

ROOT FOR YOUNG MEN AS CONSULS

Secretary of State Says There Are Too Many Estimable Old Gentlemen.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Secretary Root, while appearing before the house appropriations committee in relation to the expenses of the state department, spoke frankly concerning the shortcomings of the American consular service. The statements of Mr. Root, which have just been made public, show that in response to questions by Representative Livingstone the secretary said of consulates in an unsatisfactory condition: "There are a great many consulates that have been in that condition, and there are some that are still in that condition, and the fact arises from several causes. One cause is that consulates are used and regarded here not as places in which active and sufficient work is to be done, but are used as places in which to shelve estimable and elderly gentlemen whose friends find it necessary to take care of them in some way. (Laughter.) Now I have got old enough to be able to say that sort of thing without anyone being offended. I do not think that when a man has lived out the activity of his life and passed beyond his ambition and his energy and his desire to make a career for himself—I do not think that then is the time to start him out in a new place where he has got to learn a new business and push the commerce of the country."

Blame Custom. "The blame for that condition rests upon a long standing custom, whereby the executive is expected to appoint to important consulates important men from the different states. We have a system of examination, so far as the young fellows go. You can put the screws on them and make them come up for examination. But when an eminent citizen—" Mr. Livingstone: "An eminent ex-

Senator or member of congress?" Secretary Root: "Yes. When an eminent citizen comes around you cannot examine him in geography and arithmetic. He resents it and there is the dickens to pay all along. (Laughter.) It is a custom that has grown up—just like this deficiency custom. When you stay in to change a custom you cannot change it by piecemeal, you have to jar something."

Grading Consulates. "Take this consular bill, which is now pending. When it was introduced it contained a series of provisions under which the consulates were to be graded. The original appointments made were to be only to the lower grades, and the upper grades were to be filled by promotion, so that we would catch fellows

young while they still had some motive power left in them. These provisions have been stricken out and the bill reported without them. "Still, the bill makes a great advance over the present system. It grades the consulates and abolishes fees, and it provides against the employment of any clerks, except those of the very lowest grades, who are not American citizens provides against what I think is a very great abuse, namely the fact that a great number of American consulates are run by clerks of the country in which they are situated. It also does various other things. I don't know whether it will pass or not." Mr. Livingstone: "That is now in the senate." Secretary Root: "Yes, in the senate. It has been favorably reported."

MRS. ROOSEVELT AIDS SEARCH FOR CHILD

Journal Special Service. Indianapolis, Jan. 19.—Mrs. Paul V. Skillman was divorced from her husband several months ago and given the custody of their only child, a girl about 3 years of age. One night Skillman forced his way into her apartments, seized the child and escaped with it. Search was made, but no trace of the kidnaper could be found. Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of the president, heard of the case in some way and called the attention of Senator Beveridge to it, asking him to interest himself and see if the child could not be restored to the distracted mother. The senator wrote

to Mayor Bookwalter and the police have been instructed to make diligent search for the missing child. Circulars are being sent out everywhere and the authorities hope to have results in a few days. Excursion to Chicago. Only \$11.50 for the round trip on January 20th. St. Paul to Chicago via the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad. Tickets limited for return to leave Chicago January 30th. The famous "North Star Limited" leaves Minneapolis 8:00 p.m., carrying through Pullman compartment sleeper, buffet-library car, dining and chair car. Call on J. G. Rickett, City Ticket Agent, No. 424 Nicollet av. Hoodwinks the Oculist. Madden Eye Medicin cures eyes. (Don't smart.) 25c.

Engraving

Is there any reason why you should not place your orders for fine engraving with us, and do not high grade work and lowest prices deserve them? Our guarantee with each order. If unsatisfactory you need not accept the goods. Price comparison invited. Next Monday is the finale of this special sale. Don't delay.

Our Policy

It is our constant endeavor to provide the best merchandise manufactured, using great care in its selection, and planning its arrangement and sale in such a manner as will bring the highest degree of satisfaction to our patrons, from the viewpoint of quality, price and economy.

MINNEAPOLIS DRY GOODS CO.

MINNEAPOLIS: 501-503-505-507-509-511 NICOLLET AVENUE. MANCHESTER: NICHOLAS ST. NEW YORK: 454 BROOME STREET. CHICAGO: 23 THEATER STRASS.

Ribbon Clean-up

The season's short length remnants culled from our regular stock of high quality ribbons. Odd lengths from 1/2-yard to 1/8-yard pieces, priced HALF below regular. An exceptional range of choice. The smallest prices ever quoted for like qualities.

