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HOSTILE TO ENGLAND

Combine of European Nations Antagonistic to Great Britain.

UNDERSTANDING ON TRANSVAAL MATTER

Germany, France and Russia Work Together Against John Bull.

EGYPTIAN QUESTION ALSO ON DOCKET

Transvaal to Be Made Independent and Egypt Evacuated.

FRANCE TO TAKE SIDES AGAINST GREECE

Will Stick by the Case and the Emperor Even Though Public Sentiment Demands the Opposite Position.

(Copyright, 1897, by the Associated Press.) BEKIN, May 15.—The correspondent in this city of the Associated Press is reliably informed that during the past week a definite understanding was perfected by which the cabinets of Germany, France and Russia will soon reach the solution of the Egyptian and Transvaal questions, and this will be done systematically as follows:—The Egyptian question will be jointly taken up by Great Britain in the meanwhile pre-emptive matters, in which case she will encounter the united opposition of the three continental powers. The ultimate object of the agreement is to force the evacuation of Egypt and the nullification of the Pretoria convention of 1880, and to put the Transvaal upon a perfectly independent basis. France, in the settlement of the peace conditions with Greece, will persistently side with Russia and Germany, in spite of the strong current of public opinion to the contrary.

Both the bills proposed by the imperial chancellor, Prince Hohenlohe, one reforming the right of association and the other reforming the military trials procedure, are understood to have secured imperial approval and that a cabinet crisis is considered to have been adjusted for a time. The Reichstag diet would hardly pass these measures this session, being tired out and anxious to adjourn at the end of the coming week.

TO INCREASE THE NAVY.

Besides in the diet, the bills will meet with violent opposition, owing to the agreement reached between the emperor and the officers of the German colonial society, of which Duke Albrecht of Mecklenburg is president, that at the annual meeting in June in Munich a resolution will be passed to launch a thorough agitation throughout Germany to enlarge the German navy, and to bring to an end the navy of Russia, and to have a navy two-thirds the size of that of France. Mass meetings for this purpose will be organized every where and the press will be utilized. Several political meetings on the subject have already been held, one of them at Rügenheim, where the above program was adopted.

Following the week's session at the emperor's court, the emperor and the empress, who were also with him on this occasion, were heartily cheered by the people. After lunch at the governor's palace their majesties proceeded to Wiesbaden.

HIGH TREASON TRIAL.

A high treason trial in the imperial court at Leipzig this week brought out a number of sensational details. Depot Master Melchior, who has been for years past in close connection with French spies, and especially with the French police commissioner, Ismert, and a coal dealer named Haenne of Montigny, to whom Melchior sold all sorts of valuable material, such as new tops of shells, fuses, bullets used with the new rifles and hats of the blouse for military uniforms, to Melchior made enough money by this means to retire recently from the army and live on the interest of the proceeds of his rascality. He was sentenced to six years and three months of hard labor, with loss of civic honors for ten years.

Prince Bismarck lost twenty pounds in weight during his last illness. Dr. Schöberling, his physician, has ordered him to take the waters at Gastein this summer.

Count von Frankenberg, during the week made a violent attack upon American oleomargarine and its makers in the upper house of the Prussian diet, claiming that "it is a poisonous and unfit for human food."

TURKS GIVE UP AT PREVESSA.

Sultan's Forces Offer to Surrender to the Greeks. ATHENS, May 15.—A dispatch from Artaj received here says that the Turkish garrison at Prevesa, at the northern entrance of the gulf of Arta, which has been besieged by the Greek land and sea forces almost from the outbreak of the war, has sent the Greek archbishop and five notabilities of Prevesa with a message saying that the Turkish force is ready to capitulate to the regular forces of Greece.

IN HONOR OF O'CONNELL.

ROME, May 15.—The fifteenth anniversary of the death of Daniel O'Connell was observed today by a requiem mass celebrated at the Irish college. A diaped catastrophe bearing the arms of O'Connell and Ireland and the figure of an angel with a scroll inscribed, "Emancipation," were placed near the altar. Cardinals Vaughan and Sottoli, several Irish and English bishops and the pope of the English speaking colleges at Rome were present. Bishop Keane, formerly rector of the Catholic university at Washington, and now bishop assistant to the pontifical throne, delivered an oration.

BRITISH CRUISER EMULATES COLUMBUS.

LONDON, May 15.—It is reported that the British cruiser Powerful, said to be the largest cruiser in the world, will shortly be sent on a full power cruise to New York and back in emulation of the run of the United States cruiser Columbia. The Powerful is a first class cruiser of 14,200 tons and 25,000 indicated horse power. It is 306 feet long, has seventy-one feet beam and draws twenty-seven feet. It is credited with a speed of twenty-two knots. It is a sister ship of the Terrible. It can discharge nearly 17,000 pounds of eight-inch metal in a minute. It carries a crew of 840 men.

RESUME OF THE WAR SITUATION.

Sultan Begins to Show His Teeth to the Continent. LONDON, May 15.—The sultan's reply to the note of the ambassadors at Constantinople offering mediation, saying he would be ready to discuss the matter after the Great Bazaar festival, which ends Sunday night, justifies the fear that the powers have no chance of a settlement. It is a sign of a great out of the war that will not be drawn out to get back. Abdul Hamid's answer is cool almost to the point of insolence. It is more that of a sovereign with a powerful army behind him and he is disposed to treat the powers cavalierly.

ON DRESS PARADE

American Women in London Now Give a Show of Beauty.

DAZZLING DISPLAY OF GEMS AND RAIMENT

Riches of Mine and Loom to Grace the Charms of Nature.

