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1909.

Many notable events in all departments of human activity marked the year that closed yesterday. Opening under the influence of the wave of depression that swept over the financial, commercial and industrial worlds, the leading countries were confronted by large deficits, necessitating considerable readjustments of taxation. The nations specially affected were the United Kingdom and the German Empire, their monetary troubles being complicated and heightened through the endeavor of Germany to raise its navy to a point threatening British maritime predominance, and the special efforts made by Britain to maintain its previous and long continued superiority. Public opinion in the United Kingdom was raised to a high pitch of excitement by the admissions made by Liberal ministers and the inflammatory appeals of the opposition spokesmen and newspapers, and culminated in a war scare which soon attained unprecedented proportions. While to some extent factitious, the revelations of bitter antagonism within the royal navy itself undoubtedly led to a wide-spread and genuine uneasiness, which, however, recent changes in its higher officials have meantime tended to allay.

Confronted by the prospect of an excess of expenditure over income for the current year, estimated at close on \$80,000,000, and recognizing that it was requisite to show that provision for the deficit could be made without altering free trade conditions, the British ministry committed themselves to the now famous budget measure of the chancellor of the exchequer, Mr. Lloyd George. It greatly increased the scale of liquor duties, and the income tax, property tax and death and stamp duties, especially on large incomes and estates, directed a re-valuation of the land of the country and provided that the state should receive a share of the increased values created by the growth of urban communities. These proposals aroused strong opposition from land-owners and capitalists and were bitterly denounced as confiscatory and socialistic, but were ultimately ratified by the house of commons. The house of lords, however, declined to ratify the bill until it had been submitted to the country and thus compelled the general election that is being awaited with marked anxiety by the highly protected nations that have hitherto enjoyed free entry for their manufactured products. Commencing on the 15th of this month the election will rank as the first event of epoch-making moment for 1910.

Budget deficits also troubled Germany and the opposition to Chancellor von Buelow's scheme for additional taxation was so severe and protracted that, although it became law, his resignation was not long delayed. The recrudescence of German Socialism disclosed in recent city and state elections and the growing discontent among the Conservative element in the empire will not assist the war party's efforts to increase naval and military expenditure. This and the uneasiness in Germany regarding the growth of the

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tariff reform movement in Britain have probably led to the greater willingness displayed by the German Government to consider proposals for a friendly understanding between the two powers and for a limitation of naval armaments. While the present mutual distrust and suspicion lasts the European outlook will remain disturbed, since the causes of friction are numerous and always more or less imminent.

One of the most remarkable occurrences of 1909 was the revolution in Turkey, the deposition of Abdul Hamid and the introduction of a constitutional system. It was welcomed by the progressive nations of Europe, and the Young Turk party at once received their sympathetic support. Just before its accomplishment Europe had been startled by the action of Austria-Hungary in violating the terms of the treaty of Berlin and arbitrarily annexing the protected provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The step, it is now known, was taken with the knowledge and approval of Germany, which later forced the acceptance of the new order by the offer of a peremptory alternative to Russia. In this the German Government made a tactical mistake, since it led directly to the rapprochement between Russia and Britain and strained the relations between Italy and Austria, never very cordial at any time. Disarmament of the error committed has also prompted the German Government to assume a more conciliatory attitude regarding Morocco, the Balkan States and the projected railway thru Mesopotamia to the Persian Gulf.

The North American continent rapidly recovered during the year from the effects of the financial collapse so apparent in 1908. A record crop brought general agricultural prosperity and the trade revival has been constant and rapid. In March President Taft took up residence in the White House and immediately convened congress for the consideration of tariff revision. The proceedings again revealed the supremacy of the senate, that body finally passing a bill whose general tenor was to raise rather than lower import duties. Mr. Taft's endeavors to have the popular mandate in favor of tariff reduction fulfilled resulted in some concessions, but in their final form the new schedules have not satisfied the people. This and the continued agitation against the predatory corporations offer hopeful signs that present political conditions in the United States are on the way to improvement.

