Russians, However, Declared to Have Fired First on Black Sea Ships.

DIPLOMAT GIVES VERSION

Britain Described as Opposing Action Against Ottomans London Inclined to Credit Report Germans Invented Tale.

LONDON, Nov. 6 .- When the diplomatic history of the war comes to be completed one of the most interesting chapters will probably be concerned with the cause which finally led to the mmencement of hestilities with Tur-

When, if ever, state papers giving the diplomatic correspondence and com-munications of Turkey, Russia, Britain and Germany in the period preceding the entry of Turkey into the fray are published, they will be found to contain dispatches so much at variance tain dispatches so much at variance with one another that the unraveling of the tangled skein will be a most difficult endeavor. Put briefly, Turkey blames Russia for forcing war upon her, while Russia and England hold Germany responsible for forcing Turkey into such a position as made war into such a position as made war into such a report of the events which immediately preceded the opening of immediately preceded the opening of hostilities in which Turkey was di-rectly concerned, so that it is not necesmary now to revert to this statement.

British Opposed to Breach. It will, however, be of interest to compare the Turkish version, which was obtained from a thoroughly qualified official before Tewfik Pasha and his staff left London on Thursday morning It was admitted by this official that the British government had done everything in its power to stave off hostilities, and even to discover a method whereby they might be brought to an end after the bombardment of Odessa.

"England," said a representative of the Ottoman government, "did what she could, but her influence was restricted by the fact that she is bound hand and foot to Russian policy. England did not want war with us, but land did not want war with us, but Russia did."

Then followed the Turkish version of the incidents which formed the actual beginning of hostilities. According to this the first shots fired in the Black Sea were fired, not by Turkish, but by Russian ships.
"An attack," said the official, "was

made upon vessels flying the Ottoman flag by a Russian squadron. What could our ships do but reply? They did reply, and speedily put their assailants to flight. Bombardment Weakens Cause.

"Where we made a mistake was in pursuing our advantage and bombarding Odessa and Sebastopol. That was an error, a grievous error. Had we been content to repel the attack upon us by Russian ships, all the rights of the case would have been incontrovert-lbly on our side—by bombarding Rus-sian territory we weakened our case." It is to be noted that the Ottoman diplomatist, in the foregoing explana-tion, refrained from giving specific de-tails, either of the Turkish vessels attacked or of the Russian squadron at-tacking them, or of the place of the encounter. He was, however, emphatic

in Constantinople to the effect that the Russians had attacked Turkish ships of war had possibly resulted from her best will be kept on government farms for breeding purposes." war had possibly resulted from bogus reports of such an attack furnished by the German officials commanding the Goeben and Breslau.

London Requires Proof. This will be an interesting point for the historical student of the future to

In the British official world it is said that the Turkish reports of an unprovoked attack require some more proof than mere assertion. Germany, proof than mere assertion. Germany, it is declared here, had been seeking to force Turkey's hand in every possible way, and a fabricated report of Russian aggression is not thought beyond the bounds of possibility, especially when it is remembered how Bisdoctored Benedetti's Ems dis-

WAY SOUGHT TO AVOID FAILURES ON SETTLEMENT DAY.

Large Number of Contracts Made Jus Prior to Closing of Stock Exchange Cause Uneasiness.

IONDON, Nov. 13.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Transactions in stocks have been almost suspended and dealers are occupied principally with discussion of emergency rules for the forthcoming settlement. These rules apply to contracts made since the close of the exchange on July 30. There is a growing feeling that contracts entered into between the data of the less tand into between the data of the less tand. tered into between the date of the last my husband from drinking with the settlement, July 27, and the time of the suspension of trade are much larger than had been believed and that unless these contracts are brought within the monie a small box of Variov Comments. scope of the emergency rules many fail-

railroad stocks entered into during the unprotected period amounted to a large total, and that under present conditions

ures may result.

Owing to the outbreak of war be-tween England and Turkey, the Turk-ish banks in London have come under government supervision. They have been, however, licensed to carry on business under conditions somewhat more liberal than those imposed on the Austrian and German banks. The reason for this leniency is that these banks are largely controlled outside of Germany. The Imperial Ottoman Bank is directed from Paris and London, having tew, if any, Turkish stockholders, while the National Bank of Turkey is believed to be owned entirely by restbelieved to be owned entirely by residents of this country.

