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A grand stock of New and Stylish Footwear, priced so as to make them move out at double quick time. A 20th Century Sale for prudent buyers.

At \$1.49

Women's Dongola Kid and Box Calf Boots, button and lace, regular \$2 boot.

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Women's White Kid Slippers were \$1.75, now \$1.24.
Fancy Slippers, plain and beaded, and patent leather, were \$2.50 and \$3, now \$1.49.
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American made boots, specially fine, vici kid, were \$3.75, now \$3.

\$2.50

Men's Lace Boots, Goodyear welted, box calf, willow calf and Dongola Kid, regular price \$3.50, now \$2.50.
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Save money by spending it here.

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CAPTURING DEWET'S GUNS.

Graphic Story of Le Gallais' Splendid Work.

HIS LAST WORDS.

Tell My Mother I Died Happy.

London, Dec. 31.—Reuter's representative at Kronstad, writing on November 18, states that on the last day of October it became known that Dewet was somewhere in the neighborhood of Kronstad. Immediately Major-General Charles Knox despatched three columns from different points, all converging towards Rheebokfontein, where Dewet was reported to be encamped some fifty miles almost due east of Rhenoster Station. Le Gallais' force started from Honig Spruit. De Lisle, with the colonial division, marched from Koppies, the first station north of Rhenoster, but the colonials after marching some miles with the column, diverged off towards the north, so as to make a wider turning movement and cut off Dewet should he attempt to retreat to the Vaal. Le Gallais, by marching all the night of the 2nd inst., in pouring rain and over heavy country, was the first to approach the Boer General's hiding place but the bird had flown, and all that was left of DeWet was the litter of his camp. Le Gallais continued the chase hot-foot. At midday on the 8th the pursuing force reaching Dorabuit, while Knox remained at Grootkroon, ten miles off. Le Gallais' force proceeded to camp, but he himself with 200 men and two guns of U. Battery moved forward to reconnoitre Bothaville and engaged the enemy for two hours, when night put an end to the fighting. At 4.30 a.m. on the morning of the 9th Le Gallais' little force moved off in its indefatigable chase. The country to our front was open and undulating, and there were no kopjes to afford a hiding place to the enemy. The 5th Mounted Infantry, under Major Lean, moved rapidly forward, taking every precaution against accidents.

A PICKET SURPRISED.

Suddenly they came upon a small picket of the enemy lying fast asleep. Around them, their horses, firmly knee-haltered, were peacefully grazing. In a moment they were awakened, and, after robbing their eyes, found themselves prisoners. The importance of this capture was not lost on Major Lean, for, with the command of "gallop!" his little force rode straight forward towards the next rise. What they saw from it was sufficient to delight the heart of any man. The enemy's laager lay within 300 yards of him, and beneath him guns, wagons and horses, all contained in a small space of a few hundred yards square. Immediately despatching a messenger with the news, Major Lean dismounted his men, and fired volley after volley into the thick of them. Then arose such a panic as, perhaps, the Boers had never before experienced. Steyn and Dewet fled inconspicuously in a Cape cart. Those burghers who had horses at hand leaped on their backs and galloped away, leaving everything—guns, ammunition and wagons. Only those who could not get their horses remained and fought with the courage of despairing men. The Boers clambered in on an enclosure and held it stubbornly, as well as a stone wall that projected some way to the left. They also manned the banks of two dikes and occupied a white house. There was a small pigsty situated only twenty yards from our position. Two men remained in it and caused no considerable annoyance. Once under the different sorts of cover, the Boers opened a heavy, well-sustained fire.

Up to the present we only had 60 men, which was all that Lean had with him. The Boers numbered fully 200, but the unequal fight was kept up with vigor by our men. In the centre ten men of the Oxford Light Infantry (Mounted Infantry) held a farmhouse. Le Gallais and his men, hearing the firing, galloped forward to see how things were going. They reached the farmhouse and, leaving their horses outside, entered the building, where a good view of the position could be obtained. Le Gallais perceived that about 800 Boers, who had fled at the first volley, had formed up and were working round both our flanks.

HIS LAST ORDER.

