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SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, - - 25c.

Boys' Clothing at proportionate prices.

J. N. HARVEY, 199 UNION STREET,
Opera House Block.

We beg to say that it is our intention to continue the following agencies during the year 1902:

"Chickering," "Hewcombe,"
"Gerhard Heintzman," and
"Mason & Hinch" Pianos, and
"Mason & Hamlin" Organs.

Much experience has proved to us that in this collection we have the finest representation of pianos and organs sold in this country, and the fact that our sales during the past year have been far in excess of any previous year, is the strongest assurance of their popularity that the public could give.

Our sales in 1901 were over \$20,000 ahead of 1900.

New PIANOS
and **ORGANS**
for 1902.

The W. H. Johnson Co., Limited,

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Birch and Ash Pungs,

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640 to 644 Main Street, North End.

UNITED DISAPPROVAL.

United Disapproval of the Russo-Chinese Agreement By Other Nations.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—From Peking the correspondent of the Times cables that Great Britain and Japan, supported by the United States, while not opposing the completion of an equitable safe-guarding Russia's railway interests, energetically protest against the infringement on their rights involved in the agreement between China and the Russo-Chinese bank, which gives Russia exclusive mining and other privileges. The signing of this agreement has, therefore, been delayed. Germany has taken no action in this matter, but on the contrary has given many indications of approval of Russia's policy, which would furnish her with an easy pretext for obtaining similar preferential rights throughout Shan Tung province.

BY PRIVATE SUBSCRIPTION.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—The expenses of the reception and entertainment of Prince Henry of Prussia are to be met by private subscription and the committee on finances named by the executive committee in charge of the arrangements is now at work discussing methods and means of raising the money needed. No decision has been arrived at thus far, but at a meeting of the committee on finances, which will be held in the room of the chamber of commerce next Tuesday, it is likely that a definite plan will be approved.

EXPLODED A BOMB.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—A dynamite bomb was exploded in the midst of a crowd of Italians celebrating a feast day in Elizabeth street, severely injuring two persons, and throwing the others into a panic. The two Italians who caused the explosion were arrested. They claim that the usual fireworks had been omitted from the celebration and for that reason they set off the bomb.

BLEW UP A FACTORY.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 1.—The police at Bowling Green yesterday arrested two men, named Helman and Busch, respectively, on the charge of blowing up a nitro-glycerine factory recently. Busch has made a confession. Both men were employed by the company and had been discharged. They used a fuse 250 ft. long, and made good their escape before the explosion, which shocked the earth for miles around.

M. McDADDE'S LETTER.

In today's Freeman M. McDade, continuing his letters on Catholic representation, gives list of names of Roman Catholics in this province who would make good representatives in the legislature. The following are the St. John gentlemen whom he mentions, adding that there are many others:—"Michael A. Finn, M. E. Agar, John Connor, Alderman McGoldrick, Dr. McInerney, Thomas McKim, James Morgan, John L. Carleton, Dr. Moran, Daniel Mullin, John Flood, M. J. Nugent, W. J. Mahoney, Richard O'Brien, Michael Gallagher, Thomas Gorman, Timothy Collins, Frank H. Foster, Edward Lantallum, James H. Doody, Henry Gallagher, John Keefe, James Barry, William Doherty, Thomas P. Regan, James McDade, Dr. R. E. Quigley, Dr. McAvenny, Dr. Travers, Florence McCarthy, David Connell, Dr. Maher, Dr. Broderick, George V. McInerney, Henry Maher, John J. Barry, Daniel J. Doherty, Patrick Keane, Phillip Grannan, C. Keane, John F. Morrison, J. J. McGaffigan and Jas. Reynolds.

"Coming to St. John county what do we find? Would not James Ready or Patrick J. Mooney, or John Lee, or Michael F. Mooney, or Joseph Lee, or Councillor Horgan or Jeremiah Donovan make as fit representative as either the Hon. A. T. Dunn or the late John McLeod or the new member, Mr. Ruddock?"

WHO IS HE?

For some time a man, who gives his name as both Murphy and Evans, has been causing considerable annoyance to the police, especially at the I. C. R. depot. He claims to be an English journalist, but now and then blossoms out as an actor, and states that he came to St. John some weeks ago on one of the winter port steamers. Murphy dresses like a man who has not very many other suits, but his manner appears to indicate that he has seen better days—and nights. He loafs around the depot with no apparent object in view and borrows the use of stoves in order to cook his meals. Where he sleeps is unknown, but the electric station on Union street has been spoken of as his lodging place. He seems anxious to be put in jail and has expressed this wish at different times, but as yet the police, knowing his game, have failed to take him in charge.

DOORKEEPERS' CIRCLE.

