

THE EFIRD CHAIN SALE

Here Are Only a Few of the Many Specials for Saturday Morning

Try and be on hand promptly at 9 o'clock every morning as there are many new things that are thrown out at a price, that are not mentioned for lack of space.

This Chain Sale is one of the wonders of the South and contains more real genuine bargains than any other sale that has ever been attempted.

JUST RECEIVED—TWO LOTS OF VOILE AND ORGANDY DRESSES AT EXTREMELY LOW PRICES.

- \$3.98 Values at **\$1.85**
- \$4.98 Values at **\$2.85**
- One table of Women's Corsets at **95c**
- One table of \$2.50 Corsets at **\$1.89**

Entire stock of Trunks, Suit Cases and Hand Bags above 98c at 20 per cent off in this Chain Sale.

In addition to our already reduced prices on Rugs, we offer during this sale only an extra 10 per cent discount.

SHEETS HALF PRICE

- 72x90 Seamless Sheets, ten dozen for 9 o'clock Saturday and Monday morning, limit 2 to customer at **49c**

MOHAWK BLEACHED SHEETING, 49c

- ALL DAY Saturday and Monday we will sell Mohawk, 81-inch bleached Sheeting, best grade manufactured, sold recently up to \$1.50 per yard. Special at **49c**

YARD WIDE PERCALE, 10c

- Full yard wide Percale, perfect short lengths to go on sale, one lot Saturday morning and another lot Monday morning, values up to 35c per yard. Sale price **10c**

PAJAMA CHECKS, 10c

- Full yd wide Pajama Checks for Saturday morning at 9 o'clock and while it lasts **10c**

IMPORTED ORGANDIE, 68c

- Very sheer quality Imported Organdie, pink, blue, maize, helio, Nile, etc., quality that is retailing up to \$1.00 per yard. Sale price **58c**

MARQUINETTE VOILES, 22c

- Full Mercerized Marquisette Voiles, values up to 65c per yard, to go on sale Saturday morning at **22c**

BED TICKING ON A 6c COTTON BASIS

- Full width Mattress Ticking, per yard at **5c**
- Good quality Mattress Ticking, per yard at **8 1/2c**
- Sateen Mattress Ticking, per yard at **16 1/2c**
- ACA best guaranteed featherproof Ticking at **19c**

CRETONNE, 15c

- 36-inch Cretonne in all the new dark medium and fancy designs, values up to 35c **15c**

COLORED VOILES, 18c

- 36 to 40 inch Colored Voiles, all this season's newest patterns, values up to 65c per yard Sale price **18c**

32-INCH GINGHAM, 10c

- One big table 32-inch Gingham, all good dress patterns, warranted fast colors **10c**

- 32-inch Fancy Plaid Dress Gingham, values up to 35c, for **15c**

35c GINGHAM, 16 1/2c

- All standard Dress Gingham, values up to 35c per yard, including the newest Spring and Summer patterns, warranted fast colors. Sale price **16 1/2c**

CROCHET SPREADS

- Full size Crochet Spreads, \$1.50 values at **85c**
- 68x88 Crocheted Spreads, extra heavy weight. Sale price **\$1.55**
- 86x90 Marseilles Spreads, a \$7.50 value. Sale price **\$3.95**

COWHIDE OVERALLS, 85c

- A genuine, nationally advertised Cowhide Overall, recently sold for \$3.00 per pair Sale price **85c**

MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS, 65c

- Men's Percale and Madras Dress Shirts, values worth up to \$1.50, 60 dozen in the lot, one half to go on sale Saturday morning at 9 o'clock and remaining 30 dozen Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Special price of **65c**

- Men's Blue Chambray Work Shirts, values up to \$1.00 **58c**

- Men's Percale and Madras Shirts, values up to \$2.00 **95c**

- Pongee Negligee Shirts, soft collars, also oxfords at \$1.68 and **\$1.95**

STRAW HATS

- Men's Straw Hats, values up to \$2.98 Sale price **\$1.65**
- Choice of any sailor Straw Hat in the house. Sale price **\$2.85**
- Panama Hat, values up to \$3.98 for **\$1.65**

MEN'S PALM BEACH SUITS

- A genuine Palm Beach Suit, best make Sale price **\$11.95**
- Men's all wool Blue Serge and novelty worsted suits values up to \$35.00. Sale price .. **\$19.95**

BOYS' PALM BEACH SUITS

- Boys' genuine Palm Beach Suits, with label, in new nifty styles and patterns, values up to \$12.50. Sale price **\$7.95**

MOVABLE FORTS FOR COAST LINE

Fortresses on Railroad Line Will Protect the Atlantic Cities.

By T. N. SANDIFER, International News Service Staff Correspondent

Washington, June 24.—Moving fortresses, camouflaged-streaked, and belching 16-inch projectiles, may some day keep an enemy fleet at bay off a vital spot on America's shores.

These "fortresses" will be formidable groups of the "42-centimere" type of gun, mounted on railway carriages, which will be used for the first time as coast defenses.

