

Trading with this store is a good habit. Now we are going to clean up the Black Dress Goods.

Ladies know our way of doing when clean-up time comes. It means marvelous values to you in this season's choicest black dress goods.

BLACK ZIBELINE NOVELTY—very stylish, silk, glossy ground, with a raised tuft or web of mohair scattered over the surface—regular \$15 quality—50 inches wide—clearing sale price, \$8 a yard.

BLACK LATTICE ETAMINE—extra heavy weight—very exclusive and natty—regular \$20 quality—clearing sale price, \$12 a yard.

BLACK ZIBELINE—all wool, handsome rich luster—clearing sale price, \$12 a yard.

BLACK MELROSE—very small seeded pattern—good weight, very stylish in appearance—clearing sale price, \$12 a yard.

BLACK ZIBELINE—extra fine value, handsome, glossy finish, 50 inches wide, regular \$15 quality—clearing sale, \$8 a yard.

BLACK SILK AND WOOL CREPE ETAMINE NOVELTY—most beautiful imported silk and wool dress fabric—nothing more stylish at any price—light in weight, good for any season of the year—not a large quantity, but fine value for those who get this fabric, regular \$25 and \$30 quality—clearing sale price, \$14 and \$19 a yard.

BLACK BASKET SUITING—good weight—\$11 a yard, 57 inches wide, regular \$15 quality—clearing sale price, \$7 a yard.

BLACK BASKET ETAMINE—woven with a double thread, handsome, medium weight, one of this season's most stylish weaves, regular \$10 quality—clearing sale price, \$6 a yard.

BLACK ALL WOOL WHIPCORD—one of the staple, substantial fabrics, medium weight, good the whole year round, will wear beautifully—during our clearing sale, \$6 a yard.

BLACK WORSTED NOVELTY—good weight, woven with a cheviot finish surface—clearing sale price, \$12 a yard.

—having a raised tufted knot worked to the surface in an invisible stripe effect, regular \$15 quality—our clearing sale price, \$8 a yard.

BLACK ZIBELINE—extra fine quality, the swell fabric of the season, handsome, long silk, glossy hair, good weight, just the material for a pretty jacket suit—nothing better at any price, 54 inches wide, regular \$10 a yard—our clearing sale price, \$6 a yard.

BLACK PARISIAN NOVELTIES—in handsome, swell, neat figures, regular \$20 quality—our clearing sale price, \$12 a yard.

NOTE—There will be a fine line to choose from for those who are here Monday, sharp, 8 a. m.

Special Sale in Flannel Department—We have decided to discontinue handling "Orwella" flannels. These are of an unbreakable kind and well known all over the world. It sells as a rule at \$1.00 per yard.

Our Annual January Special Sale of Wide Sheetings and Muslins—Ready-made sheets and pillow cases, commences Monday, January 11th at 8 o'clock.

We mean to sell you sheetings and muslins at prices that prevailed before the great advance in raw cotton. Do not fail to lay in your supply at the old prices.

THOMPSON, BELDEN & Co. Y. M. C. A. Building, Corner Sixteenth and Douglas Sts.

POURS OIL ON HOT STOVE

Serious Explosion Follows Child's Thoughtless Act. ONE KILLED AND THREE BADLY INJURED.

During Mother's Absence Lad Tries to Make Room Warmer and Pours Kerosene Upon Bright Coals.

NEWCASTLE, Pa., Jan. 9.—One child is dead, two others badly injured, as a result of a fire here this afternoon, resulting from an explosion of kerosene poured by children upon a coal stove.

MARY MARTINSKI, aged 3 years. The injured: Miss M. aged 5 years. Frank Martinski, aged 8 years. Joseph Martinski, father of the children. Three-month-old baby of Martinski.

The explosion occurred in a dwelling occupied by the Martinski and Janock families. Mrs. Martinski left the children to play in a room while she went across the street on an errand.

