

CANNOT ACT WITH A HIGH HAND

The Emperor Declares That His
Advisers Have Misled
Him.

London, Dec. 1.—The rumor that Count Von Aehrenthal, Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, had resigned, proved too good to be true, but tonight's dispatches from Vienna and elsewhere make it quite clear that his position has been seriously shaken, and whether he retires or not seems to be an open question. There are also encouraging signs of improvement in the international situation. One of these is the announcement that the Austrian ambassador to Turkey will not quit Constantinople at present. This denotes that Austria has realized she cannot carry matters with a high hand as she expected. The interpretation frequently put on this changed attitude is that the Emperor has become seriously alarmed at the turn matters have taken. It is declared he complains that his advisers have misled him, representing that the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina would not excite serious opposition in Europe, whereas it actually created a grave strain in the relations of Austria, not only with all her neighbors except Germany, but with other old friends, such as England. The aged monarch, it is stated, is especially fearful lest his jubilee be marred by war and he is exerting all his power to prevent an outbreak. The race riots at Prague are adding further to his majesty's anxieties and are increasing his desire to maintain domestic as well as international peace. Altogether there seems every reason to believe that his majesty has successfully exerted his influence towards relaxing the tension.

FREE TRADE WITH U. S.

Strathcona Says He Hopes It Will
Never Come to Pass.

London, Dec. 2.—The Canada Club banquet was held at the Ritz Hotel tonight, the guests including the Duke of Argyll, Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, J. Leckie Heaton, Sir F. W. Borden, Canadian minister of militia and defence, and the Canadian Postmaster-General, Rodolphe Lemieux, Sir Charles Ross, Wilson presided.

Lord Strathcona referred to the suggestion made by James J. Hill to the New York Chamber of Commerce of free trade with Canada. He said that Canadians were not yet United States citizens, and he did not believe that they would receive such proposals with favor.

Continuing, Lord Strathcona said that while he hoped the mother country would consider the whole matter very carefully, he trusted that the Dominion would never have free trade with the United States, unless it had a free trade also with the mother country.

The British postmaster-general, Sydney C. Buxton, in the course of his speech, made reference to the question of cable rates. He favored a practical reduction in the rates, but any scheme to be acceptable must be on a business basis.

A ROAST FOR CROKER.

New York, Dec. 2.—The dinner given here last Monday in honor of Richard Croker was made the subject of a violent philippic against the former ruler of Tammany Hall tonight by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, of the Free Synagogue, speaking at the dinner of the Ethical Social League.

Various prominent men in private and official life who attended the testimonial dinner to Mr. Croker, who declared that the Croker gathering was a prologue to Tammany's attempt to renege her pledges "upon New York City."

"So long as Mr. Croker remained upon his Irish estate," said Rabbi Wise, "we could afford to forget him, but when he returns to these shores, after having sought to use his voice and influence in order to defeat Gov. Hughes at the recent election, and when, moreover, the men whom the electorate of New York has lifted to places of honor so far forget themselves as to do honor to Mr. Croker, then it is time for New Yorkers, who love their city, to take counsel together."

The youth who is unwilling to toe the mark usually remains at the foot.

Palpitation
of the Heart.

One of the first danger signals that announce something wrong with the heart is the irregular beat or violent throb. Often there is only a fluttering sensation, or an "all gone" sinking feeling; or again, there may be a most violent beating, with flushing of the skin and visible pulsations of the arteries. The person may experience a smothering sensation, gasp for breath and feel as though about to die. In such cases the action of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills in quieting the heart, restoring its normal beat and imparting tone to the nerve centres, is beyond all question, marvellous. They give such prompt relief that no one need suffer.

Mr. Sylvester Smith, Hampton, N.B., writes:—"I was troubled with palpitation of the heart and tried doctor's medicines, but they only gave me temporary relief. I heard of your Heart and Nerve Pills and bought two boxes and before I had used them I was completely cured and would recommend them to all similarly affected."

Price, 80 cents per box, or 3 boxes for \$1.25 at all dealers or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co. Limited, Toronto, Ont.

BUTTER MARKET IS "CORNERED"

Prices Boosted as Result of the
Combine of Produce Men—
\$1,000,000 Involved.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—The Tribune says: "Manipulation of the leading butter markets of the country by a coterie of Chicago, Elgin and eastern produce men is said to be responsible to a large extent for the present extortionate prices for butter."

