

FRENCH CLAIM SHOULD BE FIRST, ASSERTS RIBOT

French Leader Thinks Losses and Sacrifices of Nation Call for Special Consideration.

Paris, Jan. 1.—Former Premier and Minister of Finance Alexandre Ribot said to the Associated Press yesterday that the financial situation of all the nations associated against the Germanic coalition must at the end of their effort be adjusted with due regard for the efforts and sacrifices made by each, taking into account their respective resources and their ability to pay. He declared that in the accounting, sacrifices and losses of man power must figure along with outlays in money and damages sustained.

Germany and its associates in the war, said M. Ribot, must pay, according to their own war debts, in addition to the expenditures of the entente coalition over and above the damage they have caused to the invaded countries.

In view of the fact that France was the principal battlefield and furnished by far the greatest effort and sustained the greatest losses in proportion to its population, M. Ribot holds that it should have priority in the claims upon Germany for indemnity.

"That indemnity," he added, "must be considerable. But it ought not to be so big as to place the German people in a sort of servitude for a prolonged period. That would eventually engender further strife, which is precisely what the peace congress will aim to make unnecessary and impossible."

Thompson-Belden & Co

Established 1886
The Fashion Center for Women

The January Sale this year assumes unusual importance for the market has not as yet reached its peak and all the merchandise offered is going higher every month. It's the best of wisdom to buy now . .

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

The savings are as great as they appear for all reductions are genuine

Thursday Morning Sees the Beginning of Our Most Important Linen Sale

A sale that has always been an event of particular importance to every conscientious housewife of Omaha and vicinity. The sale this January will be more than usually important owing to the peculiar conditions that have existed in the linen business during the past four years.

Linens today, from the standpoint of the manufacturer, the wholesaler and the retailer, are exceedingly scarce, and present prices on the small available supply are quite impossible.

So you, like ourselves, can fully appreciate the fifteen cases of beautiful Scotch and Irish linens that have been brought forward for this sale. We have had them stored in the bonded warehouse, here in Omaha, for three years.

These conditions were made possible because of our long standing friendship with the best linen manufacturers in both Scotland and Ireland, together with the foresight displayed by our linen buyer, who appreciated the coming difficulties due to the war, and prepared in advance.

All of the Linens we have in stock were purchased under the same favorable conditions at very advantageous prices.

During this January Sale all will undergo substantial price reductions and it is our advice to every housewife to replenish her linen chest while such an opportunity is possible.

\$13.50 Wool Blankets \$9.98 a pair

The best of reasons for this remarkably low price.

Bought nearly a year ago for Fall delivery, they have but just been received, too late for regular business. So they will go into the January sale at a tremendous saving. They were purchased at prices far below today's, and the reduction offers a still further saving.

One hundred pairs of these fine wool blankets in pink, blue, tan and gray plaids, size 66x80. Bought to sell for \$13.50, Thursday, \$9.98 a pair.

In the Basement

BASEMENT BARGAINS

Cotton petticoats that have sold up to \$1.50, Thursday, 98c.

Flannelette dressing sacques that are worth to \$1.25, Thursday, 59c.

Children's dresses that have been selling up to \$3.50, Thursday, \$1.95.

In the Basement.

THE MEN'S SHOP Offers Savings

\$2 Shirts for \$1.65. Any from our entire stock. Either soft or stiff cuff styles. Arrow and Eagle makes.

75c Neckwear, 65c. A large shape made with slip easy band. A splendid selection of patterns and colors.

19c for Linen Handkerchiefs. A fine linen handkerchief at this price is quite an oddity these days, but it's here, nevertheless. By the dozen they are \$2.25.

To the left as you enter

Clearance of Fine Apparel

The Thirty-second Event of Its Kind.

WOMEN who patronize this sale are those who appreciate fine wearing apparel at any time, but more particularly so when the prices have been lowered to the point these have reached during the January Clearance.

Pleasing and Genuine Reductions

On Our Entire Stock of Winter Coats, Suits, Dresses, Furs and Blouses

No Reservations---The Whole Stock is Included

Every Garment Carries Its Original Price Ticket

THE REDUCTIONS ARE FROM 1/4 TO 1/2 Averaging a Saving of One-Third

A CHARGE FOR ALTERATIONS--ALL SALES FINAL

Warm Coats For Little Folks Reduced

Along with the first cold weather of the season, just when the little people will surely need warm coats for protection and comfort, we announce reduced prices on our whole stock.

