

## From the Poets.

## Four German Ships.

Four German ships sailed out to sea—  
Ho, bullocks, heave a pawl!  
With turrets clear and tompons free  
And shoted guns and all;  
With a shell for Poll and a shell for Jane  
Which isn't the game for you and me,  
But is the German way.

Four German ships turned tall  
again—  
Ho, bullocks, heave a pawl!  
When they found they had to fight  
with men.  
Which wasn't their game at all;  
With a shell for church and a shell  
for school.  
And a shell for anyone,  
But never a shell for an English ship  
When there's room to cut and run.

Four German ships set out to fight—  
Ho, bullocks, heave a pawl!  
And they choose the dark, for they hate  
the light,  
Which isn't strange at all;  
With a shell for mate and a shell for  
age.  
And a shell for the baby's bed,  
But never a shell to stop our way  
When we crossed their bows with  
lead.

One German ship is down below—  
Ho, bullocks, heave a pawl!  
And we drummed the rest ere we let  
them go.  
For they raced us after all;  
With a shell for this and a shell for  
that.  
And a shell for the kids at play,  
But never a shell to hold us back—  
That isn't the German way.  
—By R. F. W. Rees, in London Ex-  
press.

## Germany's Offer

## FOR ITALY'S PARTICIPATION.

Rome, Feb. 15.—The Idea Nazionale, a newspaper published in the interests of the Nationalist party, in its issue of to-day, publishes a forecast of German proposals to Italy which reads as follows:

"Before the end of February Prince Von Buelow, the German Ambassador to Italy, will present to the Italian Government a concrete proposal for Italian participation in the war on the side of Germany."

"This consists of the cession of Austria of the Province of Trent and the rectification of the Eastern Italian frontier by the addition of a strip of land going as far as the Isone River."

"In addition Germany will pledge herself to conclude a new treaty with Italy, which will afford protection to Italy's Mediterranean interests."

"In exchange Italy is to take part at once in the war. She will occupy Tunis and help Turkey drive the English from Egypt, which will return under the dominion of the Sultan of Turkey."

"In addition the Italian fleet will attack the Anglo-French naval forces in the Mediterranean."

Continuing, the paper says that Prince von Buelow, referring to Trieste, made this statement: "It is impossible to give Trieste to Italy, because this seaport is the lung, not of Austria, but of Germany."

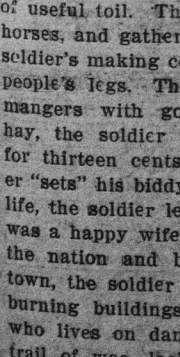
At the conclusion of one of his conversations with the Italian statesman Prince von Buelow, according to this newspaper, made use of this phrase: "Either Italy will be friendly toward us or we will treat her worse than we are treating England."

Masonville, June 27, '13.  
Minard's Liniment Co., Limited.  
Yarmouth, N. S.

Gentlemen,—It affords me great pleasure and must be gratifying to you to know that after using 36 bottles of your Liniment on a case of paralysis which my father was afflicted with, I was able to restore him to normal condition. Hoping other sufferers may be benefited by the use of your Liniment. I am,

Sincerely yours,  
GEO. H. HOLMES.

## FIGHTER AND FARMER.



The warrior in armor is slaying fellow men, while the peaceful farmer goes forth to plow. All through the day the former is wasting shot and shell, and making Europe warmer than the gates of Hannibal. Mo. And all day long the latter is wrestling with the soil, and makes the welkin clatter with sounds of useful toil. The farmer cleans his horses, and gathers luscious eggs, the soldier's making corpses, and wounding people's legs. The farmer fills his mangers with good and wholesome hay, the soldier butchers strangers for thirteen cents a day. The farmer's "sets" his biddy, and leads a useful life, the soldier leaves a widdy where was a happy wife. The farmer props the nation and builds the smiling town, the soldier earns his ration by burning buildings down. The man who lives on danger, and leaves a trail of woe, looks cheap beside the stranger, whose weapon is the hoe. The soldier with his sabre should be ashamed to meet the peaceful man who labors to raise the corn and wheat.



