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And more than that at times the merchant more keen to place his goods store figures on this very

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impress people. 'Tis true that there is little cash in circulation the Cash Business is awake to the fact it is making him all the hands of his customers at the smallest possible margin. This

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Our line is complete in Bleached or Unbleached. recent big advances in cotton

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Circular or Plain. 40, 42, 44, 46 and 48 inch in stock.

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Grey Cottons, 32 to 36 in. in width. PRICES 4c, 6c, 7c and 9c. White Cottons in great variety from 5c to 18c the yard.

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Latest New York Craze. Up-to-date and very pretty. Cheap too. 20c, 25c, 35c and 40c each.

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White and Black. All sizes. 10c each.

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New Back Combs, Bonanza Hair Puffs, Side Combs, Circular Combs, Hair Pins. All new and the correct thing.

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CLEARING SALE OF SHOES.

Going out of the Shoe Business.

We have come to the conclusion that the space taken up in our store by our shoe stock could be very much better assorted to dry goods. In other words we haven't the room for shoes and prefer to close out our present stock in short order if low prices will do it.

Take note of the prices on a few lines which we here mention.

Women's grain calf tufted wool lining, extra quality, priced at \$2.35 now \$1.90
Women's grain calf, wool lined, \$1.85 now \$1.50, Oil grain, wool lined \$1.50 now 1.20
Women's Dongola kid boots, \$1.25, Felt slippers boxed worth 75c, now 50c, Felt lined top slippers, genuine comfort for cold weather, worth \$1.00, now 80c, Men's Dongola kid boots, \$1.50, Men's fine quality buff boots, \$1.50, Men's Dongola kid Good Year welt, first class boot worth \$3.50 now \$2.95, Men's grain calf Good Year welt \$3.00 now \$2.65 Ladies' fine quality, Good Year welt \$2.75 now \$2.40, Ladies' fine quality low shoes \$1.85 now \$1.35, Misses and Children's shoes at correspondingly low prices.

Cloth, carpet and felt slippers 15c, 2 pairs for 26c.

Clarke & Co.

Don't Fail to Inspect Our Stock

WAR NOW ON!

Reported Naval Engagement at Port Arthur.

New York, Feb. 9.—A late despatch from the seat of war says that eleven Japanese warships were sunk in an attack on Port Arthur this morning. Three Russian warships disabled.

LIKE WAR.

Outlook Very Serious in the Far East.

DECLARATION OF WAR

May be Made any Day Now. Both Parties Preparing.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 6.—The Japanese minister, M. Kuroki, is making preliminary preparations for his departure from St. Petersburg.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 6.—The Russian minister, Baron De Rosen, has been notified by the Japanese government by Baron De Rosen, the Russian minister at Tokyo.

JAPAN CONCILIATORY.

PARIS, July 6.—M. Motono, the Japanese minister here, has in the course of an interview, spoken as follows:

"Contrary to the truth there has been attributed to Japan and unbecoming attitude, while, as a matter of fact, Japan has not ceased to be pacific and conciliatory. I know we are accused of cherishing war like designs and wishing for war at all costs, and there has been talk of an ultimatum in a threatening tone. All this is untrue, and I am sure you will not believe it."

production of the documents showing the various phases of these complicated negotiations, as they have been seen on which side the pendulum of moderation. I can assure you that Japan has made great concessions. Each stage of the conflict has been marked by reiterated proofs of our good will.

M. Motono said further that he was not aware of the contents of Russia's reply, but that Japan awaited it with confidence.

RUSSIA THREATENS CHINA.

New York, Feb. 6.—A despatch to the London Standard says: The Russian minister has informed the Chinese grand councilors that in the event of war Russia may be compelled to seize Tien Tsin and Peking, and that if China favors Japan, she should consider the situation thoroughly before declaring her intentions. In consequence of this the Chinese minister fears that Russia will attack China.

RUSSIA HAS SUBMARINES.

New York, Feb. 6.—A Russian officer who has lately returned from the Far East is quoted by Moscow correspondence of the Times to the effect that the Russian Pacific squadron possesses at least two submarines. They were built on the Black Sea, were cas. in sections and fitted together at Port Artyk where they now are. The officer also states that the mouth of the Amur is a river a heavy mine, and that the river is equipped with light craft, also patrolling about 60 miles and carrying light artillery.

VIADIVOSTOK, Feb. 6.—Even the authorities here apparently are without information in regard to the general situation. They receive casual instructions, from which it is apparent that preparations are on the increase to repel a hostile attack, but no comprehensive steps have been taken nor has there been any special allotment of funds. The movement of troops toward Korea has been stopped. The public is greatly depressed by the uncertainty and banking and mercantile operations are at a stand still. If Viadivostok is blockaded the officers of the Ussuri railroad and the law courts will be transferred to Khabarovsk and the administrative office to Nikolsk Ussuri. The Oriental institute and other educational establishments will be closed. It is rumored that all strangers, whether Russian or foreign, will be requested to leave the precincts of the fortifications and the native residents will be required to provide quarters for 8,000 soldiers, with horses, with orders to mobilize the reserves. Japan

BAD FIRE.

Baltimore Suffers to the Extent of 200,000.

BUSINESS CENTRE

Complete Ruin. Fire Department Unable to Control Fire.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 7.—Fire broke out this morning in the wholesale dry goods house of John E. Harst & Co., and has raged with unrestricted fury continuously since it broke out.

