

To-Day's Messages.

SKIRMISH AT WESEL.
WESEL, March 24.
 (Via Berne).—Six thousand Government troops, reinforced by armed countrymen, had a skirmish with Communist Guards, numbering about 15,000, near here last night. Reports state that 62 were killed and upwards of 100 wounded during the fighting.

NO GAS, WATER OR LIGHT IN BERLIN.

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 24.
 Gas, water and electric service has not been resumed in Berlin and the tramways are still idle. Independent Socialists have assumed a waiting attitude.

WESEL SURRENDERS TO BOLSHEVISM.

COBLENZ, March 24.
 It is reported here that Wesel has been captured by the Red Army. Ruhr district is quiet to-day. Government troops have retreated to the north east bank of the Lippe river.

PALLE NOW GETTING HEED.

LEIPZIG, March 24.
 Palle, a large industrial town just to the north west of this city, was completely cut off from communication last night. Latest reports were that troops had gained the upper hand and a considerable part of the city had been reduced to ruins. In this section turmoil with troops has been existing for more than a week and was still continuing to-day with no immediate hope of its cessation.

PROMISED INCREASE AND AVOID-ED STRIKE.

NEW YORK, March 24.
 Suspension of work in the Anthracite Coal Fields on April the first, when the present wage agreement between operators and workers expires, was averted to-night when the owners notified hard coal diggers that they would agree to make any wage increase decided upon in a new agreement being drawn up, retroactive to that date.

FIRE DESTROYED ENTIRE ENCAMPMENT.

MADRID, March 24.
 The Minister of War announced to-day that fire has destroyed the entire Spanish military encampment at Horeira, Morocco. There was no loss of life.

MARK WORKMAN DETHRONED.

MONTREAL, March 24.
 Roy Wolvin was to-day elected President of the Dominion Steel Corporation and its subsidiary companies, in succession to Mark Workman. There were no other changes in the directorate at the meeting of the Board of Directors, nor was any announcement forthcoming as to a merger of the Steel Corporation and the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company.

SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING SET.

PARIS, March 24.
 The Supreme Council of the Allies will meet at San Remo, Italy, on April twenty-one, according to authoritative advices from Rome. The next meeting of the Council of the League of Nations will be held in Rome, on April Twenty-fifth, it is announced.

ASQUITH TURNS DOWN LLOYD GEORGE'S SUGGESTION.

LONDON, March 24.
 Herbert Asquith, former Premier who was elected to the House of Commons from Paisley, Scotland, in a speech at the National Liberal Club to-day, replied to Premier Lloyd George's declaration that all old parties should unite against labor society, to prevent Bolshevism. Mr. Asquith said that the appeal was for class cleavage and the "mischievous thing" that had been done. "I am glad we are approaching the close of the transient era of organized insincerity," Asquith declared, adding that free Liberals would not "be harnessed to the wheel of the Tory Chariot." Asquith branded the Irish Bill as the "most fantastic and impracticable scheme and the greatest travesty of self Government ever offered a nation."

CONCESSIONS TO RADICAL SOCIALISTS.

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 24.
 The formation of a new German cabinet is a matter of only a few hours. The Independent Socialists are sure of getting several important portfolios, according to telegrams.

GERMAN LABOR UNIONS WIN CONCESSIONS.

LONDON, Mar. 24.
 In the strike solution reached by the German Government with labor unions the Majority Socialists are pledged to place in their parliamentary programme the claims of labor organizations, says a Berlin despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. The Government has expressed willingness to withdraw its troops from Berlin and across Spree River, near Government Headquarters, and raise the state of siege immediately. It is said that, in addition, it undertakes not to attack workers, particularly in Ruhr District, and to negotiate with unions concerning entry of labor representatives into defence corps. The union pledged themselves to call another meeting to decide the question of a new general strike.



Harbingers of Spring

--The Fashions--The Season's first hints of what is Worn--
 nowhere so charmingly demonstrated as at The Royal Stores.

Jap Silk.

2,000 yards pure Japanese Silk, 27 inches wide, soft, glossy finish in a full range of new and popular shades. Reg. \$1.80 yard. **Friday and Saturday \$1.49**

Smart Costumes and Skirts.

Navy Serge Costumes.
 We offer a limited number of smart Costumes in Navy Blue. Each one has a style and charm of its own; all have belt at waist and are trimmed with braid and buttons in various designs; sizes 38 and 40 length, 25 to 28 waist. Special for Friday and Saturday, each **\$30.75**

All Wool Golfing Skirts.
 A clearing line of becoming Skirts in Heavy Plaid and Fancy Checks, finished with neat pockets and belt at waist; button trimmed. Special, each, Friday and Saturday **\$18.75**

Dance or Party Skirts.
 Another clearing line of very smart Skirts in Silk Etienne in colors of Saxe, Fawn and Champagne only; high waist effect, fancy pockets trimmed with fringe and self covered buttons; size 38 and 40 length, 25 to 28 waist. Special for Friday and Saturday, each **\$9.75**

Dainty Silk Camisoles.

