THE SITUATION GROWS CRITICAL

The French Minister of Foreign Affairs Will on Thursday Next Reply to a Pertinent Statement Made in the British House of Commons.

LONDON, March 30 .- The statement which Sir Edward Grey, parliamentary secretary of the foreign wilce, made in the house of commons, saying that an advance of the Trench into the territory of the Upper Nile valley belonging to the Royal Niper company, and, therefore, under British pro-tection, would be an unfriendly act, and that it was well known to France that Great Britain would so regard it, is caus-ing a profound sensation here and on the

Sir Edward's announcement, which was read from notes believed to have been written by the secretary of state for foreign affairs, the Earl of Kimberley, is looked upon as revealing the extremely critical relations now existing between France and Great Britain. The fact that the statement was prepared in writing beforehand emphasizes the seriousness of the situation, and shows that every word embodies the views of the cabinet.

In brief, the statement is that it is besoming daily more difficult to live on good terms with France; that Great Britain has made concession after concession in the past two years in the interests of peace; but that the end has now come, and that it is found necessary to warn France from the ministerial bench. The most important and significant por-

tion of Sir Edward Grey's statement was

the following:
"But something boside our own efforts
"But something boside our own efforts is necessary, and that is the co-operation of the French government and the French

The Royal Niger company, chartered by the British government, has an empire in Africa. It claims half a million square iniles, stretching from the Guinea coast far back into the Dark Continent. The company not only carries on extensive trade, but it provides all the machinery of an elaborate government, including a strong military force. Besides, it has the privilege of calling on the British navy for

help.
Great Britain, Germany and France agreed many years ago to divide up among them a large part of Guinea. Britain took the so-called Gold Coast, Germany the Cameroons and France the Slave Coast. Naturally the boundaries have never been exactly defined, and there has been a deal of friction, especially between France and England. There have been sundry conventions in regard to border lines, result ing in the agreements of 1885, 1886, 1890 and 1883; but still the disputes go on increasing in bitterness. creasing in bitterness.

The foreign departments of Britain and France have had numerous knotty prob-lems before them in the last few months, and more than once an outbreak of hostilities has been feared. No subject has more real danger in it at present for those two countries than the subject of African pos-

PARIS, March 30 .- On Thursday next M. Hanotaux, minister of foreign affairs, will reply to an interpolation in the chamber of deputies on the statement made in the British house of commons by Sir Ed-ward Grey concerning the relations be-tween France and Great Britain.

Iowa Miners Will Strike.

OTTUMWA, In., March 30 .- At a conference of miners and operators held in this city it was practically decided to call out 6,000 miners now working in the mines of forty-two operators who refuse to pay the 1894 scale of prices, eighty cents and \$1, for mining coal. The operators who took part in the conference, twenty-three in number, will pay this scale. The men who will strike are mostly in Appanoose and



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An Event of Striking Importance Which Happened Under the Shadow of Mt. Washington. The More You Investigate It, the Stranger the Facts Become.



Charged with Sallie Dean's Murder,

DENTON, Md., March 30 .- Jeremiah Bishop, a young mulatto, has been lodged

n jail here in connection with the bruta surder of Sallie Dean, the 14-year-old

school girl, at Harmony. Captain Free-burger, chief of detectives in Baltimore.

has assigned one of his men to the case, on request of the Caroline county author-

veillance. The inquest will begin today

Strevil Threatened by Lynchers

FORT SCOTT, Kan., March 30.—Sheriff Allen has received word that threats of

lynching Noah Strevil are being made in

art Strevil, was murdered, and extra

guards have been placed about the jail to

continued indefinitely. The prisoner will not say what he thinks of his wife's

confession, but asserts that he can prove

Secured \$5,000 for Blighted Affections.

CHICAGO, March 30 .- Sine Nielsen,

Danish girl, secured a \$5,000 verdict yester

day in her \$25,000 broach of promise suit against H. D. Alysworth, a railroad man.

Miss Nielsen is a pretty young Dane, who has been in this country but a few years

and before coming here was a maid in the household of Prince Christian, heir ap-

Four Maryland Murderers

ELLICOTT CITY, Md., March 50.—Column ous Nichols, Jr., the colored man whose

body was found floating in Trappe river

Talbot county, was murdered by George Wright and Thomas Johns, also colored

in Wright's house. The accused men are

Ex-Mayor Grant's Engagement Confirmed.

ALBANY, March 30.—Confirmation of the engagement of Miss Julia Murphy, eldest daughter of Senator Murphy to

ex Mayor Hugh J. Grant, of New York, comes in a letter from Washington to a

friend of the Murphy family. The wedding

will take place the last week in April at Washington. The honsymoon will be to

Mr. Thurston's Homeward Journey.

CHICAGO, March 80 - Minister Thurs

ion, former minister of the Hawatian

blands at Washington, left here last night on his way to Honolulu. Mr Thurston declined positively to make any statement

regarding the recent unpleasantness in Washington. He has no idea, he said

who will be appointed his successor.

