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warw.

who cared.

Unluckily for the Servians, the ex-

There happened, however, to be se

Servia was arranging to expand at

tered the dominant factor of all, the force ithout which the secret clauses in these ambitious treaties would have

remained meaningless or void.

This dominant factor is Russia.

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WORKINGS OF SECRET DIPLO-

MACY.

In the secret clauses of the treaty

that worked such havoc in the Bal-

kans we find Russia pulling the strings

that move a pair of puppets. The puppets are the high contracting par-

Servia and Bulgaria decide upon

A copy of this treaty, with its secret

desperation to Austria for help,

treaty.

Adriatic.

Then it was that Russia saw fit to

publish the secret clauses of the fatal

conspirator against the very Austria

tween official Vienna and official Ber-

in. Austria wanted the ally to plunge

Triumphant as had been the prog

ated Austria, the little Balkan power

nourished a grievance still/ The am-

oltion of Servia, remained what it was

before-free access to a port on the

The refusal of Austria to endure

mutilation for the sake of a Servian

a sort of peace a Bucharest, a peace rope.

from whom she was imploring aid.

jection the action shall proceed.

waiting upon events.

pansion of their kingdom must occur to the detriment of Turkey or of Aus-tria-Hungary. This is why the recent THE PROBLEM. As he looks forth upon the weiter of confusion in which the world's greatest war has involved the civilination of Europe the average Ameri can grows apparently more and more bewildered. His first swift impresalon was based entirely upon sympathy with the victims of the horrors of war, and those victims were placed very conspicuously in the American eye through the accident of geograph-brollnary reference books complied heal position. Latterly the American with official sanction have learned ical position. Latterly the American has been stirred by tales of atrocity in the eastern theatre of this conflict. tales which reveal helpless German women and children as the chief sufferers from Cossack savagery.

But sympathy, while creditable as an impulse, is of less importance than a fudicial attitude of mind in determining the relation of facts to one another when those facts determine the supreme crisis in the angals of humanity. When we possess the essential facts underlying this war in Europe we can bestow our sympathy intelligently and effectively. I appreciate perfectly the effect

upon the American mind of the tales of horror with which the world has been filled throughout these last few months of war. 1 understand the atfitude of the newspaper reader in the United States toward weaker nations from north to south-the western por and helpices peoples. I realize the sanctity in the American mind of treaty obligations. These considerations account fully to me for that generous nakedly in these secret clauses. impulse which ranged Americans or the side that first presented its case

and presented it with rare ability. The sincerity of this impulse causes Americans, in fact, to forget for a time the great inconveniences they ondured from the economic conse quences of so great a struggle. Ger many has not been the victim of any projudice growing out of the stoppage of exports or the collapse of industry. There was a natural anxiety for hosts of relatives and friends exiled in the theatre of war. These things made their impression. Profoundly, however, was the impression growing out of the moral factors in the case. people of the United States asked hemselves who could be responsible for such a crime against humanity as was comprised in the outbreak of the war. Whose overpowering ambition took the world back to Napoleonism!

How heavily all the available evi-dence was made to tell against Ger-many! Foremost as the champion of International honor stood England protesting against an attitude that made a solemn treaty a merè scrap of paper. Russia was introduced next as the disinterested friend of helpless little Servia. Austria-Hungary had despatched a provocative ultimatum. France, wounded already by the loss of Alsace-Lorraine, was invaded to promote fresh scheme of spolia-

The great Powers might have been cast for parts in a tragedy by Schiller, so dramatic were the values. The heavy villain was invariably Germany. The explanation is simple. England had constituted herself stage mana-ger, taking the precaution to give Germany a silent part by the obvious expedient of cutting her cable com-munication. The London censor. All that for the London censor. All that to cable dip to the personally and in the name-of

fenterprises and they rush impetuously itesassin. The boldness of the conspir- cal. It has existed ever since 1879/ into strife. They are in perpetual re- ators who accomplianed this crime. Let us never forget that Anatria-bellion against the destiny that has the freedom with which Servian Hungary is not only part Slav and made their country so small and they agents avowed their aims and the de-part Mongol-the Hungarians are of are very apt to vent their fury upon their neighbors. In a striking volume proof of the greatest herolam but for which he calls a "Laboratory of His-ory" Prof. Sloane has studied the part played by Scrvis in the Balkans most one circumstance. Russia stood beside Servia and, as the Americans say, "there is a rea-

