CLOSE BALTIC TO THEIR ENEMIES

What Kaiser and Czar Agreed Upon at Meeting at Bjoerkoe.

CZAR FEARED TOGO'S FLEET

Dread of Blockade of His Capital Caused Him to Agree - War Between Britain and Germany Is Imminent.

CHICAGO, Daily News' St. Petersburg correspondent A Russian official who assisted at the Bjoerkoe meeting between the Czar and Kaiser said today to your correspon-

The main object of Emperor William's visits to Finland and to Copenhagen is to make the Sound and the Belt Straits a sorthern Dardanelles, to lock up the Baltic Sea as the Black Sea is now looked up and do to England what the treaty of Paris did to Russia. Thus Germany would ed it unnecessary to keep fleets for the defense of Kiel, Stettin, Danzig and Koenigsberg, and the Czar's nightmare of Togo's appearance in the Baltic and making a landing on the Oesel and Dago Islande as basis for the blockade of St. Petersburg and Libau, which led him to ference propositions, would be removed.

Agreement Made With Michael. The Bjoerkoc interview only confirmed the agreement which was made during Grand Duke Michael's visit to Berlin at the time of the Crown Prince's wedding, Hence the presence of Michael at the conference on the Kaiser's yacht and also the presence of Admiral Birlleff, Rusofficers. The question under discussion was essentially a naval question. Today's meeting with King Christian is expected ummate the deal.

Why Nicholas Agreed.

The Czar gladly acquiesced in the agreed. ecause the catastrophe in the Tsushima Strait left the Baltic coasts of Russia at the mercy of the Japanese. Now the Sound and the Belt Straits are to be locked against the Czar's enemy and other outsiders, while the agreement with the Kniser, thanks to the latter's influence with Austria and Turkey, insures our estern and southern frontiers. Therefore, if the Japanese terms of peace prove excessive, we can easily continge the war

"Family ties and identical mical and material interests guarantee the Kalser's sincerity. Germany is becoming our banker and this makes the understanding mutually profitable."

WAR WITH BRITAIN IMMINENT

BERLIN, aug. 1.—(Special.)—A very sonsiderable sensation has been caused by the publication in the Tegel Zeltung of a statement that a war between Germany and Great Britain is imminent. The paper says:

"According to the most reliable information furnished to the editor, war between this nation and England may not be averted. All German warships have been fully prepared for promptaction, having received secret instructions' that war is considered inevit-

Tegel is a Berlin suburb, where are located the extensive works of Messrs. Borsig, the well-known machine and gun manufacturers. This firm controls the newspapers and the assumption is tost the "reliable information" emanated from that firm.

CAN'T INFLUENCE DENMARK

Kaiser's Closed Sea Scheme Not Welcomed There.

COPENHAGEN, July 31 .- (Special.)-All classes of the Danish nation view with composure the visit of Emperor William to King Christian at Bernstorff Castle. The imperial guest will remain a few days and will meet the leaders of Danish political life.

The Emperor is not expected to suggest any startling scheme for German-Danish action to close the Baltic against the warships of non-Baltic powers, or to do anything else. If William really made any proposal of the sort, he would be certain to meet with

a polite rebuff. To put it mildly, the Danes feel quite as comfortable with the warships of hon-Baltic nations about their shores as they do with the fighting fleets of the two great Baltic powers in Danish

KAISER AND KING CONFER

Earnest Conversation Distracts Their

Attention From Cheering People.

