

Blue Ribbon
Ceylon Tea

TWENTY-FIRST YEAR

WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA TO END IN FOUR MONTHS

That is the Opinion of Mr. James G. Stowe, Consul-General at Cape Town for the United States, Who is Now in London.

Mr. Stowe Does Not Think Lord Kitchener Will Do More Than Any Other General, but Believes the 16,000 Boer Prisoners Will Exert a Powerful Influence for Peace.

London, Dec. 4.—Mr. James G. Stowe, the U.S. Consul-General at Cape Town, landed at Southampton yesterday from the United States Dec. 15, on the steamer "Leda." In an interview to-day he said: "I give the war in South Africa four months to come to an end. In my opinion it is bound to be snuffed out during that period. I do not believe Lord Kitchener will do more than his predecessor. The present plan of the British campaign is to bring about the result. Moreover there are 16,000 Boer prisoners in Ceylon, St. Helena and at Cape Town, all of whom are anxious to have an end of hostilities."

FOUGHT ALL DAY SUNDAY.

Lord Kitchener Reports That Gen. Knox Headed Off Dewett's Force Near Bethune.

London, Dec. 4.—General Kitchener reports from South Africa that the mounted troops of General Knox were engaged all day Saturday, with those of General Dewett's force north of Bethune. The Boers, he adds, were headed off, and retired in a northeasterly direction.

A despatch from Cape Town reports Hians Rohs has been raiding near Standerton, capturing cattle and stores. The British sent out a force to recover the Boers and recapture the loot.

The steamer "For Salisbury" is overdue at Plymouth, and some anxiety is felt regarding her. Prince Alexander of Teck is aboard.

CANADIANS AT PORTSMOUTH.

The Mayor Welcomed the Boys and They Were Shown the Sights of the Station.

Portsmouth, Dec. 4.—(Telegram Cable).—This famous old town, around which is pivoted Britain's greatness as a naval power, was visited to-day by the members of the Canadian Legion, on their way home from active service in South Africa. Portsmouth, in its long history, has had

nouncing a renewal of the anti-foreign outbreak as imminent."

KALGAN EXPEDITION FAILED.

London, Dec. 4.—A special despatch from Nanking says: "The Kalgan expedition was ineffective, the Chinese evading all attempts to engage them, and some tolls of skins and silver were levied. The cavalry captured the baggage train of the rebels. Captain Fu, who was killed, was buried with full military honors. Three thousand insurgents of the massacres of Teling-tang and 25 Boxers were captured."

"There are continuous disturbances in the interior, where a bad impression has been made by the excessive withdrawal of foreign troops and the complicity of the al-

"The minister and anticipate a recurrence of the outrages."

Wants Better Winter Quarters.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The Cabinet meeting to-day developed nothing of special interest. It was announced that General MacArthur would be given a leave of absence to attend the decapitation of Prince Yuan and General Tung Fu-hsian.

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The Southern Rebellion.

A recrudescence of the southern rebellion is reported. The Trinbads are said to be getting fresh supplies of ammunition and to be preparing outbreaks in the Provinces of Kwang Tung and Kwang Shu.

Native leaders, especially in Peking, believe that the court is preparing to return to Peking, while orders have been issued to send the royalists instead, instead of sending them to San Fu.

Tsuan's Decapitation Ordered.

London, Dec. 5.—A special paper report says the Shanghai correspondent of The Times has learned that the Chinese government has issued an edict ordering the decapitation of Prince Tsuan and General Tung Fu-hsian.

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The Minister of War, Gen. von Goeben, declared that while epidemics were rife among the troops in China the entire expense of one-third per cent. of the entire ex-

pedition, including the cost of the Chinese.

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HAMILTON NEWS

THE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

Prizes Presented to Those Who Kept Their Lawns in the Best Order During the Past Year.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE Y.M.C.A.

Death of Mr. James G. Davis—Peanuts Visited by His Sister—General News.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 4.—(Special)—A meeting of the Hamilton Improvement Society was held this evening in the Board of Trade rooms, for the purpose of presenting the prizes to citizens who had cared best for the lawns in front of their houses. Previous to the presentation President Steele spoke on the work of the society, discussing its aims and intimating that as a result of its great success the society's plans for the betterment of the city's appearance would be redoubled next year.

