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WILD SCRAMBLE

Explosion in Chicago Factory
Causes a Great Stampede
of Females.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—The occupants of
the Cosmopolitan building made a hasty
exit today when a fire broke out in
the building. On the upper storey a
number of women became hysterical and
blinded by the smoke and tried to spraing
from the windows. Cooler heads prevented them and the women were carried down the fire escapes.

Miss Herma Verba was so severely
burned that it is believed she cannot
live. Chemicals she was unixing on
the sixth floor exploded and caused the
dire. The woman, in a dying condition,
was carried down a fire escape by C.
W. Randolph, secretary-treasurer of the
Cosmopolitan Light Company. Several
other persons were burned, but not sericousty. The fire was confined to the
lifth and sixth floors.

Edward Stokes, who assisted in the
rescue of Miss Verba, was probably

The finest quality of granulated loar sugar is used in the manufacture of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and the roots used in its preparation give it a flavor similar to maple syrup, making it quite pleas and to take, Mr. W. L. Roderick, of Poolesville, Md., in speaking of this reemedy, says: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy with my children for several years and can truthfully say it is the best preparation of the kind I know of. The children fike to take it and it has no injurious after effect." For saie by all druggists; and dealers.

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Inches. The temperature dropped to freezing last night, but is rising today.

Jackson, Miss, Jan. 28. — Thirteen inches of snow fell hefe last night and this morning, the heaviest fall of snow known in this section in the last twenty; and was completely devastated and rendered unimhabitable. The late Li Hung Chang succeeded in having this zone incorporated into Manchuria.

The surfax-has reduced our imports from Germany 40 per cent. If imports are evils, and it similar goods have not ben purchased elsewhere or through other channels, it has worked to our decided advantage.

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Indians Attack Solonica, Jan. 29.—The minister of ar has ordered seven battalions of urkish troops from Monastir to Isligated other points on the Bulgarian from U. S. Warships

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Cleavage of Political Parties **Presents Startling Anomalies** In House. Premier Balfour Absent and

London, Feb. 2.—"My Right Hon. friend, the member from West Birmingham," as Austin Chamberlain described his father, was the central figure in the drama that marked the opening of parliament today. For the first time in years Joseph Chamberlain took his seat as a private member of the House of Commons, and was separated from his former colleagues in the cabinet by the gangway. From this seat he saw his son act as leader of the House of Commons, a position which Joseph of Commons, a position which Joseph

an the direction of the offender, and occasionally Joseph Chamerlain cheered his son on.

As Austin Chamberlain neared the conclusion of his defence of the attitude of Premier Balfour and his father towards the fiscal question, the interruptions grew more frequent, and the chancellor of the exchequer clutched the brass bound treasmix box of phic Gladstone was so fond of leaning, and addressed his remarks almost solely in the direction of his father. Defiantly Austin Chamberlain accused Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman of attacking the Premier in his absence, and with a touch of pride he said: "The member from West Birmingham is here; he can speak for, and look after himself."

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The House frankly expressed its relief when the speech was over, and generally termed the proceedings one of the most extraordinary personal situations that ever had occurred, and the speech as one of the weakest defences of the government's policy ever made.

On behalf of Premier Balfour, Austin Chamberlain declared the House of Commons must first decide whether or not

recorded facts already known, while the government's executive programme has been announced already in these despatches.

In the House of Lords the only noteworthy incident was the absence of the Duke of Devonshire (formerly secretary for Scotland) from the ministerial bench, but the House of Pers ended the session with a passivity that quite belied the party cleavage.

In the House of Commons the cleaveage was most apparent, for Charles T. Ritchie, formerly chancellor of the exchequer, and Lord George Hamilton, formerly secretary for India, both took their seats below the gangway, and directly in those of Commons the cleaveage was most apparent, for Charles T. Ritchie, formerly chancellor of the former colonial secretary, and Jesse Cololings, his most faithful adhereat. As one member said, "Everything is at sixes and sevens."

The government is not likely to be turned out on John Morley's amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, which is against any return to protective duties; but the general impression prevails that the government will not be able to keep its forces together to see the session to an end.

The text of the amendment to the address in the reply to Campbell-Bannerman, and which was moved by Mr. Morley in behalf of the opposition, is as follows: "It is our duty, however, humbly to present to Your Majesty that our effective deliberations on financial services is impaired by conflicting declarations from Your Majesty's ministers. We respectfully submit the judgment of this House that the removal of protective tariffs has for more than half a century actively conducted the mount of trade and commerce of the realm and the welfare of the population. This House believes that, while the needs for social improvement are still manifold and urgent, and a return to protective duties, and more particularly when imposed upon the food of the people, would be deeply injurious to the national strength, contentment and well-being."

Sir Henry severely arraigned the government, whose fiscal

The sitting was suspended at 1.30 p.m.

The Irish party, which now almost holds the balace of power, had a conference during the day and decided to take no action until the government has defined its intentions toward the Catholis university and the amendment to the land purchase act, and for the present will probably abstain from voting on any division that would endanger the government.

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