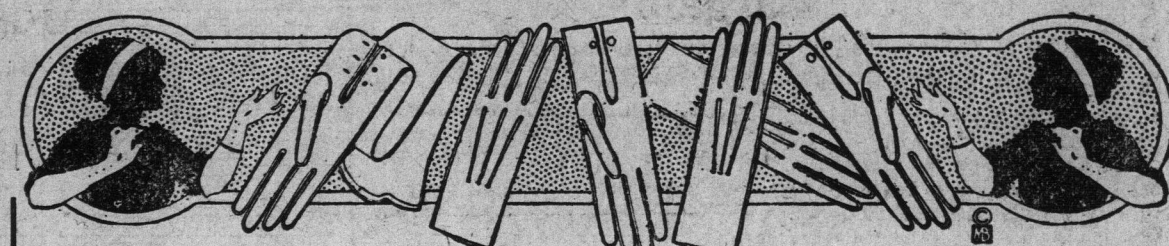
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**CHANCE!**  
—AND—  
**Friday**  
**Saturday**  
are the  
LAST  
**2 Days.**

## Black Dress Goods

Values in Black Dress Goods were never better, nor the variety more extensive. Black is always suitable for almost any occasion. You can buy any. Your choice here now at a

## Substantial Reduction.

## Good Values in GLOVES for all occasions



An opportunity to anticipate your Glove needs for months ahead is given you during this Sale. Every make of Glove is represented in our extensive stock. Make a point of visiting this department. After seeing the splendid values offered you will admit at once that Glove buying at the Royal Stores is a money-saving proposition.

## Ladies' Wool Gloves.

Ringwood, Scotch Knit, c., in Black, White, Fancy and Heather mixtures.  
Reg. 20c. pair. Sale Price... 17c.  
Reg. 25c. pair. Sale Price... 21c.  
Reg. 35c. pair. Sale Price... 30c.  
Reg. 45c. pair. Sale Price... 40c.  
Reg. 55c. pair. Sale Price... 47c.

## Lined Kid Gloves.

Dent's and other popular makes in Black, Tan, Grey and other colors.  
Reg. 60c. pr. Sale Price... 52c.  
Reg. 75c. pr. Sale Price... 64c.  
Reg. 90c. pr. Sale Price... 77c.  
Reg. 1.25 pr. Sale Price... 1.20  
Reg. 1.50 pr. Sale Price... 1.35

## Ladies' Kid Gloves.

Reg. 80c. pr. Sale Price... 70c.  
Reg. 1.10 pr. Sale Price... 97c.  
Reg. 1.25 pr. Sale Price... 1.10  
Reg. 1.60 pr. Sale Price... 1.44

## Children's Gloves.

Tan Kid, all sizes.  
Reg. 50c. pair. Sale Price... 44c.  
Reg. 65c. pair. Sale Price... 55c.

## Children's Wool Gloves

In shades of White, Navy, Crimson, Brown, Green and Fancy. Prices from 13c. to 30c.

## Ladies' Cashmere Gloves.

Suede finish, in Black, Tan, Beaver and Grey.  
Reg. 20c. pair. Sale Price... 17c.  
Reg. 25c. pair. Sale Price... 21c.  
Reg. 30c. pair. Sale Price... 26c.  
Reg. 40c. pair. Sale Price... 35c.  
Reg. 50c. pair. Sale Price... 44c.  
Reg. 60c. pair. Sale Price... 52c.

## Ladies' Wool Gauntlets

In White only.  
Reg. 45c. pair. Sale Price... 40c.  
Reg. 50c. pair. Sale Price... 44c.  
Reg. 60c. pair. Sale Price... 64c.

