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896 Yards English Floor Oilcloth

... AT ...
40c on the Dollar

The story is this, we placed an order away last spring for 900 square yards of Oilcloth from a Halifax, (Eng.) manufacturer, to be delivered in Chatham in August, last. The goods arrived in good time, but in a very unsatisfactory condition. Oilcloths before being rolled are covered with thin paper, and this paper rolled up with them. This special lot of cloths were rolled up before being properly dried, consequently the paper stuck to the cloths, we of course refused to accept them, and the entire lot has been lying in our basement until to-day, when the offer of 40c on the dollar was accepted. There is nothing wrong with the cloths, a little water will quickly remove the paper from the surface. We bought these goods with the intention of selling them at 30c a yard. Friday morning the entire lot goes on sale at

12c a Sq.=Yard

There is a large quantity, but they will not last long at such a ridiculously low price—come early on Friday. You will find the goods opened up in our Carpet Department.

Sale of Ladies' Jackets

Finest Kersey Cloth, German make, lined throughout with satin, seams in back and front, strapped silk velvet collar, all sizes in colors fawn, black and navy, regular price \$15.00, placed on sale Friday morning at

\$7.50

Sale of Valenciennes Lace

1100 yds. fine Val. Lace and Insertion placed on sale Friday morning at

2c a yard.

Ribbons for Fancy Work

Christmas is coming. Many of you are planning some dainty little novelty into which the use of ribbon largely enters. The Christmas stock of fancy and plain ribbons are all ready for your selection and marked AT SALE PRICES.

Wrapperettes

50 pc. best Wrapperettes, our complete stock, regular price 12½c, on sale at

7½c a yard

Tremendous Sale of Black Silks

6 pc. elegant black broadcloth Lyons silk, wear and color guaranteed, regular price \$1.50 a yard, placed on sale Friday morning at

93c a yard

125 yds. pure silk Merveilleux satin, black, wear and dye guaranteed, regular price \$1.25 a yard, placed on sale Friday morning at

89c a yard

Such a Splendid Opportunity

To buy Christmas Gifts in here for you this season. Thousands of dollars worth of new goods have been placed into stock for Christmas trade and every item of them under necessity marked at low sale prices. There is nothing in a Dry Goods Store not suitable for gifts, and nothing is more acceptable than a

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and everything at prices bringing the best goods within the reach of every person.

Handkerchief Sale

50 dozen Ladies' fine white hemstitched lawn handkerchiefs, placed on sale Friday morning for

2c each

(Not—10 only sold to each customer).

25 dozen Men's pure linen (Brown's make) tapered border handkerchiefs, full size, placed on sale Friday morning

3 for 25c

(Note—Not more than 6 to each customer)

Millinery Clearing up Sale

Trimmed Hats and Bonnets at ONE-HALF PRICE. Ribbons and Feathers, for little or nothing.

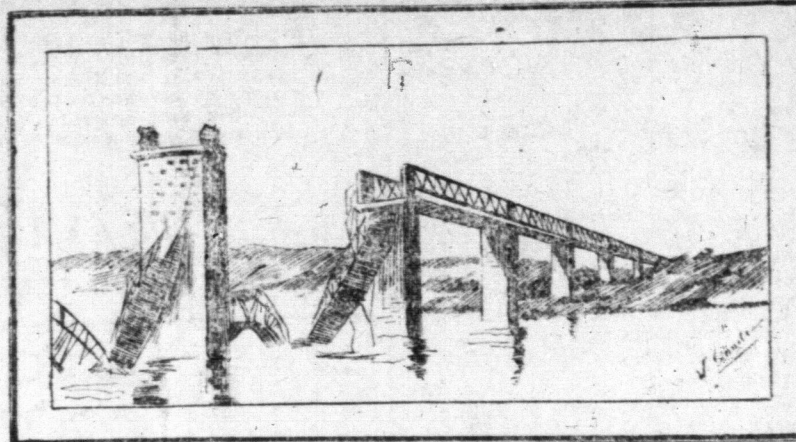
Women's Ready-to-wear Skirts

Made of Serge and heavy worsted mostly, one feature about our Skirts is they're well made, worthy garments and at these prices they won't last long:

\$3.00 kind for \$1.48
\$2.00 kind for 90c
\$2.50 kind for \$1.63
\$3.25 kind for \$1.55

At 11 cents

Men's Bow Ties, silk and satin, in light and dark shades worth 25c and 50c.



WRECK OF THE MODDER SPRUIT BRIDGE.

ENGLAND DETERMINED

To More Energetically Prosecute the War Than Ever--More Troops Called Out.

London, Dec. 15.—The war office last evening made the following announcement:—"The sixth division has been mobilized and four battalions of this division will have embarked by Sunday. The government has also approved of the immediate mobilization of the seventh division."

The Queen has sent a message of deep sympathy to the widow of Gen. Wauchoppe.

Orders have been given at Woolwich to prepare another siege train to go out with the seventh division. The newspapers are calling upon the government to employ the Cunarders as well as the White Star steamers as transports, seeing the urgent necessity for getting more men to the Cape as speedily as possible. Forty thousand men could be still sent from England without calling upon the militia for foreign service. The military effective is 100,000 men, and from this body 20,000 carefully selected men could easily be spared for South Africa. Moreover, the colonies are again proffering assistance.

The greatest need, therefore, is speedier transports. Sir Charles Warren, who arrived at Cape Town yesterday, will probably join Lord Methuen and take command of the combined forces.

