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## Extraordinary Sale

### CHILDREN'S Cotton Hosiery

5 1/2 doz. Childs, Misses and Boys' Black Cotton Hose now on sale at a saving of 1/4 to 1/2 off regular prices. This is without doubt the greatest hosiery bargain ever on our counter and coming just at the commencement of the cotton stocking season should be of supreme interest to you.

#### THESE ARE THE PARTICULARS:

- 9 doz. Children's Black Cotton Hose, fine one-one rib, Hermsdorf dye, guaranteed fast colors, fine pure natural wool soles, sizes 4 1/2, 5, 5 1/2 and 6 in., regular value up to 30c pair, on sale for 19c
- 20 doz. Misses and Boys' Black Cotton Hose, Hermsdorf dye, guaranteed fast colors, fine one-one rib, sizes 7, 7 1/2, 8, 8 1/2, 9, 9 1/2, and 10 ins., regular value up to 30c a pair, on sale very special at 19c
- 22 1/2 doz. Misses and Boys' Black Cotton Hose, fine one-one rib, natural wool soles, Hermsdorf dye, guaranteed fast colors, sizes 6 1/2, 7, 7 1/2, and 8 in., regular up to 40c a pair, on sale very special at 24c

NOTE:—Every pair of these stockings is made double knee

#### Sale of Insertions.

Imitation Cherry insertions, the newest coarse effects for dress trimmings in narrow and wide widths, on sale very special at a yd., 10c. and 12 1-2c.

#### Sale of Pure Linen Side Board Covers.

Plain effects and drawn work design, in pure crepe linen side board covers, full 1 1/4 yds. long, fringed all around, very special at 25 Cents.

#### Sale of Ladies' Ties.

Ladies' Silk Stock Ties made in plain, corded and stole effects, in shades of sky, pink, rose, navy, black, white, green, &c., regular value 50c. and 75c. each, on sale for 28 Cents.

#### New White Linen For Waists and Dresses.

Yard wide, pure bleached linen, just correct weight for waists and dresses, on sale very special value at a yard 20 Cents.

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Good Old Summer Time.

Yes, Sir, we have just the shoes you want for "The good old summer time." Linen and Canvas Shoes in high and low cut are "it," this summer.

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**Tennis Shoes 50c to \$1.25.**  
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In fact everything you will need for the coming summer. A call solicited.

**JAS. A. KING** HARDWARE and IMPLEMENTS  
Morton's Old Stand. King St., Chatham.

#### FLOOD AND FIRE.

##### IMMENSE LOSS OF LIFE REPORTED IN THE STATES.

Nearly 250 People Drowned in North Topeka—Fifteen at Kansas City—Numbers of Others Burned to Death—Hundreds of Houses Swept Away.

Topeka, Kansas, June 1.—Heavy loss of life, estimated at from 175 to 250, in North Topeka, Kansas, alone, and immense damage to property, have occurred in central and eastern Kansas, northwestern Missouri, southwestern Iowa and eastern Nebraska States, through the floods. In some of these localities rain has fallen steadily for ten days, and shows no sign of cessation. All the rivers swept over their banks several days ago and the water is still rising steadily. South Topeka, it appears, is not in danger, and separate efforts are being made to establish a safe line of communication with North Topeka, which is completely inundated, and thus rescue the survivors in that section. Fire has also destroyed many North Topeka buildings—some reports say at least 400—and several people have been burned to death. At Kansas City the loss of life so far is placed at fifteen. Salina and Ottawa, Kansas, where the floods have done much damage, are Canadian settlements. No loss of life is reported from those places. Companies or regiments of the National Guard are under arms in the cities and larger towns to prevent looting and give all assistance possible. It is calculated that 25,000 people, as follows, are homeless:— Kansas—North Topeka, 7,000; near Emporia, 500; Salina and vicinity, 800; Lawrence, 500; Kansas City, Armourdale and Argentine, 1,000. Missouri—Hannibal and Sheffield, 700. Iowa—Des Moines, 6,000. Ottumwa, 200. Nebraska—Lincoln, 200; Beatrice, 200.

It is impossible to estimate the financial losses. Topeka, Kan., June 1.—At 1 o'clock the number of people drowned in the flood which has submerged North Topeka for 24 hours was known to be at least 200, and a larger number were yet missing. A company of militia has taken charge of the work of rescue and larger towns are making several hundred people have been saved who otherwise would have perished. In the Auditorium to-night 2,000 homeless people are quartered. The society women of the city are there attending the refugees' needs. Great wagons loaded with clothing and provisions have been sent and the immediate needs of the unfortunates have been provided for.

About four hundred houses in North Topeka were destroyed by fire last week, and several people are reported to have been burned to death, but this report cannot be substantiated. From all over western Kansas boats were rushed here for the rescue of sufferers. The north end of the Melan bridge, the only way of reaching both Topekas, went out, and a wire cable was stretched across the bridge. The pontoon bridges on the north side were washed out early this morning, and the only possible chance of reaching the survivors was by boats.

