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We are offering the largest line of these goods ever before exhibited in Bridgeport at a saving of one-third on the purchase price.  
Genuine Eastern mink muffs from \$19.98 to \$60  
Genuine Eastern mink shawl and throw scarfs from \$19.98 to \$75.00  
Genuine white Ermine sets from \$40 to \$75.00  
Blended squirrel muffs from \$7.48 to \$15  
Blended squirrel scarfs from \$7.48 to \$15  
Natural squirrel muffs from \$6.48 to \$15  
Natural squirrel scarfs from \$7.48 to \$15  
Blue wolf muffs and scarfs from \$9.98 to \$20  
Jap mink muffs from \$7.48 to \$20  
Jap mink scarfs from \$7.48 to \$20  
Children's fur sets from \$1.25 to \$10.00  
Fine pony skin coats 52 in. long from \$39.98 to \$95.00  
We are also displaying a large line of lynx skins, mink skins and squirrel skins for hat and dress trimmings.  
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Holiday Goods of every description can be bought here at marvelously low prices. Our assortment are bewildering in their novelty, extent and attractiveness. Everything you can possibly think of—toys, games, dolls, fancy goods, handkerchiefs, gloves, neckwear, ladies' and children's garments, etc., useful, ornamental or both at prices far below the ordinary.  
**NECKWEAR SPECIALS**  
New Silk and Velvet Bows, over a dozen different styles in a full line of colors. SPECIAL, 25c each.  
New Stock Collars, made of lace, silk and velvet, daintily trimmed with gilt and colored cords, beads, jets and velvet; also a large assortment of pure white lace Stock Collars. Exceptional values at 25c and 50c each.  
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Ladies' Laundered Embroidered Collars in all sizes 12 to 14 1/2, over a dozen new styles. Value 19c each. SPECIAL 12 1/2c each. (Main Floor, Front.)  
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Armstrong hand embroidered, all pure linen Handkerchiefs, in a large range of beautiful new designs. Exceptional values at 12 1/2c each and 25c each.  
Beautiful new demi-laundered, hand-embroidered Handkerchiefs at 25c, 39c and 50c each.  
Ladies' all pure linen initial Handkerchiefs with two styles of embroidered wreaths around the initial, three of each style to the box. SPECIAL 75c for box of six.  
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**NOVELTY DEPARTMENT**  
Good news for our customers who have been waiting so patiently for Wood to Burn. We have received a nice large assortment of pieces just in time to burn for Christmas Presents.  
You will find them at our Burnt Wood department, right aisle, rear.

**REV. ALFRED BOUTWELL  
TO TAKE PULPIT OF  
W. E. BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Stepney Pastor Accepts Call of New Congregation for the New Year.  
Rev. Alfred H. Boutwell, for a year pastor of the Stepney Baptist church, has accepted the call of the Memorial Baptist church in the West End, and with the New Year he will succeed Rev. George C. Sauer, who has been gone from the new church for several months. He and Mrs. Boutwell will take up their residence in this city before he preaches his first sermon, Jan. 2.  
Rev. Mr. Boutwell exchanged pulpits with Rev. Mr. Sauer one Sunday, and he made a distinctly favorable impression. When Mr. Sauer decided to relinquish his duties at the West End church, several members of the church society went to Stepney to hear the young preacher a second time, and on their recommendation the call was extended.  
Mr. Boutwell is a native of South Norwalk. He attended the Connecticut Literary Institute, Suffield; Colgate University, and Yale. Mr. William J. Guggenheim, who has preached in local churches, will occupy the West End church pulpit on Sunday.

