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Made by ourselves, of the very best goods, in the most cleanly manner. All ready for the Christmas pies. It will please the most particular; per pound 10c

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Choice Eating Figs, pound 12c
Golden Dates, 3 pounds 25c
Pure Maple Sugar, per cake 5c and 10c
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REACHED SUMMIT OF LOFTY PEAK

A Splendid Achievement By English Climbers in the Himalayas.

London, Dec. 21.—Dr. Tom G. Longstaff, who has just returned to England on the conclusion of an interesting expedition in the Himalayas, has been interviewed. The chief feature of this journey, which lasted six months, was the ascent of Trisul (23,400 feet), this being the first occasion on which this mountain has been attempted. Dr. Longstaff said:

"The expedition consisted of Major the Hon. C. G. Bruce (Fifth Gurkha Rifles), A. L. Mumm (late secretary of the Alpine Club) and myself. We had with us two Italian guides, one Swiss guide, a native officer of the Fifth Gurkha and eight riflemen of the same regiment. Originally the object of our journey was to attempt the ascent of Mount Everest, from the Tibetan side; but for political reasons we found this to be impossible, the home government having forbidden any travelers to cross the frontier. Our plans were subsequently changed, and we decided to go to the central Himalayas, to Garwhal, and from that point to attempt Trisul, which I had reconnoitered in 1905.

On the 21st of the mountains. "We immediately started on our journey, marching through the foothills for a distance of 100 miles to the mouth of the Rishi Valley, the only possible route for reaching our objective, the giant mountain Trisul. We proceeded by the valley for four marches, which consisted of a series of steep ascents and descents across the various ravines. Camping at 11,600 feet, on the edge of the tree line, we there being no food whatever for them in the valley. After this we had to carry our own loads and provisions. "We now began the actual ascent of the mountains. After two marches along the Trisul glacier we started up the snow slopes of the mountain on June 7, and that evening reached a height of 20,000 feet. Our tents were placed on an absolute desert of snow. Here we had to spend two nights, the wind and snow preventing any attempt to reach the summit. We remained huddled up in our tents, and it was impossible to melt snow for drinking purposes. The wind also was so high that the stoves would not work, and, of course, we could not light them in tents, which were only 3 feet 6 inches high.

A Terrible Experience. "During this period I had by far the worst experience in my foreign travels. On the third day, there being no sign of improvement, we were forced to descend to the foot of the mountain, and again camped at 11,600 feet. Owing to the hardships and bad food Mr. Mumm became seriously ill, and, greatly to my disappointment, was unable to join me in a further attempt to reach the summit. "At 6:30 on the morning of June 11, with two Italian guides, Subadar Kaurib and myself left the camp and marched rapidly along our old track, camping the same afternoon on the snowfields of Trisul, this time at a height of 17,450 feet, for I had decided that our best chance of reaching the summit was to endeavor to rush the ascent from a comparatively low camp. On the following morning we tried to leave at 4 o'clock, but the intense cold drove us back to our sleeping-bags.

"We started at 5:30 a.m., and five hours later reached our highest camp of 20,000 feet in the height of a cool westerly gale. As dangerous crevasses half covered with snow and ice were ahead, we roped ourselves together and at noon reached 21,000 feet. At this time I felt the cold more severely than ever. The slopes, too, were very steep, and at times I was rendered almost breathless. My companions, however, showed no ill-effects from the altitude. Our beads and muscaches were masses of ice. We were now following the narrow north-northeast ridge of Trisul, which leads straight to the summit, and gradually as we approached the top all the neighboring mountains except Nanda Devi sank beneath us.

Fifteen Minutes on the Summit. "The magnificent southern cliffs of this mountain were almost bare of snow, owing to the steepness. At 4 p.m., after ten hours' continuous climbing, we reached the summit, but ahead was an overhanging cornice, and until I looked over this I could not be satisfied that we had actually attained the highest peak of the mountain. The cold was so bitter that we found it only possible to remain for fifteen minutes.

"The view from this point was to me quite indescribable. It seemed like looking into infinity. On the south, thousands of feet beneath, were the great masses of copper-colored haze, due to a dust-storm which was blowing from the plains. To the west the view was one of extraordinary vastness, as the horizon extended over the whole of the lower Garwhal and the snow peaks beyond. To the north lay the Tibetan frontier, obscured by rolling masses of black cloud. To the east were the frowning cliffs of Nanda Devi and its untrodden glaciers.

