COAT SALE EXTRAORDINARY

You have been going to buy a coat for some time, but have been hesitating. You thought you would wait until the January sales. Well here's the best opportunity you'll get this year, one where you are sure of getting quality as well as bargain prices. There are not many of these coats left. We expect to close them out in record-breaking time. Come early and secure best choice.

9 ONLY GOOD WEIGHT WINTER COATS, three-quarter length, some lined to the waist, clearing at less than the price of the cloth. Only **$4.95**

20 only Winter Coats, full length, nearly all new styles, chinchillas, beavers, cheviots and tweeds, navy, green, grey, burgundy and black. All reduced. Clearing at **$13.95**

20 BURGUNDY TAUPE AND NAVY VELOUR COATS, all the latest, mostly belted styles, large collars that button up closely to the throat with a soft roll.

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ROULERS TOWN LAID WASTE BY BRITISH AIRMEN

Bomb Explodes Ammunition Train—Many Germans Killed.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 27.—The town of Roussellaere (Roulers) in Belgium was almost laid waste recently by the terrific explosion of an ammunition train caused by bombs dropped by a British airman, according to the frontier correspondent of the Telegraaf. The airplane itself was brought down by the aerial pressure. Many Germans and a few Belgians, the latter engaged in forced labor, were killed.

GOLDEN BRIDGE FOR ENTENTE, IS VIEW OF VIENNA NEWSPAPER

Austrian Comment on Peace Terms Are Full of Hope.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 27.—The tenor of the Austrian comment on the Brest-Litovsk negotiations is that the Entente powers have no longer any excuse for the continued flourishing of the sword, and that nobody can deny the sincerity of the central powers' peace desire for peace.

The Fremdenblatt (Vienna) says that it now depends entirely upon the western powers whether humanity is freed from the evils of the world war.

The Neue Frie Presse (Vienna) declares that all pretexts for prolonging the war have become untenable, adding: "The outline of peace by agreement formulated at Brest-Litovsk constitutes a golden bridge for the Entente."

ELEVEN FOE PLANES DROPPED IN BATTLE OVER ITALIAN LINES

Allies Smash Up Two Enemy Squadrons Without Losing a Machine.

ROME, Dec. 27.—Eleven Austro-German aeroplanes have been brought down by the British and Italian forces in a big aerial battle which developed when the Teutons made an unsuccessful attempt to bomb Treviso, sixteen miles north of Venice. Announcement to this effect was made officially today by the Italian war office. Intense artillery battles are reported on the Asiago plateau."

C. R. Somerville Will Cut Out All Foolish Civic Expenditures

Wartime Thrift Is Vital to the City Under Present Conditions.

KEEP DOWN LIABILITIES

London Must See That Its Financial Standing Is Not Impaired.

"A city that spends money on improvements in wartime, and increases its indebtedness by expenditures that are in no way absolutely essential, is in exactly the same position as the man who in wartime purchases a dress suit because he will possibly have occasion to wear it three or four times during the year. Take a storm sewer for example. It fulfills its mission say three or four times a year when there are big storms. A new storm sewer would be as much a luxury in wartime as a new dress suit. New buildings, new sidewalks and pavements come in the dress suit class at present, and are not justified."

The foregoing bit of "dress suit" philosophy as applied to civic administration is the expression of opinion of Charles R. Somerville, candidate for mayor of the city of London for 1918.

"We are all called upon at the present time," continued Mr. Somerville, "to exercise thrift in every possible way, thrift in the administration of our households, in the use of food, in the spending of money. Both patriotism and common-sense demand this in the case of individuals and families. Common-sense and patriotism and good citizenship equally demand exercise of care and economy in the administration of the affairs of the city. Common-sense and good citizenship demand that a city keep down its liabilities to be prepared for after the war conditions, when money will be much more difficult to borrow, and cost more to meet interest liabilities than at the present time. "Looking to the future, it is absolutely necessary to place the city in a sounder financial position than it is at the present time, and to avoid incurring further indebtedness. The bigger the indebtedness the higher will the taxes require to be. A high tax rate is an argument against locating in a city on the part of a promising industry. This isn't the time to invest in "dress suits" for the city. —Advt.

