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CONSTANTINOPLE, March 16.—The Embassadors to the Porte have been instructed with the task of drafting a scheme of Cretan autonomy.

CANEA, March 16.—The Russian Consul has received formal instructions to proclaim autonomy to Crete, but the other Consuls still remain without them.

LARISSA, March 16.—The situation on the frontier is now inflammable. At several points the sentries and outposts of the Turkish and Greek forces are within forty paces of each other.

LONDON, March 16.—It is announced this afternoon that detachment of 900 men from the Seaforth Highlanders has been ordered to the island of Crete.

LONDON, March 16.—In the House of Lords to-day the Marquis of Salisbury, replying to Earl Kimberley, the Liberal leader, said instructions had been given the Admirals in command of the foreign fleets in Cretan waters to commence the blockade of Crete without further delay.

The "Chronicle" says that the ultimatum to precede the blockade will take the humiliating form of a pre-emptory summons from the Admirals to the Greek authorities.

The "Chronicle" believes that, although, owing to pressure brought to bear by the powers, Bulgaria and Ser-

via will remain neutral, yet in the event of war, Serbia will send troops into old Servia to establish her claims there.

The correspondent of the "Times" is informed on high authority that the advance of Turkish troops across the frontier is now confidently expected.

M. Aseroff, the wealthy Greek of Alexandria who contributed a million drachmas toward the expense of the restoration of the Stadion, has offered to provide the Government with 40,000 uniforms. The Greeks of Marseilles have sent £10,000 as a contribution to the emergency war fund.

The "Times" correspondent at Canea says that autonomy is not in the least degree understood by the Mussulmans there, and it is not impossible that there will be trouble when they learn that it means the departure of the garrison and officials.

LONDON, March 16.—The decision of the French Chamber of Deputies applying the policy of France in adhering to the concert of the Powers had a good effect upon the Stock Exchange here. Consols went up 5-16.

Later prices on the Stock Exchange relapsed somewhat on weakness in the Paris and London markets.

According to a "Times" dispatch from Athens, a tendency toward despondency is beginning to show itself at the Greek capital.

MEMPHIS, March 16.—The Mississippi river at Memphis to-night gauges a fraction over thirty-six feet, a rise of over one-tenth since morning.

The change in the situation in the past twenty-four hours has been decidedly for the worse in every respect, so far as the flood and the flood victims are concerned.

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MISSISSIPPI RIVER CONTINUES RISING.

The Change in Situation the Past Twenty-Four Hours Decidedly Worse.

So Far as the Flood and Flooded Victims Are Concerned.

From Every Direction Come Reports of Unexpected and Unprecedented Disaster—Localities Thought to be Safe From Overflow Now Under Water, Hemming in People on All Sides—Belief That a Great Number of Lives Have Been Lost.

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professional photographers to secure group pictures. The meeting was rather long.

Mrs. Walling's Appeal to Jackson. COVINGTON (Ky.), March 16.—This morning at the Alexandria jail Mrs. Walling suddenly walked over to Scott Jackson and said: "Save my son; you can do it by telling the truth."

To Become a Part of the S. P. GALVESTON, March 16.—Promises made some time ago by the Southern Pacific to shippers at Galveston are now to be fulfilled, and the road is about to make this point one of its principal Gulf ports.

Fire at Kansas City. KANSAS CITY, March 16.—Fire to-night in Eli Cahn's Golden Eagle clothing store, at Main and Eleventh streets, destroyed everything on the third and fourth floors, causing a loss of \$50,000.

Peculiar Accident. OMAHA, March 16.—Charles Rodinsky, a farmer, with his wife and baby, started from Omaha this morning in a covered wagon with a gasoline stove. The stove exploded, the team ran away and the occupants of the wagon were fatally burned.

George Coes, the Old "Tinselt, Dead. BOSTON, March 16.—George Coes, an old-time minstrel, died at Cambridge to-day, aged 63. In 1852 he went to California as a comedian, and later traveled all over the country, becoming a partner of Luke Schoolcraft, with whom he was associated many years.

Treasury Statement. WASHINGTON, March 16.—To-day's statement of the condition of the Treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$213,880,870; gold reserve, \$151,148,162.