COPENHAGEN, July El.-The meeting between Emperor William, of Germany, and King Ohristian today was of a very informal character, but the Emperor's absorbed demeanor seemed to show that he attached great importance to the visit, he forts and warships fired royal sa-utes on the arrival of the imperial yacht

King Christian was attired in the uniorm of a German Uhlan, and, in company with the Crown Prince and the other Minister Count Levelzau welcomed the Emperor, who wore the uniform of a Princes, Premier Christensen and Foreign Danish Admiral. There was no formal reception. The monarchs embraced and eror William conveyed to King Christian the greetings of Eperor Nicholas, of Russia. The party immediately entered carriages and drove to Bernstorff Castle.

mid much cheering by the spectators. Throughout the drive the Emperor was in earnest conversation with the King and took little notice of the demonstrations or the populace. The monarchs walked together in the paince garden and this evening there was a state dinner, at which 40 guests assembled, including the Danish Ministers and their respective suites and the members of the German

the Emperor for his visit, and the latter expressed his thanks for having been two years ago appointed a Danish Admiral. After the dinner Emperor William con versed at length with Premier Christen-sen and the Foreign Minister.

KING OSCAR'S GENERAL DENIAL

Says Kalser Proposed No Menacing Scheme-Sweden Prefers Isolation.

STOCKHOLM, Aug. L-(Special.)-King Occar has caused the information to be circulated in Stockholm, Christiania and Copenhagen, the capttals of the three Scandinavian countries, that Emperor William made no proposals to him at the Geffe meeting of the two monarchs which involved the least menace to the tranquility of Northern Europe. This general statement is understood to mean that Ger-many is not trying to draw the Scandinavian countries into any plan for losing the Baltic to the warships of the world, or any arrangement which woud have the appearance of an en-tangling alliance from a Scandinavian point of view.

Should the Kalser throw out suggestion of this character, it is be-lieved that the Swedes would speedily indicate their preference for an entire-ly isolated position, so far as the great powers are concerned. The only possi-ble alliances dreamed of in the Swedish capital are alliances which would align the Scandinavian countries solidly against outside schemers of every

ationality.
It is believed in the highest quarters Sweden that the Kaiser's proceedings in the Baltic are designed to con-vince his neighbors in these waters that German world-polities will undeviatingly follow peaceful lines.

FRENCH TOOK AGGRESSIVE

German Version of Battle on French Congo Frontier.

BERLIN, July 31.-An official report from the Governor of Cameroon was received today by the colonial division of the Foreign Office concerning the affair on the French Congo frontier. It says that Senegalese soldiers forcibly closed the German station at Miszummissum and undered merchandise. Captain Scheu-emann, who was at the time in the southern part of the district, was shot on his march to Miszummissum by French Schegalese troops, and the Germans returned the fire, killing five and capturing

eiving the report of the affair from the commander of the German troops, Colonel sian Minister of Marine, and other naval Mueller, sent troops to protect Bagun, or-General of the French Congo in Brazzaville, which proposed that a joint commission should immediately be sent to the spot to investigate the trouble and to arrange for the prevention of such incidents. To this the German administration

WILL BUY ALL RAILROADS

Italian Government Schemes In-

dorsed by Chamber of Deputies. ROME, July 31.-After a four days' speernment railway bill, providing the funds for taking over the railways at a valuation with compensation for expenditure. the ministry of Signor Fortis received a vote of confidence Sunday in the Cham-ber of Deputies by a majority of 132. The chamber was prorogued until November, when the bill will be again taken up.
King Victor Emmanuel came to Rome to attend the special session. The debate was very animated, the Socialist and Republican deputies attacking the governnent proposals with great violence, and breatening prolonged obstruction on each clause of the railway bill.

German Paper Says German Navy the rallway companies of \$5,000,000 to settle the difference between the government and the three great compar

Warner. LEST JAPANESE FLEET ENTER

German Paper Gives Reasons for

Closing Baltic Sea. BERLIN, August 1 .- (Special.) - The newspaper Reichsbote, in a leading article, declares that the Baltic Sea should be closed to all foreign warships, because, should the peace nego-tiations fail, the Japanese can be ex-pected to send a fleet to harass the Russian Baltic ports. The initiation of hostilities in the Baltic, with the incldental placing of floating mines there, would gravely endanger the shipping of neutral powers and be exceedingly objectionable to Germany, Sweden and

DUTCH SUBDUE REBELLION.

