

CHAMBERLAIN MAKES TALK.

EUROPEAN CAPITALS DISCUSS HIS LATEST SPEECH.

It is believed he spoke the truth in regard to a prospective international triple alliance—his attacks on the French cause irritation.

Copyrighted, 1899, by the Associated Press. LONDON, Dec. 2.—Mr. Chamberlain's liking for straight-fung words has not only thrown the capitals of Europe into a turmoil, but his denunciations have been by no means acceptable to those in England who are responsible for the relations with the United States.

Chamberlain Told the Truth. It would appear that Mr. Chamberlain only told the truth, for in the dispatches November 25 it was pointed out that negotiations were afoot for an alliance looking for a settlement of the Far Eastern question.

France Much Irritated. In addition to being the center of attraction in Europe's excitement over mooted alliances, Chamberlain occupies the center of the stage in the French-British dispute.

Varying Press Comment. The speaker declares Mr. Chamberlain's head has been turned by his interview with Emperor William and expresses the hope that the French nation will not forget that it is not yet foreign secretary.

The fact that the French naval attaché, speaking at the Temple Yacht Club dinner, simultaneously with Mr. Chamberlain, emphatically disavowed before Admiral Bessford and several hundred prominent Britons, the attacks on the queen has rendered Mr. Chamberlain's notice of them more comprehensive.

The conservative French papers contrast Mr. Chamberlain's remarkable utterances with those of Admiral Bessford, who, following the French naval attaché, declared that a few caricatures could not be taken to a Britisher.

The Autrite today says: "We are confronted by the positive threat of war. Possibly it does not correspond with British national sentiment, but it is Mr. Chamberlain who commands. We would assuredly have desired to preserve peace, but the minister who leads Great Britain makes war ultimately inevitable."

The Petit Parisien believes Mr. Chamberlain tried to throw dust in the eyes of the British press by avoiding attention being attracted to the defeats in South Africa.

Thus the colonial secretary has stirred up a hornet's nest. In making reference to his line of action is that of M. de Casse, whose moderate speeches and statesmanlike references to the Transvaal received the warmest commendation from all sections of the British press.

Why Gold is Scarce. The Statist, commenting on the rise in the Bank of England rate, says: "The accumulation of money by the Russian government is largely responsible for the present shortness of the gold reserve here and in Germany."

New Steering Apparatus. An invention has been tested at Weymouth for steering any craft, whether submerged or otherwise, by means of an ether wave on the wireless telegraphic principle.

Peruvian Cabinet Resigns. LIMA, Peru, via Galveston, Dec. 2.—Owing to the attitude of the chamber of deputies, the members of the cabinet have tendered their resignations to the president.

Damaged by Tidal Wave. SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Dec. 2.—A tidal wave today caused considerable damage, destroying property and boats along the shore.

DEATHS. Pioneer Z. Allen. Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. SEDRO-WOOLLEY, Dec. 2.—Z. Allen, one of the pioneers of Skagit county, died at his home in Mount Vernon Wednesday of old age.

John S. Blair. NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Word has just been received here that John S. Blair, of Blairtown, N. J., a millionaire many times over, and one of the oldest railroad builders and owners in the country, died at 5 o'clock this (Saturday) morning.

Charles Potter, Jr. NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Charles Potter, jr., the printing press inventor, died at his home in Plainfield, N. J., today. He had been sick some time with a complication of diseases.

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