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President Roosevelt has a habit of "getting there." Some of the measures he has recommended to congress and some of the sia by force of arms, for when the conven- so years or more. The decision will appointments he has made have aroused tion was consumated such a deed on the part affect more than 30 companies. more than democratic opposition but he has met no defeat. When the 57th congress expired by limititation on the fourth of March, 1903, President Roosevelt convened of expediency. Should the affairs of the the only salling vessel in northern the new senate in extraordinary session to Muscovite reach a dangerous crisis in the consider two treaties which had not been present war and France be tardy in her cruised in the South seas in the early ratified during the short session of the previous congress. One was the Hay-Harran treaty with Colombia and the other the Cuban reciprocity treaty. The former was confirmed and the latter also subject to the approval of congress. Perhaps the opponents of this measure, which was earnestly recommended both by President McKinley and President Roosevelt, thought that this would defeat the bill, and a crucial test of the president's influence came when the matter finally came before congress.

The president convened both branches of the new congress in special session early in November last, and within a week the house of representatives by an overwhelming majority approved the Cuban reciprocity treaty. In the senate it was hung-up for tion of statistics of the savings banks of the nearly a month but finally passed. Roosevelt carried his point and reciprocity

with Cuba is now operative. The Panama canal treaty, ratified at that juncture in recognizing the new republic, requiring Colombia to keep her hands off, and in finally recommending the ratification of a new canal treaty with Panama the treaty and thereby recording their ap- a few hundred millions over. proval of the president's policy. This As is perhaps natural, although the Amer was certainly a notable triumph.

nation of Leonard Wood as major general ings deposits. senate opposing it, and five prominent dem- depositors while the United States takes evening. ocratic senators supporting the nomination. fourth in this respect. The countries which success in every determined effort he makes positors are those in which the system of becomes more and more evident. As the postal savings banks is in operation, a syshe ought to succeed. His course commands the number of small depositors. It is pospopular approval.—Tacoma Ledger.

### FRANCE UNDER THE SWORD.

Persistent press reports concerning the on earth. effect of the present war in the far east upon the diplomatic balance of Europe eredit France with a strong desire to cooperate with Great Britain in the offer to patch up the broil in the orient. While the German emperor seems to be feeling the cruise because he feared that he would have itch of the war bug with every report of a Russian defeat, Russia's ally is doing every thing in its power to get Russia safely out of the war even if honor alone remains. Continued strife in the east, no matter upon which side the scale of victory be turned, is a grave menace to the welfare of France.

they seem to be at present, and with the lion which has just arrived as a present to Japanese fleet supreme in the China sea, President Roosevelt. France is brought to face a peril perhaps greater than any she has had to cope with since the treaty of Versailles. For France ney-Genefal Knox failed to respect the adis at the present moment endeavoring to ministrative entity of the Northern Securperform the difficult feat of carrying water ities Company.

on both shoulders. By the articles of the dual alliance with Russia, France is bound to see to it that Russia does not have to oppose Japan and England combined. On the other hand, the growing entente cordaile between herself and her neighbors across the channel, a circumstance which has followed France an easier feeling than she has had for many a year, makes it almost imperative upon her that she preserve the present comfortable status. France's Russian alliance is indespensible, since, as Sidney Brooks says in the current Atlantic, the bond gives France "security" among the powers. The arbitration treaty between France and Great Britain is too manifest a token of good will to permit any Equitable Life Assurance Society of doubt o fthe desires of both governments.

The tide of victory which has carried Japan into an almost undisputed possession of Corea would seem to guarantee that million dollars of surplus funds among Great Britain will not be called upon to be- policy holders in Wisconsin. The case come an active ally in the field. The letter of the dual alliance does not stipulate that France is in duty bound to bolster up Rus- ing business in Wisconsin for the last of Russia entered not at all in the calculations; but the spirit of the alliance certainly does convey the note of moral obligation whating bark Gayhead has sailed for on the part of France if only for the sake a cruise in the Arctic. She will be offer of aid, as surely as the ice pack moves spring and along the Japanese and Sidown the Neva would France find herself berian coasts in the summer and fall, between the channel and Alsace-Lorraine but this season she will take no utterly alone.

With this serious problem to face it is encountered. certain the government of M. Loubet will move with great caution. A misstep in either direction might mean war. third republic has never had the test of war save that which gave it baptism. With the Bonapartists and the Bourbons hovering about in the near foreground, the republic might not have the strength to withstand the shock of a conflict.

### THE WORLD'S SAVINGS.1

In the report of the comptroller of the 70 hours from Portland to Chicago. currency of the last year there is a compilaworld, confessedly incomplete, for full data are not obtainable from some of the countries. There is sufficient to show, however, Washington, was rejected at Bogota, and says the Post-Intelligencer, that the aggreimmediately the department of Panama gate of the small savings of the civilized seceded from the United States of Colom-people of the world make a fortune which bia. The president's determined stand at dwarfs those of the multi-millionaires whose names are in every one's mouth.

Taking the list as it stands it appears that the aggregate of the deposits in the world's put the president to a supreme test. Oppo- savings banks reaches \$10,000,000,000, a sition in the president's party vanished and sum sufficient to buy out all of the stocks the democrats in the senate, who by unani- of the great trusts and all of the transcontimous opposition could have prevented the nental railroads of the United States, build ratification, were almost evenly divided, the Panama canal, extinguish the national sixteen out of thirty-three voting to ratify debt of this country and leave a surplus of

icans are not noted for thrift, the United After four month's discussion the nomi- States shows the greatest aggregate of savwas confirmed, only two republicans in the Kingdom follow Germany in the number of Returning arrives at Astoria same As weeks and months pass the president's lead the United States in number of depresident happens to be uniformly right, tem which without doubt tends to increase sibly for the same reason that the average deposit in the savings banks of the United States is greater than in any other country

It is one of the notable things in this showing that Japan, alone among Asiatic nations, has started savings banks.

It is reported that Admiral Dewey failed to land at Santo Domingo during his recent to dine with United States Minister Powell, whom he discovered at the last moment to be a colored man. If this is a fact it will be the starting of a presidential boom for the admiral by the democrats.

Emperor Menelik, of Abyssinia, has not a minister at the national capital, but he is With the forces of the czar in retreat, as represented here in the Zoo by a fine young

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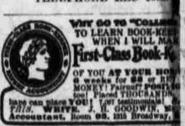
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