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The Jackets that came to us on these conditions last week represent the most impressive bargain values that ever rested on them. They are new in every sense of the word, for

Cloths are the Newest,
Styles the Latest,
Furnishings the Best.

To cut it short, these jackets consist of the noblest mid-winter productions, and the only reason for our getting hold of them on such advantageous terms is because there are but one or two of a kind, in no case over a half a dozen. We guarantee every garment perfect. Some are full lined, some three-quarter lined, and all are warranted not to cost you one cent over half their actual value.

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And the balance of our entire cloak stock is offered at prices that will seem ridiculous to the intelligent buyer, but we make it a rule to carry over no stock from one season to another.

That Explains All.

GLOBE
HOUSE.

IN STORMY SEAS OF FINANCE

Senate Debate Yesterday Drifted Into Coin Channels.

IS STARTED BY MR. MITCHELL

While Considering Additional Duty on Raw Wool, the Senator Wanders to Arguments Upon Coin-Senators Hill and Cockerill Join Debate.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Although the financial question was not before the senate today nor in consideration, in a speech in support of his resolution for an additional duty on raw wool, Mr. Mitchell Oregon, drifted into the stormy waters of finance and argued that the secretary of the treasury should have exercised discretion vested in him and redeemed greenbacks and treasury notes either in gold or in silver coin as given him.

When Mr. Hill, New York, asserted apropos of that argument, that ever since 1879 it has been the custom of the secretary of the treasury to redeem greenbacks in gold, his statement was contradicted by Mr. Cockerill, Missouri, who stated that such redemption began in October, 1891—never before, and added that Mr. Sherman had made an amendment in the senate to redeem, notice and cancel greenbacks with silver dollars. That Secretary Cullum had stated before the house committee on appropriations in January, 1892, "that in the beginning the secretary of the treasury had exercised his discretion in redeeming these notes either in gold or silver, at his convenience, it would have gone well and have been of great benefit. Mr. Cockerill shouted with great vigor, that no secretary of the treasury had ever until October, 1891, yielded the option to the holders of United States notes to require payment in gold, regardless of congressional action. After speech by Mr. Mitchell the resolution as to additional rate of duty on raw wool was referred to the committee on finance.

Resolutions as to the maintenance of the reserve fund of \$100,000,000 in gold coin or bullion, and prohibiting the issue of bonds by contract were offered first by Mr. Sherman and the second by Mr. Elkins, of West Virginia. The senate then adjourned until next Friday, at 2.30.

Bills Introduced.

Mr. McMillin, of Tennessee, re-introduced in the house today a bill to repeal the state bank tax. Mr. Cummings, of New York, proposes to increase the army so that hereafter on a peace footing it shall consist of ten regiments of artillery, ten regiments of infantry and thirty regiments of infantry.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, introduced in the senate today a bill to regulate the course of study in the normal schools. The bill was drawn by the command of the academy and has the approval of Secretary Herbert. It reduces the course to four years by abolishing the two years' course, provides separate courses of instruction for the regular line and the engineer corps, and fixes the age of candidates at examination for admission at between 15 and 17 years.

Venezuelan Commission.

No information whatever can be obtained at the white house as to whether the president has come to any decision in regard to the members of the Venezuelan commission. The names of the personnel. Both are left absolutely at the discretion of the president according to the resolution without even the necessity of communication with the senate on the matter.

WAYLAIN IN A SWAMP

Terrible Struggle of a Girl in the Grasp of Kifians.

Vineyard, N. J., Dec. 31.—Fourteen-year-old Ella Carr was attacked by two ruffians on her way home from Sunday school last evening, and she had a terrible struggle. The girl lives on Garden street near the depot, and on the Sunday school in the little school house on Wheat road. In the winter, when the days are so short it is often nearly dark when she starts for home. Directly in her path lies Blackwater swamp. Yesterday afternoon, after saying goodbye to her little friends, who asked her if she was not afraid to go through the swamp alone, she started on a brisk walk, apparently without a sign of fear. When nearly upon the bridge two men jumped into the middle of the road and seized the frightened girl.

One of them threw his arms around Miss Carr, while the other trampled her up. For several minutes, which seemed ages to her, she hit and fought her assailants, who attempted to drag her into the swamp. The girls' clothing was nearly torn from her body. John White, a farmer, who was approaching, heard the girl's frantic screams and quickened his pace. The men fled into the swamp.

When Partner White reached the bridge the half-clad figure of the girl lay on the ground. Quivering with the best he could he took her home. Charles Carr, her father, got some men together and scoured the swamp, but the ruffians could not be found. The men, however, were seen by a neighbor previous to the assault, to whom they said: "We are going to the swamp to find a girl."

CLAYTON'S SUICIDE.

A Citizen of West Chester Kills Himself on Account of an Arrest.

West Chester, Pa., Dec. 31.—Lewis R. Clayton, aged 27 years, of Thornbury township, this county, blew out his brains this morning, because of a prosecution brought against him by George Sharpless, of Bilwirth town.

