

LIKE A THUNDERCLAP

Anglo-German Alliance Startles Europe and America

IT MEANS A GREAT DEAL

Explanation is Rife as to the Extent of the Compact, but It Is Accepted as a Readjustment of the Balance of Power in Europe—Germany Supports British Policy at the Expense of English Trade in the Orient.

London, Oct. 20.—Special Cable Copy.—Today's announcement of an Anglo-German agreement in regard to the most important diplomatic event of almost a generation. It implies for more than its application to the Eastern problem. It means nothing less than the readjustment of the balance of power in Europe and the world. It is almost exactly a year ago that the settlement of territorial disputes between Great Britain and Germany in West Africa, Samoa and other parts of the world, with the announcement of German neutrality in the Spanish war, gave a world-wide significance to what price Emperor William was receiving for virtually unopposed entry into European international politics on behalf of the Boers. It did not need Mr. Chamberlain's speech in which he bluntly referred to Germany as the ally of Great Britain, to create the impression that the agreement was not so much a treaty as a grievous discomfiture of the formation of the triple alliance had finally been gratified. The announcement of Mr. Chamberlain's speech as applied to America carried with it the impression that the agreement was the result of the combined efforts of the public opinion in neither country at that moment would have tolerated such an alliance. The Germans were as eager as the French on account of the loss of their colonies in the South African war, and the Englishmen, not desiring that terrible defeat should be repeated in a few weeks, would have welcomed with scorn any combination with the Triple Alliance.

Association was world-wide nevertheless as to what price the Kaiser was paying for his benevolent neutrality which alone is it possible for Great Britain to pursue her policy of submission to the German alliance in Africa. It is doubtful if the diplomats in St. Petersburg and Paris were ever deceived in regard to the true nature of the compact between the two countries. That an Anglo-German alliance existed has been doubted in the highest diplomatic circles for the past year, and the constant problem has been to learn how far-reaching were its provisions. It has been hoped, perhaps believed, by many observers that the agreement was limited in its scope, at least not exceeding a defensive alliance with the narrowest provisions. Today's announcement is a veritable bombshell to France and Russia. It has been believed in Paris and St. Petersburg that Germany secretly desired to use a special grievance, based on the murder of Baron Von Ketteler, to exact territorial indemnity from China, and both Russia and France were not slow to see this ambition gratified. It is because it would offend Great Britain, today's note not only dispels this illusion, but proclaims an Anglo-German alliance in far eastern affairs.

Most discouraging reports are brought from the Far East by the physical wrecks who have come home in the Sherman. It is stated that the hospitals at Manila are overcrowded with the victims of bullets and disease. Fully 2,000 soldiers now lie on the cots in the hospitals and many of these will die before they can be placed on board transports to be brought home.

Added to this is the fact that the transport Meade is now on its way to San Francisco with 300 soldiers. All of these are shattered in mind and body, many of them being violently insane from the effects of hardship and the climate. Most of them will never recover their reason.

The transport Logan left Manila last Tuesday. It carries 273 soldiers, all of whom are sick and many of whom are bordering on insanity.

It is thus with every transport that leaves Manila. Hardly enough ships can be secured to carry on the victims of the campaign against the Filipinos. Worn by severe trials in the fields, soldiers become demoralized day after day, and reports say, are obliged to be confined and watched for fear they will do harm to themselves and their comrades.

WILKES COUNTY CASE

Argument of Counsel Heard Twelve Thousand at Elmira Hear Bryan Speak

THE POINTS INVOLVED

Three Propositions of Law to Be Decided on the Pleadings and Exhibits. The Case for the County Argued by Judge Avery Ably and Elaborately—Captain Price Will Speak for the Bondholders Tomorrow

Washington, Oct. 20.—Special.—Before the Supreme Court of the United States the Wilkes County bond case is now pending. Arguments will be concluded Monday.

The case comes before the highest judicial tribunal of this country from the Court of Appeals for the Fourth District for the Supreme Court to pass upon these questions or propositions of law, viz: "First, Whether, upon the averments of the bill of complaint, answers, replications, orders, exhibits and other evidence, and matters and things recited therein, the Circuit Court of the United States was bound, in passing upon this case, by the decisions of the Supreme Court of North Carolina in the following cases: Commissioners of Wilkes County vs. Clarence Call et al., Bank vs. Commissioners, Commissioners vs. Snuggs, Rodman vs. Washington, Commissioners vs. Payne, considered in connection with prior decisions of said court, and the following provisions of the Constitution of said State: Article 2, sec. 1, 4, 5 and 6, and Article 7, sec. 7."

FLOATING GRAVE YARD

Ghastly Cargo Brought in by the Transport Sherman.

FIFTY-ONE DEAD BODIES

Twelve Passengers Are Injured and More Than Four Hundred Sick—Other Transports Coming with More of the Same Kind—Hospitals at Manila Crowded with Sick, Many of Whom Will Never See Home Again.

San Francisco, Oct. 20.—The transport Sherman, which has arrived here from the Philippines, is practically a funeral ship. On board the vessel are 51 dead, 12 insane, 467 sick and 58 convalescent soldiers and civilians. The transport has been sent to quarantine.

