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## WHO WILL STIR THE CHIP?

European Powers Ready to Fight at the Drop of the Hat.

HORISCOPE RECENTLY CAST. GORY

Six Nations Awaiting the Word to Streak the Earth with Red, Red Blud and Subjects for the Coroner.

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LONDON, July 25. -- Not since England many years ago begun (by chartering a number, of swift ocean steamships, as auxiliary or isers) to buckle on her armor for a struggle with Russia has the situation of affairs in Europe been so threatening as at the present moment. This is no lule theory, but it is a statement which can be backed up by undeniable facts. A glance over the situation is all that is necessary to convince the unbeliever. The nations of Europe are, figuratively speaking, shaking their fists at each other in a most dangerous manner. This state of affairs which has long been slumbering, reached its outward and visible signs when some three weeks ago the emperor of Germany publiciy announced that the driebund, or triple alliance of defence (if not of offence), which had existed for years between Germany, Austria and Italy, had been renowed. But it must be remembered this triple alliance is, in effect, a quadruple alliance, which in addition to the powers mentioned, practically includes England, her most powerful ally. To be sure, this renewal of warlike bonds between powerful nations had long been looked forward to and as an offset to it, Russian and French newspapers had, for some considerable time previously, been loudly and repeatedly strumming the tune of a Franco-Russian alliance.

Kaiser Wilhelm's Deflance. The enemies of the dreibund know that there were difficulties in the way and hoped that the bond would not be renewed. It was renewed and being sealed, William flaunted it in the face of his enemies by his ostenta-tious visit to England, by his welcome by the powerful iron clad fleet, by his review of the powerful from clad fleet, by his review of England's citizen soldiery and by his re-newed friendly actions with his royal grandmother, 'Queen Victoria, with her family and with the queen's astute prime minister, ford Salisbury. While the Ger-man emperor was thus showing the enemies of the driebund how friendly be was with England, the latter country was also shaking her fist at these enemies. She did it oy sending a powerful ironclad fleet to Fume. where it was reviewed by the emperor of Austria, who, on board the flag ship (Her Majesty's Ship Ben Bow), uttered words which echoed very distinctly throughout Europe. He said that he hoped that in case of war the terrible British array of war yes. of war the terrible British array of war ves-sels would be found fighting on the side of Austria. And as if this was not significant Knough, England sent the same great fleet to Venice, where it was present when King Humbert of Italy launched a new Italian flag ship, the Citilia.

## France and Russia Awakened.

There were uttered most significant words; King Humbert addressing the British commanding officer made a speech which startled Europe, for its plain talking was upex-pected. The substance of it was that it was pleasant to contemplate the fact that in case of war the British war vessels and the Italian ironclads would be fighting a common enemy. Russia and France had to notice this very threatening aspect of affairs. The reply commenced with the decoration conferred upon President Carnot of France by the czar of Russia and this was followed by the visit of the French fleet, now at Cron-stadt, to Russian shores. There at St. Pet-ersburg the French admiral, Guervais, and his officers are being banquetted and other-wise welcomed with open arms. The peo-ple of St. Petersburg and Cronstadt Fave presented silver plate to the French officers and the latter are now the "hons of the day"

in Russia. But this is not all. Just as the French

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## Fifth and Probably Last Week, of the Great CASH CLEARING SALE. Prices Still Further Reduce

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Take advantage of these prices while you may, as a sale like this will never occur again. Read this advertisement carefully. Great Plums will be Found in Dress Goods, Silks, Hosiery, Underwear, Linens, Wash Goods, Umbrellas and Parasols, Ladies' Shirt Waists, Laces, Millinery, Flannels, Comforts and Blankets. Books at an extraordinary sacrifice, and a big lot of Fancy Baskets that we are almost giving away.

