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For women, of dependable manufacture, fashion strengthened by our experience in selecting the best the market affords.

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Silk Hosiery, with the new Pointe heel, \$1.50 and \$2.00.
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Beautiful Thread Silk Hosiery in every evening shade, and colors to match shoe tops now so fashionable, \$1 and \$1.50.

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French gowns, skirts, corset covers and combinations daintily embroidered by hand.

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Which Please All of Omaha We are direct importers of the finest styles. We have hundreds and thousands of beautiful foreign and domestic handkerchiefs, and the prices are modest.

Women's all linen handkerchiefs, 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c and 50c.

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Linon handkerchiefs, embroidered with initials, in a variety of exclusive styles, 15c, 25c, 35c and 50c.

Handkerchiefs, embroidered in one corner, 3 in a box, 60c and \$1.00 a box.

The December Clearaway of Suits

Excellent values, in fine hand-tailored suits, for \$19.50, \$24.50, \$29.50.



The Store for Shirtwaists

Is filled to an overflowing with practical Christmas ideas; there are dainty blouses, kimonos from home and abroad, petticoats for both street and party wear. Above all the prices are moderate. The attendants will be pleased to show all of these to you whether you desire to purchase or just spend a few spare minutes inspecting the dainty ideas of Dame Fashion.

Toilet Articles of Merit in Christmas Packages

PEARL MANICURE SETS, 49c.
SACHET POWDERS, assorted, 5c, 10c, 25c a bottle.
PERFUMES in fancy boxes, 25c.
COMBINATION BOXES, talcum, perfume and soap, 49c a box.
FINE TOILET WATERS, variety of odors, 40c a bottle.

Fashionable Coats of Velvet, Velour, Plush and Fancy Mixtures

Coats for every occasion of all the desirable cloths in fashion this season. The prices are most moderate—
\$13.50 to \$85.00
With particularly good values for \$19.50, \$24.50, \$29.50.

MILITARY AFFAIRS MADE TOO PUBLIC

Weeks of Massachusetts Tells Senate Naval and Army Business Open Book to All Possible Enemies.

CALLS FOR MORE PRIVACY

Senator Declares Little More Secrecy and Reorganization of the Army Are the Two Things Needed Most of All.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Declaring that there has been too much publicity of military affairs of the nation, Senator Weeks of Massachusetts in a speech in the senate today opposed agitation for special investigation of military preparedness, praised the strength and personnel of the navy and urged the organization of an army reserve.

"Any one may learn about our military or naval establishment by reading the report of the secretaries of the departments and the reports of those who are conducting the different bureaus and branches of the service," said the senator. "It is an open book to all our citizens and there need be no doubt about our relative position or our capabilities, if one is disposed to study reports instead of seeking notoriety in the press."

"In fact, there is and has been altogether too much publicity in such matters, in my judgment. We have had a demonstration during the present European war of the value of secrecy in conducting military operations and there is no reason why we should spread broadcast what we are doing or what preparations we have made."

Need More Secrecy.

"I have no doubt every European country is informed in the most minute detail of our condition both on land and sea, and if any change in our methods is to be made it should not be in the direction of greater publicity, but should be to protect our operations even in time of peace from scrutiny both at home and abroad."

While expressing the hope that the European war would be the last great war and that nations would "see the folly of maintaining such great military establishments as great European countries have done, and that a general agreement may be made which will provide for at least a partial disarmament," Senator Weeks maintained it was the part of wisdom to consider what course to follow in case such a result should not come.

"At this time," he continued, "it does not seem to me that it is wise or prudent to take any action which will change our policy or add to our naval equipment except by an omnibus appropriation which can be expended under the direction of the general board of the navy and the president. Our naval establishment is a class with that of Germany and France, and probably second only to that of Great Britain."

Would Reorganize Army.

Senator Weeks maintained that the army was insufficient and proposed its reorganization not for the purpose of increasing the permanent active army, but for the organization of a reserve corps which would make available large forces of trained soldiers at all times.

