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\$2.50 Curtains for \$1.29 a pair, \$3.00 Curtains for \$1.69 a pair, \$4.50 Curtains for \$1.98 a pair, \$7.00 Curtains for \$3.29 a pair. Other good values at 70c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 a pair.

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Included among the many rare curios are over 1,000 Tibetan, Chinese, Siamese, Korean and Japanese Idols, covering a period of thirteen centuries. The most interesting individual piece is the shrine of the fifth shogun.

The offer includes the museum building, into which are built parts of temples, old ceilings, panels and ancient woodwork. Mr. Okuhara hopes that some municipality or museum will purchase and preserve the collection intact. He is willing to meet any condition, providing the 1,000 yen reaches the war fund.

Vice Governor Takahashi of the Bank of Japan, who goes to America and England, will investigate the financial situation generally, with a view of rating a loan later if one should be needed.

PARIS, Feb. 22.—The Japanese officials here insist that M. Taikahashi, the vice president of the Bank of Japan at Tokio, and Baron Kaneko, who start from Tokio for America February 24, on a mission to the United States, are not charged to enter into any negotiations with the United States government. The officials assert that they are going to America solely for the purpose of gauging American sentiment in respect to the far eastern war.

The British naval officers who brought the Japanese armored cruisers Nisshin and Kasuga from Genoa, Italy, to Japan will be received in audience by the mikado tomorrow. The Noblemen's club banqueted them today. Gratitude toward Great Britain here is intense.

The announcement here that Japanese fugitives from Manchuria had been saved from further Russian cruelty by the good offices of Mr. Conger, the United States minister to Peking, was received with the highest evidences of appreciation.

Japanese convertible war notes have begun to be placed in circulation at Seoul and Chempoo. They are of six denominations, the highest being 10 yen. It is reported that the panic at New Chwang is increasing, owing to the apprehension of a Japanese attack. Russian credit there is completely destroyed.

FOOD SUPPLY MAY CAUSE FRICTION

America is watching efforts to define the Contraband of War.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Officials here are apprehensive that friction may follow the efforts of belligerents to define contraband of war in a manner injurious to American trade. While the matter has not yet been treated in the negotiations had with Russia and Japan on the one side and the United States on the other, there is reason to believe that some of the European powers already have been confronted with similar restrictions upon their trade, which they are claimed to result.

A vast quantity of American foodstuff is now afloat destined for both Russia and Japan and it is probable that the question will be very speedily raised as to whether or not the supplies are contraband of war. The United States has in recent years insisted that foodstuffs were not contraband and could not be seized by a belligerent unless it were shown that the goods were consigned to or clearly intended for a belligerent. This principle was recognized by the British government during the Transvaal war and the courts awarded considerable sums of money to American shippers for food seized by British warships.

The State department has heard nothing whatever from United States Consul Miller at New Chwang touching the troubles he has had with the Russian officials in endeavoring to carry out the department's instructions to look after Japanese interests at that port. It is said that if these officials are supported by their government in obstructing the American consul in the discharge of his duties the duty the department can do nothing further.

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SERVIA SYMPATHIZE WITH CZAR

Will Do All Possible to Preserve Peace in Balkans.

PARIS, Feb. 22.—Popovitch, the Serbian minister here, said today:

From the time of the rupture of relations between Japan and Russia, the sympathy of all Servians has been with the czar. When the Balkan states declared war on his colors, in Servia no one intends to seek to profit by the Russian embarrassment. I believe that the attitude of other Balkan states. Without the support of Austria and Russia they would be pow-

ered to settle the situation as they wish. Should war break out in the Balkans, Russia and Austria would intervene to prevent it. In that case, however, it would be dangerous because it would end in economic disaster, and the financial and industrial situation of the principal Balkan states would be worsened. In any case Servia only asks to be allowed to collaborate in the work of applying the reforms in Macedonia.

NEED STRONGER NAVY IN FAR EAST.