SOME OF THEM CAUSE MILD SENSATIONS

Stunning Costumes Astonish Even the Habitués of the Palace.

SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS OF SEVERAL

Plans for Entertaining and Being Entertained During the Season and Up into the Summer Are Already Laid.

FINALLY SETTLE ON A PROGRAM.

Queen Approves Arrangements for the Diamond Jubilee.

Queen Victoria passed in town gave a great impetus to the season. The crowds which exceeded all records in point of numbers.

The queen seems remarkably well and takes the greatest interest in the preparations being made to celebrate her diamond jubilee.

Her majesty's outings were not confined to drives in the parks, but in an open landau with positions and an eunuch on either side of her carriage she drove down the thoroughfare to Trafalgar square, the Haymarket and other streets not often frequented by the sovereign.

The festivities mapped out for the jubilee have now received the queen's sanction.

These will begin on June 20, the date of her majesty's accession to the throne, sixty years ago, with a religious service at Frogmore, Windsor, the site of the mausoleum erected to the memory of the prince consort and the queen's mother, the late duchess of Kent. The queen and the royal family will be present.

On the Monday following, June 21, the court will move in semi-state to London and the evening there will be a banquet at Buckingham palace in honor of the royal guests. It will be followed by a reception for the members of the diplomatic corps and the special envoys.

On Tuesday, June 22, the royal procession through the streets of London will be the greatest feature of the day and it will be followed by illuminations at night.

On Wednesday there will be a garden party at Buckingham palace, to which thousands have been invited.

The court on Thursday, June 24, will move in semi-state to Windsor. Troops will line the route to Paddington station. Her majesty will leave the train at Slough and will drive with an escort of the Life Guards, by way of Eton, to Windsor, taking the route through the park to the Eton public school to receive her majesty.

On Friday there will be another banquet at Windsor and on Saturday will take place the naval review at Spithead, which the queen will not attend.

JERSEY LILY HAS NO LOVER.

Sir R. Peel's Infatuation Has Vanished and She Wants Moneyed Man.

LONDON, May 15.—(New York World Telegram)—Mrs. Langtry's belated divorce caused only a momentary flutter here, as the once adored Jersey Lily has ceased to interest English society. The old story that she desires to marry young Sir Robert Peel is revived, but his infatuation long since vanished. Nor is the report more credible that her latest admirer, the aged Prince Esterhazy, is likely to lead her to the altar. Far more plausible is the theory advanced by those acquainted with Mrs. Langtry—that she simply desires to be free—parity for freedom's sake.

partly in order to be ready to deal with any desirable matrimonial opportunity that may arise.

Should she re-enter the holy state, it will not be with a penniless baronet, however handsome, but with some one plentifully endowed with this world's goods. Acquisition of money is her dominating passion. It is noteworthy that the only record of Mr. Langtry's position or views on which the English press has to rely at this juncture is an interview with him sent by me in these dispatches at Christmas, which is plentifully quoted today.

BALLARD SMITH.

Follows William's Advice.

PARIS, May 15.—It is stated that the delay of the sultan of Turkey in arranging for a cessation of hostilities is due to the direct advice of Emperor William of Germany not to grant an armistice until the Greeks have been retrained.

Greeks Bombard Nikopolis.

ATHENS, May 15.—The Greeks have been bombarding Nikopolis since early this morning for the season, also Lady Essex, Lady

PLAYING THE COWARD

Dastardly Conduct of Men in the Recent Paris Holocaust.

BRUTAL ACTIONS OF SOCIETY FELLOWS

Strike Down Defenseless Women in Order to Save Themselves.

SEVERAL YOUNG MEN B-HIVE MISERABLY

Names of Some Are Known Who Will Be Under Social Ban.

MANY PARIS THEATERS ARE NOW CLOSED

Veritable Firetraps Which Must Be Reconstructed Before Being Reopened—Frenchemen Resent Kaiser's Gift to Relief Fund.

LOUPE THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE.

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VICTORIA IS WEARY

England's Queen Shows the Wear of the Last Twelve Months.

SHE LOOKS THIN, PALE AND FEEBLE

Excitement Has Dled Out and She is Suffering from Reaction.

DRIVES STOLIDLY THROUGH STREETS

London's Reverential Homage Unnoticed by Her Gracious Majesty.

WALES' HOSPITAL FUND IS A "FROST"

Public Fails to Respond to the Suggestion of the Prince to Aid the London Institution of Charity.

CHANTANT.

The Palais de Glace has been closed also. A majority of the Paris theaters are closed.

While Emperor William's telegram to President Faure expressing sympathy for the families of the victims of the fire made a good impression, he made a false step in contributing 10,000 francs to the relief fund, as his so-called patronage is greatly resented and has elicited anti-German articles from a large section of the French press, which is suspicious of the motive of the gift.

The Matra warmly protests against any Franco-German rapprochement, based on Emperor William's donation, which it regards as a bid for French support against Great Britain in South Africa, declaring that France has no reason to hamper Great Britain in that quarter, and congratulating M. Hanotaux in refusing Germany's support in extending German influence in the East.

The Social and the Rappel publish similar articles.

The Rappel, on the other hand, says it does not believe that Emperor William sent the gift simply to prepare for his visit to the Paris exhibition of 1900, adding that his majesty's act is higher.

The Rappel, "wishes to assure Germany," the hegemony of continental Europe, in face of the rest of the world, that a great colonial empire is indispensable to her industries. His first step is to conquer, pacify, Paris, which his grandfather took by arms."

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