

CRISIS DRAWS NEAR ON SOUTHERN FRONT

Teutonic Allies Are Preparing Huge Army for Operations Against Allies.

GREECE DEEPLY ANXIOUS

Germany Take Over Nish, Ending Connection of Austria and Bulgaria in Serbian Affairs. Quietness Put on Peace Talk.

GERMANS TRY ADVENTIST

COLOGNE, via London, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The German head of a small section of Seventh-day Adventists, who preached the practical application of the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," even under war conditions, is on trial here before a court-martial charged with treason and with defying discipline. The alleged offense consisted of commendation of the desertion of Adventists who were soldiers and a declaration that the 16,000 other Adventist soldiers would have acted commendably if they had refused to fight.

GERMANS TAKE HOLD IN SERBIA

According to dispatches from a Serbian source, the Germans have established a provisional government at Nish, withdrawing all the Bulgarian and Austrian troops and sending Hungarian and Serbian troops to the administration of Serbian affairs. It is added that proclamations have been issued announcing that the Germans "will respect Serbian nationality."

Saturday's War Moves

CHRISTMAS DAY was barren of noteworthy war developments. The commanders of the huge forces in the European field of hostilities for the most part seem to have been resting on their arms.

HATCHERIES REPORT IN

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Commencing Monday, December 27th, Our Great Twenty-Fifth

Annual January Clearance Sale Read the following items carefully: Economical shoppers will do well to buy here. While good storekeeping demands clean stocks at all times, yet this is particularly true at the close of the business year. So true, in fact, that sharp losses are freely taken to establish the desired condition before inventory. And the public, as well as ourselves, gain immeasurably by the compelled reductions. Economical shoppers will find it to their advantage to shop while these special low prices prevail at this store. Clearance Sale reductions prevail throughout this entire store.

Sensational Price Reductions In Undermuslins

Gowns in 4 styles and fine material—values to \$1.35, Clearance 69c. Gowns of finest materials, all styles, to \$2.50, Clearance \$1.19. Skirts, embroidery and lace trim'd—to \$1.25, Clearance Price 59c. Skirts in best styles and materials, to \$1.75, Clearance Price only 98c. Skirts of extra quality and finish, to \$2.50, Clearance Price \$1.48. Combination Suits in all styles—to \$2.25, Clearance Price only 98c. Combination Suits in all styles—to \$1.25, Clearance Price only 59c. Envelope Chemise, neatly trimmed, to \$1.00, Clearance Price only 59c. Envelope Chemise of best materials—to \$1.75, Clearance Price 98c.

Corset Covers, Drawers and Brassiers in Unlimited Variety of Styles—Lace or Embroidery Trimmed, Values to 50c, to Close 25c

Our regular lines, including only garments of reliable quality and good workmanship. Corset Covers with trimmings of Val, shadow, torchon or chunly laces. Drawers in open and closed styles with trimmings of embroidery and lace; also the popular Knickerbocker style. They come medium and extra full. Brassiers in hook-front and cross-back styles; they come in all sizes and are made of fine materials with washable torchon or embroidery 25c. Regular values to 50c. Clearance Price..... 25c

Children's Union Suits Children's Union Suits, Regular 65 Value, 49c This Sale at..... 49c

A well-known and reliable make of children's heavy elastic ribbed cotton Union Suits in all styles and sizes. A splendid garment at a low price. Regular 65c grade. Clearance Price 49c

Clearance Sale Reductions on Wash Goods Domestic Goods Bedding, Flannels, Etc.

THE HOUSEKEEPER'S GREATEST SAVING OPPORTUNITY OF THE ENTIRE YEAR Fancy Bordered Scrims, White, Cream, Ecru; Values to 18c Yard. Priced at..... 10c Baby Blankets in Various Styles, 50c Grade on Sale, 39c Fancy Bordered Scrims, White, Cream, Ecru; Values to 35c a Yard. Priced at..... 19c Velour Flannel in Kimono Lengths, \$1.05 to \$1.40 Lengths, on Sale at..... 89c White Outing Flannel, 32-Inch Width, 12 1/2c Grade, at 9c Pillow Slips of Fine Quality, 42 by 36-Inch, 12 1/2c Grade, Reduced to..... 10c Pillow Slips 42 by 36-Inch, Best 15c Grade on Sale at 12c Gray Cotton Blankets, 72 by 84 Inches, \$2.25 Quality, Reduced to..... \$1.89 Washable Bathroom and Bedroom Rugs, \$1.25 Grade, Priced at..... 98c Bleached Sheets 72 by 90 Inches, Best 50c Grade, at 42c Extra Heavy Sheets 76 by 90 Inches, 70c Grade, at 59c Clearance of Wash Goods at 19c a Yard Regular 25c Lines.

