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Will you find better values than here.



## Silk Dress Skirts, Cloth Dress Skirts, Walking Skirts—

Choice styles in all kinds of dress and walking skirts. the quality and making of our goods is the best. Our fitting is done with great care and perfection. We sell none of the goods just as good as has been. Everything we show is first quality and strictly new.

## Cleaning Up the Colored Dress Goods—

Bargains, very decided ones. The remarkable selling of new spring dress goods, has left us with an accumulation of odd pieces.

Say two or three pieces of a kind, chevots, venetians, homespuns, etc., that have never sold for less than 50c and 60c a yard.

## TOUR CHOICE MONDAY MORNING, OF THE ENTIRE LINE, 25c A YARD.

All go at absolutely less than cost price. It would be well for you to investigate this lot of dress goods, as there are exceptional value here of choice goods.

## YOU CAN MAKE NO MISTAKE.

Our "special value" in black peau de soie silk are made by the finest silk manufacturers in the world. The utmost of care, science and the best of silk, and dye is used to bring this fabric to its present high state of perfection. No cutting, no cracking. No mottling. Beautiful, rich luster, finished alike on both sides. No. 1002 never sold for less than \$1.25, in this sale at 90c a yard. No. 1003 never sold for less than \$1.75, in this sale \$1.27 a yard.

## Pretty Cottons for Shirt Waists—

If the shirt waists are to be elegant and have an air of exclusiveness you'll buy material by the yard.

2 1/2 to 3 yards in the usual pattern. Imported sepher gingham, at 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 60c, 75c, \$1.00 a yard. Imported madras at 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 60c a yard. Dimities at 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c, 20c a yard. Oxford, at 15c, 20c, 25c, 40c a yard. Tissues, 18c, 25c, 30c, 35c and 40c a yard.

## Women's Neckwear—

A tempting showing of summer neckwear. Pique stocks, with duck and madras ties, white and colored, at 50c each. Silk stocks with ties, in all colors, 60c, 75c and \$1.00 each. Silk ties in all colors, 25c, 50c each. White stocks with colored ties and embroidered turnover, 75c each. White pique stock with short ties, 50c each. White tucked stocks with ties, colored edge, 25c each.

## Batiste Corsets at \$1.00—

The well known (R. and G.) Thompson's glove fitting, (J. B.), (W. B. Erect Form), (Dr. Warner's Rust Proof), (H. and H.), (Kabo), that has no brass eyelets, (Ferris Good Sense Waist), (Royal Worcester W. C. C.), (Ideal Waists), (Flexible Moulded).

## New Linens for Ladies' Shirt Waist Suits—

The heavy twine Peruvian linen is the newest out for ladies' shirt waist suits. It comes in all the French bright colors, 48-inch wide, price \$1.50 a yard. THE FOLLOWING NOVELTIES. Linen etamine, plain and fancy. Linen ducks. Linen batistes. Linen dresses. Linen crash suitings. Linen Oxford. Linen grenadine. Full line of colors and white. Prices range from 25c to \$5.00 per yard.

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until further notice, in order to avoid any repetition of "Mafeking night," which it is feared might ensue should the conclusion of peace be announced.

One of the curious features of the negotiations is that five of the Boer representatives secured a legal training at the English bar.

Chamberlain's Not to Resign. The report of Joseph Chamberlain's resignation of the office of colonial secretary which occurred after the publication of his signed denial may be utterly disregarded. They rise out of serious differences existing between himself and the chancellor of the exchequer over the Wain Indies and other matters requiring treasury co-operation which have been frequently mentioned in these dispatches and which appear to be no more acute than they have been for months.

UTRECHT, Holland, April 12.—Dr. Leyds, the Transvaal agent, and other Boer leaders had a long conference yesterday evening. Dr. Leyds afterwards asserted that the meeting was not connected with the conference proceedings at Klerksdorp, Transvaal colony. Peace, however, he added, could not be concluded without previous consultation with the Boer representatives in Europe.

The Boer delegates and Dr. Leyds had another conference this afternoon and in the evening the delegates returned to The Hague.

