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Owing to the difficulty in getting pure wool and fast color serges for this spring's wear, we decided to have our best suits made from goods of our own importation.

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A Little Out of the Way, But It Will Pay You To Walk.

UNITED STATES FORCED TO ACT

If She is to Withhold Rights And Privileges of Her Citizens.

WILSON BEFORE CONGRESS

ASKS AUTHORITY TO PROTECT AMERICAN LIVES.

He Declared That the Time Had Come When Influences Other Than "Mere Material Things" Must Be Considered.

(Special to the Whig.)
Washington, Feb. 25.—Asking authority to arm merchant ships and to take any other means which may prove necessary to protect American lives and interests on the high seas, President Wilson at one o'clock today addressed a joint session of Congress on the German-American situation. Realizing that the step taken by the President draws the United States measurably nearer open hostilities with the German Government, Congress listened with deepest gravity to the President's pronouncement.

The determination of the German Government to carry out her ruthless U-boat warfare was cited by the President in a series of offences against America and other neutrals since the diplomatic break on Feb. 3rd. "The time has come," the President declared, "when influences other than 'mere material things' must be considered if the United States is to uphold the rights and privileges of her citizens."

"Armed Neutrality."
President Wilson appealed for permission to arm American merchantmen to establish an "armed neutrality," and for full and immediate assurance that he may exercise such authority as he deems necessary to hand the German-American situation.

Declaring that he is "the friend of peace and means to preserve it for Americans as long as he is able," the President emphasized the fact that he neither asks nor contemplates a step which might bring war through the action of this country. He declared that war could only come through an act of Germany. "No course of my choosing will lead to war," he said. "War can come only by willful acts and aggression of others." He added in almost the next sentence that "we must defend our commerce and the lives of our people."

MILITARY CIRCLES.

Lieut.-Col. A. E. Panel, of the Royal Engineers, is gazetted brigadier. He is a graduate of Kingston Military College, and received the C.M.G., and was mentioned in despatches last June.

About two hundred soldiers enjoyed an excellent concert and social evening at the military Y.M.C.A. Saturday evening. The Epworth League of Sydenham street Methodist church had charge of the programme. Master Arthur Andrews, who was dressed in a Highland costume, brought the house down with his splendid impersonations of Harry Lauder. Miss Jarvis gave some excellent recitations. Miss Woodman sang and Messrs. Eton and Lock gave "cello and violin selections. Following the programme refreshments were served.

The social hour at the military Y. M. C. A. was largely attended on Sunday evening. The meeting opened with a lantern song service. A ladies' sextette, under the direction of Miss Pearl Nesbitt, rendered some special music. Sergt.-Major Mellor, Q.S. of I. delivered an earnest evangelistic message.

Corp. Ernest Carr, the most seriously wounded at the Toronto Spadina Hospital, has had both legs amputated above the knee. This was necessary because at the second battle of Ypres, in 1916, both legs were practically blown off by a high explosive shell. In the first battle of Ypres, 1915, he received a rifle bullet wound in the head. He went to the front when he was twenty years old. His father lives in Moscow.

P. Hodgson, W. D. Barclay, W. Rousseau, H. Pullem, E. W. Johnston, W. Lavigne and A. Claude have enlisted in the 253rd Queen's University Highlanders.

Robert L. Ferrie, Cecil G. Wood and Geoffrey E. Cushing, recent Royal Military College cadets, are given commissions in the Royal Flying Corps.

Major J. M. Wilson, A.D.D.S., was expected to arrive back from Ottawa on Monday.

Preference is being given to officers and N.C.O.'s to qualify at the Royal School of Artillery course which opens on March 19th.

Lieut.-Col. W. J. Brown, G.S.O., left on Monday to make inspections of the 235th, 252nd and 247th Battalions.

Capt. L. H. Fraser, who came from Peru to join Queen's Field Ambulance, left on Monday for Halifax to spend his last leave before going overseas with his unit.

The strength of the 253rd is now 395.

Retreat is being sounded this week at 6 p.m.

Bd. T. Cartwright, "C," R.C.H.A.

and H. Carey, P.P.C.L.I., have the privilege of wearing the casualty badge.

Lieut.-Col. G. H. Gillespie left on Monday for Belleville on duty.

Capt. R. F. O'Leary, Depot Batteries, is recruiting through the district.

Lieut. H. Elliott has been granted authority to raise a reinforcing forestry draft.

THEATRICAL NEWS.

At the Grand.
For to-night and Tuesday matinee and night only, at the Grand, Theda Bara, the fascinating Fox actress, will appear in the six-reel Fox feature, "The Vixen," portraying the wiles of an attractive woman, whose main idea in life is to marry money. As it happens the money she wishes to marry is in love with her sister, but this has no effect upon her. Many powerful situations are all worked up to a gripping, satisfying climax. Billie Burke, the most popular feminine star in America, will appear in the ninth chapter of "Gloria's Romance," the animated novel. In this installment Miss Burke will wear several expensive gowns, and in this respect feminine patrons will find this film a regular fashion bazaar. A two-reel Universal photoplay, a comedy, and the Pathe News will also be shown. Feature vaudeville will hold the boards. This bill will be presented to-night and Tuesday only.

Fiske O'Hara in "His Heart's Desire".
Fiske O'Hara, will present his new romantic comedy, "His Heart's Desire," at the Grand on Wednesday Feb. 28th, matinee and night. Ever since the favorite singing actor's name appeared as a star in the theatrical firmament his annual visit is looked forward to by all lovers of clean and dignified plays, and especially by the descendants of the Celtic race, as the theatrical event of the season. The talented actor-singer is the possessor of a superb rich tenor voice, besides being an actor of unequalled talent. Last season was the banner one of his career. In New York at the Standard Theatre he broke all box-office records, which is the best proof of any artist's popularity and success. He is heralded again this season in what is pronounced as the best romantic comedy ever written.