## Lined Kid Gauntlets.

Reg. \$3.00 pr. Sale Price... \$2.50

## Hardware Values were never so attractive

Bake Pans, 9 x 14. Reg. 15c. for... 13c.  
Bread Mixers, 8 lb. Reg. \$2.50 for... \$2.37  
Cake Mixers. Reg. \$2.10 for... \$1.90  
Heavy Potato Ricers. Reg. 60c. for... 54c.  
Wood Pastry Rollers. Reg. 17c. for... 14c.  
Pie Pans, 9 in. deep. Reg. 6c. for... 5c.  
Ironing Sleeve Boards. Reg. 20c. for... 17c.  
Japanned Waiters, 20 in. Reg. 42c. for... 37c.  
Galvanized Wash Tubs. Reg. \$1.00 for... 90c.  
Wire Brollers. Reg. 9c. for... 7c.  
Market Baskets. Reg. 60c. for... 54c.  
Steel Fry Pans. Reg. 25c. for... 21c.  
Wicker Knife Baskets. Reg. 60c. for... 55c.  
Toilet Paper, 1,000 sheets in rolls. Reg. 10c. for 8c.  
Queen Pudding Boller. Reg. 0.10c for... 95c.  
Food Choppers. Reg. \$1.10 for... 97c.

Sad Irons, 3' in set. Reg. \$1.15 for... \$1.05  
Wood Towel Rings. Reg. 15c. for... 14c.  
Tin Dippers. Reg. 25c. for... 22c.  
Patty Pans, 12 on sheet. Reg. 17c. for... 13c.  
Wood Coffee Mills. Reg. 40c. each for... 36c.  
Wood Knife Boxes. Reg. 17c. for... 14c.  
Jelly Moulds, 1/2 pint. Reg. 9c. for... 7c.  
Flour Sieves. Reg. 17c. for... 14c.  
Tile Teapot Stands. Reg. 22c. for... 20c.  
Tin Cuspidors. Reg. 25c. for... 22c.  
Gilt Frame Mirrors, 8 x 10. Reg. 50c. for... 45c.  
Wire Sink Strainers. Reg. 15c. for... 13c.  
Wire Potato Mashers. Reg. 8c. for... 6c.  
Globe Metal Polish. Reg. 20c. for... 17c.  
Towel Rollers. Reg. 13c. for... 11c.  
Wire Cake Coolers. Reg. 18c. for... 15c.

## Mail Orders.

All orders for Goods at advertised Sale Prices must be accompanied by Cash.

The Royal Stores, Ltd.,  
Nineteenth Annual  
FEBRUARY SALE.

## IMMENSE SAVINGS IN

## Dress Materials

## NEW GOODS SELLING AT SALE PRICES.

There are big saving advantages among the Dress Goods during our February Sale. Whatever is fashionable can be found here. Our stocks are selected with the view of meeting every want. Variety is immense and is the widest possible price range. From the lowest to the highest priced materials, our assortments are complete.

## AMAZON CLOTHS.

In Navy, Reseda, Brown, Myrtle, Fawn, Grey, Prune, Tan, Saxe, Wine, &c.  
Reg. 45c. yard. Sale Price... 39c.  
Reg. 60c. yard. Sale Price... 52c.  
Reg. 70c. yard. Sale Price... 60c.  
Reg. 80c. yard. Sale Price... 68c.  
Reg. 1.10 yard. Sale Price... 85c.  
Reg. 1.35 yard. Sale Price... 1.15  
Reg. 1.65 yard. Sale Price... 1.40  
Reg. 1.85 yard. Sale Price... 1.55

## COSTUME SERGE.

Navy and Black.  
Reg. 45c. yard. Sale Price... 39c.  
Reg. 55c. yard. Sale Price... 47c.  
Reg. 60c. yard. Sale Price... 52c.  
Reg. 70c. yard. Sale Price... 60c.  
Reg. 80c. yard. Sale Price... 68c.  
Reg. 1.10 yard. Sale Price... 85c.  
Reg. 1.35 yard. Sale Price... 1.15  
Reg. 1.65 yard. Sale Price... 1.40  
Reg. 1.85 yard. Sale Price... 1.55

## COSTUME TWEEDS.

Heather mixtures, Browns & Greys; assorted widths.  
Reg. 55c. yard. Sale Price... 47c.  
Reg. 65c. yard. Sale Price... 54c.  
Reg. 75c. yard. Sale Price... 61c.  
Reg. 85c. yard. Sale Price... 69c.  
Reg. 1.00 yard. Sale Price... 85c.  
Reg. 1.20 yard. Sale Price... 1.00  
Reg. 1.40 yard. Sale Price... 1.20  
Reg. 1.60 yard. Sale Price... 1.40  
Reg. 1.80 yard. Sale Price... 1.60

