

PREST. PALMER'S EXPLANATION.

Issues a Statement of Vital Interest to Railroad Men.

CONSOLIDATE WITH D. & R. G.

Reason of the Presence in Utah of the Bogue Party During the Fast Week.

Previous to his departure yesterday President Palmer, of the Rio Grande Western, caused his secretary to strike off three copies of the following statement for the press of Salt Lake:

Salt Lake City, Utah, March 12.

"As is well known, the Denver & Rio Grande and Rio Grande Western were originally, in 1881, one in interest. This was broken several years later by the action of the then management of the Denver & Rio Grande company. Recent negotiations have had for their sole object the bringing of these two lines together again. These negotiations have been solely between the Rio Grande Western and the Denver & Rio Grande. The Union Pacific, or the so-called Harriman syndicate, have had nothing to do with them, and so far as I know, have no interest in the results, unless they expect there may be a greater stability of rates as a consequence of the creation of larger systems.

"Following the negotiations between the Rio Grande Western and the Denver & Rio Grande, Mr. George Gould, of the Missouri Pacific, is understood to have acquired a large interest in the shares of the Denver & Rio Grande. The result of the negotiations between the Rio Grande Western and Denver & Rio Grande is not likely to be determined for two or three months. Should they be successfully terminated, I see nothing in the logic of the situation to change the status at Salt Lake or Ogden, or to injuriously affect the interests of anybody in Utah. The Denver & Rio Grande is already enjoying nearly 80 per cent of the freight traffic, and perhaps 90 per cent of the passenger business going from and to the Rio Grande Western, so it is also evident that the present relations at Ogden Junction could be continued without any change in the status of the Rio Grande Western and Denver & Rio Grande to become one line.

"Should there be a greater stability of rates, I think it is certainly not to be expected on any higher basis than at present, and is quite likely to be at a lower one, and I can see some direct considerations as a consequence of the merger of interests that would tend to benefit Salt Lake and Utah."

REASON FOR STATEMENT.

President Palmer also left word with the official in whose hands he placed his statement that the communication was in the nature of an explanatory statement which would have the effect of setting at rest all the wild rumors which have been prevalent in railroad circles during the past two weeks, in relation to the presence in this state of the party of railroad "experts" who have been examining the physical condition of the Western. After leaving Salt Lake, President Palmer and Vice President Dodge, accompanied by General Superintendent Welby, inspected the Sante Fe branch to the terminus at Marysville. They returned in the special to Thistle last night where they remained until this morning, when the first two named officials proceeded on their way to Denver.

CONSOLIDATION RUMORS.

As far as putting at rest rumors is concerned the statement given by President Palmer has had the effect of raising a brand new crop of a nature calculated to disturb the numerous employees of the Rio Grande Western who occupy desks at the general offices here. They can be only one reading of the communication in some eyes, and that spells "consolidation." If the two roads are to be consolidated, with the Denver & Rio Grande taking the initiative, it is the unanimous opinion of the pessimists that there will not be two sets of offices maintained, one in Denver and the other in Salt Lake; there will not either be two general superintendents, one at each end of the line, neither will there be two auditor's offices. This is what is worrying some of the employees. With the consolidation of the two roads it will not be necessary to keep at this end of the line a general agency of the Denver & Rio Grande, either.

NO IMMEDIATE CHANGES.

When seen this morning Traffic Manager S. H. Babcock stated that until today the statement issued by President Palmer was all news to him. In answer to a question he said that he did not look for any immediate change, if any at all. This was the general opinion among the Rio Grande Western officials, and the idea prevails that there will not be any apparent change manifested in the operation of the two roads for several months to come.

One thing is certain, however, the Rio Grande Western will not entirely fall into the hands of the Harriman syndicate. The present move is the outcome of what has been brewing for the past six months when it was announced that the consolidation was on the tapis. It is said that the subsequent statement that George Gould began to acquire heavy interests in the D. & R. G. At the same time Gould came third in the Harriman syndicate, so that it goes without saying that the community of interest will be maintained and that the old-time rate war will become a thing of history as far as the Utah-Colo and Union Pacific roads are concerned.

T. E. GIBBON UNDISMAYED.

Just how this latest railroad move will affect the proposed San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake road is a matter of speculation. It goes without saying that the latest road to the coast must have an outlet for its transcontinental traffic.

