

MAFEKING'S HEAVY LOSS.

The Evening World Gets First News from British Sources of Baden-Powell's Defeat.

Defenders Lost 47 Out of 100 Men in Attack on Boer Fort—Household Cavalry Sent to Aid Gen. French.

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MAFEKING, Dec. 28.—Early to-day two squadrons of Protectorate Cavalry defended an attack on Game Tree Fort held by the Boers, 1,000 yards from this town. The attack was supported by an armored train and guns.
 The Boers had been, however, treacherously forewarned of the movement, and the rails were blown up so that the train was unable to act efficiently.
 The fort was found to have been so strengthened that it was impregnable to infantry, and the attack failed, with a loss to our side of Capt. Vernon and five men, and to the Boers of twenty-one men and five killed and Capt. Fitz-Clarence and twenty-two rank and file wounded.
 Most of the officers and men killed were shot in the ditch endeavoring to scale the height on which the fort stands. Capt. Vernon, already wounded, was captured until shot dead. His capture was caused by all the officers and men engaged, and the troops, when forced to retreat, did so sullenly and slowly, firing about and firing deliberately during the retreat. No troops could have behaved more magnificently.
 The general situation here is unchanged. Our men are in good spirits. Great kindness was shown by the Boers to the wounded, and they were with few exceptions most humane.
 The attacking force consisted of 100 and the Boers outnumbered us four to one.

LIFE GUARDS TO FRENCH.

BRITAIN'S CRACK CAVALRY SENT TO AID HIM AT COLBERG—ARTILLERY SENT ALSO.
LONDON, Jan. 5.—The War Office this afternoon published a despatch from Cape Town dated Wednesday, Jan. 3, saying that at Gen. French's special request the Household Cavalry, a battery of field artillery, and the First Battalion of the Essex Regiment have been despatched to reinforce him temporarily.

REINFORCED CAPE COLONY.

REINFORCED, Cape Colony, Jan. 4.—Reinforcing Coleridge has not yet been completed.
 The Boers unexpectedly attacked the British left at daybreak this morning, but were repulsed.
 They occupied hills to the north of the town, but were eventually driven out of their positions after an hour's shelling by our guns.
 They still held, however, the hills immediately surrounding the town, preventing the British from advancing along the railway.
 The British loss in today's engagement was light, while the Boers are reported to have lost 20, including twenty prisoners who were taken by the mounted infantry about midday.
 The Boer situation numbered 1,000 men. The intrepid Dragoons out of the way through the Boers, who were being retreated by a heavy artillery fire.

WARNED THE QUEEN?

EMPEROR WILLIAM REPORTED TO HAVE SENT SPECIAL MESSENGER TO VICTORIA.
LONDON, Jan. 5.—A report is current here that a special Imperial messenger from the German Emperor has arrived with dispatches to the Queen.
 It is said these are representations over the seizure of German ships.
 It is assumed for diplomatic messages that the messenger is the Queen, and many others are absent.

GERMANY IS ANGRY.

Seizure of the Steamship General by England Arouses the Whole Country.
BERLIN, Jan. 5.—The whole country is aroused over the seizure by England of the Imperial mail steamer General. The public anger and excitement are greater than that which followed the Kaiser's obsequies to President Kruger.

BRITISH HOLD OUR FLOOR.

Price Court Refuses to Hear, But Orders Cargo Held Pending Appeal.
LONDON, Jan. 5.—A special despatch from Cape Town says the Price Court has refused the British steamer Mashona, captured by the British gunboat Porpoise, early in December, with American crew said to be intended for the Boers on board, but ordered her cargo to be warehoused pending a trial of the case.

LECTURER CAMP DEAD.

Temperance Center's New Year's Fair White Antecedent.
Henry Camp, the temperance lecturer, of 1 Henry street, is dead from the effects of the fall he got New Year's Day at the fair. He was sixty years old and had been lecturing in that city since 1870.

THAT "ABSENT-MINDED BEGGAR."



U. S.—Come, come, John; don't get gay.

WE SEIZE AN ISLAND.

