"How could be possibly have got the information?"
"How, indeed? We have taken every possible precaution. We hold our sittings, as you know, at the foreign office, in an immense saloon upstairs. The walls and ceilings are prodigiously thick. We sit at a table in the middle of the room, and never raise our voices; there is no occasion for us to do so. Perhaps you suggest the chimney—

something was once done in that way, or supposed to be done, for I never quite believed the story. But with us

Count Schrievaljieff.

ft is impossible, for we keep up a rouring fire. Neither is it through the blotting paper that our secret has been betrayed, for we do not use any: we powder our writing in the good old fashioned style. In fine, it is absolutely impossible for any outsider to get sight or hearing of our proceedings. And what makes the incident all the more painful is that, in the discussion of this particular clause, we decided for the sake of greater security to dis-pense with the attendance of a secre-

Of course I saw the significance of this. It seemed to point to treachery on the part of one of the diplomatists. I harted as much to the prince, but he was staurch in defense of his order. "No doubt," he said, "it looks like it. "No doubt," he said, "it looks like it. No other explanae on seems possible, and yet that explanation is impossible. Diplomatists, as you and I know, are not considered a specially scrupulous class of people. But there is honor amongst threves, and diplomacy itself would become imposible if there were not a certain background of confidence among diplomatists. Here as dence among diplomatists. Here, as in so many other cases, a rig.d, pro-fessional etiquette serves as a succe-daneum for conscience. When we act individually no doubt we are liable to do all sorts of queer things. But when we agree to act collectively and mu-

tually pledge our honor to keep our proceedings secret, we know we can trust each other." I was aware from my own experience that there was a great deal of truth in what the prince said; still my curlosity prempted me to ask him, who had acted as secretary when the real sec-retary was absent.

to act collectively, and mu-

"Oh, there need be no secret about that," said the prince; "it is Shrieval-jieff. How pleased he will be if Le Grand upsets the treaty! My chief difficulty has been with him."



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"How could be possibly have got the did not care much for him. He was a tall, fine man, between fifty and sixty, tall, fine man, between fifty and sixty, exceptionally ugly, but with wonderfully supple, and, if I may so speak, adjustable manners. And to match these he had an extraordinary command of the facial muscles. When in perfect repose, the clean-shaven skin looked very like a sheet of tight-drawn parchment, except that the color was much browner than that of parchment. But, when he wished, he could wrinkle

But, when he wished, he could wrinkle up the entire surface of his face into a series of concentric curves which seemed to represent the ne plus ultra of human suavity and benevolence. But they came so suddenly and disappeared so completely that it was imposible not to harbor a suspicion that they were wholy superficial, and that this many-wrinkled smile stood in no vital relation to the man's inner nature. In fact it reminded me very much of the grimaces of an india-rubber doll when you squeeze its plastic

It was said that the count had developed this talent for facial contortion to such an extent that he could, when he chose, mae one side of his face assume a different expression from that of the other, so as to be able to present a sympathetic aspect to two different interlocutors at the same time. This was, of course, not literally true, but I always fancled that he turned a natural defect to such good account that there was an element of truth in the statement. For whilst his right eye was in all respects normal, the lid of the left eye drooped permanently over the eye-ball. This eye was, more-over, always suffused with an excess of moisture, which gave it a somewhat lachrymose apearance. This, no doubt, he sometimes turned to good account, when paying a visit of condolence. The explanation probably was that the left eye was an artificial one, as the rritation caused by such artificial eyes apt to over-stimulate the lachrymal ands. At any rate, it was generally believed in diplomatic circles that the count was blind of the left eye, though he himself never acnowledged the de-

feet.

Whilst I was conjuring up in my mind this image of Count Shrieval-jieff, the prince had been prodigal of lamentations over the stolen treaty.

"It touches me more than any one," he said, "for it is precisely this thirtenth clause in which my gracious master is most interested, And I had just succeeded in arranging matters as I know he wishes them to be arranged. know he wishes them to be arranged. It has given me a world of trouble, and now Le Grand is going to upset it all. It is monstrous that the press should have such power."
"Is there anything I can do?" I asked.