Exceptionally desirable coats at their old prices, also very attractive ones. Now at their new and lower prices, mothers will eagerly purchase them. Sizes from two to twelve years. A few of the prices are mentioned.

\$11.50 Coats for . . \$ 8.50
\$13.50, \$15.50 Coats \$9.75
\$16.50 Coats for . . \$11.25
\$18.75 Coats for . . \$12.50
\$19.50 Coats for . . \$13.25
\$32.50 Coats for . . \$22.50

The best of materials and styles.

Children's Wear Third Floor

Wonderful Millinery Sale

Our entire collection of velvet hats and satin and fur combinations will be disposed of Thursday for

Only \$3.75



The velvet hats are beautifully trimmed with smart ostrich and flowers. The satin hats have lovely fur trimmings, bows of ribbon, flowers and other attractive ornaments. They all go for

\$3.75

Clearance of Shoes

Regularly Sold Up to \$13 Thursday \$8.85 pair

An opportunity seldom offered to select most any style of a dress shoe at a substantial saving in price.

Leathers of black kid, patent leather, dark and light gray kid and brown kid. All are lace models of the most desirable sort that have sold all season up to \$13 a pair.



Thursday \$8.85 a pair

All Sales Final.

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LAMOND'S JANUARY 1/2 PRICE CLEARANCE SALE BEGINS THURSDAY JANUARY 2nd at 9 A. M.

SUITS—We never offered such splendid selection of novelty styles in January and they're just 1/2 price.

Stylish Stout Suits up to sizes 48 1/2, at 1/2 price.

COATS — Cloth Coats — Plush Coats, fur trimmed and plain Tailored Coats, 1/2 Price.

DRESSES — Silk dresses, serge dresses, jersey dresses, velvets, satins and georgettes, "1/4 off."

SKIRTS AND BLOUSES — Entire stock of silk or cloth skirts, 1/4 off.

Entire stock of fancy blouses, 1/4 off.

20% Discount on anything not otherwise quoted.

LAMOND'S Smart Wear for Women Second Floor Securities Bldg.

Table Cloths

- \$ 7.50 Table Cloths for \$ 5.89
- \$10.00 Table Cloths for \$ 6.89
- \$12.00 Table Cloths for \$ 8.89
- \$15.00 Table Cloths for \$10.00
- \$17.50 Table Cloths for \$13.89
- \$20.00 Table Cloths for \$15.00
- \$25.00 Table Cloths for \$20.00
- \$30.00 Table Cloths for \$25.00

Napkins

- \$ 5.00 Napkins, \$ 4.00 a dozen
- \$10.00 Napkins, \$ 6.89 a dozen
- \$10.75 Napkins, \$ 7.89 a dozen
- \$15.00 Napkins, \$10.89 a dozen
- \$17.50 Napkins, \$13.50 a dozen
- \$20.00 Napkins, \$15.89 a dozen
- \$25.00 Napkins, \$18.89 a dozen
- \$30.00 Napkins, \$25.00 a dozen

OUR TABLE CLOTHS AND NAPKINS ARE ALL PURE LINEN. WE HAVE NO MERCERIZED OR COTTON TABLE CLOTHS AND NAPKINS IN STOCK.

Huck Towels

- 25c Huck Towels for 20c.
- 39c Huck Towels for 25c.
- 50c Huck Towels for 35c.
- 65c Huck Towels for 50c.
- \$1.50 Huck Towels for \$1.00
- 1.75 Huck Towels for 1.25
- 2.00 Huck Towels for 1.50
- 2.50 Huck Towels for 1.75

Turkish Towels

- 39c Turkish Towels 25c.
- 50c Turkish Towels 35c.
- 75c Turkish Towels 59c.
- \$1.00 Turkish Towels 75c.
- \$1.25 Turkish Towels \$1.00.

TABLE CLOTHS Extra Special

- \$8.00 Table Cloths for \$5.38.
- \$10.00 Table Cloths (extra heavy) \$6.75.

NAPKINS Extra Special

- \$7.50 Napkins (extra heavy) for \$5.38 doz.
- \$10.00 Napkins (extra heavy) for \$7.50 doz.