Flag Brought Over Sibutu, Which May Be Outside Philippine Group.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The United States Navy has taken possession of another island in the East. The news of the seizure was contained in a despatch from Cavite, which says: "On Dec. 21 Westborough, commanding the Albatross (a little gunboat), hoisted the flag on Sibutu Island, and Chief Mate provided and raised the pole. Sibutu and North Sibutu authorities accepted the American flag. The island lies at the southwestern angle of the boundary line of the quadrangle inclosing the Philippine group. It is probably but not positively outside of the line and lies very near the coast of Borneo, commanding the principal channel between that island and the Philippines."
FRENCH WARSHIPS SENT.
PARIS, Jan. 5.—The French Government has ordered the Commandant of the naval squadron in the Atlantic to proceed immediately to Santo Domingo.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—When asked for a possible explanation of the ordering of French warships to Santo Domingo an official to-day gave the following as the possible reason: "The French Consul has refused to accept the Dominican Government's offer of the amount of the Holmstrom-Caswell claim of \$200,000 francs in three installments every fortnight, and insists on an immediate settlement."

Casperfeld & Cleveland,

West Side of Street, 144 BOWERY, North Grand St. "L" Station. "Bowery Savings Bank Block."

At the end of this month we take stock. We prefer to count money instead of diamonds and watches. Prices, therefore, will be cut in many directions. Special bargains below are but specimens of thousands of others we are offering:

Two steel white perfect gems, 15 carats, worth \$125.00, special.	Fifteen genuine pearls, superior quality, worth \$7.00, special.	Extra fine gem perfectly cut, 10 carats, worth \$45.00, special.	Genuine Diamond Ring, pure white brilliant, very brilliant, setting, 4 karat white.	Engagement Diamond Ring, pure white brilliant, very brilliant, setting, 4 karat white.
\$50.00	\$7.00	\$45.00	\$25.00	\$25.00

Gentlemen's Watches.
 Gentlemen's Hunting Case Watch, solid 14-kt. gold throughout, weighing 55 pennyweight, finest genuine Waltham movement, worth \$65.00. \$42.00
 Gentlemen's 14-karat filled case Watch, genuine American movement, worth \$6.00. \$6.00

Ladies' Watches.
 Ladies' American Watch, solid gold throughout, Hunting case, beautifully engraved. \$10.00
 Ladies' American Watch, solid gold throughout, genuine diamonds in centre (no chip). \$15.00

Wedding (Solid 14 and 18 karat Gold Seamless Wedding) Rings. Rings our specialty. Moderate prices. No Extra Charge for Engraving.

Open Evenings till 8:30; Saturday till 10.

Men's Shoes.

We sell good shoes for less money, as a rule, than the exclusive dealer; and it stands to reason that we should, for we buy more, sell more—and buy and sell for cash only. Take these, for instance, specials, for Saturday: 3 lots of MEN'S SHOES, consisting of men's black, crack-proof box calf lace shoes, with double soles, worth \$2.50 per pair; men's winter tan Russia calf lace shoes, with double soles, worth \$3.00 per pair; and men's black box calf lace shoes, calf lined, winter weights, worth \$3.00 per pair; size mostly 6 to 9, and for this reason reduced for Saturday to half price. 1.50
 MEN'S LACE SHOES, of the best quality of box calf, high cut, just the shoe for golfing, skating, hunting, walking, etc., strictly bench made and easily worth \$5.00 per pair; for Saturday, "special" 2.90
 Also, for to-morrow—MEN'S BLACK CLOTH OVER-GAITERS, regularly worth 50c. per pair, at 10c

Caps for Men and Boys.

Just the kind of headgear you need if you are outdoors much in cold weather. Don't cost much either now and here, as these quotations will prove:
 37 dozen Men's Fine Imported SILK SEAL PLUSH and FUR CAPS, popular shapes and styles, well made and lined with heavy silk; regularly \$1.50 and \$2.00; reduced to 1.00
 Men's Splendid WINTER CAPS, of fine kersey cloth, chinchillas and fancy plaids, in stylish double band Brighton, Windsor or Golf styles; the usual 75c. grades; reduced to 45c
 BOYS' WARM CAPS of special quality chinchilla and fine kersey cloth, the stylish double-band Polo style, with heavy satin linings; our 50c. grade, reduced to 25c
 CHILDREN'S FINE WOOLEN SKATING CAPS, full regular made, toque style, in pretty combination colorings, also in plain shades; the regular 30c. grade, reduced to 19c

A Sale of Ice Skates.

