EUROPE SPLIT UP OVER MACEDONIA

Russia and Austria Are Hot Rivals.

POWERS SEEK NEW ALLIANCES

Wrangle About Railroads in Turkey the Cause.

GERMANY JOINS AUSTRIA

Russia Seeks Aid of Britain, France and Italy in Foiling Schemes of Two Teutonic Powers in Turkey.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—What is practically the break-up of the European concert on the Macedonian situation has come as a shock to the chancelleries of the continent and for England, particularly, a quiet diplomatic season had been anticipated. The assent of Germany to the management of Moroccan affairs by France, the conclusion of agreements to maintain the status quo in the Mediterranean and the opening of negotiations looking to treaties that should accomplish a similar purpose with regard to the North Sea seemed to make the possibility of difficulties arising among the powers remote. The conferences of the Ambassadors at Constantinople also appeared to be going on smoothly when a bomb was thrown into camp by the announcement made by Baron Marschall von Bieberstein, the German Ambassador, that Germany would no longer act with the other powers in directing that Turkey consent to their demands.

As to the cloud that has arisen between Russia and Austria-Hungary over the projects of the latter state for railroad extensions in Macedonia, the right of Austria-Hungary to secure a concession for the Novibazar railroad line and the justice of Germany's supporting her ally are recognized in England, but it is contended that the present time is inopportune for the raising of this point.

It is now said that the breaking up of all these international understandings will aggravate the Macedonian question, reopen the whole Near East problem, start a contest for railroad concessions which may lead to serious results and enable Turkey to postpone the reforms for which the Ambassadors have been working.

WILL GROUP POWERS ANEW

Wrangle Due to Russian and Austrian Railroad Schemes.

VIENNA, Feb. 14.—A new grouping of the powers in the Near Eastern question is freely predicted by independent politicians here unless Baron von Aehrenthal, the Austro-Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs, succeeds speedily in dispelling the irritation of Russia over the Balkan railroad question. The situation is considered in Vienna to be complicated by the alleged intention of the Russian government to ask the Sultan of Turkey to grant a concession for the construction of a railroad line from Raduievatz in Servia on the Danube, to Antivari or Dulcigno, both seaports of Montenegro, on the Adriatic, a project that would connect the Danube with the Adriatic and would be acceptable to Italy for commercial reasons.

This Russian counter-move to the Austrian project is resented here. Austria desires direct railroad communication between Vienna, Salonika and Athens. Coming from Vienna, South Austria already has her own lines through Hungary, Bosnia and Herzegovina down to a point on the Uvac River in Herzegovina. Coming north, the railroad line runs from Salonika through Uskub into Servia, with a branch going from Uskub to the northwest as far as Mitrovitza. Consequently Austria desires to construct a line from Mitroxitza through the Turkish Province of Novibazar to the Uvac River in Herzegovina. With this accomplished, there would remain only the connection from Salonika south to the Grecian lines to provide for.

If a line connecting Antivari or Dulcigno with the Danube was put through by Russia, it would have to cross the connecting branch Austria wants to build in Novibazar and practically make the Austrian project impossible.

Austria's right to seek a concession from Turkey for the connecting line through the Province of Novibazar is based, it is semi-officially declared here, upon the treaty of Berlin. On the other hand, it is maintained, Russia not only has no such right, but she is not even able to plead immediate neighborship to Turkey, as is the case with Austria.

BITTER AGAINST GERMANY

Russia Proposes New Alliance to Bring Macedonian Reform.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 14.—It is expected here that Russia and Great Britain will enter upon an agreement for joint action with regard to the situation in Macedonia, and that these two powers will be supported by France and perhaps by Italy. If such a coalition is made, the reason for it undoubtedly will be the latest developments at Constantinople, the fact that Germany intends to abandon the allies and adopt the counter-proposals of the Sultan, which are, in the Rusian point of view, tantamount to no reform at all and which are regarded as creating a situation equalling the Moroccan entanglement in international importance.

Only by such a four-power league, according to the Russian press, can the necessary reforms in Macedonia be carried through. Dispatches received here from London indicate that a similar view is gaining ground there.