pon." DREAM OF THE MUSCOVITE. An actile student of world politics nee observed that the aim of Russis

detory of the Balkans has been so ingninary. The fact that some milprefer to be called-live in Turkey and Austria-Hangary had its effect upon that Balkan alliance of which we have heard so much in recent greater contiguous area than any now Those who get their "facts" from

that this Balkan alliance is based upon two treatles. The innocent ing on the ocean. Of all the Slay powers Russia too render having access to the published text of these documents discovers in hem nothing more than a defensive alliance. One of the treaties is between Servin and Bulgaria. The other is between Bulgaria and Greece, They were signed within a few months of each other about two years ago. Everything seemed very open and aboveboard, Greece, Bulgaria and of the compass. Her spirit is autocratic and she dare not allow her mil-Servia playing a friendly game with lions to reflect upon that fact too serthe cards on the table for all to see

iously. She has directed the minds of these secret clauses we discover Ser never loses sight via and Bulgaria dividing the Balkans the unfrozen sea. between them along a line running tion of the spoll going to Servia, while Bulgaria absorbs the east. The spirit of the Balkan alliance. discloses itself The most recent of these, the struggle

the expense of Austria. Bulgaria was Russia come down to warm water to grow by reducing Turkey. Into the through Persia. England again saw realization of these dreams there end to that. It was a repetition of Musco-tered the dominant factor of all, the vite experience in the Black Sea.

The Powers who have made themselves at home in the Mediterranean want no new competitor for suprem-

sia was checked again. Turkey at the return of peace was

Servia and Bulgaria next provide for their possible failure to agree upon about to come true. united action. They bind themselves Europe stepped in at once. in that event to refer the case to Rusia. Her judgment becomes binding. But Russia may prove reticent like the Sphinx and have no word for either Servia or Bulgaria. The Balof Berlin. She had to wait thirty years kitchen to eclipse her proud sister. for another opening. Finding Austria I do not overlook Alsace and Lorfor another opening. Finding Austria kan brethren need not in that event ive in discord. One can go it alone shile the other mobilizes in part,

agents avowed their alma and the de part Mongol-the Hungarians are of fant attitude of a little Ballan power Mongolian extraction-but part Gerto a great Continental one might be a man as well. In race, in language and proof of the greatest hereism but for in eivilization the Dual Monarchy of he Hapsburgs is one-fourth German. More than twelve million subjects of the Emperor Prancis Joseph have as heir native tongue the language of Joethe.

The accidents and tragedles of Aus tro-Hungarian politics have reduced these people-the backbone of the nation-to something like racial humiliis always and everywhere to get down to warm water. Russia, that is to say, is destitute of a harbor free from tee at every sea-son of the year. She rules a realm of exploited politically by whatever fac-tions gain the ascendant in the strug existing. Her vast territories are to gle for power at Vienna and Budapest her a prison, thinly peopled though Germany could not permit the utter much of her extent may be because extinction of an element so precious much of her extent may be because extinction of an element so precious she is destitute of an open door look- to herself. She was united to her ally by ties of blood as well as policy.

There is likewise a more practical is the most restless. Those hordes which from age to age penetrate into Europe under leaders like Genghis Khan-Mongols, Tartars and the rest consideration. Germany is in constant -burst invariably from the bosom of cultural into a people chiefly indus-what is now Russia. She spreads trial has amazed the world-the Engeastward or to the south, alternating lish especially. Germany finds em-like a pendulum between these points ployment and prosperity for her millions at home when and only when the markets of the world remain accessimust keep her hands free. ble to her enterprise. Any closing of the Bosporus by Ru

her subjects to industry, to commerce, sia slams the gate to western Asia in cret clauses in the two treaties that thus cemented the Balkan alliance. In these secret clauses we discover Ser-never loses sight of that open port on try, German business methods and German culture seem most to menace The history of Russia, as regards England and Russia in their purpose the dream of warm waters, has been to divide the East between them, a series of humiliations and defcats. From another standpoint the disintegration * of Austria-Hungary would with Japan, was due directly to Eng-have consummated that isolation of Germany which England has striven herself with the Asiatic. Nor could so long to render complete. have consummated that isolation of

Since then, her ally must fight, Germany must fight too.