## CABARDINES.

44 inches to 50 inches wide; colors of Navy, Myrtle, Grey, Tan, Saxe, Reseda, and Black.  
Reg. 90c. yard. Sale Price... 77c.  
Reg. 1.25 yard. Sale Price... 1.05  
Reg. 1.40 yard. Sale Price... 1.20  
Reg. 1.50 yard. Sale Price... 1.25

## SPONGE VELOURS.

New fabric in shades of Navy, Slate, Saxe and Brown; 50 inches wide.  
Reg. \$1.30 yard. Sale Price... \$1.50

## WHIPCORDS &amp; BEDFORD CORDS.

Colors of Navy, Grey, Prune, Tan, Amethyst, Saxe, Olive and Champagne.  
Reg. 60c. yard. Sale Price... 52c.  
Reg. 75c. yard. Sale Price... 64c.  
Reg. 1.00 yard. Sale Price... 85c.  
Reg. 1.25 yard. Sale Price... 1.05  
Reg. 1.50 yard. Sale Price... 1.25

## PLAIN SUITINGS.

In great variety; assorted widths.  
Reg. 75c. yard. Sale Price... 64c.  
Reg. 1.00 yard. Sale Price... 85c.  
Reg. 1.20 yard. Sale Price... 1.00  
Reg. 1.50 yard. Sale Price... 1.25  
Reg. 2.00 yard. Sale Price... 1.70

## NEW SERGE VELOURS.

In Black, Wine, Saxe, Grey, Cerise, Navy, Crimson and Amethyst.  
Reg. 75c. yard. Sale Price... 64c.  
Reg. 1.10 yard. Sale Price... 94c.  
Reg. 1.30 yard. Sale Price... 1.15

## NEW HOPSACKS.

50 inches wide; shades of Gold, Reseda and Terra Cotta.  
Reg. \$1.50 yard. Sale Price... \$1.25

## NEW CHECK SUITINGS.

Saxe and Black, Green and Black, Scarlet and Black, Purple and Black; 50 inches wide.  
Reg. \$1.25 yard. Sale Price... \$1.05

## NEW CROCODILE CLOTHS.

Shades of Myrtle, Grey, Saxe and Navy.  
Reg. 1.65 yard. Sale Price... \$1.40



## Cream Dress Goods

Popular weaves in White and Cream, all reduced in price. Cashmeres, Serges, Eolienness, Silk and Wool Fabrics, Nun's Veilings, &c.

## Dress Lengths

We have a lot of Dress and Costume lengths in fancy weaves. The new-est fabrics to arrive. Very smart colorings; about 4 1/2 yds. in each length.  
Reg. \$2.30 length. Sale Price, \$3.60  
Reg. \$3.00 length. Sale Price, \$5.60

A GREAT  
CLEARANCE SALE  
—OF—  
Gents' Furnishings

We cannot emphasize too strongly the exceptional — the remarkable Bargains offered during this Sale.

Just consider a moment. Here is the entire stock of one of the biggest exclusive Men's Furnishings Stores in St. John's. Loads upon loads of goods valued at \$40,000.00.

## Selling at Sacrifice Prices.

Buy now what you can't buy again at the same prices.

February Sale  
Prices on Crockeryware

Fancy China Table Sets—Sugar Basin, Cream Jug and Basin Butter Dish. Reg. 75c. set for... 68c  
Fancy China Trinket Sets, 13 pieces. Regular \$2.00 set for... 1.80  
Coffee Pots, Green and White, large size. Reg. 60c. each for... 54c  
Fancy Fern Pots. Reg. \$1.00 each for... 90c  
Fancy Candles for Clarke's Night Lights. Special. 3 for... 26c  
Pie Dishes, 12 inches. Reg. 40c. each for... 36c  
Fancy China Cup, Saucer and Plate. Regular 20c. for... 18c  
Coffee Pots, Silver Lustre, Regular \$1.15 each for... 1.04  
Lemonade Sets, Red Glass; 7 in set. Reg. \$1.00 set for... 90c  
Hygienic Pudding Bowl, large size. Regular 60c. each for... 54c  
Print Stone Cups. Special, 3 for... 25c

## LADIES' APRONS.

White Lawn & Mullin Aprons, embroidery and lace trimmed; numerous pretty styles. Overalls, Tea Nursing and aids' Aprons.  
Reg. Sale Price  
20c. each... 15c.  
30c. each... 25c.  
40c. each... 35c.  
50c. each... 45c.  
\$1.25 each... 95c.  
\$1.50 each... 1.25

Great Bread Benefit  
at Rossley's.

