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We place on sale Sixty pieces of Prints and Gingham that are

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Remnants of Prints and Gingham.

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Axes, 50c.

Fur Coats, \$12.00

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Pot, 40c.

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### DOINGS IN



Upsetting prices among the *Ohina*. Commencing on Friday, Feb. 19th, we will sell *Ohina* Cups and Saucers heretofore varying in price from 25c. to 40c., now 19c.

You get the choice of anything in the window at this price—19c. on Friday and following days. If you do not get the choicest Cups and Saucers, do not blame us for it.

The sale commenced at 9 o'clock this morning. A word to the wise is sufficient.

**SPOT CASH. H. Macaulay, 3, KING ST**

## PUSHING ON TOWARDS SEOUL

Russian Troops Preparing for Attack on the Korean Capital.

General Advance Now Under Way—Much Suffering From Intense Cold and Lack of Provisions.

(Special to The Planet.)

Tokio, Feb. 19.—Reports received here from Korea state that Russian troops are advancing toward Seoul and that a strong position at Ping Yang has been occupied by them. Their present movements, however, do not indicate any immediate intention of attacking the Korean capital.

The Japanese legation in Seoul has been greatly strengthened during the last few days.

SUFFER FROM COLD AND HUNGER.

Harbin, Manchuria, Thursday, Feb. 18. The Russian troops are concentrated in the lower Yalu valley. Everybody is in high spirits and daily expecting reinforcements.

Russian families are leaving Manchuria owing to the darkness of provisions, all of which are required for troops.

The Manchurian and especially the Transbaikalian railroads cannot cope with the demands for transportation.

Women and children are unable to get trains, and many are waiting at the stations, suffering from cold and hunger.

The Chinese are quiet and are bringing in provisions. The rise in prices is due to some extent to the fall in the value of paper money, which in some places is altogether refused. It is expected that there will be sufficient supplies of bread, meat, butter, petroleum and fodder, but not enough sugar, preserved meats and linen, and that there will be a great scarcity of boots. It is not expected that such stores can arrive for some time.

The Manchurian railroad officials have applied for extra allowances of pay.

London, Friday, Feb. 19.—The Japanese legation here received an official despatch from Tokio last night, saying it was not true that any Japanese vessels had been destroyed so far in any of the various naval engagements, and that all necessary repairs had already been made. The Japanese fleet remains intact. This message also denies the report that the Japanese were driven from the neighborhood of Kin-Chau after a skirmish, in which 150 Japanese were taken prisoners, and declares that the Japanese made no attempt to land at Pigoum bay. It says the Japanese forces have up to the present time made no attempt to land at any point where they could come in contact with the Russians and that consequently all reports of land actions and Japanese losses are untrue.

### A JAP BASE OF SUPPLIES.

The Russian Embassy at Rome is given as authority for the statement that the Japanese fleet has established a base of supplies at Elliott Islands, off the coast of the Liaotung peninsula, seventy-five miles northeast of Port Arthur. This tends to confirm the belief that Japan is preparing to attack Port Arthur and advance through Manchuria.

### ANOTHER ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR REPORTED.

A St. Petersburg despatch says: "No official announcement has yet been made regarding the report from Tokio that a second Japanese torpedo attack at Port Arthur has taken place. There are reports here, but they lack official confirmation that an attack at Port Arthur, Feb. 16, was repulsed after heavy fighting on both sides. According to the story, this attack was intended as a feint to cover a landing at Talien-Wan bay, but it failed because the Russian guns were placed with great foresight to command the shore. The Russian expert says the Japanese evidently hoped the adjacent group of Elliott Islands would cover this movement as they did the same thing during the Chino-Japanese war, landing simultaneously at Talien-Wan and Kin-Chau, thus cutting off Port Arthur from each side of the Liaotung peninsula. 'It surprises me,' this expert continues, 'that the Japanese should have adopted a foolhardy attempt to face the Russians as they must know from their spies how strongly the peninsula is mined and defended.'

### RUSSIA ON THE DEFENSIVE.

A despatch from St. Petersburg, dated Thursday, says: "The government's frank statement in its communique of this morning on Russia's unpreparedness owing to Japan's sudden precipitation of hostilities, and warning the Russian public not to expect immediate victories, confirms the opinion which has existed here that Russia will act upon the defensive until her army is fully mobilized, and

the equipment of the commissariat is in perfect working order. There are already over 300,000 men in the field, and this number will be largely augmented. About 50,000 are required to guard the railroad. The work of the Russian Red Cross Society is being pushed with great vigor. The donations already exceed \$5,000,000. Baron Korff is now devoting his entire time to Red Cross work as chief of personnel division. When explaining recently the extensive preparations of the society, Baron Korff said: "We are preparing for a long, hard war."