Shortly after daylight nine boats arrived from Ottawa on a special train, and they were put into service at once. Soon after reports of drownings began to come in. A boat containing eight men was swept away in the swift current about 7 o'clock, and as far as known all were drowned. A boat containing two men was capsized. The boats were too frail to live in the swirling water. More boats arrived from Emporia at 10 o'clock, and hurry messages have been sent to other towns for more. The river remained stationary after having fallen several inches. Heavy rains were reported from up the stream, however, and it is feared that another rise will set in.

Eighty-seven people are high and dry in the Page elevator. If the building holds together they will be rescued. In the B Street Colored Baptist Church nearly a hundred people have been standing since yesterday. Many of them have doubtless fallen from exhaustion before this and drowned. The building stands intact, however, and those who are left alive may be rescued. As seen from a high place on North Taylor street, near the Rock Island bridge, the stream appeared to be widening.

E. L. Bailey and E. M. Alexander performed some of the most heroic work of the night. In the darkness about 3 o'clock this morning, at the greatest risk to their own lives, they succeeded in reaching one of the burning lumber yards and rescued a dozen women and children. On the way to the south shore one of the women fainted from fatigue and fright, and this all but swamped the boat. The men made superhuman efforts and finally reached the pontoon bridge with their precious cargo. Here willing hands seized them and carried them over the Melan bridge to safety. This is but one of a hundred thrilling rescues. The most prominent men of the town donned oilskins and, submerged in water up to their breasts, worked for hours in the cold water.

At 6 o'clock a mile of wholesale houses, elevators and freight depots were entirely surrounded, basements that yesterday were dry were soon brimful, and water began to reach the first floors. Within fifteen minutes the tracks entering the western end of the Union Depot were entirely submerged, and at 11 o'clock the water had risen at such a rapid rate that the thousands of delayed passengers were making preparations to leave for the high ground.

Fifteen persons have been drowned in the west bottoms during the day. Because of the difficulty of recovering the bodies, identification of most of the dead is impossible. The dead as reported are—Thomas Ruddy, Manager of the Ruddy Bros. Packing Co., drowned while engaged in relief work; Jas. Deerman, drowned on Osage avenue; unknown man with two children, drowned at Mill and Osage streets; unknown woman; Wm. Herbert, and two other persons, drowned at Second and Osage streets; three men and two women, drowned by the capsizing of a boat near the Union Pacific bridge; unknown man.

At 6 o'clock last evening eight distinct fires are burning in the flooded district between three blocks west of the Union Depot and Topeka-Loup. The latter a settlement near Armourdale. It is impossible to reach any of the fires, as communication is cut off.

Topeka, Kan., June 1.—The outlook in Council Grove is appalling. On a smaller scale the situation there is much the same as that of North Topeka. Nine or more people have been burned to death in a fire started by blacking time. Reports received from there late to-day say there is small prospect of the water falling for another 24 hours. Flood conditions are getting worse at Lawrence. More than 500 people in the north part of the town are homeless. The large steel mill belonging to Congressman Bowlerstock was destroyed, with a loss of \$150,000. A big rise in the Smoky Hill River last night caused many more to leave their homes, and hundreds are now camped on the hills east of the town. Most of the business houses are closed. Hill City has been an island since Tuesday. No trains have been running there this week. The town is small, and the stock of provisions very low. People are suffering greatly.

#### A POSTMASTER MISSING.

H. V. Henderson, Georgetown, Short in Accounts.

Toronto, June 1.—Mr. H. V. Henderson, the postmaster at Georgetown, has left his position there and also left the town, and his present whereabouts are unknown. His sudden disappearance from Georgetown was coincident with the visit there of the postoffice inspector, Mr. J. Henderson of Toronto. The latter had some suspicion that all was not right at Georgetown, and last Thursday he paid an official visit there with the object of inspecting the books.

The postmaster was in Georgetown when the inspector arrived, but left while the inspector was going over the books, and it is said that he purchased a ticket for Milton, although he was not located there. Inspector Henderson last night confirmed the report that Postmaster Henderson had left Georgetown, but said that the shortage was a small one and had since been made up by friends of the missing man.

#### May be Another Coal Strike.

Meyersdale, Pa., June 1.—Notices declaring a reduction of five cents in the price of mining coal have been posted at the mines of the Continental Coal Company. District President Daniel Young yesterday inquired into the matter, and ordered a strike, and the mines are now idle. The Continental Company is independent of the Somerset Coal Company, which operates with one exception, the remaining mines in the Meyersdale region. Both companies last March granted the ten-cent advance, but refused to sign a scale for one year. It is confidently expected by the miners that the Somerset Coal Company will also make the reduction after the first of the month, and there will be a general strike ordered throughout the region.

#### Cattle Disease on Board.

London, May 30.—The British steamer Virgil, which has arrived at Deptford from Buenos Ayres, has been found to have on board cattle affected with foot-and-mouth disease. They will be immediately slaughtered and incinerated.

#### TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Robert G. Bulmer, commercial traveller, died suddenly at Woodstock. Forty journeymen bakers are on strike at Hamilton against night work.

The New York Sun says Lord Roberts will visit the United States in August. Henry Hahn of Tavistock was found dead hanging to a tree in the woods.

The Government has refused the demands of the printers at Ottawa for increased pay.

Two hundred and fifty Chinese were drowned by the capsizing of a boat on the Rhineland River.

In connection with the Memorial Day exercises a statue of Gen. Sherman was unveiled in New York. J. Knox, a well-to-do farmer of Britton, was found dead in his barnyard, with his throat cut from ear to ear.

#### WARM WELCOME

Pastor of Park St. Church Extended It to the Sons of England—Excellent Music.

The Sons of England held their annual church parade last evening. Headed by the 24th Regiment Band they marched over 100 strong via King, William and Park streets to the Park street Methodist church, where Rev. Mr. Cobblestick preached to them their annual sermon.

Before commencing his sermon the pastor welcomed the Order to his church on behalf of the officers and himself.

"I would have you believe that you are welcome in this church any time you wish to come and worship here," said he. "I understand that the principles of your Order uphold the Protestant church, and bind you to support your sovereign as long as he is a Protestant. You are bound together for a noble cause, and I am glad to have you here this evening." The reverend gentleman chose his text from the 118th Psalm, verse 22, "The stone which the builders rejected has now become the head of the corner." He preached a very able sermon and received the best of attention throughout.

The music by the choir was of a special order. They sang a prayer arranged from Wagner, solo part taken by Mr. H. Flowers, and Miss Hill sang a solo, "There is a Land." This choir, under Miss Hill, has made wonderful progress. This young lady has proved herself a competent leader and this combined with her excellent singing is making her an important factor in the musical circles of the Maple City.

After the return of the Lodge to their rooms votes of thanks were passed to the pastor and choir of the Park street church.

#### TO DEAL IN COFFINS.

NEW MILLION-DOLLAR COMPANY HAS BEEN FORMED.

The Davis Tannery Business Incorporated—Toronto Capitalists Organize For General Brokerage Operations.

Toronto, June 1.—To carry on the business of manufacturing coffins and caskets and general undertakers' supplies, the National Casket Co., Limited, has been incorporated, with a capital of \$1,000,000, and head office in Toronto. The provisional directors are A. J. H. Eckardt, Rose A. M. Eckardt, W. B. Short, Frank Booth and W. R. P. Parker. The company is also authorized to acquire the business of any firms engaged in any similar undertakings, and also to sell heat and power.

The Municipal & General Securities Company, Limited, has been organized to conduct a general brokerage business, with a capital of \$500,000. The provisional directors are W. R. Johnston, G. T. Clarkson, H. Langlois, R. R. Bongard and R. H. Parmenter, all of Toronto.

The tanning business of Hon. E. J. Davis is being reorganized, and a company incorporated under the name of A. Davis & Son, Limited, the head office of which will be at King Postoffice. The capital of the company is \$250,000, and those constituting the company are Hon. E. J. Davis, E. D. Davis, Aubrey Davis, Mrs. Margaret Davis and Miss Edith Davis.

The following companies have received incorporation:—Sultana Gold Mine, Limited, \$1,000,000, Rat Portage; Colonial Oil Co., Limited, \$100,000, London; St. Catharines Gas Co., Limited, \$100,000; the Paradise Grove Co., Port Elgin, Limited, \$100,000, to carry on a health and pleasure resort; the Blind River Transportation Co., Limited, \$50,000; the Gull River Lumber Co., Limited, \$40,000, Cobocook; Toronto Laundry Machine Co., Limited, \$50,000; the Berlin Interior Hardware Co., Limited, \$50,000; the Elmira Furniture Co., Limited, \$50,000; the Chas. J. Mitchell Co., Limited, produce dealers, \$10,000, Toronto.

#### SAM STARTED

Well-Known Footballer Rashly Inaugurates the Fish Story Season—His Tale.

Sam Courtney, with malice prepense and knowing that the close season for fish story tellers has just begun, deliberately told a fish story Saturday evening. No excuse is offered for Mr. Courtney's rash act and no excuse is offered for the reproduction of the fish tale. If Vitel Gondreau, George Heyward, A. C. McKay, E. J. MacIntyre, or any other fabulists want to take action against the last Aesop why that's the other fellow's funeral.

"Greatest fishing story you ever heard," remarked Sam Courtney Saturday evening.

"Blind Tom from down in the valley went fishing off Hadley's lumber dock. Fish were biting slow. Blind Tom fell asleep, dreamed that he was fishing in a fish and fell in the river. Swam half way across the river before he woke up and was so mad that he cursed. Blind Tom was only angry because he had got his first bath since last summer and he has a standing boast that he only takes a bath once a year in July."

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