

THREATS OF WAR IN SAMOA

MATAFAA AND HIS ADHERENTS DISCONTENTED.

WANTING OF THE OFFICIALS REPRESENTING THE POWERS UNDER THE BERLIN TREATY—NATIVE JUDICIAL METHODS—FIXED BY A MAGISTRATE FOR KEEP—KING HIM AWAKE.

The long absence of men-of-war from Samoa, together with the masterly inactivity of the Chief Justice, has at length culminated in what looked like an attempt at insurrection.

At the present, the ominous shadow is not entirely dispelled. It may be remembered that when the Chief Justice first arrived, numerous "taloes" were made to him in his honor, to show allegiance to the new Government, of which he was the representative.

Some portions of different districts that were politically divided remained at home and refused to pay their respects. At the start Manono, the most troublesome district in the group, showed a disposition to rebel.

While professing to support the King, peace and harmony, they objected to Mafalea as King, and expressed themselves in favor of Matafaa, who had fought so well and for whom they had a great affection.

The tongue-lashing which he administered to the King was so bitter and cutting that the Chief Justice was obliged to end it by leaving the ground and thus breaking up the meeting.

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while on a trip to the island of Savaii with her father. The father was thought to have been negligent of his duties in watching over the woman.

For the recovery of the woman by the native magistrate the father was fined \$10, and the young man she ran away with \$20, the fines having the effect to divorce her, not from her husband, but from the young man with whom she had eloped.

In conversation with a trader at Tavea the rumor was repeated that Fagaloa was rebuilding its old fort. This village did not "taloe," nor did it send down representatives to the new Government.

The villagers declined to collect or to pay the taxes, or to recognize Mafalea. There is an old fort on the top of the mountain, which they say they will rebuild, and if men-of-war come up to punish them they will go up and take possession, evidently thinking the ships could not shell them.

In native warfare it is a strong position, and a few men can hold it. There are also plenty of wild yams growing on the mountains.

"Anyway," say they, "we can die but once," and they utterly refuse to support the Government. It was reported that Matafaa had sent up an order for all natives to pay their respects to foreigners as soon as possible, or else be subjected to a heavy fine.

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GERMAN SOCIALISM.

A FATAL DIVISION THREATENED IN THE PARTY.

Berlin, July 10.

At the general assembly of Social Democrats held in Halle last fall the Executive Committee was instructed to prepare a new programme, to be submitted at the annual meeting in Erfurt on October 10.

In order to facilitate its discussion, possible modification and eventual adoption, the members of the committee were directed to publish the proposed programme in the party organ at least three months before the convocation. A few long deliberations and debates, true to the letter of their instructions, the committee published the new Socialist platform in "Vorwärts" a few days ago.

As was natural to expect, it has created a mild sensation. It has been already widely discussed. The principal journals at the capital and in other parts of the Empire appear to have forgotten for the nonce the travels of the "Wandering William," and devote their superfluous space to the programme, its antecedents and its possible consequences.

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by the Erfurt conference. Frantic efforts will be made to break the breach between the "Eisenach" and the "Juniors" in that time. Those efforts, however, may fail and Erfurt may be the scene of the birth of a new party. "Troja fait" may some day be true of German Socialists.

WOMEN AND THE FAIR.

THEIR WORK AT CHICAGO!

WHAT THEY HAVE DONE—WHAT THEY ARE STRIVING TO DO AND WHAT THEY HOPE TO DO.

When the apathy concerning the World's Fair, which unquestionably seized New-York the instant the decision was made that the great Exhibition should be held in Chicago, has given place to a more lively interest, a condition of affairs hopefully looked forward to by the Commissioners, it will be discovered that women not only have a splendid opportunity to exercise the unusual power accorded them, but they will find that upon them depends the success of a great piece of work.

As President Palmer said in his address to the Board of Women Managers: "It is the first time in the history of the Government that woman has been fully recognized in the administration of a great public trust."

Even she who occupies herself not the slightest with the duties of a mother which has been intrusted in her, in the smallest degree, will notice that her heart beats with pride at the mark of respect shown woman on this occasion, and if she has a grain of earnestness in her character she will wish to aid in the business before her.

The "Woman's Century" is a hackneyed phrase now, but the subject is not hackneyed, and if woman has exercised her right to advance her position in the world, it stands her in hand to keep her the growth.

As for the World's Fair itself, said one of the women directors to the writer, "see the avenues it will open to women—it will bring out every field of labor women are in any way engaged in."

So far women have had little opportunity to become possessed with a spirit of energy and enthusiasm for the Fair. Little has been heard of the progress made, and yet the women have a most earnest worker in Mrs. Ralph Trautman, who was made the first vice-president of the board of lady managers at the meeting in Chicago last November.

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know that the interior decoration shall be made by Mrs. Potter Palmer. The use of every one more and more convinced every step she takes that she is the right woman for the right place.

A CIRCUS IN THE FIELD.

PLANNING ITS SUMMER CAMPAIGN.

STORIES OF THE TICKET-WAGON AND THE TICKET-TAKER—SCHEMES TO BEAT THE SHOW.

The same order of genius and geographical knowledge is required to project and carry in the summer journey of a great American circus that is expended in planning a military campaign.

There were questions that so many miles a night, and cannot travel more than so many miles a night, and a close watch must be kept on the railroad map for new lines and connections. There was the question of forage; there are many places where 400 horses, a score of elephants and 1,200 people could not live in a day.

There has been continual bickering between the Board of Directors in Chicago and the National Commission. At the first meeting the National Commission took the view that the Board of Directors was not to be considered as a body of men, but as a body of money.

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MRS. RALPH TRAUTMAN.

HEARD AMONG CLUBMEN.

WHAT MEMBERS OF WELL-KNOWN ORGANIZATIONS ARE INTERESTED IN.

If the servants and employes of any one of the big clubs in this town were marshalled in dress parade the array would be a striking one. The Manhattan Athletic Club probably leads the list of local clubs.

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ROYAL MUSICIANS.

From The Pall Mall Gazette. It is no longer a question of the bearing and personality of the Emperor, who is now familiar to thousands of English people, have helped in the good impression which he has made as a performer on the piano.

HOW TO BE HEALTHY AND HAIRY.

From The London Globe. A new prophet has arisen—who from Russia, his bid for to emancipate humanity from the tyranny of the Terrible One, has taken the form of a man, and is now in this country, and is now in this country, and is now in this country.