Le Gallais thereupon ordered Major Huckle, his staff officer, to ride back to the headquarters and order Major Welsh, who was in charge of the baggage escort, to pack his baggage between two kopjes and send every man available to the left flank. This order was promptly obeyed. Major Huckle rode back to the farmhouse and was greeted by a hail of bullets, five of which hit his horse and killed it. He, however, was lucky unhurt, and immediately entered the house. It was a terrible sight that met his eyes. Gallant Le Gallais lay mortally wounded. Ross, in another room, was stretched on the floor with his jaw and a portion of his throat shot away. Captain Williams lay dead, and Lieut. Percy Smith, of the Middlesex Regiment, wounded, together with four men. Outside the house four dead horses resulted to the terrible nature of the Boer fire. It had become a perfect charnel-house, for it was a splendid mark for the Boers. The front window, which overlooked the Boer position, was an inferno of whistling, shrieking

bullets, splattering the walls and breaking the woodwork and glass. Ross, it appeared, had gone straight to this window to see what was the position of affairs. The door of the room was exactly opposite the window, and unfortunately it had been left open, so that the enemy could see right through the house. When Ross was hit four men picked him up and carried him out, showing up clear against the light of the back doorway. The enemy, although they saw that it was only a wounded man being carried away, opened a terrible fire; but the brave four continued to carry their beloved commander down the passage, when suddenly Le Gallais appeared from another room to see what was the matter, and was immediately hit. The bullet entered his left breast, traversed his body and came out on his left side. He sank to the ground with a groan, and was quickly put under cover. He was conscious all the time, and never seemed to think about his wound, but kept asking questions about the progress of the fight.

AN OVERWHELMING FIRE

For five hours these gallant men, forming our front, held their ground against an overwhelming fire. Man after man was shot—killed or wounded—but the others continued firing calmly and steadily. The wounded men in several cases called the magazines for their comrades still fighting, and handed up the full rifles to them. It wanted courage of a very high order to hold the position. Not only were 200 Boers firing with terrible rapidity at short range, but 800 were threatening to cut them off. But our men, with building tenacity, would not yield, and never flinched. As one of the men said afterwards, "We could see their guns, and we wasn't going to lose them." And so the fight went on in front—the courage of despair on one side, and on the other that dogged, bulldog courage which has brought us out of so many a difficulty. On our right flank the Boers made an attempt to get in, but two companies of Yeomanry under Capt. Coates and Lieut. Bolton, faced them steadily, and drove them off in some confusion. After that our right flank was never seriously threatened, the enemy evidently having no wish to face upon more the gallant Yeomen. On the left flank, however, things were otherwise. Here the Boers were in greater numbers, and seemed determined to do their very utmost to save the guns. A gun of U Battery was posted to shell the advancing Boers.

FINE DEED OF DARING.

And now took place one of the finest deeds of daring of a day full of gallant action. The Boers crept up towards the gun, and actually got to within fifty yards. The sights had been shot away, and every man of the detachment was either killed or wounded. But they served the gun to the last man. The Boers imagined that it was in their power, but there was a great disappointment in store for them. Lieut. White and six men of the Suffolk Mounted Infantry—all of them heroes—seeing the situation, rushed forward and poured a withering fire on the enemy at close range, driving them helter-skelter back, and saving the gun. They then lay down, and continued until the arrival of reinforcements to keep the enemy at bay. The arrival of Major Walsh, with the 7th Mounted Infantry and the Buffs, was most welcome. Gradually they drove the Boers back until they got opposite the Boer laager, and were in a position to enfilade them. Quickly a pom-pom was unlimbered, and shell after shell was accurately placed along the sides of the dam and the laager held by the enemy. It was a timely arrival, which considerably relieved our front, and showed the Boers the hopelessness of their position. The two companies of the Yeomanry also pushed forward on our right, and soon we held three sides of a square, in the middle of which was the Boer laager.

"GIVE THE PIGSTY A SHELL."

And now it was felt that the day was won, though the Boers held out with dogged courage. But our men had passed the word from wall to wall that Knox and De Lisle were close behind. Another gun of U Battery was brought up between the Buffs and the Worcesters. "Give the pigsty a shell," shouted the Buffs as soon as the gun came up, and in obedience to the request a shell was fired at sixty yards' range into the pigsty, where the two snipers had been sniping all the while day long. They never fired another shot. Shell after shell was fired at the dam, and the walled enclosures. The walls were too strong to be knocked over, but we covered the defenders with splinters of stone and shell. Away on our left front the white house was garrisoned by four Boers, who kept up a galling fire. A well-directed shell burst in it and killed the four snipers. Afterwards it was found that a woman and two children were in the house, but, marvellous to relate, although the four men were mangled and blown to bits, not one of the three non-combatants was touched. It was when emerging from this house that the Boer doctor met a full charge of case, and fell ridden with bullets. He wore his Red Cross and carried a rifle, while his bandolier was half full of cartridges and the barrel of his rifle was black with powder.