Events Moving So Rapidly in Orient and Emergencies May Arise.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Naval officials are considering earnestly the strengthening of the American Asiatic fleet in view of the vast interests of this country in the Philippines and in China and Korea and the probability that disturbances may necessitate their protection at any time. At the same time that the fleet is regarded as too small there is a desire to avoid exciting the suspicion of the old world powers lest this government may be put in the false light of interfering in the eastern struggle. A high naval officer tonight said:

The need of increasing the Asiatic fleet has been so long recognized that it is intended that the new battleship Ohio, building at San Francisco, should be sent to the Asiatic station in the spring and that it should be followed by the armored cruiser South Dakota and the protected cruiser Milwaukee as soon as these vessels are completed. The new battleship will be ready before autumn and we are considering the dispatch of another battleship. It has been suggested that the Iowa be selected for this purpose, but the decision has not yet been reached. It is now receiving rush repairs at the New York navy yard.

In the meantime the Asiatic station is tentatively selected to go to Asia in the relief of one of the vessels of the cruiser squadron, but under present circumstances it is believed that the Asiatic station will be unable to be brought home, however many ships are added to it. It also has been suggested that the New York, now at Panama, be retained at the Asiatic station until it makes the cruise with the Tacoma. This is understood and the uncertainty of the Panama situation together with the fact that the world is due for a thorough overhauling rather militates against sending that vessel to join Admiral Evans.

As rapidly as events are moving in the east that it is impossible to say what move in the Asiatic station the next day's development will call for. The original suggestion that the battleship squadron go up to Chefoo, but this was not approved and an order was issued for the battleship to proceed to the Philippines and for the cruiser squadron to assemble at Shanghai. Repairs to the valves of the Kentucky, flagship of the Asiatic station, were suspended at Hong Kong.

Meanwhile, the cruisers will be used to keep in communication with the speakers who had preceded him and the Cincinnati attorneys, who were so largely responsible on this occasion. Judge Harmon, being an expansionist, he showed how Hellenic personal friends honestly differ on matters of public policy.

He predicted a great future not only for the archipelago, but also for this country in the trade relations that are yet in infancy. Little American capital has yet been invested there, the Manila railway being the chief investment. He insisted that the opportunity for American capital and for young men of education was great in the Philippines and predicted that all would be surprised at the exhibits of the Philippine exhibits at the St. Louis fair.

Rear Admiral Evans has cabled the navy department expressing a wish to remain in the far east for the present, in the event that the Kentucky is not to be brought home when repaired. He feels that the situation is extremely important out there and for this reason offers to remain, although his time of sea duty is up next month, and the plan is for him to return to New York in his flagship.

The department has cabled him, leaving the matter entirely to his own judgment and the announcement was made tonight by a high official that the department had every confidence in Admiral Evans' decision.

LOCATION OF AMERICAN VESSELS.

As Far as Possible They Are Taken from War Zone.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The battleship Kentucky, flagship of the American Asiatic fleet, has been ordered to Hong Kong, where it will be docked for the purpose of making minor repairs. It is regarded as probable that Admiral Evans will have the remainder of the battleship squadron accompany him to Hong Kong, although he has not advised the department to this effect.

It is not intended at present that the battleships shall go no further north. The double-turreted monitors Monadnock and Monterey, also a pair of the battleship squadron, are at Shanghai and Canton, China, respectively. The cruiser New Orleans and the gunboat Wilmington have been recalled from Chefoo lest their presence there might be resented by one of the belligerents and are on their way to Shanghai, where the Raleigh is awaiting the arrival of the remainder of the cruiser squadron. The cruiser Cincinnati is in Phillipine waters under orders for Shanghai and the San Francisco reported Saturday at Bombay, India, on its way to China.

The paper estimates the present troops-moving capacity of the railroad from Russia's experience of last summer in moving two brigades to Tschita, east of Lake Baikal, which was only accomplished at the rate of eight and a half miles an hour. At this rate it would take thirty days to convey 35,000 men from the Ural mountains to Mukden or Vladivostok.