## WOMAN FOUND DEAD IN BARN

Wife of Young Farmer Brutally Killed During Husband's Absence.

DOVER, Del., April 12.—Mrs. Alda Collins, wife of Elmer P. Collins, a young farmer of Foxville, two miles from Laurel, was murdered at her home today, and her mutilated body was found in a stable by her husband. Collins had gone to work in the field, taking his two small children with him. His wife was to join him later at the house, but she was not there. Becoming alarmed, he searched the premises and found Mrs. Collins' body in a stable, with the throat cut from ear to ear, and the

head crushed. In the carriage house Collins found a hatchet and an iron bar covered with blood.

Physicians express an opinion that the woman was killed by a blow with the bar and that the hatchet was used to mutilate the body. When Collins left his wife this morning she had in her possession about \$50, which is missing. Searching parties are scouring the country, under the direction of Sheriff Hart.

## SEVEN OFFICIALS INDICTED

County Attorney and Assessor and Members of Pawnee Council Accused by Grand Jury.

PAWNEE, Okl., April 12.—As a result of expert examination of the office of county officials the grand jury has returned accusations to the district court against the following persons: John C. Hughes, county attorney; L. F. Lacy, county assessor; J. D. Ramey, K. H. Manning, Ed. Strange and L. S. Davis, members of the Pawnee city council.

The accusations allege maladministration in office. District Judge B. T. Hainer has suspended County Attorney Hughes, against whom there are seven counts, and appointed a man to succeed him. The case will go over to May 20, when the court will reconvene.

## WEALTH IN AN OLD CHEST

Cash and Securities to Value of Fifteen Thousand Dollars Under False Bottom.

NEW YORK, April 12.—W. E. Koch, a jeweler, has, according to York (Pa.) special to the Press, found cash and securities valued at \$15,000 in an old chest.

Several years ago Koch purchased for a trifling sum at a public sale a small and antique chest. Having no immediate use for it he placed it in the garret over his place of business. Finally he decided to use the box and upon taking it apart for repairs a false bottom was found, underneath which was the hidden wealth. The former owner of the chest is unknown.

## ERUPTIONS

Pimples, Salt Rheum, Tetter

Proceed from humors, either inherited, or acquired through defective digestion and assimilation. To treat them with drying medicines is dangerous. The thing to do for their radical and permanent cure is to get rid of the humors and to give strength and tone to the whole system.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is the medicine to take. It is positively unequalled for all humors and all eruptions.

Accept no substitute.

"My daughter had a breaking out on her body. I read testimonials of Hood's Sarsaparilla and procured a bottle. This did her so much good I got another bottle, and it cured her. She has never been troubled with eruptions since." Mrs. Ella Croudy, Doniphan, Kan.

Hood's Sarsaparilla promises to cure and keeps the promise.

## ON THE VERGE OF A REVOLT

Belgium Faces Political Crisis as Result of Labor Troubles.

## GENERAL STRIKE TO BE DECLARED

Socialists Force Government to Issue on Electoral Law, Modification of Which Means Revision of the Constitution.

BRUSSELS, April 12.—This exciting week ends with the full before the storm. The coming week, already being called a revision week, and it promises to witness important events. A general strike has been proclaimed for Monday and Wednesday a political crisis will be reached by the opening in the Chamber of Deputies of the discussion of the question of the revision of the constitution, on which the Belgian people are now divided.

The socialists and liberals have for a long time past been seeking to force the clerical government to an issue on the question of electoral law, modification of which will necessitate a revision of the constitution. At the present time any election can cast from one to three votes, according to his qualifications. The socialists and liberals claim that workmen cannot obtain more than two votes, whereas the rich get three; moreover, that in the rural districts voters who are under the domination of the priests vote for the candidates of the ruling class. They are often fraudulently given three votes instead of the two of which at the most they are entitled.

The liberal leader in the Chamber of Deputies, M. Jansen, submitted a motion for the revision of the constitution, which the government has agreed shall come before the chamber next Wednesday. If the clerical majority consents to take the proposition under consideration it will be referred to a committee for examination. This will be the first gain for the revisionists, and it undoubtedly will have an immense effect in calming the country, which at the present moment is everywhere in a state of ebullition. The belief prevails in many quarters that the government will strike at Monday, the revisionists will be disappointed, and the country will be thrown into confusion.

