

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia, showers in the morning, probably followed by fair weather; warmer; winds shifting to southerly.



WE'RE WONDER WORKERS.

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Is the Magic Figure.

HOW WE DO IT. Another Sensation on Seventh Street.

407-20-8-25.

The Seventh Street Wonder-Workers Announce a Fresh Marvel. This Time the Mystery is Greater Than Ever, Not the First Surprise Sprung by Them, by Any Means, But Perhaps the Most Astonishing of All. The Strange Numbers Are 407-20-8-25.

The appearance of balmy spring has brought with it the usual long train of troubles. True it is that no more coal need be purchased by the long-suffering householder, but this saving is offset by the expense of spring medicine, spring bonnets, spring topcoats, spring suits.

"407"—It is in connection with the two latter articles of spring expense that we have to deal. The number 407 is that of the Merchant Tailors' Mischief Parlors, 407 Seventh street. Next: "20" and "25"—These numbers indicate the original cost of making about 140 Fine Custom-made Spring Topcoats, English Walking Coats and Fashionable Suits. Next: "8"—This figure represents the selling price of these \$20 and \$25 Custom-made Suits and Topcoats.

407-20-8-25 is the solution. We show a window full of these magnificent garments. Come and inspect them yourself. This is an unusual advertisement, but these values are far more unusual.

Remember, we are no strangers here. We live up to every word of our advertisement. Further, we guarantee every garment, and will keep it in repair for one year free of any charge. This sale begins this morning at the Mischief Parlors, 407 Seventh Street.

AS DARK AS NIGHT. Chicago Enveloped in Almost Complete Darkness. A Mid-Afternoon Chicago, Ill., March 19.—All Chicago became panic-stricken about 4:15 o'clock this afternoon when a dense cloud of smoke and fog passed over the city and enveloped it in almost complete darkness.

Best Suits, per kg., 100 lbs., \$1.00. Libbey & Co., 6th st. and New York ave. ft.

Try Institute Business College, 8th and K. None better. \$25 a year, day or night.

No. 1 Colling, Beaded, \$1.25 per 100 ft. Libbey & Co., 6th st. and New York ave. ft.

Retiring Sale? No, we are not retiring, but actively engaged every minute—every day—and every week—distributing—

Fine Tailor-made Clothing at prices that are appreciated by our increasing number of patrons. Our beautiful advanced styles are in—and they are gems—fit for the most swell dressers—in English tweeds—Scotch chevots and German clay diagonals. A superb line of Spring Top Coats—matchless in beauty of fit—and all at prices beyond ANY attempted competition.

OVERCOATS. \$22.00 Sat in Lined. \$8.00 \$10.00 Trico Overcoat. \$3.50 \$12.00 Spring Top Coats. \$4.50

THE FIRST SHARP SKIRMISH

Battle Royal in the House Over a Special Rule.

REPUBLICANS ARE DENOUNCED

McMillin Said They Did Not Dare Give Reasonable Opportunity for Investigation of This "Hotbed of Trusts," Meaning the Tariff Bill—Strong Speeches.

The first skirmish over the tariff bill took place in the House yesterday. The bill was reported by Chairman Dingley of the Ways and Means Committee. There was a full attendance in the House and an unusual number of visitors in the galleries. A hush of expectation came over the assembly as Mr. Dingley arose. He said: "Mr. Speaker, I am instructed to return House bill 379 entitled 'An act to provide revenue for the Government and to encourage the industries of the United States,' with a favorable report. I ask that the bill and report be ordered printed and placed on the calendar of the whole House on the state of the union."

As he concluded, there was a slight ripple of applause. No objection being offered to the request of Mr. Dingley, the Speaker announced that it would be granted. A limited number of copies of the printed report submitted by Mr. Dingley, which appears in full in The Times this morning, was placed at the disposal of members.

Mr. Bailey obtained consent for an extension of time till Monday for the minority to prepare a report upon the bill, and Mr. Dingley, after a brief controversy with Mr. McMillin, agreed that 5,000 copies of the statement comparing the present and the proposed duties, be ordered printed.

The special rule under which it is proposed to rush the bill through the House was then reported by Mr. Dingley from the Committee on Rules. It provides that the debate shall begin at 1 o'clock a. m. Monday and continue until 1 p. m. Thursday. Two sessions daily will extend from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. and from 8 p. m. to 11 p. m. From the 20th to the 31st instant the bill will be considered in committee of the whole under the five-minute rule, to be open to amendment by the Committee on Ways and Means having the privilege to offer amendments to any section of the bill at any time. At 3 p. m. on March 31 the bill will be reported to the House, and the previous question ordered on all pending amendments and the passage of the bill. Leave to print for twenty days after the vote is also given.

