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Our Dress Goods Department was never in better shape to do a large business than at the present time. We make special mention of a few lots we place

On Sale This Week!

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The Racket. 1,206 FRONT STREET. SPECIAL SALE OF WATCHES THIS WEEK AT W. W. HOUGHTON'S. 806 SECOND STREET.

FRANCE AND RUSSIA.

They Form a Treaty, Much to the Alarm of Germany.

THE CZAR YIELDS AT LAST.

Bismarck and the Emperor Farther Apart Than Ever Before.

Ingratitude of Minister Von Boetticher—Crushing Defeat of the Hamburg Socialists' Strike—Italy Unwilling to Boycott France and United States.

BERLIN, March 21.—[Associated Press, Copyrighted, 1891.]—A dispatch from St. Petersburg conveys unwelcome information, pointing to the conclusion of a formal treaty of alliance between France and Russia. Until recently the czar resisted attempts of going beyond an entente with France. The draft of a treaty prepared in Paris in 1887, and approved by De Giers, the czar, has now been signed by the emperor. It is stated that the czar has been forced to accept the treaty because of the immense international importance of this cannot be kept secret, it is expected that De Giers will cause some informal notification to reach the government of the deuband as to the contents of the alliance. The czar, it is stated, has signed a decree bestowing upon President Carnot the grand cordon of the order of St. Andrew, the highest Russian decoration, and limited to members of the imperial family. This decoration has hitherto been conferred as an exceptional honor on sovereigns nearly connected with the Russian throne.

Interest in the Von Boetticher incident was increased after it became known that the emperor visited the ministry today and remained over an hour, conversing with him and Mme. von Boetticher. Chancellor von Capri afterwards called upon the minister. Both visits were designed to signify that Von Boetticher retained the confidence of the emperor and the government. It implied also the determination of the emperor to stand by the minister whom Bismarck is attacking. The ex-chancellor is a persistent hater and will never forgive Von Boetticher's ingratitude in going with his (Bismarck's) enemies on the eve of his fall. It was undoubtedly through Bismarck that Von Boetticher secured a donation of 50,000 marks several years ago, which enabled him to meet liabilities incurred through his bankrupt brother-in-law. Von Boetticher's friends say the doctor supported the emperor and the private purse of Emperor William and not from the Guelph fund, under the disposal of Prince Bismarck as chancellor. The fact is, Von Boetticher took the money from Bismarck without asking him from what source it had been obtained, and afterwards turned it over to the present emperor, the high honor of the decoration of the order of the Black Eagle for helping to bring about Prince Bismarck's downfall. Public discussion of the affair will doubtless incite in the Reichstag a movement to regulate the use of the Guelph secret service funds. The prospect of resuming friendly relations between the emperor and Prince Bismarck become more remote, owing to his majesty's ostentatious favoritism for Boetticher.

The socialist strike organization in Hamburg has suffered a severe defeat in the collapse of the cigarmakers' strike after it had cost the workmen of the society 350,000 marks. The Hamburg organization was considered the most perfectly organized and strongest body of workmen under socialist influence.

WARSHIPS FOR CHILE.

The Insurrection Could Be Crushed if Balmaceda Resigned.

BERLIN, March 21.—The Chilean government has bought, through its agents in Hamburg, several fast steamers. It is announced that these vessels will be fully equipped as cruisers and will be employed by the government to operate against the insurgents. LONDON, March 21.—A dispatch from Santiago de Chile to the Times says: Considerable excitement is caused by the report from Buenos Ayres that President Balmaceda's new war vessels, the Admiral, Lunce and Conde, which were at Buenos Ayres, have escaped the cruisers sent to intercept them, and they may shortly be taking an active part in the struggle now going on in this country. The whole population, nitrate syndicates, foreign capitalists and clergy, except in the province of Tarapaca, side with President Balmaceda. There is no analogy between the trouble and the troubles here. The president and ministers have guaranteed that funds shall be deposited in Europe for payment in full of the interest upon the national debt. It is believed the delay in the suppression of the troubles here are only due to the hesitation of the government, and that crushing the insurrection is only a question of a few weeks.

PARNELL IN A HOLE.

Maurice Healy Accepts His Challenge to Resign and Contest One Seat.

DUBLIN, March 21.—Parnell held a long conference today with the leaders of the Cork election committee in regard to Maurice Healy's acceptance of Parnell's challenge that they should both resign their seats in parliament and then re-election as a test of the popularity of their respective causes. While David A. Sheehy, member of parliament for Galway, was addressing a meeting at Sigo today, Timothy Harrington and other Parnellite members attempted to storm the platform. The crowd immediately attacked Harrington, and he was thrown on the ground and seriously handled in the fight which ensued. Finally the police separated the combatants.

THE ABYSSINIA GOES ABOARD.

Three of the Crew Lost—Three Sailing Vessels Lost.