In the meanwhile, from almost every mining and industrial district comes news that large numbers of men have decided to strike at Monday. The revisionists began yesterday at Liege, Mons, Charleroi and elsewhere, and it is reported that 20,000 men are already out.

## No General Strike in Brussels.

There is little indication, however, that a general strike will occur in Brussels itself. The workers' committees will meet tomorrow to come to a decision regarding the action to be taken in this city. The government is very anxious concerning the situation in the industrial districts. Bands of infantry and cavalry have been drafted to the various centers, and quarters have been prepared at many mines and industrial works for detachments of troops to guard the properties.

The papers report that no fewer than 17,000 old rifles have been transformed into breech-loaders and sold and are now in the hands of workmen. This figure is probably greatly exaggerated, but there is no doubt that a large number of these weapons are in possession of the men.

The People, a socialist paper of Brussels, is openly selling revolvers to workmen. For some time past a big advertisement has appeared in its columns daily headed:

"Gives Pistols for Prices." "Prizes for our readers," and offering revolvers at specially low prices. One of the weapons offered, described as a "cowboy" revolver, is sold for 8 francs 75 centimes, while more formidable weapons are offered at 17 francs. It is stated that 4,000 revolvers have been sold in the last few months, which fact explains the frequency of revolver firing in the recent disorders.

The rioters have been temporarily awed by the display of armed forces. Up to noon today no further disturbances had occurred here. The number of police, gendarmes and soldiers at the disposal of the authorities appears sufficient to cope with disturbances, so long as the troops remain loyal.

The strike continues to spread in the central coal districts. Elsewhere the socialist leaders are trying to keep the men at work until Monday or Tuesday, when they contemplate an important movement.

Perhaps the most significant event of yesterday was the open rupture in the Chamber of Deputies between the socialists and the liberal faction, heretofore associated with the former, with the object of forcing the government to grant universal suffrage. The speaker, who is a member of the government in the present crisis, as the coalition of the moderate parties promises to last as long as the incipient revolution continues.

Rioters Tinctured with Anarchy. The police, gendarmes and civic guards, who are all regarded as thoroughly trustworthy, are being utilized, so far as possible, in dealing with those who take part in demonstrations, but not in riots. These demonstrations are being conducted by earnest socialists, while the rioters are more closely allied with anarchism.

Regarding the troops, there is no doubt that they are leavened with socialism. Many men in the ranks have been heard to expound socialist doctrines and there is some apprehension as to their loyalty when the acute state of agitation is reached with the beginning of the strike next week.

The government has taken the most comprehensive measures not to be taken by surprise and is firmly resolved not to yield to the revolutionary movement, holding that in order to deal properly with the question of the revision of the constitution and universal suffrage it is essential that Parliament be called to deliberate unimpeded by the mob.

In consequence of the receipt of a letter threatening to blow up with dynamite the works at La Louviere, unless work there is stopped, the manager has shut down the factory and has ordered the 1,200 employees, who include 600 women, to immediately leave the premises.

A dispatch from Mons announces that preparatory to a general strike at the Borinage coal mines, April 14, the men from several districts have already brought their tools to the surface.

South of the Movement. The soul of the socialist movement in Belgium is M. Van der Velde, a member of the Chamber of Deputies, who is a brilliant speaker and has great influence over the masses. He recently married an English woman who is also an active socialist and is president of the Women's Federation of Belgium.

A representative of the Associated Press interviewed Mr. Van der Velde at the close of the session today. He evinced the utmost willingness to explain the situation in Belgium.

We are determined to go on now until we have secured a general election under an unjust regime the workingman has only 50,000 votes out of 2,500,000, whereas under the one-man vote system we would have 800,000 out of 2,500,000.