As stated before, Mr. Gibbon is undismayed by the stories that are rampant regarding the designs upon the road which he proposes to assist in building. When seen this morning, he stated that there was no cause to worry and the articles of the new road would be filed during the early part of next week. He did not think that the report of consolidation would materially affect the operations of his road.

WONT BUILD TO SALT LAKE.

Union Pacific Takes Steps to Head Off the Burlington Extension.

New York, March 13.—The Mail and Express today prints the following: It was learned today from an authoritative source that the large blocks of Chicago, Burlington & Quincy stock which have been bought in the open market during the last three or four weeks, causing a jump of ten points in

the price, were taken for the Union Pacific, and within a very short time this will be followed by the election of several Union Pacific men to the board of directors of the Burlington company.

The closer relations which will follow between the Union Pacific and Burlington are only less important than the purchase of the Southern Pacific by the Union Pacific.

The Burlington was the company which was most to be feared by the Union Pacific in transcontinental territory, the Burlington reaching well into Wyoming and Colorado and threatening to build an independent line of its own to the Pacific coast. Such a road would necessarily parallel the Union Pacific to a great degree and there is reason to believe that the Burlington people were lending aid to some of the recently incorporated companies—notably that promoted by Senator William A. Clark from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles.

The Union Pacific will not have a controlling interest in the Burlington, as the purchase of Burlington stock so far aggregate much less than one-half the amount outstanding, which is \$103,262,800, including the last issues. The Union Pacific purchases are said to be between 100,000 and 150,000 shares and the holdings are to be increased when it can be done at concessions in price.

"The above dispatch comes as another corroboration of the rumors which have been in the air for the past two weeks as outlined in the 'News' on Tuesday. The object of the move is undoubtedly that heading off the proposed Clark road, as the assertion of the Burlington was published in the Los Angeles Herald of February 13th to the effect that the Burlington and the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake road would join hands in Salt Lake and subsequently the Burlington would extend from Guernsey, Wyoming, to Salt Lake, headed off and Gould's connection with the Rio Grande Western and Denver & Rio Grande consolidation emphatically established, the future plans of the new road will be watched with interest.

In speaking in regard to the purported action of the Union Pacific interest in heading off the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake road a prominent railroad man said this morning: "Unless the Union Pacific proposes to build to Los Angeles and southern California, I cannot for the life of me see why they want to build to Salt Lake. When Huntington owned the Southern Pacific the situation was different; it was then to his interest to see that there was no road built that would connect Ogden with Los Angeles. The Southern Pacific is but a link in the Harriman chain. If Clark's road is built, what will it mean? It simply means that that road will pass through practically new territory, and that business it will bring will be practically new business that has been taken away from the Santa Fe. Outside of Los Angeles it will take away very little traffic from the Southern Pacific and then it would be to the interest of the Union Pacific to secure the long haul east. In this scheme of heading off the Burlington I believe that the Union Pacific is working for its own interest, and that, if, however, Harriman really means to extend the Short Line and run a line through to southern California, then naturally it would be to his interest to see that the Los Angeles road projected by Senator Clark is never built."

WONT CLOSE GATEWAY.

Situation at Ogden Will Remain the Same—U. P. Plans.

San Francisco, March 14.—Charles M. Hays, president of the Southern Pacific company, who has just returned from the East, said in an interview: "I do not think the Union and Central Pacific are to be merged. As to the Southern Pacific closing the Ogden gateway to all lines save the Union Pacific, the line is all built. He added that while the Union Pacific will have a voice in the Southern Pacific's affairs, the company's relations with its other connections will continue undisturbed.

Mr. Hays says that Gov. Torres of Sonora, whom he met in Mexico, wants the Southern Pacific to build an extension southwest to Mazatlan, and important Pacific port of Mexico, so that the line may be used as a military highway by the Mexican government. In the opinion of Mr. Hays, which a road may be constructed by the Southern Pacific. The company is figuring on a branch line 110 miles long in Sonora to tap some valuable coal fields. Do not think the line will be built at Guaymas, the terminal of the Sonora branch of the Southern Pacific on the Gulf of California. When completed, Mr. Hays says, the Pacific mail, Central American, and Atlantic steamship company, to Europe via Guaymas, Bensen and El Paso, instead of through this port. This route will be shorter and avoid mountainous lines.