12 dozen beautiful little Camisoles, made of fine quality Merve Silk in Pale Pink shades only; sizes 36 to 44. They are finished with fillet lace tops and ribbon drawstrings and shoulder straps; elastic at waist. Special, each, Friday and Saturday **\$1.70**

Ladies' Brassieres.
 White Torchon Lace Brassieres in dainty designs; sizes 36 to 42; lace shoulder straps. Regular \$1.10 each. Friday and Saturday **90c.**

Ladies' Corsets.
 A splendid collection of well made Corsets in White Coutil; sizes 20 to 36; high and medium bust, lace trimmed tops; 4 suspenders. Reg. \$1.50 pair. Friday and Saturday **\$1.30**

Ladies' Vests.
 White Fleece Lined Vests with high neck & long sleeve; sizes 36 and 38. Reg. \$1.60 each. Friday and Saturday **\$1.45**

Good Values in Fancy Linens, etc.

Cushion Covers.
 Brown and Fawn; size 19 x 19; hemstitched frills; colored embroidery designs. Reg. \$2.00 each for **\$1.65**

Cushion Covers.
 Fawn Linen; size 17 x 17; frilled and embroidery corners. Reg. \$1.10 each for **85c.**

Sideboard Cloths.
 3 dozen only in White Linen; size 18 x 54; hemstitched and embroidered. Reg. \$1.65 each for **\$1.35**

Brown Table Cloths.
 In Linen; size 32 x 32; hemstitched and embroidered in Pink and Blue. Reg. \$2.20 each for **\$1.80**

Bureau Cloths.
 White Linen; size 18 x 36; hemstitched and embroidered in self colors. Reg. \$1.10 each for **85c.**

TRENCH COATS at Special Prices

Coats that are built for hard wear. We have a large variety of lines to choose from, two of which we mention here.

Fawn Trench Coats.
 30 only well cut Coats, made of strong raglan waterproof twill; sizes from 34 to 40; belt at waist and sleeves. Reg. \$28.50 each. **Friday and Saturday \$24.50**

Navy Trench Coats.
 Dark Navy Waterproof Twill; sizes 34 to 40; double stitched seams, raglan sleeve; belt at waist and sleeves; plaid lining. Regular \$25.00 each. **Friday and Saturday \$21.00**

Men's Negligee Shirts.
 8 doz. Fancy Striped Shirts with soft cotton crepe fronts and cuffs; sizes 14 to 16, in a large variety of designs and colors. Reg. \$2.75 each. **Friday and Saturday \$2.35**

Silk Fronted Shirts.
 In a beautiful selection of stripes and colorings; sizes 14 to 16; soft silk fronts and double cuffs; body made of mercerized cotton. Reg. \$4.25 each. **Friday and Saturday \$3.55**

Men's Shirts.
 10 dozen Arrow Brand perfect fitting Cotton Shirts, White grounds with Black, Lavender and Blue Stripes; soft front and double cuff; sizes 14 to 17. Regular \$3.25 each. **Friday and Saturday \$2.90**

Men's Boot Bargains.

A special clearance sale of Men's Boots, odd lines that we are clearing out to make room for new stock.

Vici Kid Boots.
 11 pairs only Black Vici Kid, sizes 6 1/2 and 7 1/2; black toe; rubber heels. To-day's value \$7.50 a pair. **\$5.76**

Buttomed Boots.
 10 pairs Black Gun Metal; sizes 6, 6 1/2, 7 and 7 1/2; dull kid tops, black toe and self tip; extra good value. Special, per pair **\$4.68**

Buttomed Boots.
 4 pairs only, Gun Metal finish; sizes 6 1/2, 7 and 7 1/2; Benzol sole. **\$5.58**

English Kid Boots.
 6 pairs only Black Vici Kid; sizes 6 1/2, 7 1/2 and 10; medium heel, self tip. Special, per pair **\$6.06**

Child's Dresses

GINGHAM DRESSES—Checked designs in Pink, Blue and Brown; square neck styles, neat pockets; to fit children of 2 to 6 years. Reg. \$4.80 each. **Friday and Saturday \$3.98**

LINEN DRESSES—For children of 2 to 5 years of age. Pretty designs in colors of Blue, Pink and Cream; round and V neck styles; frill on neck and sleeve; embroidered girdles. Reg. \$7.00 each. **Friday and Saturday \$5.90**

To anticipate the trend of fashion is to widen the scope of service. The bargains offered this week include many lines that give a foretaste of the coming Spring fashions.
All marked at St. John's Lowest Prices.

New Spring Gloves.