"If so, pray command me."
"Well. I thought that, as you know Le Grand, you would not mind trying to sound him, so as to find out. If possible, how much he really has discovered. He is such a braggart that he might covered. might commit himself,"
"I will ere what I can do," I said,
"but I do not expect that I shall get
much out of him."

"Thank you so very much," said the prince: "you are always doing some-thing for me."

311. Le Grand was staying at an hotel rear the chief post office, so I bent my steps in that direction. I did not wish to call on him if I could avoid it; it would be far better that any conversa-tion we right have should spring up ensually. I was therefore not a little pleased when, as I was drawing near the post office. I saw my man a little distance in front of me. It was im-possible to mostate his buge figure, and currious shoulding soil. rurious shambling guit. By an instinct he seemed to know

that some one was watching him from the rear, for he suddenly turned round and, catching sight of me, turned back

to meet me.

"Ah." he said, in his grand manner,
"Ah." he said, in his grand manner,
"I supose. It
is the real centre of civilization."

I thought it would be well to accompany him, so I said comething about
having stams.

buying stamps.

We entered the post office together, Le Grand prepared to write a telegram. As he unbuttoned his coat to take out his own special pencil—the gift of some monarch—I noticed the end of a bine official envelope sticking out of an inside breast pocket, and could not help wondering whether it contained the draft of the treaty.

When de had finished writing his telegram, he came up to me flourishing it in his hand. mying stamps.

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"It is in one way lucky," he said, "that we correspondents have absolutely no news to send, for the censorship is very strict. No cypher telegrams are allowed to be sent during the sitting of the congress, and the ordinary telegrams are detained, or suppressed, or mutilated, as it suits the authorities. I have no doubt, too, that the black cabinet is at its old work of opening letters. However, if you have no news to communicate, it makes no difference. They can hardly object to a telegram like this—can they?"

With that he handed me the telegram to read, it was very short and was addressed to the office of his paper in Londen: t in his hand.

"Cannot obtain much information. and prudent, and that was for Le Grand to convey it in person to London. As

its length. Way not have simply tele-graphed: "No news"?

Anogether, I was satisfied that there was some deception about this tele-gram, and I therefore proceeded to treat is as a cryptogram. Now the plan of such every-day cryptograms is not, as a rule, very complicated. Unless, as was the case with me, there is some ground of suspicion to start with, a very simple cryptogram will effectually conocal the meaning of the writer. But, knowing what I did, I had something to work upon; and thus helped, I soon deciphered Le Grand's real meaning. At least I felt morally certain I had done so. I merely took the initials of the words in their order, and found that they made up this pregnant sen-

"Coming with T."
"T" of course stood for treaty. This was not only a piece of informa-tion, but just the piece of information that might have been expected. For, If Le Grand had really secured a copy of the treaty, he would, of course, be most anxlors to transmit it at once to London. But how? It was impossible send it by telegraph. No cypher legrams were allowed to pass and any



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momentous secret to the post, knowing as he did the unscrupulousness of the black cabinet. There remained only one course of action at once feasible



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"Cannot obtain much information. No good waiting in the hope tonight."

I have a trained memory, and when I read this telegram I took care to fix it indefibly in my mind. Then I returned it to Le Grand, and he handed it to the clerk, who accepted it without demur.

I had hoped that I might now get a little private conversation with the great mean, but I was dheappointed, for the moment we got cutside, he made has adleux and, hailing a droschky, was criven back to his hore. There was nothing for me to do but to return to mine; but, meanwhile, I took out my touce-book, and wrote down the telegram werd for word. Two or three things had already struck me with respect to it. The first was that he had eviderally wished me to see it. This by hearif was suspicious, as Le Grand getting and the coller of his overcoat the telegraph at all if he had no news to convey? The third was that, transparent as the telegram secmed, there was still something a little a little suspicious in disguise himself hat there was no conditions. The second was, who had no news to congraph at all if he had no news to convey? The third was that, transparent as the telegram seemed, there was still something a little a little suspicious in its length. Way not have simply televise the little suspicious in the little

(To be continued.)