### KUROPATKIN IN COMMAND.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris journal says, in a despatch, that War Minister Kuropatkin has been appointed to the chief command of the troops in Manchuria. He will be under Viceroy Alexieff.

### ALEXIEFF WILL FALL BACK ON HARBIN.

Little far eastern news appears in the press this morning with the exception of official despatches, and the comment is made that the official reports of Viceroy Alexieff and others are remarkable mostly for what they leave unsaid. These reports attract far less attention than does the significantly frank Russian proclamation asking the people to be patient until the army is ready to strike blows worthy the dignity and might of Russia. The threats in this document are commented upon by the British press in tones of considerable irony. It is now believed both in London and on the continent that Viceroy Alexieff has decided to fall back upon Harbin, gradually abandoning Port Arthur, Vladivostok, and the whole of southern Manchuria to the Japanese, and that he is perhaps hoping that the reduction of Port Arthur and Vladivostok will occupy the enemy while he is concentrating his forces at Harbin.

London, Feb. 19.—The papers this morning comment upon the activity which is seen at Woolwich and elsewhere in refitting the navy in preparation for any emergency. It is admitted that the manufacturers of fixed ammunition have been working night shifts since Christmas, and that all the surplus obsolete war material on vessels at home and abroad is being replaced as rapidly as possible.

Special interest attaches to the equipment of 60 battleships with new 12-inch wire steel guns, 450 of which were ordered by the admiralty four years ago at an expense of \$22,500,000. These are said to be the most modern and most powerful guns in existence in any navy, and they are capable of throwing an aimed shot accurately a distance of 16,000 yards.

Similar reports of military activity are received from other countries. For instance, even Spain is preparing for possibilities. The Spanish minister of war informed a newspaper manager of war informed a newspaper manager yesterday that he was mobilizing all the military forces at his disposal and said: "Although the Russo-Japanese dispute does not concern us, we must be prepared for all eventualities. Patriotism, however, demands that we keep silent regarding the points Spain must fortify."

Paris, Feb. 19.—The Figaro this morning publishes a telegram said to come from a high Russian official, and sent from the frontier, saying that Col. Von Schenk, the commander of the German guards, of which the czar is honorary colonel in chief, was received by the czar on Monday and handed to his majesty an autograph letter from Emperor William on the subject of Great Britain's attitude.

Continuing, the Figaro's informant says official circles in Russia continue to count on Germany's unreserved support, and discuss openly the possible change of the equilibrium of Europe which might result in the grouping together of Russia, Germany and France, taken in connection with the anti-British feeling.

The increasing possibility of war with Great Britain is discussed without reserve in Russian military circles. Rear-Admiral Rojdestvenski, the chief of the general staff of the navy, said it was impossible, according to the Russian official who telegraphs the Figaro, to send to Port Arthur all the naval officers who want to go there, because they may be required in the Baltic. In conclusion, this official says the whereabouts of Viceroy Alexieff have been unknown for three days past, and that the official telegrams are received without signature.

### BAD BREAK

The joint supporting one of the drying kilns at the Chaplin Wheel Works suddenly gave way yesterday morning under an extra heavy burden, precipitating an enormous weight of spokes and hubs to the ground floor. It was a lucky happening indeed that that particular moment there was no one in the room.

There is, at almost any time during the day, at least two or three men in this department, either getting warm or working, and that there should be no one in the room at the time is nothing short of a miracle.

Many of the employees of the works who inhabit the room were busy all afternoon shaking hands with themselves on their escape.

Was killed—

The society event of the season was the pan-cake social given by Samuel Moore to his friends on Tuesday. Mr. Moore was anxious to pull the event off before Lent, and he succeeded admirably. There was a large number of guests present from Big Point and other outside points.

