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Cases Have Been Tumbling

In on us by the car load, and everything you can desire to supply your spring needs in Dry Goods is here. We will accord you a welcome whether you buy or not, and if after buying, goods are not satisfactory bring them back and get your money, nothing could be fairer.

Dress Goods

Our stock of spring showing is now well to hand and every reasonable and almost any unreasonable demand can be satisfied from this big stock of ours.
42 in. wide, satin venetian, the new suiting of the season, in shades fawn, brown, navy, cardinal and green, very special value at..... 60c
38 in. wide, all-wool serge, best quality to be had for the price, in colors old rose, gray, navy, black, myrtle, brown and fawn, special at..... 25c
45 in. wide, venetian cloth, in all the season's popular shades, correct for costumes, very special at..... \$1.00

Tailor made Suits

This is an age of conveniences and what is more convenient for you than to come in and buy your dress all ready made up for you. No trouble fitting, no delay, all ready-to-wear.

We have a splendid showing of suits—the new Eaton blouse jackets, the new blouse flare skirt, everything about them new and stylish, colors represented are fawns, grays, browns, tans, navy and black, prices are \$7.50 to..... \$20.00

Shaker Flannels

A special purchase enables us to sell a 32 in. wide shaker flannel for 60 a yard. They are a good weight and the designs and colors are everything you could wish.

Shirtings

Perhaps you are aware that shirtings have advanced in price at the mills and in the jobbing houses. This will not interest you so much as the fact that here you can buy shirtings just as cheap as ever and quality considered, cheaper than most any place in Chatham.
Best Canadian and American standard indigo shirtings, in every desirable pattern, at the old price..... 12c
Good heavy indigo and white stripe shirtings, very special value at..... 10c
Extra quality Canadian Oxford shirtings, in good colors and designs, very extra value at..... 8c

Bed Spreads

We have two very special lines of white bed spreads, which we are going to place on sale for you next Saturday. White honey-comb spread, full double bed size, extra weight and finish, very special at..... \$1.25
White satin marcelles spread, full double bed size, extra weight and very fine finish, ever special at..... \$1.50
These were imported direct from the makers in Manchester England, and they are without exception the best offering in bed spreads we ever made.

Silks

The prettiest showing of checks and stripes in Japan wash silks you can imagine is ready for you to see here. Nothing prettier, nothing more stylish and nothing more economical, per yd..... 50c

THOMAS STONE & SON, Direct Importers

The House Furnishers

IN A PARLOR

There's nothing that adds more to the appearance of the room than a suitable

Parlor Suite

We have a lot of New Suites, Couches and Carpets, and they're the prettiest we've ever seen for the money.

Call and see our stock before buying.

Hugh McDonald

The House Furnisher and Upholster Opp. Garner House

The Pruning Season

Will soon be here and those who wish to raise good fruit and grow nice trees must prune. Geo. Stephens, Quinn & Douglas have all the necessary tools for this purpose and their prices are right.

Geo. Stephens, Quinn & Douglas

Subscribe Now.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT ON AN ELEVATOR.

Drum Gear Gave Way, Letting the Carriage Fall—Iron Counterbalance Weights Fell on the Men.

Moline, Ill., March 7.—Two men were killed and seven injured today by the fall of an elevator in the work of the Moline Plow Co.

THE DEAD.
Arvid J. Burgeson, back of head crushed by falling weight, death resulting instantly.
E. D. Swanson, internal injuries, died at hospital.

THE INJURED.
Herman Anderson, left arm and elbow fractured; left hand crushed; amputated at wrist.
John Apen, knee and ankle hurt.
A. W. Braumstrom, left arm broken in four places and badly mangled.
Gustav Hoffstedt, left arm and two fingers broken.
Harry Kankas, left shoulder broken; hurt in right side; bruised throughout the body.
John Messick, suffering from shock.
A. G. Perkins, injuries to lower joints.

The accident occurred while the men were going to work. Twenty-five workmen were crowded upon the 1112 platform. The elevator ascended a few feet when the drum gear gave way, letting the cage fall from the first story to the basement. The iron counterbalance weights shot up to the top of the shaft, and four of them, each weighing 100 pounds, became disengaged by collision with the framework of the shaft, and crashed down upon the mass of men below.

One weight struck Burgeson, crushing his head and scattering his brains over the faces of his companions. Swanson at the moment was engaged in a friendly scuffle with Burgeson, and was struck by another weight that injured him fatally.

