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# Our Great Annual January Linen Sale

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<b>Table Cloths.</b> All our \$2.00 Bleached Table Cloths, January Sale price \$2.00 each. All our \$4.00 Bleached Table Cloths, January Sale price \$2.50 each. All our \$8.00 Bleached Table Cloths, January Sale price \$4.25 each. All our \$10.00 Bleached Table Cloths, January Sale price \$6.50 each.	<b>Bath Towels</b> All our 12c Bath Towels, January price 12 1/2c each. All our 20c Bath Towels, January Sale price 15c each. All our 25c Bath Towels, January Sale price 19c each. All our 45c Bath Towels, January Sale price 25c each. All our 50c Bath Towels, January sale price 29c each. All our 75c Bath Towels, January Sale price 50c each.	<b>Napkins, Napkins</b> All our \$2.25 Bleached Napkins, January Sale price \$1.50 a dozen. All our \$3.00 Bleached Napkins, January Sale price \$2.00 a dozen. All our \$4.00 Bleached Napkins, January Sale price \$2.50 a dozen. All our \$10.00 Bleached Napkins, January Sale price \$6.50 a dozen.
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<b>Special Sale Mercerized Hemstitched Table Cloths</b> 100 \$2.25 H. S. Mercerized Table Cloths, January Sale \$1.25 each.	<b>Bed Spread Sale</b> All our \$1.00 Hemmed Bed Spreads, January Sale price \$1.00 each. All our \$1.75 Fringed Bed Spreads, January Sale price \$1.39 each. All our \$2.25 Fringed Bed Spreads, January Sale price \$1.89 each.	<b>Table Damask by the Yard</b> \$1.65 Silver Bleached Damask, January Sale price \$1.10 a yard. \$1.25 Silver Bleached Damask, January Sale price 89c a yard. 65c Silver Bleached Damask, January Sale price 49c a yard.	<b>Open Work Lunch Cloths and Scarfs</b> All our 75c Lunch Cloths and Scarfs, January Sale price 25c each.
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**January Sale of Men's Night Shirts**  
These Night Shirts are made of exceptionally good muslin, cut in full comfortable sizes, and made up in a thorough manner that promises satisfying service, in either plain or trimmed with pretty washable braids, regular price 50c, all sizes, on sale all day Wednesday at, each, 39c.

**Just One-Half Price**  
Handsome 75c Plaid Silks, Wednesday 37 1/2c a Yard.  
Probably there is no silk that looks so well for waists to the end of its day as pretty plaid silk. Rich tones and beautiful quiet shades worked out in pretty plaid and broken check effect. Great value.

## JANUARY SALE OF WIDE SHEETINGS, SHEETS AND PILLOW CASES.

<b>Wide Sheetings</b> Our 33c Bleached 8-4 Sheetings at 25c a yard. Our 24 1/2c Bleached 7-4 Sheetings at 20c a yard. Our 25c Bleached 7-4 Sheetings at 20c a yard. Our 20 1/2c Bleached 6-4 Sheetings at 15 1/2c a yard. Our 27c Bleached 6-4 Sheetings at 22 1/2c a yard.	<b>Ready Made Pillow Cases</b> Size 60x30, Plain Hem. Our 20c quality, reduced to 15c each. Our 24c quality, reduced to 20c each. Our 25c quality, reduced to 25c each. Our 25c Pillow Tubing, 42-in. wide, reduced to 18 1/2c a yard. Our 24c Pillow Tubing, 45-in. wide, reduced to 18 1/2c a yard. Our 25c Pillow Tubing, 50-in. wide, reduced to 20c a yard.	<b>Ready Made Sheets</b> Size 60x90, Plain Hem. Our 75c quality, reduced to 75c each. Our 85c quality, reduced to 85c each. Size 72x90, Plain Hem. Our 30c quality, reduced to 22c each. Our \$1.00 quality, reduced to 85c each.
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Wednesday—Continuation of the Great Sale of Wooltex Coats.