The general strike next Monday will testify to the strength of the socialist party. We count on 300,000 strikers in the mining and industrial districts where our work will certainly be generally answered. We have invited the men to act according to

## THE BEST INTERESTS OF THEIR DISTRICTS,

and thus there will be no strike at Ghent, where the textile industry is undergoing a crisis, but that the demonstrations in favor of universal suffrage.

## CONSEIL PACTIC ACTION.

The workmen of Brussels will hold a monster meeting Monday, to show to the government the feeling that exists there. We are urging the men to remain absolutely pacific, but minor conflicts such as occurred at Monday are hardly avoidable in view of the excited feeling that prevails and the fact that the younger men are difficult to control, especially in view of the aggressive attitude of the police.

Asked if he thought the anarchists were profiting by the opportunity afforded them by the demonstrations recently made, Mr. Van der Velde said he thought not, saying that their number in Belgium is insignificant. He admitted that there were a few anarchists in Liege and the other coal fields, but declared they had little influence on the workmen. He does not believe the explosion at Monday was perpetrated by anarchists or revisionists, but thinks it was merely the act of a mischief maker.

Regarding the demonstrations of Wednesday he declared it was unpremeditated. "Nevertheless, we approve it, and favor any demonstration of a peaceful character which will show the king that we want revision. If the government accepts revision, the general strike will end immediately, but if it refuses I cannot predict what will happen."

## TAFT REPLIES TO CRITICISM

Explains Case of Manila Editor's Arrest and Major Gardner's Report.

CINCINNATI, April 12.—The Times-Star today publishes the following: Governor General Taft of the Philippines was today shown a copy of the letter written by Rev. David Phillips, published this morning. After reading Dr. Phillips' letter Governor Taft said:

"His communication relates to two matters: "First, as to the arrest of the editor of the Manila daily newspaper, the Freedom. Dr. Phillips assumes that the prosecution of the editor of the Freedom is based on a charge of graft. That is false. It is a commission. In this I know that he is entirely in error. The prosecution of the Freedom, as may perhaps be gathered from the dispatches, and as I know from previous history, is for charging that the members of the commission, or some of them, without naming anyone, enjoy that is vulgarly known as a 'graft.' That is false. It is a corruptly receiving money for their action as commissioners. Prosecution has been begun. It is said, under the section law against the editor of the Freedom, in which he will have a full opportunity to show as a defense that such corruption exists. If it does exist.

"The action is begun under the section law because it could not be prosecuted successfully under the libel law.

"The question presented simply is whether a newspaper shall be permitted day after day to charge that the highest officials of the government are guilty of the crime of bribery. That is the question. It is not the opportunity of showing that they are true.

"The animus of the charge is manifest. The Freedom is a newspaper which had devoted its columns to the denunciation of the Philippines. It was not hit making them the opportunity of showing that they are true.

"The Freedom has now made general charges of corruption without any specification that some members of the commission, without mentioning names, are getting what is called a 'graft.' The question is whether the Freedom is to be permitted to publish such charges without any proof that persons making such charges are immune from prosecution. It seems to me not.

"The second circumstance referred to by Dr. Phillips is the Tarabas report of Major Gardner as civil governor of that province. Dr. Phillips says that the report was suppressed by the governmental authorities.

"How suppressed? The facts are that in testifying before the committee I volunteered, without suggestion from the committee, to present to it certain reports to which I had referred in my testimony. I was quitted in provinces said to be pacified, and were admitted to be in a state of insurrection. There was no obligation on my part, therefore, to present any report in regard to the Tarabas, for I was not asked to do so. Before the committee I presented the report of the Tarabas, and the committee decided to suppress it. The Tarabas report needs investigation before it shall be accepted. I advised the secretary of war that there had been great friction between Colonel Gardner and the military authorities in Tarabas and in the islands. Before a report that was written should be given to the public it was, I submit, entirely fair that he, as governor, should be called upon to make specifications, and that those charged with the serious offenses should be given an opportunity to reply.

"It seems to me, therefore, that Dr. Phillips, in his justifiable zeal for securing proper methods of government in the Philippines, should not use the expression characterizing the action of the secretary of war or myself as a 'suppression of the report.'

