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Store Open Evenings Until Christmas, Beginning Tomorrow

The Store for Shirtwaists

Blouses, Tea Gowns, Kimonos, Petticoats, For Holiday Gifts. What Is Nicer?

Fresh arrivals make this store for shirtwaists a delightful section, where a few minutes can be spent to great advantage in gathering ideas for suitable gifts of fashions, which will be admired.

New Crepe de Chine blouses, \$4.50, \$5.95, \$6.50.

Service First

And then great stocks of fine new goods in a modern, safe building must make this your Christmas store.

The difficulties in getting about have been minimized. We have provided roominess and proper facilities for shopping with savings of time, ease and comfort.

Enjoy these next four days; you may depend on the bigness and bestness of our stocks and upon our efforts to do well by you.

Jewelry Novelties

Appropriate, useful things which are inexpensive—Pencils and flexible nail files in cases of sterling silver. Sterling bib holders, stilettoes and cuff pins; gold cuff links, gold friendship pins, and many other equally fine gift things.

Main Aisle.

Silks, A Charming Gift

Every woman delights in beautiful silks, and in this great showing of ours every good and new silk fabric is to be found; for waists, gowns, coats, tailored suits.

Special value, 36-inch guaranteed colored satin for petticoats; ask to see them tomorrow.

Glove Certificates

One of the easiest and most satisfactory ways of making a gift. CERTIFICATE ISSUED FOR ANY AMOUNT. The recipient chooses the style of gloves preferred and gets them properly fitted.

Glove certificates make one of the most timely gifts possible. Glove Section, South Aisle

Why Not Gloves as Gifts?

Our new, exclusive glove department, located in south aisle of main floor, is overflowing with every desirable style of glove suitable for gifts, and at prices within reach of everybody.

CHILDREN'S GLOVES

Selected with great care from light weight kid and cape skins, to wool lined mochas. Ranging in price from—**75¢ to \$1.25**



Silk Hose Emphasize a Gift Chosen Carefully

It's quite settled in the minds of most thoughtful women that we have superior qualities of silk hose. Our reason—we are constantly alert and careful in selecting, and turning our stocks often so that all goods are new and fresh.

As a gift, silk hose rank high, because they are never owned in too great a number.

Priced so as to suit every purse; in all styles and colors and qualities.

A Display of Children's Needlework, Tuesday and Wednesday

Embroidered pieces of all kinds, which have been made by the little girls, from 5 to 12 years of age, who meet here every Saturday to learn how to do fancy needlework.

It's surprising to us to see how expert they are, and we know you, too, will be interested.

Between 80 and 90 girls are enrolled in this class. Exhibition, Third Floor.

Leather Bags and Party Cases

Are here in a great variety of new styles; all of the newest novelties in hand bags, party cases and combination purses. Main Aisle—Main Floor.

Great Activity Centers Around the Handkerchief Section These Busy Days Before Christmas

It's certainly a very attractive section of the store wherein handkerchiefs from all the world are displayed.

FROM FRANCE AND HUNGARY come lovely handkerchiefs embroidered with dainty flowers, birds and other quaint designs.

FROM IRELAND we show the beautiful squares of pure Irish Linen noted the world over.

We won't mention more here because printed words can't do these handkerchiefs justice; but a visit will repay you. Come tomorrow.

Children's Handkerchiefs, 3 for 25¢. An attractive box of three, either embroidered or stamped with scenes which please all children.

Handkerchiefs: 15¢ and 25¢. Of pure linen, either plain, embroidered or initialed styles. We are glad to offer such a REAL CHRISTMAS BARGAIN.

Gifts for MEN

Neckwear, Handkerchiefs, Good Hosiery, Serviceable Gloves, Bath Robes, Shirts. Moderately Priced.

A Christmas Gift Extraordinary

AUTO, STEAMER, or LOUNGE ROBES in reversible and Scotch Plaids, sheared finish, self-bound or fringed, fine styles, extra large, thick and warm, \$5, \$6, \$7, \$8.50, \$9 and \$12.50 each. Basement.