Plant a Flag. "Having planted a small flag, hurried out of a piece of the tent, we hurriedly commenced the descent. This being a very little of what I remember very little of what immediately followed. As darkness was fast closing in we pushed on with all speed, and at 7:30 reached camp. The weather, however, was still so bad that, tired as we all were, we had to move our tents 700 feet farther down the mountain in order to find a little shelter. The next day we rejoined Mr. Mumm and Major Bruce, who had come in at the foot of the mountains.

A sweet pea show was given in Horticultural Hall, London, recently. There were 3,000 bunches on exhibition, including 150 novelties. The struggle for a yellow sweet pea is still unsuccessful. The nearest approach is a "creamy buff."

APACHES CAUGHT AT MONTREAL

Thugs Adopt Methods of Paris and Found Thieves' Army.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Importing the methods of the Parisian "Apaches," August Beaulne and Emile Ardois, who are supposed to have belonged to one of the most dangerous gangs of hoodlums in Paris, established a thieves' army in a house on Champ de Mars street, to which they were traced by detectives after a daring robbery at a fur store in St. Paul street. Explosives sufficiently powerful to blow open the strongest bank safes, and drugging powders which would render an elephant unconscious, were found in the house, and were handed over to Mr. Milton S. Hersey, the city analyst, to examine.

In the enquete court today, Beaulne and Ardois were charged with keeping dynamite on unlicensed premises, an offense, which renders them liable to fourteen years' imprisonment. Each made the same reply, "I know nothing about it."

Hersey then produced the explosives and drugs he had received. He had examined them and found four small detonators, containing an exceptionally powerful explosive. Three had fuses attached, and were ready to use. He also found a piece of nitro-glycerin, three inches long and three-quarters of an inch broad, and a portion of yellow paper, which had undoubtedly been used for wrapping dynamite. Another bottle contained eight ounces of cyanide of potassium.

Drugs commonly used by criminals, and known to them as "knock-out drops," were found in another bottle, the chemical name of the contents being chloral hydrate.

The analyst evidently did not relish the idea of having such dangerous articles near him, for when asked by the judge if he would keep them, he replied that he would rather give them back to the detective.

Beaulne and Ardois, who are on remand on a charge of burglary, until their criminal records in Europe have been received, were sent back to jail till Monday, when they will be allowed to make a voluntary statement.

THE HARDEN TRIAL

The Kaiser Insists That Matter Be Threshed Out Without Compromise.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—The trial of Maximilian Harden, still continues, with the probability that it will last until after Christmas, owing to the large number of witnesses yet to be heard. Rumors of a possible compromise, which were current throughout the day, were strengthened by mysterious references between the lawyers during various intervals. These, however, did not lead to anything positive.

Several witnesses underwent cross-examination today, and Frau Von Kuno, the divorced wife of Count Kuno Von Moltke, occupied the stand for several hours, but the nature of her evidence was not divulged.

Later it was stated that the search-examination somewhat affected the reliability of Frau Von Moltke's testimony. It also was reported that Herr Harden had offered to withdraw his charges against Count Von Moltke, which were founded to a great extent on the statements made by Von Moltke's former wife. The state's attorney, however, insists upon threshing the matter out, which course, it is asserted, is taken at the instance of the emperor.

FINAL DIVIDENDS IN ATLAS LOAN CO

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Dec. 21.—Master-in-Ordinary Hodgins made a final order this morning, declaring dividends in the Atlas Loan Liquidation of 43 per cent, amounting to \$32,000, making the total dividends of 43 per cent. Liquidation started June, 1903. The assets were mortgages, stocks and bonds, and a difference in favor of cotton in the six years of \$1,062,313.60.

There is much actual gold still to be discovered in the south, but the cotton grown annually by that section is silver produced in the world in the same time. Between 1901 and 1906, for instance, the total value of the world's gold and silver output was \$2,606,685,490, and the total value of the cotton crop of the same years was \$3,569,000,000, a difference in favor of cotton in the six years of \$1,062,313.60.

Beware of Medicines That Contain Mercury

A favorite method of administering this deleterious drug is in cathartic pills. Beware of "quick-result" articles, they may do more harm than good.

Drastic cathartics will weaken the strongest. With old people they are a positive menace to life. Merely to restore normal bowel action and gently stimulate the liver is all that the wise physician recommends.

To keep the system pure and clean, nothing is so efficacious as the vegetable pills of Dr. Hamilton, which are composed of such herbs as mandrake, buttercup, and dandelion; they contain not an atom of any substance that could injure even an infant.

ASSAULT CASE AT PORT STANLEY

F. R. Going Had Ribs Broken and Other Injuries—One Man Sent for Trial.

Port Stanley, Dec. 22.—Messrs. McCrimmon, K. C., and Barrister A. Grant, of St. Thomas, were here yesterday attending court, a case of assault, being tried before Squire Price in the town hall.