At Griffin's.
The romance and lore of the Orient, with its mystery and fascination are irresistibly woven into "The Road to Love," the Oliver Morosco photoplay which comes to Griffin's to-day, Tuesday and Wednesday, and in which Lenore Ulrich, the popular stage and screen star, appears in the role of Hafsa, the daughter of an Arabian chief, who loves a young American against the wishes of her father. Her love is reciprocated, but her sweetheart is captured by her own father and sent away to be sold as a slave. The unfolding of the story displays many dramatic situations, in which Miss Ulrich is called upon to put forth her best historic efforts. Very artistic effects have been secured in the elaborate settings of the story, notably a beautiful sunset desert scene, which is the background for one of the most stirring incidents in this unusual Paramount picture. With the above great feature we also have another episode of that interesting serial, "The Crimson Stain Mystery," a ninth-episode Frank Daniels Comedy, and for vaudeville, Hall and Wright, in a study in white, a high-class dancing act.

At the Strand.
Announced as vital in theme and full of genuinely human interest, "The Children Play," in which Lillian Gish is starred, is a Triangle play that will be shown at the Strand for the first three days of this week. Lillian Gish, as the elder of two girls who have been neglected in every way while their parents follow their own selfish ways through divorce and remarriage, has a part that, it is declared, will appeal to every lover of natural acting, in which the whimsicality of childhood is brought out in conjunction with its pathos and sincerity. Other good reels, including a mile of Kingstone fun and frolic and high class vaudeville will also hold the boards at this playhouse.

THE CURLING GAMES.

Rockwood Defeated Badly by Rinks of the Kingston Club.

Following are the results of the curling games played on Saturday:

Doubles.
Dr. Waugh G. Hanson
E. Hartrick .. 17 N. Davey 6

Club Series.
B. H. Fogle E. Woodman
N. Davey A. E. Thompson
A. H. Warwick A. W. McLean
R. N. McFarlane P. O. Slinger (skip) 11

Kingston No. 1 Rockwood No. 1
J. McQuham J. Lamb
W. J. B. White J. Thompson
J. A. McRae J. Davidson
E. C. Glidersleeve Dr. Ross (Skip) 19 (skip) 9

Kingston No. 2 Rockwood No. 2
A. Fowler B. Sears
H. A. Lavell N. Landry
W. Montgomery M. P. Reid
T. M. Asselatine W. Fenwick (skip) 18 (skip) 6

Totals—Kingston, 27; Rockwood, 15.

Ontario Hockey Association.
(Senior Semi-final.)
Dental H. C. ... 10 Preston 1

National Hockey Association.
Quebec ... 7 Canadiens ... 6
Ottawa ... 11 Wanderers ... 6

Helen, daughter of Major R. M. VanLoven, 253rd Q.U.H., was able to return to her home on Sunday after being in the General Hospital suffering from pneumonia.

New Spring Silks

The demand for silks promises to be unusually large this Spring and in a short time the best makes will be difficult to get.

NEW SILK POPLINS

This is one of the most effective dress silks brought out for this spring; good weight and not easily crushed. 36 inches wide.
Navy, Plum, Mustard, Copen, Silver Grey, Green, Brown, Black, \$1.35 yard.

COLORED TAFFETA SILKS

These are very attractive and the colors shown are most in demand:
Silver Grey, Brown, Amethyst \$1.50 yard
Lt. Navy, Rose, Green \$1.75 yard
Dk. Navy, Maize, Black \$2.00 yard



NEW SATIN PAILLETES

A new shipment of Swiss made pailletes. These silks are finished in a rich, lustrous satin sheen, 36 inches wide.
Colors: Navy, Midnight Blue, Cadet, Alice Blue, Rose, Brown, Taupe Grey, Myrtle. \$1.25, \$1.50 yard.

SHANTUNG SILK

Sky, Copen, Ivory, Pink, Grey, Biscuit, Amethyst, Oyster Grey. 75c, \$1.25 yard.

NATURAL PONGEE SILK

33 inches wide, 40c, 50c, 75c yard

NEW IN SILK CREPE DE CHENE

This material now so much sought after we have in the best shades, 38 inches wide, \$1.50 yard. Ivory, Black, Tan, Maize, White, Pumpkin.

Sky
Copenhagen
Mustard
Nut Brown

Georgette Crepe

Olive Green
Navy
Alice Blue
Pink

38 inches wide, in the following shades: Ivory, Maize, Sky, Copenhagen, Brown, Green, Navy, Pink, Taupe Grey, Purple, Black, White, \$1.50 yard.

BLACK SILK — BLACK PAILLETTE SILKS

A perfect black and just the right weight for dresses.
36 in. wide at \$1.00; 36 in. wide at \$1.25; 36 in. wide at \$1.50.

THREE MODES IN BLACK DUCHESSE SILK

That are exceptional value.
36 inches wide at \$1.25; 36 inches wide at \$1.50; 36 inches wide at \$1.75.

John Laidlaw & Son

Walking Boots for Ladies

We are showing a heavy walking boot with Neolin Sole and Rubber Heel, for Ladies.

NEOLIN SOLES ABSOLUTELY WATER-PROOF.

The Lockett Shoe Store

P. S. — Travelling goods that come back intact.