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ACCIDENTS ARE FEWER

WASHINGTON REPORT SHOWS 14,258 CLAIMS IN 1914 AND 16,616 IN 1913.

While Decline is Attributed in Part to Depression Assessments to Fund Also Are Smaller.

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Every fancy suit is now half price; suits regularly \$19.50 to \$48.50 are now \$9.75 to \$24.25.

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All white Balmacaans at sacrifice prices. Other reductions throughout the entire floor—every garment reduced.

—Third Floor

BEN SELLING

Morrison at Fourth

STANDING OF BULL MOOSERS PUZZLES

Republicans in Washington Upper House Not Satisfied to Welcome Deserters.

SEVERAL WOULD RETURN In Lower House Difficulty is Said to Be to Control Progressive Sentiments of Regulars and Pledge May Be Exactd.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The attitude to be taken by the Republican majority, which will be in full control of both houses of the fourteenth Washington Legislature, toward repentant Bull Moose members who are anxious to re-enter the party, is one of the questions that is agitating members of both houses.

CHILD LABOR PROBLEM UP Annual Conference to Begin in Washington Today.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The eleventh annual conference of child labor, under auspices of the National Child Labor Committee, meets here tomorrow for discussion of the problem.

MONTANA SENATE LOCKED One Progressive Aids Democrats, Three Others Holding Balance.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 4.—The lower branch of the Legislature organized today, electing George L. Ramsey, Democrat, speaker and the selections of the Democratic caucus for the other officers.

ADMIRAL DEWA IS ENVOY Japanese Cabinet Names Noted Naval Officer Fair Official.

TOKIO, Jan. 4.—The Japanese Cabinet has designated Admiral Dewa as special envoy to the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

Idaho Supreme Court Fixes Terms. LEWISTON, Idaho, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The Supreme Court has fixed the terms of the Tribunal for the new year, 1915.

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Community Packing-Houses Proposed for Hood River.

HOOD RIVER, Or., January 4.—(Special.)—The Fruitgrowers' Exchange, the local affiliation of the Northwest Fruit Exchange, has finished marketing last year's crop.

A Nation's Ingratitude. (Washington Star.) "Republicans are ungrateful," said the ready-made philosopher.

Omega Oil For Sprains and Bruises

THE GIRL AND THE PHOTO IS SUCCESSION OF FUNNY EVENTS.

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