The opinion expressed by the inspired press indicates that the British proposals of reform, which were recently rejected by Russia and Austria, may be the basis of Anglo-Russian action, and this in spite of the radical nature of Russia's attitude in the past. This attitude was determined by loyalty to Russia's Austrian partner, but now, in view of the course followed by Baron von Aehrenthal, Russia feels herself no longer bound to Austria.

Newspapers of all shades of opinion, including even the Socialist Capital Post, successor to the Tovarisch, support the Foreign Office in an attack on German diplomacy. The newspapers resent bitterly the alleged duplicity of Baron von Aehrenthal, the Austro-Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs, who is compared to a card sharper, playing an underhand game with a confederate, in this case Germany, against the other powers.

TRIES TO MOLLIFY RUSSIA

Austria Denies Objection to Adriatic Danube Railroad Scheme.

VIENNA, Feb. 14.—A semi-official note issued today declares that Austria has no objection to the building of the railroad from the Adriatic to the Danube, on the ground that the extension of the railroad communication to Turkey would help in the economic expansion of Austria-Hungary and assist in tranquillizing Macedonia.

This friendliness toward Russia is regarded, however, as only a diplomatic expression for the purpose of allaying the irritation in Russia, which is supported by public opinion.

DEBTS AND NOT ASSETS

RECEIVER TO BE ASKED FOR MUTUAL RESERVE.

Large Deficit Found Which Company Was Listing as Asset and Not Liability.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—State Attorney-General William S. Jackson announced today that he had decided to ask for the appointment of a receiver for the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company. The value of certain liens imposed on policies has been questioned by the authorities.

Attorney-General Jackson said his decision to ask for a receiver was based on the report of State Superintendent of Insurance Kelsey, who contended that the company is insolvent with a deficit of $1,717,114. Of this alleged deficit, $600,000 was in the value of real estate owned by the company and $800,000 was in liens against the policies of the insured. These were claimed by the officers of the company to be an asset, but Kelsey would not allow it.

The company has 37,000 policyholders some of whom had formed a committee to secure the dissolution of the company and distribution of its assets.

REPORT ON MUTUAL RESERVE

Says Contracts Could Not Be Carried Out in 1906.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 14.—Superintendent Otto Kelsey, of the State Insurance Department, gave out tonight the report of the department examiners, Nelson B. Hadley and Charles Hughes, upon the Mutual Reserve Life Company, together with a statement in part as follows:

"In our opinion, in 1906, the records of this company show that it was impossible for the company to carry out its contracts."

The examiners show a deficiency of $1,717,115 on August 31, 1907. They allow admitted assets of $3,701,602. Included in this item are premium notes, loans and liens amounting to $1,460,590 and outstanding and deferred premiums of $760,854. They charge total liabilities of $5,418,717. Included in this last item are unpaid death claims of $1,008,401.

BRIEF NEWS BY TELEGRAPH

New York.—Many Russian army veterans of the war with Japan are enlisting in the United States Army.

New York.—The first day's sale of Oriental art objects owned by John La Farge, the artist, realized $13,401.

Chicago.—Bernard Myers, formerly of San Francisco, shot himself fatally Thursday, probably because of a love affair.

San Francisco.—Mrs. Carl Withington, of Bakersfield, died Thursday night in a Hammam bath, the heat of the steam-room having affected her heart.

Helena, Mont.—William Moxney, the Indian outlaw, is reported to be sorrounded in a thicket near Craig, but his pursuers fear to close in on account of his skill as a marksman.

Los Angeles.—E. V. Coulthard, treasurer of the Bartlett-Coulthard Packing Company, has been arrested on a charge of embezzling $1000 from the company and concealing the fact by false entries.

Chicago.—Occulists told the Illuminating Engineering Society Thursday night that the so-called advantage in lighting is injuricus to the eyes and that kerosene lamps do least harm and incandenscent electric lamps the most.

New York.—Rival gangs of men are working from the New York and Long Island ends of the Blackwell's Island cantilever bridge for a $3000 prize offered by the contractors to the gang which first reaches the Blackwell's Island pier.