# THOMPSON BELDEN & CO

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## GERMAN VIEW OF FINANCE

Count von Kanitz in Reichstag Blames Roosevelt for Flurry.

### MORE GOLD WILL GO OUT

Balance of Trade Against Germany Will Send Large Sums to United States—Suggests Limited Silver Coinage.

BERLIN, Jan. 14.—In the course of an intervention in the Reichstag today in reference to the high rate of discount charged by the imperial bank, Count von Kanitz, conservative, suggested the President Roosevelt's "threats against the trusts" was responsible for the critical financial situation existing today throughout the continent.

Count von Kanitz pointed out the unfavorable commercial balance of European nations, particularly Germany, towards the United States. He took issue with American statistics, concerning foreign trade, declaring that in 1906 Germany had imported American goods to the value of 1,200,000,000 marks and exported to the United States only 600,000,000 marks worth. This left a balance of 600,000,000 marks in favor of the United States, but the American statistics declared that this balance amounted to only 200,000,000 marks. This balance had not been recovered by shipping profits and dividends on American stocks in German hands.

These threats, the count said, constituted the real cause of the present financial condition. He added that the opponents of the trusts must recognize that interference with the financial activity of the United States, which is based on the operations of the trusts, means interference with the entire economical situation in America. "America's error has been that she has allowed to go so long with interference," said the speaker.

Count von Kanitz reviewed what he called "the frenzied finance" of America of the past few months and drew attention to the necessity for the most strict control in Europe. He said that the amount of gold leaving Europe could not be estimated exactly, but that in the month of November alone 150,000,000 marks (about \$25,000,000) had left Germany for the United States. He continued the count, saying that the assistance given by the American Treasury department had very little effect in improving conditions.

In addition to these unfavorable balances another factor in the situation was the gigantic sum of 3,000,000 marks insurance which Germany had joyfully paid in connection with the San Francisco disaster, although the German companies were not legally bound to do so.

### Suggests Silver Coinage.

Continuing, the speaker expressed the opinion that the United States will need much more money and that this will come from Europe. He then asked what means would be adopted to prevent this outflow, which even a high bank rate of discount could not keep back. He suggested a moderate return to bimetallicism by issuing in Germany silver coinage to the amount of 25 marks per capita, which, he said, would improve the situation. He upheld the method of the Bank of France, which issues silver coinage to the value of 40 marks per capita of population, as a model in this direction, declaring that this system permitted France to have such an enormous gold reserve. The shortage of money, according to Count von Kanitz, made the restoration of ordinary financial conditions questionable, particularly as there are indications that a period of industrial adversity is beginning. "At the beginning of December there were in Berlin alone 2,000 skilled workmen without employment, and since that time the figures have been increased greatly. Referring to the prospects of floating the new loan, Count von Kanitz said these were most unfavorable. He was almost certain that interest at the rate of 4 per cent would be necessary, and that this would affect the other state obligations.

### Minister of Interior Replies.

Industrial shares had lost fully one-quarter of their value. Dr. Bethold Bethmann-Hollweg, minister of the interior, replied to Count von Kanitz concerning Germany's solid financial condition, but he did not touch on the question of Germany's special financial relations with the United States. The number of prosperous industrial and commercial undertakings was greater in proportion than the increase in population. Furthermore the growing perplexities in the exchange of commodities had induced an extraordinary demand for capital and currency, and this had been satisfied only with a heavy loan in the rates of interest on loans. The situation on the international money markets had influenced during the past few months the relations of German debtors and creditors. The reduction yesterday of the imperial bank's rate of discount by 1 per cent, however, indicated that with the beginning of this year the strain on the bank had materially diminished. The financial pressure of London, Vienna and Paris also had decreased, the minister of the interior continued, evidenced by the rates of discounts at these capitals. All things considered, the minister said, the monetary and industrial situation in Germany was healthy.

### Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg announced in conclusion the intention of the government to bring in a measure during the present session of the Reichstag modifying to a certain extent the present currency law, so that with the present rate of interest there could be an increased coinage of silver.

## PRESIDENT TO SEE OFFICIALS

Halfroad Men Will Call Late in January to Discuss Legalizing Pools.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—President Roosevelt today made an appointment for January 21 to confer with a committee of the operating vice presidents of leading railroads. The appointment was made by Senator Warner of Missouri at the request of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad. The committee will represent among others the New York Central, Pennsylvania, Burlington, Northwestern, Illinois Central and "Frisco" roads. The object is to bring to the attention of the president matters regarded as adversely affecting railway operations. It is understood that legalizing of pool agreements will be one of the important topics. The president has hitherto indicated his position as favorable to

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**Ozark, - \$9.00** Arkansas Anthracite for furnaces.  
**Sterling, - \$7.50** Colorado lignite for cooking stoves—clean.  
**Hanna, \$8.00** Wyoming Nut—you know.

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in their path. The flames did the rest. It was a pitiful sight and I will carry the recollection as long as I live. Once the crowd began to fight its way to the doors no power on earth could have saved all the lives, but had the men not lost control of themselves, the loss of life would have been very small."

The fire was not brought under control until early this morning after assistance had arrived from Reading and Pottsville. Physicians and nurses were also sent to Boyertown from Reading and aided materially in alleviating the sufferings of the injured, who had leaped from the windows in their mad rush to escape from the flames.

**Hazardous Work of Relief.**  
Early today about sixty members of the state constabulary, which is stationed in this district, came from Reading on a special train. The work of removing the bodies from the debris will be unusually tedious and hazardous. When the rush was at its height the floor gave way, precipitating many persons to the basement, and the bodies of these will be buried beneath the charred timbers and tons of brick from the ruined walls. In addition to the opera house and Farmers' National bank, Ehrhans' hardware house and the dwellings of George J. Babin, Harry Packer and Alfred Zehner were burned. The monetary loss will amount to \$75,000.

**Details of the Explosion.**  
The moving picture machine was operated by H. W. Fisher of Carlisle, Pa., who used calcium lights. While he was operating the machine there was a flash and a loud report and the people sitting in the rear of the opera house near the machine arose in fright and rushed toward the stage.

Their action caused a panic in the audi-

ence and many others, thinking the building was on fire, rushed toward the stage. The young people who were taking part in the performance motioned them to keep back and resume their seats, but the frightened spectators attempted to climb on to the stage. One of the young people on the stage, more excited than the others, made a motion as if to repel them and in his excitement he overturned the coal oil lamp that were used as footlights. They fell with a crash into the auditorium and exploded. In an instant the stage floor was ablaze and the frightened people surged toward the rear again. The youthful actors fled from the stage and managed to escape, clad in their stage garments.

**Fire in Front and Rear.**  
The crowd in the front of the auditorium fled to the rear and they were met by a fire from the rear, frantic to escape from the peril of the burning picture machine in the rear. The mob became panic stricken and strong men beat down women and children in their efforts to get out of the building. Frank Callen, a blacksmith, seized his 4-year-old child and made his way to a window. When he attempted to return to get his wife who was in a struggling mass of humanity and it was impossible for him to reach her.

The flames spread rapidly and many of the audience were caught and overcome before they could reach the fire escapes. The frenzied people fought with each other to reach the front entrance, the principal means of exit from the building, and a struggling mass of humanity was quickly piled around the doors that led to the street. Smoke overtook them, and they were burned to death almost in sight of escape in the seething furnace that surrounded them.

A number of people who were attracted by the cries of fire rushed from the street to the entrance to the opera house and up the stairs to the second floor. They succeeded in rescuing some, but were forced to abandon the others to their fate, as the quickly advancing flames drove them from the building.

