

WHISKARD'S Three Busy Stores, 228, 230, 232 Dundas St

The Three Busy Stores

desires to extend to the public of this city and vicinity grateful acknowledgment of its liberal patronage during the year 1902 and in wishing you all

A Happy New Year.

hopes to merit a continuance of past favors by every possible effort to supply better goods for the same money, or the same goods for less money than elsewhere.

Look Out for Our Big Stock-Taking Sale for January.

Prices made so that it will pay you to buy spring and summer goods now. Big lines in black cotton hosiery at about half price. Big lines of embroidery at half price. See our west window for some very special lines in linens; some fancy goods at away down prices.

Fur Department.

15 only Fur Collars, regular \$1.75, clearing out, \$1.00 each.
4 only Fur Collarettes, black and grey fur, regular \$3.89, sale price \$2.50
Boys or girls Astrachan Mitts, in black only, 25 cents a pair.

CHICAGO HAS A COAL FAMINE.

Dealers Holding Back Thousands of Tons.

IS THERE A CONSPIRACY?

Between \$300,000 and \$400,000 Cleared on a December Corn Deal at St. Louis—Alleged Tobacco Smuggling Conspiracy—A Wife Accused of the Murder of Her Husband—A \$10,000 Diamond Robbery—Miscellaneous United States Despatches.

INVESTIGATING THE COAL FAMINE.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Investigations begun yesterday by the Attorney-General and by the aldermanic committee to determine the cause of the coal famine in this city were merged to-day. The inquiry has not as yet brought out evidence of a conspiracy, although some of the dealers have been shown to have on hand thousands of tons of coal. They claim it is for contracts already made. Attorney-General Hamilton said this afternoon: "Relief is coming so rapidly that I do not believe we shall be forced to begin any proceedings against the companies."

JOLLY BROKERS.

New York, Dec. 31.—The members of the produce and stock exchange gathered on the floor of the former to-day to hold their annual celebration of the day of the ending of the old year. The ceremonies which occupied the whole day were participated in by 1,500 brokers.

TO RELIEVE THE COAL FAMINE.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 31.—General Superintendent Hale, of the Baltimore & Ohio Railway, issued the following order to-day: "Until further notice we cannot accept of carload of freight except live stock and perishable products, for points east of Pittsburgh, Moundsville and Parkersburg. We will continue to accept our own empty cars and empty foreign cars."

ASSAILANT IDENTIFIED.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 31.—From a photograph shown him at the hospital to-day, Conductor Keene, of the L. A. N. passenger train, was able to identify a man who had been seen yesterday, identified Gus Hyatt, who escaped from the penitentiary at Nashville some time ago, as his assailant.

A PROFITABLE DEAL.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 31.—Thomas A. Cleage closed his big December corn deal to-day with a profit of between \$800,000 and \$1,000,000.

30 MEN INJURED.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 31.—Thirty railway employees were injured, for perhaps fatally, in a work train wreck to-day at the Fort Smith crossing in North Little Rock. There were 300 men on the train.

LEFT THE MORGAN FIRM.

New York, Dec. 31.—J. P. Morgan & Company announce that Robert Bacon has retired from the firm, and temporarily from active business. It is understood his health has not been good for some time past. The official announcement by J. P. Morgan & Co. was worded as follows: "Mr. Robert Bacon, to our great regret, has decided to retire temporarily from active business, withdrawing this day from our firms in New York, Philadelphia and Paris." Shortly after the announcement J. P. Morgan said: "Mr. Bacon retires on account of ill-health. 'Wall street' will be sorry to see him go," said a reporter. "Wall street won't be half so sorry to see him go as we are," was Mr. Morgan's response. Another member of the firm said that Mr. Bacon's place will not be filled. Mr. Bacon is a director in the United States Steel Corporation, and has been the Morgan representative as director in a number of other corporations. It is not known whether he will continue in these positions.

TO PENITENTIARY AT LAST.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Edward S. Dreyer, former banker and treasurer of the West Park Board, was taken to Joliet to-day to begin a long delayed sentence for withholding \$316,000 of park funds. Nearly four years have passed since Dreyer's conviction, during which time he has been in the county jail awaiting the results of extraordinary efforts for release.

TOBACCO SMUGGLERS.

New York, Dec. 31.—Nevada N. Stranahan, collector of the port, believes there is a regularly organized band of tobacco smugglers engaged in bringing the leaf into this country on the North Atlantic passenger line. He is satisfied that he knows the principals in the illegal traffic, and is preparing now to close the nets around them. Collector Stranahan said to-day: "Practically every month since I have been in office seizures of smuggled tobacco have been made. Always it has been Sumatra wrappers, on which the duty is \$1.35 a pound. Evidence points to an organized traffic, and I am satisfied that I know the men behind it. The stockers and sailors whom we have arrested and convicted have had their fines paid in every case. The business is carried on by stockers and sailors, with the aid of fences in saloons and other places. In many instances officers of the ships have winked at it, if they have not actually connived at the traffic."