Chicago—Overwork in managing the Streets of Paris Charity Festival in the Fall of 1906 is believed to be the underlying cause of the illness of Mrs. Joseph G. Coleman, society leader and one of the city's best-known charitable workers.

London.—Mrs. Parkhurst, the leader of the woman suffragists and other delegates of the organization who were arrested when they attempted to make a demonstration in the House of Commons, all went to Jail Friday for six weeks rather than give sureties for their good behavior.

New York.—Several members of the Irish National Theater Company of Dublin next week will begin presenting a series of Irish one-act plays at the Savoy Theater. The company is supported by the Irish National Theater Society, which has the backing of those who are working for a revival of Irish literature.

London.—In a personal letter to J. P. Morgan, thanking him for his gift of the first of the three volumes of the illustrated catalogue of his collection of pictures, miniatures, books and manuscripts, Queen Alexandra has expressed a wish to visit Mr. Morgan's residence in Princes' Gate, in order to view the originals. It is expected that the visit will be made in March and that Mr. Morgan will be there himself.

T. J. McNally, Politician.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Thomas Jefferson McNally, well known as a Democratic leader in the First Ward, died of heart disease yesterday. McNally was born 64 years ago in Brooklyn, N. Y., where as a boy he worked in the navy yard, carrying rivets and was proud of the fact that he had a hand in building the monitor, which destroyed the Confederate ironclad, Merrimac. He came to Chicago in 1870. He was a representative from 1882 to 1886, and had been a member of the State Central, County and Congressional Democratic Committee.

Fencing Cases Set.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 14.—Federal Judge Hunt today adopted a setting of cases involving 13 defendants who are alleged to have fenced an area of Government land, which is the largest on record in the history of the United States Court. They are collectively alleged to have taken over approximately 200,000 acres. All will be tried at this term of court.

Child's Coats

In the best styles and materials, for little tots from 2 to 6 years of age. In all colors. The regular prices are from $2.75 to $6 each; the selling price is..... **$1.98**

Laundry Bags, in Fluffy Ruffle design; six different subjects. One of the latest fads. Regular 65c values..... **39c**

STORE CLOSES Every Saturday Evening at SIX O'CLOCK

MAIL ORDERS VERY CAREFULLY FILLED
OLDS WORTMAN & KING
FIFTH-WASHINGTON AND SIXTH STREETS

Portland Agents for the Famous Royal Worcester Corsets

Cushion Tops

Of linen or art denim, stamped and tinted in floral or conventional designs, for Wallachian, Delsbo, crossstitch and satin stitch embroidery. Sells regularly at 60c and 65c each. Priced at..... **37c**

Women's Knit Shawls, square or circular shapes; colors are black, gray or white; regular values $2 and $2.25 each..... **$1.17**

SATURDAY--Children's Day

Men's Hose

Men's Cashmere Hose, in gray only; specially priced for today at, the pair.. **20c**

Men's Black Cashmere Hose—A 35c grade; today's price..... **25c**

Men's Scarfpins—A very large assortment of stickpins, in fancy designs, with or without stone settings. Your choice of this lot today..... **¼ Less**

Men's Underwear, in light weight, wool shirts and drawers, worth $1.50 the garment; choice..... **98c**

Men's White or Colored Shirts, in new Spring patterns, $1.50 and.... **$2.00**

Men's Knit Wool Gloves—Special prices on every pair in stock. The 50c and 60c grades for 35c, and 75c and 90c qualities for..... **48c**

WRITING PAPER

English vellum plated Stationery of high grade, put up in cabinet-shaped boxes with 50 sheets and 50 envelopes to the box; regularly 50c, today's price..... **35c**

Women's Waists OF LIGHT WEIGHT WOOL MATERIALS **¼ Less**

Bodices of the very sort you need right now. They are made of very desirable colorings and patterns in sheer wool fabrics. There are fancy plaid effects, embroidered styles or plain black, scarlet, navy, light blue and tan. This announcement must attract widespread attention because of the extreme timeliness of the sale. Waists that you will wear in all seasons; plain or fancy styles, values $1.50 to $7.50, all are now selling at..... ¼ LESS

Regular $1.50 values for ..... **$1.12** Regular $2.00 values for ..... **$1.50** Regular $2.50 values for **$1.85**

