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part of certain influontial pee publicans to defent Mr Roose velt in the national republican convention. Tha opposition is based on his alleged erraticism and the ground that he in not a "sifte man". It is an ill wind which blowe the same men who are opposing Mr. Roosevplt are contemplating the support of the support of the demoeratie
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the right in order to appana in the glare of the lime light " This is only a sample of the argumentsadvanced against
Mr. Roosevelt's candidacy by that element of New York business men known as "ron
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The weak and half hearted manner in which the Poft master Genera hasesigatious
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and confidential and confidential papers of the division, all the docu ments it contaned and re fuse't to surrender them to the Postmaster General when a demand was made. The sis ter of Mrs. Tyner who arrom panied her on the expedition,
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an well as to the Europanuma tions, and the situation is re garded as serious although try would go to war with Rus ala, even if the latter violan ted her treaty obligations.
It is more than possible, how ever, that the United States
will join with the Europan powers in the emphatic protest, but that remainsfor the Prokident to decide. Secreta the case to Mr. Roosevelt at St. Louis
A party of forty six Gurman agriculturalists will ar-
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