Since six o'clock the fire department, although aided by engines from Washington, Philadelphia, Wilmington and surrounding countries and suburbs, has been utterly powerless to make an impression, though for hours 400 streams of water were thrown into the flames. At 7 o'clock the situation was so hopeless that it was decided to dynamite buildings at threatened points.

Subsequently the splendid structure of J. W. Puls & Co., notion dealers, on Charles street, was dynamited and then the Daily Record building, Ross's drug store and others. This heroic remedy delayed, but did not seriously impede the onward march of the fire, and for two hours or more the department has stood by the fire and resources in the face of the burning damage.

At 10 o'clock the fire was absolutely beyond control and all occupants of buildings in the center of the city are quickly removing their valuables.

The city hospital is removing its 21 patients to other hospitals as rapidly as possible. 17 injured were taken to this hospital, most of them firemen. They were suffering from burns, scalds and lacerations.

Nearly every physician in the city is in the fire district.

So far as known at this hour no one has been killed.

At 11:45 the temporary custom house adjoining the post office caught fire.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—A despatch from Baltimore at 2 o'clock this morning says the fire is still raging furiously. The post office building is burning, also the \$4,000,000 Court house. The Halliday street theatre has been dynamited and U. S. express offices and Central offices of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway are burned.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 7.—It is officially announced that Count Landorff, the Russian foreign minister, has informed the Russian representatives abroad that Japan has decided to break off negotiations with Russia and withdraw her minister and legation staff from St. Petersburg and that upon receipt of a note to this effect from the Japanese minister, Russia has ordered her minister, Baron De Rosen, and legation staff to leave Tokyo.

BERLIN, Feb. 7.—The Russian embassy has been informed by Count Landorff, Russian foreign minister, that the Russian government does not know whether the breaking of diplomatic negotiations by Japan is preliminary to war or not. Anxiety prevails at the embassy.

TOKYO, Feb. 7.—The severance of diplomatic relations between Russia and Japan appears to be only a step towards war, although when the minister of Russia and Japan withdraw from their respective posts, quick and decisive action is expected. When Minister of Foreign Affairs Komura on Saturday notified Baron De Rosen, the Russian minister, of the Japanese determination to sever diplomatic relations, he is reported to have declared to him that Japan is tired of Russia's delays, evasions and insincerity and has decided to take immediate action for the conservation of Japan's oriental interests. During the

WM ALLISON'S

House on the Northwest Destroyed by Fire.

INMATES FROZEN.

While Walking to Neighbors House in Night Clothes. A Narrow Escape.

What might have been a fatal fire occurred Friday morning about 4 o'clock at the home of Wm. Allison who lives on Union Northwest about 21 miles from Newcastle.

Mr. Allison was in the woods leaving Mrs. Allison, three children, and a friend with a small child and a hired boy about 10 years of age at home. Thursday night they retired as usual. At about 3 o'clock the boy got up and started a kitchen fire then fell asleep. It is supposed that the house took fire upstairs and when the sleeping inmates were aroused the whole upper story was ablaze and they had to leave in their night clothes, with only stockings on their feet. The night was bitterly cold, one of the coldest of the season, and the nearest house was about three quarters of a mile away. Under the unfortunate people started to walk through the snow and mud, each mother carrying a child, the others walking. Mrs. Allison became exhausted and stopped several times to rest, the others hurrying on for help. Finally when they were all at the neighbors, Mrs. Allison's it was found that all the party were suffering from severe frostbites. A little boy about three and a half years old had his feet badly frozen as had also Mrs. Allison and it is expected that the little fellow will lose his toes and it is feared Mrs. Allison may have to have one of her feet amputated.

There was a good warm barn with cattle beyond reach of the flames, but in the excitement this was not thought of. It was a narrow escape for the family and is one of the saddest cases that has come to the notice of the public.

Not a thing was saved from the building except an overcoat and a trunk with some papers, etc., which was down stairs. The house and contents were valued at about \$1000, which was about the amount of the loss.

Dr. Nicholson drove out to the afflicted ones Friday night and again yesterday.

unsatisfactory manner. Japan waited until convinced that it was useless to wait longer and has ended the discussion. The indications are there will be no formal declaration of war. Japan will publicly define its position and purpose and the foreign office has prepared a new statement which will probably be announced today. On Monday will unquestionably see Korea and although Russia has previously intimated that it would not interfere in view of that country's attitude, developments are eagerly awaited.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The Times this morning asserts that the Japanese demands were of a moderation that will astonish the world when they are disclosed. Japan did not even ask Russia to promise to move a single soldier from Manchuria, or to renounce a single right in Manchuria.

TOKYO, Feb. 7.—Baron De Rosen has arranged to leave Tokyo on Friday, next. He will leave Japan on the steamship Yarra, embarking at Yokohama.

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 5.—Eighteen steamers from nearly every port in Europe were chartered today by the East Asiatic Company, from April 1. E. Anderson, general manager of the company, said to a correspondent today: "I am ordered by the Russian Government to acquire all the tonnage available to run with provisions, not war material, from the opening of the war from Odessa to the Far East. The Siberian Railway is not capable of carrying European commerce altogether. China will consider a Russian defeat the occasion for reaction against European

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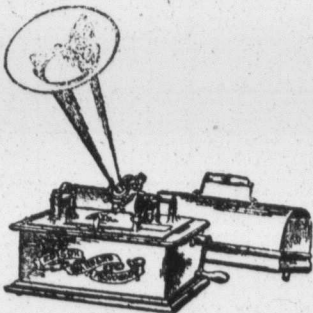
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