Garnishments For Your Christmas Packages

Ribbon, tissue, tags, cards, Christmas seals, boxes, all inexpensive but indispensable if you wish the Christmas gift packages to look bright and cheerful.

Sorosis Shoe Section

We have just received a shipment of beautiful Rhinestone Ornaments. Monday these will be on sale in the Sorosis Shoe Section at very reasonable prices. Splendid for Christmas Gifts. We sell Sorosis Shoe Certificates.

Stevens Says Morgan Firm Was Goat in Pere Marquette Stock Deal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—When the Interstate Commerce commission resumed hearings here today on the financial operations of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton and Pere Marquette railroads, Frederick W. Stevens, representing J. P. Morgan & Co., presented testimony to support the contention that operations of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton had burdened the road with \$24,700,000 in financial obligations and sent it into a receiver's hands before the Morgan house bought control of the road for the Erie. At the time of the purchase, in 1905, Stevens said, the Erie and the late J. P. Morgan were in ignorance of the actual financial condition of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton.

considerable was accomplished toward restoring the line to a more sound financial basis. In 1911, Mr. Stevens said, the Morgan house bought the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, 119,000 shares of Pere Marquette stock. Summarizing the present situation, the witness said: "Thus J. P. Morgan & Co. have the 119,000 shares of the Pere Marquette stock (now of doubtful, if any, value) to show for the \$12,000,000 and upward paid by them in 1905 to relieve the Erie railroad of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton purchase." J. P. Morgan & Co. were not member of and had no interest in the syndicate in Zimmerman's organization. Negotiations for the Erie's purchase of control of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, he declared, were completed "in ignorance of the calamitous changes in the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton financial condition which had just taken place during the Zimmerman administration."

ALLIES BREAK LINE BELOW DIXMUDE

London Papers Print News of Important Victories in France and Belgium.

PARIS IS LESS ENTHUSIASTIC Official Report Tells of Advances to South of Dixmude and Ypres—Territory Held by Germans is Reorganized.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A Times correspondent in northern France, writing under date of Tuesday, says: "The allies have advanced. Their troops are reported to have passed Middelkerke and to have broken through the German line just below Dixmude."

Several London newspapers today revive the reports that the allies have captured Roulers, west Flanders. The Chronicle says that "Roulers has been captured after fierce assaults on the German trenches."

The Daily News publishes the following: "Reports current in northern France are that the French and British have taken Roulers and also that they are in possession of a part of Lille. However, the capture of Roulers would mean a victory so important that an immediate official announcement probably would be made."

French Official Report. PARIS, Dec. 19.—The French war office this afternoon gave out the following official announcement: "During the day of December 18 we reorganized in Belgium the territory won from the enemy the evening before to the south of Dixmude, and we advanced our front to the south of the Inn of Kortrijk."

"Our advance to the south of Ypres has been continued over a very difficult and swampy territory. From the Lys to the Oise we have progressed in the region of Notre Dame de Consolation, to the south of LaBasse, by more than one kilometer. During the last two days we also made progress in the direction of Carency, St. Laurent and Biyang.

"In spite of very spirited counter attacks the positions taken by us December 17 have been retained. "In the region of Albert during the night from December 17-18 and during the day of December 18 we advanced under a very violent fire of the enemy and we reached the barbed wire entanglements of the second line of German trenches. To the north of Marcourt we were obliged to abandon a trench occupied the night before and set on fire by the enemy by means of hand grenades.

Violent Counter Attacks. "Several German trenches have been occupied in the region of Mamets and in the vicinity of Lyons three violent counter attacks on the part of the Germans have been repulsed.

"In the region of the Aisne there have been artillery engagements and in Champagne the artillery of the enemy showed December 18 increased activity, as compared to December 17.