Veilings

There is nothing quite equal to an artistic veil to soften and beautify the contour of the face, or "set-off" the effectiveness of a costume. Then, too, as a protective feature it is not without its merits in winter. Our stocks are in splendid fullness just now. The latest, newest, most popular colorings and designs. Best qualities. Lowest prices.

Glove Bargains



You'll not believe half their goodness because the price mark is so little. To see them, is to purchase. We still have in stock a very generous assortment of these very excellent manufacturer's sample gloves. Saturday offers last call on choice selection. They include ladies' cashmere and golf gloves in plain colors, black and white, also fancy plaids— 25c qualities at, a pair.....19c 39c qualities at, a pair.....25c 50c qualities at, a pair.....35c

Annual Sale Still Continues

This year's sale offers more wealth of originated designs, more ample economic advantages, larger extent and variety, than ever before. Values and prices equally alluring.

Manufacturer's Trial Strip Embroideries

1/3 to 1/2 below regular

Swiss, nainsook and cambric embroideries, edgings, flouncings, medallions and insertions. A variety of grades and prices dependent somewhat upon width of embroidery work, which varies from 1 to 8 inches. Price range from 7c to 59c a yard.

Annual Sale Still Continues

Toric Lenses

These lenses are quite different from the ordinary kind. They have an inner curve which curve near the face and avoids annoying refractions. They are ground to order at our optical department. Ask Mr. Dowd to show you the difference and you'll have no other but the Toric, for the price difference is but trivial. —First Floor—Balcony—

Candy Dept.

Two strong specials for Saturday patrons. Crisp Popped Rice, lb. 18c Assorted Chocolate Creams, a lb. 18c Regular 25c grades. We keep practically everything in confections. Price lowness. —Basement—

Fine Cottons

The wearing qualities of every yard is assured in the carefully selected materials. A hint of the economies. Soft Bleached Cotton. Regular 7 1/2 quality, yard.....6c Regular 10c quality, yard.....8c Cambric. Regular 11c quality, yard.....8c 42-inch Pillow Casing. Regular 13 1/2 quality, yard.....11c 45-inch Pillow Casing. Regular 14 1/2 quality, yard.....12 1/2c Bleached Sheeting. 9-4 26c quality, yard.....22c Bleached Sheets. 81x90 regular 60c, yard.....50c 81x90 regular 75c, yard.....60c Pillow Cases. 45x36 regular 12 1/2 quality, yard.....10c 43x36 regular 16c, yard.....12 1/2c —Basement—

White Sale

Saturday is the last day of our annual sale of LINENS, COTTONS and WHITE GOODS. Absolute economies. High quality. Low prices. Result, your complete satisfaction.

Alteration Sale

Second and Third Floors Beautiful Outer Apparel and Furs

Having attended previous sales in this department and knowing that the word "bargain" is never misused in our advertising you will need no urging to attend the present one which brings to the fore values that surpass any you have ever seen. Extensive alterations now being made crowd us for space and storing these goods is almost out of the question. We must relieve the tension by rapid selling and the pricing of these beautiful, seasonable, needable garments at

1/3 to 1/2 Reductions = 1/3 to 1/2

should bring desired results to us and most satisfactory ones to you. Outer garments that are absolutely up-to-date in style, superior in workmanship, of most excellent materials. Standing on the very threshold of real winter, there are many weeks ahead for their wearing. Fur-lined Coats—50-inch loose Kersey coats, evening coats and costumes, long tourist coats and tight-fitting black coats; as well as modish suits, in all this season's best selling models and popular designs.

All Fur Lined Coats At Radical Reductions

Broadcloth coats, with squirrel and Sunkia linings; collars of Jap mink and sable opossum; regular \$25 values, and closely priced at that, all, now **\$15.00**

Long, black, broadcloth coats, linings of natural and blended squirrel, and natural Hemptur fur, collars of gray and blended Persian lamb and brook mink; former prices of coats in this lot were \$37.50, \$40.00, \$42.50 and \$47.50, all at **\$25.00**

Included in this lot are a few high grade coats in colors. Very stylish garments. A number of fine Broadcloth coats, mostly blacks, fine, dark, squirrel linings and river mink linings, collars of Jap mink, gray and blended squirrel, and Persian lamb; former prices \$47.50, \$57.50, \$62.50 and \$65.00; now, **\$37.50**

A few very high grade Broadcloth coats—\$60 and \$70 values; beautiful, dark squirrel linings, wide shawl collars of lynx, Persian lamb and natural squirrel, at **\$47.50**