Regular $5.00 values for ..... **$3.75** Regular $7.50 values for **$5.63**

Boys' Shoes

Boys' Shoes—Odd lines in many different styles, including the well-known "Ruff on Rocks" and "Good for Bad Boys" brands; sizes 1 to 5½, $1.89; sizes 9 to 13½, the pair..... **$1.49**

Men's Shoes, in fine grades that sell regularly for $5 and $6 the pair; Saturday..... **$3.89**

Women's Shoes, in $3.50 and $4 grades; good assortment of styles and sizes; special..... **$3.19**

Girls' Shoes and Oxfords, specially priced Saturday.

Boys' Shoes and Oxfords at special prices.

Women's Shoe Laces, regularly 15c the dozen; Saturday..... **8c**

Paste Shoe Polish, black or colored. Regularly 10c for..... **6c**

PLAYING CARDS

The well-known and widely-used Hart's Crown make. Smooth, well enameled and serviceable. Always sold for 25c the pack, but the price today is but..... **15c**

Gloves $1.19

WOMEN'S GLOVES—Fine imported handwear in mocha kid, pique sewed. Full assortment of colors and sizes. They are a very serviceable glove. Offered for, the pair..... **$1.19**

WOMEN'S LACE COLLARS, in tab effects, on net or batiste foundations; reg. 35c each... **15c**

SASH RIBBON, in plain or fancy designs, and values from 50c to 75c the yard; Saturday they are priced at less than half regular. Full sash lengths of 2½ yards each are offered at..... **50c**

Tooth Brushes

A special sale of Brushes with hard or soft bristles. Fine goods that sell regularly at 15c each. The Saturday price is only..... **9c**

SHEFFIELD'S TOOTH PASTE, in collapsible tubes; regular 25c value, Saturday..... **15c**

VALENTINES, all that remain, for Saturday's selling..... **Half Price**

Galvanized Wash Tubs, good and heavy, large size; will not fall to pieces from becoming dry; a regular $1.00 value for... **80c**

Wash Boards, a patent make that sells regularly at 40c each; price for Saturday..... **30c**

Sleeve Boards, covered with felt, 25c values, special... **15c**

5c wire Soap Holders. **3¢**

25c cotton Clothes Lines, 50-ft. size.. **20c**

$1.00 Self-Wringing Mops..... **75c**

$1.25 Patented Ironing Boards ..... **95¢**

$3.25 Clothes Wringers, have wood frames, for Saturday special..... **$2.75**

$2.00 Wash Boilers, large size, have copper rim and bottom for. **$1.50**

50c Ironing boards **35¢**

Willow Clothes Baskets, large size and made of genuine German willow. A first-class article, selling Saturday at one-third less than regular price; 75c value **50c**

Galvanized Water Pails, the most economical bucket possible to buy. Good size, worth 30c each, Saturday special..... **20c**

$1.75 Suction Scrubbing Brushes **$1.25**

Suction Scrubbing Brushes, large size, worth $2.00.. **$1.50**

35c Floor Brooms for.... **30¢**

15c Scrubbing Brush. **10¢**

Child's Hose

CHILDREN'S COTTON HOSE, made of a prime grade fast black yarn in a heavy rib. All sizes, from 5½ to 9½. They are especially designed for hard wear and to save darning. They are regularly worth 25c the pair; special..... **17c**

STOCKINGS, made of smooth, soft yarn, with reinforced heels and toes; a full assortment of sizes, an absolutely fast black dye and made from hard-twisted yarn that gives splendid service. They are very elastic, look well, wear well and are especially adapted to the present season; 40c values..... **29c**

Pencil Tablets

Large size plain Tablets for school use. Something that children have constant use for; on special sale Saturday, 3 for.... **10c**

TOILET PINS with jet heads; large size cubes, regularly worth 10c; Saturday..... **5c**

TOILET PINS, with black or white heads; 144 on a sheet; regularly 15c, Saturday..... **9c**

Spring Quarterlies 20c--Pattern Free

THE LADIES' HOME JOURNAL PATTERNS

There!!! That's an announcement that we are sure the women of Portland have looked for more eagerly than any we've ever made. Every woman who is at all interested in correct dress wants the Spring number of the Ladies' Home Journal Quarterly. It costs only twenty cents, and with it goes a coupon that entitles you to a fifteen-cent pattern free.

