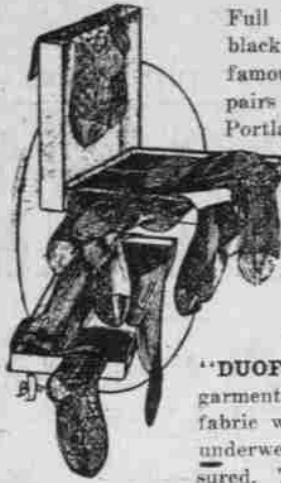


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Full fashioned black Socks, in guaranteed fast black dye. A prime grade of yarn, with the famous "Crow" foot; at 35c the pair, or three pairs for \$1.00, these are the standard hose of Portland for particular men. Buy five pairs for the price of three today; on sale at **21c** pair.

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Violet Talcum Powder, worth 10c a can, today **5c**.

Bone Hairpins, plain or crimped, worth 25c a doz., today **12c**.

Lead Pencils, with rubber tips, special today **20c** the doz., or 3 for **5c**.



STORE CLOSÉS AT SIX P. M.

Children's 30c Aprons 17c

Made of blue and white checked gingham, in the popular Mother Hubbard style. Have long sleeves and turn-down collar. For tots from 2 to 6 years of age. Worth 30c each, special **17c**.

Vegetable or Flower Seeds 2 Packages 5c

Get busy in your garden—plant seeds that grow. Have your own vegetables and beautify your lawn with flowers. We offer special prices today on hardy Northern-grown seeds of all kinds—vegetable or flower. Buy today and start your garden early. Special, 2 packages **5c**.

Sterling Lawn Grass seed, in one-pound packages. Very special for today only, the package **19c**.

25c Vests Special 17c Each

WOMEN'S VESTS, in low neck, sleeveless styles—good quality lisle yarn, lace-trimmed. Any woman will have use for a number of these. Better attend the sale—you will save 8c on each one, for they are 25c ones, **17c** selling at.



KNIT UNDERGARMENTS for little folks in all sizes; vests and drawers to match. Medium weight elastic rib, finished with silk-crochet trimming. Mothers, supply your children's underwear wants for Spring at this sale. The regular values run from 35c to 60c the garment; your choice of any size, only **29c** the garment.

There will be crowds of buyers in the hosiery aisle, we're sure of that. For little folks we are featuring a 1x1 rib School Hose—an absolutely fast black dye and splendid quality yarn. The regular price is 20c pair; special for today, two pairs **25c**.

Buy Monday Washday Needs HERE TODAY

- GALVANIZED WATER PAILS**, heavy and durable; reg. values 45c each; today's price **30c**.
- WILLOW CLOTHES BASKETS**, good-sized ones; regularly 90c ea.; special today **75c**.
- SUCTION SCRUBBING BRUSHES**—Save labor, time, hands, temper; clean the floor thoroughly and take up the water. The \$1.75 size for \$1.40 and the \$1.50 size, today **\$1.25**.
- INDOOR CLOTHES LINES**, worth 10c each, today for **5c**.
- CLOTHES HAMPERS**, fancy straw, very durable and present good appearance. Regularly \$3.50, today **\$2.95**.
- SCRUBBING BRUSHES**, worth 15c each, today **10c**.
- COTTON CLOTHES LINES**, sp'l, today **10c**.
- WASH BOILERS**—Good heavy boiler with copper bottom; No. 8 size; worth \$1.25, at **98c**.

- Shirtwaist Boards**, felt covered, regularly worth 25c ea.; today's price **19c**.
- Wire Soapholders**, worth 7c, today **7c**.
- Folding Clothes Bar**, 79c, regular \$1 val., today **79c**.
- ANTI-RUST WASH BOILERS**—Extra heavy, worth \$3.25 each; special today at **\$2.75** each.
- GALVANIZED WASHTUBS**, good-sized ones, give splendid wear; regularly 90c each; on sale today at **75c**.
- WASHBOARDS** of good make; sell regularly at 35c each; today's price **25c**.
- CLOTHES WRINGERS**—A first-class wringer with wood frame and hard rubber rolls; excellent values at \$3.00 each; today **\$2.69**.

Elastic Belts 29c

Belt lengths in studded elastic. Make very smart belts and you can use buckles you have or buy new ones here for little money. The regular prices of these belt lengths are 40c to 60c. Today **29c**.

'Kerchiefs SIX for 19c

Children's School Handkerchiefs, of plain lawn, with hemstitched edges. Also in fancy checked lawn, or in fancy bordered effects. Regular price, 5c each. Special for today only, **19c** Six for.

Today--A Sale of Children's Shoes



Provide sturdy footwear for the busy little feet that go through ordinary shoes so quickly. Buy here and cut down the amount of the children's shoe bill. Be sure of best leather and good style, in addition to always having the growing feet perfectly fitted. Only experienced salesmen employed. Children's shoes fitted with the same care that is making our department famous in men's and women's footwear.

