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Carpet Buyers Will Read

Carpets are apparently the same everywhere, they are not the same however, ten cents a yard difference in price may cover a multitude of sins. When the cheap unknown kind is worn out, experience teaches that it pays to get a good quality—reliable makes from a reliable store, and do not pay any attention to the man who will claim to sell you a \$1.25 Carpet for \$1.00, his good are inferior in some respects or he would not have to do it. We have carpets of quality—made by Manufacturers known the world over, and you are just asked to pay the right price for them. These for example.

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BRITAIN WON'T BUDGE AN INCH

Salisbury Says no Change has Been Made in Terms of Peace Negotiations.

The Empire's Prestige—Premier Addresses Great Meeting of Primrose League.

London, May 7.—The Premier, Lord Salisbury, as President of the annual grand assembly of the Primrose League, at Albert Hall this afternoon, spoke to an immense audience in a much less pessimistic vein than when he was last time heard in public. He congratulated the league on the staunch support given to Conservative government, one result of which was that Great Britain was now supreme in Egypt, while, in regard to Ireland, the country need no longer fear the "insane, suicidal projects of Imperial disruption, supported by many of the Opposition statesmen." At the same time the country must not expect the "ashes of past conflicts" to be extinguished immediately.

Great Britain has had a great and serious war; but admitting that misery and suffering had been caused, it must be recognized that the power, prestige, influence and magic effect of our great Empire, are most potent, more efficient and more admirable than ever before. We have suffered, continued the Premier, but we have greatly won. It was impossible not to feel that the efforts of the people of the country have in some cases not been worthily recognized. The other day Mr. Morley asked if there was a single member of the cabinet of 1899, who, if he could have foreseen the results of the policy in which they were then launching the country, would not have checked the diplomacy leading to such deplorable results. As a member of that cabinet, he (Lord Salisbury) wished to say that this statement with the most indignant denial. The war had been used by some politicians for the squalid purpose of injuring their opponents. When a neighboring power of crime invaded His Majesty's dominions and made an attack which was a gross and flagrant outrage, it could only be met by fighting in their own country those who had despised the rights and sovereignty of our sovereign.

Turning to the peace negotiations, Lord Salisbury announced that "Great Britain has not receded one inch from her former position. As to the rights we claimed and the policy we followed, we are exactly where we were." The Premier repudiated the suggestion that Great Britain was wavered on the subject of peace. He declared the country could not be expected to submit to the suggestion, that a fair should be allowed to be made into a position where it would be the power of the enemy, when the opportunity suited him to renew the cause for which this country has fought during the past three years.

BLEW OFF HIS ARM

Centre Line, Mich., May 7.—Peter Schoenerr, with a party of friends started out to charivari the Pike-Rauch wedding party last night, with dynamite cartridges. In order that there would be plenty of noise to celebrate the nuptials, a small fire was built about 15 rods from the house, and Schoenerr was assigned the duty of firing the cartridges. He had fired several and leaning over the fire to light another, did not notice that the case was on fire close to his hand until too late. As he was about to throw it away from him the cartridge exploded, taking off his hand and arm nearly to the elbow. His right hand and arm were badly injured, and it is thought that his hearing is permanently impaired. Dr. Latour, of Warren, and Corlette, of Centre Line were called and amputated the arm at the elbow. Schoenerr is resting easy to-night.

IN TROUBLE AGAIN

London, May 7.—A despatch from Rome the correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says that sailors from the U. S. cruiser Chicago have indulged in disorderly behavior in a cafe at Trieste. Bottles and glass were thrown about, the correspondent says, and four of the Chicago men were arrested. The Chicago left Venice May 2 for Trieste.

In a despatch from Rome, the correspondent of the Daily Express reports that one man was wounded as a result of the disorderly conduct of the four sailors from the cruiser Chicago, at Trieste. The men arrested were handed over to Captain Dayton, of the Chicago, the correspondent continues. He has all the claims for damages against the sailors.

Capt. Cornet has rented the Norton house on Raleigh street and is moving his household effects there. John Smith has purchased the captain's property in North Chatham. Capt. Cornet and family will move to Detroit in the fall.