This brings us around our circle as far as France. Surely no European endowed with the slightest instinct for history can contemplate the position of France on the continent today acy there. If Russia but approach without an impulse of sympathy, the Dardanelles the Turk turns to the What a fail she has had since those rest of Europe, true to his ancient splendid days under Richelleu and habit of playing one Power against Louis XIVI. It seems but yesterday another. This is the meaning of the when she dictated policies to every Crimean war which Turkey, France chancellery. No merely earthly splenand England waged together against dor seems at all comparable with hers the Czar some sixty years ago. Rus- from the age of Mazarin to that of the French Revolution.

Then comes the Napoleonic glory puppets are the high contracting par-lies-Servia and Bulgaria. Should Servia and Bulgaria decide upon anited action, to follow the terms of than a quarter of a century Russia procession. Paris is always the queen the first article of these secret clauses, they are to communicate the fact to dictated the terms of the treaty of puted sway over men and manners, Russia. Should Russia offer no ob- San Stefano at the very doors of Con- over arts and sciences, the home of stantinople, thanks to the assistance rendered by Rumania. The dream was about to come true. beauty and delight. How shocking the collapse when a united Germany, frugal, domesticated, plous, comes between exquisite France and the glor-Russia found herself baffled in the les she has lost! It is the old, old complain of. hour of her triumph by the congress story of Cinderella stepping out of the

> receptive, the Foreign Office in St. raine. It is enstomary to refer to Petersburg-I am told they spell it Petersburg-I a eign Office in Vienna to revise the in-convenient arrangement relative to than comprise the reality which is the decline of French force, the decay

the same assurance as that which had Belgian neutrality in a moment, but Aberdeen and Lord Palmerate before passing to it I invite attention to my knowledge, took that is terially contribute to relieve anxiety to the pair of quotations I have just if I may venture to say so,

and tension here"-that is, in Eng-land. "On the other hand, if there No time will be lost by reading them were a violation of the neutrality of twice. And whatever happened in Bel-Beigiom, by one combatant while the other respected it it would be extreme-by difficult to restrain public feeling" while a German fleet came through the Channel to bombard the coasts of

-that is, Prince Lichnowsky, the Ger-man Ambassador, asked Sir Edward Groy-"whether, if Germany gave a promise not to violate Belgian neu-trality, we"-that is, the English-Groy—"whether, if Germany gave a promise not to violate Belgian neu-trality, we"—that is, the English— "would engage to remain neutral." Sir Edward Grey replied that the Eng-Here we have an important point, land, England's attitude would be deter-

They understand these things mined largely by public opinion at London. They know, too, that the next great struggle of England will Sir Edward Grey-he had just come be with Russia for dominion in Asia. from a discussion of the topic at a The British must keep themselves meeting of the Cabinet-told the Ger-mak Ambassador that England could while, they will take measures for not give a promise of neutrality solely their own safety in Europe. Then, on the condition named-German ob-

servance of Belgian neutrality, Prince can turn to the Far East, Lichnowsky pressed Sir Edward a lit-Ispan, for the time being, is in her the. Let England formulate terms glory. We behold her on the coast of upon which she would remain neutral. China, aretending to make war on the The German Ambassador even sug-gested that the integrity of France, and of her colonies might be guaran-from Pekin south to the valley of the erally. teed. Sir Edward felt obliged to re- Yang-tze. Japan has set her mind like

fuse definitely any promise to remain a pair of pincers upon the idea of domneutral on similar terms. England ination in that part of China. must keep her hands free. Why not? Japan already dominates I wonder sometimes why this most significant despatch—it can be con-the lines of communication are under sulted in the English White Paper re-her control. She has fortified her post letter of a treaty and the interpretasulted in the English White Paper re- her control. She has fortified her poprinted under number 123-is persial sition along the railways. Upon one tion of a treaty. The case arrived in ently disregarded by all who seek to pretext or another she has established the end before the Supreme Court at make out a case against Germany, "guards" which are really garrisons. Since public opinion in England was influenced so strongly by the Belgian factor there must be other grudges ince ceases to exist. Their territorial against Germany than those arising expansion on the Asiatic continent is view and the altered circumstances from mere English jealousy of sea only less amazing than that of Russia never contemplated by the high con-

power and commerce. I have said berself. that this jealousy or rivalry or what- Portugal deserves a passing referever it may be called played its part. ence because of the illustration she af-The feeling is decided Here, however, fords of England's characteristic it is subordinated to another consider method in diplomac. Official London ple principle. The nations of the con- colonies acquired by the Braganzas be Government in disregarding their stiptinent of Europe must be kept divided lost to the Germans. At the same time into two hostile camp... The strength England harbors that youthful ex-