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FAMINE FIGURES

Lord Curzon Makes a Statement in Regard to India's Desolation

Simla, Oct. 20.—The Viceroy, Lord Curzon of Kedleston, in a speech before the council today, said the famine had affected a quarter of the population of India, and that even now 2,000,000 persons were receiving relief. He expressed the hope, however, that in a month these would return to their homes.

HE TALKS ABOUT TRUSTS

Roosevelt Criticized for Going About the Country Speaking of the Ice Trust When He Ought to Be at Home

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Breaking It Up by Legal Process—He Makes a Clever Dig at Mark Hanna

Elmira, N. Y., Oct. 20.—Mr. Bryan's train dropped down last night from Rochester to Elmira, the home of John K. Stanchfield, Democratic candidate for governor, and also the home of two former Democratic governors of New York, Lucius Robinson and David B. Hill.

The Bryan train rested on a siding at Elmira a considerable distance from the town. This location was selected in order that the party should not have their sleep broken, but daylight had scarcely dawned when sleep was made impossible by the wild shouts of a big crowd of Elmiraans.

After an early breakfast Mr. Bryan was conveyed to Wisner Square and was introduced by Mr. Stanchfield to an enormous throng as "the next President of the United States."

The population of Elmira is only 35,000, but there were fully 12,000 people in the park. The rest of the population of the town seemed to be in the streets. Mr. Bryan devoted his speech here mainly to the trusts. He declared that McKinley and Roosevelt were lesser lights in the Republican party, and that Mark Hanna really was the head and front of the Republican organization.

MORRIS PARK RACES

Winners in Yesterday's Events and Starters for Tomorrow

New York, Oct. 20.—Results at Morris Park. First Race—2 1/2 miles—Somers 7 to 1, Cook Robin 2 to 1, Tamor 5 to 1. Time 4:30 1/2. Second Race—3/4 mile—Ann Thompson 8 to 1, Queen Carnival 30 to 1, Gladie Rita 10 to 2. Time 1:28 1/2.

ROOSEVELT IN WASHINGTON

He Avoids Company and Goes to See the President

Washington, October 20.—Theodore Roosevelt, governor of New York and Republican candidate for Vice-President, arrived in the city early this morning after a speaking tour through West

NO LAND GRABBING

Territorial Integrity of China to Be Preserved

TWO POWERFUL BACKERS

Great Britain and Germany Announce This Policy and Also Declare for Unrestricted Commerce at Chinese Ports for the People of All Countries Without Distinction—Situation Greatly Simplified

London, Oct. 20.—The foreign office makes the announcement today that after an exchange of notes between Lord Salisbury and Count Hatfield, German ambassador to Great Britain, an agreement was reached, October 16, for the maintenance of the rights and interests of these two powers in China under existing treaties. A mutual policy on certain lines was also agreed upon.

YOUTSEY IN FOR LIFE

Jurors Not Long in Reaching Their Verdict

JUST AS WAS EXPECTED

The Action of the Jury Had Been Discussed by the Public—The Sentence Pronounced Without a Dramatic Incident—The Wife of the Prisoner Was Not Present at the Fatal Moment

Georgetown, Ky., Oct. 20.—Henry Youtsey, charged with complicity in the murder of William Goebel, has been found guilty and been sentenced to life imprisonment. The verdict of life sentence in the Youtsey case, rendered without a single dramatic incident, marked the close of this remarkable trial.

SCOTT AND PETTY GIVE BAIL

They Are Held in the Sum of Five Hundred Dollars

Sanford, N. C., Oct. 20.—Special.—James P. Scott and Edward H. Petty were tried this afternoon before Judge M. Stevens, Esq., for the killing of Kenneth McIver on the 16th inst. After hearing the evidence Scott was bound over to court in the sum of five hundred dollars and Petty in the sum of three hundred. Scott was taken to jail by Sheriff McIver and Sheriff Jones. Petty's condition was such that he could not go. Bond was given immediately by both men.

SMALLPOX IN PAMLIKO

Thirteen Cases Discovered in a Small Settlement of Negroes

FOOTBALL AT OXFORD

Durham, N. C., Oct. 20.—Special.—The Sophomore class team of the University defeated Horner School at Oxford today by a score of twelve to nothing. The features for Horner were the playing of Armstrong, Emerson, Outlaw and Pritchard. For Carolina the line bucking and general playing of Ramsey, Nichols and Holt.

KRUGER OFF FOR EUROPE

Lorenzo, Maroon, Oct. 20.—The Dutch warship Gelderland on which ex-President Kruger is a passenger, sailed from here at noon today.

ENGLAND AND GERMANY WILL FORCE THE MUSCOVITE FROM MANCHURIA

Washington, Oct. 20.—A sensation was caused at the State Department today by the announcement from London of the alliance between Great Britain and Germany on a Chinese policy. While the coalition is claimed by State Department officials to be in line with the desires of this government, as the professed object is to retain the territorial integrity of the empire, nevertheless it was not believed that an Anglo-German alliance could ever come to pass, and government officials are astounded.

DEPARTMENT NOTES

Many Changes Made in North Carolina Fourth Class Postmasters

Washington, Oct. 20.—Chas. H. Perry, a letter carrier in the Raleigh postoffice, has been promoted from \$900 to \$850 per annum.

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