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Wood Carvers, Knives, 25c.
Carving Sets, $1.50.
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Pocket Knives, all prices.

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From now until Christmas we will sell best Bissell's "Cyco" bearing carpet sweeper for $2.50 at Simmons Bros', Yellow Hardware Store, opposite Grand Opera House.

A two-quart hot water bottle, guaranteed, only 50c., at Wade's.

THE 5 P. M. EDITION.

SECOND EDITION NEWS ALSO ON PAGE FIVE.

COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

What is Going on in the Business World—The Markets.

Failures in the United States last week were 276, against 229 last year.

Grand Trunk railway system earnings, December 8th to 14th, $647,078; 1903, $640,141; increase, $6,784.

Canadian manufacturers of binder twine are complaining that the International Harvester company, which controls the price of binder twine both here and in the United States, has fixed its price for next year so low as to drive smaller competitors out of business.

It is reported that the Temiskaming Railway commission has sold temporary bonds amounting to $5,000,000. The sale was negotiated in the London market. The money for the construction of the road so far, namely, over $2,500,000, has been advanced by eight local banks on loans falling due next month.

An arrangement has been agreed upon whereby the Dominion Cotton company, the Merchants' Cotton company, the Montmorency Cotton company and the Colonial Bleaching & Finishing company will amalgamate. The promoters have deposited a million dollars with the Royal Trust company as a guarantee of good faith, and the Bank of Montreal have undertaken to finance the new concern. The capital will be $10,000,000.

Extended The Time.

The amount of this year's taxes collected to date is $148,400, leaving a balance unpaid of $7,800. As many people who were in arrears, have been paying back taxes and are unable to pay this year's dues yet, the city council has extended the time for the return of the collector's rolls one month. The amount of back taxes collected to date is $28,796.92, and $5,800 will yet be secured.

Predicts Cheaper Turkeys.

A merchant predicts that turkeys will be cheaper on Thursday and Saturday. He says he would not buy quantities at present prices, fearing he could not sell them at a profit. The city is full of turkeys, and the price must come down a bit. On Thursday there will be another market full of them.

Highly Regarded.

Ottawa Journal.

Rev. Dr. Gordon, principal of Queen's University, preached anniversary sermons on Sunday in St. Paul's Presbyterian church. They were thoughtful, eloquent and characterized by a simplicity showing thorough mastery both of the subject and of the means of expression.

"Ebony hair brushes." Gibson's Red Cross Drug Store.

Christmas tree candles. Crawford.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

If you are in doubt as to what is to give, might we suggest something useful :—

UMBRELLAS—Best English frames and coverings, $1 to $5.50 each.

LINED KID GLOVES AND MITTS—Dents' makes, $1, $1.25, $1.50 pair.

FRENCH KID GLOVES—Fine soft qualities, new shades, $1.25, $1.50 pair.

MUFFLERS—Silk and wool, fancy designs, 25c. to $1.50 each.

HANDKERCHIEFS—Fancy Embroidered, 10c. to $1 each.

Ladies' Hemstitched, pure linen, 10c., 12½c., 15c., 20c., 25c.

Men's Hemstitched, pure linen, extra values, $1.50, $1.75, $2.25, $2.75, $3.25, $3.50 $4, $5 dozen.

CARDIGAN JACKETS—Imported Scotch makes, $1 to $5 each.

GAUNTLETS—Best imitation astrachan, 75c., $1, $1.25, $1.50 pair.

SHAWLS—Splendid values in new imported makes, $1, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2, $2.50, $3, $3.50, $4, $5, $5.50, $6.50, $7.50.

CLOUDS—Take notice to the length and quality, 25c., 40c., 50c., 75c., $1.

SILK PETTICOATS—Handsomely made, perfect fit, $5.50, $6, $6.50, $7.50, $8.50, $9, $10.

READY-TO-WEAR SKIRTS—Finest collection in Kingston, new stylish designs, moderately priced, $2.75, $3, $3.50, $4, $4.50, $5, $6, $6.50, $7, $7.50.

KIMONAS, DRESSING SACQUES, ROBES—In every desired color.

WAIST LENGTHS—Neatly boxed, of flannel and of silk, plain and fancy designs, $1.50, $1.75, $2, $2.50, $3, $3.40, $3.75, $4, $4.50, $5, $6.

GOWN AND DRESS LENGTHS—Cashmeres, Voiles, Cheviots, etc., $2.75, $3, $3.25, $3.75, $4, $5, $6, up to $15.