THIRTY PROMINENT JEWS EXECUTED BY TURKS IN HOLY CITY

In Retreat Through Galilee 12,000 Jews Were Driven Northward.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Thirty Jewish men and women were executed by the Turkish army that surrendered Jerusalem to Gen. Allenby December 10, according to an announcement made here today by the provisional executive committee for Zionist affairs. Included in the number massacred were some of the most prominent residents of the Holy City and its suburbs, it is stated. A brother and sister of Aaron Aronsohn were among the victims of the atrocity, according to the announcement. Mr. Aronsohn is now in Washington.

In the retreat through Galilee the Turks drove 12,000 Jewish survivors northward, where they are in dire need. The committee has undertaken to furnish $30,000 monthly for their relief, it was stated.

DUCHESS IS SENDING CHOCOLATES TO HALIFAX

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—Her Excellency the Duchess of Devonshire, who has taken a deeply sympathetic interest in the welfare of the victims of Halifax disaster, has shown still further evidence of it by placing an order for 2,000 boxes of specially prepared chocolates, each bearing her portrait and a message of good wishes for the New Year.

TRACTION COMPANY

SUNDAY CARS WILL BE DISCONTINUED ON AND AFTER SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 1918, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

LONDON AND PORT STANLEY RAILWAY

Timetable Effective Sept. 20.

TO ST. THOMAS—†5:20, †*6:20, 7:20, *8:20, 9:20, *10:20, 11:20 a.m., 12:20, *1:20, 2:20, *3:20, 4:20, *5:20, 6:20, *7:20, 8:20, 9 20, *10:20, †11:20 p.m.

TO PORT STANLEY—†*6:20, *8:20, *10:20 a.m. *1:20, *3:20, *5:20, *7:20, *10:20 p.m.

†Daily except Sunday. *Limited trains London to St. Thomas.

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TO ACCEPT GERMAN TERMS, REJECTING CHRIST FOR JUDAS

Plunderer and Murderer Comes Before World With Request for Clemency, So He May Collect His Energies for New Attack to Subdue World.

[By Frank H. Simonds.]
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NEW YORK. Dec. 27.—The peace terms proposed by Count Czernin at the congress of Brest-Litovsk are inadmissible because they make no provision for the restoration of Belgium and northern France. A thousand other objections might be advanced, many of them equally rated, but they would only serve to complicate the discussion and obscure the issue.

The German assault upon Belgium was an attack upon all international law. The German method applied to Belgium was a violation of all the doctrines of civiliztion and common humanity. Exactly the same is to be said of German methods in France.

Today, having plundered France and Belgium, murdered the helpless and dishonored the weak, having taken every detail of national wealth that could be transported, from the machinery of the factories to the bells of the churches, having even evicted the dead from their tombs to make room for German corpses, Germany comes before the world seeking a peace without annexation and without indemnity.

Purpose Is Plain.

The purpose of the present gesture is plain. Germany is not proposing peace because she expects it; she is not making an offer in good faith. How could the German Government act in good faith? She is proposing terms known by her to be impossible terms. She makes such an offer solely to satisfy the peace cries of her own public and corrupt the allegiance of the war-weary in enemy nations.

The Imperial German Government has commissioned the Bolsheviki, the red-handed anarchists, who have demolished Russia to German profit, to become her agents in Allied countries and persuade them to make a peace of betrayal, a peace of dishonor, a peace carrying with it the seeds of new wars.

And while the German delegates at Brest-Litovsk utter fair words covering foul purposes, the kaiser thunders forth the old familiar language: "The German sword and the German iron, backed by the 'old German God,' await those who longer resist German might."

At Her Old Tricks.

There you have it all; an epitome of Germany in the world of today. On the one hand the soft words which beguiled us all for years, and behind them the sword of the conqueror and the torch of the essential Huns. They threaten us with slaughter if we do not meet their false professions with supplant humility. They, who burned Louvain, massacred Belgium, spread ruin, wanton ruin in France from Rheims to Arras, they who connived at Armenian massacres and Serbian atrocities, would make a peace of justice with their victims, a peace of justice by which they would graciously spare those they have not slain—against the next time.