Native Stronghold Demolished and Many Rebels Killed.

AMSTERDAM, July 31 .- The Dutch expedition sent against the rebeilious na-tive state of Boni. Island of Celebes, one of the Sunda Islands in the East Indies, inflicted severe punishment on the natives 260 of whom were killed. The fortifications of Badjoewab, one of the chief towns were rased by the guns of the warships.

Balloon Collapses; None Injured. PARIS, July 31.-A balloon conveying M. Sauniere, president of the Aero Club, and a companion collapsed on the roof

of the Grand Palace in the Elysee today. The occupants were not injured. Atlantic Rate War Ended.

GLASGOW, July St.-The Allan and Donaldson steamship lines, after a month of rate-cutting, came to terms today with regard to second and third-class trans Atlantic passenger tickets. The second-class rate was restored to \$55 and the third-class rate to \$25.

Germany Is Suspected of Bad Faith by France.

GAINS GROUND IN MOROCCO

Obtains Commercial Concessions From Sultan, Backed by German Ambassador, in Ad-

vance of Conference.

PARIS, July 31.-The activity of the German commercial agents and officials with reference to the Moroccan situation is causing grave doubts on the part of the Prench people as to Germany's good faith. Despite the decision of the two governments not to interfere with the status quo until the international conference meets, the Germans are trying their utmost to extract commercial concessions from the Sultan, hoping thereby to strengthen Germany's position at the

Inquiries in weil-informed circles, however, show that it is not believed that Germany is officially authorizing these efforts to secure advantage, though differ-ences are likely to arise from this action, with consequent protraction of negotia-tion. Count von Tattenbach Ashold appears to be furthering the efforts of the German agents, which already have resuited in securing a concession for the construction of wharves, while strong ef-forts are being made to obtain a cable on and the acceptance of a Ger-

Such proceedings, it is believed here, do not tend to hasten a friendly understanding, but the approaching interview be-Radolin, the German Ambassador to France, is expected to result in the dis-pelling of doubts and the completion of a satisfactory settlement.

WILL STOP BUYING COTTON

Advice to British Spinners to Prevent High Prices.

LONDON, July 31 .- At an emergency meeting of the international committee of the International Cotton Con gress nell here today, it was decided to urge spinners in Europe and America to refrain from buying American cotton during the next three months except for immediate wants, and thus try to obviate the danger of the next material at the high prices at present prevailing. The committee contends that there will be plenty of time when actual figures are available to consider the situation that will arise, and should the supply prove less than the demand, to take such steps as may be necessary to meet the demands. At the same time the committee feels sure that the surplus from last year's crop guarantees a full supply, even it event of the next crop proving

The committee decided to organize service for obtaining correct information as to the actual consump-tion of cotton throughout the world, on the lines proposed by the congress at Manchester in June last, and hopes to soon publish the details of the

Eclipse Expedition Arrives.

BONA, Algeria, July 31.—The United States cruiser Minneapolts, carrying Rear-Admiral Chester, superintendent of the United States Naval Observatory, and the other members of the American sci-entific mission, which will observe the eclipse of the sun August 20, arrived here at noon today and anchored alongside the auxiliary cruiser Dixle, which has on board the materials and instruments for the observation stations.

Cotton Workmen Vote to Strike.

LONDON, July 21 .- The Lancashire coton operatives have decided by an enor-nous majority to strike on August 19, unless the advance in wages demanded by them is conceded. During the past week a ballot on the question of striking has been taken among the 60,000 operatives. The demand is for a 5 per cent advance

Cholera Epidemic at Madras.

