

WAR CLOUDS GATHER

France and England Much Worked Up Over the Island of Madagascar.

JOHN BULL ANXIOUS FOR A DIVIDE

Blockade of Madagascar's Ports the Last Provocation for the Row.

CABINET COUNCIL CONVENE IN LONDON

French Agitators Warned by the English Press to Go Slow.

MANY JOURNALS SAY WAR WILL FOLLOW

Organs of the United Kingdom Unite in Expressing the Belief that the Trouble Should be Settled Now for All Time.

ANTANRANIVO, Madagascar, Oct. 3.—A blockade of the ports of the island of Madagascar has been proclaimed by France.

LONDON, Oct. 3.—The secretary of state for foreign affairs, the earl of Kimberley, has been in communication with the Indian government and preparations are being made to concentrate English and Indian troops in readiness to proceed further east. It is added that the sanction of the cabinet is necessary before any further steps are possible.

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from the Madagascar consul in London by a formal statement that officially there is no longer such a person as London Madagascar consul, and it was added, the agents of France in various countries represent the French government.

Early last month the French government evidently determined upon taking definite action in regard to Madagascar, probably believing that the English would be deterred by the complications brought about through the war between China and Japan. Consequently, M. Le Myre de Villers was sent on a special mission to Madagascar, right to understand that he was, to all intents and purposes, instructed to demand the abdication of the government and to annex the island to France.

The following statement was made regarding the mission of M. Le Myre de Villers recently: "The mission of M. Le Myre de Villers of the treaty of 1855 and will then ask that the territory of France at Deigo Suarez be extended to Passandane bay on the western side of Madagascar, and to Vohemar bay on the east side of the island, and that Majunga and Nosy Beh on the west coast, and Fort Dauphin, Tananarive, and Vohemar, and the overland on the east shore and their adjacent territories be ceded to France. Finally he was instructed to demand that the French residents should have the right to control all the actions of the government of Madagascar, including its foreign policy."

DETAILS OF GOVERNMENT DESIRED. The Council of Paris, at the time of the departure of M. Le Myre de Villers, was just about due at Madagascar, said: "He will call upon the Hova government to satisfy all our demands and to respect all the clauses of our treaties. In the case of the Hova government accepting this demand a protocol, summarizing our rights and reading some obscure points, will be drawn up. These rights will be summarized as follows: The installation of a French representative who will treat exclusively all questions of foreign policy with the Hova government. The right of Europeans to possess property without any retrocession clause; the right of treating with the natives for the hire and purchase of property; the registration of all deeds concerning the purchase and hire of property at the French residence; the right of the French to the Malagasy government has till now refused; the freedom of navigation of the rivers; the establishment of military stations where the French must have the consent of a French agent to control and secure the financial resources wasted at the present moment to the detriment of the natives; the installation of a French agent at each of the Malagasy governors, with the object of securing the respect of treaties and the proper collection of the taxes; in a word, the effectual application of the protectorate regime, which has until now been nothing but nominal. If the Hova ministers do not give their satisfaction to M. Le Myre de Villers, he will withdraw to one of the vessels of our squadron and the commander of that squadron will then open the sealed instructions sent to him."

FOREIGN OFFICE DENIAL. The officials of the foreign office deny that the summoning of the cabinet tomorrow is due to a hitch in the negotiations with France to Madagascar, but it is believed that it is for the purpose of discussing several important international questions, one of the chief subjects being the safety of British subjects resident in China.

A dispatch was received at the foreign office today from the British consul at Antananarivo, stating that he was making arrangements to insure the safety of the British residents at the Chinese capital.

The Sun learns that a portion of the British channel fleet will be ordered to Gibraltar in order to reinforce the British Mediterranean squadron.

UNITED STATES INVOLVED. Claims of the French in Madagascar Have Annoyed this Government.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—The Madagascar issue has been an endless source of contention to the United States ever since the French assumed protectorate over Madagascar in 1883.

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M'KINLEY IN NEBRASKA.



GOVERNOR WILLIAM M'KINLEY.

At Lincoln This Afternoon. At Omaha Tonight.

M'KINLEY TOURING KANSAS

Made Short Speeches at Even Places During his Journey.

RECEIVED WITH MANIFESTATIONS OF JOY

From Kansas City to Hutchinson Crowds Gather at the Stations and Welcome the Champion of Protection—He Gives Copious Speeches.

TOPEKA, Oct. 3.—The home of populism was invaded by Ohio's governor today. A special train was started from Kansas City at 7:30 o'clock over the Santa Fe, headed for Hutchinson, and stops and speeches scheduled for eleven places enroute.

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LEFT RUIN IN ITS TRACK

Complete Details Delect: Nothing from the Story of Little Rock's Disaster.

FOUR KILLED AND FORTY INJURED

Large Portion of the City's Inhabitants Slept Peacefully, Unconscious of the Misfortunes of the Stricken Portion of the City.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Oct. 3.—The disastrous effects of the cyclone that visited this city last night was not fully realized until this morning. The property loss will reach \$1,000,000. Four human lives were lost and forty people were injured, some probably fatally. The killed are: JACKSON BOYD, SON OF JACKSON BOYD, J. T. GRIFFIN, DR. J. T. INGADE.

The injured are: T. Monroe, John Eaton, Jerry Donohue, Sam, O. Smith, Will Wald, John Brown, Fritz Reys, Mrs. L. Colmer, Mrs. J. J. Jones, Mrs. Lulu Perwitz, Joe Holloway, Joe Swift, Mrs. Fontenosa, W. D. Trotter, Miss Lucille White, John Hall, John C. Houser, George B. Cross, Calvin Pratt, J. M. Ryan, J. C. Briggs, J. D. Bowlin, Dr. Lakeland, A. Henry, Will Harvey (convict), Tom Mitchell (convict), probably fatally; Gilbert Baker (convict), Lee Hinson (convict), Will Stanglen (convict), J. J. Smith (guard), John Witt (guard).

From a moment that it struck until day break the city was enveloped in darkness. The streets were filled with bricks, mortar and debris of ruined buildings and an intricate maze of wreckage. The storm was electric and trolley wires, making pedestrianism difficult if not dangerous. The most of the 40,000 inhabitants slept peacefully during the night, unconscious of the disaster that was going on about them. The path of the cyclone lay along the Arkansas river, sometimes touching it, but for more than six miles it crossed the bank, and never crossing it to the north.

MARKS OF ITS DESTRUCTION HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM LITTLE ROCK, ARK. IN THE EAST. The course was directly east. The first disastrous effects, such as the blowing down of the insane asylum, situated on a hilltop three miles west of the city. There its debris, the remains of the insane asylum, were blown from the streets and sidewalks, repairing the damage to buildings and gradually restoring order. Thousands of workmen were busy engaged in removing the debris from the streets and sidewalks, repairing the damage to buildings and gradually restoring order. Thousands of workmen were busy engaged in removing the debris from the streets and sidewalks, repairing the damage to buildings and gradually restoring order.

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