Major Teitelz presented the prizes, the winners being as follows: James street, north of Sturtz-street, John Burnstein, \$5; P. Elliott, Thomas Davies, W. Held, John Jackson and Robert O'Reilly and Eoy Taylor, \$5 each.

Smith's-avenue—Anthony Gorman and Mrs. E. Osborne, \$5 each; Thomas Richmond, John Kellond, F. Coote, Thomas Bailey, W. J. Jackson and E. A. Ward, \$3 each.

Park Street—William Bauer, \$5; Mrs. Jane Reid, \$3 each; Mr. and Mrs. William Brink, Mrs. H. Mann and Mrs. H. R. Fowles, \$3 each.

A. Alexander addressed the meeting on law-making.

Y.M.C.A. Anniversary.

A meeting was held to-night in Association Hall, the thirty-third anniversary of the Y.M.C.A. being observed. F. E. Lader, Q.C., president, occupied the chair, while Dr. W. A. McLean, Dr. Matthews and E. O. St. John, of Toronto, and Adam Brown, Alexander Bruce, Q.C., chief mourners were the members of the deceased's family. There were many choices of names, but the final decision was to have the cemetery the funeral procession pass through Dundurn Park, for long the residence of the deceased.

Veterans Indignant.

At the Army and Navy Veterans' monthly meeting at the Canadian Club, it was unanimously expressed much indignation on account of the sum offered by the British soldiers to the widow of the deceased.

Sergeant Rogers presented a brief report of the association's work for the year. During the evening some words were given by Miss Clara Carruthers, Mrs. Meekins.

Oak Leaf Lodge.

At the meeting of Oak Leaf Lodge, I.O.O.F., to-night, H. J. Anderson was elected president, and W. C. Smith, vice-president, and Andrew F.S., C. D. Blanchard treasurer. A smoking concert followed the business meeting.

James G. Davis Dead.

James G. Davis, Jr., the general Central Market man, died yesterday morning, shortly after 10 o'clock, as the result of a fall from his bicycle.

The deceased was one of the best known men in the city, having been associated with G. W. Davis for over 30 years.

He was born here 62 years ago, and was a prominent member of the market system until 1896, when the market system was established, and was appointed superintendent.

He was married to Mary Morris, on Dec. 2, 1888. Besides Mrs. Morris, two sons, Samuel, Jr., and Horace, and two sisters, Mrs. Frank and Mrs. Dean, both of New York, were present at the funeral.

Mr. Davis was a prominent member of the Reformatory Union, and was instrumental in organizing the market in Ontario.

He was fond of horses, and a patron of clean sport.

Fairweather's



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Apart from the necessity of one to day—there's the presentation side of the Umbrella question—for what's more appropriate and acceptable for a lady's or gentleman's Christmas present than a nice silk Umbrella—and we're showing a really splendid range of them in silks—best frames—novel and new ideas in handles and with "Sterling" mountings at from

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HOW BRAVE TROOPER SPENCE MET DEATH AT HANDS OF BOERS

Thinking They Were Friends, Dan Rode Toward Them and Was Killed Before He Could Fire More Than One Shot—

A Sad Story by an Eye-Witness.

Peterboro, Dec. 4.—Corporal Darrel Isaac Warren, formerly Lieutenant of the Governor-General's Body Guards, and now with the Royal Canadian Dragoons in South Africa, and a man who witnessed Dan Spence's death, writes to his father from Belfast, under date of Oct. 9 as follows:

"You see we are no longer at Wonderfontein, which place we left on Sunday two weeks ago. Two days before leaving there had a sad time of it. I received orders to take three men and a Cape cart and go to the hills up about ten miles away, and bring in a team of six oxen to pull the wagons. Some of us while waiting had seen this straw a few days before in a shed at a Boer farmhouse. We started off, with Troopers Thornton and Spence mounted, and acting as advance guard; and, as the Boers were pretty well played out, I decided to give him a rest and ride on. I then managed to catch up, and caught one of the horses, but the poor thing had also been badly wounded, and I had hard work in dragging him along. I crawled about 200 yards, pulling him after me, and then mounted and went as hard as I could. It was getting dark, however, and I arrived there safely, and one of the fellows named Robinson, of Toronto, offered to go back with me, and another went to a farm house and got some Kaffirs to take a wagon, with a mattress on it, down for Thornton. Robinson and I got back just as it was getting dark, and found Thornton still lying on the ground left him. We waited about an hour, and then the wagon and mattress turned up, but we found the wounds were still bleeding, and we thought it would be dangerous to move him, so we decided to remain there all night. We sent the wagon back, but kept the mattress for Thornton to lie on.