CUBANS USE DYNAMITE. A TRAIN CARRYING SPANISH TROOPS BLOWN UP.

Nearly Two Hundred and Fifty Soldiers Killed or Injured and Many Taken Prisoners.

NEW YORK, March 17.—A Havana special to the "World" says: Through Cubans here it is learned that a train carrying Spanish troops was blown up by dynamite while passing over a deep gorge south of Candelaria, Pinar del Rio province, and nearly 250 soldiers were killed or injured.

The Spanish General Arail had learned of a projected insurgent attack, supposedly on San Cristobal, and he sent of 500 troops in armored cars to reinforce the garrison there.

It is understood the Minse brothers were in command, and that Captain John Lynn, the young American electrical engineer, who has made himself famous in Cuba by his work with the dynamite men, contrived the affair.

The train approached the bridge about 3 o'clock in the morning. When fully on it all of the charges were exploded. The engine and cars flew into the air like so many chips, and fell into the deep gorge below, crushing dead and injured alike. The wreckage caught fire.

As soon as the explosion occurred the insurgents dashed from their ambush with a wild cry, and began to massacre. But for the timely hoisting of a white flag by Colonel Mores, who was in command of the Spanish forces, every man would have been marched off.

Word comes from Santa Clara of two fierce engagements on Thursday and Friday in which the Spaniards lost heavily. Five battalions of troops were sent to that place yesterday.

SAN FRANCISCO IN LINE. No More Expecting on Sidewalks Will be Allowed.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—For the future it will not be considered a fault to expectators in public places in San Francisco. The edict has gone forth. The Supervisors have enacted an ordinance, Mayor Phelan has given it his approval, and the bluecoats under Chief Crowley will henceforth divide their time between camping upon the trail of burglars and instructing the populace where and when it may expectorate without shattering the ordinances in such cases made and provided, or offending against the canons of correct taste.

FROM FAR JAPAN. From far Japan a pretty fan has come my lady's joy to plan. With rapture her sweet face to scan From far Japan.

To touch the velvet of her hand I journeyed over sea and land; To flutter 'neath her lustrous eyes Forsook the glow of orient skies.

And yet I know it must be so, The fan is happy, I would go, For her, forever and for ever From far Japan.

—Robert Loveman. The Test of Wifely Affection. Old Friend—Well, are you happily married? New Husband—Don't know yet. Be able to tell you next Wednesday after I have been at the club for the first time.

When making crabbapple jelly put in some sticks of cinnamon and a little lemon.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure. Celebrated for its great leavening strength and healthfulness. Assures the food against stum and all forms of adulteration common to the cheap brands.

VALLEY RAILWAY. The First Batch of Bonds of the Company Received.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—The first batch of bonds of the San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley Railway Company was received to-day at the offices of that corporation.

The officers of the railway company expect that a large proportion of the bonds will be subscribed for in California, so that the bonded indebtedness of the road, as well as the stock, may be held in this State.

FIRE AT SAN FRANCISCO. Losses Aggregate One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—Fire at the planing mill of M. Hansen on Ferry street, near Sixth, at 10:30 o'clock to-night, ended disastrously for that establishment and the factory of the Pacific Woodenware and Coopage Company adjoining.

The fire was stubborn and burned fiercely. It threatened adjoining buildings at times, but the firemen finally confined the flames to the mill and coopage. The fire originated from a defective flue.

The loss to the Hansen mill is estimated at \$25,000. Valuable machinery was used here, and the damage to it may increase the total.

The Pacific Coopage Company's loss was nearly \$75,000. The insurance is stated at \$25,000.

The Paris correspondent of the London "Times" says that the widow of Baron Maurice Hirsch of Vienna has resolved to present 2,000,000 francs to the Pasteur Institute as a memorial of her husband.

It is estimated, will cost \$00,000 francs. Some of the professors at present receive little or no salary.

When using vanilla for flavoring add half a teaspoonful of peach extract.