"If the military experts are right," he said, "the country needs a force of 500,000 trained men supplemented by from 100,000 to 200,000 men to give it a reasonable chance of protection against a foe, and that the 500,000 men will be needed at once on the outbreak of war—organized as fighting machines—it would appear that the defense provided at present by congress is inadequate and practically worthless, and that the money spent on this defense are largely wasted."

Through a reserve system Senator Weeks maintained that a much larger trained army could be maintained at less expense than a permanent standing army now.

Start Work at Once.

"I believe," the senator said, "that laws should be passed at once which will reorganize the regular army. This reorganization should give to the mobile army the proportion of infantry, field artillery, cavalry, engineers, signal, sanitary troops, the needed ammunition and supply trains, and provide for properly equipped depots."

"The law must provide that the men serve the shortest time with the colors necessary to train them as soldiers, and then pass them as soon as trained to a reserve, and that while serving in this reserve the men must be paid. Make the enlistment age 18 to 21; with consent of parents and 25 as a limit for first enlistment."

In addition to the national reserve force Senator Weeks would have a similar reserve organized under the state militia and urged laws to provide skilled military trainers for volunteers.

Farmers' Federation Still in the Air

After working all day yesterday, Tenth President Everett, at night found his American farmers' federation in the same condition as in the morning—unorganized. However, at some time between the middle of February and the first of next March he will make another effort to perfect an organization. For this purpose he will call a meeting in some central city.

According to Mr. Everett, in Kansas City last August an effort was made to organize the American Farmers' Federation, its scope to be as broad as the United States, every farmer being eligible to membership. He proposed that the farmers drop the buying end and turn their attention to the marketing of their products through a central bureau organized for the purpose.

At the Kansas City meeting an adjournment was taken until yesterday, when an effort was made to get together in the white parlors at the Millard hotel. Two sessions were held, but at no time were there more than fifty persons. Of these fully one-half were railroad and newspaper men. No effort was made to organize, but instead, Mr. Everett appointed a committee that later in the day favored the holding of the meeting in February, or March, and asking the railroad representatives to co-operate in drumming up a crowd.

FILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS.
"Druggists refund money if PAIN-OLENT fails to cure THROAT, BRUISE, BLEEDING or Proliferating Files. First application gives relief in 24 hours."

World National Bank.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(Special Telegram)—The controller of the currency has received the application to convert the Missouri State Bank, Moberly, Mo., into the First National bank of Moberly, Capital \$50,000.

SERVIANS CLAIM GREAT VICTORY OVER AUSTRIANS

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a report reaching here from Berlin, but he appears still to be confined to his room.

The British admiralty remains silent concerning the reported German submarine raid on Dover yesterday morning, and the public today is speculating as to whether the reported correspondents were not partly responsible for the episode.

Indignation in Norway and Sweden against the seizure by Germany of vessels loaded with wood is growing. The menace of mines also is occupying the public attention and on this latter point appeals are being made to Berlin.

Russian Official Report.
PETROGRAD, Dec. 11.—(Via London.)—The attack of the Austro-German army in Poland appears to have lost its impetus, with the exception of General Mackenzien's army, which is unofficially reported between Lodz and Warsaw and about fifteen miles from the Polish capital.

The other armies are advancing but little, if any, and the attack from South Cracow seems entirely repulsed, according to reports. Neither the siege of Cracow nor of Przemysl has been relieved, it is stated, which was the main aim of the Austro-German offensive.

The situation now appears to hinge on the Russian or German ability to rush in reinforcements first, since four weeks of incessant and hard fighting has told severely on both sides.

Made Chief of Staff.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Lieutenant General Sir James Wolfe Murray has been appointed chief of the imperial general staff in succession to the late General Sir Charles Townley.

A DRESS SALE OF Unusual Importance.

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150 dresses will be offered—new models in the most fashionable silk and wool fabrics.

Values to \$45, at **\$19.50**

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We are still closing out our Children's department at cost. Saturday will be the big day.

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Just as you come into the store, on the first table in the main aisle, a beautiful box of fine paper and envelopes will be sold Saturday for 25c.