Included are Printed Crepes in flowered styles, Mercerized Foulards in dainty colorings in flower, figure and stripe styles—Fancy Stripe Poplins, Wool-Finish Suitings, etc. Regular 25c lines. Clearance Sale Price..... 19c

Clearance Sale Reductions in The Ready-to-Wear Section

Are of Out-of-the-Ordinary Importance You Have Choice at \$4.98 For Suits in Popular Styles to \$25 For Coats, Various Styles, to \$18.50 For Dresses for Street or Evening, Values to \$20.00 A Great Clearance of Women's Waists at 29c At this extremely low price we are closing out a great lot of Women's Waists—all this season's styles in all desirable materials. Only three to each customer—none exchanged. Values up to \$1.50. Clearance Price..... 29c

Thousands of Yards of Embroideries Reduced

Never in our history of previous Embroidery sales have we offered you such genuine bargains. The largest assortment of beautiful new Embroideries of first-class quality in the city are here for your choosing at an average reduction of one-half from regular selling prices. It's a sale that surpasses all previous efforts in the attainment of extraordinary value-giving. It is advisable to provide for the future as well as for immediate use while such savings are possible. Embroideries Selling Regularly Up to 50c a Yard at 25c Embroideries Selling Regularly Up to 75c a Yard at 39c 45-Inch Embroideries in Values to \$1.75 a Yard at 59c 22-Inch Embroideries in Values to \$1.00 a Yard at 48c 4 to 6-Inch Embroideries, Values to 10c a Yard, at 5c 4 to 8-Inch Embroideries, Values to 20c a Yard, at 12 1/2c 4 to 6-Inch Embroideries, Values to 15c a Yard, at 8c

YARD FOR EMBROIDERIES SELLING REGULARLY UP TO 48c—See our window—Several hundred patterns in 9 to 18-inch Embroideries of fine batiste, cambric, Swiss, organdie and voile. Open and raised designs in flouncings, edges and corset cover embroideries—an out-of-the-ordinary offering. Values regularly sold up to 48c a yard. Clearance Sale Price 19c

59c YARD FOR EMBROIDERIES SELLING REGULARLY UP TO \$1.25—27-inch Embroideries in scores of patterns—the finest baby edges, ruffled edges and bold, raised or openwork designs. They come in fine batiste and Swiss—also a great lot in floral and conventional patterns. See our window. Unrestricted choice from values up to \$1.25. Clearance Price 59c

69c a Yard for Embroideries Selling Up to \$1.50 Beautiful 27-inch Embroideries of finest batiste and organdie—all in high-grade imported patterns—over 100 designs to select from in qualities selling regularly up to \$1.50 a yard. 69c Clearance Sale Price.....

Table with 2 columns: Embroideries At 48c Yard For Values to \$1.00, 27-inch Fine Swiss Embroideries in heavy and light patterns in qualities regularly sold up to \$1.00. Clearance Sale Price..... 48c; Embroideries At 35c Yard For Values to 75c, 27-inch Embroideries of fine Swiss in desirable new patterns. Regular values up to 75c. Clearance Price..... 35c

Savings Count Up Like This In the Men's Section

Men's \$1 Outing Flannel Pajamas; Clearance Price 69c Men's 75c Outing Flannel Gowns; Clearance Price 55c Boys' 75c Flannel Blouse Waists; Clearance Price 55c Men's \$1.25 Heavy Wool Shirts and Drawers at \$1.05

Boys' Shoes at \$1.67 For Values to \$3.00 Both button and lace styles, with Goodyear and McKay sewed soles. Regular values to \$3.00 a pair. Clearance Sale Price..... \$1.67 Women's Shoes at 87c pair For Values to \$3.50 Broken lines in patent cord, gun metal and vicci kid; button, blucher and straight-lace styles. Regular values to \$3.50 pair. Clearance Price..... 87c

Sweeping Reductions in the Most Beautiful Silks Reg. \$1 to \$1.50 Values

Silk Poplins Printed Crepes Plain Crepes Saucing Silks All Widths and Weaves—69c Black Messalines Crepe de Chine Waisting Silks Plain Colors and Neat Patterns Silks of standard quality in an endless variety. Come make selections while assortments are at their best. Select from 69c \$1.00 to \$1.50 grade at the yard..... 69c All-Wool Dress Goods in \$1.00 and \$1.25 qualities, Clearance, 69c All-Wool Dress Goods in \$1.50 and \$2.00 qualities, Clearance, 98c All-Wool Cloakings in \$2.00 to \$3.50 qualities, Clearance, \$1.50