The latter while walking in his home late at night, recently was stopped by the occupant of a passing carriage, the bullet imbedding itself in his watch. He had Clayton arrested on the charge of committing a misdemeanor and the accused has become worried over the affair.

ITALIAN GIRLS SOLD.

A Father Disposes of a Fifteen-Year-Old Daughter to the Highest Bidder.

Dunbar, Pa., Dec. 31.—The selling of Italians in this section of the coal region has been revived by the sale of a girl about 15 years of age to an Italian for \$200. The father of the girl had previously been offered \$300.

This suitor, however, was overbid and the father gave the daughter to the man who offered most for the girl. The ceremony was celebrated yesterday.

DUELISTS ARRESTED.

They Had Faced Each Other as Rivals Ready to Kill.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 31.—For attempting after a game of cards last night to fight a duel concerning a girl whom they were both courting, Enrico Spermeola and Giolanna Urth were today held for trial. Armed with revolvers and pistols and accompanied by friends, the rivals last night went to

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DOG CAUSES A PANIC.

Folks Thought He Was Mad and a Wild Chase Followed.

Bristol, Pa., Dec. 31.—A dog created more furor in Tineon township yesterday than the Philadelphia strike or the English war talk. Somebody said the dog was mad and then the chase began. The innocent brute was driven hither and thither. A crowd of men and boys followed to hunt down the supposed savage beast. Every time the dog stopped to rest someone would hit him with a club or stone. A score of yelling dogs joined the chase.

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BIG SCANDAL IN A CHURCH

A Sunday School Teacher Arrested for Blackmailing His Pastor.

THE STORY OF MRS. DAVIDSON

She Claims to Have Been Shocked by the Unlawful Passion of Rev. Dr. Brown for a Miss Overman. The Minister's Version.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Mary Davidson, who was arrested Saturday night on complaint of Rev. Dr. C. O. Brown, pastor of the First Congregational church, on a charge of extortion, has been unable to obtain bail, and is still in prison. Mrs. Davidson taught a class in the Sunday school of the church, which is one of the largest and most fashionable in the city, and her arrest has caused great astonishment in church circles. She adhered to her original statement with regard to Dr. Brown's alleged offenses, and says that such she may be sent to state's prison, she believes her charges against the minister will ultimately be verified. Dr. Brown steadfastly denies the accusations made against him, and declares that he will exert every effort to send Mrs. Davidson to Sacramento.

Mrs. Davidson says she has long been aware of the alleged relations between Dr. Brown and Miss Overman. She says: "Dr. Brown called upon me often and asked me to pray for him. I refused to do so. Mrs. Mason, a member of the church, came to me one day and suggested that we both go down to the church at 10 o'clock every Sunday morning and pray for Dr. Brown and the congregation.

"He called upon me again at my place of business and asked me to go with him to the Young Men's Christian Association building, as he wished to speak to me privately. I thought it strange because I knew no one there, and had never been there before. He accompanied him, however, and he introduced me to the secretary, Mr. McCoy, as one of his Christian women. Then he asked Mr. McCoy for the use of a private room—one that he had often used. Mr. McCoy said he could have the room, and we entered it. Dr. Brown swung the door backwards, but did not completely close it.

"It was there that he told me that his passion for Miss Overman was consuming him; he said he would be willing to give up his family, his profession, and entire career for her. I was greatly shocked, and again I counselled with him and warned him of his danger. Once more I advised him to stick to the text, 'Love thy neighbor,' I advised him as a mother, and told him he should see the danger before it was too late. I called the affection an 'unholy passion.' He corrected me by styling it 'unlawful love.'

"He went away greatly comforted. He said it relieved him to unfold himself to me. Mrs. Davidson's denunciation of my character is utterly inconsistent with her actions for the past year," said Dr. Brown. "She said she knew of my intimate relations with Miss Overman, and if she did, why did she not talk out or sleep with any woman guilty of such a crime?"

"Up to the time she robbed me of the \$500, for I can use no other words to characterize the manner in which she got the money, she says she knew I was not morally fit to occupy the position of pastor of the church. Yet she was one of the people who were talking out my praises to the trustees, deacons and other officials of the First Congregational church.

"It may seem strange that I have given her any money, but when you come to think of it, or figure it out logically, you will readily see there was no other course for me to pursue. If I had not given her the money and secured the signed receipt she would probably have gone about circulating her infamous lies about me. I would have nothing to show for the fact that she had come to me with the same story for the purpose of extortion. Now that I have the receipt I have positive as well as legal evidence to prove my innocence. I carried home this morning. Yesterday they first chopped down the sign, 'Look Out for the Locomotive While the Bell Rings.' Then they built a fire with iron and used it for cooking bolts to see the wheels jump" as the Consolidated railroad passenger train came dashing along. A heavy iron brace was jammed into the switch, her husband's wheels only jammed it in the lighter.