THE WHITE FLAG.

And now De Lisle and his men were up, and were clearing our front flanks rapidly. Gradually it became apparent to the Boers that their position was absolutely untenable, and at last, at 10.30, the white flag was hoisted, and all round the encircling force there rang out a cheer of triumph. But our men would not leave their cover. "Lay down your arms and come out," they shouted, and immediately the walls became black with clambering Boers, who sullenly walked

up to our men. The pig-stye gave signs of life, for suddenly a large galvanized iron covering was raised, and from under it emerged a Boer. His companions had been wounded, and he had thought discretion the better part of valor, and had refrained from sniping. Our men greeted this peculiar appearance with a roar of laughter. Another cheer went up, and the work of taking over the prisoners and guns proceeded. The result of the day's work was seven guns—one 15-pounder belonging to the 14th Battery, captured at Colenso; one 12-pounder belonging to Q Battery, taken at Sanna's Post; three Krupp 75 m.m., one pom-pom, one 37-m.m. quick-firer, thirteen wagons, containing immense quantities of gun and small-arm ammunition, and a large amount of black powder and dynamite, beside all the Boer supplies. But the victory was deadly purchased.

Le Gallais lay dead, mourned sincerely by his men. His dash had won the victory, and everybody felt that it was bitter that he should not have lived to enjoy its fruits. If anything can console a mother for the loss of such a gallant son, it is the last words he uttered feebly to his staff officer, Major Huckle, "If I die, tell my mother that I died happy, as we got the guns."

The worries of a weak and sick mother are only begun with the birth of her child. By day her work is constantly interrupted and at night her rest is broken by the wailing of the peevish, puny infant. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription makes weak women strong and sick women well. It lightens all the burdens of maternity, giving to mothers strength and vigor, which they impart to their children. In over thirty years of practice Dr. Pierce and his associate staff of nearly a score of physicians have treated and cured more than half a million suffering women. Sick women are invited to consult Dr. Pierce by letter free of charge. All correspondence is strictly private. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y.

HAD THE LAST WORD.

The Secret of One Old Lady's Visit to Another.

One of these old ladies lives on Woodward avenue and the other on Jefferson, and the latter is much more than an average share of this world's goods. Mrs. Woodward is being visited by a granddaughter, whom she called into the sitting room while the rest of the family were away, saying to her after the old-fashioned manner:

"Call up Mrs. Jefferson, present her with my compliments and say that I would esteem it a great favor if she would send her carriage for me. I want the pleasure of a short call upon her."

The protest against grandma's venturing out, for she has been a semi-invalid for several years, met with a wave of the hand and a "please do as I bid you."

The carriage came, grandma was safely placed inside, and in less than two hours she again occupied her easy chair.

"There," with a sigh and a nod, "that is done. It has worried me every day and almost every night for 50 years. Think of it being that long since we quarreled. We have spoken for the first time in all that period."

"Very funny that you should apply to the enemy for transportation and get it, grandma. In these days we would call that 'nervy.'"

"It was this way, dearie," disregarding the interruption. "We both received the attentions of the same young man. He carried her. I wished her first one of the engagement. I wished her joy, but added that I would never marry if I had to throw myself right at the head of a man. She sneered that I was jealous and said we had better meet as strangers thereafter. I started to reply, and we were interrupted."

"Oh, grandma, I'm so glad that you went down to make your peace?"

"Make my peace, indeed? I went to have that last word I felt cheated out of and tell her that I had jilted him twice before he ever turned to her for consolation. I did it, we did some tea, and she sent me home again. My, but she'll give her husband a bad half hour!"

Weak, nervous women.