**OCEY SNEAD, VICTIM OF BATHTUB  
MYSTERY, AND HER INFANT CHILD**  
One of the strangest mysteries, involving what appears to have been a most cruel murder for the purpose of defrauding life insurance companies, grows out of the discovery of the body of Mrs. Ocey Snead, a pretty young southern woman, in a bathtub in an almost vacant house in Orange, N. N. J. suspicion points to three elderly women, relatives of the victim. Mrs. Snead's nearest relatives were her grandmother, a Mrs. Wardlaw; her mother, Mrs. Caroline Martin, and her aunt, Miss Virginia Wardlaw. This photograph of the bathtub victim was taken last August when the young woman was living with her mother and grandmother in Brooklyn and shortly after the birth of her baby. Mystery also surrounds the fate of this infant; also that of Fletcher W. Snead, the husband and father. Mrs. Snead's life was insured for \$25,000. The entire family were educated and cultured persons and enjoyed the friendship and respect of some of the best people in Virginia, whence they came when they moved to New York.

**TRIBUTE FOR POLICE  
FROM HEAD OF BOARD**  
Attorney Hill Principal Speaker at Church Banquet.  
Attorney George E. Hill, president of the police board, was the principal speaker at a banquet of the Men's League of the People's Presbyterian church last evening. He paid a tribute to the police department of the city saying that while there were improvements possible, the department was as anxious to fulfill their duties as any and to do so conscientiously. He argued that the city should have more patrolmen, so that it might have one to each 1,000 of the population. He said the most pleasing features of the progress of the department under his presidency of the police board were the establishment of the West End precinct and the introduction of the auto-patrol wagon.  
H. A. Chaffee of the Federation of Men's Church clubs was another speaker. Samuel W. Davis, president of the league, was toastmaster. The Ladies' Aid society of the church provided the banquet.

**EDWARD C. YALE DEAD**  
DESCENDANT OF FOUNDER OF UNIVERSITY AND TRUSTEE OF INSTITUTION THAT BEARS HIS NAME.  
New Haven, Dec. 8.—Edward Chauncey Yale, a direct descendant of Ell Yale, who founded Yale University, died last night from heart failure in the former home of his distinguished ancestor, where he had lived all his life.  
Mr. Yale had been ill for several weeks and was seventy-four years old. He was married in 1880 and is survived by his widow, two sons and a daughter, Miss Janet Yale, of New Haven, and Edward R. Yale, the older son, is connected with the New York linen firm of Henry C. Martin & Co., is president of the Invariable Club, a republican organization there, Howard Yale, of New Haven, is the other son.  
From his father Edward Chauncey Yale, he inherited a large fortune, which he increased during his early years in the shipping trade. He retired several years ago from business and also as trustee of Yale University, in whose welfare he was always deeply interested and to which he devoted much of his time and means. In recent years he has occupied himself with republican politics and the history of his native State.

**CHRISTIAN UNION  
COMMITTEES NAMED**  
Opening of City Mission Planned Immediately on Securing Quarters.  
Committees of the Bridgeport Christian Union were named by President E. B. Knowles at a meeting yesterday, as follows:  
Finance—F. V. Burton, chairman; M. H. Chapin, Egbert Marsh, Rev. G. W. Nicholson, Jeremiah Holmes, H. A. House—S. H. Calhoun, chairman; G. T. Hathaway, A. E. Warner, Horace E. Smith and Rev. J. M. Richardson.  
Executive—W. B. Spencer, chairman; H. A. Chaffee, Rev. W. J. Maurer, F. V. Burton, Egbert Marsh and S. H. Calhoun.  
Relief Work—Rev. W. I. Maurer, chairman; W. D. Ives, Rev. W. H. Lewis, Paul Miller and Robert Strang.  
Gospel Service—W. E. Spencer, chairman; E. H. Williams, Rev. H. A. Daventry, Rev. C. E. Barto, W. E. Hathaway, W. G. Hoag and W. V. Garner.  
It is planned to have the House committee negotiate for headquarters for the proposed City Mission to be operated under the direction of the union.

**DIVORCE GRANTED  
TO MRS. CURTISS**  
Judge Lucien F. Burpee Confirms Finding of Referee John W. Banks.  
Irene Laurie Curtis, nee Skidmore, has been granted a decree of divorce from her husband, Henry S. Curtis, local agent for the Adams Express Company, on the ground of desertion, the decree having been allowed by Judge Lucien F. Burpee in the Superior court today. The evidence in the case was heard before Referee John W. Banks, when the recommendation was presented to the court last Friday. The mother is given the custody of the two children, but the father has the right of visitation, starting with Friday, Dec. 10, until Sunday, Dec. 12, and every third Friday, Saturday and Sunday thereafter till September, 1910, when the children will be sent to school. The father is also allowed the children two days during the Christmas and Easter vacations, and two weeks during the summer vacation. Should the mother go to her summer home in Ashley Falls, Mass., the children will be sent to the summer home of the father in Canada.