BOYS' SHOES OR OXFORDS—Black or tan, blucher or regular cut. The leathers are kid, calf or patent. We have plenty of sizes and the values run to \$3.00 the pair. Today, sizes 1 to 5 1/2, **\$1.79**. Sizes 9 to 13 1/2 **\$1.29**.

A SPECIAL FOR TODAY—GIRLS' SHOES AND OXFORDS

GIRLS' SHOES AND OXFORDS—Splendid qualities, black or tan. Kid, calf or patent leathers; button or lace styles; blucher or Gibson cuts. Welt or hand-turn soles. Plenty of styles and all sizes. 5 to 8, worth \$2.00 **\$1.29**. 8 1/2 to 11, worth \$2.50 the pair, today **\$1.49**. 11 1/2 to 2, worth \$3 the pair, today **\$1.69**.

FOR TODAY ONLY \$1.65 Comforts For \$1.25 Each

These Comforts are of the regular size, filled with fluffy white cotton, and covered with a pretty patterned silkoline. Housekeepers take notice and profit by this special for today, selling for **One-twenty-five**



A Marvelous Waist Sale Vals. to \$3.75 Choice \$1.49

A sensational One-Day Sale of Women's Bodices of the most approved styles. The styles are unquestionably good. The materials are superb linen, madras or launs. They are in tailored models, finished only with buttons, straps or tucks, or in quite elaborate affairs garnished with laces, embroideries and fine tucks. No woman with a waist want can afford to overlook this opportunity. There are about 300 for disposal and they are sure to go in this one day's selling. We advise early attendance for the best styles are bound to go first. Worth to \$3.75 each, choice today only **\$1.49**. NONE SENT ON APPROVAL NO PHONE ORDERS FILLED



FOR TODAY ONLY Laces Worth to 50c Yard for 19c

In Oriental or Venise designs—and you may find edges or galloons. Goodly assortment in the lot and most of them are priced at less than half the regular value. Save here today and buy these at **nineteen cents**

STABBED IN BACK

Germans Hint That Americans Started Fight on Hill.

KAISER SENDS LETTERS

Besides Communication Transmitted by Tower, Emperor Requests Personal Friend of Roosevelt to Write Him Concerning Hill.

BERLIN, March 27.—The matter of the acceptance by the German government of Dr. David Jayne Hill, now American Minister at The Hague, as American Ambassador to succeed Charlesmagne Tower, continues to hold public interest. The Foreign Office denies that any explanation adverse to Dr. Hill has come from the German side, declaring that he is persona grata, and that all statements in a contrary sense are inventions put into circulation by designing Americans. It states that the opposition to Dr. Hill is American and not German.

On the other hand, Emperor William's desire not to have Dr. Hill come to Berlin has been a subject of discussion in the official household of his majesty for weeks past. General Von Plessin, Adjutant-General to his majesty, has referred to it and it is known outside of his majesty's immediate suite that Admiral Von Mueller, chief of his majesty's private Marine Cabinet, and Admiral Von Tirpitz, Secretary of the Admiralty, are among those who have told the Emperor that they did not regard Dr. Hill as a suitable Ambassador.

Mr. Tower's part is explained to have been confined to a transmittal to President Roosevelt of the Emperor's definite communication. His majesty also requested a distinguished personal friend of President Roosevelt, who is now in Germany, to write to the President concerning his majesty's unwillingness to receive Dr. Hill.

Both of these communications were sent at the express wish of the Emperor. It is just possible that the Foreign Office is not aware of the second communication, which is probably still in the transatlantic mail.

ACTION IS SELDOM "OFFICIAL" When Minister Is Not Wanted Information Conveyed Quietly.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The statement issued from the Foreign Office in Berlin in relation to the case of Dr. Hill, being entirely official, must, of course, be accepted by our Government on its face as amounting to a denial of the report that Dr. Hill was personally objectionable to the German Emperor. The records show, however, that only in very rare instances in recent years have rulers made their objections to Ambassadors or Ministers in such form that they would be spread upon the records as official. Probably the last instance in the history of the United States for such a relation was that of Senator Blair, of North Carolina, whom the Chinese

Government formally refused to accept as Minister. But the objection in that case was formal, for the reason that it was based, not on Senator Blair's personal character or conduct, but entirely upon his official actions and speeches in connection with the Chinese exclusion act.

It is true that there have been other instances since that event when Americans chosen for diplomatic service have failed of reception at the post intended for them, but that result has followed not from another such "official" action, as referred to in the German Foreign Office statement, but simply through the conveyance through personal channels of a quiet intimation that the nominee was objectionable.

DIPLOMATIC WORLD GUESSING Cannot Understand Reported Refusal to Receive Dr. Hill.

