## We Closed the Doors of Our Philadelphia and New York Stores Saturday on What Some People Derisively Called " $a$ Thunderbolt of Commerce"

As owners of 20 millions of merchandise, it was quite within our right to do what we desired with our own property

Without consultation with the nabobs of states manship, banking or manufacturing, one man alone prepared the statement published Monday, May 3d 1920, and not ten persons had any idea of it unti they read it over his signature on Monday morning May 3d.

It was a clean cut from existing figure values as they stood in their place for months previous.

It was also the stroke of a bigger hammer than any in the Baldwin Vauciain Locomotive Works.
It struck the same ringing stroke heavily for 60 days against the formidable structure of a million of manufacturers, speculators and organizers to main tain in the United States war prices two years and longer after the end of the war.
It was met by the opposition of neighbors, trade jealousies, monthly and other newspapers supported jealousies, monthers tradesmen to exploit certain lines of by certain t
merchandise.

What we denominated a Patriotic Movement to overthrow a besieging enemy of fair trade and reasonable prices and in the interest of public good was ridiculed and misrepresented.

We had counted the cost and took the chances and kept on bombarding big prices with powder at
our own cost and kept it up for two months instead of the two weeks we intended

We not only let our good goods go at one-fifth less than current value, but we put into circulation during the two months

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\$ 13,511,000
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which we dealt out in new purchases, relieving, to some extent, manufacturers turned down by their banks in several cities.

What Has Been Gained by It?
Much everywhere.

1. A grateful public, who bought our merchan dise, say so.
2. Many merchants beside ourselves have served notice on makers of fabrics, wearing apparel and household wares, silver and glasswares and floor coverings that no orders will be given at advanced prices. On this we stand straight as our granite walls.
3. We believe from messages from all over the United States that the commercial world agrees and approves of our plan
4. We have evidence in offers of manufacturers during the past month that the desire of the people for lower prices will be met little by little by taking
less profit at first hands and by efforts to shave down expenses of storekeeping.

It is too large a thing to be done in two months, but by working together for the common end we can accomplish what we need.

With lower prices, we can sell larger quantities and thereby increase our orders to the manufacturer.
5. In restoring old prices that were all right with but moderate and right profits, the people who bought of us what they wanted were greatly benefited and nobody was hurt but ourselves.
6. And particularly-Quite a lot of our goods that came in during the last three weeks are marked at the lower cost and are very desirable at the prices.

With high hopes we start afresh with fresh strength to help to better the start forced upon all storekeepers to aid the people to come into their rights for lower prices.

Horace Greeley, after the Civil War, said in relation to resuming specie payments:
"The Way to Resume is to Resume"
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Hand-Embroidered Silk Nightgowns
Two styles. both of pink or
white crepe de chine wand both
with the firm beautiful
 sleves is 818.75 and one
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## Sports Scarfs

Of brushed wool, plain and
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For Summer Dances-Young Women's Evening Frocks


Women Like This Sports Coat Better Than Any Other One reason is that it is of wool jersey in a most becoming Tuxedo
tyle and it goes with almost any kind of a plaid skirt, especially those In brown, Copenhigen or heather mixture with facing and trim.
mings of tan or brown. The belt crosses in front. At $\$ 35$ this sports coat is a very good value. ${ }_{\text {(Yirtot }}$ vioor, contrel)

New Beautiful Zephyr Ginghams for 75c Yard


## A New Importation of Real Filet Laces For Less Than They Have Ever Been Before  

## New White Gabardine Skirts

 From $\$ 8.75$ to $\$ 11.75$

For Frocks and Sweaters-Smart New Belts
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white kidskin. It is finished with
with a metal buckle, comes in all sizes and is $\$ 2.25$.
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to wear with summer dresses and
suits, as well as with sweaters.

Women's Gowns for Afternoon and Evening

Reduced-Now $\$ 75$ to $\$ 200$
 A great many of them have hand-embroidery on them; some are
beaded, some have lingerie draperies. Some need a pressing or a few stitches to make them all they should be.
The new prices- $\$ 75$ to $\$ 200$-mean a saving of $\$ 15$ to $\$ 25$ on cach.

42-Inch Embroidered Flouncings Now Close to Half Price yard. $\qquad$
Best Values in the Sale of Hosiery and Underwear

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## Summer. <br> Women's Stockings

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$\$ 2.75$ arcerized "seconds." $\$ 2.75$ a pair for full-fashioned
thread silk in black and navy, all. silk first and second grades, and
gray self-embroidered gray self-embroidered clocked
silk with mercerized tops, first
grade.



## Vacationists Are

 Profiting by the Luggage Disposal Finding that they can get traveling bags, suiteases andovernight cases, both fitted and overnight cases, both fitted and
unfited, at a fourth to a third less than regular. Well-made, good-style lug-
gage, of black and tan cowhide, seal and walrus, with linings
of leather, silk or fabric. Fittings of
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 Children's Stockings



## New Sweaters <br> for Girls and

for Boys

| Sizes start at babies' sizes and | "Talks With T. R.," from the diaries of John J. Leary, Jr., |
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| go to size 36 . | \$3.50. A hook that will stand out in the field of |
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Splendid New Shipments of Household Linens Just Opened

| basis as linens of the same grades are rated today. <br> Table cloths of pure linen, full-bleached, soft, mellow-finished, hemmed and ready for use- $70 \times 70$ inches, $\$ 12.75$ each; $70 \times 78$ inches, $\$ 15$ each. <br> Damask dinner napkins of pure linen, hemmed, $24 \times 24$ inches, $\$ 16.50$ a dozen. <br> Hemstitched pure linen damask table cloths, 60x60 inches, $\$ 7.50$ each. dozen. <br> Hemstitched linen damask tea napkins, $15 \times 15$ inches, $\$ 9.75$ a <br> Huckaback towels-an exceptionally good collection, all pure linen and splendid for practical service, $20 \times 39$ inches, at an exceptional price- $\$ 1.50$ each. <br> Guest towels of pure linen, with hemmed ends, size $14 \times 20$ inches, 85 c each. <br> All of the above are direct purchases secured on the spot by our own representative. They are the best collection of linens we have received in a good while. <br> (First Floor, Chestnat) |
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1200 Men's Summer Shirts Special at \$2.65
Fine percale and woven madras make these shirts, which are soft

Denges are neat stripes in pleasing colors and the shirts are un-
Fine Neckties, Special at $\$ 1.15$
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Books Worth While

## 1400 Boys' Wash Suits in a General Sale at \$3.85 Each


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