Ladies' Kid Gloves.
 20 doz. Dent's Kid Gloves in Grey, Beaver and Brown; sizes from 5 1/2 to 7 1/2; 2 dome fasteners. Reg. \$3.30 pair. **Friday and Saturday \$2.95**

Ladies' Suede Gloves.
 25 doz. of the famous "Griffin" Suede Gloves in White, Pearl, Buck, Champagne and Black; sizes 6 to 7 1/2; silk points; 2 dome fasteners; washable. Reg. \$1.60 pair. **Friday and Saturday \$1.38**

Pecarie Gloves for Men.
 A limited supply of stout Pecarie Hog Gloves in sizes 7 1/2 to 10. Heavy seamed washable gloves; 1 dome fastener. Special **\$4.60** Friday and Saturday, per pair

Silk Dressing Gowns.

A clearing line of pretty Crepe de Chine Dressing Gowns, in shades of Pink, Heli, Blue and Malze; sizes 40 to 44. Becoming styles, some loose fitting, others shirred at waist; loose half sleeves. Reg. \$16.00 each. **Friday and Saturday \$13.75**

New Neckwear.
 Pretty effects in Silk, Satin, Muslin and Pique; colors of Ivory, Blue, Fawn and White; various styles sailor, round and coat collar; trimmed and embroidered designs. Regular \$1.35 each. **Friday and Saturday 98c.**

Flowing Veils.
 In Brown, Navy and Black, fine nets with chenille borders; 1 1/2 yds. long. Reg. 75c. each. **Friday and Saturday 63c.**

Handkerchiefs.
 10 dozen White Lawn Handkerchiefs in a variety of designs; hand embroidered, lace trimmed and hemstitched. Special, each, Friday and Saturday **17c.**

Special Footwear Offers.

LADIES' BOOTS—40 pairs Black Gun Metal finished Boots with dull kid tops, Blucher cut; sizes 3 to 7; self tip, wide toes, medium heel; ideal for spring wear. Regular \$4.95 pair. **Friday and Saturday \$4.45**

MISSES' BOOTS—50 pairs Tan Calf Boots with Fawn Cloth tops, heavy soles, medium heel, back strap; sizes 11 to 2. Reg. \$4.95 pair. **Friday and Saturday \$3.60**

CHILD'S SHOES—80 pairs Tan and Black Vici Kid Shoes, one strap style; made on natural last; flat heel; sizes 2 to 6. Reg. \$1.50 pair. **Friday and Saturday \$1.25**

CHILDREN'S BOOTS—Black Patent Leather with figured white tops; wide toes; sizes 5 to 8. Regular \$2.90 pair. **Friday and Saturday \$2.64**

LADIES' RUBBERS—Black, low style; sizes 2 1/2 to 7; extra heavy heel, narrow and medium toes. Special for Friday and Saturday, per pair **96c.**

New Dress Materials.

A big collection of high grade Dress Goods, including Costume Serge, 54 inches wide, in assorted colors; Black Cashmere, 42 inches wide; Gabardine, 40 inches wide, in popular shades; Lustre in all shades; Black Lustre, 44 inches. These lines are all offered Friday and Saturday at one price, per yard **\$2.65**

Fancy Delaines.
 250 yards only Cotton Delaine of extra fine quality assorted striped and floral designs in Pale Blue, Dark Blue and Heli; 30 inches wide. Splendid values. Special **34c.** Friday and Saturday, per yard

Cotton Poplins.
 800 yards in shades of Saxe, Navy, Pink, Grey, Maroon, Myrtle, Fawn and White; 27 inches wide; useful for blouses and dresses. Regular 85c. yard. **Friday and Saturday 75c.**

New Goods in the Man's Store.

Quite up to the Royal Store standard of value. "Value in the Royal Store sense" is value born of excellence.

Spring Overcoats for Boys.

In Light Tweeds and Plaids to fit boys of 3 to 8 years. They have pinch backs or belt; double breasted. Special **\$11.00** for Friday and Saturday

Soft Felt Hats.
 20 dozen high grade Hats in shades of Brown, Navy, Myrtle and Black; sizes 6 1/2 to 7 1/2; smart, fashionable shapes. Reg. \$4.50 each. **Friday and Saturday \$3.75**

Derby Hats.
 The correct hat for Spring wear. Black Hard Felt Hats of superior quality; finished with an all-leather hat band; sizes 6 1/2 to 7 1/2. Reg. \$5.50 each. **Friday and Saturday \$4.75**

Boys' Suits.
 Neat Scotch Tweed Suits to fit boys of 7 to 14 years. Popular Suffolk style; finished with collar, mock vest and belt; open legged pants; lined throughout. Reg. \$16.50. **Friday and Saturday \$15.00**

Handkerchief Ties.
 In all-silk of finest grade; various pretty striped effects in all the best colors. Reg. \$1.50 each. **Friday and Saturday \$1.25**

Garters.