> I turn now to Belgium. VIIL

THAT SCRAP OF PAPER. Let me try to put quite briefly completely what I understand to be

devotion to peace. He strove desper-stands bound in honor not to violate old treaties with the kingdom of ately to prevent the war that devas-the neutrality of Belgium. She has France. tates Europe. Peace was an English entered into a treaty containing this interest. The famous balance of pow stipulation. In flat defiance of her had enacted in this sense toward the pledged word she sent her forces end of President Washington's Adar maintained itself exactly even. The pledged word she sent her forces end of President Washington's Ad-british Government had nothing to through the territory which, upon her ministration, the Suprems Court ob-tomplain of. No sooner had France hurled herself put the matter as bluntly as I can and British Government had nothing to

fronted by a serious menace. France make it out. being much the weaker must be The facts behind this case are put rogative of which no nation could be crushed by Germany. The balance of differently by different authorities. deprived without deeply affecting its power, so delicately contrived in Lon- Sir Edward Grey insists that the "gov

den, would be thrown out of gear for-ever. France, to be sure, might not But the original treaty was made eight indeed dictate to even the haughtiest lose a square mile of territory. She years earlier. "Belgium shall form an nation the most scrupulous observwould, nevertheless, emerge too weak-ened to figure seriously in the Euro-pean concert. England, for her own sake, must not permit the reduction states." That is the language of the of France to the level of a second rate original compact-the treaty not of tion as a member in the sisterhood of 1829, but of 1831. Prussia signed it with Great Britain,

sideration explains much

took that rist if I may venture to say so, that practicable view of the guarantee."

Thus did William E. Gladatona In 1870 dispose of the guarantee out on the basis of the guarantee of Belgian neutrality in 1839. I grant the terms of the treaty. I accept the English statement of its meaning. I dony that the German Empire, contronted by the crisis in its destiny of the first days all power as a makeweight for Eng-land. which I have quoted already, and to the words of the United States Supreme Court, which I will quote next. Some years have clapsed since the agitation in this country over what were known at the time as the Chi-nese exclusion cases. A treaty had been ratified between the Government of Pekin on the one hand and the Government at Washington on the other. The letter of this treaty permitted Chinese to become residents of the United States. The letter of the

treaty went even further. Chinese re-siding in the United States were to have the privileges of person and property possessed by Americans gen Time went on, Congress enacted

the Chinese exclusion act. Pekin protested against such a flagrant violation, as it thought, of a treaty oblitracting parties. I give the words of the court on the special point:

"It will not be presumed that the legislative department of the Governit is subordinated to another consider-ation. method in diplomac. Official London ment will lightly pass laws which are bestows a benediction upon the "re-public" at Lisbon. Portugal is pro-ations based itself upon a very sim-voked into wer by the English lest the arise which would not only justify the ulations, but demand in the interests of the country that it should do so of these camps must be so evenly di- King of Portugal who has so long been there can be no question. Unexpected

> nothing in the context of the decision to weaken the effect of these words. On the contrary, the court cites prece dents in the practice of the United States, a practice conforming to that mass of customs and of ethics which the moral case against Germany in is all that international law amounts this matter of the neutrality of Bel- to. Its specific instance was afforded by the emane ation of the Unit.d

Germany, we are invited to believe, States from the bondage of certain

The Congress of the new republic into the crisis by following Russia to I think I state the case against Ger always be a matter of the utmost grav-Armageddon than England was con- many precisely as her enemies would ity and delicacy to refuse to ex cute a treaty, the power to do so was a pre-

independence." Prudence as well as morality will nations. Wanton disregard of its plighted faith would justify the expul-

vided that by joining either England the centre of conspiracy against the events may call for a change in the existence of the republican Govern-Thus, from the standpoint of London. The adds I win, tails you lose." The extract is brief but there is is the famous "balance of power" maintained. The English naturally lend their weight to the side in the triumph of which they have a personal interest. VII.