LIVELY EXPERIENCES

Toronto, May 7.—Trooper Moody, whose capture by the Boers was related in a letter from Trooper Moon, published here yesterday, was released and returned to the British lines, evidently after Moon had mailed his letter. Moody's mother has received a letter from him, dated at Karldorp. He says:—"We are moving to-morrow 175 miles up track. We were shipped up here by rail. We have had a big time since coming up here, chasing the boers." Moody tells of the big 45 miles between 8 o'clock at night and 3 the next morning. He says a big rain and hail storm came up, and he and others got separated from the main body, and when the weather cleared the four of them were surrounded by Boers, who were all wearing British uniforms and great coats. After taking the Canadians' rifles, the Boers ordered them to take off their clothes and left them to walk eighteen miles to camp. They also took from Moody a ring which was presented to him by a friend before he left Toronto.

REFUGEE BOERS HAVE NO DOUBTS

That the War Will Soon Come to an End—Lucas Meyer's Opinion.

Is That Peace is Probable—How Kitchener Kept Reitz out of Mischief.

London, May 7.—A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Johannesburg says that the refugee burghers appear to entertain no doubts that the war will end shortly. The military authorities are somewhat pessimistic.

MEYER THINKS PEACE IS PROBABLE.

London, May 7.—The wife of General Lucas Meyer, the commander of the Orange Free State forces, who is in this country, received a cable message from her husband yesterday saying that peace in South Africa was probable.

KITCHENER CONQUERS REITZ.

London, May 7.—A letter from Pretoria, dated April 13, is printed. Describing the Boer delegates, the writer says that they all like and respect General Kitchener, and fear him to a good extent. It was expected that State Secretary Reitz would prove troublesome, but General Kitchener bagged him as an interpreter, keeping him so busy that he did not have leisure to make speeches.

CORPORAL'S DISGRACE.

May 7.—The Official Gazette announces that the distinguished soldier, General H. G. Pictou, of Loch's force, became a Lieutenant in the Bushveldt Carbineers, the organization accused of cruelty towards prisoners and women, has been cancelled. The medal was awarded on Sept. 27, 1901. Corporal Pictou has been cashiered owing to his having been implicated in the murder of Boer prisoners.

A TERRIBLE FIRE

In a letter written near Klerksdorp, South Africa, on April 4, to his mother, Mrs. Alex. Burr, of 500 Oxford street, London, Trooper Richard Burr, of the second Canadian Mounted Rifles to the work of the Canadians at Hart's River a few days previously. "It was a terrible fire for a while," he says. "The Canadians started out with one of our own rifles, and they drifted away from us. We were about 500 strong, and they were about 300. After which they went into two parties and went in different directions. After moving up a mile and encamping, the Canadians discovered that they were surrounded. The Boers began to shell us, and then the fight began in earnest. Two or three times they attacked the camp and each time they met a terrible fire." Burr was with the convoy. His troop, however, fared badly. It formed the rear guard, and when it came up to the other troops it was cut off and captured. Four men were killed and ten wounded. The captured men were subsequently released, and they related how the Boer generals were in the firing line with black-snake whips, using them on the burghers to make them close up on the Canucks. Many were also ambushed. The Boers hovered around them until morning, to make another attack, but they refused to fight for Delarey, and finally gathered up their dead and wounded. The report was received in the Canadian ranks that the enemy suffered heavily the figures being placed at 300 killed or wounded. After the fight, the camp was strewn with horses killed by the falling shells. On the return to camp, which followed the arrival of a relief column, the rain fell in torrents. Night fell, the mules gave out, and the Canadians had to spend the night in the open, in a cold and steady rain. They were little or none the worse, however, for this part of their experience.

George Thompson left this morning for Detroit, where he has secured a most lucrative position.

SWINDLE ON LIBRARY BOARD

A Clever Gold-Brick Game Unearthed at the Meeting Held Last Night.

It Arose Over the Purchase of Books and Will be Fully Investigated.

That the Library Board has been swindled is known by the members of that body to be a fact. It came out this way. The Library Board held its usual monthly meeting last evening, at which the secretary stated that he had had a draft passed upon him by the Lincolnton Publishing Co. for nine dollars, with a bill showing that volume six of a set of books called "Canada" had been purchased by the Library. Mr. Davis had the draft returned and wrote them to the effect that he knew nothing of the book and the Library paid for what they got and had no use for drafts. The firm wrote back that their agent had received the order from the librarian and sent a copy of the order. Mrs. Robinson then explained the matter this way. An agent had called upon her at the Library to sell the sixth volume of "Canada." She told him she had no power and referred him to Mr. Davis.

A couple of days later he appeared again, said he had the book and an index to the whole set, and all he wanted of the librarian was to sign a receipt for the book. Mrs. Robinson saw at the top of the receipt in big letters that it was a receipt, but did not read the small print. She signed the receipt and in so doing ordered the book and gave a note for it.