**AUTO PATROL IN  
SECOND SMASH**  
Driver P. Lynch Met Trolley Car and Then Ran Into Hole in Roadway.  
The auto patrol has been chased by a streak of bad luck. It has been in two smashups this week and each time had to go to the Locomobile factory to be repaired. About midnight while P. Lynch was driving the car, it ran into a ditch at Jones avenue and Pequot street. The right hand wheel bent, the right running board was put out of commission, and the car suffered other slight damage, but it was still able to limp that headquarters. Driver Lynch said that the ditch was one which was dug by the Southern New England Telephone Co. He said there was no light, nor warning, of the hole and he didn't see it until he struck it.  
Monday morning the patrol came into collision with a Coles Express car from New Haven. The accident occurred at East Main street and Stratford avenue and did not injure the patrol much, although it was sent to the factory.  
President Hill is a little vexed at these occurrences to the patrol, and said this morning that he hoped it wouldn't break down any more until he had left the board. Upon being asked how he could be held responsible for the accident, he said: "I find that a police commissioner can be held accountable for most anything."

**HEXAMETHYLENETETRAMINE.**  
The above is the name of a German chemical, which is one of the many valuable ingredients of Foley's Kidney Remedy. Hexamethylenetetramine is recognized by medical text books and authorities as a uric acid solvent and antiseptic for the urine. Take Foley's Kidney Remedy as soon as you notice any irregularities and avoid a serious malady. F. B. Brill and Curtis Pharmacy, local agents.

**Russia Crushing All  
Finnish Authority**  
(Special from United Press.)  
Helsingfors, Finland, Dec. 8.—Finnish statements today look upon the appointment of Grand Duke Nicholas Nicolaievitch, a cousin of the Czar, as governor general of Finland as the last vestige of Finnish authority and "Russification" of the country. The Pines now realize that unless pressure from other powers is brought to bear there will be no way of checking Russia's plan and they have just about given up hope of European intervention.  
Nominally Russia only means to annex the province of Viborg but the Pines know that when the Russians come to Finland they won't leave until the whole country is taken over. Fifty thousand Russian soldiers have already been massed at strategic points about Viborg.  
Russian garrisons have everywhere been doubled. Five regiments of Cossacks have been put in the towns of Tavastohus, Helsingfors, Viborg and Fredrikshamn. The fortress islands of Hangö, Hangö and Hangö, completely command Helsingfors and make any resistance on the part of the town useless.

**MACDONALD ASKED  
BEFORE AUTOISTS**  
State Highway Commissioner James H. Macdonald who has been ill with a cold in his home in New Haven for several days and who has been unable to attend to his duties since the middle of last week, is called before the house, as the result of the cold. When inquiry was made last evening regarding his condition it was reported that he was slightly worse, although there is nothing serious in his condition. It may be several days yet before he will be able to attend to his duties. It was stated that he will make no statement regarding the criticisms that have been made against him until after he has returned to his duties.  
At the monthly meeting of the New Haven Auto club yesterday it was voted to ask the state highway commissioner to make before the club at a smoker to be held some time in January on the subject of Good Roads. The club is very anxious to hear Commissioner Macdonald tell of his experience in the making of roads and his ideas regarding the construction of state highways.

**SCARLET FEVER  
CASES NOT MORE**  
While the number of scarlet fever cases in the city has not grown much larger, neither has it decreased. The health officer is watching the Prospect street school. There are only two cases in the school and some of the children have a slight rash. Three of these were sent to the office of Dr. E. A. McLeellan, the health officer, this morning. He found nothing serious the matter and they were sent back to school.

