

WILL THERE BE WAR?

THE RUSSO-PERSIAN SITUATION SAID TO BE SERIOUS.

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The preparations for war continue with great activity. Orders have been sent to Portsmouth to put the steam dispatch vessel Mercury, 10 guns, in readiness for immediate service.

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The queen's message, calling out the reserves and militia, has been received at the War Office.

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SUPERFLUOUS OFFICERS.

Secretary Garland Will Dispose With the Ordeal of the Excess of Officers.

A dispatch from Washington to the Times says that there will be a surprise shortly from the office of the attorney general.

Mr. Miller, commissioner of internal revenue, has recommended changes in several collection districts and it is expected that the president will nominate a number of collectors of internal revenue to-day or to-morrow.

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MADINE RETRACTS.

HE ACKNOWLEDGES THE UNTRUTH OF HIS STATEMENT.

He Cries and Appears Enraptured While Giving His Evidence in the Blockley Investigation and Says He Told Deputy Coroner Ashbridge Lies.

In Judge Fell's criminal court Thursday, Peter Joseph Schroeder, the attendant at Blockley insane asylum, who was held on the oath of an irresponsible epileptic as the person responsible for the great fire and loss of life at the almshouse, was given a hearing on a writ of habeas corpus.

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TRIAL OF GREAT CONSEQUENCE.

The Trial of Charles J. Madison.

Washington Cor. Ledger. Considerable dissatisfaction is expressed here with the hasty action of the local authorities in their charges against the Pennsylvania militia during their recent visit.

The so-called outrages were committed by a party of the Pennsylvania militia in a spirit of fun, and were not intended to cause any harm.

The investigation has failed to show that a single personal offense was committed upon the citizens of Washington.

Three Men Who Were Tired of Life. Captain Charles J. Madison, prominent citizen of Hamilton, Madison county, N. Y., committed suicide Thursday morning with a shotgun.

General Movement in Berks County to Take Down the Bridge Here. The commissioners appointed by the Berks county court to assess the damages which the Douglassville bridge company would sustain by having the bridge, crossing the Schuylkill river at Douglassville, acquired by the State.

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SKIPPED THE TOWN.

A DAFFER LITTLE TAILOR WHO EQUIPS HIMSELF WITH AN OUTFIT.

W. B. Nelson, a Swede, who has been carrying on the tailoring business in the second story of B. Frank Eshelman's new building, on North Duke street, since January, has disappeared and it is believed that he has skipped from the city.

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WAR SONGS AND TABLEAU.

A Novel Entertainment Projected for the Benefit of Admiral Reynolds Post.

The public entertainment that has been projected by Admiral Reynolds G. A. R. Post, and the arrangements for which are under the direction of Prof. W. H. Hall, promises to be an event that will attract some popular interest as was excited here years ago, when the memories of the war period were fresher in men's minds.

These concerts of "war songs" have been given with much success in the larger cities, but that which is to be held here will be on a scale equal to any given elsewhere.

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ON THE VERGE OF WAR.

WHAT A LONDON PAPER SAYS OF THE SITUATION.

It Declares That the Peace of the World Will be Broken if Russia and England Come to Hosts—Activity of the Russian Government.

London, March 27.—The Standard says: "We appear to be on the verge of what is likely to draw into its vortex the whole civilized world. There is no tendency to hesitating, but a firm national conviction that there must be an end of yielding."

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