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Dress Goods at Almost Half Price

You're in rare good luck if you need a Black Dress or Skirt, and what lady doesn't—the kind we talk about to-day are both serviceable and stylish, and we might add that we imported them direct from one of the best makers in Bradford, England, but we have too many of them and want to clear them out and the price we ask will do this for us in short order—ON WEDNESDAY:

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Colored Pks.—fine firm cord, in new style stripes, and polka dots, warranted fast colors, worth 15c yard, at.....12 1/2c	White Muslins—fine imported goods, extra wide in new lace, cord, and insertion effects, suitable for waists or dresses, special at per yard, 15c, 20c, 22c, and.....25c	35 pos. New Duck Suiting—Indigo and butcher blues, also black grounds with stripes, dots and fancy figures best dyes, special per yard.....12 1/2c
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CASH ONLY AND ONE PRICE.

THE DECISIVE BATTLE Of the War Will be Fought at Kroonstadt Shortly.

The Boers in Full Retreat There—Are Destroying the Railway as They go—Lord Roberts May Rest His Troops a Few Days.

London, May 8.—The Boers are everywhere retreating before the British, except on the Natal frontier and at Mafeking, to the inner circle of their defenses. They appear determined not to fight until the Kroonstadt hills are reached.

Lord Roberts is expected to do another 40 or 50 miles and then wait for a time in order to bring up supplies and to repair the railway. There are one or two hints in the despatches from the front that he may rest for a few days at Smaldeal.

Gen. French's 10,000 cavalry have not been mentioned in the official or unofficial despatches for four days. It is by no means likely that he is idle, and the conjecture is that he is either detouring toward Kroonstadt or raiding the Lady Smith district.

Fifteen thousand British are now operating on the western frontier of the Free State. As the deadlock at Warrenton has been broken and the Boers are retreating, there is nothing formidable, except distance, between Warrenton and Mafeking.

The most hopeful advices from Mafeking on April 22 are that the garrison would be barely able to hold out for a month. At that time the fever was spreading.

According to advices from Maseru, Basutoland, several thousand Free Staters are north of Ladybrand where they have collected great herds. The district is rich in food for men and horses and the Boers seem resolved not to move northward but to be preparing to resist where they are. If they are left alone they will menace the line of communications after the main British army has passed into the Transvaal.

Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener personally directed the artillery in the Vet river engagement.

Six thousand four hundred and fifty-eight troops are now at sea on the way to South Africa. No others are under orders to go except as recruits to fill up the losses of regiments at the front.

STRONG BUT EASILY TAKEN.

Yesterday the Boers held a really strong position, from which early in the campaign they could only have been forced by hard fighting. Gen. Hamilton's arrival at Winburg, although not directly outflanking the Boers, made their position extremely uncomfortable. Gen. Hutton's movement on the left was even more successful than at first imagined. Forty Boers were killed.

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Lord Roberts has been very strict in his examination of the facts that nearly every house is a miniature arsenal, Musers, Martins and abundant ammunition being found. If these had not been discovered the army would be leaving in its rear the material, in men and arms, for a dangerous movement among the inhabitants.

All along the railway the culverts, wherever of any size, have been utterly destroyed, but the engineers hope to make a detour in some cases and in others they will fill up the gaps.

Three of the four spans of the Vet river bridge have been utterly destroyed, and it will be necessary to make a temporary line down the river bed as at the Modder.

Reports have been heard showing that more culverts and bridges are being destroyed northward.

BOBS AS A STRATEGIST.

Smaldeal, May 8.—The movement that culminated in the capture of Winburg and Smaldeal was part of a great general movement, extending from Gen. Hunter, on the west, to Gen. Buller, on the east. Lord Roberts' admirable strategy resulted in placing everywhere five British to one Boer. Out of what appeared the inextricable confusion of divisions and brigades order was quickly evolved; and the Boers were compelled to meet Lord Roberts under unfavorable conditions. What is more important is that the British are now able to wait. Their front and strong positions are safe in the knowledge that their flanking columns will advance and outflank the Boers. Yet the Boers held a really strong position, from which earlier in the campaign they could only have been forced by hard fighting. Gen. Hamilton's arrival at Winburg, although not directly outflanking the Boers, made their position extremely uncomfortable.

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Tucker's division is marching on our left to-day and Gen. Maxwell's brigade is to cross the river before night.

ROBERTS NOW HALTS WAY.

A Smaldeal despatch, dated yesterday, says: Smaldeal, Kroonstadt, was occupied by the British to-day without opposition. Several Boer railway officers remained to surrender. The director of the Boer commissariat pointed to two great sheds, which he said contained stores for Transvaal and Free State burghers. The two republics maintain separate stores and use different trains. Four trains with Boers went north yesterday. A train from the north brought a Grouse gun, but it arrived too late to be of any use, and was taken back again to Zand River. Gen. Delarey commanded the Boers here.

THE DYNAMITERS.

Nolin and Walsh Traced to and From Thorold.

Positively Identified by Many Witnesses—No Fresh Evidence Against Dullman.

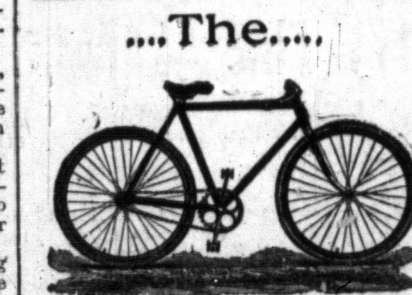
Welland, May 8.—The hearing of the three prisoners, Walsh, Nolin and Dullman, the two former charged with attempting to blow up lock 24 of the Welland Canal, and the latter with being an accomplice, was resumed at the court here yesterday. At the hearing last Monday the Crown presented a wonderfully complete chain of evidence, proving the three were in company at Buffalo, Niagara Falls, N.Y., Niagara Falls, Ont., and Thorold, where they were seen viewing the lock, two being shadowed for some time before the attempt was made. Walsh and Nolin were traced on the day they exploded the dynamite from the Falls right to the lock and were seen lowering the dynamite into the lock and running away. At this stage of the proceedings the court was adjourned until yesterday.