At last there's ice skating, with a fair prospect of its continuance for some time to come. If you need a good pair it will pay you to look here for them. To-morrow's offerings are as follows:
 Men's and Boys' ICE SKATES, full clamp, runners made of cold rolled steel, Barney & Berry's or Keene's Club makes; regularly sold at 50c. per pair; your pick to-morrow at 19c
 Men's and Boys' ICE SKATES, have welded steel blades and are full nickel-plated, with fine polished edges, one of the best skates made; per pair 1.30
 Men's HOCKEY SKATES, made of best cold rolled steel, full nickel-plated and polished; per pair 55c
 MEN'S HOCKEY SKATES, best quality of welded tool steel, with narrow blades, full nickel-plated, have full polished runners, used by Canadian and all leading hockey clubs; per pair 1.50
 WOMEN'S and GIRLS' SKATES, the "long reach" Club Skates, made by the Keene Mfg. Co., have heel strap and clamp top, and are strong and well made; per pair 49c
 WOMEN'S and GIRLS' SKATES, made by the Union Hardware Co., in their celebrated Union Club Skates pattern; runners made of the first quality of cast steel and hardened; full nickel-plated and polished, and fitted with oak-tanned russet heel straps; per pair 1.45
 ICE SKATES THOROUGHLY AND PROPERLY GROUND at per pair 5c

Optical Department Specials.

Good opera-glasses, also "specs" or "glasses," are always needed in almost every home. Buy them here and now and save money on your purchases. These low prices on high-class goods will surely interest you:
 LAMIER and CHEVALIER OPERA-GLASSES, 11 lines, in white and Oriental pearl, warranted fully achromatic; worth \$5.00 per pair; in to-morrow's sale at 2.95
 CHEVALIER OPERA-GLASSES, leatherette, with fancy gilt and nickel trimmings, absolutely worth \$2.50 per pair; in to-morrow's sale at 1.15
 STEREOSCOPE, cherry wood frame, with fine large lenses and 6 views; special to-morrow at 35c
 SOLID GOLD SPECTACLES and EYEGLASSES; spectacles have straight or riding bow temples; eyeglasses are adjustable or offset; actually worth \$3.00; on sale to-morrow, at per pair 1.95

Men's Neckwear.

Handsome, stylish, seasonable Neckwear at greatly reduced prices. We could fill a column with explanations and then, unless you came and saw the ties, you would not know half the story. So come and see:
 Men's 50c. NECKWEAR, in Push, Tucks and Four-in-Hand; closing price, your choice 15c
 Men's 50c. NECKWEAR, a big assortment, comprising all shapes and patterns; closing price, your choice 25c
 Men's \$1.00 and \$1.50 NECKWEAR, in English Square and other popular shapes, a very fine assortment; closing price, your choice to-morrow 50c

The Daily Story of The Big Store. **SIEGEL COOPER & Co.** Sixth Ave., 10th and 10th Streets.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1900.

The Annual January Clearance Sale of Men's Overcoats.

We sell in the three months preceding January first about ten thousand overcoats. No store in the world sells more—or even as many. We contract for about 12,000 to 12,500 overcoats early in summer, and, of course, many different styles make up the enormous lot.

It would be superhuman for any buyer to be able to select his goods so that all the styles would sell equally well. We can not do it, and so find on our counters now some 2,500 Overcoats that for some reason were not bought.

These We Now Offer at Clearance Prices. Some lots are large, some are small—but we can promise a satisfactory choice and fit to all men—2,500 Coats being a large variety, much more, in fact, than 9 out of 10 stores have to start the season with.

The Price Reductions will be Very Heavy—as you can see by this partial list.