That Makes the Quarterly Cost Only Five Cents Net

The Spring Quarterly is brimful of fashion news—the most authentic style guide possible to obtain. This is the best book the Home Pattern Company has ever published (and you remember how well you liked the former numbers). It contains hundreds of illustrations, several full-page size, and is a thoroughly reliable indicator of the styles that will be in vogue the coming Spring and Summer. Tells all about how to do fancy needlework, and shows many new patterns. (They're for sale at our pattern counter.) Tells what children should wear and how to make the garments. Shows the very best styles for women's apparel. The book alone is worth at least 25c, and we give you the pattern too. All for only..... **20c**

ALL STUCK IN SNOW DRIFT

THREE RACING AUTOMOBILES STOP NEAR SYRACUSE.

American Car Among Them—All but One of the Racers Have Passed Albany.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 14.—The Thomas, American; Dion, French, and Zust, Italian, cars of the New York-to-Paris race passed through Canastota, 25 miles east of here, at 7 o'clock this evening. Soon after they became stalled in a snowdrift and returned to Canastota to spend the night. They will resume the Western trip tomorrow.

UTICA, N. Y., Feb. 14.—The Geeman car in the New York to Paris Automobile race, arrived here this evening and put up for the night.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 14.—The fourth of the six automobiles in the New York-to-Paris race left here this morning. The machine was in charge of Captain Koepen, of the German army.

The last of the three French automobiles, the Sizaire-Naudin, August Pons, driver, arrived here tonight. This is the fifth of the six cars in the race to reach Albany. One machine is yet to be heard from. Pons will continue his journey early tomorrow.

UTICA, N. Y., Feb. 14.—The three leading cars in the New York-to-Paris automobile tour reached here at 12:45.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Feb. 14.—The German car passed through this city at 10:30 A. M.

Guides Through the West.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—An escort for the New York-Paris contestants as far west as Julesburg, Colo., has been obtained by the Bureau of Tours of the Chicago Automobile Club. It is expected that within the next few days arrangements will be completed for a succession of guides over the entire route from Chicago to San Francisco.

THREE DIE, 15 GO INSANE

Awful Fate of Crew of American Ship Eclipse.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—After days of suffering, in which three died and 15 sailors went insane, Captain C. B. Larsen and one of the crew of the ill-fated American ship Eclipse, which sank in the Southern Seas January 11, reached port this morning on the Korea. These two men, along with 15 other shipmates, drifted 950 miles from land for 16 days until they succeeded in reaching the Hawaiian Islands.

Liquor Amendment Defeated.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 14.—The proposed Constitutional amendment to prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor, which passed the House, was today defeated in the Senate.

PLAYS, LOSES, USES GUN

POOLROOMS PROVE UNDOING OF SEATTLE MOTORMAN.

Sells Home From Over His Wife's Head, Bets All on Races, Loses and Blows Out His Brains.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 14.—After losing $1300 playing the races at the Georgetown poolrooms today, Orlando A. Isham, until a few months ago a Seattle car motorman, committed suicide. In the morning Isham told his wife he was going to stake all the money he had left from the proceeds of the sale of their home, amounting to $1300, on the races, as he had a system to win. He said that if he failed he would kill himself. The woman applied to the Seattle police to stop her husband, but Georgetown poolrooms are out of the city's jurisdiction. When the woman returned home after fruitlessly trying to get some one to interfere, she found her husband dead on the bed. He had placed the revolver in his mouth and fired. He leaves two sons, 5 and 3 years old, and a wife, practically penniless.

Home Telephone Franchise Pays.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 14.—The Home Telephone Company, which five years ago obtained a franchise under the Broughton act, then newly passed by the Legislature, today paid into the city treasury $14,588, representing 2 per cent of its gross earnings during the past year. The sum is the largest ever received by the city under the terms of the act.

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Your grocer returns your money if you don't like it; we pay him