Specials From the Leather Goods Section

LEATHER BAGS.

A selection chosen by us, with exceptional care. See them yourself or best appreciate them because it is quite impossible to more than speak of them in a very general way.

Stitch bags of pin and cross seal, Durum, silver, gold and gun metal frames; fittings include coin purses and mirror; plain straps and panicle handles, at \$2.50 to \$13.50.

Party cases in all the popular colors, gold and silver fittings; a most delightful gift.

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Bar Pins—Beauty and also friendship pins; sterling silver pencils, thumbless, hat pins, etc. Notion Section—Main Floor.

Gloves—A Gift for Every Woman

No need to be undecided as to what may be most acceptable in the line of accessories in women's wear.

The little details—and we believe we are safe in saying that gloves are the most important of these—well selected, add the proper finish to the costume of the well-dressed woman.

Our department is equipped to meet the demands for all occasions, whether it be a fabric or kid glove, a glove for dress or street wear.

We also issue Glove Certificates, which will relieve you of much anxiety in selecting.

Finest Collection of Silks We Ever Had for Christmas

Stylish materials have never been so pretty. Dainty crepe de chine in soft colors, also black and white are in great demand; new novelties in dainty figures, new Roman stripes—a most exquisite blending of colors; crepe de chine, satin, metors, bengaline and silk and wool poplins for dresses are rich and beautiful for gift purposes.

Special Dress Goods Value
Gift buyers will be quick to take advantage of these values:
\$2.50 Suitings, 54 inches wide, pretty dark gray, 98c.
\$1.25 and \$1.75 Serge Novelty in the new shades of green, at 98c.

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MILITIA A FORCE IN NAME ONLY NOW

Brigadier General Mills Declares Organizations Are Deficient Even for Peace Times.

MOST OF THEM BELOW MINIMUM

Infantry, Engineers, Cavalry, Coast, Artillery and Field Departments Are All Short in Name Bag of Men.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—"In no state is the prescribed minimum strength of all organizations of the organized militia maintained. In many instances the deficiency has reached such a figure as to leave the corresponding organizations, such in name only—organizations of no value as a military asset to the federal government." This is the way Brigadier General A. L. Mills, chief of the division of militia affairs of the War Department, characterizes the citizen soldier of the country in his annual report today.

General Mills points out that his criticism is entirely impersonal and is made "for the sole purpose of setting forth an accurate statement of existing conditions with the view and in the hope of leading to a needed reform." One method of providing this reform is to be found, in General Mills' opinion, in the passage of a bill for the compensation of the militia by the federal government.

Way Below Minimum.
Figures upon the returns of adjutants general of the states rendered at the end of the last calendar year, General Mills finds that an examination "reveals the fact that the organized militia as a whole is deficient in strength and that this deficiency reaches the serious figure of nearly 5,000 men, or an approximate equivalent of the infantry component of a complete infantry division at war strength. It will show that more than 90 per cent of the infantry and engineer companies, 75 per cent of the cavalry troops, 60 per cent of the coast artillery companies, and practically all of the field artillery batteries, are below the prescribed minimum, and in all cases the former and lower prescribed minimum is referred to."

Officers Are Needed.
"As the result of the last fiscal year the militia consisted of 113,123 enlisted men and 3,112 officers. Due to the cessation of the requirements of the much-overlooked Circular No. 3, the enlisted men were increased by 7,750 over the preceding year, while there was a reduction in officers numbering 33.

Circular No. 3, sustained by the legal authorities of the War department, called for the reduction of the number of generals and other high officers in the militia to a number more corresponding to the total of enlisted strength.

General Mills reiterated his plea for the cessation of militia reserves, pointing out the inevitable delay that would hamper the country in the event of war by retaining recruits unless a trained reserve exists from which to supply the needed increase.

GERMANS ACTIVE IN EAST FLANDERS

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In the region of Arras and in the vicinity of Ypres, there have been artillery engagements.

"In the Arras we have pushed forward several of our trenches and driven back two German attacks.