Clearing Lot 1. All our Men's Finest, embracing the choicest fabrics in vogue for this season—the costliest fur surface Viennas, as well as smooth-faced Overcoats, in modish shades of black, blue, brown, sage and olive, as well as Oxford and Cambridge mixed, lined with the best quality of pure silk mervellous and tailored by the best journeymen hand-workers; the identical coats that we have been selling at \$27.50, \$30 and \$35 apiece, and which your tailor would not make for less than \$50.00; here to-morrow, your choice at 17.50

Clearing Lot 2. All our MEN'S FINE WINTER OVERCOATS, made of the best quality castor kerseys, blacks and blues, also rough English coatings, in the new shades of Oxford and Cambridge mixed, with natty worsted body linings, topped at back with best satin duchess, formerly sold at from \$15 to \$20; your choice to-morrow at 10.50

Clearing Lot 3. All our MEN'S SPLENDID WINTER OVERCOATS, of smooth surface, all-woolen black and blue Kersey cloths, Oxford mixed and gray Irish frieze coatings, in the stylish box coat and the more conservative longer styles, with sleeve linings and top yokes of guaranteed satin; your choice to-morrow at 7.00

Also some very great Suit Bargains.

A large lot of Boys Assorted WINTER SUITS—mostly 2 and 3 garment styles, for boys aged 7 to 14—well made, of fine cambrims and Scotch tweeds, odd lines that have been selling at \$5.00; your choice to-morrow 2.75
 Men's splendid WINTER SUITS, made of stylish woaded, chevots, cassimeres and tweed suitings, remainder of regular \$9, \$10 and \$12 lines, in which the sizes were somewhat broken, but in the consolidated lot we again have all the sizes, and offer your choice to-morrow at 6.50
 Men's Finest WINTER SUITS, embracing some of the choicest and highest cost lines of this season's selling, such as fine through and through worsteds, soft surface cassimeres, imported Scotch tweeds and the winter serges; the lines are somewhat broken, but as a collection it is an exceptionally choice lot, the former prices of which were \$15.00, \$16.00 and \$18.00; an unreserved choice to-morrow at 8.50

Cloak Department Specials.

We are now engaged in the double task of disposing of our own surplus stocks as well as those of several manufacturers. On our own we lose a lot of money. On the others we make some. In the end we come out about even—and will have the satisfaction of having sold some of the greatest bargains ever seen in New York. That will do us good—in the future. Here's Saturday's list:

LADIES' VELOUR JACKET; your choice to-morrow of 175 of this season's finest makes and patterns, at each, 18.75, 25.00 and 27.50
 LADIES' CLOTH CAPES, made from black kersey of the finest quality, completely lined with best solid black or black and white taffeta, with hood silk lined and strapped; regular \$15 value; 9.75
 GIRLS' THREE-QUARTER BOX COATS of fine kersey, silk lined throughout, with coat of high rolling collar; also Misses' sizes, in tan, castor, brown and regal; actually worth \$12.50; your choice to-morrow 7.90
 GIRLS' REEFERS (sizes 6 to 14 years), of heavy boucle, with large sailor collar, nicely trimmed; worth \$5.00, at 1.95
 GIRLS' REEFERS and JACKETS (sizes 6 to 14 years), in a large variety of materials, some with plain coats, others with deep cape or silk-lined coats; worth \$7.50 each, at 4.75
 250 GIRLS' GRETCHENS (sizes 6 to 14 years), plain or rough materials, with hoods or capes, also in box effects; worth \$10.00 and \$12.50; your choice to-morrow at 5.90

THE Thompson 245 Thompson THE COMPANY CLOTHIERS BROADWAY COMPANY CLOTHIERS (Opposite City Hall Park, just below Murray St.)

CUT PRICE SALE OF Men's Finest Clothing.

All our OXFORD and BLACK FRIEZE OVERCOATS and SUITS in swell stripes and checks, exquisitely tailored and equal to custom work, formerly \$18.00 and \$20.00. Reduced to \$10.

All our Finest SUITS and OVERCOATS that were considered by the best dressed men in New York excellent values at their former price of \$25.00 and \$30.00. Reduced to \$15.

\$3.50 for any of our fine Striped and Checked Wors. ed and Tweed TROUSERS. Former price \$5.00. Ask to see our Prince Albert, Cutaway Frock, Full Dress and Tuxedo Coats at FIFTEEN DOLLARS OPEN SATURDAY EVENING.

THE Thompson 245 Thompson THE COMPANY CLOTHIERS BROADWAY COMPANY CLOTHIERS (Opposite City Hall Park, just below Murray St.)

Men's Underwear.