Could we read the hearts of women what a vast amount of suffering would be exposed. Female weakness has produced more invalids among women than any other cause. Have you any of the following symptoms? Nervousness, Weakness, Backache, Headache, "All-Gone" Feeling, Hot Flushes, Variable Appetite, Restlessness, No Ambition, Easy Excited, Painful Periods, Bearing-down Pains, Leucorrhoea, Pimples on the Face, Pains in the Loins, Eyes Sunk, No Vital Energy, etc. We Can Cure You. It matters not who has treated and failed in curing you. Consultation by Mail is Absolutely Free, and if curable we will tell you so. Don't let surgeons operate on you. We can cure you without cutting. Our New Method treatment is mild and pleasant. Family doctors have treated you for years, yet you are not cured—they only help you from time to time. Let us cure you at your own home by our New Method Treatment. Hundreds are being cured. Why not you? We will mail you our Symptom Blank simply for the asking, and we will tell you free of charge what we think of your case. Remember, your letters are kept strictly private, and confidential and are answered in plain sealed envelope. Write at once, enclosing stamp for reply. Address Dr. W. H. Saunders & Co., Sta. C, Chicago, Ill. Mention this paper.

D.C. 21, 1900, dawley.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

First Meeting of the Century Was a Windy One.

BUT CONSIDERABLE BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED.

Report of the Sewerage Committee Unanimously Adopted.

WHISKEY AND KEROSENE OIL THE PRINCIPAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION.

The regular monthly meeting of the Fredericton City Council was held last evening, Mayor Backwith in the chair. The aldermen present were Messrs. Farrell, Clarke, McKay, Ryan, Maxwell, Moore, Smith, Merrithew and Vanwart.

The minutes of the last regular monthly meeting were read and approved.

The auditors report was read and adopted and checks were ordered to be issued. The expenditure for the month was as follows:

Roads and streets	\$192.23
Patrol works	115.81
Wharves	42.87
Fire department	46.73
City hall	72.95
Ad of Justice	43.82
Contingencies	23.04
Markets	2.70
Alms house	77.87
Sewerage and water	213.98

The monthly salaries of the policemen, junior of the city hall, engineers of the pumping station, tax collector and caretaker of the burial ground, were ordered to be paid.

The monthly report of the alms house committee showed expenditures for the month as follows: Alms house proper, \$215.78; contingencies, \$52.24; outdoor relief, \$26.00, leaving a balance in the hands of the commissioner of \$51.00. The report was adopted and a check for \$200 was issued in favor of the commissioner.

TAX COLLECTIONS.

Ald. Smith submitted the monthly report of the city treasurer on tax collections, which was as follows:

Assessment for 1899	\$52,000 00
Taxes collected in Dec. 1899 for 1899	689 63
Taxes collected in Dec. 1899 for 1899	1,670 60
Am't collected for 1899 to date	48,415 25
Balance which can be collected	1,900 00
Am't considered incollectable	1,684 79
Total assessment for 1900	53,500 00
Taxes collected in Dec. 1900 for 1899	592 52
Taxes collected in Dec. 1900 for 1900	1,752 55
Am't collected for 1900 to date	37,143 92
Balance of 1900 taxes outstanding	16,356 08

The printing committee recommended that the contract for city printing for the ensuing year be awarded to H. A. Cropley and that the tender of the Herald Publishing Co., for advertising be accepted.

On the motion to adopt the report Ald McKay stated that he had been informed by Mr. Lipsitt that his tender for advertising was lower than that of the Herald Pub. Co., and he (Lipsitt) wanted to know why his had not been accepted. Ald Clarke stated that it was the offer of the Herald Co., only exceeded the other by half a cent on one item, and had been accepted because a daily paper was deemed to be the most satisfactory for city advertising.

Ald Farrell said that no doubt that Mr. Lipsitt felt himself aggrieved as he had been asked to submit a tender. The council had carefully considered the matter in committee and had arrived at the conclusion that the difference in the tenders was not sufficient to warrant them in passing over a daily paper for a weekly, in view of the fact that considerable of the advertising now had to be published in daily papers at the regular price.

On motion of Ald Clarke, the report was adopted.

(Continued on the inside.)

Valuable Advice to Rheumatics.

Eat meat sparingly, also very little sugar avoid damp feet, drink water abundantly, and always rely on Nervine as an absolute reliever of pain. Five times stronger than any other, its power over pain is simply beyond belief. Get a bottle at your druggists, test it and see if it is not so. Medicine dealers sell it everywhere.

Union Blend Teas are pure teas, good teas, uniform in quality and moderate in price. They suit every pocket and every palate. 25, 30, 35, and 40 cents a pound and a chance in the December cash distribution for every purchaser.