This afternoon a very successful cake sale is being held by the members of the Doorkeepers' Circle of King's Daughters at the guild on Chipman hill. The proceeds are in aid of the charitable work being carried on by the circle. During the afternoon homemade candy and cake are being sold, and later on coffee will be served. The sale is largely attended and is a success in every respect. The ladies in charge are Mrs. Jarvis, Mrs. Walter Scovil, Mrs. David Puddington, Mrs. James B. Gillespie, Mrs. A. W. Macrae, Mrs. McFadden and Misses Narraway, E. L. Hamilton, L. Deinstadt, Grace Estey, Fannie McCormack, Pauline Tapley, Ella Vanwart, Bessie Armstrong, Florence Cruikshank, Laura Ingraham, Gertrude Campbell and Jessie Hilyard.

IN THE TOILS.

The Escaped Murderers Caught

Last Night, After a Hard Fight.

The Details of Their Flight and Final Stand Read Like a Dime Novel.

BUTLER, Pa., Jan. 31.—The Biddle brothers, convicted murderers, who broke jail Thursday morning, along with Mrs. Soffel, were this evening captured after a fight in which the three fugitives were wounded. The story of the chase reads like a dime novel.

BUTLER, Pa., Feb. 1.—The condition this morning of the fugitives, Edward and John Biddle, and Mrs. Kate Soffel, who were wounded in the battle with the Pittsburgh and Butler police last evening, has not changed since midnight, except in the case of "Ed" Biddle, who has grown noticeably weaker, and it is believed that his death is now only a matter of a few hours. His temperature is 102; pulse 140, respiration 22, and there is evidence of almost continued internal hemorrhages. Unless peritonitis sets in "Jack" will be taken to the hospital, where an operation will be performed in the hope of saving his life. Mrs. Soffel is resting easy. Her only wound was made by a bullet which penetrated the left breast within an inch of the nipple. It was from a 32 calibre revolver, and coursed around the fifth rib on the left side, lodging under the shoulder blade. About three o'clock this morning, an operation was performed and the bullet was removed. Her recovery is believed to be a matter of a very short time.

Mrs. Soffel tells two different stories of the shooting, one to the effect that she shot herself during the fight, and the other to the effect that she was shot by Edward Biddle.

From the statement made by Jack Biddle in his cell it is evident that the escaped convicts and their accomplices had arranged to commit suicide in case capture became imminent. In addition, he also told how they escaped. Their manner of getting out of jail, according to his statement was, as has been already published. McGeary, he says, fell over the balcony when he broke loose from the hold the prisoner had on him. He says Mrs. Soffel helped them to escape, but would not say she supplied the saws. The sawing of the bars of the cells, he said, was completed before January 31, and that several times previous to the day on which the escape was made, their plans failed though some little details. After they had left the jail Thursday morning they went to a house near a railroad in Pittsburgh. They remained there all of Thursday. The people in the house, "Jack" said, when they read of the escape from the jail recognized them and would only let them remain after the Biddle's gave them a "bunch of money." They remained at the house until Thursday night, leaving it as soon as it grew dark. Jack says he wanted to stay there, and that "Ed" was always willing to stay, but that "the woman" was nervous and afraid they would be caught. "I would not let them go alone," says "Jack," and as soon as it grew dark we went down the street and took a Perryville car. We rode to the end of the line and from there walked until we reached the farm where we stole the horse. It had not been for the woman we would not have been caught, for we could easily gotten another horse and by this time been more than 100 miles away. It is a lead pipe cinch, that we would have escaped, but we could not let that poor woman go by herself. She did all she could with us, betrayed her husband, deserted her family, all to help us out, and we would have been a great deal worse than we are thought to be if we had thrown her down. When we saw the officers coming toward us on the road yesterday evening we knew it was all up. We did not fire a shot at the officers, but agreed to kill ourselves.

"I shot myself in the mouth," "Ed" shot himself over the heart and the woman shot herself in the breast. We knew we had no chance to get away and we also knew we would swing if taken back, and that is why we wanted to kill ourselves.

It has been discovered that "Jack" has two bullet holes through his mouth, instead of one, as first thought. One of his other wounds is through his abdomen, and this one may cause his death. Bullets from two of his other wounds about the stomach were taken this morning. The Biddle's, when captured, had on the same clothes they wore when they escaped. Jack had in addition a light overcoat. Mrs. Soffel also had on the clothes in which she left her home.

TO SUB SMALLPOX PATIENT.

Omaha, Young Man Exposed Himself to Disease, Doctors Wishing to Know How It Fell.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 31.—Clarence Fells, a well known young man of this city, is in the past house with a well developed case of smallpox brought on by him deliberately. For some time the young man had told his friends that he intended to expose himself to the disease just to see how it felt to have smallpox.