W. G. Thompson, superintendent of the Welland canal, was the first witness. He said that if the explosion would have been, liberated between eleven and twelve million cubic feet of water, which would have gone down the narrow rock cutting toward the Grand Trunk station, and would have caused loss of life.

Wm. Wainwright, Thorold, said he was working at Shiner's one-quarter of a mile from the lock. As he was going to Thorold he heard the explosions. He met two men. He identified Walsh and Nolin as the men. He spoke to Walsh, Nolin had a cigar in his mouth.

POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED.

Frank Hoover, who lives near lock 27, said he saw two men going behind the tool house close to the lock. Each had a valise. He identified Nolin as



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one of the men, but could not swear as to the other one. He heard the explosions shortly after.

H. B. Marshall said he was returning home by lock 24, on the evening of the explosion when he met a man with a valise. He saw Walsh and Nolin running away, Walsh was ahead.

Mary Gregory said she was going to Thorold when she heard the explosions. She met two men walking very fast, she identified Walsh and Nolin as the men.

Mrs. Gregory was going to Thorold when she heard the explosions. She met two men. She identified Nolin as one, but was not sure about the other.

Osmer Garner said he was going to Thorold, when he met two men about a quarter of a mile east, going towards the Falls. Walsh and Nolin were the men.

Louis Pierce, who works in St. Catharines and lives in Niagara Falls South, was walking home from Thorold, having missed the train, when two men, whom he identified as Walsh and Nolin, caught up with him. Walsh was ahead. The three walked together. The men said they were Englishmen, but eight months from Manchester, and that they were practicing for a prize fight. They were not under the influence of liquor.

James Wilson, Mayor of Thorold, sworn to: "Remember the night of the explosion. I thought when the second explosion went off that the side of the house would go in. I ran out to the telephone office. The lock tender said some one was trying to blow up the lock. I took Chief of Police Clark to get a rig and follow the men. He said there was no one to go with him and I went with him, and drove towards the Falls. We met two democratic wagons and asked the occupants to follow, as there were different roads to the Falls. Overtook three men about two and one-half miles out. We followed awhile and then drove ahead. I could not identify the men. Met several rigs and asked the drivers to turn after the fleeing men, and followed them to the Falls. I notified the police at the Falls, and afterwards met them with the two prisoners."

Considerable evidence of a corroborative character was also taken.

REMANDED FOR A WEEK.

T. D. Cowper, for the Crown, asked for a remand for a week. F. C. McBurney, for Walsh and Nolin, claimed it seemed as if witnesses must have been told they were not wanted, and that it was apparently the intention of the Crown to get adjournment and then bring the case on at the spring assizes without giving them sufficient time for a defense.

Wm. Geman, counsel for Dullman, claimed that so far as his client was concerned no evidence to establish the charge had been produced. If the Crown would agree to not furnish further evidence against Dullman there was no objection to postponement, but to adjourn for another week and then bring new evidence would not allow him time to get ready for trial by May 22nd.

The police magistrate then remanded the prisoners until Monday, May 14th, at ten o'clock.

IS HARD PRESSED.

British Garrison at the Ashanti Capital in Danger.

10,000 Natives Have Besieged Kumasi and Have Repeatedly Attacked British Forces.

London, May 8.—The British colonial office gives out this despatch from Gov. F. M. Hodgson, of the British Gold Coast Colony, and dated at Kumasi April 27:

"The situation, I regret to inform you, has changed for the worse. On April 23 a force was sent to clear the rebel forces to the eastward. Four members of the constabulary were killed and a large number of the rebels were killed or wounded.

"On April 25 the Ashantis surrounded the town in great force, probably 10,000, and made a determined attack. The hussars were obliged to evacuate the entrenchment, to concentrate around the fort. The engagement lasted 4 hours. Twenty of our native allies and two hussars were killed.

"The present occupants of the fort number 338 inclusive of 18 Europeans, six of whom are missionaries. It is necessary that further reinforcements be sent to the gold coast."

April 30, also reported: "Yesterday a Governor Hodgson's under date of serious attack was made on the fort by the rebels, but they were routed on all sides with great loss. Two members of the constabulary were killed and ten wounded.

"A contingent of Lagos constabulary under Inspector-General Apin has arrived after two days' severe fighting. The column was attacked at Asagui which was taken, with the loss of one killed and 23 wounded, among them Apin, slightly.

"On the following day the contingent was attacked two miles from Kumasi by 8,000 rebels. There was great loss in taking the stockade across the road. Several Ashantis there had arms of precision. After desperate fighting the Ashantis fled. Two members of the constabulary were killed, and 133 for dead. Have been unable to send letters or telegrams through."

Under date of May 3, Gov. Hodgson wired that the rebels were unassailable and that he had made a demonstration the previous day with two guns, inflicting great loss. One of the native auxiliaries was killed.

The colonial office announces that in addition to the Lagos constabulary, reinforcements have been sent Gov. Hodgson from Sierra Leone frontier police and from the West African frontier police, in northern and southern Nigeria.

DO YOUR SHOES FIT?

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