No, with the Germany of the lying tongue and the brutal sword this world cannot make peace, will not make peace. Such peace would betray humanity, abandon those who have died fighting for liberty, for civilization, and justify all the German has said of the character of his foes. We should be the decadents and the degenerates he has charged us with being.

Shaking Hands With Judas.

It may be long before we can deal with the Germans. The road to a just peace may be filled with great obstacles and demand of those who follow it still heavier and more terrible sacrifices. But there is no choice. All else would be madness, all else would be ultimate cowardice. To condone that murder which we took arms, not to avenge, but to make impossible of repetition, to make peace with the murderer, still in possession of his blood-stained profits, this would be to reject Christ—not for Barrabas, but for Judas Iscariot himself.

The beginning of just peace is reparation, restoration, restitution. There is no other way—while the Belgian crime stands, while the criminal remains, his gains still unrestored, there can be no peace. If we now make a new covenant it will not be a covenant of peace.

The Doctrine of Force.

We shall, in fact, agree to and accept as final the doctrine of force, the gospel of blood and iron. We shall have been conquered, and the German, in full recognition of the truth, will resume his preparations, collect his energies for the new assault, which shall complete the task of making the German will supreme in a world subdued by the German method.

The civilized world is not yet prepared to play Little Red Riding Hood to the German wolf—not even at Bolsheviki invitation—and that is the sum total of what is now proposed.

Time Given on Victory Loan Subscriptions

Date for Payment Is Extended Until January 11th.

OTTAWA, Dec. 27. — For the convenience of subscribers to the Victory Loan and of the banks handling the huge transaction, the finance department is today advertising that payments due on January 2 may be made at any time up to and including January 11.

The extension of time is given in order that subscribers may not be unduly detained waiting their turn in making their payments. It is particularly requested that subscribers will not wait until January 11 or a day or so before, and thus create the situation sought to be avoided.

For the convenience of subscribers the banks will remain open on the evenings of Thursday and Friday, January 3 and 4, and on the afternoon of Saturday, January 5. Evening hours from 7:30 to 9:30. Saturday afternoon from 2 until 6 o'clock.

OUR CLOTHES have the happy faculty of putting Men at their ease

That feeling of being well dressed which

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SUGGESTS THAT QUEBEC NOW BOYCOTT ONTARIO

Le Canada Says Ontario Can Be Brought to Senses.

MONTREAL, Dec. 27.—Le Canada suggests that the province of Quebec boycott Ontario. "No, Quebec will not go out of the confederation," says Le Canada. "On the contrary, when troubles come our salvation will come from Quebec. Quebec is not isolated in the confederation, as she has the lower provinces with her, and after Ontario has been a whole year without seeing the color of French money she will speak a little less arrogantly of French domination."

Le Soleil of Quebec, says to the other provinces: "If you wish the confederation to last you will have to change your manners, as we are no longer disposed to endure your impertinence, your political conspiracies, and much less, your persecutions. Now that you know our sentiment, it is for you to decide."

2-Day Year-End Special Sale

SATURDAY--R. H. and J. Dowler--MONDAY

LIMITED

Outsiders should take a holiday trip to the city, whether by train, auto or carriage, and take advantage of our extraordinary offerings for these two days. It's a double saving this year. Yes, trebly, as in many cases of broken lines we are offering merchandise at twenty to twenty-five per cent below the present factory prices. Particular snaps in high grade clothes, fur and fur-collar overcoats in every required style, in suits and thousands of pairs of trousers, underwear, sweater coats, shirts and socks.

EVERY DOLLAR YOU SPEND MEANS A BIG CHUNK OF A DOLLAR SAVED.

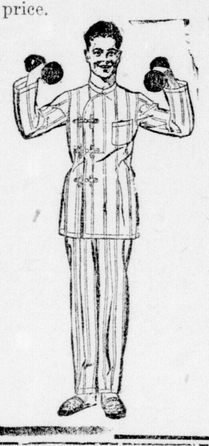
BOYS' DEPARTMENT SPECIALS.