Recently in passing a house he saw the smallpox sign on the door, and, obtaining entrance, went to the chamber. A few days later he was taken sick and, without knowing the disease smallpox, he was sent to the city hospital, where he has been for two weeks. He is now convalescent and expects to be released from the hospital in a few days.

The city physician and the city attorney have agreed to bring suit against the young man for the disease incurred in treating the disease, together with a bill for board and the three weeks he will have spent at the city's expense.

The Russian emperor and all members of the imperial family, being officers of the army, are always dressed in uniform, with their trousers inside their top boots.

THE BIG TRUST.

The Promoters Now Feel Assured of Its Success.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—It is stated by the Herald that the Glucose Starch combination has now reached a stage at which the promoters feel assured of its success. The underwriting has been completed, and it is believed the deal will be closed before the end of February.

At that time unless something unforeseen occurs, the company will be organized in New Jersey, with a capital stock of \$20,000,000. It will own a majority of the stock of the National Starch Company, the starch trust, the Glucose Sugar Refining Company and the Illinois Sugar Refining Company of Pekin, Ill. It also will own outright the properties of the Pope Glucose Company, for which cash will be paid, and a minority interest in the New York Glucose Company, in which many Standard Oil capitalists are interested.

About \$4,000,000 in cash has been received by the sale of the new stock and the underwriting subscribed three times over.

The combination will have a daily capacity of 250,000 bushels of corn. It is expected that much of the expensive price cutting will be done away with entirely.

SOUTH AFRICA.

PARIS, Jan. 31.—The Liberte today prints a despatch from Brussels which says that Dr. Leyds, the European agent of the Boers, received recently a communication from General Botha (the commander in chief of the Boers) dated only five weeks ago, in which he not only does not allude to his alleged desire for peace, but declares the Boers are sufficiently provisioned to continue the struggle hopefully and that the situation in Cape Colony was growing worse for the British.

The Temps correspondent, in an interview with Dr. Leyds and Mr. Flechervier at Brussels regarding the powers of the Boer delegation in Europe, quotes them as saying: "We are duly accredited by our governments and could begin negotiations at any moment. But we will do nothing decisive before consulting with the commanders, and neither Steyn nor Botha nor any other leader will take a decision without conferring with us."

MONEY IN PULP.

(Special to Star.)

MONTREAL, Feb. 1.—The half yearly dividend of the Salsbo Pulp and Paper Company is now being paid. Mr. Edgar states that the company's prospects have improved so much that it will have no difficulty in paying the next dividend due in April next. The mill is situated at Weymouth, N. S.

BRIEFS BY WIRE.

BOSTON, Feb. 1.—Fire early today caused a loss of between \$50,000 and \$75,000 to the owners and occupants of the five-story British block at 303 to 394 Atlantic avenue, this city. The building was occupied by Charles P. Holden, machinist; Chase Shawmut company, manufacturing chemists; and the Abbot-Dowling Wagon company, and was owned by the Atlantic Trust company.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 1.—There was unwonted activity in diplomatic circles here this morning and it was generally believed to have had some connection with the Dutch note to Great Britain regarding peace in South Africa. The German minister, Count Von Pourtales, had a long interview with the British minister, Sir Henry Howard. The first secretary of the British legation, A. F. G. Leveson Gower, and the Dutch foreign minister, Baron Von Lynden, had a conference with Dr. Kuiper, the premier of the Netherlands and subsequently had an audience of Queen Wilhelmina.

CASES OF POVERTY.

In spite of the fine weather and abundance of work, considerable poverty exists in the city, and charitably disposed persons are receiving many requests for help. In the north end two cases have today come to the notice of the Star. One is a family living on Albert street, in which the husband, who is a carriage builder by trade, has been unable to secure employment, and being rather delicate is not able to engage in any heavier occupation. His family, while not actually in a state of starvation, were entirely out of supplies, and were relieved today by a contribution from the teachers in the Alexandra school.

The other case is on Harrison street, where a woman whose husband was drowned a few years ago was turned out of her house on account of non-payment of rent. Her young son is earning a small amount weekly, but this is hardly sufficient to provide food for the family. This case was reported to the executive of the Associated Charities, and today the back rent was paid and the family provided with other quarters.

THE FRUIT TRADE.

A. L. Goodwin will receive on the steamer Ask from Jamaica consignments of fruit, including bananas, grapes, fruits, limes, tangerines or kio-gro oranges, Jamaica oranges, and coconuts. Quite a number of orders have already been received for these fruits, and intending purchasers will need to order early.

A Malicious Exposure.—Emeline—How I should love to overhear the conversation of several highly intellectual men!
Edgar—Pooh! I've been with them. They always begin on books, but soon get to talking about something good to eat.—Detroit Free Press.

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