FAIR BUILDING IS READY

Dedication of Washington Offering

since his arrival in San Francisco, getting things into shape in preparation for the turning over of the building to the commissioners representing the State of Washington. Great praise is due M. K. Jones, who has been representing the Washington commission during the construction of the building, and who represented the commission in this city since the ground-breaking ceremonies.

breaking ceremonies.
The Washington Society of California, an organization composed of former residents of the Evergreen state, will assist the Washington commission in the dedication services, and the society has prepared a nice programme, which will include addresses by President Moore, of the Panama-Pacific Exposition; Mayor Rolph, of San Francisco, and members of the Washington commission, and appropriate songs by a native descriptor. native daughter of Washington, to be followed by refreshments, reception and dansant.

The state commission and Washington Society of California is extending invitations to all Washingtonians and Oregonians who may be in San Francisco on that date to be present and be their guests Cards of invitation can be had from the officials of the state commission at the Washington build-ing, or from Thomas H. Dempsey at his office, 45 Kearney street, San Francisco. It is the desire of the Washington So-ciety of California and the state ex-position officials to have a large rep-resentation of Washington people at the dedication services.

### SIBERIA MUCH CHANGED

VODKA NO LONGER TO BE HAD AT EVERY STATION.

Austrian Prisoners Constantly Moving Eastward But No Germans Are Seen Along Road.

PEKIN, Nov. 21.—Passengers coming to Pekin by way of the Trans-Siberian Railroad say there have been remarkable changes along this line of travel since the beginning of the war. Vodka and other intoxicants, usual-

Vodka and other intoxicants, usually for sale at every small station, are nowhere to be had. Almost every hour of the day and night, troop trains were encountered going westward, while other trains carrying crowds of Austrian prisoners are moving eastward to Siberia. A telegraphic news service from the Government Press Bureau is delivered twice a day to

Bureau is delivered twice a day to every station along the line.

Austrian prisoners are allowed great freedom. Their guards are few in number and quito indifferent as to what the prisoners do. They know there is no danger of the Austrians escaping. The latter can not talk the language and it would be impossible for them to travel any place on foot

### KAISER LOSES FINE STOCK

Trains of Prize Animals Are Removed to Russia by Army.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—An English girl in Russia writes the Times a decription of the arrival in that country of prize stock taken by the Russian troops from one of the German Em-peror's farms in Eastern Prussia. The letter is dated September 19-October 2, and the writer says: "Smolensk has been deluged just

shotensk has been deliged just lately by trains upon trains of prize stock taken from one of the Kaiser's farms. One train of 60 wagons was full of magnificent merino sheep, which caused a great sensation here, for the sheep in Russia are poor, indeed, and impossible eating. Besides deed, and impossible eating. Besides that there are bulls, horses, etc., and everyone is overjoyed that encounter. He was, however, emphatic in his assertion that the attack had been begun by the Russians.

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Bank May Sell Beer.

LONDON, Nov. 21 .- (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The coffee-stall opened in the Bank of England for the refreshment of the refugees re-calls a little-known privilege of the calls a little-known privilege of the bank-no less than the right to sell beer without a license. was allowed the bank by the charter of incorporation, dated July 27, 1694, and the directors, if they chose, could open a public house in Thread-Needle street.

Stops Tobacco Habit.

Elder's Sanitarium, located at 993 Main street. St. Joseph, Mo., has published a book showing the deadly effect of the tobacco habit, and how it can be stopped in three to five days.

As they are distributing this book free, anyone wanting a copy should send their name and address at once.

#### Broke Her Husband Of Drinking

An Illinois Wife Broke Her Husband From Drinking With a Simple Recipe That She Gave at Home.

That the liquor habit can be banished secretly is the claim of a wellknown Peoria, Ill., woman whose husband was a heavy drinker for years In a recent statement she said: "I broke monia, a small box of Varlex Compound and 10 grains of pepsin. Give a tea-A deputation from the American section of the market has appealed to the in the food or in the coffee, tea or authorities that such a change be made, milk. This recipe can be filled at any saying that the contracts in American drug store, is perfectly harmless and has no color, taste nor smell. Any wife total, and that under present conditions they could not be settled.

No decision has been reached on this noint.

> For Grip, Influenza, Coughs, Sore Throat

Diamonds-The Ideal Gifts at Exposition to Be December 2.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—(Special.)