DR. LORENZ GOING HOME.

New York, Dec. 31.—Dr. Lorenz, the orthopedic surgeon of Vienna, sailed to-day for England. John Dillon, the Irish leader, also sailed for home.

AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES.

New York, Dec. 31.—The fourth annual conference of the Association of American Universities was concluded to-day. President Parkin, of Upper Canada College, representing the trustees of the Cecil Rhodes scholarship fund, explained the intended operation of the fund. He desired suggestions from the association as to the best means for carrying out the ideas of Mr. Rhodes. The matter was referred to the executive committee, and that committee will confer with him.

NEW YORK, DEC. 31.—At the sixth annual meeting of the Society of College Gymnasium Directors, which was continued to-day, officers were elected.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxa Bromo-Quinine Tonic, signature 6th Avenue

headed by W. L. Savage, of Columbia, for president. Dr. R. T. McKenzie, of McGill University, was chosen a member of the council.

WIFE ACCUSED OF MURDER.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 31.—A special from Cortland says: "Coroner Santee made public to-day his findings in the inquest into the death of William Kiehl at Preble last February. He accuses Mrs. Kiehl of the death of her husband, and Mrs. Kiehl, her mother, with having mixed arsenic in Wm. Kiehl's food. He finds that Kiehl was first poisoned by Mrs. Fenner at her home, and that upon his return home the wife administered more arsenic, which had been sent in the form of fough on rats by her mother. Warrants for the arrest of the women have been issued."

AGED WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH.

Oswego, Dec. 31.—By the explosion of a lamp Mrs. Michael Murray, 70 years old, was burned to death last night while asleep.

THE GRAVEYARD GHOULS.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 31.—Upon information from Rufus Cantrel, said to be the leader of the band of negro grave robbers, Dr. Frank M. Wright, demonstrator of anatomy at the Electric Medical College, and secretary-treasurer of the institution, was arrested. The specific charges of taking, concealing and purchasing the body of Cora Shaw was contained in the indictment returned on the grand jury. Cantrel said that Wright received the body of the woman from him, paying him \$200, which was placed under a \$500 note which was immediately furnished to him.

U. S. POLICE.

New York, Dec. 31.—Communication by the old world has been received from the Herald, London, that messages by the Wellin, Cornwall, W. miles further from the Tablehead station.

DEATH OF RICHARD BOLEY.

Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—Richard Boley, an actor, died at the age of 55 years, of this city, died at the outbreak of but 15 years of age, and served until the end of his life.

DECLARED DAM NUISANCE.

Rome, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Justice Scripture has declared the water supply in the city of Watertown a nuisance, and ordered them lowered nearly three feet. The city must also pay damages to the Remington Paper Company for flooding the property.

\$10,000 DIAMOND STEAL.

New York, Dec. 31.—Angus McPherson, who stole \$10,000 worth of diamond rings from Simpson & Co.'s pawn shop, after smashing a window, last night, was held in \$5,000 bail on a charge of burglary. Several of the gems he lost in his flight have been recovered.

MASCAGNI CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Signor Mascagni, the Italian composer, was arraigned in court yesterday on a charge of embezzling \$5,000 from his former manager, Richard Heard, of Boston. After hearing both sides Justice Hurley immediately dismissed the case.

POLICE OFFICIAL HELD FOR TRIAL.

New York, Dec. 31.—Magistrate Brann to-day handed down a decision that Police Inspector Brooks had violated section 120 of the penal code, and had exceeded his authority, in forcibly entering Cantrel's alleged gambling house, Dec. 1. The magistrate ruled that Brooks must be held for trial in the court of special sessions.

IN A THREE MONTHS' TRANCE.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Dora Meek, who went into a trance-like sleep on Sept. 28, as the result of a lovers' quarrel, and has never since awakened, is believed to be dying, says a special from Centralia, Ill. Miss Sunday she has shown an abnormally high pulse, which the doctors believe is due to exhaustion. There is very little fever, and respiration is normal.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP RECOMMENDED.

New York, Dec. 31.—The grand jury of King's county handed down a presentment to-day on surface and elevated railroad facilities in Brooklyn, recommending that the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company make certain changes in its system, with a view to the improvement of existing conditions. The grand jury recommends that the Attorney-General take steps to annul the charters of the constituent companies of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company. The presentment in part says: "Since this topic is now a subject of public agitation all over this city, we have finally to make this suggestion to the court and to our fellow-citizens:—That the only solution of this vexed problem of metropolitan transportation is municipal ownership and operation of the means of public travel. These street railways, elevated railways and tunnels—all the facilities of metropolitan transit, that have been given away for absolutely nothing until recently, should be brought back where they naturally belong, under the control from which they passed, the ownership and operation of the public."