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EASTERN LEAGUE MEETING

Manager Barrow Goes to Providence to See the Pennant Formally Awarded.

A LESSON ON THE FARMING EVIL

Pittenger Pitched for Worcester, But Revoked When it Came to Go Against Providence.

Manager Barrow left yesterday for Providence, where the Eastern League board of Directors meet to-day to formally award the pennant to the Providence team.

There are many important matters to come before the meeting. The usual annual meeting of the Eastern League is to be held in the league's home town, Newark, N.J., and New Haven, Conn. They will not be admitted from the present outlook, as there are no clubs ready to drop out or sell their franchises.

Providence, Worcester and Toronto are the only clubs in the league that made up their minds to drop out, but the others are willing to try again.

The league will take up the ever important question of farmimg. Last summer when Providence was by a catcher, Boston sent Cleaners over to the Rhode Island team. The Worcester team, which at first had Pittenger, then had Seelye, then Pittenger again, by the time the season was over, had Pittenger again. Pittenger did not go to the league, and when it came to him, his turn to pitch again, Pittenger when the team was at the games it could not win, and after a time when it was winning all the games Seelye suddenly resigned.

The other Eastern League magnates have not forgotten this, and there will be trouble over it, and Pittenger will be called upon to come up for discussion Wednesday.

The Eastern League adopts each year at its annual meeting a resolution against farming. The magnates all agree at the meeting, and then start immediately to see that it is carried out. If Pittenger makes an effort, it is said, will be made this year to have a more stringent rule in regard to farming.

President Young of the National League and American Association of Professional Footballers, and the president of the Board of Arbitration, will meet at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York City, Monday evening, Dec. 11, to consider the rules. Dec. 11. The annual meeting of the National League and American Association will be Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Mr. Barrow will return directly from the meeting to attend the meeting of the Club stockholders at the Hotel Roosevelt on Friday night.

Outlaws' Embryonic Death.

Milwaukee, Dec. 4.—So far as Milwaukee and other western cities are concerned, the project of forming a new baseball league, to be known as the National Association, is off. A. H. Koch, who represented the city in the meeting, said that they will probably be E. P. Brown or West Point.

Central Y.M.C.A. Basketball.

Two interesting games of basketball in the Central Y.M.C.A. series were played yesterday. In the first game H. C. Parham's side scored 25 in the second game, while Parham's side scored 23 in the second game.

Richmond Hill Curling Club.

Richmond Hill, Dec. 4.—At the annual meeting of the Richmond Hill Curling Club, the following officers were elected:

Patron, Hon. C. Wallace; president, P. G. S. St. John; vice-president, W. H. B. Parham; J. F. Rowland; treasurer, H. A. Nicholls; secretary, T. F. McAdam; Committee of Management, W. H. B. Parham, H. H. Pugsley, J. H. Macdonald; auditors, G. McDonald, J. Brydon.

Looks Like Brown and Stiles.

President J. Ross Robertson of the O.M.A. has not made his appearance for the annual meeting of the organization, but said that they will probably be E. P. Brown or West Point.

Certificate Dr. Clark, Glasgow.

I have made a careful analysis of a fair number of Scotch whiskies, and find that very Old Special Scotch Whisky, taken by my assistant from the bonded stores in which it is usually sold, is the best. The results of my analysis indicate that it is a pure whisky, which has been matured for a long time. It is exceptionally mild in taste and fine flavor.

John Clark,

Clyde Analytical Laboratory, 1883 Adams & Burns, agents, Toronto.

When a gentleman comes into the city to attend a meeting of the O.M.A. or any other like gathering, he does not always bring along his tobacco. Founded "M. Vale," is a great convenience, the agency of an unexpected invitation. He rents dress suits for all social occasions. Address West. Telephone 5074.

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TORONTO HORSES IN MONEY

Shields Had Four Starters at Oakland and Topmast Alone Ran Unplaced.

SIR KINGSTON WON AT 6 TO 1.

Bavelling Scored a Second and Prejudice Finished Third—Summaries and Entries.

