Komiensky. A young man, named George Saun-ders, who is home to spend Christmas with his parents, was arrested last night on the charge of pointing a pis-tol at Isaac Komiensky and threaten-ing to shoot him in his store on Main street. In court today, it was learned that Saunders had gone into the store to sell the pistol and was offered fifty cents for it. The price was later ad-vanced to seventy-five cents and Saun-ders, pointing the pistol at Komiensky, threatened to shoot him. Saunders denied this, and said he had only re-marked that he would rather shoot Komiensky than give him the pistol for seventy-five cents. He was fined ten dollars of twenty days' jail. A number of ordinary drunks were disposed of in the sual manner.

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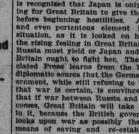


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