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LONDON, Jan. 1 .- Battles of considerable proportions are taking place along the two long fronts in eastern and in vestern Europe.

The fighting in Flanders and northern France has been confined largely to artillery engagements, except near Bethune, where the Germans claim they have taken a British trench. They admit, however, the loss of St. Georges, near the Belgian coast, which the official report from Berlin says it was decided not attempt to retake, owing to the high

level of the water there. Germans Make Progress.

In the Argonne region, where the battle has been almost continuous for weeks, it has been the Germans' turn to make a little progress, as an offset to which, however, the French declare they have continued their advance in upper Alsace. On the whole, the situation seems virtually to have reached a position of stalement. Neither side has been able to make any great impression on their antagonists line, and both being very strongly entrenched, it is considered unlikely that either the Germans or allies will attempt another general offensive until superjority in numbers is retained by reinforcements.

Can't Cross Rivers. Much the same altuation preveils in northern Poland, where the Germans are reported to have found it impossible to across the Baura and Rawka rivers and have been equally unsuccessful in advancing along the Pilica river. They are said to be digging themselves in preparatory to remaining until the hardening of the ground by the frest makes the movement of troops less difficult.

The growth of the British army is

shown by an army order issued tonight constituting six armies of three corps each. Thus, several generals who commanded army corps at the beginning of the war now find themselves at the heads of armies.

Third of Palestine Could Be Bought Now If Coin Available

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 1.-One-third of Palestine could be bought now for re-storation as the home of the Jewish race if the funds were available, according to statement by Dr. Kaplan Kaplansky of The Hague, made here today before the annual convention of the Knights of Zion. Haretofore the chief argument of nents of Zionism has been that tine was unpurchasable.

In accordance with a rule established at the convention forbidding the mention of the bearing of the European war on the Zionist movement, Dr. Kaplansky was unable to state whether the war was responsible for the condition he men-

Dr. Kaplansky is general secretary of the Jewish national fund bureau. The fund now totals 5,000,000 franca, he said. three-fourths of which is invested in Palestinian farm lands. The total Jewish population of that country, he said, is about 120,000, though there is room for more than 3,000,000 people.

Fixes on Two Men for New Trade Board

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 .- President Wilson was undestood tonight to have decided tentatively on three members of the federal trade commission. The names are Joseph E. Davis, commissioner of corporations; Edward N. Hurley, president of the Illiniois Manufacturers' association, and George Foster Peabody, a New York banker. Two members remain

Americans Win in **British Prize Court**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 .- The decision of the British prize court in London in the case of the British steamship "Miramichi," loaded with wheat and shipped from America to German consignees, prior to the war, was announced here tonight by the British embassy. The court held that the wheat was still the property of the American claimants and ordered that they be paid for it.

FOUR AUSTRIAN MONITORS BOMBARD BELGRADE

LONDON, Jan. 1 .- A dispatch to Rester's Telegram company from Belgrads

Four Austrian monitors bombarded Belgrade on Thursday. Their fire did slight damage.

Reports received from Sofia, Bulgaria, of a serious clash between Servian and Bulgarian frontier guards are officially denied here. "The truth is," the official report mays, 'that Servian guards arrested a number of inhabitants of Baganwaws, who were raying to leave the country to avold military service. There were no casualties and there was no conflict with Bulgarian guards."

FRANCIS JOSEPH THANKS PRZEMYSL'S DEFENDERS

Landon, Jan. 1.—The following wireless dispatch was received here tenight:
"The following message of greeting has een sent by the Austrian emperor to hyst garrison.

"His royal apostolic majesty views with heartfelt gratitude the spirited alegiance of the carrison at Przemysl. In the splendid resistance of its defenders the emperor perceives the calm security with which the Przemysi fort will succonstully resist the enemy."

Gullty of Murder. BOULDER, Colo., Jan. 1.-Anthony Perry was found guilty of first degree murder and a sentence of life imprisonment recommended by a jury in the district court here today for the killing of Steven Kojuharutt, leader of the Bulcoring at the Heck mine at Louisville inst August during a personal quarrel.