Black Kersey Coats \$20 Coats—Excellent values in long, black Kersey coats, full box back, velvet trimmed collars and cuffs; all, now **\$12.50**

18 Coats—50-inch black Kersey coats; several styles to select from; all, now **\$10.50**

Long Tourist Coats

\$10 Coats—About 100 coats, 50-inch lengths, dark gray and brown colors; fancy Scotch effects, **\$4.95**

\$17.50 and \$20.00 Coats—Excellent style, 50 and 54-inch coats of heavy, mammoth cloths, dark colorings; **\$9.50**

\$18.00 and \$20.00 Coats—Very choice coats of fine Scotch mixtures, beautifully trimmed, some are satin lined to waist; all this season's best selling styles, at **\$12.50**

Tight-fitting Black Coats

Every tight-fitting coat in the stock has a new price mark. \$15 and \$18.75 Broadcloth and Cheviot Coats, now **\$9.50**

\$20.00 and \$21.75 and \$25.00 Broadcloth and Kersey Coats, now **\$15.00**

\$25.00, \$27.50, \$32.50 fine Broadcloth coats, mostly taffeta lined, now **\$19.50**

Evening Coats and Costumes

These beautiful garments underpriced at one-third to one-half their intrinsic trade value, and this, too, at the very height of the winter's social reign. They include exquisite creations in cream broadcloth, gray cashmere, pink messaline, black acoll, plum Henrietta, white voile, figured cream net, white figured nuns veiling, cream crepe de chine, tan Henrietta, white crepe de chine, white voile, cream, white an dtan broadcloth, etc. —Second Floor—

Lace Curtain Alteration Sale

At These Prices Goods Should Go Quickly

In the work of removing our drapery department from the second to the third floors we were somewhat hampered by the recent arrival of a consignment of fresh, new goods. Of course we might have managed at considerable inconvenience to store them until after installing of the department was completed, but we prefer to make rapid selling of them at profit-reducing prices. Fact is they are greatly underpriced, and are exceptional bargains.

Heavy Scotch nets, in white and cream; they are full 3 1/2 yards long and 54 inches wide; would ordinarily sell at \$1.69 a pair, but we mark them, a pair, **89c**

Heavy Scotch nets, same size as the above, in white only, worth \$1.75, at **98c**

Another lot, not quite as wide, but very heavy, worth \$2.00, at **\$1.19**

Still another lot, full size, worth pair \$2.50, at **\$1.49**

Very handsome patterns in double spooled net (very durable) good value at \$3, sale price **\$1.69**

Fine Scotch net, white and cream; worth \$3.50; at **\$1.98**

Fine Scotch nets, white only, \$4 values, at **\$2.49**

A very choice lot of double spooled nets and crepe nets, desirable patterns, none better for wear, very good values at \$5.00 per pair; our price, a pair **\$2.98**

Odd Lot of Curtains and Shades

In moving stock there is always found a quantity of odd pieces and to close them out early we have reduced prices on these to mere trifles, considering their relative values.

A choice lot of odd curtains, Scotch net and scrim; worth \$2.00 a pair, at, each **39c**

A lot of odd window shades made of best hand-made oil, opaque and Holland, mounted on best rollers, worth from 50c to 75c, at, each **35c**

Millinery at Alteration Prices

A Hat for Every Head. A Style for Every Taste. A Low Price for Every Purse.

Plans for remodeling the second floor make imperative our early removal to another section of this same floor. It means much time and labor expended in moving our stock. To avoid this as much as possible, we have made unsparing reductions. This season's most popular models in modish headwear at the very lowest prices. All trimmed hats at **50c 98c \$1.98 and \$3.98**. All untrimmed hats at half and less usual prices. All children's caps at the remarkable price, **Choice, 25c**. —Second Floor—



Annual Linen Sale Clean-Ups

Quality and Prices Appeal for Patronage

An attractive, low-priced group of fine linens that offer a purchasing chance few should miss. A sale of odd pieces of damasks, cloths and napkins left from our annual linen sale.