More Hope of Peace. (Continued from First Page.) The Pacific. One shipment of 3,000,000 pounds passed through this port a couple days ago for Japan.

Increase in Insurance Rates. NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Rates for insuring war risks on cargoes are generally higher and the insurance is harder to place, says a Times dispatch from London.

FINDS FAULT WITH JEROME. Chicago Mayor and Judge Take Exception to His Treatment of Prisoners.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Judge Edward E. Dunne delivered a broadside to the bench today in a scathing opinion reported to have been expressed by District Attorney Jerome of New York regarding the rough handling of "crooks."

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Call for State Meeting. Members of Missouri Republican Committee Endorse Roosevelt and Walbridge as Candidates.

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BRYAN LANDS AT NEW YORK

Intends to Publish His Impressions of Countries He Has Visited. NEBRASKAN SAYS CZAR IS CHARMING.

Expresses Himself Against Holding National Democratic Convention in New York and is Silent on Platform.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—The White Star steamer Celtic, on which William J. Bryan is a passenger, arrived today. The steamer was met at quarantine by a committee of prominent democrats, who have planned a reception to Mr. Bryan tonight at the Victoria hotel.

The reception committee was headed by former United States Senator Charles A. Towne, Melville G. Falliser, Justice Samuel Seabury and Henry George, Jr. Mr. Bryan said he never felt better. Asked what sort of a trip it had been, he said he believed it was a trip unique in winter transatlantic travel.

He declined to talk specifically for publication on the ground that he intended to write of his experiences and did not desire all the impressions he had gained to be laid before his own writings had achieved print.

He expressed himself as greatly shocked when informed of the great loss of life in the Iroquois theater fire. Asked about the great men he had visited, Mr. Bryan said he thought Mr. Balfour, England's premier, one of the most scholarly men he had ever met.

Tells of Notables. "I met President Loubet of France," Mr. Bryan said, "and found him very pleasant. President Dutschke of Switzerland is a very genial man, with German characteristics strongly marked.

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CHINA RATIFIES THE TREATY

Imperial Gives Approval to Agreement Opening Ports in Disputed Territory.

PEKING, Jan. 9.—The Chinese emperor has ratified the American and Japanese treaty of commerce with Japan.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—In view of Mr. Conger's last advice, the officials here were prepared for the news of its signature by the emperor. Besides they knew that certain extraneous influences adverse to the treaty had disappeared or at least had been kept out of the negotiations.

The next step in order is the exchange in ratifications of the treaty. Profiting by past experience in the delicate methods of oriental diplomacy Secretary Hay caused the American commissioners headed by Consul General Goodnow to allow a very liberal period for this part of the negotiations.

The treaty will be forwarded to the United States in its dispatch should be in Washington about six weeks hence. The exchange must take place in Washington between Secretary Hay and Sir Liang Cheng, the Chinese minister.

After that ceremony the treaty will be proclaimed by the president, and a date for its provisions to take effect. As these largely concern customs duties and affect shipping there may be some allowance of time on these points. Not the slightest difficulty is expected at the State department in putting into operation those sections of the treaty providing for the revision of the events of 1892.

FIGHTING MAYOR AT WORK. Chief Executive of Hanover Appears in Office After Duel with Governor.

BERLIN, Jan. 9.—Mayor Tramm of Hanover appeared in the Council house yesterday for the first time in two months and set forth the magistrature's attitude and served that he limped slightly, in consequence, as is widely published today, of a pistol shot in the leg received in a duel with Herr von Brandenstein, until recently governor of the province of Hanover.

Several versions of the affair are printed. One says that Tramm, seemingly reliable, avers that von Brandenstein believed the emperor had removed him from the governorship as a result of an intrigue of Herr Tramm. A certain countess, it is said, told the emperor that the governor was intemperate.

The reason Herr Tramm gave for his long period at home was that he had suffered from bronchial catarrh.