PARIS, March 27.—Dr. David Jayne Hill, who is now in this city on personal business, received no information today that would throw any light on the alleged refusal of Emperor William to receive him at Berlin. Dr. Hill is aware that Baron von Sternberg, the German Ambassador at Washington, transmitted Emperor William's approval of his appointment last November, and he declines, in the absence of official information, to admit that there is any possibility of the Emperor having changed his attitude.

The Hill incident has aroused the liveliest interest in diplomatic circles in Paris. The refusal to receive an ambassador after assenting to his appointment is said to be unprecedented in the annals of diplomacy, and justifiable only on the strongest personal grounds. A prominent foreign diplomat said in this connection: "The incident can only be accounted for on the theory that Emperor William has some personal objection to Dr. Hill. Otherwise, his refusal to receive him would be not only offensive, but a breach of good manners. The suggestion contained in the Berlin dispatches that the Emperor desires a brilliant and wealthy American at Berlin, capable of adding luster to his court, savors of a spirit of flattery which any country would resent. If Dr. Hill were an obscure man, such an objection might be understood, but inasmuch as it is recognized that Dr. Hill is an able and accomplished diplomat and scholar, the suggestion is almost an affront, not only to Dr. Hill, but to America."

To foreign diplomats it has always seemed strange that the United States had not pursued a policy of sending abroad able and modest men like Dr. Hill, who are capable of representing their country with dignity and simplicity, rather than men of wealth who seek to rival in their social functions the magnificence of the old world.

NOT AT LIBERTY TO SAY

DUKE OF ABRUZZI SILENT REGARDING ENGAGEMENT.

Intimates That Any Announcement Must Come From Another Source. Cheerful on the Voyage.

LIVERPOOL, March 27.—There is absolutely nothing I can say regarding my reported engagement to Miss Katherine Elkins," said the Duke of Abruzzi, when asked for a statement today regarding the many rumors in circulation since his departure from the United States. The Duke arrived this morning from New York on the steamer Lusitania. He emphasized the personal pronoun in the statement and intimated that any announcement must come from another source.

Although the Duke could not be drawn out with regard to his reported engagement, he gave the impression that there was an engagement and that some formalities would have to be completed before the announcement could be made, and the announcement must come through official Italian channels. His continued cheerfulness on the voyage was taken as proof that he at least does not believe that there is any insurmountable difficulties in the way of his marriage.

TWO MORE SHIPS FINISH

Connecticut and Georgia Through With Target Practice.

MAGDALENA BAY, March 27.—Via Point Loma Wireless—The Connecticut and Georgia finished target practice today. The Virginia finishes on Saturday and the Mesouri on the same day. The New Jersey finishes tomorrow or next day. The Vermont follows after the Kansas and will finish Wednesday. Torpedo and mine practice are indulged in each day.

DEWEY NOT COMING TO COAST

Thinks Festivities and Journey Would Prove Too Fatiguing.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Admiral Dewey, it is understood, practically has decided not to go to the Pacific Coast to participate in the welcome to the Atlantic battleship fleet when it reaches San Francisco. He has so informed his intimate friends, and until he sees some good reason for changing his present intentions, will adhere to this decision. Admiral Dewey declines to make any statement concerning his intention on the ground that whatever reply he may give to the invitations should be sent to those who have urged him to attend the festivities incident to the arrival of the fleet. The Admiral would like to go to California and has repeatedly so indicated to those who have talked with him about the matter, but there are considerations of a personal nature which make him hesi-

tate to take the trip. Incident to it is the long railroad ride back and forth, beside the nightly banquets and innumerable other social demands that would be made upon him, all of which prove fatiguing and exhausting. The Admiral's friends express the hope that he will, with President Roosevelt, be on hand to welcome the fleet on its return home in New York on February 22 of next year, the date tentatively fixed by the President.

KAISER MUCH INTERESTED

Reads Reports of His Objections and Says They Are Incorrect.

VENICE, March 27.—Emperor William, it is reported, read with much interest the telegram published here concerning his alleged refusal to accept Dr. David J. Hill as United States Ambassador to Germany, and says the explanations were incorrect. He made no exception to the appointment of Dr. Hill, he is reported to have said, although he had expressed regret that Charlesmagne Tower was to leave the post of Ambassador.

Greely Retires, Others Step Up.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Major-General A. W. Greely, of Arctic fame, having reached the age of 64 years yesterday, was transferred to the retired list in accordance with the law. He is now traveling in the Orient on leave of absence. Brigadier-General Charles B. Hall, commandant of the General Staff College, at



When Lynden opened the door and saw Doctor Westbrook standing over the body of Alberto de Sanchez with the knife that killed him in his hand, what could he think?—What would anyone have thought? This is the situation at the beginning of

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