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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 lawn, 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

30 pks. best Wrapperettes, our complete stock, regular price 12 1/2c, on sale at

7 1/2c a yard

Tremendous Sale of Black Silks

4 pos. elegant black broadened 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

DRESS LENGTH, SILK WAIST, UMBRELLAS, LINENALS, HANDKERCHIEFS, SILK HOSK, PURSES, KID GLOVES, TIES,

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 at

2c each

(Not—10 only sold to each customer).

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

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:

\$2.00 kind for \$1.48
\$3.00 kind for \$2.00
\$3.50 kind for \$2.50
\$3.25 kind for \$2.25

At 11 cents

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

METHUEN IS NOW SAFE

Great Britain Will Call Out Thousands More of Troops.

London, Dec. 14.—Gen. Forestier-Walker, telegraphing from Cape Town at 1.30 p. m. to-day, sends the following from Gen. Methuen, on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 7.30 p. m.:

As the Boers occupied their trenches strongly this morning I retired in perfect order here, where I am in security. I have gathered from some of the prisoners who talked with the Boers, that the enemy's losses were terrible, some corps being completely wiped out.

The Boers have been most kind to my wounded. The Associated press understands that the War Office yesterday (Wednesday) decided, in consequence of Lord Methuen's losses at Magersfontein, to mobilize an eighth division in reserve, and to send the seventh division to the Cape. Certain foreign stations will probably be garrisoned with military, and if necessary, volunteers

will be called to take the places of the militia at home. It is also likely that the military reserve will be sent out to join their respective battalions, and the War Office intends to order four more battalions of militia, embodied for permanent duty, to-day. Further offers of troops from the colonies may also be accepted.

WANTS A LIST.

Ottawa, December 14.—Hon. Joseph Chamberlain has cabled for a list of the names of the Canadian contingent. A report was circulated through the city that some of the Canadian contingent had been killed in action. No information of that nature is contained in the despatches, and the military department has not heard anything concerning it. The rumor is not credited, and it is difficult to say on what foundation it is based.

Captain Graham, of Government House, has cabled to Cape Town for information in regard to the rumor, but has not yet had any message in regard to it.

HOW THE BATTLE BEGAN AND ENDED.

The British Found the Boers Entrenched With Barbed Wire Which Caused Much Trouble.

London, Dec. 14.—North of the Modder River, Monday, Dec. 11.—The Guards and the Highland brigade early last night moved from the Modder River camp, marching in a northerly direction. The objective of the Highlanders was the eastern spur of the Boer position, the Guards following the bank of the river, while the Yorkshire Light Infantry moved along the river side.

Just before daybreak the Boers arrived within 200 yards of the Boer entrenchment at the foot of a hill. Suspecting that the Boers were in the vicinity, the British were still marching in quarter column, in close order, when they met a terrible fire from the flank, and were forced to retire with heavy loss. The troops reformed under the shelter of some rising ground and gallantly held their position. Later the Guards arrived and the troops gradually worked their way to within 300 yards of the Boer positions, displaying the greatest gallantry. In the meanwhile a new gun at the Modder River, the howitzer, opened a terrific fire, enfilading the trenches and searching every portion of the Boer position.

In the meanwhile the Boers were entirely in the open ground directly in front moved with the object of making a flank attack; but this was frustrated by the guards and artillery. The Boers were driven back in the evening, but no damage was done. The British slept on their position. It is expected that there will be a renewal of the fighting tomorrow. The losses on both sides were very heavy.

A MURDEROUS FIRE. When the Highlanders met the murderous point-blank fire of the Boers, about two hundred were mown down. The Black Watch Regiment, on reformation, was only able to muster 160 men. The Boers also lost heavily in the trenches, and also in the wire entanglements when they came into the open in an attempt to make a flank attack on the British. The terrific British artillery fire provoked no response except from the Boer guns, until nearly four o'clock in the afternoon, when the Gordon Highlanders formed up to renew the attack on the entrenched kopje. They advanced with the utmost gallantry to attack the Boers close to the place where they lay the dead and wounded comrades of the Highland brigade. The enemy opened with a heavy shrapnel fire as the British advanced, and it was physically impossible to take the Boer position. The British got within 200 yards, but could not get nearer. It was here that Col. Downham fell. The Boers had had free recourse to barbed wire entanglements, which offered great obstacles, even after the damage inflicted by the British artillery fire.