"While supplies are larger than is usually the case at this season, values are materially higher than a year ago, with prospects good for further advances before there is any relief."

"Rumors of a corner in June storage butter, which is the best of the season's pick, have been circulated for some time, and while vigorously denied by the principals, the fact remains that the stock of choice storage butter is tightly held, with prices high and on the up-grade."

"Leading commission firms in Chicago, Boston, New York and Elgin are credited with being the engineers of the so-called deal."

"Some estimates place the percentage of storage stocks of June butter held by the clique at 75 per cent and the more conservative commission men say the amount is nearer 50 per cent. About \$1,000,000 is said to have been invested in the operations."

"Stocks of storage butter in the principal warehouses of the country are approximately 10,000,000 pounds larger than a year ago, and about that much larger than two years ago, so there is apparently little reason for extravagantly high values."

"Fresh creamery extras, as the best table butter is called, now costs 30 cents wholesale, which means 38 to 40 cents at the retail markets."

"If the Chicago-Elgin clique has cornered the market—and I do not believe it has—it has not affected conditions in Detroit," said James G. Pierce, of Pierce Bros. Company. "The high price of butter this winter is due to the long-continued dry weather of the past summer."

The price of creamery butter on the produce market has advanced from 24 to 25 cents in July to 30 and 31 cents today. A year ago the price was 28 to 29 cents.

HER OWN AIRSHIP

Intrepid English Balloonist Uses an
Aeroplane.

London, Dec. 2.—The first woman who will possess an aeroplane of her own will be Mrs. Ashton Harbord, long known as the most intrepid woman balloonist in England, if not in the world. The machine is now being built in Paris for her, and will be ready some time early next year.

Mrs. Harbord has no intention of attempting flights in her aeroplanes until it has gone through a series of experiments, but she does want to be the first woman to own a "heavier-than-air" machine.

She has been a member of the Aero Club of Great Britain almost since its foundation, and had the honor not long ago of being entertained at a complimentary dinner given by the club in recognition of her atmospheric exploits.

Her most remarkable feat was a flight from London to Verdun, on the northeastern corner of France, a few months ago, which she followed up by flying the channel in a balloon twice in the same week, once in the record time of 55 minutes from coast to coast.

She thinks ballooning is a safer sport for women than motoring and infinitely safer than hunting.

Mrs. Harbord is the daughter of a surgeon-general in the British army, world, the world, has now been told, and this afternoon Madame Steinheil was cross-questioned with regard to the murders. The examination is being conducted in secret. The newspapers of Paris publish details of Madame Steinheil's various adventures.

The body of Mme. Japy, Mme. Steinheil's mother, was exhumed today. A preliminary medical examination showed that the spleen was intact. This fact tends to prove that Mme. Japy's death was due to strangulation as appeared when the body was discovered.

German military authorities expect by the end of the year to possess eight dirigible balloons suitable for war purposes. Two of these will be of the Zeppelin model, with a gas capacity of about 500,000 cubic feet. The taking over of these depends on the endurance flight and their ability to descend on dry land. The others are of the semi-rigid class.

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LADIES' Pure Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, beautiful quality, neatly boxed, in half-dozen, for, a box \$1

Plain, half-dozen in box, for, a box 75c

GENTLEMEN'S Pure Linen Initialed Handkerchiefs, very fine, neatly boxed, in half-dozen, for, a box \$1.50

Plain, half-dozen in box, for, a box \$1 and \$1.25

CHILDREN'S Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, with colored border and initial, neatly boxed in half-dozen, for, a box 75c

Pure Linen, all white, 3 in box, a box 35c
WEST AISLE—MAIN FLOOR.

Gloves For Gifts

Safe to say there are always more Gloves given than any other article in wearing apparel. You can make no mistake giving a pair of SMALLMAN & INGRAM'S Guaranteed Kid Gloves—coupons sold if you would rather the recipient choose their own.

Ladies' Mocha Gloves, grey squirrel lining, 2-clasp, pique sewn, a pair ... \$4
Strap Wrist, fur-lined, at, a pair \$2.50

Ladies' Kid Mitts, 2-clasp, fur-lined, for, a pair \$2

Ladies' Mocha Gloves, strap wrist, fleece-lined, fur cuff, three-quarter length, a pair \$2.50

In grey and tan, shorter length, a pair \$1.75

Ladies' Mocha Gloves, knitted fleece lining, in grey, black and tan, a pair \$1.50

Ladies' Kid Gloves, 2-clasp, knitted lining, in black and tan, a pair \$1.50

Ladies' Tan Mocha Gloves, fleece-lined, 2-clasp, a pair \$1.25

Ladies' Mocha Mitts, 2-clasp, fur cuff, fleece-lined, black and tan, a pair \$1.50

Ladies' Kid Gloves, fleece-lined, 2-clasp, a pair \$1

MISSSES' AND CHILDREN'S fleece-lined, 2-clasp wrist, fur top, kid gloves, a pair \$1.25

Mocha Mitts, 1-clasp, fur top, fleece-lined, a pair 85c

Fleece-lined, with Jersey wrist, a pair 50c

Ladies' Heavy Silk Mitts, fancy backs (double), warm, comfortable and durable, a pair \$2 and \$2.50

Full assortment of Men's and Boys' Lined and Unlined Gloves.

Pretty boxes given free for gift-giving with all gloves 75c and over.
WEST AISLE—MAIN FLOOR.

Pretty Boxes for Christmas Packages

These are given free of charge to Christmas shoppers, with purchases of sufficient value. They are made in pretty colors, with gilt lettering, which adds to the attractiveness of the gift; in sizes suitable for Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Umbrellas, Hosiery, Silks, Dress Goods, and all other fancy articles. Ask for these when making your purchases.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Depends altogether on what we do from now until the 25th day of December. Months ago we made our plans, and they are on a larger scale than ever before. We have the greatest assortment of Christmas stock ever assembled at this store, and we wish to say now, if we don't get a Merry Christmas out of planning and gathering the gifts TO MAKE SOME-ONE ELSE HAPPY, we will never get a Merry Christmas, and the formal salute on Christmas Day will have a hollow echo in our ears, and will ask the question, Have I done my share? Just three weeks now, and we would say: Commence.



If there is one thing this store tries to do, it is to make

A HAPPY CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS

To this end we investigate the productions from every part of the world where ingenious or playful toys are made, the result of which is amply demonstrated in the basement (Toytown). No doubt you have seen our magnificent display of dressed dolls, but we want to tell you about the many less fortunate which have not yet had their reception dresses made—perhaps you would prefer one of these, and do your own dressmaking—if so, it's none of our early now to make your choice. You may avoid any disappointment later by having your dolls and toys reserved now.

Undressed Kid Dolls, fair and dark, at, each 25c, 50c, 65c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50 and \$2
DOLLS' FURNITURE—This interesting department will be found just at the foot of the stairs in basement.

Dressers, Cradles, Beds, Tables and Chairs, in oak and white enamel. All well made, and just the thing for the girls. Also Dolls' Pianos. Each 25c up to \$3.50
TOYTOWN—IN THE BASEMENT.

Gifts in Ready-to-Wear Goods

Silk Shawls, in cream and black, each \$1 to \$4.50
Ice Wool Shawls, in white, each 25c to \$1.50
Honeycomb Shawls, in white, grey and black, each 35c to \$2.50