Popular Panama Pad Garters, made of strong elastic webbing; assorted colorings; rubber covered clips. Reg. 65c. pair. **Friday and Saturday 57c.**

Arm Bands.
 5 dozen Elastic Arm Bands in assorted colors; fine quality; can be made any size. Reg. 32c. pair. **Friday and Saturday 28c.**

Rubber Collars.
 Bright and dull finish; double shapes; sizes from 12 to 15 1/2; easily cleaned. Reg. 40c. each. **Friday and Saturday 34c.**

Half Hose.
 Gents' mercerized Cotton Sox in fancy ribbed effects; sizes 10, 10 1/2 and 11; spliced heel and toes. Reg. \$1.00 pair. **Friday and Saturday 85c.**

All Wool Hose.
 20 dozen reliable half hose in Black Wool Cashmere; finished, seamless feet, spliced heels and toes. Reg. \$1.40 pair. **Friday and Saturday \$1.20**

Stamped Table Centres.

About 6 dozen White Cotton Table Centres; size 20 x 20 inches, with assorted stamped designs, ready for working. Dull finish. Reg. 23c. each. Special **Friday and Saturday 19c.**

New Spring Blouses and Sport Coats.

Interest is never lacking in the Blouse Dept. We have just opened a host of new models that are well worth seeing. The following are typical examples:

Wool Sports' Coats
 In Pekin Blue, Light and Dark Rose; sizes 36 to 40; fitted with roll collar; belt fastens at side. Reg. \$13.25 a ch. **Friday and Saturday \$10.95**

White Voile Blouses.

About a dozen stylish designs in fine quality Voile; Sailor, V and round neck styles; lace and embroidered; plain tucks and ribbon

beading; sizes 34 to 44. Reg. \$4.75 each. **Friday and Saturday \$3.95**



Silk Blouses.

All White China Silk Blouses, nicely finished with V and square neck; long roll collar, elastic at waist; sizes 34 to 44. Reg. \$12.75 each. **Friday and Saturday \$10.70**

Silk Sports' Coats.
 Well knitted with White Sailor collar and cuffs; finished with girde with silk tossil. Reg. \$19.25 each. **Friday and Saturday \$14.90**

Reliable Hosiery.



Fancy Silk Hose.
 In Black and White only; very pretty fancy stripes and ring designs; sizes 9 and 9 1/2 inch; double Lisle feet; reinforced toes and heels. Reg. 46c. pair. **Friday and Saturday 39c.**

Plain Cashmere Hose.
 20 dozen plain Black Stockings, made of finest Egyptian yarns; sizes 9 and 9 1/2; spliced heels, seamless feet. Reg. \$1.50 pair. **Friday and Saturday \$1.34**

Misses' Hose.
 12 dozen fine ribbed hose in Tan and Black Cashmere, seamless feet, spliced heels and toes; sizes 7 and 8 inch. Reg. 80c. pair. **Friday and Saturday 68c.**

Savings on Smallwares.

Dy-o-la Straw Hat Dye. Special, per bottle **25c.**

Colored Darning Silks. Special, per ball **8c.**

Darning Cotton—Tan, Black and White. Special, 2 for **7c.**

Paper Napkins in Crepe Paper. Special, per doz. **57c.**

Paper Lunch Sets, Crepe; fancy designs, per set \$1.06

Crochet Cotton, White only. Special, per ball **12c.**

Peril Lustre in Colors. Special, per slip **6c.**

BRIAR PIPES—Italian make, with patent cleaner; straight and bent stems. Regular \$3.00 each \$2.50 for

BRIAR PIPES—French make, with patent cleaner; straight and bent stems. Regular \$2.25 each \$1.88 for

BRIAR PIPES—With Genuine amber stems; assorted styles. Regular \$7.00 each for \$5.90

Grocery.

Delmonte Sliced Pineapple. Reg. 60c. tin for **55c.**

Silverdale Tomatoes. Reg. 30c. tin for **25c.**

Cadbury's Cocoa 1/2 lb. Reg. 55c. tin for **50c.**

Libby's Peach Jam. Reg. 50c. tin for **47c.**

Fresh Codfish. Reg. 35c. tin for **30c.**

Bird's Custard Powder. Reg. 45c. tin for **42c.**

Postum. Reg. 17c. packet, for **13c.**

Force. Reg. 20c. pkt. for **18c.**

Pure Lard. Reg. 60c. tin for **55c.**

"Margate" Tea. Reg. 60c. pkt. for **55c.**

Gold Brooches.
 In a large variety of choice artistic designs; assorted sizes. Bright and dull finish; strong blinged pins. Reg. \$2.70 each. **Friday and Saturday \$2.25**

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