

## THE SAMOA TROUBLE.

A Bitter Article in Bismarck's Organ Causes Excitement.

The Cologne Gazette Says There Is No Occasion for Alarm—The Views Expressed by Washington and London Officials.

THREATENINGS OF WAR.

BERLIN, Jan. 25.—The North German Gazette, Prince Bismarck's organ, denies the existence of any treaty precluding any European power from acquiring or seeking to acquire ascendancy in Samoa. The Gazette also denies that England and the United States are agreed that the proceedings of the German agent in Samoa are contrary to the stipulations of the treaties concerning Samoa and are opposed to diplomatic etiquette, and that those powers have officially notified the German Government accordingly. The treaties between Samoa, Germany, England and the United States, the Gazette further says, provide that Samoa shall concede to each treaty power equal rights with any other power, but no treaty regarding the neutrality or independence of Samoa exists between Germany and the United States.

BERLIN, Jan. 26.—The North German Gazette, which the English Cabinet disclaims co-operation with the Washington Government regarding Samoa.

The Cologne Gazette declares that there is no occasion to fear that the excellent relations between Germany and America are in danger of undergoing any radical change. It says:

"Comparatively little importance is to be attached to the last acts of an American Government to quit office. Under the Presidency of Mr. Harrison a complete clearance of Mr. Cleveland's official staff becomes unavoidable. Mr. Cleveland's most recent steps, therefore, have lost their importance, and he has been compelled to resign. Mr. Harrison, from the interest he has received here, it is evident that the American Government treats the Samoan question in a spirit hostile to Germany and on a basis of incorrect suppositions. It is incorrect to speak of a violation by Germany of actual agreements between the treaty powers, as no treaty was ever concluded between Germany, Great Britain and America in regard to Samoa, while on the other hand such a treaty does exist between Germany and England. The excitement in America is therefore incomprehensible. Mr. Harrison has declared that he does not know whether Klein is an American subject, but nevertheless he is responsible for Klein's misdeeds."

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The article in the North German Gazette relative to the treaties regarding Samoa has caused somewhat of a commotion in official circles here. By some persons it is regarded as a deliberate defiance to the Washington Government.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—Commenting on the Samoan affair the Daily News says: "It is extremely important that England should not cordially with America. It is therefore the more to be regretted that we have no Minister at Washington. If Lord Salisbury would be a little less humble to Germany and a little more civil to America it would be far better for all the parties concerned."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—When Secretary Bayard was shown the Berlin dispatch giving the North German Gazette's views on the Samoan question he said he did not know what authority the Gazette had for its statements, consequently he could not assume them to be official, and they might, after all, prove to be mere newspaper gossip. In regard to the statement that Germany would violate no treaty in acquiring an ascendancy in Samoa Mr. Bayard called attention to the declaration concerning the boundaries of the German and English dominions in the West Pacific Ocean, signed at Berlin, April 18, 1888, and he thought this agreement precluded German acquisitions in Samoa and that Germany was bound to respect the rights of that island.

Senator Sherman said he supposed Bismarck had a perfect right to express his opinion upon any subject, but did not suppose such an expression of opinion would deter the American people from carrying out any policy they might adopt.

PANIS, Jan. 27.—Le Temps publishes a dispatch from Zanzibar stating that an American sailing vessel from Zanzibar for Madagascar ports has been fired into and damaged by a German war-ship.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—John C. Klein, the Samoan correspondent of the New York World, who has been charged with being the leader in the trouble with the Germans in that country, has a six-column letter in Sunday's paper describing the trouble. Klein begins his letter by stating that the situation is alarming, owing to the tyrannical action of Dr. Knappe, the German Consul. He then tells of the killing of German soldiers, and the destruction of American homes. Klein declares that the German officers were drunk on shore, and committed many outrages. They announced that they were particularly anxious to meet American Englishmen. The sailors from the German ships proceeded to get drunk. They made remarks about Americans, who, upon George and Morris Scanlan, two Americans, resented the reflections. They were attacked and severely stabbed in the back. Then the sailors ran amuck through Matafale, assaulting men, women and children. One woman had her ribs and both arms broken. The story then goes on to repeat the story recently told by the press dispatches about the fighting and alleged outrages. Klein repeatedly declares that he acted simply as a newspaper correspondent, and did not advise anyone. He describes in detail the battles between the natives and the protests of United States Consul Blacklock against the Germans attacking the Samoans.

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—The North German Gazette says: "Advices from San Francisco show that the Chamber of Commerce there is the most active element in the opposition to Germany's policy in Samoa. The anti-German feeling is heightened by the action of Mr. Sewell, the American Consul in Samoa. There is no conflict between Germany and America. It is only with Sewell and the American officials in Samoa, who are anxious to cause complications."

### A Whole Block Burned.

MONROE, Minn., Jan. 27.—Fire Friday evening destroyed a block of buildings. The First National Bank block, being of brick, checked the fire and protected the town from destruction. The loss was \$12,000; partially insured.

### Many Idle Miners.

SHEPHERD, Pa., Jan. 27.—The Park Place, Centralia, and all the Lehigh and individual collieries around here have shut down, owing to their markets being overstocked with coal. About 4,000 men are idle.

### Bid Damages Awarded.

BOSTON, Jan. 25.—James Harkins has obtained a verdict for \$35,000 against the Boston & Providence Railroad Company for injuries to his head and side in the Reslindale disaster.