The special trains from Reading brought members of the state constabulary, surgeons, trained nurses and a large supply of hospital stores and first aid to the injured applicants. The state constabulary immediately took charge and roped off the scene of horror. Early this morning a gasoline tank exploded and blew down the standing wall, and but for the precaution of the guards, many others would have been killed.

The building which was destroyed was a large brick structure, three stories high and with a frontage of 125 feet on Philadelphia avenue. The first floor was occupied by the Farmers' National bank and a hardware store. The second and third floors were occupied by the opera house and a lodge room. The building also extended on Washington street for a distance of 250 feet. In the rear of the bank were four large dwelling houses, which were part of the building. These were burned.

**Disturbed the Congregation.**  
The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing is requested to buy a box of Foley's Honey and Tar. All druggists.

## WOOL MEN TALK OF ROOSEVELT

Speakers at Convention Declare Westerners Know Best What is for Open Range.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 14.—The first day's session of the annual convention of the National Wool Growers' Association was characterized by a bitter address against the government regulations of the public range by Thomas J. Walsh, a Helena stockman, lawyer, and late democratic candidate for congress, who criticized especially the action of the administration in putting into effect what is known as the license system of grazing upon forest reserves.

In the annual address of Vice President Wilson of Douglas, Wyo., he congratulated the association upon the brilliant past and the future outlook. He said that efforts were making to bring the public mind, upon the real issues and held that the policy of forest preservation was not at stake. He said the people of the west had gratefully accepted Roosevelt's ministrations, but they felt they knew better what is for their good than does he or any department clerk. He asserted that it was paternalism gone mad to charge that the cattlemen did not know their own interests and described as distrust of the people every argument advanced in favor of the new departure.

Governor Brook of Wyoming, delivered an address on "The Open Range."

## New Organ for Democrats.

BONESTEELE, S. D., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—The Gregory County Herald will be the name of a new democratic paper which is being established in Bonesteel, the first issue of which will appear about February 1. E. F. Wood will be editor and proprietor. Mr. Wood, in 1892, established the Gregory County Pilot and was for four years at its helm. The Pilot, the only democratic paper in this county, was last week consolidated with the Tripp County News at Dallas, an converted into a republican exponent.

## TO PREVENT THE GRIP.

Laxative Bromo Quinine removes the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." Look for signature of E. W. Grove, 3c.

## Munson Out for Secretary.

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—L. A. Munson, former deputy state treasurer, has sent to the press a formal announcement of his candidacy for secretary of state under the primary as a progressive republican. This has caused somewhat of a split in the "progressiveness" of this city, they having formed two clubs, one endorsing Munson and the old liners holding their own organization with a refusal to give him their endorsement.

## A Store Full of Bargains

Every department in this store has special bargains to offer to wide awake buyers on Wednesday and Thursday.

<b>Boys' Department</b> Boys' and young men's overcoats at factory prices. \$6.00 to \$7.50 garments now \$5.00 \$8.50 to \$9.00 garments, now \$6.50 \$12.50 garments now \$9.00 \$13.50 garments now \$10.00 \$16.50 garments now \$12.00 \$20.00 garments now \$16.00 \$28.00 garments now \$22.50	<b>Girls' Department</b> Girls' and young ladies' Coats at Half Price. \$7.50 garments at... \$3.75 \$8.50 garments at... \$4.25 \$10.00 garments at... \$5.00 \$12.00 garments at... \$6.00 \$18.00 garments at... \$9.00 \$20.00 garments at... \$10.00
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**Hosiery and Underwear**  
Heavy fleeced Underwear, that sells regularly at 25c, now..... 19c  
A special drive in girls' and boys' Hosiery, that sells regularly at 19c, now two pairs—all sizes—for 25c

**25% Discount**  
**Infants' Wear**  
Infants' Colored Coats—ages 2 to 6 years at Half Price.  
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