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WITHDRAWING FROM CHINA.

A definite order has been issued from the war department for the withdrawal of our troops from China, with the exception of a legation guard. This is the best proof furnished yet that negotiations for a peaceful and satisfactory settlement of recent difficulties have reached a stage when force is no longer needed.

A most friendly feeling has developed among the Chinese officials toward our nation as a result of our lenient attitude all thru the effort to reach an understanding, and the good fruit of this will come to the surface later in official and commercial relationships.

WHY SOME WOMEN FAIL.

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"Some women ascribe their failure to want of capital, but I do not regard this difficulty as a serious one. Too much capital, which prevents a woman from getting any real knowledge of business and leads her to be extravagant in her ideas, is quite as often a hindrance as the possession of too little."

BUSINESS AT LEADING POINTS.

Business conditions continue in a hopeful condition, as reported by Dun.

In Chicago mercantile collections in the country are prompt and there is a perceptible improvement locally. Notwithstanding some broken weather, dry goods and department stores are doing exceptionally well. Spring openings are attractive and buying appears unusually good.

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In St. Louis visiting country merchants are very numerous, and buying is unprecedentedly heavy; arrivals are fully two weeks earlier than usual, and represent more generally all sections of tributary territory. Representative men from the south and southwest give most encouraging reports of present trade conditions and prospects. Stocks are well exhausted and collections above average on both new and old accounts. Jobbers report the same conditions as to collections. The demands of buyers are very well distributed among the principal lines, but are heavy in shoes, dry goods and groceries. Hats, clothing and furnishings also show prosperous gain. Hardware shows a large increase, especially in building lines.

New Orleans reports that jobbers in dry goods, notions and hats continue to be active when the weather permits. At Cleveland general trade is good. Hardware dealers are busy, and orders call for a general assortment of goods. Dry goods at wholesale are moving well, and country merchants are ordering spring goods in smaller amount than formerly, expecting to duplicate orders later in the season, and city retail trade is active when the weather permits.



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Do a good volume of business; in other lines a fair volume only is being transacted. Collections are satisfactory. Exports of grain are in good volume and money is in good demand. At other northern points trade is good.

At Minneapolis there is a continued heavy movement in all jobbing lines. The mild weather has resulted in a large increase in spring orders, and jobbers and manufacturers in boots and shoes, hats and caps and dry goods have about all they can attend to. Groceries are steady, hardware is improving and lumber is exceptionally brisk, with shipments of \$445,000 feet and receipts of \$320,000. The flour output shows an increase of 24,000 barrels, the quantity ground being 255,910.

Omaha reports that activity in hardware, groceries and dry goods is especially marked. All kinds of spring goods are finding a ready sale at good prices. At Los Angeles unseasonably warm weather has forced fruit picking to the last possible degree, and shortage of cars to move fruit has made a situation that threatens serious loss to the grower.

Packing houses are full of oranges ready for shipment, with practically no cars to meet the shippers' demands. Plans for the construction of the Salt Lake road have stimulated real estate operations and building; 129 building permits were issued in February. Trade is good, especially in retail lines. Travel has been so heavy this season that the housing capacity of the city has been taxed to its limit. Money is active.

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The Eldora Herald is convinced that if Senator Joseph Wallace receives the support of the Wright county delegation, as now indicated, he will be renominated without a contest, for he will be given the solid Hardin county delegation. Mr. W. is the unanimous choice of the republicans of this county. Senator Penrose, of Tama county, thinks a resolution providing for biennial elections in Iowa will be adopted again by the general assembly. Commenting on this the Traer Star-Clipper

says: "After all the trouble over the last effort, we doubt whether it would carry again if submitted to the people." The Eatherville Republican thinks "the numerous parties who are taking advantage of the bankruptcy law is enough to discourage the credit system." It also declares that "the law is a most obnoxious one, besides having a tendency to make men dishonest."

The Monticello Express is decidedly of the opinion that "The report that the Iowa congressional delegation is going to make war on Cummins, wants to be taken with a tremendous grain of allowance. The congressmen are not hunting for a chance to get into a brawl. They are going to prudently keep out of every fight except their own."

The Des Moines Register says "Carnegie's fabulous wealth and rich gifts are the very best proof that the steel and iron trusts have been robbing the people."

The Webster City Freeman-Tribune concludes that the women of Webster City do not care to exercise the right of suffrage, as not one voted at Monday's school election, altho a question of taxation was involved.

The Onawa Democrat speaks approvingly of Messrs. Sells and Romans as

stocks on the exchange have amounted to 58,500,000 shares compared with 23,400,000 shares for the same weeks of 1900; while the transactions in bonds have reached \$227,700,000, against \$106,300,000 a year ago. This enormous expansion of transactions has occurred on a scale of prices from thirty to thirty-five points above the previous normal of values. So steady has the market become on this immensely advanced scale of prices that many uninitiated operators take all this as a matter of course, assume that the inflation has come to stay, cling to their holdings and employ their profits for additional purchases at still rising prices. Clew thinks they are near the danger line and it may be taken for granted that, from this time forward, every further advance brings the situation so much nearer the culminating point, and that both reckless and pyramid buying will sooner or later precipitate reaction.

With the lease of the Burlington lines the Northern Pacific and J. J. Hill will control 18,000 miles of railway, or a line long enough to extend more than two-thirds of the way around the globe.

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English and Monroe Doctrine.

The English newspaper that thinks it time to check the Monroe doctrine seems to forget that it is as much English as American doctrine, and was promulgated by the United States as the rule against European aggression in the western continent at the suggestion of the British government thru Mr. Canning, its minister at Washington.

Spanish War Claims.

The \$100,000,000 of Spanish war claims is expected to shrink considerably in the wash. The newly appointed commission can also earn the gratitude of the country by expediting the business and not allowing time to drag along thru the life of a couple of generations.

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