



spoke. But reason finally had its and myself free to follow the dictate way, and I went dressed in velvet, of my heart.

only to repent my decision so bitterly that, before I went within reach in a rush of renewed hope. I threw of your glance, I stepped into Hil- aside my cloak, and called your ary's dressing-room and put on one heart to me in a song. How I look of her cloth dresses. Love might ed for response, and how it failed mean self-denial and fearful con.- to come. Mr. Byrd was at your ear plications with my associates, to and you listened to doub's which whom I had not yet paid the half held you back, and when you did and bear all, or rather, I felt in that it was to find that I had hearkened moment more ready to meet the to the voice of another wooer, who doubtful results of abnegation, than asked of me nothing, and promised

which had made my summer se glorious. But, after I was dressed How the love which had succumband before I could meet your ap- ed to your indifference rose triumppreciative glance, some one brushed hant again at this evidence of your me in the crowd and a note was continued affection. I had jeoparput in my hands. Ah, dearest, dized my happiness, but I deterthat note ! It was sent by the Por- mined to regain it at any cost. Notugese, then sick unto death, it thing should nor could stand in the seems; but it was not written by way of what had now become my her, but by Montelli, who had been one passionate desire. I wrote to dead three months. As I read it I Mr. Degraw. I took the one means knew that my intentions had been I knew whereby I not only wou d foreseen by her. That, although o tain a full release from my enshe was ill, she had wished to show g ge nent but insure likewise his acme that she still kept watch upon ceptance of the gift which he never my fate. It ran thus : and its con- would have given me had he recogtents are as great a mystery to me nized my real unworthness. I conas they must be to you :

You are safe if you will but forget plot. your weakness for the artist. Cheiish that and you are lost. You cannot have love and money, both. So choose, but, in choosing, rewill have our money if we have to

run so many risks for nothing.' about to commit myself to you irretrievably. What if the writer

I thought in that moment of shock and terror. Pushed by the crowd and tortured by my fears, I hesitated one instant, and then went again to Hilary's closet and procured me a cloak. Enveloping myself in this I went below. Did you recognize it as bespeaking the hesitation which it really betrayed? Did your love take alarm and cause you to turn a more willing ear to the insinuations of the detective? I shall never know, for I have never dared to question you.

'But the developments were not at an end. While I hunted for a glimpse of your face, Mr. Byrd came-why Mr. Byrd I have never been able to understand-and told me of Montelli's death, that, by another happy Providence, the sender of this note had perished al-

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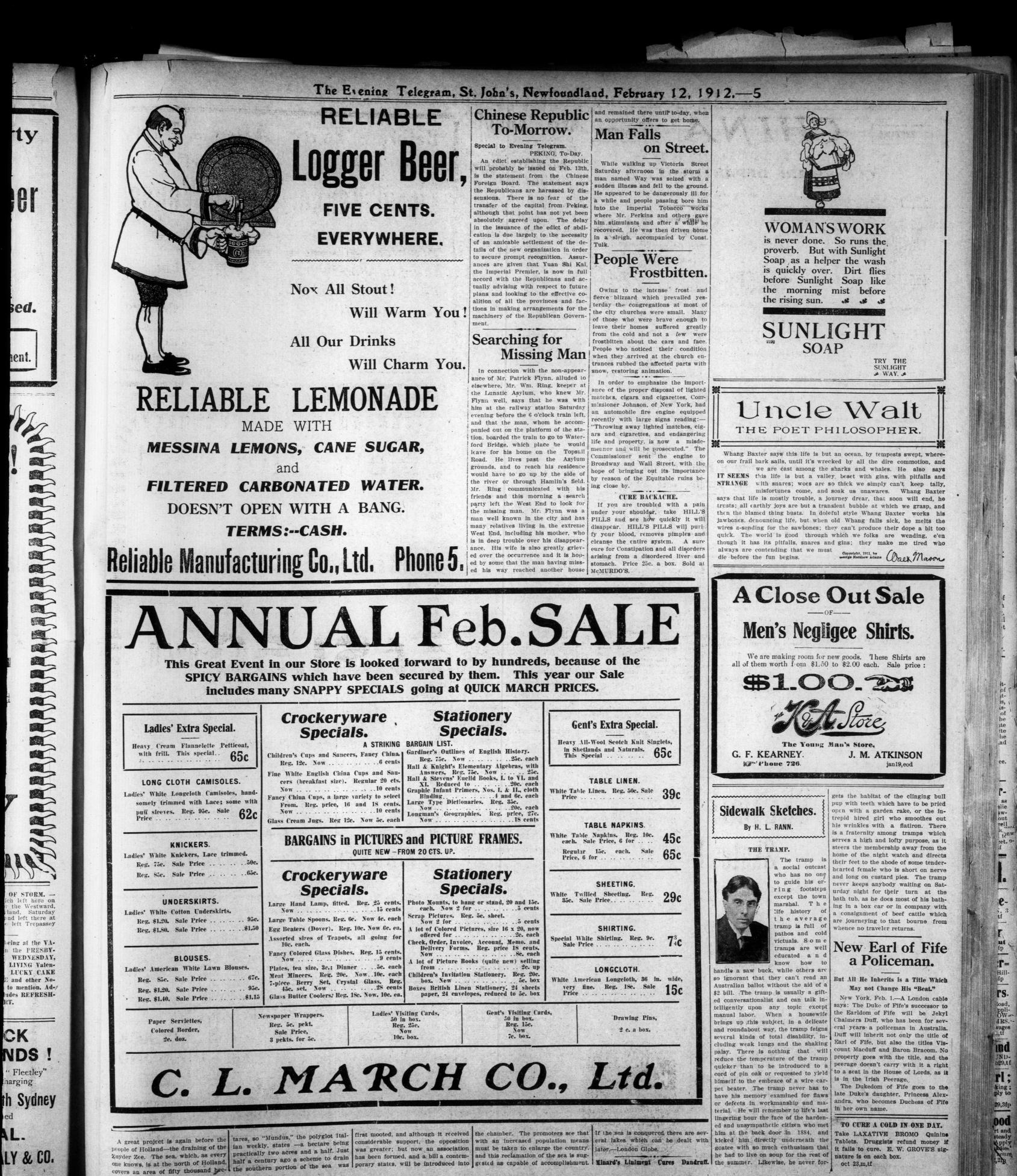
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