MADRAS British India July 21 -- A serious epidemic of cholera prevails among the refugees from the famine-stricken districts who have been crowding into the city for weeks past. Numbers of victims have been found dead or dying on the streets. The death rate is 89.7 per thou-

Catarrh

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Absolutely Marvelous Values in

Women's **SUMMER** Apparel READY-TO-DON

That women appreciate such bargains was proven by the crowds of yesterday. Those who could not make it convenient to select yesterday or could not wait for fittings, will find equal values today; and extra fitters to facilitate buying. You'll need the Shirtwaist Suits for indoor wear during the Winter months, with fully two months ahead of Summer functions for which they're indispensible. The special sale continues today and tomorrow.

\$38.50 Silk Shirtwaist Suits for \$11.85

In this offering is included all the very latest and newest of this season's smartest styles, most durable and best wearing silks, and latest style effects. Attong the colorings are blues, greens, tans, reds, pinks and plain blacks and whites. The best values we have ever offered up to \$38.50; special for today and Wednesday only, at\$11.85

Trim and Jaunty Linen Suits 240, With Almost Half the Price Gone.

\$18.50 Suits \$9.98

Suits so cool and comfortable looking that they cause a drop of ten degrees every time they approach a thermometer. Made of pretty, sturdy linens, fashioned in very latest style effects, specimens of exquisite workmanship. In whites, trimmed with blue collars and cuffs, and blues trimmed in greens and linen shades; best values up to \$18.50, special for

Pretty \$2.00 Kimonas for 94c Handsome long Kimonos in dainty lawns and

other Summery wash materials in a color range embracing black and white, pinks, blues, reds and greens in floral and conventional designs, Opental effects, etc.; values up to \$2, today and tomorrow only....94¢

BIGGEST VALUES OF ALL THE YEAR IN

Annex—Second Floor.

Folks who know most of the trouble of fashioning underwear will most value the savings in this sale. A careful woman reckoned that in many cases the undermuslins were selling at less than cost of the trimmings. Yet not a seam is carelessly sewn; not an inch robbed from the widths of the garments. Best of all they are pretty, which is a big item of consideration; and they are lasting, which means even more. But—some of the garments are slightly mussed or a triffe solled from showing or handling, or use in window displays during the July sales—none but can be made as good as new by one laundering.

The lot consists of Gowns, Drawers, Corset

sales—none but can be made as good as new by one laundering.

The lot consists of Gowns, Drawers, Corset Covers and Chemise, in great variety of styles; lace and embroidery trimmed. For convenience and rapid selling we have divided them into flye different lots to be sold this way—

LOT 1—Our regular \$5c to \$1.25 values. Special at the survey.

French Hand-Emb'd Drawers ONLY \$1.97 FOR DRAWERS WORTH \$3.50 Ladies fine Drawers, made of English soft finish long cloth, with six-inch French hand em-broidered ruffle, daintily hemstitched; our regular \$3.50 value, special at, the pair \$1.97

SUMMER AND

Staple Suit Silks SWEEPINGLY SLAUGHTERED.

Silk buyers will rub their eyes in wonderment when they see the way we've slashed prices on the prettiest and most-wanted silks for Summer mand Fall wear. Silks as staple as the proverbial "water. You'd best buy for a future season if every need is filled for the present. The silks will keep—the styles are staple—as good for 1906 as now. Have a look.



Our \$1.00 value; special at, the yard.
Our \$1.25 value; special at, the yard.
Our \$1.25 value; special at, the yard.
Our \$1.50 value; special at, the yard.
Our \$1.75 value; special at, the yard.
In imported and domestic makes.
styles and colorings to choose
Our \$1.00 value; special at, the yard.
Our \$1.50 value; special at, the yard.
Our \$1.50 value; special at, the yard.
Our \$1.50 value; special at, the yard. Many new BLACK TAFFETAS.

\$8.50 House Dresses \$3.98

In splendid materials embracing a color line that takes in blues, pinks, black and white, whites and striped effects; best \$8.50 regular values, special for today and tomorrow at\$3.98

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By an expert in fancy needlework, Art shap Second-floor Annex.