LONDON, March 21.—The steamer Abyssinia was stranded at Saigon, but was assisted off. The second officer and two of the crew were drowned. This may be the British steamer Abyssinia, Captain Lee, which was last reported as having arrived at Hongkong February 21, from Vancouver. The Swedish ship Senator Weber, Captain Wink, from Cardiff, March 9, for Rio Janeiro, founded in the recent heavy gale which swept over England. Fourteen of the crew were lost. The British bark Dumfriesshire, which

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TACOMA'S REFORM MOVEMENT.

TACOMA, March 21.—[Special.]—At tonight's meeting of the city council the appointment of J. A. Ward as captain was confirmed. For drunkenness Dennis Dougan, patrolman, was dismissed. The ordinance prohibiting hotels not having fifty rooms from selling liquor was approved and passed to the third reading.

SECRETARY PROCTOR NOT GOING TO RESIGN.

NEW ORLEANS, March 21.—Secretary of War Proctor, when asked by an Associated Press representative today as to the truth of the rumors that he intended to retire from the cabinet, replied: "I had any idea of withdrawing from the cabinet I should certainly not be taking this trip."

THE PRESIDENT MAY NOT COME WEST.

WASHINGTON CITY, March 21.—Private Secretary Halford said today that the president is going West if he can, but will abandon the trip if the state of public business makes it necessary.

ROCK ISLAND ROAD NOT SOLD.

President Cable Denies Rumor—Omaha Court Holds Union Pacific.

CHICAGO, March 21.—President Cable, of the Rock Island road, said today that so far as he knew there was no foundation for the rumored sale of the road to the Gould interests.

OMAHA, March 21.—The suit brought by citizens of Omaha to restrain the city from delivering \$100,000 in bonds to the Union Depot Company was dismissed this afternoon in the district court against the city.

CURIOUS MISTAKE IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, March 21.—The story of the alleged sale of the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago was revived today, owing to the arrival in the city of General Samuel Thomas and Thomas Greenough, New York bankers, who met President Breynogle and other Monon officials and spent the day inspecting the terminals. The visitors were seen tonight and explained their mission. They represent about twenty prominent New York capitalists, who are prepared to take a financial interest in the securities of the Monon road, provided the investigation is satisfactory. The Monon, it is well known, is anxious to sell about \$2,800,000 worth of bonds. "That's all there is to it," said General Thomas. "The road is not to be sold to the Lake Erie & Western, the Richmond Terminal, or any other corporation, so far as we know. There are no negotiations looking to a change in the ownership or management."

THE DES MOINES RIVER BOOMING.

OTTUMWA THREATENED WITH INUNDATION—Another Mistake in Levee Breaks.

OTTUMWA, Ia., March 21.—The Des Moines river here is the highest known for four years. The ice today tore away fifty feet of the approach of the wagon bridge, practically cutting off communication with the south side of Eddyville. The town is threatened with total inundation.

YICKERSBURG, Miss., March 21.—The levee in East Carroll parish, near Point Lookout, broke this morning. Leveemen consider this a great disaster. The crevasse is fifty feet wide. The water from the break will run direct into the Texas river, which will carry it off.

THE CUTTER BEAR COMING TO SEATTLE.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—During the coming week the revenue cutter Bear, Captain M. A. Healy commanding, will leave this port for Seattle, and will fill her bunkers with coal and proceed to Unga, Sand Point, Sanak, Marshovia and other points of the Sitka region. Captain Healy is ordered to assist the civil authorities of the territory of Alaska in arresting one or two white rowdies who have committed murders and escaped arrest. After performing this duty the Bear will return to Seattle in May and re-coal before proceeding to the Arctic ocean.

MURDEROUS ASSAULT IN PORTLAND.

PORTLAND, March 21.—[Special.]—Gus Anderson, a tough, attempted to kill a young sailor named Manuel Johnson in a North Portland saloon, early this morning. The quarrel began over an old miner, whom Anderson was attempting to rob and Johnson trying to protect. While the latter was at the bar Anderson approached behind and plunged a clasp-knife into the young man's back, making a terrible, gaping wound. Johnson was dangerously wounded. In the police court today Anderson was held to answer in the sum of \$3,000.

ACCIDENT ON THE GREAT NORTHERN.

BUTTE, Mont., March 21.—[Special.]—This morning a westbound freight train on the Great Northern ran into a cow near Poplar Creek agency, in Eastern Montana, ditching the engine and fifteen freight cars, killing brakeman Lawrence Kelson. The engine and cars were piled on one another in an inextricable mass, and badly smashed. Traffic was delayed twelve hours by the wreck.

ALL THE SICK PEOPLE RECOVERING.

WASHINGTON CITY, March 21.—Secretary Blaine continues to improve, and it is thought he will be able to be at his desk in the state department by Monday. General Spinola is gaining strength. Representative Springer is considerably improved. No fears are entertained by his friends.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS STEEPLECHASE.

LONDON, March 21.—The annual house of commons steeplechase took place today at Daventry. In the heavy weight class Herman Hodge was the victor. In the lightweight class Long won.

FALLURE AT DALLAS, TEX.

DALLAS, TEX., March 21.—The Tompkins Machinery and Implement Company assigned today. Liabilities, about \$115,000; nominal assets, \$50,000.

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