Small Furs and Fur Coats

Small Fur pieces, in Ermine, Mink, Sable, Isabella Fox, Squirrel, etc., each \$6 up to \$135
Fur Coats, in Astrachan, Electric and Persian \$28.50 to \$200
Fur-Lined Coats \$50 to \$100
Evening Coats, light colors \$15 to \$50
Velvet Coats \$20 to \$65
White Thibet Furs for Children, a set \$2 to \$3.75
Ladies' Quilted Jap Silk Robes, plain and handsomely embroidered. Prices, each \$8.75 to \$12.50
German Velour Robes, light and dark colors, each \$4 to \$7
Ladies' Eiderdown Flannel Robes, each \$2.50 to \$5.50
Children's Eiderdown Robes, in pale blue, cream, cardinal and pink, each \$1.50 to \$3.75
Men's Long House-Coats, in tweed and German Velour, each \$4.75 to \$12.50
Men's Smoking Jackets, or House-Coats, each \$3.75 to \$11.50
Ladies' Net and Lace Waists, made over Jap Silk, each \$3.50 to \$12.50
Ladies' Silk Waists, in navy, brown, ivory, black, etc., each \$3.50 to \$10
Ladies' Flannel, Lustre and Cashmere Waists, all shades, each \$1.50 to \$4.50
Ladies' Moreen and Taffeta Silk Underskirts, all shades, each \$4.75 to \$15.50
Ladies' Dressing Sacks, in eiderdown, knitted wool, flannel and quilted silk, each \$1.50, \$1.95 to \$6.50
Ladies' and Children's Golf Jerseys, Norfolk Coats and Knitted Sweaters, each 50c, \$1.25, \$1.75 to \$4.25
THIRD FLOOR—TAKE ELEVATOR.

Leather Goods



In Brown Alligator, from each \$3 to \$15
Leather Travelling Cases, in brown, tan and black, each \$1.35 up to \$16.50
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PURSES, SACHELS, ETC.

Purses—In tan, grey, brown and black 35c to \$3
Cardcases—In tan, grey, brown, navy, red and black, each 75c to \$2.50

Hand Satchels—In all the new shapes, black, with gilt and gunmetal trimmings, 75c to \$7
In tan, brown and green, with gilt trimmings, from, each \$3 to \$6

In Green Velvet Crocodile, each \$5.50 and \$6.50

In Brown Alligator, from each \$3 to \$15
Leather Travelling Cases, in brown, tan and black, each \$1.35 up to \$16.50
EAST AISLE—MAIN FLOOR.

PRETTY Christmas Neckwear



New Fancy Collars, in white, cream, sky, pink, tan, mauve and black, each 25c up to \$2
White and Ecru Net Ties, with pretty lace ends, each 15c to \$1.65
White Spanish Lace Ties, from, each \$3 to \$5.50
Black Spanish Lace Ties, from, each \$1.25 to \$3.25

Knitted Motor Scarfs, in white, sky, saxe, navy, brown, mauve and black. At, each \$1.75

Crepe de Chine Scarfs, in white, sky, pink, mauve, maise, brown, navy, rose, reseda and black, each 50c to \$3
Crepe de Chine Scarfs, in pretty Dresden and floral designs, each \$1.50 up to \$15.50

CHIFFON PERIOT RUFFS, white with navy, saxe, pale blue, brown, white, black and Persian Silk Ribbon Ends, each 85c and \$1.25

TOSCA NET PERIOT RUFFS, in taupe, tan, poan and Saxe blue, ivory and black, with silk and velvet ribbon ends. At, each \$1.75

STOLE AND MUFF, white marabout and hackle feather combined. A set \$17
WHITE STOLE, marabout, and hackle feathers combined, each \$10

Ostrich Feather Boas

In white, grey and black, each \$7.50, \$8.50 and \$10
In white or black, each \$15 to \$35
In white, grey or black, with large silk tassel ends, each \$20

Hackle Feather Boas, in white, tan, pink, navy, sky and saxe blue, each \$2 and \$2.25

Silk Hosiery

FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN

A particular, carefully selected assortment of colorings for evening wear and Christmas selling. See display at hosiery counter.



LADIES' \$1.50 A PAIR
Ingram Pure Silk Black Hose, spliced feet. A pair \$1.50

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Pure Silk Black Hose, lace ankle, in white, black, sky, pink, cardinal and olive; also self-cloak, in sky, pink, mauve, white and black, spliced feet. Only, a pair \$2

Ladies' Black Pure Silk Hose, embroidered in black, spliced feet. A pair \$2.50

CHILDREN'S 85c AND \$1 PAIR.
Spun Silk Hose, plain and lace ankle, in white, black, tan, cardinal, sky and pink, spliced feet. A pair 85c and \$1

MEN'S \$1.25 AND \$1.50 PAIR.
Ingram Black Spun Silk Half-Hose, spliced feet. A pair \$1.25
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For ladies or gentlemen, appropriate, useful and acceptable in most cases. Our Christmas stock excels any previous year's showing. And for gifts you may have any Umbrella \$2 or over included in a handsome box free of charge.
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