Wool Hoods and

Fascinators

Women's and Children's Some are hand crocheted. They are worth to \$1.50 Clearing sale price, Saturday, 39c

Large California Violets -50 in a bunch. Special for

Saturday-19c Per Bunch

Branders Stores

Ultra-Fashionable

Coats. The fabrics

Fresh and Pure Sweets Our Delicious Fruit Roll Fresh Assorted Risse nills. Strawberry and choeolate; lb. Saturday, lb... 25c Special Boxes Filed With every Saturday. nilla. Strawberry 15c and chocolate; lb. 15c Maple Confections Fresh every Saturday. Maple Gems, Maple Balls, Maple Caramels and Maple Penochio, ib.. 20c Assorted Chocolates-One-lh. box. 10c

Coat Sale That Will Break All



by all women and misses who wi' be here to attend it as the most radical price reduction event of the season About 1,800 Women's and Misses' Coats at Less Than Half Price For Coats Worth Up Coats Worth Up To \$

To \$20.00

Choice of hundreds of fine coats in all choice materials and | Chinchillas, Broadcloths, Plaids,

\$25.00 For Fine Zibelines, Persianas.

Checks, etc. Coats Worth Up to \$30.00 Go

Compare the values offered in this sale to all others offered now or that you can remember ever having seen offered by any other store in Omaha and you will be easily convinced that this sensational sale of Coats next Saturday is your greatest

Children's Coats About 50c on the Dollar

About 450 Fine Coats for Girls and Juniors Fine Boucles, Plushes, Velvets, Chinchillas, Cheviots, Beavers, Mixtures, etc., etc. Two big lots for Saturday selling.

For Choice of Girls' and Juniors' Coats Worth Up to \$7.00

For Choice of Girls' and Juniors' Coats Worth Up to \$12.50



Women's and Children's Warm Underwear

Women's Part Wool Munsing | Union Suits—High neck, long sleeves, ankle length. White and natural. \$2.25 quality. Clearing sale price, per suit ... \$1.79 Women's Part Wool Vests and Boys' and Girls' Union Suits Match-In natural and white.

Worth to \$1 per gar-ment, Clearing sale. 39c

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Women's Union Sults—Fleecy lined cotton. High neck and long sleeves; Dutch neck and elbow sleeves; ankle lengths.

Patent taped seams and buttons, 50c quality. Clearing sale price. 39c



Four Styles of Nemo Corsets Are Being Discontinued

Two models for stout figures and two models for slendar figures. To close out our entire stock of these models we will reduce the price one-third and more Saturday.

\$5 Corsets Will Be Sold at \$3 \$3 Corsets Will Be Sold at \$2

Women's Newest Neckwear

The most popular styles will be marked down sharply for Saturday's selling. Vestees, of fine Swiss, lace trimmed and hand embroidered. Worth up to \$2,25-only a few left of each style—so we give you choice of the lot Saturday for

and effective styles, splendid assortment. Frill collars, rolling collars. Also Vestees with Cuffs. Very special for Saturday, your choice of 39c

estees Worth up to 75c—Pretty | Ladies' Collars and Collar and and effective styles, splendid | Cuff Sets—The season's best styles. Unusual values 19c
styles. Unusual values 19c
slightly Soiled Collars—That will
launder beautifully. Up 19c
to 50c values. Saturday.19c

Mussed Handkerchiefs

Laundering will make them perfect and the prices Saturday are one-third to one-half of what they are worth. Here is your oppor-tunity to stock up on fine handkerchiefs at next-to-nothing prices. Choice

Men's Plain Fine Sheer Linen French Handkerchiefs -With wide and narrow hems..... Women's Plain Linen Handkerchiefs Some em-broidered corners; colored and white initials and lace edges Men's All Pure Linen Handkerchiefs-With block

and eyelet embroidered initials

Women's All Idnen Handkerchiefs - With embroi-dered corners in colored and white; also corded borders with neat fultials Men's Plain Cotton Handkerchiefs -- Narrow hems Women's and Children's Handkeechiefs-With colored and white initials; also lace and embroidered corners. Worth up to 10c each,

Choice 21/2c

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Will Begin Monday,

The Greatest of All

January 4th, and will continue for the entire month, with Specials every day

As in years past, it will be the supreme value giving event. No other sale of its kind anywhere else will afford you such immense stocks, so great a variety, nor values to compare. We have prepared better than ever. See Sunday's papers for specials for the first day.