A FIXED DETERMINATION. London, Dec. 15.—The Duke of Devonshire, Lord President of the Council of Ministers, speaking in the city, congratulated the country upon the calm it was displaying during a serious crisis, and upon the fact that, despite the adversity of political opinion there was only one voice regarding the duty of the government to prosecute the war. "The longer and more arduous the struggle becomes," said His Grace, "the more fixed should be our determination never again to let our African colonies bear the suffering and loss which they are now experiencing." He denounced criticisms on British commanders in the field, and in alluding upon the attitude of foreign nations, he said he thought "too much attention had been paid to the comments of foreign newspapers, especially in view of the fact that the attitude of every power had been strictly correct."

GOVERNMENT'S MISTAKE. Speaking at a Unionist meeting in Hackney, London, last evening, Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford said that he long ago told the secretary of state for war, Lord Lansdowne, that the government were not sending enough troops to the Transvaal. "Large reinforcements to all our auxiliaries for fighting," he continued, "must be despatched immediately, more ships must be placed in commission, in order that Great Britain may be prepared for eventualities. The Boers are as English forces, and they have heavy modern artillery. We need more quick-firing guns. I must say I have never thought that we are sending out enough men. When once it was known that we had to send an army corps, I told Lord Lansdowne

as far back as Nov. 2, that he would not be sending enough. In the fire department, when it is thought that four engines are needed to cope with a conflagration, it is a wise plan to send eight. The war office should have acted on the same principle. This war is one of the biggest upon which we have ever embarked, owing to the surrounding political circumstances, and if necessary, every mother son among us must go to the front. British pluck and money will win, and then, with equal rights for all the British flag will fly over the whole of South Africa."

A CANADIAN DEAD

Private Chappell, of New Brunswick, Dies in South Africa.

The Governor General Deploras Baseless Rumors About the Contingent.

London, Dec. 15.—Private Chappell of the Royal Canadians, died of tonsillitis at Belmont, Cape Colony, Dec. 12. Private Chappell was a member of "G" Company, and belonged to the 74th Batt., Sussex, N. E. was 22 years of age, and was one of the first to volunteer in New Brunswick. He was a superior marksman, and led his company in target practice for three successive years, and wore the stripes of a sergeant.

LOUIS MINTO'S PROTEST.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The following letter from Government House appears in to-night's newspapers:—"The attention of the Governor-General has been called to a statement in the press to the effect that I had telegraphed to Cape Town for information in respect to a rumor that Maj. Rogers and Pte. Latimer had been killed in action. No such enquiry has been made by His Excellency or by his order, and His Excellency wishes to take this opportunity of expressing his sincere regret that groundless rumors, which must cause most painful and unnecessary anxiety to the relatives of those referred to, should have been so thoughtlessly made public."

"I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant, Harry Graham, captain and A. D. C., acting Governor-General's Secretary."

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DEADLY LYDDITE.

Boers Tell of Its Fearful Destruction of Life.

How Boer Sharpshooters Picked Off British Officers—The Scandinavians Wiped Out.

Modder River, Cape Colony, Tuesday, Dec. 12.—Details gathered here by a representative of the Associated Press among the wounded British and Boers, give some idea of the desperate nature of the fight at Magersfontein. The Highlanders did all that the most gallant troops in the world could do, but it was impossible to face the terrible fire of the Boers. The British artillery again saved the situation, and divided the honors of the day with the Scotchmen. The batteries worked for hours under a galling rifle fire. According to the Boer stories, it was impossible for the burghers to escape fearful loss. One Boer prisoner said a single lyddite shell killed or wounded over 70 Boers, and that two other shells burst over two bodies of Boers ensconced behind the range, doing fearful damage. All agree that the Boers fought throughout with the utmost gallantry. Their sharpshooters seldom missed the mark. A Seaforth Highlander says that while he was lying wounded on the field he saw a Boer, of typical German appearance, faultlessly dressed, with polished top-boots, a shirt with silk ruffles and a cigar in his mouth, walking among the hills, picking off the British. This Boer was quite alone, and it was apparent from his frequent use of field glasses that he was singling out officers. Another wounded Boer says that a lyddite shell fired on Sunday fell in the middle of an open prayer or meeting held to offer supplications for the success of the Boer arms. All the wounded are full of praise for the treatment they received from the medical department on the battle field.

GATHERING UP VICTIMS.

Modder River, Wednesday, Dec. 13.—Ambulances started early yesterday morning under a flag of truce to gather and bury the dead who fell at Magersfontein. Brig. Gen. Wauchoppe, who led the Highland Brigade, was found dead near the trenches, shot in the chest and thigh. A few wounded were found near the trenches. Several wounded Boers were taken to the British hospital. The side of the hill and the immediate neighborhood of the Boer trenches showed dead bodies all about. One wounded Boer informed a correspondent of the Associated Press that their loss was terrible. The whole Scandinavian contingent was destroyed. Judging from information gleaned from the Boer wounded and prisoners taken in different parts of the field, the Boer losses must exceed 700. The destruction wrought by the naval guns was enormous. Word was passed along the Boer lines to prepare to retreat at nightfall. All confess that it was their greatest loss during the war. The British troops have returned to Modder River owing to the lack of water near the position held yesterday.

ANOTHER VICTORY

Defeat of the Liberal Ministry in P. E. I.

The By-elections Result in a Majority for the Opposition—New Election Probable.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 15.—The bye-elections held for the provincial house in the fourth district of King's and the fourth district of Queen's resulted in the election of A. A. McLean, Q. C., in fourth district, Queen's, by 58 majority; and A. P. Froude, son of Senator Froude, in the fourth district, Kings, defeating Attorney-General McKinnon by 31 majority. Result leaves the house 15 opposition, 14 government, besides the speaker. Probably the government will appeal to the country again, as neither side can carry on the affairs of the province. Fred. P. Peters, government, is in British Columbia.

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