

THE CRISIS IN SAMOA.

Fascinating Drama of the Three Contending Nations in the Faraway Pacific Island.

WE OPPOSE GERMAN AGGRESSIONS.

The belief in Washington that Germany will repudiate any unlawful acts of her Consul at Apia, Samoa, and will also disavow responsibility for the extraordinary attempt of Dr. Ruffel, the President of the Municipal Council, to run the Supreme Court, probably accounts for the calmness with which the Administration regards the matter.

Now the second great crisis has come. The poor, vacillating king, set upon the throne by the Berlin treaty of 1891 is dead.



TWO NATIVE BEAUTIES OF THE ROYAL SAMOAN HOUSEHOLD.

been the first of their kind we might be at some loss to account for them; but we must go back more than a dozen years for the beginning of the effort of the German traders to control the islands and to turn them, if possible, into a German possession.

As long ago as 1895 Consul Stuebel and Herr Weber, the head of the leading German firm, tried to bring King Malietoa under their control, and, finding this impossible, encouraged Tamasese, the Vice-King, to plot against the Government.

Meanwhile the vigorous protests of Consul-General Sewall, our able representative in Samoa, backed up by those of the English Consul, were followed by the measures of Secretary Bayard against German aggression, and the result was a conference at Berlin, ending in the tripartite treaty under which the islands are now governed.

The war with Spain and the pressing occupations connected with the expansion of our territory have caused Samoan affairs to slip temporarily into the background.

More fascinating than romance is the naive story of the brown skinned folk of Samoa these twenty years past. It is tragedy, it is farce, it is opera bouffe, it is child's play.

Nearly every year in the past twenty there has been a crisis there, a clash of kings or a triangle of consuls.

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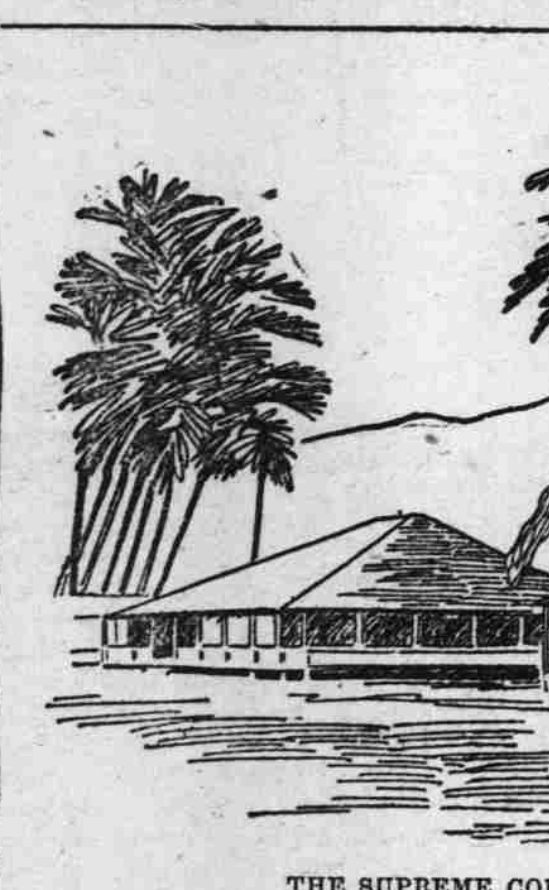
Times changed. Political lines shifted in the islands. Malietoa, the chief of the island, under the provision of the Berlin treaty, not long ago a German had held that office.



MATAAFA IN NATIVE COSTUME, WITH HIS SISTER AND RELATIVES.

possibly was war averted that day. For one reason known only to himself the German did not fire.

Practically the whole business of Samoa is based to-day upon the coconut, and the export of coconuts, the dried meat of the coconut, represents nearly all the exports of the islands.



THE SUPREME COURT HOUSE AT APIA.

Berlin treaty, to keep him out of the seat of authority. It is as though the hand with which they had struck Mataafa had rebounded and smitten them.

How the Young Wife's Trunk Looked When It Reached the Station.



CHIEF MAUA'A, ONE OF THE SUPPORTERS OF MATAAFA.

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The American chief justice, constraining the Berlin treaty, read Mataafa outside of the ranks of those who may be King of Samoa.

During the trip to Jersey City the bridegroom tried to reach the trunk in order to denude it of its decorations, but the baggage master, who winked at the conductor, wouldn't help him find it.