IN DREAD OF A MASSACRE. People at Sasoun Fear Vengeance of Armenians.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 9.—Advice from Erzerum says the people of Sasoun are in a state of semi-panic, fearing a repetition of the events of 1894. The local governor and other officials have fled. Tewfik Pasha, with several battalions of troops and six guns, has arrived at Mush, where the feeling of anxiety is intense.

Detachments of Kurdish cavalry have been stationed at all the villages along the Russian frontier to prevent the passage of Armenian bands.

SAIL UNDER SECRET ORDERS. British Cruiser Leaves Port Said for the East on Quiet Mission.

PORT SAID, Jan. 9.—H. M. S. Diana has sailed for the east under secret orders.

BOERS BACK TO THEIR HOMES. Last of the Irreconcilables Finally Take Oath and Sail for Natal.

BOMBAY, Jan. 9.—Nearly 500 Boers sailed for Durban, Natal, today. These are the last of the irreconcilables who were imprisoned by General Delarey to take the oath of allegiance.

REMOVING VENERATED TOMBS. ROME, Jan. 9.—Because of the threatening condition of the famous cathedral of Spoleto, portions of the walls of which fell in Tuesday last, the government has ordered the immediate removal of the tombs of Fathers Filippi, Lippi and Orsini.

STATUE CAUSES COMMENT

German Press Resents Failure of United States to Become Duty Grateful.

BERLIN, Jan. 9.—Prof. Uphus' statue of Frederick the Great presented by Emperor William to the United States has been ready to be shipped for some weeks past, but no intimation has come from Washington as to when the authorities there want it sent.

The newspapers in opposition to the government or unfriendly to the United States continue at intervals to comment on the "contemptuous disregard of his majesty's gift shown by the United States" and add insult to the injury by a conciliatory tone toward "the Yankees, who mistake German courtesy for weakness."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—No excitement has been aroused in official circles here by the attacks of the anti-American press in Germany regarding the statue of Frederick the Great. It is again pointed out that until the work of construction at the War college has progressed further it will be not only inexpedient but dangerous for the statue to be erected here.

It is to be located near the main building and the contractors will not be responsible for its safety while building is going on. A thorough understanding between the Washington and Berlin governments on the subject and the officials here emphatically refuse to be led into explanations.

RELEASE FOR MRS. MAYBRICK. She Will Be Set Free from Prison Some Time During the Present Year.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Referring to the statement published in the United States that final arrangements were made yesterday at a conference between Ambassador Choate and the home office for the release in April of Mrs. Florence Maybrick, the American woman under sentence of life imprisonment on the charge of poisoning her husband, it is pointed out that the status of the case is just as obscured to the Associated Press, March 23, 1903, when it was announced on the authority of the home office that she would be released in 1904.

The exact date of her release is not yet fixed. Baroness de Roque says that her daughter, Mrs. Maybrick, is decidedly in better health and gaining strength, now that she has the certainty of being released.

All the sensational newspaper accounts relative to the business interests and future fortune," added the baroness, "have not resulted in any profit to us. Quite the contrary."

POWER FOR ENTIRE COUNTRY. A noted authority claims that Niagara falls can furnish sufficient power to supply every industry on this continent and throughout the entire Western hemisphere besides.

Important Change of Time. Effective January 8, 1904, the Chicago Great Western railway time table in these columns for change.

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The Yale System MME. YALE has introduced a system of "Physical Culture" and "Scientific Hygiene," unequalled in our best schools and colleges.

Proof Positive MME. YALE's personal appearance is proof positive beyond questioning that her various discoveries have marvelous beautifying qualities.

Natural Beauty MME. YALE teaches the science of creating natural beauty. Her wonderful remedies cleanse, purify, strengthen and beautify.

NEWSPAPER COMMENT: (FROM NEW YORK WORLD) MME. YALE's peerless beauty is not confined to one feature or group of features, but extends to her every feature.

TICKETS FREE Tickets for MME. YALE's lecture are now ready for free distribution. They should be secured in advance.

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