ALL IN ONE GRAVE.

The Funeral of the G. T. R. Wreck Victims at Port Huron.

Port Huron, Mich., Dec. 30.—The funeral of Mrs. Bodley, Clement Bodley and little Lillian Lyman, mother, son and granddaughter, victims of the Wainstead wreck, which took place from St. Stephen's Church, and the edifice was crowded. There were three hearses in the funeral procession, and the caskets lay in state for three days, interred in one large grave. The funeral was one of the saddest ever witnessed in the city.

AN OLD LADY BURNED TO DEATH.

By An Explosion of Natural Gas, While Starting a Fire.

Port Colborne, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Isaac Schooley, an old lady of the village of Humberstone, was burned to death last night by an explosion of natural gas when she was starting a fire. She had turned on the gas before lighting a match, thus causing the gas to explode, setting fire to her clothes.

CHICKEN-POX ON SHIPBOARD.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 31.—The British schooner Grace (Captain Strong), from Oporto, reached here yesterday with a case of chicken-pox. Another man is dying and a third is ill of the disease. The schooner has been quarantined.

BOER VOLUNTEERS FOR SOMALILAND.

A Sensational Murder Trial in Old London.

POISONING OF TWO WIVES.

Among the Charges Laid Against a Russian Pole—General Cable News

REFUSED TO APPOINT HIM.

Rome, Dec. 31.—The Pope has refused to appoint Abbe Klein to be Bishop of Monaco. He is a professor in the Catholic institute at Paris, propagator of Father Hecker's doctrines and translator of Bishop Spalding's works. The Vatican authorities think there is some connection between the Pope's refusal of Abbe Klein and his rejection of Bishop Spalding's candidacy for the Archbishopric of Chicago.

HAVE ARRIVED AT MOSCOW.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—Americans who are going to Baidram Ali, Transcaucasia, to install cotton oil machinery, the Imperial domain there, have arrived at Moscow.

100 BOERS VOLUNTEER FOR SOMALILAND.

Cape Town, Dec. 31.—A detachment of one hundred Boers who have volunteered for military service in Somaliland will sail from here next week.

AUSTRIAN PROVISIONAL BUDGET.

Vienna, Dec. 31.—An Imperial decree, under article xiv, the emergency clause of the constitution, was passed authorizing a provisional budget for the period ending June 30, 1903.

TOD SLOAN'S VALET REMANDED.

London, Dec. 31.—"Tod" Sloan's valet, a Swiss named Carloz, was remanded at a police court here to-day charged with stealing the American jockey's diamond sleeve links, valued at \$425, the dress suit and other articles. Sloan, who said he desired to go abroad, was bound over to attend the trial.

MONEY FOR FINLANDERS.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—Count Bobrinsky, who co-operated with the American famine work in 1891, has received inquiries from America in regard to the relief required in Finland, and telegraphed to Minister of the Interior Von Plehwe, who has authorized him to say that money will be gratefully received, but that other contributions are not wanted.

ARRAIGNED FOR POISONING TWO WIVES.

London, Dec. 31.—George Chapman, whose preliminary trial is still going on at a police court here, was to-day arraigned on additional charges of murdering his first and second wives, the autopsy of whose exhumed remains indicated that they had been poisoned. The prisoner has applied to Consul-General Evans for protection. The public prosecutor identified the prisoner as a native of Warsaw, Russian Poland, where he at one time combined the callings of doctor's assistant and barber.

MINOR CABLES.

Cardinal Vannutelli, president of the apostolic penitentiary, which deals with matrimonial questions, declares the Pope could not under any circumstances annul the marriage of the Crown Prince of Saxony.

TOBACCO TRUST IN GERMANY.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—The Anglo-American tobacco trust will introduce here to-morrow a system of rebates and premiums to small dealers. It controls only one factory in Germany—the Jasmatz, at Dresden, which it has greatly enlarged and filled with new cigarette machinery of American make. It has not accepted, so far, other factories which were offered by third proprietors, but has negotiated without success for two or three of the large businesses in Germany.

SIXPENCE PER WORD.

London, Dec. 31.—Mr. Henniker Heaton, M. P., writing to the London Times to-day regarding Mr. Marconi's developments, prophesies that transatlantic cable messages by all lines will soon be reduced 50 per cent, namely, to sixpence per word.

THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS.

London, Dec. 31.—Writing to the Times to-day on the subject of the Rhodes scholarships, Dr. G. R. Parkin says the minimum standard for admission to be kept as high as possible, and that in making selections, it is the ability to pass the responses. The response is the entrance or matriculation examination, and known at Oxford as the "little go."

BRANDON, MAN, IS VERY SHORT OF FUEL.

The coal supply is said to have run out entirely.

WOULD HAVE TO STOP HER WORK AND SIT DOWN.