In Canada likewise the maintenance of public rights is becoming increasingly favored by the people. Marked

progress is in evidence right across the continent and the lead given by the hydro-electric policy of the Ontario Government has been popular in the province and attracted attention throughout the Dominion. Fortunately for themselves, the new western provinces have adopted progressive principles and the cause of public ownership has made great advances. The fight in Ontario for a square deal for the people from franchise-holding companies still rages, but no setback of importance to the movement has occurred and the right of the province to control all matters within its jurisdiction has been firmly maintained by Sir James Whitney and his government.

Imperial affairs were distinguished by the federation of the four South African States, the direct consequence of the grant of full self-government to the Transvaal and Orange River Colony. The latter will always be associated with the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, and the strongly opposed at the time by the Conservative party in Great Britain, is now generally conceded to have been a courageous but at the same time highly politic course. It has already done much to allay the bitter memories of the war and united South Africa will enter upon its career with the warmest congratulations and God-speeds from her sister states. The first federal parliament will be opened by the Prince of Wales in the summer of this year.

Outside political doings in 1909 saw two explorers return, each claiming to have reached the north pole. The melancholy controversy that ensued is too recent to require detailed notice. Lieutenant Commander Peary has had his records sustained—Dr. Cook's have been denied acceptance by judges of his own selection, and it will ever be matter of regret that an achievement so spectacular should have been marred by charges involving personal honor. Last year will also go down to history for the extraordinary advances made in the art of aviation, particularly by means of heavier than air machines. The successes already obtained warrant the belief that aerial navigation, particularly for war purposes, will soon be under absolute control.

WHERE CONTROLLER GEARY FAILS.

Controller Geary has charged The World in a general way with being "vicious and venomous," against him. Controller Geary has failed to cite any specific instance either of venom or viciousness. It is true that The World thinks Controller Hocken is a better man than Controller Geary, to be mayor, but this is not viciousness. It is true that The World has said so, but that is not venom.

Mr. Geary's weakness is of his own manifestation. The facts are against him. The people want a champion against the Street Railway and the electric corporation forces. Mr. Hocken came out with a definite policy in the people's interests. Mr. Geary opposed both Mr. Hocken and his policy. Finding that the policy was a popular one, Mr. Geary trimmed on the question of tubes, and while declaring Mr. Hocken's plan to be absurd, recommended the people to vote for it. As an opponent of Mr. Hocken, the Street Railway and the electric corporations naturally allied themselves with Mr. Geary. The Evening Star, the Street Railway organ, is his chief supporter. When venom is in his question one might recommend Mr. Geary to consult the columns of The Star. The World is mild and ladylike in its campaign methods in comparison. The World has no need for bitterness. It trusts the people. The Star and Controller Geary fear the people. Take the Bloor-street viaduct, for example. The people only need to see and understand the situation to vote for the viaduct. The Star knows this, and so falsifies the facts. It presented a cartoon stating that the viaduct would cost \$1,000,000, when the engineer's estimate is \$768,000, inclusive of \$150,000 for land damages, which the assessment commissioner stated is in excess of what would be required. So much of the people are The Star and the Street Railway, that they had the city placarded with this misleading poster yesterday. Yet Controller Geary asserts that he does not know that the Street Railway forces are with him. Tubes and the viaduct are necessary if the city is to reacquire the Street Railway franchise. There have been suggestions that a second street-car company could be organized if the present company refused to furnish a proper service. But no second company could get a right of way over the streets where the present company is operating, or gain access to the city centre without tubes and the Bloor-street viaduct. That is why The Star and the Street Railway are supporting Mr. Geary against Mr. Hocken, who is the people's champion on these questions.

EATON'S JANUARY SALE NEWS

The Best Reasons We've Ever Offered for Buying January Sale Linens and Cottons



A Month of Buying Privileges of an Extraordinary Kind

Here are some facts of an astounding nature that every thoughtful woman will appreciate and see that it's to her advantage to make an investment of at least a year's supply of cottons during this sale. We could keep on repeating: "It's the greatest sale of linens and cottons ever attempted by us," but here are the facts to prove it.