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WASH GOODS DEPARTMENT.	BLACK DRESS GOODS.	GENTS' GOODS.	LINEN DEPARTMENT	UMBRELLAS AND PARASOLS.	MILLINERY DEP'T.
Monday we will place on sale another case of those 36-in. Armenian Suitings, worth 15c at 5c yard.	THIS KILLS COMPETITION.	HOSE. Gents' fancy striped Liste Thread	SPECIAL VALUE IN TOWELS.	24 and 26 inch Imported Gloria Slik Umbrellas, with natural wood handles	SPECIAL.
Double Fold Challis, worth 15c at 5c.	20 pieces Black Goods, in extreme	Hose at 3 pairs for \$1; worth 65c a pair.	Pure linen huck towels Sic each worth 12ic.	and gold caps, at \$1.25; worth \$1.65. 26-inch Twilled Silk Umbrellas, 3-inch	
Oriental Crepe 12 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> , regular price 20c. This cloth is something entirely new,	novelties, Brocades, Stripes, Figures,	Fancy striped Cotton Hose, 25c;	Pure linen huck towels 10c each,	the second se	Your choice for \$1 each.
colors guaranteed absolutely fast.	Plaids, etc., finest imported goods,		worth 15c.	LADIES' COLORED PARASOLS.	Ladies' Fine Milan Hats. ) CI OO
36-inch Batiste 9c, regular price 124c. 124c Challis at 84c.	usually \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2-for this sale only \$1 per yard.	Medium weight Cotton Hose, 21c; worth 30c.	Pure linen buck towels 121c each,	the second se	Ladies' Fine Fancy Braids, {SI.00
Black and white French Sateens worth 35c and 40c at 19c.	5 more pieces (positively the last of		worth 18c.	sold for \$2.	
Colored figure black Sateen 19c worth	the lot) of those all wool Nun's Veil-	HANDKERCHIEFS.	Pure linen creps towels 16% ceach,	Lot 2 at \$1,95-Colored Parasols worth \$3,00.	All Children's Hats, former price
35c. 25c Scotch Gingham≥, at 16ic.	ings, with side band, 42 inches wide,	Colored border Cotton Handkerchiefs,	worth 25c.	Lot 3 at \$4Black and Colored Para-	\$1.75 to \$3.00, your choice for \$1.
40c Scotch Ginghams, at 25c. Wash Crepe de Chine, 25c worth 40c	would be cheap at 75c-for this sale	She; worth 16ic.	Pure linen huck towels 19c each; worth 30c.	sols that sold for \$6, \$7 and \$8.	All Trimmed Goods at your own price.
and 50c.	only 421c.	Colored border Linen Handwerchiefs, 12±c; usually sold from 25c to 35c.		CHILDREN'S COLORED PARA-	Fine Mourning Goods a specialty.
French Organdies 25c worth 40c. Remnants of Wash Dress Goods at ex-	Best quality pure Mohair Brilliantine	Tage, usually sold from and to boot	Our sale on napkins is still going on. We have yet a good assortment left.	SOLS. Lot 1, 15cChildren's Colored Para-	BOOK DEP T.
actly half price.	sold this season at \$1.25 and \$1.50 -on	SUSPENDERS.		The second se	INATIA PRE COMPANY
COLORED DRESS GOODS. ROCK BOTTOM PRICES REACHED	sale Monday at \$1 per yard.	We have a lot of extra quality Sus-	See our bleached damask at 75c, 85c and \$1.10, worth double.	Lot 2, abc-Children's Colored Para-	(2ND FLOOR.)
AT LAST.	Black French Serge, 46 inches wide,	penders, worth from 45c to 65c. Closing them out at 25c.	Bed Spreads, a new shipment. This	sols, worth 90c.	A Large assortment of books, worth
The bargains appreciated by thous- ands of happy buyers, but still the knife	our \$1.15 quality-on sale Monday 90c.	them out at zoc.	week we sell	LACES.	from 50c to \$1.75, go at 25c each.
goes deeper. Every lady should read this nd. and	Black Gloria, 42 inches wide no bet- ter sold in the city at \$1.75-for this	NECKWEAR.	A \$2 spread for \$1.50.	48-inch Net at 85c; worth \$1.25.	50c Paper Novels at 23c.
take advantage of the low prices.	sale only \$1.35.	A full time of Four-in-Hand and leck	A \$3 spread for \$2.25.	48-inch Net at \$1.15; worth \$1.75. All of our Remnants of Draperv Nets.	Die Deductions in Stationany
Just think of this. Full 46-inch all wool Henrietta, with beautiful silk fin-	All remnants of Black and Cream	Scarfs which we offer at 39c; worth 50c	A \$4 spread for \$2.63.	Flouncing and Narrow Laces marked	Big Reductions in Stationery.