A few special's in warm goods for to-morrow. The sort of underwear we are glad to sell you and you will be glad to buy, particularly at these deeply reduced prices:
 MEN'S RIBBED UNDERSHIRTS, fleece lined, all sizes, worth 50c. each, here to-morrow at 15c
 MEN'S SHIRTS and DRAWERS, heavy fleece lined, in natural colors, worth 65c. each, on sale Saturday at 35c
 MEN'S SHIRTS and DRAWERS of natural wool, worth \$1.00 each, here to-morrow at 59c
 MEN'S SHIRTS and DRAWERS, of Australian wool, in blue, flesh and tan, worth \$1.25 each, here for Saturday at 75c

Men's Unlaundered Shirts

Cost far less than the laundered article and look quite as well when "done up." If you are practising economy this year take advantage of the great opportunities the Annual White Fair brings to you. Here are some—for Saturday:
 MEN'S UNLAUNDERED SHIRTS, made of a good quality of muslin, with bosoms of linen, all sizes; worth 50c. each; here to-morrow at 35c
 MEN'S UNLAUNDERED SHIRTS, made of guaranteed Wamsotta muslin, with bosoms of pure Irish linen, backs and fronts reinforced—have all improvements; all sizes; worth 75c. each; here to-morrow at 49c
 MEN'S UNLAUNDERED SHIRTS, custom made, of the best muslin and linen, with hand-worked buttonholes; no shirt could be better made; all sizes; worth \$1.00 apiece; your choice at 69c

A Saturday Watch Sale.

Buy a good timepiece and always endeavor to be "on time." It will save you money and much annoyance. Here are some good timekeepers, offered at prices that are very nearly entitled to be called "phenomenal!"

Ladies' Solid Gold 14-karat Hunting-Case WATCHES, engraved and engine-turned styles, fitted with Waltham 7-jeweled movement; regularly worth \$25.00; specially reduced for Saturday to 14.95

Ladies' 14-karat Gold-Filled Hunting-Case WATCHES, guaranteed by manufacturers to wear 5 years, fitted with a fine American movement; formerly sold for \$9.50; reduced for to-morrow's sale to 5.50

Boys' 14-karat Gold-Filled Open-Face WATCHES, case guaranteed for 5 years, and fitted with Seth Thomas's 7-jeweled movement; actually worth \$7.50; reduced for to-morrow's sale to 4.85

Veilings.

A special offering of DOUBLE VELVET SPOTTED TUXEDO NETS, 19 in. wide, all black, large and small dots on a variety of patterns, regular price 25c. and 35c., to-morrow, "special," per yard, at 20c

Ladies' Neckwear.

A sale of NET TIES, with embroidered ends, 2 yards long, white and butter colors, many very pretty patterns to choose from, all of 25c. quality, to-morrow, choice at 23c

Siegel, Cooper & Co., Bankers, conduct a general banking business in all its branches. Interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum allowed on all special deposits. Accounts with corporations, firms or individuals solicited. Foreign money bought. Drafts issued on all parts of the world at lowest current rates of exchange. Offices: Main Floor, at head of Great Marble Stairway. Bank open from 9:30 A. M. to 5:30 P. M.

Cigars.

For Saturday several special lines of high-grade goods at reduced prices which will surely be appreciated by all men who like a good smoke:
 MANHATTAN, strictly high-grade clear Havana Cuban hand-made cigars, 3 sizes—reduced as follows:
 Puritanos Extra, per box of 50 2.50
 Puritanos Finos, per box of 50 4.00
 Brevas Especial, per box of 100 2.00
 LI SIMPATICA, Clear Havana Cuban hand-made, 3 sizes—reduced as follows:
 Conchas Especiales, per box of 50 2.10
 Puritanos, per box of 50 2.40
 Londres Chico, per box of 100 4.00
 TOM BROWN, Sumatra wrapper, finest long Havana filler, Oxford size, per box of 50 3.00
 CREMO CIGARS at wholesale price, per box of 50 1.70
 10,000 SAMPLE CIGARS, Sumatra wrapper, fine long mixed Havana filler, assorted brands, assorted sizes, divided into two bargain lots, as follows:
 Lot 1, per box of 50 1.50
 Lot 2, per box of 100 2.50
 HAVANA STOGIES—Our popular leader, a high-grade Stogie, packed in wooden boxes of 100, reduced to 1.50
 LUCKY'S ROLLED CIGAR, per box of 50 1.50