Realizing from European war experiences that the powerful long-range guns now carried by battleships make permanent fortifications of questionable value in defending our coasts from an attack at sea, the War Department is rapidly building up the long-contemplated system of railway artillery with which it is eventually hoped to girdle our coasts.

Our coast defenses are as strong as it is possible for such works to be, but the fact that they are in fixed position, and the fact that it is possible to locate them, make other defenses desirable, if not actually essential. The capture by Japanese and British storming parties of the powerful sunken turrets comprising the defenses of Tsing Tau, German China, early in the war, following bombardment from the sea, has demonstrated that this character of fort is not as secure as had been formerly considered.

Accordingly, the war department conceived some time ago the plan of supplementing our fixed coast defenses with movable batteries mounted on carriages which could go by rail from point to point. This would mean that, in addition to the stationary batteries making up the regular fortifications of seaports, other groups of batteries, equally powerful and capable of moving to any advantageous point or to any threatened point, could keep up a smashing fire on the enemy fleets, without having to wait there afterward while said enemy got the range and returned the compliments. This is the general plan.

It did not progress so rapidly until the close of the war found the war department holding in its hands more big guns, with movable railway mounts of the latest type, than they ever thought they would get. So they set to work, and a full report of their progress and a new list of the technical requirements of the new service have been made to Congress and may be made public later.

It is proposed to establish the first regular railway system adapted to the use of railway guns at a point within strategic distance of the area which military experts have calculated an enemy undoubtedly would pick if he sought to reach the vital spots of our Atlantic coast. For the purpose of the defense chain war department experts have selected a former war camp, Camp Eustis, Va., and asked that it be held by the Government for the general sale of camps and turned over to the military authorities. This camp, it is said, is the only one now ready which is adaptable to the peculiar purposes for which it is wanted. First, it is strategically located, so that it is desirable as a permanent area. Second, it already has twenty-two miles of track and is accessible to a main trunk line, so that it can be linked up with another area if necessary. Third, its buildings, landings and other foundations were made specially solid, so that the camp is already in position to receive the extra heavy loads.

If this camp is turned over as desired, it is planned by the Coast Artillery to send units of the railway artillery, there or training, where they could be dispatched to other areas as they are ready. In the meantime the Eustis site would have a permanent garrison, with heavy movable guns, ready to respond in several directions to any threat either from the sea or to support the hasty defense by the army corps in the attacked area, if the enemy should land.

MARRY A "PAL" OR NOT AT ALL

So Advises Miss Sybil Thorndike Who Pleads for More Freedom.

By EARLE C. REEVES, International News Service Staff Correspondent

London, June 24.—The remarkable slump in marriages in Great Britain during the last year, coupled with the publication here of sensational divorce figures from the United States, has caused serious discussions as to the reasons for the so-called failure of the modern marriage.

Miss Sybil Thorndike—who is, without exception, the most versatile actress on the British stage today—will have none of it.

She admits that modern conditions make contemplation of marriage a problem, but she comes to the front with a truly remarkable defense of that well-known institution which, we are told by some, is becoming a miserable failure.

"Unless she is very much in love, the modern girl is inclined to be afraid of marriage," Miss Thorndike declares. "Yet marriage, at its best, is the most happy, exciting and delightful relationship possible in this world. Even if there is not violent love on both sides, marriage can still be a very good thing."

"In the finest type of marriage you get a comradeship which is impossible in any other relationship. "Daily habits, little discussions and fusses about children, and also the living together, produce a comradeship which you cannot get in any other way."

"There must be freedom that husbands and wives never had before and which is all to the good."

"A married woman knows what is comely and decent; but, without ever going beyond the limits of comeliness

CAPITALIST SAYS IT IS WONDERFUL

President of Light and Power Company Makes Strong Statement.

R. M. Oates, prominent capitalist, bank director and president of the Hendersonville, N. C., Light and Power company, says: "I had a very severe attack of nervous indigestion covering a period of over two weeks. As soon as I began the use of Garren's Tonic I obtained instant relief. One bottle of this medicine has completely overcome my trouble. I always keep a bottle of Garren's Tonic on hand ready for use. It is a wonderful preparation and I unhesitatingly recommend it to any one suffering with indigestion or who is in a general rundown condition." Garren's Tonic is sold in Charlotte by Beatty's Drug Co., and in North Charlotte by Hand's Pharmacy.

FRIEND IS FIRST NEED OF DOPER

Coke Eaters Can Be Saved But Have to Have Help.

By KENT WATSON, International News Service Staff Correspondent

St. Louis, Mo., June 24.—Twitching lips, wan, drawn and haggard facial features. Nervous glances at the passers-by. He discontentedly brushes his fingers across his nose peeks furtively up a dingy storeroom, disappears.

An interval passes. Apparently ecstasy characterizes his reappearance. He straightens up, assumes a superficial dignity known only to his realm. He is personified suavity, challenging the world to read behind his impassive mask of a flushed face.

Another interval passes. "I can let you have a million if you need it," he says, glancing up. "Nice blue suit you have. What're the brass buttons for? You're an aviator! I'll give you a couple of airplanes. I own the largest factory in the world."