DAMASK TABLE CLOTHS—Napkins to match, genuine Irish manufacture, $3.00, $4.50, $5, up to $12.50 per set.

TRAY CLOTHS, DOYLIES, FIVE O'CLOCK COVERS, SCARFS,

BED SPREADS, DOWN QUILTS, COMFORTERS,

TAPESTRY CURTAINS, TAPESTRY TABLE COVERS.

R. WALDRON.

SICKENS MEN

Veterans Shudder at Horrors of High Hill

BURY LIVING

WITH DEAD IN BLOOD-SOAKED TRENCHES.

Japanese Went Down In Squads And Companies, But Ranks Were Quickly Filled—Fell From Flag Staff, Clutching Colours.

Chefoo, Dec. 19.—For ferocity and sustained desperation on both sides, the struggle for the possession of High hill probably was the most remarkable in the history of the siege of Port Arthur—a siege noted for slaughter.

This statement is based on an interview which the correspondent of the Associated Press had with Commander Mizzeneoff, executive officer of the battleship Poltava, up to the time the vessel was disarmed, and who, as already told, headed the party of seven Russians who left Port Arthur in a sailboat on December 15th and after extreme suffering while crossing in a driving snowstorm arrived here December 16th, bearing dispatches which were turned over to the Russian consul for transmission to St. Petersburg.

These dispatches, it is understood, consist partly of a statistical report of the effect of the Japanese bombardments and there is nothing in them to indicate that Gen. Stoessel is without hope that the fortress will be able to hold out.

Commander Mizzeneoff, who was wounded in the leg during the battle of High hill, said to the Associated Press correspondent:

"Since the Japanese on the 28th began their attack on High hill, which they call 203 Meter Hill, the fighting has been continuous. The steep and sandy slopes of the hill were streaked and dotted with snow when the Japanese began the battle which was destined to furnish so many deeds of heroism that they became commonplace. There was so much slaughter that even Port Arthur's hardened veterans shuddered at the sight.

"Japanese were compelled to clamber up the steppes of the hill, in many cases without firing, in the face of one of the most murderous deluges ever poured from rifles and machine guns. I was there, and it seemed to me that flesh and blood would be unable to stand our fire for a minute.

Died By Companies.

"The enemy went down in squads and companies, but there were always others grimly coming forward. Their bravery was beyond praise, as was that of our own men. Sometimes the fighting was hand-to-hand, with the muzzles of the rifles at the breasts of the contestants, the bayonets being used as swords.

"The sides of the hill were strewn with bodies and the snow was crimsoned with the blood of the wounded, some of whom had crawled into it, seeking in its coldness surcease for their dying agonies.

"Eventually, as in similar instances which were to follow, we retired, leaving the work of driving the enemy from the summit to the resistless guns of the neighboring forts, notably those of Liaoti mountain.

"One incident of this assault will remain forever impressed on my mind. When a Japanese standard bearer reached the summit and planted his flag, a gigantic Russian corporal left his retreating comrades, and, rushing back, seized the flag, which he was tearing with his hands and with his teeth when he fell, pierced with several bullets.

"When the Japanese retired under an artillery fire, the Russians reoccupied the summit.

"The second and third assaults were replicas of the first, although the second was the most ferocious, being nearly all hand-to-hand fighting, in which mercy was neither asked nor given.

Sickened By The Killing.

"A remarkable incident occurred in the third assault as the Russians, still facing the enemy, retreated. A Japanese standard bearer, holding his flag aloft, climbed the pinnacle and fell dead clutching the colors. In his track another arose with the colors, only to fall instantly with a dozen wounds in his body. Six other followed and met the same fate. At last when the ninth man appeared a Russian officer exclaimed: 'Don't shoot that fellow with the flag; it will be planted anyhow.'

"The Japanese adopted a curious expedient, which assisted them greatly in the third assault. They had prepared huge piles of wood, coal and cornstalks, which they ignited, the wind being in the faces of the Russians. The resultant fire was immense and the flames and smoke compelled the Russians to retire.

"The red glare from the fires revealed a ghastly picture more infernal than ever dreamed by Dante.

"The assaults thus far had cost the Japanese easily 12,000 men, while our own were under 2,000. The sides of the hill were literally covered with dead and wounded. The trenches were rivulets of blood and every visible spot was dyed crimson.