NEWS OF OUR INDUSTRIES.

lappenings of Interest to the Stape Trades and Particularly to the Trade in Iron, Steel and Anthracite Coal.

Japan exports 1,200,000 tons of con Edward Atkinson thinks about 6,000 miles of railway yearly will be built in this country for some years. During the third week in September

fifty-three railroads increased 3.18 per cera, in gross earnings. During the second week seventy-nine railroads increased 6.37 per cent, in gross earnings.
The Reading received last week the first consignment of the 1,000 hopper coal cars now being built by the Pullman Car company. It is expected that the new equipment will be delivered at the rate of seventy cars a week.

other, however ingeniously constructed, must needs betray itself through the proper names of persons and countries without which the treaty would be mere nonsense. Nor did I think it likely that Le Grand would commit such a After an idleness of three months, on account of the depression in the archracte trade, the Royal Oak colimprovements were made. There are sufficient orders on hand to keep the colliery working full time for four or

The constantly increasing ability of American manufacturers to compete successfully in the markets of the Old World with the biggest and strongest European houses has just been vigor-ously demonstrated by the Baldwin Locomotive works, whose managers are rejoicing in a large contract for engines for Russian railroads. The contract, or rather contracts, just received call for forty locomotives, twenty each for passenger and freight service. They are to be delivered with the least pos-sible delay, and, with the orders already on hand, will keep the big Bald-win establishment busy for the rest of the year.

The August statement of the Jersey Central makes a very favorable exhibit. It shows an increase in gross carnings of \$121,553, a decrease in operating expenses of \$34,775, and an increase in net carnings of \$156,268. Favorable as this thowing is, it becomes even more significant when comparison in a decrease in gross earnings of only 4.545, a decrease in operating expenses of \$17,853, and an increase in net earn-ings of \$13,398. In other words, the Jersey Contral last month not only carned \$156.268 net more than in the corresponding month last year, but \$13.308 more than it did in August, 1893. And this gain, too, was made under most unfavorable conditions in the anthracite coal trade. The exce, then, is that the company made a large gain in general merchandise and passenger traffic, and, at the same lime, kept a close watch on expenditures, for, as shown, operating ex-penses were \$34.715 less than in August. 1894, and \$17,853 less than in the same month of 1893. In the Philadelphia Stockholder's opinion it is such exhibits as these that have led to recent advances in the coal stocks, not rumors of combinations.

RAILROAD NOTES.

The Madison Car company, of Madison, Ill., is at work on 200 box and 300 coal cars for the Union Pacific, Denver and Gulf Railroad company.

The H. C. Frick Coke company has placed an order with the Michigan-Peninsular Car company of Detroit. Mich., for 400 open-top coke cars of standard size.

The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad company recently completed at its shops at Reading, Pa., a sample of a new type of freight car, and it is stated that the receivers have given an order for the construction of fifty additional

cars of this pattern.

The Wells and French company, of Chicago, Ill., is building fifty-one ballast cars for the Baltimore and Ohlo Southwestern Reilway company. Within the last few days representatives of New York capitalists have been in Cleveland consulting with Crosby Thompson, an electric railway promoter, as to the road between Cleveland and Pitisburg. They assured him that they could produce from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000 ready capital. His verdict was that it would require \$10,000,000 to construct an electric railroad well enough equipped to compete with the steam railroads. The New Yorkers returned home to consult their principals. Mr. Thompson refuses to divulge the Within the last few days representa-Mr. Thompson refuses to divulge the names of the capitalests.

Gone to His Reward. He rocked the boat in foel's glee, And tried to make the others scream; H's friends are grapping now to see If they can fish him from the stream.

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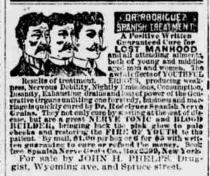
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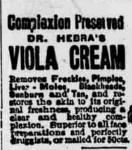




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