"In the Argonne, in the forest of La Grande, we blew up a German underground tunnel. Near St. Hubert, the enemy by a very spirited attack succeeded in making slight progress. "It has been confirmed that on the heights of the Meuse our fire, directed by aviators, demolished two heavy batteries of the enemy and damaged a third battery.

"From the Meuse to the Vosges there is nothing to report in the Vosges there has been spirited German rifle firing, but no attack."

Naval Toll of War 139 Fighting Craft

Naval losses of the belligerent powers since the war began total 139 warships sunk, damaged or interned, according to official and unofficial reports.

Germany heads the casualties with sixty vessels and France is last with two. The following table is compiled from government statements as far as possible, but in the case of German and Austrian losses a number of unofficial reports have not been officially confirmed:

TYPE OF VESSEL	Austria	Germany	Japan	Italy	United States	France	Great Britain	Spain	Other
Battleships	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cruisers	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Converted cruisers	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Gunboats	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Torpedo boats	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Monitors	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Submarines	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mine layers	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Surveying ships	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Training ships	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Unarmed ships	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Armed steamers	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Totals	22	22	10	4	18	5	5	5	5

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ONLY ONE "BROMO QUININE"

To get the genuine, call for full name: "BROMO QUININE." Look for signature of E. W. Grove. Cures a cold in one day. 25 cents.

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Johnston's The Appreciated Chocolates 150,000 Lbs.

Johnston's chocolates were sold in Omaha during 1914. Which means we have made 50,000 Johnston Boosters. To those who have never tried Johnston's chocolates we take pleasure to refer you to our many satisfied friends who may be found in every locality. Johnston's appreciated chocolates are the best in America. Ask your dealer for them.

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Western Dist., Omaha.



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No gift would please "Her" more than a diamond ring. For this Christmas we suggest a beautiful 1 1/2 stone diamond ring here at

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Xmas Pianos \$125, \$150, \$200, \$250, \$300. Brambach Grands \$455. Terms.

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INSANITY ATTACKS MANY OF THE ALLIES

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a shell and show no physical signs of disability. Some of the most desperate cases are men who were terribly shocked by shells which exploded near them. One sergeant, a boy of 18, who recently left Netley to visit his relatives in Manchester, was hurled through the air for fifty feet by the force of an exploding shell, not a fragment of which touched him. Both of his ear drums were broken and he was unconscious for several days. His brain was so affected that he was unable to see anything for weeks, if he became the least excited. When he left the Netley hospital he still walked somewhat unsteadily and complained that dark spots frequently appeared before his eyes. Physicians send such patients away from hospitals as speedily as possible that they may be more free from military surroundings and reminded less frequently of their experiences in the field.

Some Wound Selves.

As is the case in nearly all military action, soldiers are on rare occasions found shooting their own hands or feet or exposing their arms and hands to the fire of the enemy that they may get wounds which will relieve them of services in the trenches. This is attributed to shattered nerves in many cases, although there are occasional court-martials in cases where there is reason to believe that cowardice inspired such actions.

In engagements where the fighting is at such close range as in the present position in Belgium, it is a simple matter for a soldier to expose his hand or arm and catch a bullet from the enemy's trenches.

applicants for admission to the army, but it soon became necessary to let down the bars. As the middle and lower class people of England take in different care of their mouths and seldom have their teeth treated, dental troubles have been numerous.

No Better Than His Teeth. "I am not going to bite the Germans" was the protest of an Englishman rejected at the opening of the war because of defective teeth. But the developments of the last three months have shown that no soldier is any better than his teeth. Inability to maintain course army fare property has incapacitated a large number of soldiers who were not actually forced to leave the front because of aching teeth and swollen jaws aggravated by standing for days in wet trenches.

It is not unusual to see recruits who have part of their front teeth missing and others badly decayed. But such men are turned over to the dental corps as rapidly as possible and given careful treatment. If recruiting officers in England were to demand the sound teeth required for admission to the American army they would get few recruits. The public schools in London and other large cities are having the teeth of pupils examined and encouraging proper care of the mouth.

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