E. Dickinson, general manager of the Union Pacific, will leave here today in a special train for a tour of inspection over the coast division of the Southern Pacific.

Big Cut in Rates.

San Francisco, March 14.—The Pacific Mail Steamship company has inaugurated a vigorous rate war on freight and passenger business between this port and Panama.

Freight rates which have hitherto

An Honest Tired Feeling

There is an "honest tired feeling," caused by necessary toil and cured by natural rest.

But very different is "that tired feeling," from which so many complain, and from which may even be classed as a disease.

That tired feeling takes you to bed tired and wakes you up tired.

You have no appetite, have bilious taste, dull headache, are nervous and irritable, blue, weak and discouraged.

In such conditions Hood's Sarsaparilla does a world of good.

It begins in the right place—in the blood, purifying it and imparting vitality, then its tonic effect is felt by the stomach, kidneys and liver; appetite comes back, all waste is removed naturally, headaches cease, that tired feeling departs and you feel like a new person.

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Three Crown flavoring extracts are made direct from the fruit, thereby retaining their natural perfect flavor. Three Crown spices are pure and fresh, right from our own mills. Three Crown baking powder is pure, strong, and economical. Price 25 cents per pound. Ask for these brands and refuse all others.

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range from \$6 to \$12 per ton on shipments to and from this port have given way to a flat rate of \$3 per ton, weight or measurement. At the same time passenger rates have been cut in half.

The other companies in the business have been forced to adopt the same rates, and it is said that still further reductions may be made in the near future. It is stated that the rate war will not affect coffee shipments from Central America, as the crop of the present season has been pretty well cleaned up.

Another Consolidation.

Chattanooga, Tenn., March 13.—A report comes from Tracy City today to the effect that a secret meeting was held following the meeting of the directors of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad company, in which the first steps were taken looking to the consolidation of that company, the Sloss Iron company, the Republic Iron & Steel company with a capitalization of one hundred million dollars. Those who attended the meeting would not talk and no definite information was given out.

Wreck on the R. G. W.

"Trains delayed indefinitely" is the legend that adorns the time table blackboard of the Rio Grande Western today. The reason of this state of affairs is the behavior of a freight train which, following the wreck of the Junction, early this morning, the freight struck an open switch with the result that several cars were piled up, completely blocking the track. Nobody was hurt, but there were a number of passengers on the other side of the wreck on Nos. 1 and 3 who are taking a vivid interest in the wrecking crew, which is clearing away the debris.

SPIKE AND RAIL.

General Agent Warren, of the Santa Fe, is in Salt Lake.

W. E. Coman, of the Oregon Short Line, is at Idaho Falls.

John Q. Critchlow, of the Utah & Pacific, leaves for Butte this evening.

The Raymond-Whitcomb excursion goes East over the Rio Grande Western this evening.

The Golden Gate special with eighty people on board came to town over the Rio Grande Western this morning.

The directors of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad have declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent compared with 2 1/2 per cent for the last semi-annual period.

The "Tintic and Cache valley excursion" is to leave on the occasion of the Sembrich ceremony (which will not take place) are said to be crowded. They will return after the theater closes.

The Rio Grande Western this morning sent a man down to Geneva, to inspect the planting of the numerous shade trees that have been ordered from a Kansas City nursery. The saplings will be ultimately transplanted to the sides of the main line, as stated in the "News" recently.

J. C. McKinnon, traveling freight and passenger agent, of the Great Northern, with headquarters at Walla Walla, will leave in a few days for the East, as it is understood that his appointment as general eastern agent of the Portland & Astoria Steamship company, to succeed J. H. Lohr, is effective March 15. Mr. McKinnon's headquarters will be in New York City.

TO PREVENT PNEUMONIA AND GRIP.

Laxative Bromo-Quinine removes the cause.

AFTER YEARS.

W. V. Horace Finds His Long Lost Brother and Sister.

An event re-creating in strangeness some of those read about in novels occurred yesterday in this city. The principal character in it being a successful young money lender on Second street, Mr. W. V. Horace, yesterday found a brother and sister, whom he had not seen since they were children in Denver, ten years ago.