On Friday, the monster benefit takes place to buy bread for the poor of the City, and it is to be hoped that the public rally round and make it worth while; they will get their money's worth without a doubt, and help the poor at the same time. When Mr. Rossley gives a benefit he gives it right and gives it all, no taking out of expenses for this and that, but turns over the whole amount. There will be the string band from H.M.S. Calypso, who have kindly volunteered their services; Mr. Collier and Mr. Lloyd, comic singers, Rossley's pantomime troupe, Jack and Marie Rossley in one of their old time favorites, Joe Burkhardt, Bonnie Rossley and others, about thirty splendid turns. It is all under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson.

## McMurdo's Store News.

THURSDAY, Feb. 25, 1915.

McMurdo's Cough Cure is well suited for ordinary coughs and colds, especially where there is much bronchial irritation, or a great deal of mucus. It is pleasant to take, and does not affect the appetite or upset the digestion. It is well worth while to try it. Price 25c. a bottle. Fer Bravais is a highly concentrated iron tonic in a form which can be easily assimilated, and which is put up in a very palatable and convenient form. It is useful in anemia, loss of appetite, and general debility, and also during convalescence from acute diseases. Price 75c. a bottle containing about 6 weeks treatment.

## Our Volunteers.

Volunteers to the number of 1,206 have enlisted with the Second Contingent to date, the following having joined the ranks yesterday: Patk. Hogan, Thorburn Road. John White, Bay Bulls Big Pond. Jerry Grove, Leo Bay. Thos. J. Gosse, Leo Bay. Bert G. Hann, Westville. Ggo. P. Simms, St. Anthony. Leaton Simms, St. Anthony. Robt. Upward, Harry's Harbor.

The different platoons had skirmishing drill yesterday morning, and in the afternoon there was company drill at Government House grounds. No. 8 Platoon spent the afternoon at rifle practice at the Southside Range, and last night another squad had practice at the Highlanders' Armoury. Before dismissing the men yesterday Capt. Ayre furnished them with printed instructions regarding the handling and care of a rifle. The instructions also contained diagrams dealing with correct aim. The instructions will be read out and explained from time to time, and the men will study the same while on duty.

EVERYDAY  
ETIQUETTE

"When one is invited to dinner how soon before the dinner hour should he arrive?" asked James.

"When invited to dinner you should arrive about ten minutes before the hour set and not more than five minutes thereafter in case you cannot arrive before the hour," answered his father.

## Interesting Lecture.

Capt. Abram Kean lectured to a large and appreciative audience at Wesley Church Basement last night. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. Whiteway who briefly introduced the lecturer.

Capt. Kean then began his discourse and for over an hour dealt interestingly with the motives that animated the lives of great men from the early time of the Jewish people right up to the present day. The lecturer also made particular reference to the Motherland in defending her national honor during the present great struggle.

During the evening a programme of vocal and instrumental selections was given by Misses Barnes and Tucker, Messrs. S. J. Tucker, W. Tucker, P. H. Cowan, F. J. Chislett and Rev. H. Royle who presided at the organ.

At the close a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. W. H. Pike and seconded by Mr. R. Cross was accorded the lecturer by acclamation. The singing of the National Anthem brought the enjoyable evening to a close.

## Farewell Post Cards.

Of N.F.L.D. Second Contingent, including Farewell Dance, Boys Leaving on Neptune, On Board s.s. Dominion, and other interesting pictures, only Five Cents each at PARSONS' ART STORE.

REIDS' BOATS.—The Bruce, Melie and Home are still at St. Lawrence waiting for the ice to move off the coast; the Ethel left Petite Fort at 12.30 p.m. to-day, inward; the Glenora left Bellefleur at 8.45 a.m. to-day, coming east; the Kyle left Lunenburg at 6 a.m. to-day, and is due at Port aux Basques about 6 o'clock this evening.

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