This morning (Tuesday) both sides occupy the positions they held before the battle. The greatest bravery was displayed by both officers and men. The British casualties included the Marquis of Winchester, major of the 2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards, who was killed, and Col. Downham, of the 1st Battalion, Gordon Highlanders, who was mortally wounded. The wounded include Lieut.-Col. A. E. Corderington and Capt. Stirling, both of the 1st Battalion of the Coldstream Guards. A detachment of Boers, posted among some thick bushes to the east, maintained a most destructive fire on our right. With the remarkable talent of taking cover, which the Boers always display, they were, generally speaking, virtually invisible; and although the enemy's artillery was practically silenced, his rifle fire was so persistent and concentrated, as well as usually well aimed, that it was absolutely impossible for the British infantry to take the position by assault. At the first advance of the Highlanders, the Boers shooting, probably owing to the darkness, was somewhat high. Otherwise, the British

losses would have been still heavier.

WORK OF A MINUTE.

London, Thursday, Dec. 14.—Mr. Julian Ralph, describing the battle at Magersfontein, in a special despatch to the Daily Mail, says:—"The Boers were entrenched at Magersfontein, four miles north of Modder River. At dawn Monday the Highlanders, advancing across the veldt, were suddenly subjected to a murderous fire from the trenches, about 200 yards in front. The greater part of the fearful loss of the day was then suffered in a single minute. Startled and overwhelmed, the brigade retired quickly, but soon rallied and retained their positions. This was on the left. On the right the Guards brigade advanced across the veldt against the other trenches, and fought an invisible foe for 15 hours. At 11 in the morning the Gordon Highlanders were sent forward. The Boers allowed them to pass one line of trenches and then enfiladed them. We raked the Boer trenches with artillery throughout the day. The fighting only ceased with night-fall.

"The Boer trenches extended far beyond the kopje into the open plain. Those on the plain were hidden by screens of leaves. Those near the kopje were guarded by a double line of

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barbed wire. Evidently they fear our storming and bayonet attack. We raked the kopje and the trenches with an intense, well directed fire of 30 guns, including a naval gun and a howitzer battery, both using lyddite. I believe they inflicted severe damage. The Boer prisoners report that one lyddite shell fell among forty men, only five of whom escaped unhurt. Other shells burst in the enemy's laager, causing its complete destruction. The Boers are in still larger force than we found them at Modder River, outnumbering us by almost three to one. The Transvaalers are apparently dominating in their military councils, although in a minority.

The position Lord Methuen assaulted is thus described by a correspondent:—"Magersfontein range terminates on the east with an abrupt saddle rock, some 150 feet high. Boer entrenchments run around the whole front. The position is some two miles long, due east and west. The western ends of the trenches follow the contour of the kopjes and afford a retreat."

WAR NOTES.

The White Star Line steamer Cymric has been chartered for use as a transport.

The White Star Line steamer Majestic sails from Liverpool to-day for South Africa with 2,000 troops on board.

The Boers are making better use of Portuguese territory than if it were their own. They can get almost anything through it.

Major-General Buller, who conducted the retreat of the British from Dundee to Ladysmith, has been invalided home, and left Durban on Monday on board the Dungeness Castle.

All eyes are now turned hopefully to Gen. Buller, who, taking into account the troops with Gen. White in Ladysmith, has altogether 30,000 men. The Standard says:—"At this moment there must be few men in Her Majesty's dominions who have as great a weight of care upon them as Gen. Buller carries on his shoulders."

IT'S A FINE ASSET

The Waterworks System Beginning to Pay Handsomely.

Somewhere About 160 Services Have Been Put in This Year Lacking a Total of Over 100

"It will not be long," said a citizen connected with the waterworks affairs, that this city's best asset will be its waterworks system. It will be an asset which will not only pay for itself but will yield a handsome revenue.

"Of course until the mains are pretty well laid all over town there will be no marked surplus but every year this work of extension is going on and it will not be long now until the net work is pretty well completed. After the revenue will largely be profit, that the revenue will largely be profit, that the revenue will largely be profit.

"If every building in Chatham used city water it would mean about 2,500 services. At present we have in some-where about 1,100. This present year the demand for them has been the most pressing on record, in fact almost more than we could attend to. Some 160 have been laid altogether up-to-date while in former years the numbers only ran about 100 and never more than 130. At the rate services are going in you can easily figure out when the city will be supplied."

"What was the cause of the increased demand?" asked The Planet.

"The dry summer. Nearly all the wells in the city were dry and people had to have water. This increase of 160 for the year meant an addition to the annual revenue, together with the C. P. K. supply, of \$1,100 or \$1,200 while the cost of pumping was not materially increased."

"A rather funny thing happened about the putting in of these services which led to the city saving a good deal of money. Formerly we gave the work out to the plumbers at a certain price. Last spring they came to us and demanded an increase of about 50 per cent. We decided as a result to lay our own services and the consequence was we have saved about 25 or 30 per cent on the old rate which we were paying and which the plumbers kicked on."

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