That time the mother died, and the father placed the two younger children—in an orphanage in Denver, simply to be taken care of. The older brother worked as a laborer and sent money for a year and a half to the orphanage for the support of his young brother and sister. At the end of that time he called to see them, and found that through some mistake the boy had been placed in the home for adoption, and that they had been adopted and taken away. The authorities would not divulge where the little ones had been taken, nor by whom they were adopted. To the older brother was a terrible blow. He immediately began a search, that has been prosecuted with diligence for over eight years. So indignant at his father was young Horace that he has never even corresponded with him since that time.

In an innocent looking letter bearing the post mark "Pocatello," was contained the news that has made Mr. Will Horace the happiest man in Salt Lake. It was from his long-lost brother, who told him that he and his sister had been adopted by Mrs. M. E. Graham of Pocatello; that on account of financial troubles she had been forced to give them up; and that the sister had been for a year and a half and was now in Kearns' St. Ann's orphanage in this city, and that he was clerking in a store in Pocatello.

Mr. Will Horace hastened to the orphanage and found the story true in every particular, and that Miss Margaret Graham of the orphanage was his sister Ella May Horace. It is needless to say how happy the two brothers and the sister are to be together.

The brother in Pocatello only recently found out his true name and traced his brother Will to Salt Lake through a grandmother in Cleveland, Ohio. He immediately wrote the letter that has united the brothers and sister.

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WORK OF WRETCH ON CAPITOL HILL

Twelve-Year-Old Girl Enticed Away From Her Playmates.

CHASED BY THE RESIDENTS, THOUSAND PEOPLE HOMELESS

Who Arrive in the Nick of Time—Child Escapes Unharmed with Torn Clothing and Bad Scars.

Some wretch whose identity has not as yet been obtained, attempted to make a criminal assault upon a little twelve-year-old girl last Sunday afternoon on Capitol Hill. The matter was not reported to the police until 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, owing to the fact that the child's father was out of town until late Tuesday night, and did not learn of the assault made upon his daughter until yesterday morning.

According to the story related by the father, his twelve-year-old daughter, accompanied by some other little girls, went up on Capitol Hill in search of wild flowers. While there they met a man whom they described as being of medium size, and dressed in dark clothes. He asked the girls what they were looking for, and when they replied that they were searching for flowers he told them he was looking for a girl named Mary. They were then led away from the hill, and the girls were told to go with him. One of the girls consented to go with the man, but after she had gone some distance she saw that she was being led to a place where she would be sold. She then fled, and the man chased her for some distance. She was finally rescued by a man who was passing by, and she was taken to the police station. She was found to have torn clothing and bad scars on her body.

When the child's father reported the case to the police yesterday afternoon Sheriff Griffin, who has been in the city since his arrival from the West, was called to the police station to see the child. He was told that the child was being held in a room in the city, and he was told that the man who had taken her was being held in a room in the city. He was told that the man was being held in a room in the city, and he was told that the man was being held in a room in the city.

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PAY OR GO THIRSTY.

City Treasurer Morris has directed Superintendent of Waterworks Hines to shut the water supply off from about 1,000 residents of the city, who are delinquent in paying their water rates. There is about \$4,000 due the city from these residents, and some thirty or forty families are being deprived of their water because of the non-payment of the charges mentioned.

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BOB GRIFFIN LOCATED.

Sheriff Naylor Thinks He has a Horse Thief in His Clutches.

Sheriff Naylor is of the opinion that he is about to make a good capture in Bob Griffin, who hired a saddle horse from a party at Birmingham, about two years ago, and later disappeared with the outfit. It could never be learned what became of the man, except that he journeyed westward. Sheriff Naylor made a diligent search for the fugitive, but found no trace of him. Mr. Naylor upon being induced into office took up the case, and he feels sure, has located his man, working at the Cleveland ranch in eastern Nevada. He wired Sheriff Newman, of Ely, Nev., asking him to go to the ranch named and arrest the horse-thief. Yesterday Sheriff Newman replied to the effect that he had started to capture Griffin, and the officers here are now anxiously waiting a dispatch from Nevada, announcing the arrest. As soon as Sheriff Naylor learns of Griffin being in custody, he will apply to Governor Wells for requisition papers that he may go and bring the prisoner back to face a trial for his crime. The railroad connections, however, in order to reach Ely, Nevada, are very irregular. The sheriff will have to first proceed to Carson City in order to have his requisition papers honored, and then he will go to Eureka, at which point he will be compelled to take a two-day stage ride for the point of destination. This roundabout way will doubtless consume the greater part of a week to make the journey.

