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A most suitable present for a child or young girl; child's size couch, nicely upholstered in pretty tapestry coverings, turned and varnished legs, special holiday price at each, \$1.98.

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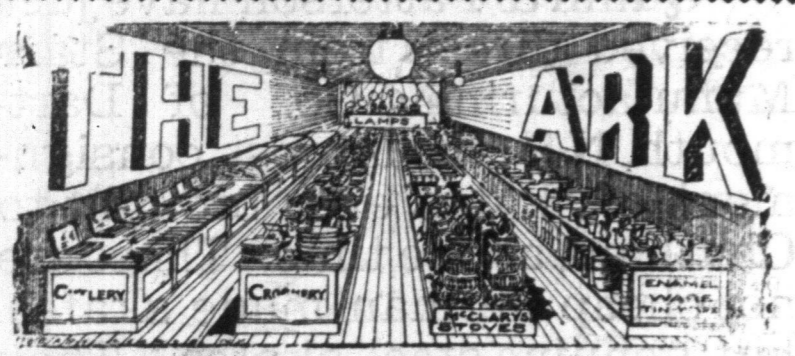
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PERKINS, Jannet, Alexandre, Penny—the best French manufacturers, all contribute to the completion of our kid-glove stock. Every pair we sell is guaranteed. Every correct style in lined and unlined—in dressed and undressed—street and evening shades—costume and evening length. Prices—\$1, \$1.25, \$1.50.

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LINED and Unlined Kid Gloves for Men—correct winter weight—most acceptable gifts—moderate price at \$1, \$1.50, \$2.

Thomas Stone & Son, IMPORTERS



THE RUSH

Is Now on at This Store...

Xmas goods are rushing out fast. Would ask our friends as a favor to do as much of their buying on

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

as possible, in order to allow parties from outside towns and country to have their day in

"THE ARK" ON SATURDAY.

Remember, there are three days next week before Xmas.

WE WILL BE OPEN EVENINGS

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas.

H. Macaulay, 89 King St.

HORSE KILLED

Those who noticed the horse that ex-Ald. Liddy was driving and the shadows of the cars made the street dark so that honest John didn't see Mr. Stephens', a Chatham Township farmer, coming from the opposite direction. The horse of Mr. Stephens also became frightened and there was a head-on collision. The shaft of the Stephens rig punctured the breast of the horse driven by Mr. Liddy and the animal expired soon after the accident. Mr. Liddy says that his loss will be about \$150, and that somebody will have to pay for it.

"What would be nicer for a Christmas present than a duplicate what set? For sale at The Planet Office."

A STATE OF WAR.

PREMIER BALFOUR'S STATEMENT IN THE COMMONS.

CITIZENS OF CARACAS ASK CASTRO TO YIELD.

BLOCKADE ENFORCED AGAINST ALL SHIPPING.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—In the course of a long statement in the House of Commons, Premier Balfour said there was no such thing as a "pacific blockade." A state of war actually existed with Venezuela, and an intimation of the blockade would shortly be given to the powers. Mr. Balfour added that the blockade would be carried out with as little inconvenience to neutrals as possible. Nothing definite had occurred with reference to the arbitration proposed since his previous statement on the subject. The Premier also said the operations were reluctantly undertaken, not to recover debts, but after a long and patient delay, to recover compensation for assaults on British subjects and the seizure of British vessels. He believed the Germans also had claims besides the financial ones.

Mr. Healy, Irish Nationalist, asked if the United States assented to a blockade which would exclude United States vessels.

The Premier replied: "Does the member suppose that without a state of war you can take vessels and have a blockade?"

Replying to further questions, Mr. Balfour said he had nothing to add regarding arbitration beyond what was contained in his previous statement on the subject. Papers were being prepared and would be presented to the House as soon as possible.

Mr. Healy asked if the Premier would include the communications which had passed on the subject of the blockade between the United States and Great Britain.

Mr. Balfour's statement was made in reply to the desire of the Liberal leader, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, for information on the Venezuelan situation. After reiterating Lord Lansdowne's brief statement in the House of Lords the Premier continued:

"The blockade will be carried out by different portions of the coast, and although the two fleets will have the same objects they will not act as one force. We never had any intention of landing troops in Venezuela or of occupying territory, even temporarily. We do not think it desirable on either military or other grounds. All the conditions governing such a blockade have been carefully considered and will be published in due time for the information of neutrals. The Government are most anxious that these operations, the necessity for which we deeply regret, should be as little inconvenient to neutrals as they possibly can be made. No difference will be made between the vessels of the various neutral powers, and it is quite likely that the United States will think that there cannot be such a thing as a 'pacific blockade,' and I, personally, take the same view. Evidently, a blockade involves a state of war."

Mr. Balfour concluded his statement by saying he could make no announcement as to whether the offer of arbitration from Venezuela will be accepted by Great Britain.