Evidence as sworn to in the courtroom, was that the assault took place last Tuesday night between 6 and 7 o'clock in the sitting-room of the Hotel Loney, over a dispute in shooting craps, which is a gambling game carried on with dice and reckons that it was feared might prove fatal. He was taken to his home in an unconscious state, where it was discovered that he was suffering from broken ribs, a severe gash in the head and his face almost beyond recognition. The doctor had to put ten stitches in the deep wound under the eye. He is still in a very precarious condition.

Messrs. J. R. Moor, S. McKenzie and Frank Pottier were charged with assault. Considerable evidence was taken, resulting in the acquittal of J. R. Moor and McKenzie, while F. Pottier was remanded for trial.

DECREASE IN IMPORTS

Returns for November Show Falling Off of \$362,146.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—During November a decrease of \$362,146 in imports is recorded, as compared with November, 1906, while exports decreased by \$2,455,769. Exports of domestic products decreased during the month by \$3,253,074, while exports of foreign goods increased by \$93,126. The duty collected during the month was \$4,940,225, a decrease of \$409,586 as compared with the corresponding month of last year.

However, the total imports show an increase of \$27,762,684, the total being \$229,496,134, as compared with \$231,732,509 for the corresponding month of last year. Exports, however, were sent back to the corresponding month of last year, totaling \$4,972,391, compared with the corresponding period of 1906. Exports of domestic products decreased by \$1,867,861.

LOSES RANK FOR LOVE

German Court Gives Up \$1,250,000 a Year Income.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—Count Erasmus Erbach was on Saturday formally deprived of all rights of succession to the entitled family estates. His offense is that he married Dora Fischer, the pretty daughter of a washer. The count belongs to one of the most aristocratic houses, and therefore cannot appeal to the ordinary court. He must accept his disinheritation of an estate worth \$1,250,000 a year, without any hope of regaining his right to the succession. The tribunal which tried his case sat at Frankfurt-on-Main. It consisted of Hermann Stoberg-Wernigerode, Prince Herman Schöenberg-Waldenburg and Count Solms-Laubach. The count was the successor to the Erbach estates to Count Arthur Erbach, the uncle of Count Erasmus.

NEW GERMAN NAVAL POST

Govt. to Establish One at Brunsbüttel, Opposite Cuxhaven.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The German Government has decided to create a new naval post at Brunsbüttel, opposite Cuxhaven, in the mouth of the Elbe, and at the western end of the Baltic Canal. The first step will be the construction of a drydock at a cost of \$7,500,000, which will be followed by the construction of other docks. Brunsbüttel will be more strongly fortified in proportion to its growing importance.

The decision to create a naval base at Brunsbüttel, following so closely on the resolve to transfer the headquarters of the German fleet from Kiel to Wilhelmshaven is extremely significant, inasmuch as it reveals the concentration of German naval power in the North Sea.

BORN AT SEA.

New York, Dec. 21.—The World today says: Born at sea, off the west coast of Africa, Ruth Lang, 13 days old, arrived here yesterday on the Mauritania. Her mother and father were missionaries at Nontun, Nigeria. A few days before the baby's birth Mrs. Lang sailed on the Palatka for Bristol, England, on her way to her parents' home in Canada. Half way across the Atlantic, Ruth was born. The mother died without seeing the child. Another woman missionary on board volunteered to bring the child home to America. Since landing she has notified the little one's grandparents in Toronto, and looks for them to come for her.

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Probs:
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OR RAIN.

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Monday
Dec. 23

STORE NEWS TODAY.

OPEN TONIGHT FROM 7:30 TO 10 O'CLOCK
Store Closed From 6 to 7:30 p.m. Deliveries Today: 9 a.m., 1 and 4 p.m.

Do all the Christmas shopping possible tomorrow FORENOON.

Unclaimed Packages

Owners will receive these by asking for same at parcel office.

TOMORROW MORNING SHOPPING, will be WISE SHOPPING.

Today and Tomorrow Will Be Great Shopping Days

Everybody expects something, and everybody (who can) will give something. Christmas is a day of GREAT EXPECTATIONS, and our wish is that none will be disappointed, particularly those who, receiving nothing, might feel that they have been neglected.

If you have ever felt the burden of giving expensive things, try the giving of the more useful and less expensive articles, SOMETHING useful PERSONALLY or NECESSARY in the HOME.