THE NONPAREIL "The Nonpareil" GREAT SPECIAL SALE THURSDAY OF Handkerchiefs and Embroidery! Ladies' Shirt Waists. At 50c. Ladies' Stylish Lawn Shirt Waists: sheer, cool garments. At 75c. Ladies' Fine Laundered Percale and Lawn Shirt detachable collars, full derby front, yoke back, latest cut sleeves.

WASSERMAN, DAVIS & CO. Agents for Butterick Patterns. Big New Store, K, Between Sixth and Seventh.

CORWIN'S MILLINERY. Everything New and Fresh, BUT "TRADE SEEKERS." 607 J. We can't save you money unless you call.

Children's Footwear

It is hardly necessary for us at this time to go into details of the facilities and merits of our SHOE DEPARTMENT. For nearly thirty years we have occupied the present premises—J street, near Sixth street—and as nearly all the ladies and mothers of Sacramento know, our hobby was to be the LEADERS in Boys' Clothing.

This gave birth to our SHOE STORE, and we can now look with pride to our steadily growing business and well-equipped Footwear Department, and we are determined not to cease our efforts until it is conceded that there is no better place for RELIABLE SHOES than at the CHAS. P. NATHAN COMPANY'S STORES.

TO-DAYS AND TO-MORROW'S SPECIALS:

- Misses' DONGOLA SHOES, patent leather tips, straight foxing, neat square toe. Special price for sizes 8 1/2 to 11. 70c
Boys' SCHOOL SHOES, good and durable. Seams warranted not to rip. SPECIAL PRICE. 95c
Misses' GOAT SHOES, sole leather tip. Regular price, \$1.00. SPECIAL PRICE. 90c
Misses' TAN BUTTON SHOES, regular \$1.75 kind. Go at this sale for \$1.05
Little Gents—A NOVELTY in Small Boys' Shoes; with Spring or low flat heels, coin or pointed toes. \$1.35
Youths' IN VIGI KID or Russian Calf Lace only. A good wearer. \$1.45

The Chas. P. Nathan Co. 615 N. ST. BETWEEN 6TH & 7TH

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS. Monthly Statement Issued by the Bureau of Statistics.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The monthly statement of the exports and imports of merchandise, gold and silver from and into the United States during February last, issued by the Bureau of Statistics, shows as follows: Merchandise exported, \$78,773,388; merchandise imported, \$58,192,108, of which nearly \$23,000,000 was free of duty; gold exported, \$336,697; gold imported, \$544,700; silver exported, \$1,690,362; silver imported, \$762,942.

As compared with February, 1896, this statement shows an increase of about \$2,070,000 in the value of merchandise exported and a decrease of over \$2,250,000 in the amount imported. For the eight months ended February 28th, there was a gain of over \$132,600,000 in the amount of merchandise exported, and a decrease of nearly \$119,000,000 in the amount imported.

The gold exports during February were \$1,847,000 less than a year ago, and the imports about \$11,000,000 less than February, 1896. The silver exports were about \$700,000 less than February, 1896, and the imports \$700,000 less.

VISITORS AT THE WHITE HOUSE. Though Cabinet Day, the Crowd Was Undiminished.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The crowd of visitors at the White House to-day was undiminished by the knowledge that it was Cabinet day, and that the President would not be able to see callers after 11 o'clock. Senator Platt of Connecticut was one of the first to be received, and following came Senator Warren of Wyoming, with a friend; Senator Kyle of South Dakota, ex-Representative Belding of New York and Mr. Drake of the same State; Representative Boutelle of Maine and Bland of Missouri.

LAST DAYS! LAST DAYS! LAST DAYS! Removal Sale Prices MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS. Which will serve as a guide to the extraordinary bargains to be found in every other department of the store. \$10 SUITS FOR \$4.48. \$20 OVERCOATS FOR \$9.87. \$12 SUITS FOR \$6.47. \$16 50 OVERCOATS FOR \$7.48. \$16 50 SUITS FOR \$8.23. \$12 OVERCOATS FOR \$5.48. \$20 SUITS FOR \$9.87. \$9 OVERCOATS FOR \$4.48. ALL MAIL ORDERS CAREFULLY FILLED. THE MODEL'S Removal Sale, SIXTH AND K. LAST DAYS! LAST DAYS! LAST DAYS!