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ONE CENT.

LIKE A Thunderbolt Out of the BLUE Comes This Great News!

A Bombshell is to be Fired into the Ranks of the Clothiers of Washington.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

Tomorrow, Saturday, May 23, the Merchant Tailors' Misch Clothing Parlor, 407 Seventh street and Buffalo, N. Y., will throw their entire stock of lightweight suits, including blue and black serges, open to the public at \$8 and \$10 for any suit.

Further, to make this wonderful offer even more astounding, the Merchant Tailors' Misch Clothing Parlor will give the public the selection of any pair of their entire stock of lightweight tailor-made trousers at \$2.50, every pair of which was made to order for \$4, \$5, \$6 and \$7.

BOGUS COLLECTORS ACTIVE

Crooks Claim to Be Securing Money for the Firemen's Fund.

Police Looking for the Men, and if Caught They Will Be Severely Punished.

The police department and Chief Paris of the fire department were notified today by Mr. George P. Conn of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad and others of the actions of a number of men who are going about making a house-to-house collection of funds for the families of the firemen killed at Monday night's conflagration.

RIGHTS OF A FATHER.

Judge Miller Sides With Papa Wilson Against the Letter's Son. Judge Miller ruled this morning that a father has a perfect right to lay hands on his son and take him home.

Four Divorces Issued. Judge Cox today signed four decrees in the following cases: Harriet E. Sisson from James W. Sisson; Catherine McGue from Harry T. McGue; Lilla D. Windsor from William Windsor; and Sarah E. Seiden from John W. Seiden.

DISTRICT IN CONGRESS

Ford's Theater Commission Will Consider No More Claims.

WANT TO SETTLE UP AFFAIRS

Unless Some Decided Action Is Taken, the Commission States, the Corporation Will Go on Forever—Occupancy of B Street by the Farmers, Depositors to Be Reimbursed.

The Ford's Theater Commission took important action this morning. It will refuse to consider the claims of any more of the victims of the disaster. It will also refuse to give any further hearings to beneficiaries, who feel that the amount of money is not large enough.

The names of those who have made application for a hearing are: George M. Rowe, Charles G. Smith, W. T. Frazier, William B. Regan, A. A. K. Keefe, Bernard H. Harrison and Richard C. Jones.

It is probable that the commission will give the widow of Mr. Francis W. Test, who died the day the list was published, \$5,000. The amount given him in the list was \$2,500.

MONEY FOR SOLDIERS.

In the Senate Mr. McMillan introduced an amendment to the deficiency bill, granting \$14,943.95 for the militia in the District, to be expended according to the report submitted by the Commissioner.

FAKE COMPANY DEFENDED

Senator Harris' Report on the Potomac Electric Concern.

PASSAGE OF BILL IS URGED

Great Hardships Are Alleged to Have Been Undergone by the Decision of Judge Bingham Overruling What Was Supposed to Be a Constituted Authority.

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