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NEWS FROM ABROAD.

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Picture:- Le Dernier Cri, - - or in plain English, the most slap

up-to-date French fashions. A dressy coat of military flavour, in black wool,

trimmed with astrakan, and large gilt buttons.

Here is a nice piece of evening coat, trimmed with the fur of a poor misguided silver fox. Wearers should not weigh more than sixteen stone.

And for evening wear, a little

jacket affair, called in France a 'smoking'. The material, if I am

not mis-informed by the rather nice mannequin, is of corded pique silk, and then, of course, there's this. Black velour dress, with flap sleeves, sort of cross between the Chinese kimona sleeve, and the Scottish plaid shawl.

When you are getting rather chilled, or your companion isn't as promising as you thought he would be, the sleeves will form a fur cape for the shoulders, to intimate that he relieve you of

his presence, or start to create a past, and be fashionable himself.

(B).

CHICAGO. This extraordinary mess was caused by the terrific explosion of a paint factory. The 7-storey building, and its extensive plant is completely destroyed.

The bodies of twelve dead have been recovered, and there are at least fifty injured.