## SCALPING THE SCALPERS.

The Inter-State Commission Deals the Ticket Brokers a Severe Blow.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The Inter-State Commerce Commission has promulgated an opinion on the subject of passenger tariffs and rate wars prepared by Chairman Coolidge. The paper narrates the facts attending the wars in passenger rates in St. Louis in October and at Chicago in December. The Chicago rate war extended over the lines running to St. Paul, Minneapolis, Kansas City and St. Louis. Its characteristic feature was the fact that tickets were placed in the hands of brokers or scalpers to be sold at rates below the tariff rates, and that the roads excused themselves for their dealings with brokers by claiming the right to pay commissions at will. The Commission recommends that the Inter-State Commerce act be so amended as:

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### TRAGEDY IN MICHIGAN.

A Lady Near Lansing Assassinated by a Would-Be Robber.

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 29.—August Tonto, a neighbor of Christian Stochal, who resides with his family, consisting of his wife, son, and a granddaughter named Miss Foltz, seven miles from this city, approached the Stochal residence on Saturday night and fired four shots from a repeating shotgun at the occupants through a window, instantly killing Mrs. Stochal and dangerously wounding Miss Foltz and Mr. Stochal. Young Stochal was absent at the time. It is supposed that robbery was the object of the murderer, but failing to kill the whole family Tonto fled without attempting robbery. He purchased a railway ticket at Hoyt, a small station near where the murder was committed, and has not been seen since. Stochal's son is arrested on the supposition that he knew something of the plans of the murderer.

### A. R. CAZARUAN DEAD.

The Well-Known Playwright Passes Away at New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Playwright A. R. Cazaruan died at noon on Sunday after a sickness of two years from dropsy. For the last six months he has been confined to his bed.

Mr. Cazaruan was born in Bordeaux, France, October, 1821. He came to America in 1846, going to Louisville, Ky. He served on the "Courier-Journal" as reporter and dramatic critic. He was Supreme Court reporter in Washington before the war, when he became a correspondent. He afterward came to this city. With Brouson Howard he wrote the "Banker's Daughter." He is the author of "The Fatal Letter," and composed and adapted "A Celebrated Case," "Mother and Son," "French Flats," etc. Mrs. Cazaruan's sister, Mrs. Hunter, of Cleveland, was with her when the playwright passed away.

### IT IS A BIG FAILURE.

The Liabilities of J. J. Burns & Co., of Battle Creek, Mich., Approximate \$1,000,000.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Jan. 27.—It is now said that the J. J. Burns Construction Company, of this city, which made an assignment recently, owes about \$1,000,000, and that John Fitzgerald, president of the Irish-American Land League, is a creditor to the extent of \$450,000. The assignment, as alleged, was made after the company had come into possession of \$2,250,000 in railway bonds.

### A Swindling Doctor Caught.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 25.—Dr. H. A. Eberle, of this city, was arrested in Fredonia, Kan., Wednesday, on a charge of swindling. His method was to request notes from his patients, which were not to be paid until a cure had been effected. He would then negotiate the notes. It is thought that he has realized about \$45,000 by his operations.

### Moore Took a Million.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 29.—It is now said that the defalcation of James A. Moore, the insurance agent, will reach \$1,000,000. It is thought he will escape arrest owing to the ties of friendship between him and his employer, Mr. Greene, president of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company.

### Jealousy Causes an Awful Tragedy.

QUINCY, Ill., Jan. 25.—Lafayette Frederick, a traveling representative of a patent medicine house of St. Louis, shot and killed his wife at noon Wednesday and immediately afterward fired two shots into his own brain and died. The alleged cause of the shooting was jealousy.

### All Thought to Have Perished.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 26.—The Norwegian bark Alf, Captain Bach, which sailed from Demerara October 27 for this port with a cargo of sugar, has been given up as lost. She has undoubtedly gone down at sea, and all the crew consisting of thirteen men have perished.

### The Inaugural Parade.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 25.—Governor Beaver, chief marshal of the coming inaugural parade, has information that more than 55,000 men will participate in the grand parade. There will be 20,000 composing marching clubs, 20,000 civilians and more than 13,000 troops.

### Carried a Joke Too Far.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 29.—William Steinke and Joseph Hodges, employees in a rolling mill in this city, played "hanging" yesterday with Joseph Pope, aged 47 years, as the victim. They strung him up about six feet when the knot slipped and he was choked to death.

### A Lady's Fatal Fall.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 26.—Mrs. Elinor Richter, manageress of the Lennox, an apartment house, fell down the elevator shaft in the building and was instantly killed. She was rather stout and her body was horribly mutilated.

### Died at the Age of 104.

WOLVERINE, N. H., Jan. 29.—Mrs. Nancy Edgar died here Saturday at the age of 104 years, 5 months and 25 days. She retained all her faculties and strength to the last.

### Pullman's Latest Scheme.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—The Times says the deal by which the Pullman Company obtains control of all the palace car companies in this country, except the Wagner Company, was consummated yesterday.

### Ohio's New Bishop.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 26.—In St. Paul's P. E. Church Friday Rev. J. Boyd Vincent was consecrated as Bishop of the diocese of Southern Ohio, with solemn services.

## SENATE AND HOUSE.

Daily Record of Proceedings in the Fiftieth Congress.

Several Petitions Presented in the Senate and Important Bills Passed—A Measure in the House to Restrict Immigration—Other Notes.

SENATE.

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