**TAFT DOUBTFUL  
ON BOND ISSUE**  
(Special from United Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 8.—In a judicial speech opening the sixth National Convention of the Rivers and Harbors Congress here today, President Taft took a position of advantage on the fence regarding the organization's platform for a bond issue for waterways improvement.  
The president announced himself in favor of securing a declaration from Congress for improvements of the Mississippi, Missouri and Ohio rivers by the army engineers, but he said the beginning of work on the projects with appropriations from the current national revenue, leaving the question of a bond issue for a later time.  
"You will encounter in Congress," said the President "great opposition to a bond issue. You will be much more likely to succeed if you endeavor to have Congress, by a resolution or declaration, commit itself to the consummation of the improvements you want. The work can then be begun and when political and financial exigencies prevent the use of current revenue for that purpose, Congress will be forced to accede to a bond issue."  
The President said that he was sure that the next Congress would be forced to do something in the matter. This hardly pleased the thousand or more delegates who had hoped some measure might be put through at the present session. The President's endorsement of the general policy of the congress was met with rousing cheers, but silence greeted this postponement of consideration of a bond issue for the work.  
Following the President's opening address, Representative Joseph E. Henshaw, of Louisiana, president of the congress, submitted his annual report and the President's message.  
**Less Cotton Being Ginned**  
Washington, Dec. 8.—The census bureau today estimates that 8,878,277 bales of cotton have been ginned to Dec. 1 from the growth of 1909, as compared with 11,968,661 for 1908; 8,343,396 for 1907, and 10,027,868 for 1906. Proportion of the last three crops ginned to Dec. 1, 84 per cent. of 1908; 75.5 for 1907, and 77.3 for 1906.

**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL**  
The notice that Miss Dora Fairchild Van Rensselaer Brinsmade will lecture at the Stratfield, Friday evening, Dec. 10th, on Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice, will recall to many of her schoolmates a picture of Miss Brinsmade as the school girl debater. Miss Brinsmade was never known to lose a debate. Among Miss Brinsmade's patronesses are the following: Mrs. Morris Bearse, Mrs. William Plumb, Mrs. Hobart Wheeler, Miss Julia Fairchild, Mrs. Frederick Hall, Mrs. H. C. Fairchild, Mrs. A. B. Fairchild, Mrs. Marcus Wheeler, Miss Colina Fairchild, Mrs. D. Clifford Hall, Mrs. Fred Parsons, Mrs. Frank Smith, Mrs. Julia Nichols, Mrs. W. E. Halligan, Prof. John Wetzel of Yale.  
Mrs. Catherine W. Kupper presented a large American flag to Calanthe Temple, Pythian Sisters, yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Sarah J. Townsend entertained the members of the order at her home and served ice cream and cake. She was 73 years of age yesterday.

**Crop Report From  
Department of Agriculture**  
(Special from United Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 8.—The Department of Agriculture, in a crop report just issued, makes the following estimates:  
Winter wheat—newly seeded area, 7.9 per cent. more than the revised estimated area sown in the fall of 1908, equivalent to an increase of 2,449,000 acres; the indicated total area being 33,483,000 acres.  
Winter wheat—against on December 1st, 95.5 as against 83.3 and 91.1 on December 1st, 1908 and 1907, respectively, and a ten year average of 91.5.  
Rye—newly seeded area, 1.2 per cent. more than the revised estimated area sown in the fall of 1908, equivalent to an increase of 25,000 acres, the indicated area being 2,155,000 acres.  
Christmas Dainties  
can be had from a large and select assortment of German Christmas cakes, etc., at Brock's Delicatessen store, 57c, Main street, near State street. We carry a full line of kuchen spice drops, macaroons, walnuts, and dried fruits, California raisins, etc. Moerlin's Cincinnati beer, and a large line of liquors. Our most complete line of delicacies is just as extensive now as at any other time. We can cater to your wants whether for one or several hundred persons. Can also supply hotels, restaurants, lunch rooms, boarding houses, etc., with anything in our line at wholesale prices. See our window displays of Xmas goods and bottled liquors. Then come in and look around inside. Courteous clerks to wait on you at Gus Brock & Son's, 870 Main street. Tel. 1389. Free delivery.