The elevator was warranted to carry four thousand pounds. An inquest was held and a verdict was returned exonerating the plow company.

THE POLICE PAID PRISONER'S FINE

Zoltweskie Was Badly Wanted in Michigan on Several Charges.

Stephen Zoltweskie was taken to Detroit yesterday by Detective Ed. Sadler, where he will be tried. There were several burglaries which, it is alleged, he had a hand in. Zoltweskie was doing a 30-day sentence at the Sandwich county jail for breaking into a bonded car in the Grand Trunk railway yards in Windsor. At the time of his arrest a number of stamped envelopes were found in his possession. Chief Wells, of Windsor, notified the Detroit police, with the result that Zoltweskie has been identified as the man wanted in Detroit and Grosse Ile for robberies. It is alleged that he robbed the post-office in the latter place, and it is supposed he secured the envelopes there.

Detective Sadler called on Magistrate Bartlett to learn if he could secure the custody of the prisoner by a written order, but was informed that the only way to get him was to pay the amount of his fine, \$9.25, and any other charges which the governor of the jail might have against the prisoner. The detective decided to do so, and when he settled with Gov. Sparks, Zoltweskie was handed over to him. An extradition warrant had already been procured, and the prisoner was taken direct to Detroit.

THE WAR SITUATION IS MUCH MORE FAVORABLE.

Government Officially States Kitchener and Botha are in Communication—De Wet and Steyn Separate, the Former Being Hard Pressed and Without Guns.

London, Friday, March 8.—(What-ever negotiations are proceeding in Pretoria, and Mr. Kruger declares that they can only be for an armistice, the Government evidently has no idea of slackening reinforcements. The War Office issued a detailed statement last evening of transports that are to sail for South Africa within the coming week with 12,000 troops.

The casualty list reveals the fact that two officers were killed at Lichtenburg March 3. Lord Kitchener's telegram, "Am sending reinforcements," was dated March 6. Evidently, therefore, the fighting continued for some days, and further advice are awaited with anxiety.

According to the Daily Mail's despatches, General De Wet and Mr. Steyn have separated, the former being at Petrusburg, west of Bloemfontein, and the latter at Smithfield.

The progress of the bubonic plague causes deep anxiety and apprehension in Cape Town. The Cape Government has decided to remove the people from one-third of the city area, and to cleanse it. Every precaution will be taken should the disease spread to the troops.

The Amsterdam correspondent of the Daily Mail says Mr. Kruger is informed that E. W. Reitz, former State Secretary of the Transvaal, is suffering from aberration of the mind.

THE WAR LOAN.

The Times understands that the remainder of the war loan will be issued in instalments, the Government having

BALFOUR'S MOTION PASSES BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Passionate Speeches and Exciting Scenes Characterize the Adoption of the New Rule to Deal With Recalcitrant M. P.'s.

London, March 7.—As a result of the recent newbyism, Mr. A. J. Balfour, the government leader in the house of commons, yesterday proposed the following amendment to standing order 21—"Provided, that if any member or members acting jointly, who have been suspended under this order as to service in the house shall refuse to obey the direction of the Speaker, the latter shall call attention to the fact, and shall have recourse to force, if necessary, to compel the member, or members who have refused to obey his directions. Thereupon, then, without any further question being put, the member or members shall be suspended from service in the house for the remainder of the session." The reading of the proposed amendment was greeted with loud groans from the Irish benches and with cheers from the other members.

In anticipation of a lively debate and possibly exciting scenes arising from the suspension of Irish nationalists and Mr. Balfour's punishment proposals, there was a great attendance in the house of commons today. The visitors galleries were full of many peers and ladies being among those present. A large force of police was in readiness within easy reach. The Irish members of parliament are greatly pleased with the cabled despatches received by Mr. John Redmond, their chairman, from Irishmen in Boston and Chicago.

The under Secretary of the Foreign Office, Lord Cranborne, informed a questioner that the text of the despatch from the British Ambassador at St. Petersburg to the Foreign Office respecting the oral promise of Russia to the effect that the Russian occupation of Manchuria was only temporary, had been seen and approved by Count Lamsdorff, Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, at the end of February.

The Speaker, Mr. Gully, announced that he had received a letter from Mr. Jordan to the effect that he had not defied the authority of the chair (when a number of Irish members of parliament were removed from the house by force on Tuesday), and on the motion of Mr. Dillon, Mr. Jordan's name was removed from the list of suspended members.