On the rule Mr. Dingley demanded the previous question, and it was ordered. It was agreed that the forty minutes' debate usually allowed under this order be extended to an hour, and it was then the first exchange of compliments in the tariff battle occurred between the leaders of the two great parties.

Mr. McMillin opened the argument against the rule. He first addressed himself to what Mr. Dingley had said of the Wilson tariff. "Why does not my friend give us facts?" he said. "One listening to him would suppose the Wilson bill putting coal and other things on the free list was passed through the House without proper consideration and debate. But the facts are not so. It is not in this age of the telegraph, the newspaper, and the various other means of communication, to try to leave the public in the dark upon any important matter. There was ample opportunity for deliberation when that measure was passed."

Mr. Dingley, advocating the passage of the resolution, said the speedy passage of a tariff bill was absolutely proper and necessary under the conditions which confronted the Government and the country. (Applause.) For three years the revenues of the Government had fallen below its expenditures; that was a condition that should not be permitted to continue. He made a statement as to how the Wilson bill was pushed through the House.

Replying to a question by Mr. McMillin as to the operation of the rule in regard to offering amendments, Mr. Dingley said that if the Democrats offered only such amendments as they really and honestly desired to submit to the judgment of the House, in his opinion the whole bill would be read and opportunity given for amendment.

"But if it is not read through," persisted Mr. McMillin, the unread portion will have to be acted upon without consideration or right of amendment."

Mr. Dingley—Why, Mr. Speaker, the situation will be precisely what it was when we were called to vote upon the Wilson bill. (Applause.)

Continuing, Mr. Dingley said it was not

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They Wish to Have the Island Annexed to Greece and Will Not Accept Anything Less—Russia's Enmity to Greece Only a Veil to Conceal Her Purposes.

Canea, March 19.—An Italian officer has started for the camp of the Greek troops with instruction to notify Col. Vassos that the blockade of the island will begin at 8 o'clock Sunday morning, in accordance with the proclamation issued by the foreign admirals. Preparations are being made for the arrival of foreign troops. Barracks are in readiness, and in some cases school-buses will be used for the lodging of the troops. The admirals have had another interview with the insurgent leaders at Akrotiri. They handed to the Cretans copies of the document proposing that an autonomous government would be constituted for the island, but this intelligence was not received in the manner it was hoped it would be. The rebel leaders did not hesitate to express their hostility to the plan of the powers to leave them under the suzerainty of the sultan.

They defiantly declared that they were done with Turkey, and added that they would resist to their very last drop of blood any such regime as the powers proposed. Their desire was to have the island annexed to Greece, and they would hold out until this desire became an established fact. Among the few supporters of the powers here the attitude of the insurgent leaders is ascribed to counsels given to them some time ago by the Greek vice consul.

RUSSIA'S DOUBLE PART.

Is the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde of the Situation.

Athens, March 19.—Germany and Russia are popularly considered to be the worst enemies Greece has in the concert of Europe, and if the reports that are in circulation are true, there can be no doubt that Russia's animosity is but a veil to cover her always-present desire to obtain part of the Turkish territory despite her declarations in support of the integrity of the Ottoman empire. What Germany's real object it has not transpired, but it is supposed that she is inspired by a desire to stand well with Russia in the hope of breaking the Franco-Russian alliance.

It is stated that there is a secret Russo-Turkish treaty in existence providing that in return for the support Russia is now giving the Turks, the ports of Suda and Ischanderun will be ceded to her. Of course, it is impossible to tell what there is in the rumor that are being circulated and they are only given to show in what light Russia is regarded by the Greek people.

THE TURKISH SQUADRON.

It Will Proceed to Gallipoli and There Await Orders.

London, March 19.—The Times tomorrow will print a dispatch from Constantinople saying that three torpedo boats, two torpedo boats, one destroyer and one minelayer, steamed from the inner Golden Horn into the Sea of Marmora last night and then proceeded to Gallipoli. There to await the remainder of the Turkish squadron, which will sail tomorrow. This squadron will consist of three armored frigates, of 4,000 tons and ten gunboats, one ironclad corvette of 2,000 tons and fifty guns, and one river gunboat. The squadron will await orders at Gallipoli.

LANDED CARGOES AT SPHAKIA.

They Are for the Greek Troops Under Col. Vassos.