Away back in the early spring, we placed orders for great quantities of cottons at the low prices such huge orders and cash would naturally bring—prices started to jump, and they've been going up ever since, till TO-DAY COTTON PRICES ARE HIGHER THAN THEY'VE BEEN SINCE THE AMERICAN WAR. Nevertheless, our shipments arrived safe and sound, and we've tons of cottons to-day that the manufacturers would be glad to buy back at a handsome profit to us. But that's not our object. In the face of a veritable panic in cotton prices, we've cottons for our customers as low in price as they've been in years—cottons that, were we obliged to order now, we'd pay away more than we're asking YOU—cottons that could still add big profits to our prices and still be under market prices.

IRISH LINEN TABLE DAMASK, full bleached, even weave, choice designs in neat floral patterns, 68 inches wide. January sale price, yard, 39c.

ALL PURE IRISH DAMASK TABLE NAPKINS, snowy white, various designs in small, neat patterns; size 19 x 19 inches. Monday, \$1.19.

RED OR BLUE CHECKED GLASS OR TEA TOWELING, good drying quality, 17 inches wide. January sale price, yard, 4c.

GREY ALL-WOOL FLANNEL, pure Canadian wool, thoroughly secured, no grease, fine shirting finish, in shades of dark, plain or light and dark twill. January sale price, yard, 10c.

CANADIAN STRIPED FLANNELLETTE, even weave, well assorted, in neat striped patterns, light or dark colorings, 27 inches wide. January sale price, 5c.

FULL-BLEACHED CANADIAN SHEETING, plain, even weave, made from round staple yarns, no dressing, 72 inches wide. January sale price, yard, 20c.

FULL-BLEACHED ENGLISH LONGCLOTH, fine, even weave, soft, pure needle finish, good general-purpose cloth, 36 inches wide. January sale price, yard, 8c.

FINE UNBLEACHED BENGAL COTTON, piece from Egyptian yarns, pure finish, no specks, 34 inches wide. January sale price, yard, 6 1/2c.

CANADIAN CROCHET RED SPREAD, snowy white, soft finish, various designs, hemmed ready for use, size 72 x 90 inches. January sale price, \$7c.

FULL-BLEACHED COTTON PILLOW CASES, close weave, no filling or dressing, finished with 2-inch plain hem, sizes 42 x 33 and 46 x 33 inches. January sale price, pair, 25c.

Main Floor—Albert Street.

The Footwear Section's Good Offerings for January Sale

Each succeeding year sees the January Sale grow bigger and better in value-giving—a most satisfactory growth that is well demonstrated in these splendid Footwear values. January, the month of cold, frosty winter weather, demands just such staunch, comfortable boots, and many who have experienced the comfort and security of rubber heels for wear on city pavements will take special interest in these January Sale specials.

WOMEN'S FINE BOX-CALF WALKING BOOTS, excellent style for this time of year, Blucher tops, neat shape, extension soles and fitted with our special diamond (B) rubber heels, sizes 2 1/2 to 7. January sale price, \$2.00.

WOMEN'S FINE DONGOLA KID GENUINE GOATSKIN BLUCHER BOOTS, best workmanship all through, decidedly smart style for street wear, extension soles and fitted with our special rubber heels, sizes 2 1/2 to 7. January sale price, \$2.50.

MEN'S SPECIAL WINTER BOOT, extra weight of box-calf leather, heavy extension soles, Blucher tops, well made, a comfortable shape, fitted with our special rubber heels, sizes 6 to 11. January sale, \$2.00.

MEN'S BOOTS, in select quality of box-calf leather, made in one of the most popular styles, heavy-welted sewn soles, Blucher tops. This boot is one of the greatest values ever offered; sizes 6 to 11. January sale, \$3.00.

—Second Floor—Queen St.

Annual Collar Sale

60,000 Men's, Boys' and Children's Collars, each 5c.