A few pieces of bleached and half-bleached table linens, 70-inch wide; pure linen; former prices were 68c and 75c; to close out, at, a yard **55c**

All of our 87 1/2, 96 and 81 qualities in full bleached satin damasks, 66 and 68 inches wide, at, a yard **75c**

72-inch pure linen, double finish damasks, \$1.19, \$1.25 and \$1.35 values at, a yard **98c**

A lot of pattern cloths, 2x2 1/2 yards, full bleached—at special, each **\$1.29**

A fine lot of Hemstitched Cloths, 2x2 1/2 yards, pure linen, with fine openwork borders, a good \$3 value, at, each **\$2.19**

18-inch pure linen silver bleached napkins, \$1.50 values at, a dozen **\$1.00**

20-inch pure linen silver bleached napkins, \$1.75 value, at, a dozen **\$1.39**

John S. Brown's fine Irish linen, 20-inch napkins; a good \$2.50 napkin at, a dozen **\$2.00**

About 50 very fine Marseilles Bedspreads, fringed or hemmed; full size, \$3.00 values, at, each **\$2.25**

Linens in Basement.

A lot of good quality huck towels, good size and weight; good 7 1/2 value, at, choice, each **5c**

16-inch bleached Russia crash, extra heavy quality, 8c value; sale, a yard **5 1/2c**

All of our remnants of Table Cloths and Napkins at special prices on Bargain Tables.

Men's Furnishings

Unsparring Reductions

The protective warmth of pajamas needs no championing. We have them in a variety of materials, colors and patterns. A minute at two of your time and we will readily convince you of their merit and value.

Pajamas in white outing flannel and fancy stripes, silk trimming, military collar; some are a little soiled; regular \$2.50 quality, Saturday, suit **\$1.48**

Our \$1.25 and \$1.50 grade pajamas in hair line stripes of black and white, blue and white, tan and white, choice, a suit **98c**

Blue Flannel Shirts.

Cherry Valley flannels in blue or brown, single or double breasted; these are an extra good quality; our regular \$1 and \$1.50 grade, Saturday, each **98c**

Notions

Little Things at Little

Weather conditions have little effect on notions. Always a demand for quality notions and dress findings. Always to be found at our counters, at prices generally lower, always as low as can be secured elsewhere.

Pad front hose supporters, satin pad 1 1/2-inch elastic, made with rubber post button, in black, light blue, pink, white and cardinal; good value at 25c, our special, pair **19c**

Brass pins, full count, 360 to paper, always sold at 5c paper our leader, paper **3c**

Safety pins, extra nickel plated, non-corrosive; can be opened on both sides; sizes 1, 2, 3, good value at double the price, doz **2 1/2c**

Wash Goods

Now Located in Basement

Apron gingham, all size checks and colors; the 7c quality. Sale price, yard **4 1/2c**

Fine dress gingham, large assortment plain and fancy; the 10c grade. Sale price, yard **7 1/2c**

Percales, 36 inches wide, light and dark grounds, all new spring patterns; the regular 12 1/2c kind. Sale price, yard **9c**

Underwear Underpriced

Shrunk in Price Only

Of course the fact that prices are so low does not detract one iota from the quality of the garments. Heavy enough, warm enough, just right for winter wear. Did we know of better values—which we do not—they would be in our stocks today.

Men's heavy ribbed, gray cotton combination suits; sizes 3 to 6 exceptional value at **\$1.00**

Women's jersey ribbed fleeced vests and side band pants; an exceptionally good garment at 25c; our price, each **19c**

Women's cream colors 3/4 wool Oneita unit suits; a regular \$1.50 garment, while they last, only **79c**

Boys' natural worsted plaited shirts and drawers, size 24 to 34; a grade sold elsewhere at 50c; here tomorrow, at only **29c**



19c White Japanese Silks 19c

Goodness, Style and Beauty

Those knowing little people, the Japs, are adepts at silk weaving. Our efforts in the selection of refined colorings and exclusive designs will be appreciated by tasteful dressers.

Nothing better for waists, dresses, kimonos, etc. Advertising does not do justice to their worth. You'll say so, too, when you call tomorrow and examine them.

20-inch Japanese Silks, washable, a yard **19c**

27-inch Japanese Silks, washable, a yard **39c**

27-inch heavy silks, washable, a yard **49c**

36-inch heavy \$1 quality, a yard **75c**

36-inch heavy \$1.25 quality, a yard **\$1.00**

Black Japanese Silks. 27-inch wide lustrous, a yard **49c**

36-inch wide heavy \$1 quality, a yard **79c**

Manufacturer's Hosiery Specials

Matchless Outpouring of Values

An attractive low priced group of dependable hosiery, worth much more than their sales valuation.

One lot includes cashmere and fleeced cotton hose, both regular and out sizes. Regular 35c and 50c grades, at, a pair **25c**

Another assortment contains imported cashmeres, silk finished fleeced cotton, in rib and hemmed tops, 50c to 70c qualities, at, a pair **39c**