Dr. David Phillips, to whose letter in the Commercial-Tribune today Governor Taft replies, is rabbi of the Mount Street temple in Cincinnati and professor of the Hebrew Union college of this city.

MANILA, April 12.—A number of prominent business men at a meeting here today decided to petition the commission to drop the proceedings against Freedom, the local paper, the editor of which is charged with sedition, but the editor objected, saying he would prove every statement made. The merchants hope the case will not be tried, as they believe the matter may have a bad effect on Philippine legislation.

## FLOUR MILLS FORCED DOWN

Census Operations as Result of Discriminating Rate Against Their Product.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 12.—About 50 per cent of the flour mill capacity of this city will be shut down next week and for an indefinite time thereafter until conditions improve. This means loss of time to about 1,000 mill employees.

The shutdown is due partly to the premium mills have to pay on May wheat, principally because of the discriminating rates on wheat and flour in favor of what. This discrimination is even now the subject of negotiation between mills and the railroads, and although the western roads are willing to equalize the rates the eastern roads have so far declined to do so.

The consequence is that the export demand for flour has fallen. It being more profitable to ship the wheat and grind it abroad. The roads maintain that flour is more expensive to handle than wheat and that the rate must, therefore, be higher. The millers claim to be able to explode this theory entirely.

## LIKE GATING GUN IN ACTION

Hits Follow in Quick Succession at Omaha-Des Moines Game.

## RISLEY ISSUES TOO MANY FREE PASSES

Gonding and Stewart Contribute Errors to the Pitcher's Invitation of Defeat—League Teams Play Again Today.

Like the steady rattle of a Gatling gun in action, the hits followed one another at Vinton street park yesterday afternoon, when for the first time this year two league teams met in Omaha, but when the fire of singles, doubles and triples had ceased the Chicago pitchers declared that they had captured the bestagers from Des Moines by a score of 8 to 5.

From start to finish it was a case of "the beleaguering city," but each team took a hand in the beleaguering. The batting was of the most satisfactory kind, for it was not only constant, but in some places sensational. That is about the only pleasant feature of the game for Omaha fans, however, for they went home very sore to think that they had been beaten by a team which rushed in with a bunch of base ball execution that was far inferior to the work their own pets did.

Omaha made twelve hits, Des Moines eleven. Three errors were charged to the visitors, four to Rourke's employes. Yet the game was really won by two twirlers. Risley went in for the locals in the sixth. The score was 4 to 3 for Omaha. He put the first two men on bases by delivering a series of snake shots which Buck Keith was unable to construe as strikes. The next man Risley threw out at first and the next he struck out. Then came Mr. Warner with a single hit and let both the waiting ones run home. Meanwhile the ball was fielded to the plate and Johnny Gonding tried to catch Warner at second, but he threw wild and the ball went further out in the field than Warner had, so the low down scored easily on the error.

## Hawkeys Take Advantage.

That lost the game. Omaha made a run in its half of the final inning, but no more followed, while Des Moines took advantage of two more of Risley's gift bases in the eighth and made each count a run. An error by Captain O'Leary was the only possible despite Risley's strenuous efforts to stop the avalanche by striking out two men and throwing another out at the plate.

Let it be said here that it was not exactly Risley's fault. The day was very cold, too much so for good work in the field, and the Mormon's lack of control can well be excused when it is remembered that all he has done so far this year was to throw two innings against the Originals last Saturday and part of a game against the Nebraska "varity boys" last week at Lincoln. It was not noted, too, that he struck out more men than anyone else, and he did very pretty work in the several critical places which his own wildness caused.

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## LOWTHER FORFEITS RIGHTS

Violates Rules of the Methodist Church and Loses Privilege of Appeal.

WICHITA, Kan., April 12.—Rev. Granville Lowther, who was convicted of heresy at the recent session of the Southwest Kansas conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, and who has announced his determination to appeal the case, cannot have that privilege, according to the statement of Rev. W. H. Rose, who was junior counsel for Rev. Mr. Lowther during the trial. Rev. Rose is now stationed at McPherson, where he is pastor of the church lately served by the deposed minister. He says: