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Great Tearing Down and Re-building Sale

Bargains in Floor Coverings and Window Drapery

This is the time of year you need these goods, and you are in rare good luck to have the chance of buying them so cheap. Better come as soon as you can before the assortment is broken.

Lace Curtains

3 1-2 yards long, 50 inches wide, corded edges, elegant floral designs regular price \$1.25 a pair, special sale price

3 1-2 yards long, 50 inches wide, thread net curtains with handsome Battenburg effect border, regular \$4.50 a pair, special sale price

Tapestry Curtains

3 1-4 yards long, 48 inches wide, French tapestry curtains, figured both ends, in colors brown and green, regular price \$7.50 pair, special sale price

3 1-4 yards long, 36 inches wide, Damask curtains, in colors red, green and brown, special sale price

3 1-4 yards long, 48 inches wide, in colored green only, fringed both ends, regular price \$3.50, special sale price



Carpets

300 yards in three good designs, English eight wire tapestry carpet, regular price 58c a yard, made and laid during the sale for per yard

325 yards in three good desirable designs, English eight wire tapestry carpet, regular 70c a yard, your choice, made

and laid during the sale for

295 yards four frame English Brussels carpets with borders to match in two very excellent designs, suitable for dining room, library or parlor, regular price \$1.00 yard, made and laid at sale price per yard

1 piece all wool carpet, regular 75c yard, sale price

2 pieces extra heavy best union carpet, regular 45c, sale price

2 pieces best all wool two ply carpet, regular 85c yard, sale price

1 piece extra super. wool filled carpet, regular 65c yard, sale price

THOMAS STONE & SON, IMPORTERS

Men's Oxfords

WE HAVE them in black and tan, on the most popular lasts and at reasonable prices.



Ladies' Oxfords

CALL and see our new line, which is the best value in the city for

\$1.50

TURRILL'S SHOE STORE.

Something New in

RUGS

The undersigned, having purchased the plant of the Chatham Rug Company, is prepared to make all kinds of Ingrains, Brussels, and Rag Rugs, on the shortest notice. Call at office, at 173 King street, west, and see samples. Prices right.

T. E. Orr, Proprietor

Mortgage Sale

Desirable City Property

At Garner House, on 19th June, 1901, at 12 o'clock noon, by Andrew Thomson, Auctioneer. Lot 6, Subdivision of Lots 38 and 39, South side of Murray Street, City. Good dwelling on the property. For terms apply to

WILSON, KERR & PIKE, Barristers, Fifth St.

EARTH CRACKS

Five Large Crevices in Different Parts of Butte Montana.

Butte, Mont., June 3.—The strange sliding movement of the city of Butte, which has been noticeable at intervals for many years, has again manifested itself by five large cracks in the earth at different sections of the city. The largest crevice occurs on West Galena street, where a crack of twelve inches wide and of considerable length and depth has appeared. Three of the openings occur on the west side of the town and two on the east side. There is no caving, but a distinct parting of the earth and the granite walls can easily be seen in them. The gas and water companies have much trouble from the strange movement, which frequently breaks their underground pipes. City Engineer Rickenbach says the engineering department of the city encounters the same trouble, as elevations and bench marks in certain parts of the city are constantly changing. This is particularly true of the section west of Main St. and north of Broadway, where the marks have been known to shift to the extent of a foot in a very short time. What is causing the strange phenomenon is unknown but its continuance is beginning to cause some alarm among the citizens of Butte.

McKAY, OF FORMOSA PASSED AWAY

Famous Canadian Missionary Called Home While in the Far East.

Toronto, June 2.—"Dr. McKay is dead." This message, cabled from Tam-Sui, Formosa, reached the Presbyterian Foreign Mission office here to-day. It marks the close of perhaps the greatest missionary life since that of Livingston, with the possible exception of Paton, of the New Hebrides. McKay, of Formosa, was born in Zorra, Oxford county, in 1844, and after his ordination to the ministry decided to take up mission work in the Island of Formosa, which was inhabited by Chinese, without much civilization and much greater ferocity than their brethren of the mainland. McKay's life-work in Formosa was splendidly fruitful. He established between 60 and 70 churches, together with schools and a college for the higher education of women. He married a Formosan lady in 1873, adopted the native costume, and identified himself thoroughly with the people. When Formosa was transferred to Japan as part of the spoils of war, he took an important part in soothing the feelings of the people and making the transfer less bloody than otherwise it would have been. His last visit to Canada was in 1894, and he was then elected Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly as a token of appreciation of his great work. He leaves a son and two daughters, who are engaged in the work of civilization of their native land.

"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.

CHICAGO MANIAC DECLARES HE IS THE PROPHET ELIJAH

Three Thousand People Cheered the Raving Man—Says he is the Living Physical and Spiritual Embodiment of the Biblical Seer.

Chicago, June 2.—"I am Elijah the Prophet, who appeared first as Elijah himself, second as John the Baptist and who now comes in me, the restorer of all things. Elijah was a prophet, priest and ruler over men. Gaze on me then; I say it fearlessly. Make the most of it, you wretches in ecclesiastical garb. I am he that is the living physical and spiritual embodiment of Elijah and my coming to earth a third time has been prophesied by Malachi, by God himself, by His son Jesus, by Peter and three thousand years ago by Moses. All who believe me to be in very truth all this will stand up." And over 3,000 people rose to their feet and greeted the declaration with cheer and handclapping. John Alexander Dowse, true to his promises, made this statement from the platform of the Auditorium to-night in the presence of 5,000 people. It was the culmination of frenzied speech in which he denounced every body and everything not in Zion, cursed the pope and the Roman Catholic church, spat literally at Masonry, the newspapers and the bankers of Chicago and raged and tore up and down the stage like a madman. "Understand well what I mean," he continued. "I will take no counsel in my methods of government. I have come to proclaim theocracy, pure and simple, the government of God, by God and for God, and I will never rest until all other forms of government have been driven from the earth. You talk about your democracy. Bah! I tell you democracy has been tried in the balance and has failed. The government of the people, by the people and for the people is twaddle. I stand loyal to the flag and countenance no revolution, but I demand here and now that the name of God must be placed foremost in the constitution of the United States and the supreme authority of God over all things must be recognized. Listen to the first message of the prophet," he denunciated. "God must have your Ethics and offerings into the storehouse of God. Accursed be ye if ye would seek to rob His house of its fullness by not obeying this, His will, sent through Elijah."



Men's Fine Shoes

All Styles at Lowest Prices.

Peace's NEW STORE Fourth Door from M. K. St.

BOTHA NOW URGING KRUGER TO EARLY SUE FOR PEACE

Suspicion has Been Excited by the Lack of Details from the Viakfontein Fight, but no Anxiety is Felt—Other war Happenings.

London, June 2.—Suspicion is again excited by the lack of details respecting the battle fought at Viakfontein. It is not probable that the War Office is deliberately suppressing dispatches from Gen. Kitchener, and that a serious reverse has occurred. Gen. Kitchener has told the story of the battle briefly, and is not disposed to magnify the importance of anything connected with the campaign, but cannot withhold the list of casualties. The absence of Mr. Brodrick may explain the reticence of the officials in Pall Mall. The stronghold of red tape and the details of the battle may not be accessible to the few straggling war correspondents remaining in the field. There is no anxiety among military men, since the Boers are known to have been finally repulsed, but there are strong suspicions that the British were again off their guard and that the heavy losses were caused by their being attacked unexpectedly. Delarey's commando has been allowed free range of a large district for a long period, while Gen. Kitchener has considered it more important to clear other portions of the Transvaal. Gen. Smith-Dorrien, who has been welcomed home at Berkhurststead, reports that while the war may be ended by September, the bulk of the army will be needed in South Africa for twelve months. This is a gloomy forecast, and it comes from one of the most experienced generals in the field, who has not made a single mistake and has shown excellent judgment throughout the campaign.

DISCHARGED TO DUTY. Lieutenant Blackmore, formerly of Strathcona Horse has been discharged to duty in South Africa.

TO SUE FOR PEACE.

London, June 1.—The Sun to-day publishes a sensational story to the effect that General Botha has arrived at Standerton, and is communicating by telegraph with Kruger, through the Netherlands government, appealing to Mr. Kruger to sue for peace. Lord Kitchener is said to have given Botha permission to adopt this course. The Sun further hears that 10,000 Zulus have gone on the warpath, owing to Boer raids in Zululand.

MYSTERIOUS MISSION.

Standerton, Transvaal Colony, June 1.—General Tobias Smuts and Lieut. secretary to Gen. Louis Botha, arrived here this morning. Their mission is not explained.

VIKAFONTEIN FIGHT.

New York, June 1.—General Kitchener's account of the battle of Viakfontein serves to ligh up public interest once more in the Boer war, says the Tribune's London correspondent. Two facts stand out. First, the determined nature of the Boer assault upon an entrenched position fifty miles from Johannesburg, and, secondly, the heavy losses suffered by both sides. This has been the first real engagement which has been fought for many months, and it is decisive proof that the Boers, when led by a cool and wary general like Delarey, can offer strenuous resistance still to British arms. The details of this battle may indicate that General Dixon's force was surprised, and that the casualty list was run up to 174 in this way. But the Boers, in any event, were assailants, and were not repulsed with great losses. The Boers are also reported to have fought with exceptional gallantry while in pursuit of General Plumer's convoy.

THE NATURAL EXPLANATION.

of the fighting is that one mine after

another is opening in the Rand, and the refugees are returning to Johannesburg in small groups, and the Boers have been making desperate efforts to frighten them and to prevent resumption of industry in the gold belt. Viakfontein was probably designed to be a loud warning to the refugees that the war has not ended, and that Johannesburg was still an unsafe place of residence.

CAUSES MUCH ANXIETY.

London, June 1.—The refugees of the government regarding the battle of Viakfontein, and other military events of some importance which have recently occurred at widely separated points in South Africa, has led to considerable anxiety. This is in no way allayed by the answer of the War Office to-day to a question regarding the accuracy or otherwise of the recent Boer report that the British were severely defeated near Pretoria. May 2, losing 46 killed, 80 wounded, 600 prisoners and six guns. The reply which the war office vouchsafed, "We have no official information," has aroused some misgivings.

THE LAST BOER DITCH.

A British officer who is on furlough in London, after fighting from Colenso to Lydenburg, has been predicting that the closing skirmishes of the campaign would occur on the line of the Durban-Johannesburg railway, in the vicinity of Standerton and Heidelberg. Both of these affairs were within the theatre of war defined by this officer months ago as the last Boer ditch.

BRITISH BRAVERY.

Cape Town, June 1.—Details have reached here of the splendid gallantry of two men of the Tasmanian contingent, who were attacked by 22 Boers at Gannabok, near Cradock. The men were cut off from the main body while under a heavy cross-fire, and the Boers located the fugitives, who took refuge behind tree stumps nine inches in diameter. In the ensuing duel the Tasmanians made splendid practice, horses and men falling. The Boers attacked them three times, but the Tasmanians shot their own horses rather than let them be captured, and covered behind the carcasses. One of them, Trooper Warburton, was shot through the head, and his companion, Brownell, surrendered after firing the last shot in his magazine. When he came out one coward deliberately fired, striking him in the shoulder. The Boers stripped both men of everything except their trousers, and the Tasmanians finally got back to camp, where Warburton died.

STILL IN THE FIELD.

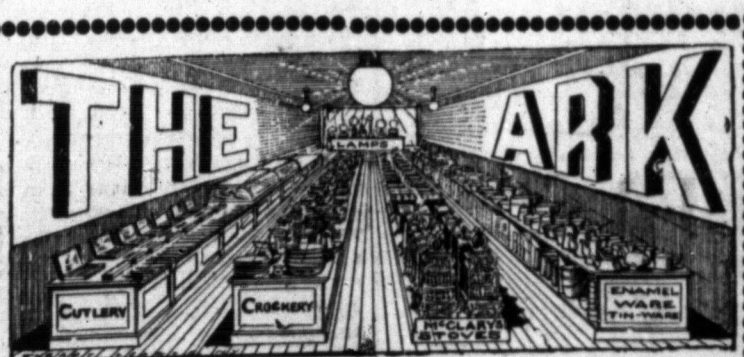
London, June 1.—A war office report gives the present strength of the forces in South Africa, on May 1, as follows:—

Officers and men.	Strength
Regulars.....	138,002
Colonials.....	58,821
Imperial Yeomanry.....	23,104
Volunteers.....	9,385
Militia.....	20,104
Total	249,416

The regulars, non-commissioned officers and men, comprise 14,000 cavalry, 11,500 artillery, 95,700 infantry and mounted infantry, and 13,619 "others." The total number of officers and men killed or died of wounds, disease, or by accident up to the end of April is 14,978; those wounded number 17,209; and 76,582 have left South Africa, of whom 32,081 are "not invalids," 47,739 invalids, 4,533 colonials.

WHO WHINED!

The Planet says our fish stories are old. We admit it. All fish stories that are not old are fabrications, and the Planet never prints an old fish story.—Banner-News, June 1.



More Rain, More Grass, More Lawn Mowers

16 inch Cut, Woodyatt Flower for \$3.50

These mowers are exceptionally good ones and any one needing a nice easy running machine should not fail to secure one. Have also other styles and makes.

REFRIGERATORS, \$9.00, \$12.00, \$14.00.
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