"The operation started up me," one of the old-timers said to me when I asked him what caused him to take up the habit. "God" but I'd give my right arm to be free from the stuff! It's gnawing my soul away. The craving is what runs me nutty. No price is too big to pay for the stuff when you're out. There's nothing like its influence—sort of a heaven. Joy floats all around. You don't know fear. You own the world. Money grows on trees. Everything's new and beautiful.

"I had a pus pocket on my spinal column. The doctors didn't seem to know what was the matter with me. They kept me doped up. My family's prominent in Kansas City now. They don't know where I am. Don't you tell 'em, for God's sake! After I'd suffered an agony of ten days a doctor made an incision in my back, and I got well—but I was a 'dope-head.' I didn't want to quit them. It was the only joy of life to be under the influence of the stuff."

"You could outwrite Shakespeare if you'd take a 'shot,'" he said with a cackling laugh.

His humor was passing. "I'm stuck," continued the prisoner of fate. "I'm being railroaded to the coop. I'll be better off, though, I want to get straight again—and then I'm going to start all over. I'll preach to 'beginners' if I can on the same old inspiration the stuff gives me. If you ever get a 'shot' you'll understand why it forms a 'come-back,' habit so quickly."

"Why, I went to heaven last Thursday. I played with the angels, ate nectar of the gods with them. Swell bunch. Rode up there on wings. Light as feathers—sailing through the air as if on a bed of silk."

"The next day I was in hell. Not so nice. I suffered for the sins of all the world. Always a yawning blankness with that. No objective in life. A sort of a what's-the-use philosophy. Pain. Distorted mind. A brain which became a living flame, itching sensations corraling the nerves into a corner, where they are useless. Spurred by everything, ebbed to nothing by wonderment of whether you'll ever get another 'sniff.' That's the inventory of the maniac a 'doper' becomes when he 'misses out.'"

Churches don't do enough good, the "doper" told me. "Preachers seeking publicity by cavorting around and decrying evil," continued the "snow-bird," unwilling to let me depart. "They don't seem to care to stoop and help the 'down-and-outers' in the world's 'hotel de gink.' A 'doper' can be saved if anybody cares about him. Society seems repulsed by the presence of a 'bird' who's hit it hard and just drifts in down because it's the easiest way. Weak men need the help of the churches. Lot o' these 'dopers' get bailed out while their trials are pending. They go back to the habit. The preachers don't go down to the federal courts and offer a chance in a heart-to-heart talk."

BAPTISTS PUSH HOME MISSIONS

Much Progress is Reported in Work Among Negroes and Indians.

Des Moines, June 24.—Notable progress in educational work among negroes and Indians in this country and the people of Central America, the opening of an international Baptist Seminary to train preachers for work among foreign-speaking people, establishment of a boys' camp applying the "Plattsburg idea" to religious training, and creation of an architectural bureau to help make religious edifices more effective, were among features of the eighty-ninth report of the American Baptist Home Mission Society presented to the Northern Baptist convention to day by Dr. Charles L. White, executive secretary.

Schools for negroes and Indians have been taxed to their utmost capacity, according to Dr. George E. Hovey, of the educational department. Through gifts from the General Educational Board and John D. Rockefeller, the salary of teachers in these schools is being increased and new buildings provided at Bacone Indian College, Bacone, Okla., and Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga. Indians of Oklahoma have given \$175,000 to aid Bacone. Need for further extension of this educational work is urgent, declares Dr. Charles A. Brooks, in charge of negro missions. An intense race consciousness is furnishing a perplexing problem for the negro churches. Training of young people for more adequate service in church and community centers is one help to the solution of this difficulty.

In the United States, said Dr. Lemuel C. Barnes, the society is co-operating in 165 towns and cities in missionary and church extension work. Recommendation is made for more aggressive organization for smaller cities. In sparsely-settled areas six general missionaries, forty-three assistants and 169 missionary pastors have had charge of 220 churches and covered a vast territory, where there are no churches. There are fifteen Indian missionaries working among their own people. Reclamation projects in the northwest, said Dr. Barnes, foreshadow a big task along missionary lines in the near future.

and decency, she can, if she has married a pal, enjoy a freedom unknown to her grandmother.

"The woman who remains unmarried misses the great experience of motherhood."

"If the modern girl marries a pal I don't think she ought to feel scared. A marriage between equals is one of the most wonderful things in life."

BEER-DRINKING CAT DIES.

Minneapolis, June 24.—Cloves, famous as the beer drinking cat, known to frequenters of the once-noted saloon row in the theatrical district, is dead here. Last night Cloves ventured into the alley near a theatre, where she met ten greyhounds comprising a part of the show. She fought them all, but her proverbial nine lives were not sufficient to triumph.

Special For Friday And Saturday



DOZEN SHIRTS

\$1.35 EACH

These were taken from our regular stock. Some sold as high as \$3.00. 10 dozen White Oxford, collar attached included at this price.



One Lot Silk Four-in-Hand Ties

50c

Some of these sold as high as \$2.50 each.



UNION SUITS

25 dozen Men's Summer Union Athletic and quarter sleeve, all sizes—

95c



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