ish, always sold for 89c, this week 50c.	Wool Dress Goods at a great sacrifice.	10 100	See our spreads at \$3.50, \$3.75, \$4,	below cost.	Encyclopædia Britannica (Allen Edi-
The very best 46-inch Henrietta made. They have been sold by us at \$1.15, this	An advantageous opportunity to se-	SHIRTS. Gents' well made Douret Negligee	\$4.50, \$5 and upwards.	LADIES' SILK MITTS.	tion.)
week 90c. Perfection reached at last in a 54-inch	cure fine goods at less than cost of	Shirts, all sizes, big variety to choose	CORSETS.	35c and 40c Silk Mitts, 15c.	15 volumes (2 vols in one) cloth \$33.
all wool French Foule, double faced and	ordinary fabrics.	from, for 90c.	LOT FOUR.	75c and 95c Silk Mitts, 49c.	. 30 volumes, cloth,\$40.
will outwear any weave in the market. This week, \$1.10.		Gents' fine silk striped Madras Shirts,	C. P. \$4.50; S. B. \$6.50; Satin now \$2.	GLOVES.	30 volumes, † Russia,
English Whipcord will be one of the leading fabrics for Fall. By buying	SILK DEPARTMENT.	originally sold at \$3.50. Will close what		45c and 50c Silk Gloves, 25c. S5c Silk Gloves, 50c.	30 volumes, Sheep,
now, you save 30c on every yard. This	Plaid Wash Surahs, suitable for	sizes are left for \$2 each. These are ex-	Rensan, French woven, P. D., C. P. \$2,25, \$2, \$3,25, now 95c.	\$1.25 Silk Gloves, 75c.	DA STERME
week \$1.05. We have about 25 odd pieces all	children's dresses, worth \$1 a yard, for	traordinary value. See them.		Odd lots of Ladies' Kid Gloves, rang-	BASKETS.
weaves and colorings, some of them sold	50e.	LADIES' HOSIERY AND UNDER-	LOT TWO.	ing in price from \$1 up to \$1.75, all at 50c pair.	We have a large lot of Indian Baskets
for 90c and \$1.00 per yard. They are odd and we have no room to carry them.	22-inch wide Colored Surahs for 45c.	WEAR.	Madam Warren's French Woven, \$1.25, \$1.50, now 69c.	1 lot of Men's Kid Gloves, regular	made of fancy grasses interwoven with
This week, 39c. For traveling dresses there is nothing	Wash Silks for waists and dresses,	Ladies' neatly finished Jersey Ribbed Vests, in ecru and white, worth 25c to	14 Dec	\$1.25 quality, Monday 75c per pair.	sweet grass. They are taking up too
to beat a gray Melange Mohair, it sheds	85c and \$1; worth \$1 and \$1.25.	35c; will close for 19c.		FLANNEL DEP'T.	much room. We will make 4 lots of them:
the dust and wears like iron. This week 48c.	India and China Silks, with colored		Sunrise, Good Luck Erench Woven, style 72, \$1, 75c, now 38c	SECOND FLOOR,	them.
We also have Special Low Prices on the following goods: English Cash-	figures, 50c and 90c, worth \$1 and \$1.25.	Balbriggan Vests, formerly sold at \$1.25.	PROKEN LONG	Special low prices on all our Outing,	Lot 1 at 25c-Baskets worth 35c to 50c.
meres, French Serges, Punjah Cords,	Pongee, very suitable for skirts, 374c.	To close the line we will sell them on	A new lot of corset covers now on	French Twilis and Ballard Vales.	
Scotch Cheviots, Challis and Cleopatra Cloths.	19 inches wide, worth 50c.	Monday at 49c each.	sale, 38c, 48c and 69c.	COMFORTS AND BLANKETS.	Lot 2 at 45cBaskets worth 50c, 60c and 75c.
Have you seen the pattern suits we	Pongee, very desirable for skirts, 27	Ladies' fine crocheted openwork front, soft finished Lisle Vests for 90c; former-	WAISTS.	Cheese Cloth and Silkaleen at re-	
are selling for \$9.95? They are worth \$25.	inches wide, 75c, worth 90c.	ly sold at \$1.25.	Ladies' ready made Shirt Waists only	duced prices. Italian Silk Blankets in a great va-	Lot 3 at 95eBaskets worth up to
Ladies' wonder how we can sell them so cheap. The secret is, we bought a	A full line of Grenadines at very low	Ladies' Fast Black Hose, Onyx Dye,	35c, worth S5c. Shawls, in black, tan, blue & cream,	riety.	\$1.50.
manufacturer's stock for cash and cash	prices.	for 21c a pair.	only \$1.47, worth up to \$4.50.	PILLOWS.	Lot 4 at \$1.95Baskets worth up to
always tells. The goods must be seen to be appre-	Still a few Silk Remnants left, prices	A large line of fancy stripes and solid		Eider-down and Feather, in round or	\$3.25.