"'We might retake the hill,' said Gen. Stoessel, 'but the hill is not of sufficient importance to us to justify further sacrifice.'

Living Buried With Dead.

"Since then numerous small engagements have been waged, but the responsibility for keeping the Japanese from occupying the hill in force or from mounting guns thereon has been left mainly to the shrapnel fire from other forts.

"Even the Japanese who simply use the hill to observe the harbor do so at great peril.

"Following the third assault an armistice of five hours was agreed upon to bury the dead.

"In this task great speed was necessary. The Japanese undoubtedly made many awful mistakes, and beyond doubt heaps of bodies containing helpless wounded were shovelled in masses into the pits and trenches. The Japanese could not, owing to the darkness and their feverish haste, distinguish between the dead and wounded.

"Scarcely an officer participating in the battle of High Hill escaped unhurt and the proportion of young officers killed was very high."

There is no news from Port Arthur to-day.

Meeting place of North Sea Commission.

Trench Proved Death-Trap.

London, Dec. 20.—A special despatch from Tokio reports that the Japanese naval bombardment on Saturday sank a Russian torpedo boat at Port Arthur.

According to the Daily Telegraph's Chefoo messenger from the Japanese lines at Port Arthur the Russians had prepared around the fort at Panlung a moat 600 yards long and thirty feet wide, which they filled with petroleum to a depth of several feet, then covering it with wood and straw. In the course of an attack upon the fort early in December the Japanese storming party sank into this morass which the Russians fired with an electric fuse.

The fierce conflagration lasted all night and day and hundreds of Japanese were burned to death, but the second night the trench having dried up, the Japanese advanced in small detachments protected by large wooden shields and engaged in a savage bayonet fight. The Japanese, the report continues, captured the position and made prisoners of 152 Russians.

TO MEET THURSDAY.

The Commission Is Now In Paris.

Special to the Whig.

Paris, Dec. 20.—President Loubet, this morning, received, at the Elysee Palace, the members of the international commission which is to inquire into the North Sea incident, but the non-arrival of Admiral Davis prevented American participation. The foreign office, later in the day, announced that the formal opening of the session of the commission had been postponed until Thursday.

Criminal For Ninety Long Years.

Washington, Dec. 20.—A most remarkable criminal is in the jail of the District of Columbia awaiting trial for alleged false promises.

This man, who gives his name as Walker, claims to be the brother of Dr. Mary, whose male garments have made her notorious for several decades. Walker insists that he was born in the year 1800 and that in consequence he is 104 years old. He practically admits that he has been a criminal for more than ninety years and seems to enjoy the prospects of a few months inside prison walls.

He Gave Her Freedom.

New York, Dec. 20.—J. B. Almaleger, twenty-nine years old, locked himself in his room in West 146th street, Saturday night, and turned on the gas. His body was found there late last night. Lying on the bureau was a note, in which, after referring to the fact that he was separated from his wife, Almaleger wrote: "I cannot live without her. I hope she will be happy. It is at her request that I am giving her her freedom."

Heirs To Millions.

Lindsay, Ont., Dec. 20.—James Hobbs, a blacksmith, at Janetville, and his brother-in-law, W. Griller, Valentine, have received word that they are among the heirs to an estate of $20,000,000 in England. They are both poor men and are taking steps to supply the information that it is said will make them very wealthy.

Getting Into Training.

Several local owners of fast horses are taking advantage of the good sleighing to get their flyers in training for the various winter races. A track has been laid out on the ice, below the bridge and horses owned by Messrs. Darragh, McCue, Smith, Horn and Bell are being worked out daily.

Libel Case Settled.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—The action for libel by Hon. Mr. Prefontaine, minister of marine and fisheries, against La Patrie, has been settled out of court.

NEWS OF WORLD

NEWSY ITEMS FROM MANY QUARTERS OF EARTH.

Matters That Interest Everybody—Notes From All Over—Little Of Everything Easily Read and Remembered.

It has been decided to re-elect Mr. Belcourt as speaker of the house.

The Elder-Dempster offered to purchase all the ships of the Royal Mail Steam Packet line, but were refused.

The London city council has unanimously passed a resolution requesting the Ontario government to confer the municipal franchise on women.

Thomas Fyshe, general manager of the Merchants' Bank, denies absolutely the statement that the Merchants' Bank and Royal Bank are to be united.

capita is the annual consumption in the United States. Then a sixteen-year-old miss, who weighs one hundred pounds, is a seventy-five per cent. sweet thing.

