

BRILLIANT CHRISTMAS OPENING

Paton's Establishment in Holiday Attire

FINE DISPLAY OF STOCK

In all Lines, Suitable for the Xmas Trade—Excellent Assortment and Artistic Decoration.

Some time ago the Guardian announced that the store of James Paton & Co., was undergoing a marvellous transformation...

To-day the display opens and it is fully as beautiful and as enticing as was anticipated...

Old yet ever sweet and true is its hearty wish, gleams down from both sides of the cornice below the ceiling...

Then a table of perfumery fancy goods and in close proximity to the cash box, surmounted by a beautiful crown...

The toilet accessory table is laden with all the necessities of a lady's dressing room while about is shown in tempting array babies and children's ware...

The oriental rugs covering the base of these booths are beautiful. Silks for fancy work are shown in great abundance...

Ladies Overshoes

Seven different kinds to choose from.

Monitor fine jersey cloth, wool lined & buckle two straps a neat overshoe. Price \$2.25. Then we have an American overshoe, very fine quality, high, four buckles, very light weight...

Goff Bros

FLEETS OF THREE NATIONS GATHERED IN WEST INDIA WATERS.

Seventy-two Warships of Britain Germany and the United States Watching the Affairs of Venezuela—What it is All About—Germany's Money Claim, Britain's Claim for Outrages—The Monroe Doctrine.

THE GATHERING FLEETS.

Table with columns for GERMANY, ENGLAND, and UNITED STATES, listing War vessels and Fighting men counts.

The Kaiser's fleet, which is to bring Venezuela to terms, is gathering at St. Thomas; the English fleet, under Rear Admiral Douglas, which is to 'demonstrate' jointly with Germany...

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Two fleets of European ships of war are evidently preparing to seize Venezuelan custom houses and other vital points in the South American republic.

This is the way the German-British Venezuelan situation appears to-night to the officials here. A slight misunderstanding between the United States and Great Britain and Germany as to the declared intention of these powers may make important history within the next few days.

is filled with eager purchasers of the magnificent assortment shown.

Before closing this summary mention must be made of the splendidly equipped carpet department upstairs, where every variety of carpet can be obtained.

In the Mantle department we find the latest and best, at prices to suit any purse. In the ready made clothes line are goods well known to those who have patronized for years a department that stands by the motto "Excellence."

Oysters for Sale

Reduced to 35 cents a quart. JAMES VATCHER, Kent Street.

FOR CHRISTMAS!

The Largest and Best Assorted Array of Beautiful Fancy Articles.

- Novelties, Leather Goods, Books, Calendars, etc

We have ever displayed Everything Ready, comfortable store, obliging clerks, Come Early and secure best selection.

Haszard & Moore

BRITISH AND GERMAN PRISONERS RELEASED BY THE VENEZUELAN

Troops Pouring Into La Guayra, General Ferrer in Command—Allied Fleets Movements—Three Venezuelan Ships Captured, Two of them Sunk, a Fourth Disabled—What Delays the Seizure of Custom Houses—Attitude of the German Press.

THE PRISONERS RELEASED.

LA GUAYRA, Dec. 11.—(Special)—All the British and German subjects arrested have been released.

[La Guayra is the seaport of Caracas, and has a population of 12,000. Caracas, which is near by on high elevation has 72,000.]

TROOPS AT LA GUAYRA.

General Ferrer, Minister of War, has arrived here with 3,000 troops and 800 men under President Castro's brother are expected at 10 o'clock.

MOVEMENTS OF WARSHIPS.

Only the British cruiser Indefatigable is now here.

BRITISH AND GERMAN MINISTERS.

Minister Haggard and Herr Pflügner Ballazari left here last night.

NOT READY TO SEIZE CUSTOMS.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—(Special)—In connection with the reported seizure of the Venezuelan customs, the Foreign Office officials say arrangements for that step are not yet completed.

WAITING A GENERAL AGREEMENT.

Before a general seizure Germany, Great Britain and other interested nations of the world have to come to an agreement for a pro rata division of the customs revenues of Venezuela.