Boys' Belter Overcoats in short skater styles $4.90

Boys' Long Coats at $5.50

Children's Overcoats ..... $3.50 to $7.50

Boys' Suits, that do not bear the high cost of living prices. Mothers find that they get suited best at Dowler's for quality, make and price.



Another Lot of These $16.50 Ulsters, $9.65

This is the greatest Overcoat Bargain offered in London in many years. Big double-breasted, two-way collar, solid wool coats.

YOUNG MEN'S OVERCOATS $17.75.

Belters all round, in swagger full-back Slip-ons, Semi-Fitted and Chesterfields. Values worth up to $25.00.

BRITISH MELTON OVERCOATS, $19.50.

In handsome, dressy Chesterfields, with or without fur collar; standard $24.00 values. They are in black, clerical and Oxford greys, overlapped seams, raw or regular edge; very handsomely tailored.

GREAT TROUSER SALE

1,284 pairs of first-class English Worsteds and Worsted-Finished Tweeds; well tailored; every pair guaranteed wear, at less than present regular factory prices. It will pay well to buy two or three pairs. **$2.50 Trousers, $1.75; $3.50 Trousers $2.89, $5.00 English Hairline Trousers, $3.75, $5.00 and $5.50; English Worsted Trousers, $4.50 and $4.00.**

Blue Serge Trousers, Very Special.

PYJAMA SUITS

Standard $2.50 garments, made of heavy English Flannelette. Special $1.65

MEN'S ROOMY NIGHTGOWNS

Of heavy English Flannelette; long enough to cuddle your feet in. Special $1.19

A splendid assortment of 50c Pure Silk Neckwear. Now 39c

Fur Coats, Fur Collar Coats

In prices that cannot be repeated. The best ranges we have ever shown. Positively at 20 to 25 per cent less than you can buy them in any supposed wholesale in London.

English Beaver Fur Collar Coats $10.80
$20.00 Black English Meltons, Fur Collars $16.50
Canada's Best $35 English Melton, rubber interlined, best curl lined, fur collar Overcoat; splendid fitters $25.00
Arctic Beaver Fur Overcoats $28.00
Philadelphia Dog, absolutely guaranteed; fine black short hair. Special $38.00
Handsome Black, extra full fur Coats, $45.00 quality; wholesales here would ask you $50.00 for such coats. Our price Saturday $38.00

SOCKS BY THE WAGONLOAD

Penman's .....3 pairs 50c
Penman's, Rib 25c
Fine Cashmere .....50c, 60c, 75c to $1.00
Dowler Footwarmer, in heavy rib, pure wool, wear guaranteed .....75c, 60c and 50c
Boys' Stockings, rib .....29c, 35c, 50c to $1.25
Boys' School and Skater Overcoats in heavy overcheck, mackinaw cloth; ages 10 to 16 years, $4.90, and better ones to $12.50

Holiday Specials in Men's Furnishings

For a final clean-up see our 75c and $1.00 Neckwear for, now 59c

25 PER CENT OFF

Our entire stock of Men's Silk and Silk Knit Mufflers.

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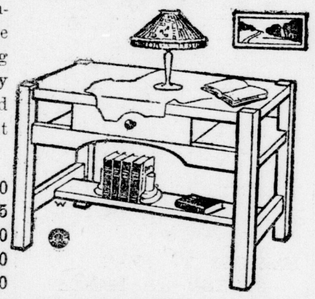
Stock-Taking Sale of Housefurnishings

You are reading now the most astonishing house-furnishing offer that any store could make. Never was there such a value-giving event stirred up in this city. Every article in this magnificent stock is reduced to rock bottom prices. This is our last great drive to clear the decks before stock-taking. Remember that though the prices are reduced to such an astonishingly low figure that the same guarantee of satisfaction goes behind every sale that has marked this store for 40 years.

SALE STARTS SATURDAY MORNING AT 9 O'CLOCK.

LIBRARY TABLES AT CLEARING PRICES

Here's your opportunity to get a handsome Library Table at a big saving. Every Library Table now in stock reduced to clear. A small deposit puts yours away.



Regular $21.50, now $19.40
Regular $18.75, now $16.95
Regular $16.00, now $14.40
Regular $13.00, now $11.70
Regular $11.00, now $9.40

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Beautiful suites in solid black walnut, either William and Mary or Jacobean designs. Suites include buffet, china cabinet, six chairs and extension table.