The death occurred in St. Louis, Mo., of Brother Arnold, aged seventy-two, founder of the De La Salle Institute. He was born in Tipperary, and for four years was superior in this city. He was also in Montreal and Toronto.

A New York man tried to use a strap on his wife, but she took it away from him and beat him severely. This incident, however, is not in itself an argument against marriage; it simply teaches us to pick out some one who is not an athlete.

Opposition Humiliated.

Alderman Meek took the breath away from Alderman King in the city council meeting last night, when he showed that the present permanent auditor by-law was simply the continuation of the one that the conservative side in last year's council introduced, but did not complete. He read his whole correspondence with the city solicitor, showing that the latter and the chief civic officials favored one permanent auditor, also that Mr. Gordon could not possibly act. Alderman Meek's address made the opposition feel very humiliated. The conservative opposition to the by-law was nothing less than an obstruction of something that would benefit the city. Some of the opposition who have generally received certain support at elections will be remembered at the polls as obstructionists and not entitled to the support of the people.

Seize The Babies.

When Alderman Bassam asked the city council last night to refund the local improvement walk rate charged to the Infants' Home, he stated that a notice to restrain had been served. "Now what could they seize in that charitable institution?" asked the Victoria ward man, as he nobly championed the institution of his ward.

"Seize some of the babies!" was the answer of Alderman Mowat, and even the glum alderman was forced to do the ha! ha! act.

The Dates Fixed.

The dates of the winter and spring assizes have been fixed: Kingston, jury, Judge Teetzel, April 17th; non-jury, Judge Britton, June 19th; Brockville, non-jury, Chief Justice Meredith, May 1st; jury, Judge Magee, March 7th; Picton, jury and non-jury, Judge McMahon, April 12th; Napanee, jury, Judge McMahon, April 17th; non-jury, Judge Teetzel, June 12th; Perth, jury and non-jury, Judge Idington, May 1st.

The Walkem Ballot Box.

J. B. Walkem has had a sample made of his ideal ballot box, and will submit it to the Ontario government. The box is quite simple, and renders secretion of ballots within it impossible. The top is in one piece and when raised permits of the whole interior being viewed, whereas in the present box (a conservative invention) only half of the top opens. Mr. Walkem thinks that his box will eventually be accepted.

Passed Medical Council.

These Queen's medical graduates have passed the recent examination of the Ontario Medical Council, held in Toronto: J. F. Goodchild, primary intermediate and final; G. H. Bleecher, intermediate and final; H. Tandy, intermediate and final; J. B. Larocque, intermediate.

To Have A Rally.

The executive of the Methodist Sunday School Union met yesterday and decided to hold a monster gathering of the Methodist Sunday schools, on January 1st, in Sydenham street church. Rev. E. Crummy and Rev. B. Tucker will be the speakers.

We Strive To Please You.

And can do so if we get your Christmas order early in the week for your supply of fancy fruits, early vegetables, oysters, etc., for delivery on Saturday. Carnovsky, "on the corner."

Holly for sale at Carnovsky's.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of Charles Saunders, of the City of Kingston, in the County of Frontenac, Grocer.

Notice is hereby given that the above named Charles Saunders has made an assignment to me under the provisions of Chapter 147, R.S.O., 1897, of all his estate and effects in trust for the benefit of all his creditors.

A meeting of the Creditors of the said estate is hereby convened, and will be held at the office of Robertson, Nicolle & Co., Kingston, on Tuesday, the 27th December, A.D., 1904, at 2:30 o'clock, in the afternoon, for the appointment of inspectors and giving of directions with reference to the disposal of the said estate.

All creditors of the said estate are hereby required to file their claims with the said assignee on or before the day of such meeting. After 27th January, 1905, I shall proceed to distribute the said estate, having regard only to such claims as I shall then have notice of, and I shall not be responsible for the assets of the said estate to any party thereof, to any person or persons whose claim or claims shall not have been filed.

Dated the 15th day of December, 1904.

JOHN NICOLLE,
Assignee.

The Best Buying Time Is To-morrow!

Delay only means letting the choicest things go to others more prompt. It means crowding everything into the hurried days when everybody is flurried and nervous, when you must buy in a rush and we must serve you too hastily for our liking or yours. We'll both be the better for beforehand buying.

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Children's Red Overstockings and Mitts.

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