Visitors Cordially Welcome To share with our patrons every privilege of this great store. Its FREE phones, rest room, writing tables fully supplied with stationery, etc., drinking fountains with the best cold running water to be found in America, lawtories and tollet-rooms, lunchroom for those who bring their "Anag and nip" with them, postal facilities, free cooking school, information bureau and directories. Parcels checked free—and, if you wish to shop, the coolest store to roam thro.

Women's Summer Gloves and Belts Reduced

Pancy Goods and Furnishing Shops-ist Floor. 50c SILK GLOVES FOR 39c. Ladies' Silk Gloves, 2-clasp, in black and white only; our 50c value, special at, the pair... 39c

50e LISLE GLOVES 30e, Ladies' fine lisle taread Gloves, 2-clasp in black and colors; our 50c value, special at, pair. 39e

Pretty Summer Jewelry SPECIAL SALE PRICES-SIXTH-STREET AN-

NEX-FIRST FLOOR. \$2.50 GOLD BEADS FOR \$1.98. line of good quality gold filled Beads, graduated sizes, strung on strong woven wire, with strong catch; the right length to fit closely round the neck; our regular \$2.50 value, special at, each \$1.98

WHITE STONE BAR PINS AT 11e AND 15c. reity Bar. Pins with good quality white stone setting; stones firmly set in prongs; strong metal back and pins; our regular 25c value.

SOUVENIR HAT PINS 39c. showing of sterling gilver top Hat Pins, in designs of Fair buildings, Mount Hood, Oregon Webfoot, etc. Special sale price, each.....39e

August Sale of Parasols

First Floor, Aunex, Near Big Elevators. We start today to effect a quick closure of the beautiful par-asols that have ex-cited the admiration of thousands of women during the past month; that bewitchmonth, that best carried beauty exposition of Summer sun shields. You'll need them for weeks yet before the present season has passed—

and you'll need them another Summer season; we doubt if ever this TICAL CO.

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25 in. wide; our \$1.50 value, special at, yard. \$.80 value their purpose with us and now you may safe the purpose with us and now you may safe in. wide; our \$1.50 value, special at, yard. \$1.10 values for . \$1.50 values for . \$1.50

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"About this time buy for next year." You couldn't invest to better advantage; no bank in America pays the interest we do in this sale. And you've full two months or more to wear Summer garments left in 1905. Opportunities were never so plenty, never so good as now to were never so plenty, never so good as now to save in the buying. Glance thro this remarkable list:

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WOMEN'S UNION SUITS. WOMEN'S \$1.75 UNION SUITS FOR \$1.25.

WOMEN'S \$2.25 UNION SUITS \$1.65. Women's extra fine silk and liste white knit "Me-rode" Union Suits, with high neck and short of sleeves, knes-length; extra silk-trimmed; half-open front, our \$2.25 value; special at the

WOMEN'S SILK AND LISLE UNION SUITS, ame as above, excepting they are high neck, long sleeves and sukle-length; our \$2.25 value. WOMEN'S SILK AND LISLE UNION SUITS.

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WOMEN'S \$1.00 KNIT VESTS FOR 40c. Vomen's white 'Morode' knit Vests with neck and short riceves, or low neck sleeveless; extra slik-trimmed, aand-finis a slik and cotton mixture; our \$1.00 vs sepcial at, each WOMEN'S WHITE SILK AND COTTON TIGHTS. #4

kle or knee length; our \$1.00 value, special sale price, the pair PRETTY SUMMER MILLINERY AT CLOSING

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Second Floor—Annex.
We shall have on sale a lot of Tape Girdles made of heavy brocade silk fabrics, a choice of pink, blue, white or white grounds with white or lavender dots. A comfortable, stylish girdle especially auapted for Summer wear when a full and free movement of the body is so much to be desired. In sizes 18 to 24 and usual \$2.50 values: special today.



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