**Steamers in Collision  
Sink With All on Board**  
(Special from United Press.)  
Liverpool, Dec. 8.—An examination today by divers of the wreck of the steamer Eilannvinn which lies under water at the mouth of the Mersey, revealed the fact that the steamer sank in Friday's storm, as a result of a collision with another vessel. As no collision has been reported, it is believed that the ship in collision with the Eilannvinn also sank with all on board in the heavy gale. Lives were lost in the sinking of the Eilannvinn.

**Houses of Strike Breakers  
Blown With Dynamite**  
(Special from United Press.)  
Youngstown, O., Dec. 8.—One house occupied by the families of two strike-breakers in the employ of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company at Youngstown, was blown to bits by a blast of dynamite before daylight today. An infernal machine was set under the foundation of the house, William Berney, father of Harry Berney, a strike-breaker, was badly injured and seven other members of the two households were badly bruised by debris.  
Three other houses of company officials and employes have been blown up since the strike started.

**Deaths and Funerals.**  
John Mallard died yesterday afternoon at the Bridgeport Hospital with Peter's Chink today and before a audience of political and society notables, Miss Caroline Debillier, daughter of Frederick Debillier, of New York, was married to the Honorable Victor Gibson, son and heir of Lord Ashburn, an Irish peer. It was one of the most fashionable weddings of the season.

**THE CYRUS PHARMACY**  
Fairfield Av., Cor. Courtland.  
WANT ADS. CENT A WORD.

**Weather Indications**  
(Special from United Press.)  
New Haven, Dec. 8.—Forecast: fair and colder tonight and Thursday.  
The storm that was central near Cincinnati, Ohio, yesterday morning moved rapidly eastward and passed over this vicinity last night. It is now central off the Maine coast. A secondary disturbance is central this morning over Ontario, Canada. Considerable cloudy weather with flurries of snow prevails this morning in the eastern portion of the lake region and in New England. The western cold wave is now felt in nearly all sections east of the Rocky Mountains, except along the Atlantic coast. Freezing temperatures extend nearly to the gulf and zero temperatures as far south as Kansas and east to Wisconsin. Cold wave warnings are issued for the New England states.  
Conditions favor for this vicinity generally fair and colder weather.

**New York Girl Wedded in  
London to an Irish Peer**  
(Special from United Press.)  
London, Dec. 8.—In fashionable St. Peter's Church today and before a audience of political and society notables, Miss Caroline Debillier, daughter of Frederick Debillier, of New York, was married to the Honorable Victor Gibson, son and heir of Lord Ashburn, an Irish peer. It was one of the most fashionable weddings of the season.

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**Privateering.**  
Privateering dates from the reign of King Edward I.—1272-1307. He was the first monarch to adopt that method of making war on an enemy. It grew out of the fact that at that time the nations of the world had but primitive navies and had to draw on the merchant marine for the bulk of their strength at sea. With England showing the way, the other nations of Europe lost no time in adopting this plan of injuring an enemy. Commissions were issued by a belligerent state to vessels owned and manned by private persons, authorizing them to carry on hostilities at sea against the other belligerent. It was not long before this license to merchantmen created a practical state of piracy.  
On the Road to Learning.  
"You say you know nothing at all about our railway?" said the official.  
"Nothing whatever," answered the applicant for employment.  
"Well, you come highly recommended. I suppose we'll have to put you in the bureau of information and let the traveling public educate you."—Washington Star.  
Probably.  
Myer—I wonder why Browne added the "e" to his name after inheriting a fortune? Gyer—He probably figures out to his own satisfaction that rich people are entitled to more ease than poor people.—London Globe.  
The Water Jet.  
The idea of driving piles with a water jet was borrowed by engineers from the clam, a small shellfish which burrows twelve to fourteen inches into hard sand or mud by this process.  
He who lives in the spirit never grows old. The outward man perishes, but the inward man has a perpetual youth.—Phillips Brooks.