

ing more attention than the matter, it is claimed, really deserves under the circumstances. It is asserted in support of this statement that to all intents and purposes, Russia, France and Germany have already an understanding which really amounts to a settlement aside from the old triple alliance. In any case there is no doubt that Italy has been hard hit by the defeat of General Baratieri, more financially probably than the number of men killed. Much more treasure must be poured into the sands of Africa, if the dreams of brilliant colonial achievements are to become realities, and in no country, probably not even in Spain, is there a crowned head resting so uneasily as that of King Humbert at present. It is not astonishing that the best friends of Italy seem unable in the emergency to suggest a way out of her difficulties which is likely to reflect credit on that country. If the war is pushed, the financial strain will be dangerously severe; if the African colonies are abandoned, the effect will be almost as dangerous. A middle course, the conclusion of peace with Abyssinia may not be possible, if it is true that France and Russia have been arming the Sinoans. A great responsibility therefore will rest upon the incoming Italian ministry.

NEW YORK, March 8.—The inaugural step made by Ballington Booth, the deposed commander of the Salvation Army in America in a rival organization on lines similar to the one from whose command he was released, met with success tonight. Cooper Union was the scene where the first gun was fired, the echo of which thrilled the hearts of 5,000 loyal soldiers, who, since the commencement of the international strife, which had sundered Ballington Booth's allegiance to his father, Gen. Booth of London, have remained loyal to the deposed commander and his wife. Every seat in the big auditorium was occupied. The aisles were crowded and the streets outside were thronged.

The women wore the regular Salvation Army emblem, but the poke hat was absent. The men, too, had their badges, but wore no red jackets. Shortly after 7 o'clock and before the vast audience had time to be seated, Capt. Schneider of the Bowery corps sprang on a chair on the platform and waved an American flag with a painting of George Washington. The audience cheered lustily. Order had scarcely been restored when Major Peter Glen, who was among the first officers to send in their resignation after Eva Booth had taken command, appeared on the platform waving an American flag, and placed a life-size crayon painting of George Washington on a easel in front of the speaker's table. This was the signal for renewed outbursts of applause. It was only when Ballington Booth and his wife arrived from their Montclair home that the audience lost control of itself. Their presence on the platform was the signal for an outburst of enthusiasm such as never before has been witnessed in Cooper Union.

There was some music and singing, and the customary religious invocations, after which Ballington Booth rose and said:

"Mrs. Booth and myself have not come here tonight to allude to the re-

cent sad trouble. It is quite true we have, after mature deliberation, decided to inaugurate a new movement. Could we have avoided it, it would most assuredly have been done on our part.

"Recognizing, as we do, that this is the largest field in the world, and still further recognizing that there was room in America for one, two, or 100 Salvation armies, we have resolved, to the best of our ability, to win over the middle class of the artisans of the country. We wish no strife with the Salvation Army.

"I believe that the cause of the failure of the so-called religious organizations of the present day is that they do not come down to the living places where Jesus Christ wants to be represented.

"I want to assure those officers who have stood by me that I see in the distance a movement which tonight has received its impetus in this great gathering. I do not want anything that exists in the air, but a genuine concentration of our soldiers to the faith of Christ.

"There are at least forty-six per cent of the wage-earning population of the community who are not identified with any church or place of religious worship.

"It is these we want to reach, and extend to them the love that inspired the Nazarene on the streets of Jerusalem nearly 1,900 years ago.

"Oh, how much hateology and how little heartology there is today.

"Mrs. Booth and myself have, with in the last few days, been reading the history of that great American soldier, George Washington, whose portrait stands on this platform tonight. We thought of him and his goodness of heart and love of Christ as he turned away for a moment from the frightful scenes of Valley Forge and repaired to the woods, where he knelt in prayer to the God of his country.

"Whatever be the mission we undertake, it will bear the right stamp and will be directed in the right direction."

KALAMAZOO, Mich., March 10.—The First Congregational church, of which Rev. C. O. Brown, San Francisco, was formerly pastor, has adopted a resolution expressing "abiding faith in the entire innocence of our suffering brother—a faith founded on years of personal intercourse and Christian association with him and upon the knowledge, as far as it is given his intimate associates to have, of his staleness and incorruptible manhood."

LONDON, March 10.—General Booth, of the Salvation Army, has cabled a manifesto to the Salvation Army at New York. Bramwell Booth also has a manifesto in today's War Cry, in which he says the fidelity of the American troops is unshaken and warns the Army against the "misrepresentation of the anti-English American press." He also says, "the general's heart is torn and sorely wounded, but he is determined to carry on the government without respect to persons."

NEW YORK, March 10.—A dispatch to the Herald from Rome says:

The situation in Erythrea is very grave. Signor Franzoi, the explorer, fears that King Menelik will force his way into the triangle formed by Keren, Asmaria and Massowab. If he does

so, the port of Massowab will be threatened.

The German emperor will spend three days with his brother, Prince Henry of Prussia, at Positippo, in order to avoid awakening any suspicion of a rapprochement with France.

Viscount Verosta has not been offered a portfolio by the Marquis di Rudini. Signor San Martino, a friend of the marquis, says that the great majority of the Italian nation would insist upon the maintenance of the triple alliance. Even a radical cabinet would have to support it.

MADRID, March 10.—There was a serious anti-American riot at Salamanca yesterday evening. Students burned the American flags amid the acclamations of the crowds. The gendarmes charged the rioters and dispersed them temporarily. Later the students reassembled and gathered another mob about them. The prefect exhorted the students to disperse. They booted. Finally the prefect was compelled to call upon the police for protection. Gendarmes again charged the riotous students who met the onslaught with showers of stones. Order was finally restored. The university is closed.

DENVER, March 10.—A special to the Republican from Pocatello, Ind., says: The attempt was made to wreck the Union Pacific, Butte and Salt Lake Express one mile east of this city at 5 o'clock this morning. The train pulled out of the depot at 5 o'clock and when within a short distance of the last switch, Engineer Andrews saw a man throw the switch and run away. The engineer immediately reversed his engine, the train left the track, but fortunately the cars remained upright and no one was injured. There is a deep fill at this point, and had the train not been promptly stopped it would have dashed down the steep grade. No motive is known for the deed.

MADRID, March 10.—A pamphlet has been published here entitled, The United States vs Spain, which is believed to have been written by ex-Minister Valera. It points out the alleged injustice of Congress, and the writer says he believes there will be a revolution of public opinion in the United States as soon as the truth is known. He regards the situation from an optimist standpoint, eulogizes American women, and says that the men are amiable and hospitable to strangers when not blinded by self-esteem.

A dispatch from Barcelona says that the merchants of that city have agreed not to sell American products to the event of President Cleveland approving the Cuban belligerency resolutions of Congress. They have also opened a subscription towards a fund which is to be devoted to the purchase of warships.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 11.—The fund of \$550,000 appropriated by the last legislature for criminal costs was exhausted last evening and before the next assembly meets there will be a deficiency of more than \$250,000. The growth of criminal costs of late years has been so enormous that it is only a question of a few years, unless the laws are changed, when it will threaten the entire revenue of the state.