BAD BLOOD, BAD COMPLEXION.

The skin is the seat of an almost endless variety of diseases. They are known by various names, but are all due to the same cause, acid and other poisons in the blood that irritate and interfere with the proper action of the skin.

To have a smooth, soft skin, free from all eruptions, the blood must be kept pure and healthy. The many preparations of arsenic and potash and the large number of face powders and lotions generally used in this class of diseases cover up for a short time, but cannot remove permanently the ugly blotches and the red, disagreeing pimples.

ETERNAL VIGILANCE IS THE PRICE OF A BEAUTIFUL COMPLEXION when such remedies are relied on.

Mr. R. T. Shale, 2744 Lucas Avenue, St. Louis, Mo., says: "My daughter was afflicted for years with a disagreeing eruption on her face, which resisted all treatment. She was taken to two celebrated health springs, but received no benefit. Many medicines were prescribed, but without result, until we decided to try S. S. S., and by the time the first bottle was finished the eruption began to disappear. A dozen bottles cured her completely and left her skin perfectly smooth. She is now a beautiful girl, and a sign of the embarrassing disease has never returned."

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HALF MILLION DOLLAR FIRE.

Cloverport, Ky., Almost Wiped Out of Existence.

THOUSAND PEOPLE HOMELESS

Relief Sent From Louisville—One Million Pounds of Tobacco Were Destroyed by the Conflagration.

Cloverport, Ky., March 14.—The bursting of a natural gas pipe at midnight started a fire that destroyed property worth a half million dollars. The greater part of this little town was completely wiped out and over a thousand persons, about one-half the population, are homeless and were in great distress until a special relief train from Louisville reached here. The heaviest loss is the American Tobacco company, which lost two large stemmeries and one million pounds of tobacco. The company's loss has not been estimated. Bucket brigades were formed and men and women alike fought the flames valiantly, but to no purpose. Exhausted women and children huddled in little groups wherever shelter could be found from the biting cold of the night and early morning. Neighboring towns were asked for assistance in fighting the fire but before it could be rendered the fire wind had swept the flames through the place, making the devastation complete.

As soon as the management of the Louisville, Henderson & St. Louis railroad learned that hundreds of people were homeless they ordered available coaches between Louisville and Henderson hurried to Cloverport and in these the unfortunate will for the time being make their homes. The management also sent 5,000 loaves of bread and 500 cases of condensed milk. A trainload of relief supplies quickly gathered would leave at noon.

At noon the fire was still burning in spots, but little is left for it to devour, the few remaining houses being saved, and away from the business and residence section of the town.

There were a few minor accidents but so far as known no one was seriously injured.

GILMAN ESTATE NOT SETTLED.

New York, March 14.—Notwithstanding the statement of Frazier Gilman, that a settlement had been reached in the Gilman estate matter, by which all the heirs are to share in the division, the lawyers in the case stoutly deny that the matter has been compromised and repeat the assertion that the matter will have to be left to the courts.

ALBERT T. PATRICK CASE CONTINUED.

New York, March 14.—The case of Albert T. Patrick, charged with the murder of John W. Dickinson, of Boston, was called before Justice Jerome of the court of special sessions, sitting as a magistrate today. Assistant District Attorney Carvin appeared for the prosecution and said that the report of Prof. Withaus, the chemist, had not yet been received. He asked for adjournment, and Justice Jerome postponed the examination until March 26.

DANVERS BANK OFFICIALS.

Fifteen Counts Returned Against Them by Grand Jury.

Boston, Mass., March 14.—The United States grand jury, called in special session to consider the cases of George M. Foster, formerly cashier of the South Danvers National bank, of Peabody, and John W. Dickinson, of Boston, a shareholder in the bank, charged with misappropriating funds of the institution, today returned a joint indictment in fifteen counts against the men. The indictment alleges the total sum involved at \$40,000. The grand jury also returned a separate indictment against Foster in three counts, two alleging false entries and one the willful misapplication of \$1,000.

COLON TRADE PARALYZED.

Kingston, Jamaica, March 14.—The British steamer Texaco, from Liverpool, via Colon, reports that trade is totally paralyzed in Colon in consequence of the rebel activity in the neighborhood. M. fighting is going on in several quarters, but without important results.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR.