"In the region of Valenciennes we have consolidated our gains of the preceding days. The German artillery has been active, but we have suffered no losses. A similar condition has existed on the heights of the Meuse. In the forest of Leprieux our progress has been continued and has developed.

"To the south of Thann we have occupied the railroad station of Aspach.

"Along the remainder of the front in the Vosges there have been artillery engagements."

STRIKE FACTS HELD BACK BY AMMONS

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agreed, testified that the era of good feeling between the strikers and the militia ended upon the arrival of a party of strike breakers at Ludlow about the end of November, 1912. Before the train arrived the strikers from the Ludlow colony swarmed on the railroad track, armed with rocks and spiked base ball bats. The men were silent, but the women shrieked profanely at Van Cise's militiamen who, with fixed bayonets, cleared the place.

Referring to the battle of Ludlow, Van Cise said that when he heard that Tiras and other strikers had been killed, and that it was said that Tiras had been a prisoner at the time of his death, he brought the matter to the attention of Adjutant General John Chase. On the following day (April 20) Van Cise and Captain W. C. Danks took the matter up

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\$2.50 Ivory Hair Brush or Mirror, special Saturday and Monday \$1.74
Engraving of same 10c letter up. \$3.00 Ivory Clocks \$1.40
Others from \$1.00 to \$8.00 Ivory Trays, all sizes, 25c to 50c

Complete line of Dupont's and other French and English makes. Ivory Nail Files, Cuticle Knives, Manicure Sets, Mirrors, Combs, Brushes, Puff Boxes, Jewel Boxes and every conceivable article for the boudoir. Ivory in every form is the popular gift this year and we advise to make your selection early.

XMAS CANDY

We are exclusive agents for Huyler's and Crane's Candies—80c 1/2 to 5-lb. boxes, pound \$1.00
We also sell Lowrey's, O'Brien's, Johnston's, Woodward's and Dinning's. 1/2 to 5-lb. boxes, 60c. 1-lb. Eva Lang 39c Chocolates

CAMERAS

\$5.00 Ansco, box, 3 1/2 x 4 1/2, at \$3.00
\$6.50 Ansco, box, 3 1/2 x 4 1/2, at \$4.50
\$7.00 Ansco, box, 4 1/2 x 5 1/2, at \$4.75
\$7.25 Ansco, box, 3 1/2 x 4 1/2, at \$5.00
\$7.50 Ansco, vest pocket, 2 1/2 x 3 1/2, at \$6.00

\$12.00 Ansco Jr., folding, 2 1/2 x 4 1/2 \$9.00
\$18.50 Ansco, No. 5 folding, 4 1/2 x 5 1/2 \$14.00
\$25.00 No. 10 folding, 3 1/2 x 5 1/2 \$18.00
Seneca folding, 2 1/2 x 4 1/2, \$10
Seneca folding, 3 1/2 x 5 1/2, \$12

A full line of Photo Sundries, including Albums, Calendar Mounts, etc.

PERFUMES

We were fortunate the past week to receive large shipments of all the latest odors of Houbigant's, Coty's and Dr. Orsay French Perfumes, Powders, Toilet Waters, etc., in fancy packages, ranging in price from 50c to \$15.00
\$2.25 Houbigant's Ideal Extract, per oz. \$1.35
50c Extracts, all odors, per ounce \$2.00
75c Piver's Bulk Sachet, all odors, per oz. \$4.00

SPECIAL CIGAR SALE SATURDAY

10c Reina Louisa, box of 25 \$1.25
at \$1.00
10c Preferencia Concha, box of 25 \$1.50
15c Edward Gata, Brava shape, box of 50 \$3.50

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50c Milk Weed Cream 25c
75c Rubber Gloves 50c
50c Bromo Seltzer 25c
\$1 Duffly Malt Whiskey 63c
25c Beaton's Tooth Paste 12c
50c Canthrox 25c

\$2 Pullman Slippers 98c
25c Durham Duplex Shaving Soap 12c
5c Mennen's Talcum Powder 9c
25c Santol Talcum Powder 9c

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