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THE MUSLIN UNDERWEAR SALE IS DRAWING CROWDS! WHY?

The woman who are acquainted with the quality of the muslin wear sold here are many. They know that these annual trade events bring them worthy garments at prices unknown at other times. We do not say that all are sold at a loss to us—we make a profit, but that profit comes to us from selling ten garments, when otherwise only one would be sold. The advantage is yours and ours. You buy cheaply—we sell much. **BUY YOUR MUSLIN UNDERWEAR NOW.**

The Crisp Newness

of a fine line of Japanese Silks, which have just come to hand will tempt those who have an eye for the beautiful. They're a very choice lot much under price. You'll be tempted to buy them at sight.

Regular price 50c, 55c, and 60c, your choice at 45c.

White Cottons

Cotton prices are soaring sky high just now in most areas. We fortunately bought early at the lowest prices. It will pay you to buy your cottons here and save.

The New Gown

Stuffs beckon you

A very large shipment of the very latest Dress Goods have just come to hand. Rich weaves at modest prices. If you are thinking of buying a dress it will pay you to see them.

Special at 50c, 75c, and \$1.00.

Fine Embroideries

Direct from the makers in St. Gall, Switzerland—the patterns are the choicest and the quality the finest, and the prices are less than you pay for the ordinary kind.

Specials at 50c, 60c, 70c, 80c, 90c, 100c, 125c, 150c, 200c, and up to \$1.00.

Ginghams

Why not buy them early and have them made up before spring comes? It's to your advantage. We have the ginghams all ready—40 pieces—all the colorings, very fine quality, and the price is only 12½c a yard.

Blanket Sale

Every Blanket we sell is a dependable blanket. The best quality at the smallest price. You can buy blankets here now at smaller prices than ever before. We want to clear them out.

Specials at 90c, \$1.15, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00.

..Thomas Stone & Son..

DIRECT IMPORTERS

JOHN NORTHWAY & CO.

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THE PLAIN TRUTH

No exaggeration. This store appeals to intelligence, plainly telling the facts so easily verified by walking through the store. We give a daily synopsis of what's going on. Trumpet roar and loud exaggerations are common, but shoppers are clever enough to make their own comparisons. You will find these goods exactly as advertised, and on Sale

3 pcs. Reversible Cretonne, wide double width, in handsome designs and colorings, for curtains and hangings, regular 17c, Special.....

11c

4 pcs. Brussels Sash Net, fine quality, in rich applique designs, sold regular at 50 cents, Special.....

35c

8 doz. Bleached Cotton-Huck Towels, fine quality, fringed and bordered, size 24 x 43 inch, regular 12½c each, Special.....

8½c

1 pc Apron Gingham, 36 in. wide in blue and white check, fast colors, reg. 8c, Special.....

5c

5 only, Ladies' Jackets, fine quality, silk lined, sold reg. at \$8.50 and \$10.00, Special.....

\$4.89

3 pcs. Mantle Cloth, in heavy beavers and curl cloths, sold regular at \$1.25 and \$1.50, Special.....

58c

Ladies' Vests, fine heavy quality, long sleeves, open front, silk trimmed drawers to match very Special.....

25c

1 only, Heavy Bed Comforters, fine coverings, choice filling, reversible, extra large, regular \$1.35, Special.....

98c

8 pcs. Wrapperette, choice patterns and colorings, reg. 10c and 12½c, Special.....

7c

8 pcs. Oxford-Shirtings, fine English make, guaranteed fast colors, good value at 8 cents, Special.....

5c

6 pcs. Heavy Cotton, unbleached, even round thread, full yard wide, sold elsewhere at 9c to 10c, Special.....

7c

Tuesday Morning

The Busy Cash Store

John Northway & Co.

GLOOMY OUTLOOK

For Any Immediate Relief of Belaguered Ladysmith.

The Times Calls for Another 10,000 Men to Push a Decisive Campaign.

London, Monday, Jan. 29, 4.15 a. m.—The week has opened gloomily for the British public, and the reaction is all the stronger because of the high hopes that were rested in Gen. Buller's turning movement. Open talk is here of the absolute necessity of abandoning Ladysmith to its fate, while Lord Roberts reverts to the original plan of an advance over the Orange River

upon Bloemfontein. It may be regarded as a certainty that, in the confident hope of early relief, Sir George White has lately been issuing extra rations, and this fact has given rise to an exaggerated idea as to the length of time the provisions would last. Even should it be decided to send Gen. Buller reinforcements and to attempt to reach Ladysmith by a movement through the still more difficult country east of Colenso, it is extremely doubtful whether the garrison could hold out long enough, as such a movement would occupy at least a month.

THE WORST FEARED.
The Times says:—The most carefully planned and executed movement of the whole campaign has entirely failed, and it is hardly necessary to dwell upon the extreme probability that we shall learn, a little sooner or later, of a catastrophe almost without

precedent in our military history, a catastrophe, indeed, without a parallel except in the surrender at Yorktown. The Government ought to prepare for the immediate despatch of 50,000 men and to take steps to send another 50,000 if those should be needed. The feeble attempts to carry on the attempt with four widely-separated columns, with each unequal to its task, must be abandoned for a concentration of force and purpose.