The paper assumes the present strength of the Russian army in eastern Asia to be 155,761, and upon the foregoing estimate of the time required to move troops, it decrees it will take until April 20 for Russia to raise the strength of her east Asiatic army to 233,600 men.

The Military Wochenschatz is of the opinion that the easiest thing for Japan to do is to compel Russia to abandon Manchuria, as to strike at the center of the country, or, in other words, concentrate her forces against Harbin.

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FRED SIGLER DIES OF WOUNDS

Omaha Man Who Shot Woman Expires in St. Louis City Hospital.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 22.—Fred Sigler, the Omaha carpenter who yesterday shot Mrs. Julia Smith because she would not marry him, died at the city hospital today as the result of self-inflicted wounds. Mrs. Smith will probably recover.

DEATH RECORD.

Bernard W. Canfield.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Feb. 22.—(Special)—Bernard W. Canfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Canfield of this city, died very suddenly at the family home last night. He had been suffering with asthma, but yesterday afternoon he was seemingly improved. At about 9 o'clock he retired, and when his mother stepped into his room at 11 o'clock to see how he was feeling before she retired, she found him dead. Mr. Canfield was born in this city.

William Wire.

EDGAR, Neb., Feb. 22.—(Special)—William Wire, an old resident of this part of Nebraska, died in the hospital for the

BANQUET SECRETARY TAFT

Culminating Event in Series of Receptions to War Secretary.

MEETS OLD NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

Reviews Situation in the Philippine Archipelago and Says It is the Country for Educated Young Men.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 22.—Secretary of War W. H. Taft has been the guest here of his brother, Hon. Charles P. Taft, proprietor of the Times-Star, since he attended the Hanna obsequies at Cleveland last Friday. During that time he has been the guest of honor at a series of receptions, including social functions at the residence of Charles P. Taft and a public reception at the Royal Legion state headquarters this afternoon. The closing event before Secretary Taft returns to Washington tomorrow was a complimentary dinner given at the United States hotel, at which 250 plates were laid and the floral and general appointments were elaborate.

Following this meeting Secretary Taft met many neighbors and lifelong friends.

AGEED MAN SHOOTS HIS DAUGHTER.

Follows This Up by Firing a Fatal Shot in His Own Brain.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Feb. 22.—(Special Telegram)—Despondent because he was blind and wanted to leave a world he could not see, Stephen Mauck, a violinist, 60 years old, shot and probably fatally wounded his daughter Eva, aged 14, and then killed himself at noon today at his home. No motive for the crime is known, but the man is believed to have been insane. The tragedy was enacted before the eyes of Mauck's two grandchildren, Tim and Merle Miller, aged 14 and 10 years, respectively. The old man seized his daughter by the arm and held her firmly while he poked the revolver against her breast and fired. He placed the gun against his head and blew out his brains. The girl ran screaming into the street, with her clothing on fire. She fell and was taken to a hospital. She is shot through the lungs and will probably die.

A Man Badly Injured.

Ornifully hurt, burned, bruised or wounded gets quick comfort from Buckner's Arnica Salve. It conquers pain. 25¢. For sale by Kuhn & Co.

JAPANESE EXHIBITS ARRIVE.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 22.—Meijan Yabu of Osaka, Japan, a member of the Japanese Exhibitors' association, has arrived in St. Louis and terminated a 6,000-mile journey from Japan to the United States, accompanied by Messrs. Shuzui and Shinobara, his secretaries. Mr. Yabu will be followed in four days by a large consignment of exhibits which has just reached San Francisco.

FIND TIN IN BURMA.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Large deposits of tin are reported to have been discovered in lower Burma, near the town of Kyauk, by Colonel K. M. Ross, in charge of a party of miners sent by a company of miners from Colombo, Ceylon. Coal was also found in the neighborhood. The tin deposits are asserted to be as great as those of the British Settlements.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER.

Snow for North and Rain, Turning to Snow in South Portion of Nebraska.