General Washington Coates and Charles Dorsey were put on trial here for murdering Isaac Scroggina.

parent to the throne of Denmark.

the neighborhood where his father, Stow

A young white man is under sur-

The writer was in search of news.
The White Mountain Region is not prolific of news at this season of the year, but the little town of Bethiehem, K. H., afforded an emphatic proof of the old saying that "fact is stranger than fiction."
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CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES.

Pending the Negotiations for Peace in the Orient the Belligerents Will Rest or Their Arms, Though the Japanese Troops Will Remain in Chins.

Torio, March 86.—The emperor of Japan has declared an unconditional armistics On the opening of the negotiations rester-day the Chinese plenipotentiary proposed the armistice, which the Japanese govern-ment was willing to accept on certain con-ditions. Whilst the negotiation was going on the untoward happened on the por



son of the Chinese plenipotentiary. His majesty, the emperor, in view of this un-happy occurrence, commanded the Japanese plenipotentiaries to consent to tem porary armistice without conditions. Thi was communicated to the Chinese pleni

THE NEWS CONFIRMED.

The Japanese Minister at Washington Informed of the Armistice.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The news that an unconditional armistice had been declared by the emperor of Japan was confirmed at the Japanese legation, where it was stated that a cablegram to this effect had been received from the home govern ment. In discussing the matter Ministe Kurino, of the Japanese legation, said the armistice will be effective until the peace negotiations are concluded. After a meet ing of the peace ambassadors had been de cided on China requested the declaration of an armistice, but this request had not been acted upon favorably by Japan. His government, Minister Kurino said, had not been inclined to stop warlike opera tions except on certain conditions. These conditions are not known, but it is sug gested that probably the occupation of Taku might have been one, Japan wishing something as a guarantee of the will-ingness and earnestness of the Chinese for an amicable settlement of the war. China evidently could not arrive at a conclusion to agree to the stipulations demanded by Japan, and the attempt on the life of the Chinese peace ambassador solved the prob-lem for the time being. There will be no withdrawal of the Japanese troops from Chinese territory, however.

The declaration of an armistice was

most welcome news to the Chinese lega-tion, although it was accepted with the stolidity and passive dignity which is characteristic of the race. The numerous suite of the legation, comprising many secretaries, attaches and translators, wer evidently glad that the tedious and dis couraging struggle was at an end.

There was some doubt as to the meaning

of the term "unconditional" armistice, al-though this was accepted as meaning that recent events, including probably the shooting of Prince Li, had induced the envoys to agree to an armistice before agree ing exactly on the terms of peace. felt that the arrangement of these term will still be a difficult task. The feeling in the interior of China, where the direct effects of the war have not been felt, is very strong against a cossion of territory. Moreover, the payment of a cash indem nity will necessitate the imposition of very heavy taxes on the people, and consequent depression. These considerations, together with the direct losses and ravages of make the commercial revival of China so problematic that the officials would not discuss it beyond mentioning the difficul ties in the way of a restoration of com merce and internal prosperity.

The power of the Japanese government

to execute the armistice will not be put to critical test. The military power of Japan, in the judgment of intelligent observers has almost outstripped the civil power during the war. This has caused concern, as it has been feared that the military element, backed by the war spirit among the people, would not submit to ar armistice even if the civil authorities or

To meet this emergency a change of army commanders was recently in There had been three army corps, operating in different campaigns, and each under general of supreme authority over his pas ticular campaign. About three weeks ago in anticipation of the armistice, Prince Komatsee was created commander in-chie over all the armies. The purpose of this stop was to concentrate authority in one man, in close touch with the imperial house hold, who could thus execute an armistic by a simultaneous consation of hostilities by the three armies.
It now remains to be seen whether Prince

Komatsee can execute the important com-mission given to him. The splendid discipline shown by the armies during the war gives assurance that there will be im-mediate acquirecence by the military, and yet Prince Komatsee has to contend him-self against a war spirit inflamed by many victories. It has been said that an armis tice would be so unpopular among the people and soldiers that it would assure the political retirement of Japan's two chief statesmen-Count Ito and Mr. Matsin-who have served as peace envoys.

A Thieving Student Caught.

Boston, March 30.-Henry Hopper, 18 years old, of this city, was caught taking a letter containing \$1 from a locker at the Harvard Medical school, on Boylston street, where Hopper is a student. He was arrested and confessed to many similar thefts during the last few mouths.

No Cigarettes in Lawrence, Kan. Lawnezer, Kan., March 30.—The anti-eigerette ordinance went into effect yes terday, and no cigarettes car be purchased in the city. The ordinance imposes a fine of from \$5 to \$25 for each violation.

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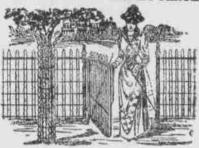
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