Mr. Humphrey—Why, it's a regular spruce tree or hay-fork deal. The rest of the members agreed that they had been "gold-bricked." Mr. Humphrey moved, seconded by Mr. Scullard, that the secretary write the company explaining the matter, but not to mention anything about the pay for it.—Carried.

The account of the Book Supply Co., \$59.68, was ordered paid.

An account of The Planet was referred with power.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid:—

Gas account, \$5.33.

Jas. Watt & Sons, \$2.81.

Freight, 73c.

J. W. Humphrey, 25c.

Mail and Empire, \$1.40.

A communication was read from the Board, offering the 1900-1901 files for the price of the binding, namely, \$5.

The librarian's report for the month of April was read as follows:—

New borrowers, 7.

Books taken out, 1,652.

Received for fines, \$1.60.

Received for cards, \$3.71.

Graphics, 60c.

Total, \$5.91.

It was moved by Mr. Scullard, seconded by Mr. Davis, that a special meeting be held for general business.—Carried.

The salaries for April were ordered to be paid.

The secretary was instructed to draw on the city treasurer for \$100.

SUCCESSFUL SHOOT

A blue rock tournament was held at Blenheim yesterday under the auspices of the Blenheim Club and was most successful. The attendance was large and representative, embracing marksmen from Blenheim, Chatham, St. Thomas, Ridgeway, Highgate and other points.

The Chatham shots who attended were W. S. Richards, Dr. Tye, A. C. McKay, W. D. Tristram, John Moore, J. W. Aitken and W. B. Wells. Of this number Messrs. Moore, Aitken and Tristram carried off a liberal share of the prize money. The scores throughout were remarkably high.

FOOTBALL ROW

The boys Up-the-Creek, Harwich, decided to have a football team, so they organized and anticipated lots of fun. About the first practice of the team the game broke up in a row, and fight, and now the chances for a good football team are slight. As a result of the row, William Remington laid a charge of insulting language against Joseph Chatterton and the case was heard in the county court to-day.

Judge Houston said that there was no doubt that both plaintiff and defendant were equally to blame for the fight, but nothing justified the vile language used. The Judge fined Chatterton \$5.00 and costs, \$5 in all. Alex. Cedar, of Big Point, charged Gilbert Lozon, with allowing his chickens to trespass on Cedar's place after written notice had been given. Lozon pleaded guilty and paid a fine of one dollar, and \$3.75 costs.

The Blonde Lumber and Manufacturing Co., are building a new residence on Emma street, for Mr. Wallace of Hamilton. Mr. Wallace is an uncle of Fireman Robt. Brown, and he likes Chatham so well he has decided to move here and permanently reside.

ALUMNI DINNER

We clip the following from the University Monthly:—

The annual dinner of the Alumni Association this year promises to surpass in attendance and enthusiasm those already held. The past few years have been marked by many advances in the University, and in addition to the new buildings now in course of erection, there is much to awaken the interest which every graduate should feel in his Alma Mater.

The committee in charge of the dinner is sparing no pains to ensure a large attendance, and prepare an unusually attractive programme. Graduates in every district are asked to remember the date—Friday, June 13th—and to make this the occasion of a visit to Toronto, and an old-time re-union.

BIG CAPTURE OF BURGHERS

Two Hundred Boers Gathered in at a Skirmish Near Lindley, O. R. C.

Most Irreconcilable in Orange River Colony—The Relief of O'Kiep Confirmed.

London, May 7.—Further advices received here to-day from South Africa announced that 208 Boers had been captured, and that ten burghers were killed in the neighborhood of Lindley, Orange River Colony, yesterday. Lord Kitchener, in reporting the capture of Boers near Lindley, said that the British troops, forming a continuous line, left the Frankfort, Heilbron and Vrededorff line at dawn, without wheels of any sort, and proceeded rapidly south, reaching the Kroonstad and Lindley neighborhood with the result announced. Another British column, holding the drifts westward of the country swept, has not yet reported its results. The captured men represent the most irreconcilable Boers in the Orange River Colony.

THE RELIEF OF O'KIEP.

London, May 7.—The town of O'Kiep, Western Cape Colony, which had been besieged since April 4 by a Transvaal force, under Commandant Smuts, has Continued on 8th Page.

Invictus Shoes For Men

We have just received and placed in stock a line of

Men's Patent Corona Oolt Skin Shoes of the Geo. A. Slater

"Invictus"

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