

TELEGRAPHIC. FROM WASHINGTON.

Bleust Appointed Minister to Russia Instead of Stevens.

OFFICE SEEKERS' NEW TACTICS.

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AN ORDER REGARDING LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

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