The deducation of the Washington building at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition will take place December 2. Richard Seeley Jones, the

Phones: Pacific, Marshall 5080; Home, A-2112 -- Latest and Best Styles Are Here in the Ladies' Home Journal Patterns at 10c and 15c Each -- Mail Orders Filled Same Day as Received -- Charges Prepaid on \$5 Purchases

Sale of Stamped Gowns at 79¢ Regular \$1.00 Grade

At our Art Section, a sale of Stamped Gowns, made of fine quality longcloth. They are semimade and have the popular ki-mono sleeves. A variety of patterns to select from. Regular

Our Store Opens Daily at 8:30 A. M. Saturday At 9 A. M.



Our Store Closes Daily at 5:30 P. M. Saturday At 6 P. M. Sale of Stamped Pillow Slips at 50¢ Regular 65c Value

Sale of Stamped Pillow Slips, made of good quality tubing in 36x42-inch size. They are stamped in many pleasing designs. Also a fine lot of Day Slips are included in this sale. Regular 65c value, this sale at 50c

## The Choicest Goods of the Season **Most Attractively Priced** Decidedly the Best Values in

Knit Underwear

and Hosiery

Are to be found at this store. Seasonable garments for women and children.



From the leading mills we have gathered unsurpassed assort. ments. Standard qualities in styles and weights to suit every taste and at prices you'll be pleased to pay. The following items will be on special display tomorrow. Come and make comparisons.

Women's Hosiery, Phoenix Silk Hose, at the Pair, 75¢

One of the best-known and popular makes of Silk Hosiery. Comes in black and the most fashionable colors. The Phoenix Silk Hose are full-fashioned, perfect fitting and exceedingly durable, priced here for 75c this sale at, the pair .....

Women's Underwear, Vests and Pants, at the Garment, 50¢ Fine Fleeced Cotton Vests and Pants in Win-

ter styles. Extra quality garments of perfect fit and finish, shown in all sizes. Garments that are of unusual value, at this low price ......

Long Wear Hose, 3 Pairs for \$1.00 The Long-Wear Hose for Women are made of fine silk lisle and with a specially knit sixthread heel and toe and are unusually durable. They come in black, white and shades of tan. All sizes. Priced at 35¢ a pair, \$100 or 3 pairs for .....

Here you'll find the very choicest goods of the season displayed. Generous varieties are at your disposal for selection. Prices have been made with a view to giving you the most for your money it is possible to give. The rush for seasonable merchandise has arrived. Don't put off buying. Come now when you can "pick and choose." Come and enjoy our great displays; learn how economically you can do your buying here.

Season's Greatest Values! An Out-of-the-Ordinary Purchase and Sale of

Women's High-Grade

In Values Up to \$65.00 a Suit Priced for Tomorrow's selling at

The models reflect fashion's last word in their graceful lines and no two are alike. Every taste can be suited at a great saving. By a stroke of good fortune we were enabled to purhcase a leading New York manufacturer's entire sample line of Women's High-Grade Tailored Suits at onehalf and less than the regular wholesale prices, and true to our principle of always sharing such savings with our patrons, we place the entire assortment on sale tomorrow at the same great price concessions. Come early and secure first choice from models appropriate for both indoor and outdoor wear. Styles that will continue to be the most popular for the presnt and coming season. You have choice of Suits of fine velvets, poplins, serges, broadcloths and other all-wool materials. All extra well made and skillfully tailored and finished throughout. They come in black, navy, brown, green, and every other desirable color. 28 and 45-inch Coats and Skirts in the best models. Suits that were made to sell regularly up to \$65, go on sale tomorrow from \$12.45 to .....

A Sale That Means 50% Saving to Every Woman Who Takes Advantage of This Opportunity. Are You Going to Profit Thereby?

A Most Wonderful Underpricing of

# Dainty Laces and

For Waists, Dresses and Christmas Sewing-At this sale are to be found unsurpassed assortments. All kinds of Dainty Laces and exquisite colorings in Plain and Printed Chiffons. Qualities and styles to suit every taste and all underpriced.