THE BALANCE OF POWER. I have never doubted the good faith glum, of Sir Edward Grey in protesting his Ger

lish could not say that.

reached him from Berlin was con- both personally and in the name of of Russia as well. rate it was based on sympathy-very creditable sympathy - rather than upon facts judicially ascertained. when Russia pulls the strings.

For these reasons I purpose here to review the crisis in Europe briefly from the German point of view.

II.

THE IMMEDIATE OCCASION.

The lines of battle are drawn more By the assassination of Archduke and more tightly around Constanti-Francis Ferdinand, heir to the dual nople until it begins to look as if the throne of Austria-Hungary, the racial Sultan must be driven out of Europe factor in the European situation was altogether. ciramatized, brought before all eyes sharply. The murder was the out-Bulgacia cherishes her dream of

come of a Servian conspiracy for the conquest at the expense of the Turk promotion of Servian aims. If the and Russia is complacent. Now comes conquest at the expense of the Turk Servian Government did not lend its war again-Servia and Greece on the official sanction to the crime the in-struments of that Government were other. Bulgaria stands on the very its promotors and instigators. brink of her own destruction and her Czar Ferdinand addresses himself in

Servia plays in the Balkans a part scarcely less conspicuous and not less sinister than that of Mephistopheles in "Faust." Yet the masses of her pe ple are anything, but apphisticated. The Servians dwell still in that rude simplicity out of which the more western peoples have long been led by the factory whistle and the electric century rather than to the twentieth.

The people of Servia have airength and valor, but not educe on and re-inement. The clan synth m renders their life primitively tribal. They are destitute of what in America are low Austria into war. Servia was called industries. The outlook of av- swollen territorially into twice her old erage Servisus upon life is that of the proportions, only to begin that swag-European peasant. Their domestic ger about the Balkans which is cost politics is a series of physical en- ing the civilization of Europe so much inters among the adherents of great chieftoins for local supremacy. Their ress of Servia thus far over a humiliforeign politics for generations has involved struggle after alruggle for mere national existence, varie! by desperate efforts to enlarge the na-tional boundaries. Like all Siav peoples the Servians have the instinct for territorial expansion. All Slavs are prethron-that is the racial gospel.

mperialism was made a crime against These who rule Slavs must them the Slav. The plotters in Servia dinelves he Slavs. Servia is wedded to that article of the racial creed. It rected their attention to Bosnia and Herzegovina. A great Slav State was follows that all regions in which Servians dwell must become part and parcel of the Servian kingdom-of the split and the first available morthan "greater Servia" which is to lows that all regions in which Serthe provinces I have just named.

This intrigue war at its critical phase when the Archduke Francis. Ferdinand appeared with his consort at Sarajevo, which as the seat of the local Government of Bosnia was a cen-Having little or nothing in the shape of a civilization of their own to defend, possessing no wealth to render them efferminate, maintaining themelves frugally, revelling in fireside torisis of the state of chronic feud be-tre of Servian intrigue. The heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary was, ict themselves inevitably to warlike with his wife, despatched by a Slav

way over a thousand miles long. Or France forty-four years ago has grown his Government. And all difficulties there was Cronstadt, icebound too in to nearly 70,000,000 since, but the 38,suppressed. America was spoon fed of interpretation were submitted to cold weather, a harbor only to the 000,000 of the French in 1870 are repwith English versions of whatever the final judgment of this same Rus Baltic at that, with Germany dominant resented by some 40,000,000 only at sia. A fifth article provides that these in its waters. Nor must we overlook this hour.

> for ships with difficulty in some seasons and abandons the enterprise al-Thus only shall the puppets dance together at others.