Beautiful Blouses

Marked Down For Quick Clearance

Flannel and Middy Blouses

Women's and misses' sizes. A big lot to be cleared out at money-saving prices. Very special for Saturday. \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$2.50

Women's Dress Shoes

About 500 pairs in all. They are the small lots and broken sizes of many styles of our most popular footwear. Dull kid or dull calfwith patent colt, cloth or kid tops. Button styles, new and up-to-date in every way; most of them are the celebrated "Carlisle" Shoes. All sizes in the lot, to be cleared out Saturday in our \$2.85 Choice, per pair....

Women's Dancing Slippers

Worth up to \$3.00 per pair. None worth less than \$2.50. About 200 pairs in the lot. Fine slippers with chiffon pompoms. Clearing Sale Price Saturday, pair

Men's Shoes

One big lot of fine shoes in dult calf and tan calf. They are regular \$3.50 and \$4.00 shoes. clearing sale, pair. \$2.85

Infants' Shoes

And Fine Shoes for Children —In patent or dull leathers with cioth or kid tops. They are worth up to \$2 a pair, Clearing sale 98c price, Saturday, pair... 98c

Hosiery Bargains

The biggest bargain of all is One Lot of Women's Pure Silk Hose, in black and a few colors. Some are all silk to the top and others have wide garter tops.

They are worth \$1.00 and \$1.25 per pair. We will have them on sale Saturday on bargain square

At 69c Per Pair

and colors. Linan heels and 90 toes, 15c values; special....

Fine Leather Bags

Two Big Special Lots-Values Choice Saturday at . \$2.98

This includes many of our very finest bags, in all the newest and most desirable shapes; very finest of real leathers; some silk lined, some leather lined. Some have four and five vanity

Bags Worth up to \$3.00 for \$1.00

These are exceptional values and include a great many regular \$3.00 bags; also a lot of new bags worth \$2.00. Every style imaginable and really wonderful values at

Choice of All Our \$10 \$5.00 | Choice of All Our \$5 \$2.50 | Choice of All Our \$8 \$3.98 | Choice of All Our \$4 \$1.98

Drugs and Toilet Goods

Peroxide of Hydrogen—1-ib, bottle, very special Saturday for 16e Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets—50c size box, special Saturday 20c Listerine—\$1.00 size bottle, very special for Saturday for 18c Fletcher's Castoria—35c size bottle, very special Saturday for 18c Cream Marquis—Regular 25c size jar, special Saturday for 18c Jergen's Bonzoin Almund Lotion—25c size, special Saturday 14c Habcock's Corylopsis Talcum—Very special Saturday, per can 10c Madam Yale's Enamel—\$1.50 size, special Saturday, per can 10c Melorose, Face Powd's—50c size box, very special Saturday at 20c 4711 White Rose Giverine Scap—Special Saturday, per cake 12c White Ivory Nail Files—Clearing sale price Saturday, per set. 12c Child's Manicure Sois—Clearing sale price Saturday, per set. 18c Locust Blossom Toilet Water—50c size, special Saturday for 31c 2-Quart Hot Water Bottle—Clearing sale price Saturday for 31c 2-Quart Hot Water Bottle—Clearing sale price Saturday for 31c Ever-Ready Safety Razor—With blades; special Saturday for 31c Peroxide Scap—Very special for Saturday only; 10c cake for . 5c Williams' Shaving Scap—Clearing sale price Saturday, cake . . . 2c

Will Remove Curtains

After Saturday night from the Basement to the 3d Floor and we want to clear out all small lots before moving 1,000 Full-Size Esce Curtains— That were \$1,00 per pair. 250

That were \$1,00 per pair. 250 Choice Saturday, each...
One Gees (about 40 pieces) Require Comfort Satesh—Special Comfort Satesh—Special Returday, per yard. 100 cial Raturday, per yard. 100 two Lace Curtains—Up to two 150 yds. long, Saturday, each. 150 Choice of all Our Filet and Bungalow Sots—Regularly up to 590 is a yard. Saturday at..... 590 yard; Saturday at..... 121/20

O Very special Saturday at.

All Our Regular SPc and 45c Ore-tonnes-Special Saturday, 250 All the One and Two-Pab Lots of Lace Curtains — Including Duchess, Irish Point, Sorim, Quaker, Cluny, Duc, Cable Nets and Novelty Curtains; on sale Saturday

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