Brandon, Man., is very short of fuel. The coal supply is said to have run out entirely.

HOW MANY WOMEN HAVE TO DO THIS FROM DAY TO DAY?

MILBURN'S HEART AND NERVE PILLS are a blessing to women in this condition. I was very badly run down, was troubled with palpitation of the heart and dizzy spells, weakness, nervousness, sleeplessness, palpitation of the heart, faint and dizzy spells, weakness, listlessness, and all troubles peculiar to the female sex.

Mrs. James Taylor, Salisbury, N.B., in recommending them says: "About eight months ago I was very badly run down, was troubled with palpitation of the heart and dizzy spells, weakness, listlessness, and all troubles peculiar to the female sex. I was very badly run down, was troubled with palpitation of the heart and dizzy spells, weakness, listlessness, and all troubles peculiar to the female sex. I was very badly run down, was troubled with palpitation of the heart and dizzy spells, weakness, listlessness, and all troubles peculiar to the female sex."

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Solid India Rubber Heels, to fit men's, women's and children's shoes, any size or style, rustless nails with each pair. No one should be without a pair of Rubber Heels this slippery season. They save one from many a fall. Usually sold at 40c pair. Our price Friday and Saturday 15c pair.

January Sale of Notions.	January Sale of Drugs.
Hooks and Eyes, 3 cards for 5c	Cold Cream, for chapped hands, etc., 10c
White Tape, 7 widths in package, 5c package	Campfire Ice, for chapped lips, 10c
Splendid Pins, 2 papers for 5c	Bay Rum, at 10c and 15c bottle
Corset Laces, 10c 6 for 5c	Capiscum Vaseline, for pains and aches of all kinds, allays inflammation, good for headache, rheumatism, neuralgia and gout, very effective for toothache, special price, 10c
Kid Curriers, at 10c and 15c dozen	Witch Hazel, 10c
Small Kid Curriers, regular 1c dozen, special, 3 dozen for 5c	Carlton's Cherry Tooth Paste, 10c
Nice Pearl Buttons, 3 sizes, special, 10c dozen	Elite Tooth Powder, 15c
Tartan Hairpin Cabinets, assorted sizes of pins, regular 5c box, special, 2 for 5c	Large 10c bottle of Chesebrough's Vaseline for 15c
Safety Pins, 2 dozen on card, assorted sizes, for 5c card	Perfumed Vaseline Oil, splendid for the hair, 15c
Toilet Pins on cube, assorted sizes, black headed, 100 pins for 7c	
Pretty Thimble, in box, 5c	

The Great Sale of Parlor Lamps.

Is still going on in the Art Room. Numbers of Lamps have been sold during this extraordinary sale. It has proved a splendid chance for many.

TO-MORROW'S SPECIAL OFFER WILL BE

25 very Fancy Parlor Lamps, with handsome decorated globe, brass stands, with dark bowl, separate fount; regular \$5.00 and \$6.00. Friday \$2.50 each

Mirrors.

Nice Mirrors, for hanging up, good glass, varnished wood frames, 5 sizes, from 15c up

Nickel Ware.

15 only No. 9 Nickel Tea Kettles, regular \$1.25, Friday, 85c each

Nickel Cuspidors, 15c each

Nickel Coffee Pots, 40c each

Special prices in Hockey Skates, Sticks and Pucks Friday.

Bird Cages, brass and japanned, all sizes, different styles, 75c up

Come and Hear the Music.

WOODS' FAIR.

C.R.C. RUBBERS
CANADIAN RUBBER COMPANY
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THE BEST RUBBERS BEAR THIS TRADE MARK
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"From ANCIENT INDIA and SWEET CEYLON."
ARE THE BEST AND ARE THEREFORE THE CHEAPEST.
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THE GREAT WELSCH UNIVERSAL GAS LAMP. WE HAVE IT IN 12 STYLES.

Light With Gas. Heat With Gas. Cook With Gas.

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MORE PROHIB. DEMANDS.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—At a large gathering of temperance workers held last night it was decided to maintain an aggressive fight in Ottawa, and for that purpose a league was formed, with ex-Ald. George Deering as president. Mr. A. H. Jarvis, secretary. The following resolution was carried: "Moved by Rev. Dr. Moore, seconded by Rev. F. C. Reynolds, that, whereas, the majority in favor of the Liquor Act of 1892 has steadily increased by the receipt of the delayed returns; and, whereas, the vote of the country is sufficient to justify the strongest demands that can be made under the act; therefore, we request the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance to urge the Government of Ontario to pass the Liquor Act of 1902 into law, with such amendments and provisions as shall without reference to the people bring the Government before the by-elections, January 7, 1903, and that the Government be requested to take the earliest possible measures for their approval."

W. Laidley, writ against of Stouffville, ties, on the a have neglected with statements of Companies