The Only Real Cure For Catarrh.

Royan, Que.—"I have tried a great many remedies for Catarrh, but none of them ever helped me. In my opinion Catarrh is the only real cure for Catarrh." F. G. Fadden.

Minden, Ont.—"I am delighted with the results from the use of Catarrh. I think it is the best remedy in the world for Catarrh." Thomas Cox.

Watches Given Away.

Lucy & Co. have imported a quantity of American watches which they intend distributing free among their customers during the remainder of the holidays. The purchaser of every suit of clothes, Overcoat, Reefer, Jacket or Water Proof Coat, will receive one of these watches free of any charge whatsoever. They are stem winders and warranted to be good timekeepers. Should any of these watches prove defective they will exchange it for one in good order. Cash must in all cases be paid to entitle purchasers to a watch. The sale opens this evening. Their semi-annual cheap sale is now on and all goods with which watches are not given will be largely reduced in price.

A Certain Remedy for Corns.

And one always to be relied upon is Putnam's Painless Corn Extract. Safe, sure and always painless. Nearly fifty imitations prove its value. Beware of such. Get Putnam's at druggists, or if you cannot get it we will send it to you by mail upon receipt of 25 cents, post paid, to Canada or United States. N. C. Polson & Co. Kingston, Ont.

Ladies: If you wish calling cards remember we can give you a good card, neatly printed with attractive type, at the Herald office.

A Ory for Help.—A pain in the back is a cry of the kidneys for help. South American Kidney Cure is the only cure that hasn't a failure written against it in cases of Bright's disease, diabetes, inflammation of the bladder, gravel and other kidney ailments. Don't neglect the apparently insignificant "signs." This powerful liquid specific prevents and cures.—70

Great January Clearance Sale

Now in Full Swing. We propose to make this January as busy as last Xmas. Our books of modern shop-keeping teach us to do so. It makes no odds what the loss may be, we want to keep constantly busy. What we gained last month we are willing to forfeit during this cheap sale. Early buyers will get first selection of course.

NEW BARGAINS Laid Out for To-morrow from 9 a.m.

1600 yards Laces and Embroidery, all good clean goods, choice for 3½c a yard, was 5c to 14c.

380 Handkerchiefs, which we had for our Xmas decorations, to go at 2c.

Ladies' \$2.50 Silk Waists, a few left only. Your choice for \$1.50, sizes 32 to 38.

Chenille Portiers, 3½ yards long, worth \$3.90 a pair, reduced to \$2 a pair.

18 pairs fine Lace Curtains, the \$2 to \$2.90 quality, your choice for \$1.50 a pair, 7 yards long.

14 only Misses' beaver cloth Reefers, navy and fawn, were \$4, reduced to \$2.50.

18 only Ladies' Cloth Jackets, sizes 31 to 38, to go at \$2.75.

3 Fur-lined Capes to go at ½ price.

6 Fur-lined Capes, \$14 kind, to go at ½ price.

23 Remnants Floor Oilcloth, 2 and 2½ yards wide, the best quality lengths, 2 to 3½ yards, to go at 24c a yard.

1 bale of 5c Grey Cotton to go at 4c a yard.

2 bales of 6c Grey Cotton to go at 5c a yard.

1 bale of 7c Grey Cotton to go at 6c a yard.

18 pieces only of 9c Cotton to go at 7c a yard.

6 webs of Grey Sheeting Cotton, 2 yards wide, to go at 17c a yard.

16 webs of Colored Dress Goods to go at 18c a yard, worth 35c to 45c a yard.

14 webs of Heavy Melton Dress Goods, black, navy and brown, to go at 18c a yard, was 30c. All the 35c to 60c Dress reduced to 29c a yard.

All Dress Linings 10 per cent reduction.

Hooks and Eyes 1c per card.

5 Papers of Pins for 5c.

Choice of all our Silks for 28c a yard. This includes the 35c, 48c to 60c qualities.

Great offers in our clothing store. Men's heavy Tweed Suits to go at \$4.50 and \$5.90.

26 heavy Boys' Suits to go at \$1.95 and \$2.60.

Now is the time to get an Overcoat. Prices will never be so low again. Men's Overcoats at \$4.50, \$5.90 and \$6.50. We promise 200c for every \$.

Attend this January Cheap Sale now on at

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