\$3.00, on sale at, a yard ..... \$1.48 27-inch Silk Chantilly Lace Flouncings in a beautiful line of new patterns in black, white and cream. Also fine All-Silk Laces in 24 and 27-inch widths. The most desirable kinds for party or dancing frocks; values to \$3 a yard, on sale at ..... \$1.48

Printed Chiffons at 50¢ Yard Values to \$1.75

40 and 42-inch Printed Silk Chiffons in a wide 27-inch Net Top Flouncings in various desirvariety of dainty patterns and colorings. Also Beaded and Plain Printed Nets. Regular values to \$1.75, priced for this

Chiffon Cloths in 98c quality, 79c on sale at, the yard .....

This offering includes our entire stock of Chiffon Cloths that has sold regularly at ninety-eight cents a yard. They are pure silk Chiffons of double-weight, that come full 42 inches wide and shown in every wanted shade. Every yard of perfect weave 79c and finish, on sale at .....

Net Top Flouncings at 87¢ Yard Values to \$1.98

able patterns in white, cream and ecru. Fine mesh nets shown in beautiful designs and in values to \$1.98 yard, priced for 

Three Rousing Woolen Dress Goods Bargains in

Our Dress Goods Section has been a very busy place the past week, owing to the unusual price reductions which now prevail throughout these stocks. For tomorrow we call your particular attention to these offerings:

Imported and Domestic All-Wool Challies

This ever-fashionable material for waists, kimonos and dresses is not often sold at such great price concessions, so don't neglect to purchase now for both present and future needs. They are the finest All-Wool French and Domestic Challies in 28 to 30-inch widths. They come in a wonderful variety of choice patterns in most any desirable coloring. They are both dainty and durable and of fast colors. Regular 50c to 75c qualities. This 35c sale only at.....

Double-Weight Fall and Winter Coatings, | All-Wool Coatings and Suitings, 54 and 56-Plaids, Mixtures and Plain Shades-56-inch | Inch Fabrics in a Full Showing of the Sea-Fabrics in Best \$3.00 Quality, \$1.95 on Sale at, Yard.....

An unusually extensive variety to select from-the latest and best weaves, weights and colors. Included are rich ombre plaids, novelty Scotch mixtures, rough self-colored fancies, plain double-weight English kerseys and a great many other equally as desirable Fall and Winter-weight Coatings in a quality regularly sold at \$3.00 a yard. \$1.95
Now selling at.....

son's Best Styles and Colors—\$1.39

By comparison you will immediately realize the importance of this sale of 54 and 56-inch All-Wool Dress Goods. Roman stripe novelties in rich colorings, novelty plaids in a great variety, also the popular ombre plaids, broken plaids and Scotch plaids. Both medium and heavy-weight fabrics in most wanted plain shades and color \$1.39 combinations. Regularly \$2.00 at An Extraordinary Purchase and Sale of Fine All-Linen

Satin Damask

Mill ends and manufacturers' samples in the newest and best patterns. Two and two and one-half yard lengths in 72-in. width; all beautiful new goods. Regular \$1.35 quality, this sale at, vard ...

Housekeepers who take pride in Fine Table Linens and who would save in the buying should not fail to attend this extraordinary sale. It is a special purchase of 1200 Mill Ends and Manufacturers' Samples of the newest and best patterns in fine All-Linen Satin Damask They come in 2 and 21/2-yard lengths and 72 inches wide, full bleached and in beautiful designs; figures, flowers, stripes, dots and in attractive bordered patterns with plain centers. Every piece as crisp and clean as when first made. A quality regularly sold at \$1.35 a yard, priced for this 98c sale at only .....

Other Attractive Values in Thanksgiving Linens

At 50¢ Yard, Fine Mercerized Damask-Full 60 inches wide and of good wearing quality. Comes in a variety of pretty designs.

Mercerized Napkins at \$1.00 Dozen Ready to use, neatly hemmed, Mercerized Napkins, shown in spot, flowered and figured designs. They come 18

inches square. At 75¢ Yard, Fine All-Linen Damask -Full 64 inches wide and of splendid wearing quality. Attractive new patterns. Comes full bleached.

All-Linen Napkins at \$3.00 Dozen Extra fine All-Linen Napkins full 22 inches square and shown in over 25 desirable new patterns to match; the \$1

grade of damask. All-Linen Damask at \$1.00 Yard

72-inch full-bleached All-Linen Damask shown in over twenty-five different designs. Our leader and an unmatchable quality at this price. Come and make comparisons.