## TURKS ROUT THE ALBANIANS

Bitter Battle Results in Heavy Loss to Both Sides—800 Killed and Wounded

Situation in the Balkans Regarded as Serious—30,000 Austrian Troops Ready for Invasion

Salonica, Macedonia, Feb. 18.—The Albanians, who were besieging Shemsi Pasha, (who with 2,500 Turkish troops and three guns, was yesterday reported to be besieged by 20,000 Albanians at Babajosse, between Diakovka and Ipek), have been routed, losing 300 men killed and wounded. The Turkish losses are said to be heavy. Five additional battalions of troops have been ordered to Verisovich, (31 miles north of Uskub).

### SITUATION SERIOUS.

Rome, Feb. 18.—The situation in the Balkans, especially in the district of Diakovka, province of Ipek, is considered here to be serious. It is declared that Austria has 30,000 men ready to invade Albania, but if such a move were made, Italy would consider it as disturbing the balance of power on the Adriatic, and most detrimental to her interests here.

### WAR IN THE BALKANS.

New York, Feb. 18.—War in the Balkans is predicted in a telegram to the Times from Washington. It says: Taking advantage of Russia's preoccupation in the Far East, Turkey is preparing for war with Bulgaria. It is learned that a march into Bulgarian territory is likely to be made very soon. In preparation for this event Turkey has addressed a note to each of the powers, signifying to the treaty of Berlin, in which she says the reason for her attitude. The note says: "The principality of Bulgaria does not change its attitude of active though concealed hostility, in spite of the efforts of the Porte in carrying through the stipulated reforms." Entire trustworthy investigations reveal, the note says, that Bulgaria is building fortifications, drilling troops, and in every manner is preparing for war. Besides these legitimate war preparations it is learned that Turkey believes Bulgaria to be guilty of an unlawful and criminal traffic with dynamite, which is being furnished publicly to the rebels. The revolutionary committees, it is stated, are undisturbed in all important Bulgarian cities, under the eyes of the Government, and with its encouragement. The humiliations imposed upon Turkey under the name of reforms have proved worthless.

## THE WICKED

Evangelist Moorehouse Points Out how they may be Spotted and Saved.

Last evening at Park St. Church Mr. Moorehouse talked from the topic, Isaiah 55, 7.—"Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." This subject can be easily divided into four headings.

- 1—Who are the wicked?
- 2—Who are the unrighteous?
- 3—Condition for abundant pardon.
- 4—What it is to be abundantly pardoned.

The wicked people are those who have habits of wickedness or ways or paths of evil in which they tread. And to-day a great deal of the evil which is done is hidden; yet we can place the credit of evil to the wicked one, who brings evil into the world in its worst forms, in licentiousness and drunkenness, or as we might put it, in women and wine. These are not the only ones, but are among the worst.

The unrighteous man is different from this last class. He is what is considered by people to be a moral man, yet he is ungodly, for in his heart he has evil thoughts, which God looking down upon considers sins. So the unrighteous man must forsake his thoughts, which will condemn him.

But too many stop here. That would never save them. After the old ways and evil thoughts have been forsaken, the sinner must return to God and there be regenerated and pardoned.

And now the sinner who does this is abundantly pardoned. This does not mean that the sins are pardoned and the sinner is left alone, but the Lord reveals Himself and the peace, comfort and happiness of the Holy Ghost is multiplied to pardon, and the once wicked or unrighteous man is made holy.

At to-night's service a special thank offering will be received.

Norman S. Bell, of Ridgetown, died at St. Joseph's hospital, Hamilton, on Tuesday. He was to have been married this week. His betrothed was in the hospital for fifteen hours, but the doctors did not allow her to see him till he was dead. The girl is heart broken.

## Beads

Are the Fad of the Hour.

Can you think of anything nicer to make than bead work? It will be the rage all summer. We have made arrangements accordingly and now have in stock a full assortment of all shades. We would be pleased to have you call and make inquiries about the work.

## Novels

Just at hand 2,000 of the best and most popular novels, at the price of 10c. each. Call and look them over.

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Woman's Empress Kid Bals, leather lined, in new up-to-date lasts, sizes 1-4 1/2, 3-5, 1-5 1/2, 2-6, 1-6 1/2, 1-7, regular \$3.00 shoe for..... **\$2.50**

Woman's Empress Box Bals, this season's goods, sizes 1-3, 2-4, 2-5, 2-5 1/2, 1-6, 1-7, regular \$3.00 shoes for..... **\$2.50**

Wish everybody knew how good a store we have here. That's why we make it worth your while to come.

**TURRILL**  
The Shoe Man