The shadow of Russia darkens the whole theatre of Balkan events from how sincerely, in the light of these pressed the Muscovite mind. this time forward. We see Italy rush considerations, must Russian sympaupon the Tripolitaine, in her war of

thies be enlisted in behalf of Servian onquest. She wrests the isles of the ambition for an outlet on the Adri-Aenean from the Turk, whose fleet is atic! We begin to see why Bulgaria absorbed in struggles to retain them. was not allowed to get to Constantinople or, indeed, to get anywhere in Bosporus would make life a burden to

was called back and Russia took good care that she stayed back. Pan-Slavism scored heavily. Austria was looking on with some

thing very like panic. Her trade is, for the most part, Oriental, and well she knows that wherever Russla plants a foot the door, however open ibly brief Russia, the allied and friendence of a strong Power across the

southern frontier threatened an absorption of the Slav regions-the Bulgaria stood revealed as a nightmare of Austrian diplomacy. The outcome of the war in the Balkans had but recently erected a fresh

> might reduce not only Austria-Hungary but Germany herself to pullity.

ments last year. The Dual Monarchy was threatened with the loss of its po iominion to the ground.

The situation of Austria-Hungary was thus supremely critical before the assassination of the heir to the throne acted like a spark in a barrel of pow-She was menaced by the con der. spiracy in Servia. She had to deal

with a Rumanian element in East Hungary. Her great Bohemian crown land is mainly Slav. The Serb is on

the Danube. She had treaty rights with Turkey to uphold. Russian enmities to evade and the pressure of Pau-Slavism to resist. The hour had come for the Dual Monarchy to strike for its very existence. Was Germany to stand aside, and

permit the annihilation of her ally?

ment, in the first few weeks of the supplementary provisions must not be Vladivostok, off in the Far East, war, went almost by default. At any given to the world without the consent where the ice breaker makes a way Russian hostility to Germany was just the thing! That hostility had lived

upon the memory of Bismarck and his victory at the congress of Berlin. So the diplomacy of Russia reverts Russia was rendered impotent in the inevitably to Constantinople. And face of the Turk! That is how it im-

France could sympathize, but she could offer something more substantial than her sympathy. She had her wealth. It is perhaps true that no other area of equal extent on the globe is so rich in natural resources particular. A greater Bulgaria on the as France, and if France loves pleasure she loves accumulations also. She diplomatists from Petrograd, Bulgaria was only too eager 's finance Russian railways, Russian loans, Russian armaments, Russlan industrial undertakings and Russian engineering enterprises. It was a generation which the might of Russia inspired awe and to which Japan was remote. In a snace of time that seems incred-

hitherto, is shut tight. The emerg- ly nation, had absorbed the cash equivalent of at least two billion dollars in French money. Thus is explained a mystery which

for some little time has perplexed students of what is called world politics. How can a nation professing I erty, Out of the ensuing turmoil emerged and powerful military machine in Eu- equality, fraternity, ally itself so closely with the autocracy of the Cos-The nation which has played the unpalatable to Austria. She did not new armed force which, thrown into sack and the knout? One motive is foremost part in the Balkan theatre dissemble her chagrin. There were the scale against Vienna and Berlin, the recovery of that lost glory, of that belongs culturally to the eighteenth exchanges of views on the subject be might reduce not only Austria Hunsupreme position in Europe. The other consideration has to do with the That explains the additions made to vast sum transmitted from Paris bank-Germany German and Austro-Hungarian arma- ing houses to Petrograd, Moscow and Odessa

When Russia lea's the way to Ar sition as a great Power since the Slav mageddon, France must follow. Hest-regions cauld not be split without tation, holding back, would entail the bringing the whole fabric of Hapsburg ness, a flat repudiation. A stroke of the autocratic pen in Petrograd can

bring the French to bankruptcy, and well they know oh which side their bread is buttered.

Let us come to England.

"PERFIDIOUS ALBION."

The world has heard much in recent years regarding English jealousy of German sea power, of German indus-trial development, of German expansion along the great trade routes oversens. Consideration of this sort had much to do with public opinion in England, and England has a Government which sets great store by public opinion. An illustration is afforded by

that went before. It accounts for the Austria-Hungary, France and Russia, sion of even the greatest Power from growth of that "entents cordiale" or This was long before the German Em-the complete understanding between Paris pire, came into existence. Yet much and London which dates from the clos-ing years of the reign of the late King sia renewed her engagement to re-people entails consequences no less

Edward. It explains also why Eng-land permitted herself to become in-volved in the fate of France rather the Commons last August, "is valuable the people of that nation-the millions more completely than even Sir Ed- as a recognition on the part of Ger- whose welfare takes precedence of the many of the sacredness of these treaty phrases of diplomatists and the techward Grey may have realized. We find him, two years ago at rights."

