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A Glimpse At the New Silks

In all the years of our silk business we never saw such handsome silken fabrics as we are now showing. Oriental patterns in their wealth of bizarre colorings, dainty warp printed effects in subdued shadings, and—we might ramble on for an hour—THE PRICES ARE

45c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00

Buy an Umbrella for a rainy month

Because now good Umbrellas are cheap—these just arrived from Scotland to-day. You can close your eyes in choosing from this Umbrella stock, for there is not one but is worth every cent you pay for it and sometimes more—here's a hint at the prices—

75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75,
\$2.00 and up to \$5.00

Why not buy good Carpets?

You're not buying for six weeks or three months, but for years. Quality in Carpets commands a standard price. Shoddy you can get for any price where they keep it. We don't, our Carpet reputation is the result of years of hard fighting for quality.

We want to call your attention to a very large shipment just received—50 pieces—very choice Brussels with or without borders, all selling at one price

\$1.00 yd.

How about an outfit of Window Shades

Throw out those old rattle traps that have caused you so much annoyance. We have the best rollers, best shade cloth, a competent man to do the measuring and making. The price part is easy, especially now before we're rushed. Let us have your shade order.

Thomas Stone & Son Thomas Stone & Son

ROBERTS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCES

That Cronje has Surrendered to Him Unconditionally and is
Now a Prisoner in the British Camp.

The Boer General by Holding out for Ten Days has Given the Transvaal
Authorities Time to Concentrate a New Army of Defence
at Bloemfontein.

London, Feb. 27.—The despatch of Lord Roberts announcing the surrender of Gen. Cronje reads as follows:

Paardeberg, Feb. 27th, 7 45 a.m.—Gen. Cronje and all his followers capitulated unconditionally at daylight and he is now a prisoner. The strength of his force will be communicated later. We hope that Her Majesty's government will consider this event satisfactory occurring as it does on the anniversary of Majuba.

ROBERTS

London, Tuesday, Feb. 27, 4.20 a.m.—The Boers are assembling an army near Bloemfontein with which to dispute the invasion of Lord Roberts. This intelligence comes from Pretoria by way of Lorenzo Marques. The commandos are described as "hastening from all quarters of the two Republics." No estimate is made of their numbers, but the withdrawal of the Boers from most of the places where they have been in contact with the British except the district near Ladysmith may raise the resisting force to 30,000 men. This figure assumes that the Boers have between 60,000 and 70,000 men in the field. The gathering of this army across the path of Lord Roberts gives significance to Gen. Cronje's steadfast defence. He engaged the corps of Lord Roberts for ten days, and has given time for the dispersed factions to get together and to prepare positions to receive the British advance.

EVERY MAN TO THE FRONT.

A despatch to the Daily News from Lorenzo Marques, dated Friday, Feb. 23, says: It is reported here that 5,000 burghers have left Ladysmith for the Free State. The Boers are concentrating their forces thirty miles outside of Bloemfontein, and the Free State government is moving to Wynberg. Reinforcements from all parts are passing through Bloemfontein hourly. President Steyn has telegraphed President Kruger that Lord Roberts is within a few hours of Bloemfontein, and urges that every male, irrespective of nationality, should be commanded. President Steyn is said to favor peace. The Boer general, who was in command at Olenso, sent a message to President Kruger saying that he had been smashed up there, and recommending

overtures for peace. The burghers at Mafeking are also reported to have sent word to Kruger that they would rather defend their own farms than fight elsewhere. The Pretoria government is paying its debts with bar gold, the English professional soldier having refused to work. It is understood that continental shareholders are affected by the closing of the Robinson Bank. President Kruger allowed the institution to reopen.

ROBERT'S FORBEARANCE.

The Daily Mail has the following despatch from Paardeberg:—The Boers are about 4,000 men in Gen. Cronje's camp, exclusive of the losses he has hitherto sustained. His wife is not with him, although there are women and children in the camp. The Boer position was almost exclusively confined to the river bed. The enemy were entirely at our mercy, but Lord Roberts treated them with great consideration, from motives of humanity.

HARD WORK AHEAD.

A Cape Town despatch, dated Sunday, February 26, says:—The Boers are concentrating to defend Bloemfontein. The movement on the veldt, away from the railway, is becoming increasingly difficult for large bodies of troops, as the grass is burned up. Gen. French has no water for his horses, and even the infantry finds the long marches harder than before, as forage for the transport animals must be carried. This requires the formation of garrisoned depots. The ordinary camp has to be closely watched, and the sickly season, for both men and animals has set in. The technical writers take these things into consideration in forecasting events.

TREASON IN THE AIR.

The Daily Chronicle says it learns from private letters that British rifles and ammunition have been landed on the southern coast of Cape Colony, presumably for the Dutch colonists.

The Brussels correspondent of the Daily Mail says:—"As a result of special inquiries in Boer circles, I am able to corroborate fully the reported danger from the intrigues of the Afrikaner Band."

NATIVES RETALIATE.

Lorenzo Marques, Monday, Feb. 27, despatch from Gaborone, dated Thursday, February 22, says:—Chief Linche has reported that he made reprisals from the Boers near Sequali, killing a few men and capturing several.

COOK'S COTTON ROOT COMPOUND.
Is successfully used monthly by over 10,000 ladies. Safe, effective, and pleasant. Your druggist for Cook's Cotton Root Compound. Take no other, as all mixtures, pills and imitations are dangerous. Price, No. 1, per box, No. 2, 9c. 25c. 50c. 1.00. 1.50. 2.00. 2.50. 3.00. 3.50. 4.00. 4.50. 5.00. 5.50. 6.00. 6.50. 7.00. 7.50. 8.00. 8.50. 9.00. 9.50. 10.00. 10.50. 11.00. 11.50. 12.00. 12.50. 13.00. 13.50. 14.00. 14.50. 15.00. 15.50. 16.00. 16.50. 17.00. 17.50. 18.00. 18.50. 19.00. 19.50. 20.00. 20.50. 21.00. 21.50. 22.00. 22.50. 23.00. 23.50. 24.00. 24.50. 25.00. 25.50. 26.00. 26.50. 27.00. 27.50. 28.00. 28.50. 29.00. 29.50. 30.00. 30.50. 31.00. 31.50. 32.00. 32.50. 33.00. 33.50. 34.00. 34.50. 35.00. 35.50. 36.00. 36.50. 37.00. 37.50. 38.00. 38.50. 39.00. 39.50. 40.00. 40.50. 41.00. 41.50. 42.00. 42.50. 43.00. 43.50. 44.00. 44.50. 45.00. 45.50. 46.00. 46.50. 47.00. 47.50. 48.00. 48.50. 49.00. 49.50. 50.00. 50.50. 51.00. 51.50. 52.00. 52.50. 53.00. 53.50. 54.00. 54.50. 55.00. 55.50. 56.00. 56.50. 57.00. 57.50. 58.00. 58.50. 59.00. 59.50. 60.00. 60.50. 61.00. 61.50. 62.00. 62.50. 63.00. 63.50. 64.00. 64.50. 65.00. 65.50. 66.00. 66.50. 67.00. 67.50. 68.00. 68.50. 69.00. 69.50. 70.00. 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