Caracas, Dec. 18.—Indications here are that Venezuela will yield to the demands of the allies. The leading citizens of Caracas have addressed a joint note to President Castro, asking him to give full powers to United States Minister Bowen to effect a termination of the present difficulty. This note was transmitted to President Castro at 1 o'clock.

It is signed by all the leading merchants, bankers and agriculturists of Caracas. It reflects truly the consensus of current opinion among the business elements of this city. The men who signed the note will meet again to-night to discuss ways and means of obtaining money with which Venezuela can meet her obligations, as well as the means by which it will present to her creditors.

The blockade of La Guaira, notification of which in the names of Great Britain and Germany was communicated to the Venezuelan Government Dec. 13, went into effect. The order applies to Venezuelan vessels only.

The Minister for Spain to Venezuela, Senor Gaston de Aysa, and the Belgian Charge d'Affaires, M. Van der Hoyde, have presented a joint letter to the Venezuelan Minister of Foreign Affairs in which they ask, in case the claims of other foreign powers are paid by Venezuela, that the same treatment given these powers be accorded to Spain and Belgium.

Puerto Cabello, Dec. 18.—It has been learned here that during the bombardment of Puerto Cabello, December 13, by the British cruiser Charybdis and the German cruiser Vineta the Charybdis was struck in the bow by a shot fired from a cannon on the Paliza Brusa.

The Vineta was struck twice by the Venezuelan cannon fire. The report which has been in circulation here that an officer of the Vineta was killed during the bombardment by a rifle bullet fired from the shore appears now to be true.

Herman House, of Herman House & Co., New Zealand, is in the city on business. Mr. House is agent in this district for the Campbell Fanning Mill Co. and the Wm. Gray & Sons Co. He handled ten cars of Gray carriages during the last year.

MUNICIPAL FIELD

It looks as if there would be considerable of a change in the City Council next year. Ald. O'Brien and Fleming are not going to run and Ald. Cowan will not be a councillor. This will make at least three vacancies. All the other aldermen have announced their intention of running again except Ald. Marshall. The latter alderman has not yet said what he is going to do. If rumor is to be credited the butchers of the city will be well represented in the list of candidates by E. A. Mounter, John Edmondson, Fred Goodland and E. R. Putnam. George Gordon Martin has already announced himself, and the names of Walter Figgott, Fred Quinn, W. M. Drader and Thos. Scullard are mentioned as possible and good candidates.

THE TARIFF CAMPAIGN.

WATSON GRIFFIN TO CONDUCT IT FOR MANUFACTURERS.

Newspaper Articles Will be Published and Pamphlets Distributed—The Association Desirous of Reaching the Farmers.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—The educational campaign on tariff matters, which the Canadian Manufacturers' Association proposes carrying on, is to be inaugurated in earnest after the new year. The manufacturers have about completed their arrangements, and have engaged Mr. Watson Griffin, a well-known journalist and writer on tariff affairs, to take charge of the campaign. Mr. Griffin will be located in Toronto, and the campaign conducted from here.

It is the intention to devote the fund which the manufacturers have at their disposal to the issue and distribution of pamphlets which will deal with the tariff from the standpoint of the manufacturers. The official organ of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, which is issued monthly, Industrial Canada, will also be utilized, but it is felt that this publication does not reach those whom the association are most anxious to influence. Its circulation is principally among the merchants and association, who do not require the education which it is the aim of the association to impart to the public. Mr. Griffin will, therefore, prepare a series of articles dealing with the tariff, and these articles it is proposed to have published in those newspapers that will insert them. It is hoped to come to some arrangement with a number of newspapers all over the Dominion to publish the articles that will be forwarded to them.

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A TORONTO MISER.

DEATH OF ELI HYMAN IN THE GENERAL HOSPITAL.

SECURITIES WORTH \$100,000 FOUND IN HIS CLOTHES.

HE LIVED LIKE A VAGRANT AND BEGGED CONSTANTLY.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—The death of an aged Jewish rag-picker at the General Hospital at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon brought to light one of the most remarkable cases of avarice that has ever been recorded. That a wealthy old man could forever 25 years past the part of a destitute old pauper without detection seems incredible. The death of Eli Hyman, however, revealed the fact that he was worth at least \$100,000, and possibly much more. Under the name of Henry Zolinski he went to the hospital on Saturday evening last, a picture of filth, misery and disease. He had begged a "ticket," said, to come to the hospital. His very appearance was repugnant and he was so dirty that the ward tenders, accustomed as they are to such things, shrank in disgust from his presence. He had a city order and was put to bed after being washed. It was seen that he was suffering from pneumonia and pleurisy combined, and that the diseases had already obtained a strong hold. He was placed in ward six, a public ward, and given every care.

When Hyman entered the hospital he said that he was a "very poor man" and had "no money, relations or friends."

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THEIR POLICY

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