They Have Arrived

Chamois Gloves

\$1.00 and \$1.25 Pair

Just in time for the Christmas-giving "Dent's" Elbow-length Ladies' Chamois Gloves, pique sewn, natural color and washable, in all sizes, 2-clasp, at pair \$1.25
In 1-clasp, prix seams, natural color, Ladies' Chamois Gloves, and washable, at per pair \$1.00

If you don't care to take the responsibility of choosing, buy a "Glove Coupon."

This is the way to give them and feel absolutely sure that the recipient will be pleased.

Gift Hints from

Notion Department

Dainty Fans, in light shades, each 50c to \$4.00
Pretty, Light Fans, in fancy silk case to match, each \$6.00 to \$8.00
Fancy Black Fans, each 75c to \$2.50
Dainty Gilt Chains for Fans, with pearls, amethyst and rose settings, each 35c, 50c, 75c
Black Ostrich Feather Boas, each \$7.50 to \$35.00
White Ostrich Feather Boas, each \$10.00 to \$20.00
Natural Coque Feather Boas, each \$3.00
Black Silk Ruffs, each \$1.75 to \$5.50
Ladies' Fancy Collars, each 25c to \$2.00
Ladies' Lace Ties, each 15c to \$6.00
Cape Scarfs, 65c to \$4.00

Leather Pocket Books, Card Cases, Etc.

A great variety of Leather Strap Purses, 75c to \$3.50
Leather Hand Bags, each 75c to \$8.00
Leather Purses and Card Case combined, each 50c to \$3.00
Gentlemen's Leather Traveling Cases, \$1.35 to \$15
Ladies' \$7.00 to \$16.50
Fancy Silk Opera and Sewing Bags, with fancy gilt tops, each \$1.00 to \$1.75
Pearl Beads, with clasp, at per string, 12 1/2c to \$1.50
See our Triplet Mirrors, for each 35c
Hand Mirrors, in rose finish, for, each 35c
Real Ebony Hand Mirrors, each \$1.75 to \$2.00

Christmas Gifts From Linen Department

Lunch Napkins (new designs), 15x15 inches square. Hand-embroidered designs in one corner, and scalloped edges. Entirely new, and very dainty. Three handsome designs. At, per dozen \$9.00
Similar style in hemstitched borders, per dozen \$8.50
Pure Linen Pillow Slips, 22 1/2x36 inches, scalloped ends, wreath of embroidery in center of one end. Only a limited quantity. See these for gifts. Per pair, only \$3.00

New Huckabacks

Many have been waiting for these. The following have been received just in time. (For Christmas.)
Fancy, 25-inch, fleur de lis, shamrock and chrysanthemum design, at, per yard, 50c
Plain, 24 to 27-inch, at 25c, 35c, 40c, 45c and 50c.
All are pure linen and fully bleached.

A Black Dress, One of "Priestleys"

"Priestley's" Black Luster, per yard 50c to \$1.25
"Priestley's" Black Striped Luster, per yard 85c
"Priestley's" Black Striped "Resida," per yard \$1.25
"Priestley's" Black Wool Voile, per yard \$1.00 to \$1.25
Other makers' Wool Voile, yard 50c to \$1
"Priestley's" Silk Warp Henrietta, per yard \$1.00 to \$1.50
"Priestley's" Wool Tricot, per yard \$1.00
All-Wool Henriettas, per yard 50c to \$1.00
All-Wool Panama, per yard 50c to \$1.00
Silk and Wool Popin de Soie, per yard \$1.00 to \$2.00
Silk and Wool Crepe de Chine, per yard \$1.00 to \$2.00

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FINE CHRISTMAS DINNER

Preparations by Host O'Neil, of the Tecumseh House.
Christmas dinner will be served at the Tecumseh House on Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m. In that simple announcement a great delight will be furnished to many citizens of London who have been asking numerous questions regarding it, and who have been anticipating this event with not a little pleasure. Last year Mine

Host O'Neil established a great record, and the memories of that Christmas dinner are alive yet. London's most splendid hospitality is keeping up with its advance notices, and the citizens are well situated now in this regard. Tables are being reserved in large numbers, and the wise ones will get in early, for there will not be many left after the announcement is made. The dinner will be served in the American dining-room.
The Grill Room will be open also, and that popular place will be the mecca of many Christmas diners.
In Westminster Abbey a stonecutter was at work in the little cloisters, cutting the name of Wilson, the great tenor of Shakespeare's day. An antiquary visiting the abbey began to tell the stonecutter about Wilson, how he had been Shakespeare's friend, and Ben Johnson's, and Kilt Marlowe's, and how all these men had loved and honored him. The stonecutter, looking up from his work, frowned and shook his head, "I wish, sire," he said, "we'd knowed he was such a swell afore we run that drain pipe through him."