NO OFFICIAL NEWS TO HAND.

The Foreign Office had not received official news from Venezuela at one o'clock this afternoon.

SOME SHOTS WERE EXCHANGED.

In the Commons today Under Secretary Cranborne confirmed the report of the capture of three Venezuelan vessels and the disablement of a fourth.

TWO OF THE PRIZES BEING TAKEN SUNK.

WHAT THE GERMAN PRESS SAYS.

Berlin, Dec. 11.—(Special)—All the papers except the Socialists' Vorwaerts are in sympathy with the Government action in Venezuela.

THE LATTER PAPER CALLS IT "GOVERNMENT BLUNDER."

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. This signature is on every box. 11-12 at 75c per box.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Table listing various stocks and their prices, including American Sugar, Atchafalaya, and others.

TO INCREASE YOUR WEIGHT.

If you are thin, weak and emaciated and want to increase your flesh and weight you should try Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

Costly, warm, and comfortable, these are the words for Paton's Storm Caps for men.

Shetland Floss.—Yesterday we received by express a large shipment of Shetland Floss in every shade.

Fourth order of Boys and Youths Groceries Overcoats came in by express yesterday morning.

Butterick Patterns for January just received. Get a copy of the January Delicacies at Carters' Bookstore.

Buy Your Fur Caps, Fur Robes, Fur Coats, and warm woollen Shawls at Patons.

Office and Pocket Diaries for 1903 at Carters' Bookstore.

You should look over our new importation of walking sticks, they make a useful and handsome present.

Visit Paton's opening to-day.

Hyndman & Co., Insurance Agents.

FIRE MARINE, LIFE AND ACCIDENT.

Representing the leading British Companies.

WAS SPEARED WHILE HE WAS PRAYING

Reported Death of Mad Mullah in Somaliland

LORD MINTO TO REMAIN

Handsome Bequests to Methodist Church—Ross' Big Majority—The Yukon Governorship.

SPREAD WHILE PRAYING.

The Mullah is said to have been killed by a spear thrust inflicted while he was praying.

LORD MINTO NOT TO RESIGN.

New York, Dec. 11.—(Special)—Hon. Arthur Elliott, M. P., states, according to a London despatch to the Tribune, that so far as he is aware there is no foundation for the report that his brother Lord Minto is about to resign the Governor-Generalship of Canada.

HIS MAJORITY GROWS.

Dawson City, Dec. 11.—(Special)—Ross's majority is now over 800. There is much speculation regarding his successor as Governor.

SOME HANDSOME BEQUESTS.

Halifax, Dec. 11.—(Special)—The will of the late J. Wesley Smith leaves \$77,722 to the Methodist Church and institutions. The remainder of the estate will go to paragonage aid and Methodist Church extension funds.

WANTED—A case of headache that KUMFOOT Powders will not cure in ten or twenty minutes.



THE EARL OF MINTO

CANADIAN STOCKS.

Table listing Canadian stocks and their prices, including Dominion Coal, and others.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

Chicago, December 11.—(Special)—Dec. Wheat 75; Corn, 49; Pork \$16.65. Jan. Wheat 77; Corn 44; Pork —

DO YOU BELCH GAS?

If you have uneasy sensations in the stomach and taste in the mouth, headache—remember that ten drops of Peppermint Nervine in sweetened water is a quick and certain cure.

CHRISTMAS BUYERS!

WILL FIND AT CARTERS' BOOKSTORE

A splendid line of Leather Goods in Purses, all Styles, all Leathers, Ladies' and Gents' Card Cases, Wallets, Letter Holders, Combination Purses, Music Rolls, Portfolios &c. Name lettered in Gold Free on all except the cheaper goods.

The Poets, Poets, Poets,

What a magnificent line we have this year. Name lettered in Gold free on all leather bound Poets. Remember if you do not wish any lettering done you get 10 per cent discount for Cash on all of the above goods.

Geo. Carter & Co., SANTA CLAUS HEADQUARTERS.

Long Coats at Short Prices at PROWSE'S