Mr. Balfour then moved his amendment to the rule governing the suspension of recalcitrant members, in supporting the motion, Mr. Balfour said it was necessary to provide adequate summary punishment for such physical resistance to the Speaker's orders as occurred on Tuesday. He trusted the house would unanimously agree to the amendment. The house ought not to remain helpless against a member who committed such an aggravated crime against the house—offence the danger and reality of which had been so painfully brought before them.

Mr. Henry Campbell-Bannerman alluded to the grossly disorderly conduct of certain members and said he had not a word of excuse to say in their justification, or palliation, but he

STEAMER IS NOW MUCH OVERDUE.

Anxiety Concerning the Numidian With the Strathcons on Board.

Halifax, March 7.—There are no signs of the steamer with the Strathcons on board up to noon.

The steamship Evangeline, from London, arrived here today. She reports a rough passage. She saw nothing of the Numidian, which has the Strathcons on board.

Montreal, March 7.—A good deal of anxiety is expressed over the non-arrival at Halifax of the Allan steamer Numidian with the Strathcons on board. The officials of the company here, however, state that they are not alarmed over the fact that she is five days overdue, and they think it likely that she has been detained by snow storms and fog.

Halifax, N. S., March 7.—Midnight.—No sign of the Numidian.

WAR IS RAGING IN VENEZUELA.

Dictator Castro's Overthrow May Come Within a Very Short Time, It Is Said.

New York, March 7.—A resident of New York who has extensive business and political dealings in Venezuela gives an outline of the situation in that country:

Gen. Ignacio Andrade arrived at San Juan, Porto Rico, from Cuba on Feb. 17, and after a few days departed quietly for more active service, presumably in the field, as he had perfected his final arrangements with Cuban friends to take part in a movement for the overthrow of Cipriano Castro, the present dictator of Venezuela. A most formidableprising is now in progress, and it will not be many weeks, or days, perhaps, before the censorship established by Castro will be broken, and details sent out freely.

The entire country lying west of the Orinoco river up to within 100 miles of Caracas, the federal capital, is now in the hands of the revolutionists, under the leadership of Gen. Nicolas Boland, with Gen. Pedro du Charme and his brother, Gen. Horatio du Charme, each in charge of large and well-disciplined armies.

"Boland and the two du Charmes have advanced to the westward, doubtless to concentrate near the bay of Carapaco, less than 100 miles east of Caracas." It is also reported that the state of Hernandez are now in the hands of Boland's troops.

"In the western section of the republic the same activity prevails as regards military troops and pressing them to the centre. These forces are under command of Gen. Parraza and a corps of able generals, each of whom has a local following and influence. It is also reported that a large number of Colombian adventurers have joined the Venezuelan forces.

"It is reported that Castro has sent some \$50,000 here for the use of Gen. Uribe-Urbe, to be expended in munition for war for the Colombian insurgents. It is an open secret that the Colombian rebels are the friends of Castro, while the government of Colombia is on the most friendly terms with Andrade and will do all in its power to secretly aid him in the overthrow of Castro."

RUSSIANS FIRED ON THE BRITISH.

Drunken Mob of Carr's Soldiers Volleyed at the Consulate in Choo Foo.

Vancouver, B. C., March 7.—The Japanese Mail says: "Feb. 10, the Russian soldiers behaved with great violence at Choo Foo. A whole squad became intoxicated. They gathered around the British consulate and killed the Consul's Chinese servant out of pure wantonness. The consul recommended and threatened to report them. The Russians were ordered by their drunken commander to line up and fire at the consulate. Half the Russians refused. The other half fired straight at the consulate and the consul narrowly escaped being killed."

The Times publishes a story of a band of mounted Manchurian robbers recently surrounding a foraging party of the Japanese lancers and some Japanese infantry near Shan Hai Kwan. One trooper escaped and brought reinforcements, which arrived just in time. In one house three men had been hemmed in. The house was fired and one man was killed. Further on three troopers were found defending three wounded Indian coolies, with only two or three cartridges remaining.

In the fight which followed five Japanese infantrymen and seven Manchurian bandits were killed. The rest of the Manchurians retreated into a large village from which a hot fire was opened. The next day a force of 100 cavalrymen and 400 infantry moved on the village and it was found deserted.

MINE EXPLOSION.

Geisenkirchen, Prussia, March 8.—Ten persons were killed and many injured yesterday by an explosion of fire damp in the Consolidation mines. It is feared that others are entombed. The adjoining shaft collapsed and at present it is impossible to reach them.