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—Shields' Canadian horses figured in four of the six races today. Topmast alone finished outside the money. Jim Hale was the Toronto horse Bavelling in the mile race. Sir Kingston, at 6 to 1, turned a track fast, at the third. Prejudice was touted as a sure thing for the three-quarter selling, but he was unplaced.

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Men's Clothing and Neckwear

Clothing bargains look much alike on paper. It's the goods behind the advertisement that tell the story. That is why our Clothing bargains are always appreciated. Our values are never exaggerated, and our qualities are always worthy and dependable. That holds equally true of these four offerings for Thursday:

Men's Neckwear

11 dozen Men's Fine Silk and Satin Neckwear, in large flowing end-shape, in neat fancy patterns and stripes, light and dark shades, regular price 50c, Thursday..... 25

House Coats

18 Men's Black Velvet House Jackets, cut in Tuxedo style, two side pockets, imitation flaps, lined throughout with black satin, narrow silk-stitched edges, sizes 36 to 44, regular price \$15.00, Thursday..... 5.95

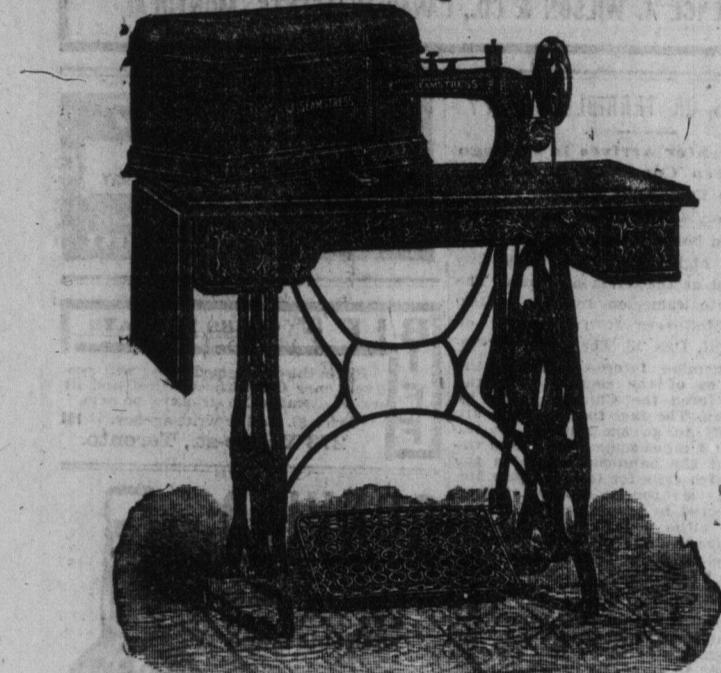
Men's Trousers

Men's Trousers, made of heavy Canadian tweed, medium shade, striped patterns, three pockets and good serviceable trimmings, sizes 32 to 44 inch waist measure, regular price \$1.50 a pair, Thursday..... .97

Boys' Suits

60 Boys' 2-piece Double-Breasted, Short-Pant Suits, made of all-wool dark grey Canadian tweed, Italian cloth linings, pants lined, sizes 25 to 28, regular price \$2.50 and \$2.75, Thursday..... 1.75

Seamstress Sewing Machines



We couldn't afford to sell an inferior or a worthless Sewing Machine, no matter how small the price might be. The best is none too good for our trade. With the Seamstress machine we think we have the best. At least, we don't know of any better machine nor any sewing machine that begins to equal it for the money we are asking.

The Seamstress is fully guaranteed by the makers, as well as by ourselves, and should you buy it and after a fair trial find that it does not prove satisfactory, come back to us for your money. We want that understood with every sale we make.

But now you may ask, how can we afford to sell such a good, reliable machine for \$21.00 when \$35.00 to \$60.00 is usually asked for good sewing machines. This is our explanation:

We Buy and Sell for Cash—That means we can take advantage of all the discounts that are going and we never have bad sales or poor accounts.

We Don't Have Agents—You save all the commissions and fees that agents and canvassers or collectors get, because you must come to us and not we go to you. And do you know that nearly half the price of your sewing machine, if bought in the ordinary way, goes to paying the sewing machine agent?

We Sell at Small Profits—We sell them as we do ordinary drygoods, books or drugs. Not how much can we get for a machine, but how little we can afford to ask.