By no more than a hair's breadth trade with the islands, for in this respect they fall far below the United States, Great Britain and Australasia.

The charter of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company is dated March 17, 1638, and its founder was Robert Keyne, a part member of the Honorable Artillery Company of London.

islands. Of the 135,000 acres, about one-sixth of the area of the group owned by foreigners, at least 85,000 acres, including the best land in the islands, is owned by the Germans.

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In 1888 the Cayton coffee disease first appeared on the plantations of Samoa, and in a short time put an end to coffee production in that group.

Neither of my ladies is an actual dairy maid. There are two of them, you see. They live at Belle Meade, in Middle Tennessee, which is the biggest and most beautiful and the most famous stock farm in the world.

The new capes and cloaks which are worn with cloth costumes are very graceful, and the novelty of the style has worn off, seem very attractive.

There is a new pompadour comb which is not recognized as such at first sight. It has only a few teeth, and the tops of these teeth are decorated with an ornamental piece, which stands up perpendicularly from the teeth themselves, while the other edges are decorated with delicate gold traceries or set with jewels.

Black crepons in pronounced blisters effects are especially favored for separate skirts.

For evening toilets are sold yards of ruching made of crumpled chiffon, mousseline de soie, or net, bordered with chenille dots, baby ribbon in satin or velvet, or lines of colored silk lock-stitching.

By the courtesy of Captain Starnes, the Nugget representative was shown through the clean, airy and warm jail. The cleanly appearance of the prisoners, even to the five condemned, is most commendable.

As for the new models are so close as to suggest the style of ten or twelve years ago. But they have a certain fullness at the top, which is interlined with canvas of light weight to a depth of three inches.

Progress in the Yukon Region.

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WOMAN'S WORLD.

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THE SILEK PETTICOAT FREEDOMINATES. For a while it seemed as if the prestige of the white petticoat was established, and women do still wear them a great deal indoors, but the silken beauties are more predominant than ever before.

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POPULAR SCIENCE.

Water boils at different temperatures, according to the elevation above the sea level. In London water boils practically at 212 degrees F.

Authorities differ as to the rate of growth of the human hair, and it is said to be very dissimilar in different individuals. The most usually accepted calculation gives six and one-half inches per annum.

The plague bacillus, discovered in 1894 by the Japanese professor Kitano, is discussed in a German medical paper, which declares that the chief peculiarity in studying it is that it has difficulties of appearance distinguishing it from other bacilli.

Miners are well aware that in deep mining heat generated by oxidation is often a factor in determining action, though not always a permanently deterring one.

An interesting quadruped has recently been discovered which has the peculiar property of a bullet-proof skin. It was first seen and shot at several years ago in the interior of Santa Cruz, by the late Ramon Lista, who heard of the animal frequently from the Indians.

Speaking of Sarah Bernhardt, they tell us of her in London, where she was last spring. The great one dropped into a book seller's shop one morning.

A Scotchman went to London for a holiday. Walking along one of the streets, he noticed a bald-headed chemist standing at his shop door, and inquired if he had any hair restorer.

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OUR BUDGET OF LAUGHTER-PROVOKING STORIES.

The Power of Cash—A Woman's Answer. As Evidence—The Latest Schemes—Had No Advice to Give—Ignorance in Bills—Mamma's Bad Boy, Etc., Etc.

"Evelyn, would you rather be right or be popular?" "I would rather be good-looking and rich."—Chicago Record.

She (approvingly)—"You won her hand, then?" He (rather glumly)—"Humph—I presume so. I'm under her thumb."—Tit-Bits.

Mamma (impatiently)—"Charlie, how many times have I told you to keep away from the sidewalk?" Charlie—"I don't know. I can only count to seven."—Cleveland Leader.

"Oh, what a beautiful parlor lamp! How do you light it?" "You don't light it at all. That's the beauty of it. It's perfectly safe, and it can't smoke the ceiling."—Chicago Tribune.

"What makes you say Mabel's husband is weak-minded?" "Well, they've been married two years and he would rather stay at home with her in the evening than do anything else on earth."—Chicago Record.

"She is so lively and volatile!" said one of her admirers. "I positively must dissent," said one who no longer admired, "for he becomes passive, as it were."—Indianapolis Journal.

"Even in geography the beneficent plans of nature appear," remarked Mr. Poindester. "Do they?" asked Mr. Perkasia. "Well, consider for yourself the result if the Canaries were near Cat Island."—Detroit Free Press.

LAUGHTER-PROVOKING STORIES.

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