FANCY LINENS GREATLY REDUCED

In Many Instances to Half Regular Prices

Cluny lace and Madeira doilies, centerpieces, scarfs, luncheon cloths and table cloths. Also Madeira napkins, Mosaic napkins and luncheon sets of Madeira hand embroidery.

Hemstitched Cloths and Napkins

- \$ 7.50 H. S. Cloths, size 54x54, for \$5.00
- \$10.00 H. S. Cloths, size 70x70, for \$7.50
- \$12.00 H. S. Cloths, size 70x88, for \$9.00
- \$12.00 H. S. Cloths, size 72x72, for \$8.50

Extra Heavy Double Satin Damask

\$5.00 Damask, 72 inches wide, \$3.50 yard.

Crash Toweling

- Extra Heavy Scotch and Irish All Linen Crash Toweling.
- 40c Crash, 30c a yard.
- 50c Crash, 40c a yard.
- 55c Crash, 45c a yard.
- 60c Crash, 50c a yard.
- 75c Crash, 60c a yard.

UNBLEACHED CRASH

Extra Heavy All Linen Unbleached Crash Toweling. 50c Unbleached Linen Crash for 39c yard.

GLASS TOWELING

Blue and Red Checked Glass Toweling 35c All Linen Checked Glass Toweling, 25c yard. 75c All Linen Checked Glass Toweling, 60c yard.

WASH CLOTHS

- Turkish Wash Cloths
- 500 dozen 10c Heavy Turkish Wash Cloths, ea. 7c
- 200 dozen 20c Heavy Turkish Wash Cloths, 15c

Splendid Savings on the Best Silks and Woolens

Can you well afford to miss this timely opportunity to purchase silks and woolen dress goods of Thompson-Belden quality and style, when their regular moderate prices have been lowered so decidedly? We think not—if you give the matter careful consideration.

Haskell's Famous Black Silks for Less

These are considered the best of all black silks and at their lower prices are worth purchasing for both present and future requirements. We have had the exclusive sale of Haskell's Silks for more than thirty years and know from experience that they are definitely superior.

A Silk for Every Purpose at a Saving of From 20% to 25% From Old Prices.

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Silk Crepe de chine, an extra weight in desirable shades of ivory, pink, flesh and peach, suitable for lingerie. Also street shades.

A \$2.25 fabric, 40 inches wide, January price, \$1.69

Belding's Guaranteed Chiffon Taffeta. A material that is to be in high favor for the Spring season. A complete selection of newest colors in our Regular \$2.50 Chiffon Taffeta, Thursday, \$1.98 a yard.

\$2 Pure Dye Chiffon Taffeta in a splendid assortment of colors (36-inch) \$1.69 a yard.

Nancette, a new Belding Silk, a Surrah weave, soft and clinging, but excellent for wear. In colors and blacks. Regularly \$3, the January Price, \$2.39 yard.

Belding's Striped Novelties in evening shades. A self-tone combination that is choice for party frocks and dancing gowns. \$2.50 quality (36 inches wide) \$1.98 a yard.

Extra weight silk shirtings in choice patterns and colors, \$2 qualities, \$1.69 yd.

Savings on the Best of Woolen Fabrics

French Serges and Poplins. Two of the most desirable all wool dress fabrics (40 and 42-inch) in a good range of colors, \$1.89 a yard.

All Wool Navy Serge (54-inch) \$1.98 a yard.

Gunni Burl, an all wool material, in the correct weight for suits and coats. 54-inch. Regularly \$4. Thursday, \$2.49 a yard. Plaid Wool Skirtings (54-inch) \$3.50 quality. January price, \$2 a yard.

A collection of fancy stripes and plaids that sell regularly for \$2.25 and \$2.50, Thursday, \$1.69 a yard. Satin Liberty, a favorite material for general wear, shown in a great variety of street shades. A \$2.50 quality for \$1.79 a yard.

Choice Coatings at Decided Reductions. Such desirable weaves as Burella, Velour, Silvertone (54 inches wide) sold all season up to \$7.50 a yard. Your choice Thursday, \$4.49 a yard.

Ottoman Suiting, an ideal fabric for tailored suits. Sold for \$3.50. In this Sale, \$2.29 a yard. \$3.50 Costume Velvets for only \$2.29 a Yard. 36 inches wide. Complete color assortment.