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REFORMS BADLY NEEDED

Foreign Minister Explains Balkan Situation to the Douma.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 17.—Foreign Minister Isvolsky today delivered to the Douma his long-expected statement regarding the Balkan situation. He said he was not able to chronicle any definite achievement toward the settlement of the Macedonian problem, but the loyal support of the Russian programme by Austria-Hungary, Germany, Italy and France and its partial approval by Great Britain, were imperatively necessary, he said. Unfortunately there had been no substantial results from previous efforts of the powers in this direction, due largely to the inter-racial quarrelling and jealousy of the various nationalities. It was impossible unless it was supported by the cooperation of all the powers, and Russia was obliged for this reason to reject the proposals advanced by Great Britain. In conclusion, M. Isvolsky said that the cardinal principle of Russia's present policy was a sound realism. She needed peace to cooperate with the efforts of the struggle with Japan and she therefore intended, at all costs, to avoid a break up of the European concert.

WIN A COSTLY VICTORY

French Defeat Arabs in Algeria in Bloody Battle.

COLOMBE, Bechar, Algeria, April 17.—A French column posted at Talizana Hill, which commands the plain of Tamout, was attacked fiercely at daylight by a number of Berbers, who, with Nomad Arabs, have been concentrating for some weeks past on the Western frontier of Algeria. Although surprised, the French force rallied and fought desperately, and not only beat off their adversaries, but pursued them for six miles. So hot was the pursuit that the Arabs in their headlong flight abandoned their dead and wounded. Several green flags of the prophet also fell into the hands of the French. This French victory was costly. Twenty-eight men, including an officer, were killed and 100, including ten officers, wounded. The losses were greatest in the foreign legion. The Berbers and Nomads were much heavier, no less than 15 dead bodies being found by the French troops. The French pursuit was stopped by darkness.

PERSONAL MENTION.

C. C. Lightfoot, of Astoria, is registered at the Hotel Lenox. H. H. Taber and wife, of Tacoma, are guests at the Portland. Clark N. Thompson, accompanied by his wife and two sons, is at the Portland. Mr. Thompson is connected with the Wind River Lumber Company at Cascade locks. NEW YORK, April 17.—(Special.)—The following from the Pacific Northwest registered at New York hotels today: From Tacoma—M. H. Kelly, at the Hamilton. From Seattle—R. C. Graves, at the St. Denis; G. G. Dearborn, J. C. Black, at the Murray Hill; M. W. Denny, at the Holland. CHICAGO, April 17.—(Special.)—The following from Oregon registered at Chicago hotels today: From Portland—Andrew Kerr, A. C. Callan, at the Auditorium Annex; E. McFarland, at the Great Northern.

THE PRICE OF CLOTHING

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On account of the reduction in the cost of manufacturing good clothing we have made a general cut in prices of from 10 to 20 per cent on all lines of men's and boys' clothing. This cut in prices is in keeping with our policy to give our customers the full benefit of every dollar above a fair and reasonable profit for this store. We invite the trade of men who want good clothing at a reasonable price. Brownsville Woolen Mill Store, Third and Stark streets.

GIFTS OF EASTER EGGS.

No one need go without Easter eggs this year, no matter how busy. The folks are. The Royal Bakery and Confectionery has had thousands of fine country eggs beautifully colored, to be given away as Easter souvenirs all day Saturday, at both the Washington and Morrison-street branches.

EASTER NOVELTIES.

"Merry Widow" veils, belts, belt buckles, combs, neckwear, hosiery and parcels. Our prices are fully a third under what other stores ask. McAllen & McDowell, Third and Morrison.

STAR BREWERY.

The famous Beck beer of the Star Brewery will be on tap beginning Saturday, April 18, 1908. Orders for bottled back beer will receive prompt attention.

WHERE TO DINE.

All the delicacies of the season at the Portland Restaurant, 516 private apartments for ladies, 305 Wash., near 9th.

Sneak-Thief Caught.

John Emery, accused of stealing a purse containing \$3 from the room of Mrs. Della Costi, at the Laurel rooming-house, corner of Pine and Third streets, yesterday morning, was captured by the landlady of the rooming-house last night and turned over to the police. The theft of which Emery is accused, was committed at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, when Emery was seen by Mrs. Costi to run away from the place. The money was taken from Mrs. Costi's purse during a momentary absence from her room, and no one was seen nearby save Emery, whose room adjoins that of Mrs. Costi. The matter was reported to the police and Detectives Tichenor and Howell assigned to the case.

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BONDS FROM THREE GROUPS

GRAYS HARBOR LUMBERMEN HOLD MEETING.

Elma, Aberdeen and Hoquiam Groups Formed and Arrangements Made for Bonding.

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 17.—(Special.)—The lumber manufacturers of the Grays Harbor group held an important meeting in this city last night at which representatives from practically every mill in the entire district, from Elma west, were present.

The meeting was called to make arrangements to comply with Federal Judge C. H. Hanford's new ruling in the lumber railroad bond controversy, which goes into effect next Monday.

It was decided to create three groups. One is to be known as the Elma group, comprising the manufacturers of Elma and Montesano; the Aberdeen group, to consist of the mills at Cosmopolis, Junction City and Aberdeen; and the Hoquiam group, all the mills west of Aberdeen.

The fidelity and deposit company, of Maryland, has been selected as the bonding agent for each group. Under the plan the minimum bond in each group must be \$250,000, and each group will appoint a trustee to have charge of the funds.

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sentenced two days ago to serve one year in the House of Correction.

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