Col. Sanger Gets His Position, and Depew Not Protesting.

Washington, March 14.—Col. William Carey Sanger, of New York, received his commission as assistant secretary of war at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon and was immediately sworn in the office of secretary of war.

The following official statement was made at the war department regarding the appointment of Col. Sanger: "Some time before the expiration of the last administration and before the re-appointment of the cabinet, Assistant Secretary Melickoff notified the secretary of war by reason of his candidacy for the Senate, that he was attending to the necessity that there should be an assistant secretary who could be present at Washington to perform the duties of his office, he was unwilling to resign and he was considered for re-appointment. Col. William Carey Sanger has, accordingly, been appointed, and will immediately enter upon the discharge of his duties."

NO PROTEST BY SENATORS.

Washington, March 14.—Senators Platt and Depew, of New York, called at the White House today and were with the President for an hour. When they left the following official statement was made as to their visit: "The New York senators, Platt and Depew, called upon the President this morning and the President, in return, called upon them. The subject of Col. Sanger's appointment as assistant secretary of war was referred to. Having gone over the matter fully with the secretary of war, they decided to offer no opposition to Col. Sanger's appointment."

More English Taxes.

London, March 14.—The Times this morning says it believes that in addition to the sugar tax and the economic position of the registration duty of a shilling on corn, the income tax will be increased by two pence or four pence in the pound.

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THAT RUSSO-CHINESE AGREEMENT

State Department is Without Any Official Information—Has Constantly Sought to Discourage all Secret Arrangements.

Washington, March 14.—Our government has not yet been able to obtain anything like an official statement of the contents of the alleged agreement between Russia and China respecting the protectorate over Manchuria. If it were not for the information which comes to it unofficially, yet is known to be reliable, the state department would not be able to affirm even the existence of the pact. So, in this state of official ignorance it has not been possible to go very far in the direction of protesting against Russia's course. The state department has from the beginning sought to discourage any kind of secret arrangement touching China, so that the Russian agreement, regardless of its details, would still be objectionable to this point of view.

The opposition to the Russian move has not crystallized up to this moment and it is felt that there is every prospect of a consummation of the agreement between Russia and China, unless the other powers, who now hang upon the decision, speedily come to a determination to oppose it. In view of this impending crisis, the officials here would regard as of secondary importance the negotiation at Peking respecting indemnities and for the punishment of the Chinese who were it not for the belief that there is great danger by undue insistence by the ministers at Peking upon the collection of impossible indemnities and the United States government will be obliged in deference to public sentiment here to maintain an attitude of neutrality and withhold any assistance that might otherwise be reasonably requested, in the greater purpose of checking the consummation of the pact.

Shanghai, March 14.—It is understood here that the negotiations in Peking are likely to be suspended owing to the Manchurian situation. The Chinese have issued a call for a mass meeting to convene in Shanghai tomorrow to discuss the adoption of measures aimed to uphold the Chinese court against yielding to the Russian demands. WANT AMERICA FOR A CATS PAW.

London, March 14.—The Globe this afternoon continues to bewail the nervousness of the British foreign office in regard to Russian activity in Manchuria and reiterates its appeal to the United States, "to rid itself of the influence of Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister at Washington," and the glorification of Russian diplomacy, and the threat to the northern China market to the cotton mills of the Southern States.

The rest of the long article, however, seems to indicate that the Globe, like others, is not really so anxious to aid American commerce as to help the widespread British desire to secure the assistance of Washington in smothering Russian ambition, restoring British prestige and keeping the open door for British trade.

CASTELLANE ON WARPATH A TENEMENT HOUSE FIRE.

Hunts Up Editor of Paris Figaro and Repeatedly Slaps and Assaults Him.

Cause Was a Disparaging Paragraph About the Count—A Duel Will Result.

Paris, March 14.—Count Boni de Castellane thrashed M. Fernand de Rodays, editor of the Figaro, today for stating that he, M. de Castellane, had betrayed the De Rodays plot on the occasion of the funeral of the late President Faure, Feb. 23, 1899. A duel is expected.

Count de Castellane interpreted a paragraph in the Figaro as alluding to him. He was accompanied today by his father, the Marquis de Castellane, and a newspaper friend, M. Morel. They proceeded to the residence of M. de Rod