ON SALE FOR $179.

SATURDAY BEDROOM SPECIAL

Solid Black Walnut Suite, dresser, chiffonier, ladies' dresser and bed. This is without a doubt one of the most attractive bargains we have ever offered.

ON SALE FOR $154.

Manufacturer's Bankrupt Stock of Mattresses On Sale Tomorrow

Here's the sale you've been looking for.

If you want a good Mattress at a bargain price, be here tomorrow. They're filled with sea grass, with wool both sides and art ticking covering. Sell regularly at $5.75. See window display tomorrow.

$4.25

Linoleums and Oilcloths Specially Priced

We advise you to buy now, while low prices prevail. Many designs to choose from, in inlaid and printed designs.

Mandel Phonographs

$45 to $150

Special inducements for the balance of the year.

NOTICE Our upholstering department is under the supervision of one of the cleverest upholsterers in Western Ontario. Our range of beautiful coverings is worthy of your inspection. May we send a man to estimate on re-upholstering your furniture; it costs you nothing for this service.

Japanese Emperor Behind the Allies to Nation's Limit

TOKIO, Dec. 27.—Co-operation of Japan with her allies in the war to the fullest extent of her ability was pledged by Emperor Yoshihito in the speech from the throne at the opening of Parliament today. The emperor said Japan's relations with the Entente powers were extremely close.

KENNEDY'S MAJORITY ONLY REDUCED 14

WINDSOR, Dec. 27.—Official cognizance has been taken by the Government regarding alleged irregularities declared to have been committed by certain enumerators and deputy returning officers during parliamentary elections in North Essex. These "irregularities," it is asserted, were responsible for the defeat of Lieut.-Col. E. S. Wigle, the Union candidate, by William C. Kennedy, who ran as a straight Laurier Liberal.

The official count now in progress will be finished tomorrow, it is is expected. The figures so far show a reduction of fourteen votes in Mr. Kennedy's majority.

BLIZZARD SWEEPS WEST; TRAINS ARE TIED UP

CALGARY, Dec. 27. — The extreme cold weather of the last few days is having a marked effect upon the railway traffic of the prairie provinces. There is a strong wind over almost the entire westerly section, causing delays to passenger and freight traffic by reason of drifting snow. The thermometers at Calgary registered from 25 below to 18 below, with a temperature of 12 below about noon on Thursday.

A blizzard is reported in the Columbia Valley and in the Field locality.

SALES MANAGER MUST DON KHAKI MARCH 1

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 27.—John Moody, sales-manager of the Great West Saddlery Company for whom the president, E. F. Hutchings, desired exemption from military service, will don khaki on March 1, according to a decision of Judge Haggart today.

Judge Haggart said he recognized the value of the services of Mr. Moody to the firm, but that this was a time when the national exigencies had to be considered first.

No decision has yet been given by Judge Haggart as to whether H. F. Hutchings, recently drafted, can appeal to Ottawa.

LABOR MAN SAVES DEPOSIT.

PORT ARTHUR, Dec. 27. — The official count of the home votes for the constituency of Port Arthur-Kenora stands: Keefer, Unionist, 4,545; Dunbar, Labor, 2,406. This leaves the Labor candidate only 133 to spare above the number required to save his deposit.

1,500 CONVICTIONS FOR BREAKING LIQUOR LAWS

TORONTO, Dec. 27.—The annual report of Superintendent Joseph E. Rogers of the provincial police, indicates that his department handled 1,939 cases this year, as against 1,198 cases last year. Most of the increase, says Mr. Rogers, is attributed to cases brought about in the enforcement of the Ontario temperance act. Under this heading there were 1,543 convictions this year, including 165 sentences to imprisonment.

EMPTY HOSPITAL BURNED.

HALIFAX, Dec. 27.—Fire today destroyed the Clayton Military Convalescent Home, in the north end of the city. There were no patients in the building. The matron, cook and orderly escaped without injury.

Some time ago the building was handed over to the military commission by W. J. Clayton to be used as a convalescent home for returned soldiers.