This year the Collars for our January Sale represent the over-makes and seconds of two of the leading factories. The over-makes are perfect. The chief fault in the seconds is imperfect laundry work, though any other hurt that might be found is not serious enough to affect the wear of the collar. In the lot are all shapes and styles, including the popular fold, turn-point, straight band and low turn-down; also children's Elton. Two big counters have been made ready for this great event, and you'll find the sizes lined up in a way that will make choosing very easy and speedy. See the display in Yonge Street window. January Sale price, each, 5c. —Main Floor—Queen Street.

Big Shower of Collar Buttons Monday

The occasion when the thrifty housewife gets a supply of collar buttons to do the household.

And the man, no matter how particular he may be, realizes that in this annual Collar Button selling are qualities good enough to suit him, and that's why it's looked forward to by so many.

This year includes better grades than heretofore, and more of every kind. We've devoted to this occasion the entire souvenir section at Yonge Street doorway—plenty of space for everyone—plenty of salespeople—and a man may drop in to get his buttons and be off again, and no time lost.

Card containing two Back Lever Buttons, two Front Lever Buttons, two Back Solid, two Front Solid Buttons—all with bone backs, card complete 8c. Three cards of the well-known Twentieth Century Buttons for 10c. Card containing better grade buttons, with pearl back, one Lever Back Button, one Solid Front Button, two Lever Cuff Buttons, per card, complete, 9c. And other Button values equally good.

—Main Floor.

Men's, Women's and Boys' Hosiery Low Priced

And for warmth, service and comfort they're all you could desire for every-day wear. January Sale has never offered you better Hosiery values, and the economic buyer will be quick to appreciate the opportunity. Better grades here, of course, but did you ever see lower pricing for these qualities?

BOYS' Heavy Ribbed Wool Stockings, with 2-ply heel and toe, seamless finish, extra heavy for winter wear. Sizes 6 to 10. January sale, .17.

WOMEN'S PLAIN ALL-WOOL CASHMERE HOSE, made from extra fine yarn, double sole, heel and toe, seamless finish. All sizes. January sale, .29.

—Main Floor—Yonge St.

Annals, Monday, at About Half Price

To clear out the surplus stock of favorites, such as "Boys' Own," "Girls' Own," "Chatterbox" and "Young Canada." The quantity of each is limited, so early buying is wise.

Boys' Own, reduced to 98c.

Girls' Own, reduced to 98c.

Chatterbox for 1909, board and cloth binding, 50c.

Young Canada, reduced to 68c.

Our January Sale Pencil Special

A very suitable School or Office Pencil, containing fine quality lead, smooth easy writing, and entirely free from grit, fitted with a good rubber tip and sharpened ready for use. January Sale price, per dozen, 15c.

Get Your Stationery at Reduced Prices

The remainder of one of our biggest selling Christmas lines is now reduced to away below the regular price, to make sure of speedy clearance. The box has a very pretty design on the lid, and the paper is of excellent quality, a beautiful linen finish; quire of paper with envelopes to match; envelopes tied with silk ribbon. Monday's clearing price, 23c.

Main Floor—James Street.

THE JANUARY WHITEWEAR SALE STARTS MONDAY

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ness in relieving an im after banking hours. The two were taken to and their rooms searched son's place was found. A says she is his wife. The clothes were found much show that his path is straight.

In his pocket when the cheque drawn upon a D form at Windsor, Ont., able to S. B. Anderson, charged to the account son. It was signed Adam's cheque found in the Buffalo Savings Bank favor of Frank Miller of signed Mather & Co.; an American National Bank for \$300, signed Adams Merchants Bank, Windsor, \$500, to John B. Smith, See & Co., another Mont District Savings Bank, 36 Dec. 8, for \$500, in favor gain, signed O. S. Roeder.

Also there were clippings that he had been arrested burg, Pa., under the name Smith. Delany, for trying innocent out of \$500.00. A fact he and his wife d Cass-street, Detroit. showed where \$300 had b Lincoln, N.Y., to get him when he was serving a t name of J. P. Martin.

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