It appears that Gen. Buller had altogether five brigades wholly or partly engaged—Gen. Coke's, Gen. Hildyard, Gen. Woodgate, Gen. Hart and Gen. Lytton—and the 250 casualties already announced in Lytton's brigade are thus explained. Much mystery still surrounds the retreat. It is possible that Gen. Buller has withdrawn his entire force, but it is generally assumed that Lytton's brigade and Lord Dunscombe's cavalry and other troops are still on the north side of the Tugela.

BULLER FALLS BACK.

Withdraws His Forces Across the Tugela Without Molestation

MUST SEEK ANOTHER ROUTE THAN THAT BY SPION KOP.

THE OFFICIAL ACCOUNT OF THE FIGHTING BETWEEN JAN. 20 AND 27—NO ESTIMATE OF WARREN'S LOSSES YET GIVEN—ALL THE STORES SAVED.

London, Jan. 29.—The War Office last night gave out the following despatches from Gen. Buller, dated Spearman's Camp, Saturday, January 27, 6.10 p. m.:—

On Jan. 20 Warren drove back the enemy and obtained possession of the southern crests of the high tableland extending from the line of Acton Homes and Honger's Post to the western Ladysmith hills. From then to Jan. 25 he remained in close contact with the enemy.

The enemy held a strong position on a range of small kopjes, stretching from north-west to south-east, the plateau from Acton Homes, through Spion Kop, to the left bank of the Tugela.

The actual position held was perfectly tenable, but did not lend itself to an advance, as the southern slopes were so steep that Warren could not get an effective artillery position, and water supply was a difficulty.

On Jan. 23 I assented to his attacking Spion Kop, a large hill, indeed, a mountain, which was evidently the key of the position, but was far more accessible from the north than from the south.

On the night of Jan. 23 he attacked Spion Kop, but found it very difficult to hold, as its perimeter was too large, and water, which he had been led to believe existed, even in this extraordinary position, was found to be very deficient.

The crests were held all that day against severe attacks and a heavy shell fire. Our men fought with great gallantry. Would especially mention the conduct of the second Camerons and the Third King's Rifles, who supported the attack on the mountain from the steep side, and in each case fought their way to the top, and the Second Lancashire Fusiliers and the Second Middlesex, who magnificently maintained the best traditions of the British throughout the day of Jan. 24, and throughout the day equally well alongside of them.

Gen. Woodgate, who was in command on the summit, having been wounded, the officer who succeeded him decided on the night of Jan. 24 to abandon the position, and did so before dawn Jan. 25.

I reached Warren's camp at five a. m. on Jan. 25 and decided that a second attack upon Spion Kop was useless, and the enemy's right was too strong to force it.

Accordingly I decided to withdraw the force to the south of the Tugela. At 6 a. m. we commenced withdrawing, and by 8 a. m., Jan. 27 (Saturday), Warren's force was concentrated south of the Tugela without the loss of a man or pound of stores.

The fact that the force could withdraw from actual touch—insane cases positions were less than a thousand

yards apart—with the enemy in the manner did, in I think, sufficient evidence of the morale of the troops; and that we were permitted to withdraw our cumbersome ox and mule transport across the river, eighty-five yards very swift current, unmolested, is, I think, proof that the enemy has been taught to respect our soldiers' fighting powers.

WAR NOTES.

Large arrivals of troops are due at Cape Town during the week. There has been great activity in military quarters in all parts of England since Saturday morning.

The Boers claim to have wounded Dr. Jameson with a Long Tom shell from the Colenso Camp.

The Boers report that Commandant Lucas Meyer's command surprised and surrounded a strong body of Gen. Methuen's infantry, killing or wounding 23 and capturing 15.

GALLANTLY DONE

Was the Work of the British Storming Party

But Spion Kop Was too Hot to Hold—Story of the Attack.

Spearman's Camp, Friday, Jan. 26. —About two o'clock on the morning Jan. 24 (Wednesday), when heavy clouds rested upon the kopjes, the main point of the Boer position, Tabanyama, was stormed by the British infantry, under Gen. Woodgate. Our force crossed over a ravine and climbed the mountain side steadily, getting within 30 yards of the enemy's first line of trenches. The Boers, who had been asleep, decamped, leaving everything behind, and the British, with ringing cheers, climbed to the summit. The Boers opened fire from several points, but it was apparent that they had been taken completely by surprise, and their resistance was dispirited. The western crest of the hill was soon won, and the infantry crept along the top of the hill. At daylight, however, the Boers from a high point on the extreme east, sent a withering fire among the British, which momentarily staggered them. The Boers had the range fixed to a nicety, and their artillery sent several shells right to the top of the crest, forcing the infantry to take cover. The British Nordfeldts also were worked with great precision. The British held the position against great odds. At 10 o'clock strong reinforcements were sent up the hill, and advanced in skeleton formation, the enemy being driven back to the extreme point.

WHY ATTACK FAILED.
The Daily News published a despatch, dated Wednesday afternoon, from Spearman's Camp, but held back probably by the censor until Friday, Jan. 26, 6.40 p. m. The despatch says: Having gallantly taken Tabanyama Mountain during last night, General Warren's troops are finding considerable difficulty in holding it. There has been heavy firing today. Boer shells are splendidly directed, and in the face of the enemy's heavy fire, the further advance of our forces has been checked. Again and again attempts have been made to dislodge the enemy, and things have begun to look serious. Determined as had been their attack, however, the Boers had not succeeded in dislodging them. Meanwhile the King's Royal Rifles, approaching from the Potgieter's Drift side of the mountain range, began the arduous ascent of Spion Kop. The Boers were precipitous and their task was no light one. 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