We find film, two years ago at rights. least, in animated correspondence I should like to be more exact than with the French Ambassador with ref-erence to the disposition of British fleets and French fleets in the event of which he overlooks altogether. The aching to resume her old dominion of war. There had been even prior to agreement whereby Prussia in 1870 Europe, stood at Armageddon, By way this episode an exchange of views be bound herself to respect the neutrality of consolation she was offered a scrap tween the experts, naval and military, of Belgium was by its own terms to of paper and invited to accept the inof these most friendly Powers. They expire in one year after the terminal terpretation placed upon it by the talked over what they would do to tion of the war with France. That Powers leagued against her! gether in case war broke out with provision revived the terms of the old

Germany. The Cabinet in London was arrangement of 1839. I think these are not apprized of these things at the the main facts upon which the critics time. The correspondence between of Germany rest their indictment with Grey and Cambon shows that even be reference to the neutrality of Bel-That certainly is the British fore that date the French fleet was gium. stationed in the Mediterranean to po-point of view. Let me try now to ut-lice that route to the Indies, while the line the case from the German point of all the moral factors which con-British fleet was concentrated in the of view:

There are three stages in the life of North Sea. Thus was developed a situation a treaty. First comes its negotiation which could not be changed at will by the plenipotentiaries of the high when the war broke out-which could contracting parties. Next we have its not be altered, though war were seen ratification by the competent authorto be inevitable. Sir Edward Grey ity at home, followed by an exchange told the House of Commons as much of ratifications between the high very bluntly some twenty-four hours contracting parties. In the third place before his Government declared war we have the application of the terms on Germany. Let me quote a para- of the treaty to particular cases arisgraph from his speech. It was delivered on August 3 last, when the As-guith Ministry had not declared itself. The Interpretation of a treaty is

on the subject of peace or war with governed by a few elementary princi- thousands, of people-factory works The French coasts are absolutely these is to the effect that no nation is probably Social undefended. The French fleet is in morally bound by the terms of an gincers and officers. Gunnery tests the Mediterranean, and has for some agreement involving either a sacrifice must have been made. In short,

the Mediterrahean, and has for some egreement involving either a sacrifice inder inder inder inder inder. In short, years been concentrated there he of its own existence or an abdication many knew that these new guns cause of the feeling of confidence and of its sovereign function. It is to be would give the German army con-friendship which has existed between presumed that no great Power will the two countries. My own feeling is solemnly bind itself to commit suicide, sian soldier, who has preserved the that if a foreign fleet, engaged in a If the logical conclusion dr tible secret for two years, like a machine? war which France had not sought and from the letter of a treaty be in which she had not been the aggres of a high contracting party the etter sor, came down the English Channel and bombarded and battered the un-I am not stating anything new and who, after their officers and leaders

defended coasts of France, we could strange. Let me cite here a passage not stand aside and see this going on practiculiy within sight of our eyes, with our arms folded, looking on dis-passionately, doing nothing." And in a few moments more Sir Ed-ward Grey, told the listening Com-

ward Grey told the listening Compermit me to enter into the complimons this:

"What is France t- do with her fleet cated question of the nature of the In the Mediterranean? If she leaves it there with no statement from us as not able to subscribe to the doctrine to what we will do, she leaves her northern and western coasts absolute-ly updefended, at the mercy of a Ger that the simple fact of the existence if, and thousand the simple fact of the existence this block of the out with him into civil is the fatherland. The recruit takes this spirit out with him into civil

nicalities of negotiation. Germany,

German Militarism.

Christiania, Nov. 15. - The Maalbladet of this city prints the follow-ing on German "militarism":

stitute the strength of the German army. Now one can often hear people speak in this country of Prussian militarism' and of the downtrodden Prussian soldiers'. But they have not found the truth. Let me mention only one instance: Before Liege the world knew nothing of the new 49 centimeter howitzers. How was is possible that this in-vention could be kept secret? 'One must remember that it was known in Germany to hundreds, perhaps ers (the majority of whom were Democrats), ruin Is it not rather an unlimited have fallen, push on through trenches and barbed wire and the rain of shells and bullets-do they remind was dealing with the nentrality of Bel- that for our own sakes we ought to change our opinion about 'Prussian militarism. This Prussian militarism is of the sort which teaches the recruit that something

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