Our price for the Seamstress is **\$21.00**, or if you prefer the Drophead machine, the price will be **\$25.50**. That includes a complete set of attachments, an instruction book and a certificate of warranty. At the same time we are willing to have our experts go to any home in the city and give personal instructions how to operate the Seamstress. By-the-way, wouldn't this machine make a splendid Christmas box for your mother, wife, sister, daughter or friend. Quite a few were bought last season for that purpose.

Woodenware

A few special prices we have fixed in Woodenware and Hardware for Thursday:

18 only Folding Tie Stands, to hold two ties, for writing, varnished and well finished, regularly sold at \$1.00, each on sale Thursday, each..... .70

70 only Two-Hook Tubs, best New England tubs, made of solid steel, electro bar, length of 18 inches, width 12 inches, height 10 inches, regularly sold at \$1.50 each, on sale Thursday, each..... .49

36 pairs Heavy Steel Breast Chains, with complete chain & buckle, 18 inches long, end, suitable for heavy teaming, regular price \$2.00 each, on sale Thursday, each..... .50

100 Sets Coppered Bed Casters, 1½ inch when complete with socket casing, 4 in each set, regular price..... .15

Ideal Sew Drivers, with 5-inch blade and polished, highly finished handles, very neat and strong, special..... .15

Jack Knives

A boy always appreciates a Jack Knife for one of his Christmas boxes. Select one of these on Thursday:

150 Joseph Rodgers' Jack Knives, one hand knife, with both bone handle; also Pocket Knives. Williams' make, two blades, bone handle, a Sheath. Thinner for..... .20

Our regular stock comprises Pen Knives, Poc'et Knives and Jack Knives, 1 to 4 blades, the best makes, with pearl, buffalo, stag or bone handles, at 25c to \$1.50 each, including many special values for Christmas selling.

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ABOLITION OF THE WARDS.

One Ward Municipal Amendment Act of 1900 gives cities an alternative method of electing their aldermen. The section reads as follows:

"In any city having a population of more than 15,000 the Council shall be elected by a general vote of the municipal electors, and either by general vote or by two votes, one for each ward, if the population exceeds 40,000, one half of the number to be elected shall be chosen by a general vote, and the other half by a vote in each ward. The election shall be held on the day of the municipal election, and if the substitution of a ward alderman is made at least 400 of such electors it shall be submitted at the next annual municipal election."

A petition signed by over 500 electors was presented to the Mayor yesterday asking for the submission of a bylaw dividing the city into two electoral divisions, in accordance with the above section of the act. It will be noticed that it is illegal to pass a bylaw to amend the bylaws, so the petitioners requested, at the forthcoming election, that the ward aldermen be voted on at the municipal election, and the aldermen be elected by a general vote. The bylaw will be submitted to the voters at the next annual municipal election.

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The result of the proposed plebiscite or referendum is one of its distinguishing and recommendable features. The question has been submitted to the voters in the aldermen and left to the people. The vote on this matter, therefore, will have more significance than recent votes which have been taken on the payment of aldermen salaries and on the abolition of exemptions. In these two latter cases the vote of the electors was not final. Altho the electors declared on which day they would like to have the election, the aldermen disregarded the latter's wishes and disregarded the will of the people. In the case of exemptions, the people of Toronto voted in favor of abolishing them, but the members of the Legislative Assembly refused to sanction the popular verdict. No such body as the electorate has ever been created in regard to the proposed new method of electing the aldermen. If the latter had the power to accept or reject the popular verdict it would be many long years before the system of electing the aldermen by wards would be established. As they refuse to recognize the mandate of the people on the amendment, let us hope so that they will not have the power, perhaps, to abolish the ward system. It is a pity the referendum is not made use of more frequently, especially in municipal matters. The submission of all important questions directly to the people ought to be encouraged, and the will of the people, once ascertained, ought to become law.

As to the proposal, which will, in the natural course of events, be referred to the people next January, we think it will meet with popular approval. The election of aldermen by the people at large, instead of by wards, will result in the bringing of the Council to better class of representatives. The new system will make it impossible for a man who is known only in his own ward to secure election. The ward system is to a large extent responsible for the low-grade Council which will, in the natural course of events, be referred to the people next January, we think it will meet with popular approval. The election of aldermen by the people at large, instead of by wards, will result in the bringing of the Council to better class of representatives. The new system will make it impossible for a man who is known only in his own ward to secure election. 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