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HAPPENINGS

IN LONDON

The Attention of England Divided Between the War and the German Emperor.

GRAND WELCOME FOR WILLIAM

The Britisher Will Shout and Sing When His Queen's Berlin Son-in-law Arrives in the Capital.

LONDON, Nov. 11.—Europe is now agog with rumors of diplomatic activity and alliances that may be effected. As a result, the relations of the European powers seem to be rapidly assuming a new phase. This doubtless is not little due to the fact that in nearly all the recent international negotiations the United States has been a factor.

Judging from Lord Salisbury's inference this can be partly attributed to the evident determination of the governments of the great powers to work harmoniously with Great Britain, a policy which, judging from the continental press, is obnoxious to the majority of the continental peoples.

The forthcoming visit of Emperor William to Queen Victoria is regarded as capping the climax of British diplomatic success and the feeling of satisfaction at this state of affairs is not in the slightest degree marred by any feeling of jealousy over the emperor's recent meeting at Potsdam.

The statement that Count Von Buelow will accompany Emperor William to England is taken to be an indication that his majesty does not mean to give the anti-British press any opportunity of belittling his visit on the score that it is merely an obligatory one to his grandmother. But, while the emperor undoubtedly intends to officially emphasize the friendship of Germany for Great Britain, it is scarcely likely as some of the optimistic declare, that important treaties looking toward a closer alliance will be the immediate consequence of the imperial jaunt.

It is pointed out that all which could

be done in this direction seems already accomplished and several diplomats have expressed the opinion to representatives of the Associated Press that this was far more than is expected and that international feeling was not yet ripe for any more than a formal bond between the two nations, which three years ago were on the verge of hostilities. The announcement of the Samoan agreement throws a pleasant shadow over this meeting of Queen Victoria and Emperor William and assures the visitor a hearty reception on the part of the British public.

An elaborate program has been drawn up. Upon the arrival at Portsmouth November 29 of the imperial yacht Hohenzollern with the emperor, empress, their two sons and others on board, it will be met by the British channel squadron and it is said that the emperor, wearing the uniform of a British admiral, will be welcomed by the Prince of Wales similarly attired and the Duke of York.

After the salutes and a review, the party will go direct to Windsor, staying there five days. Thence the emperor will go to Sandringham for two days and will meet there Lord Salisbury, Mr. Balfour, Lord Rosebery, Mr. Chamberlain, Lord Wolsey and other notables.

The remainder of his majesty's visit will probably be spent at the Duke of Devonshire's seat, at Chatworth and in shooting in Scotland, the imperial party returning to Germany via Leith, on the Hohenzollern.

British feeling on the subject of the German emperor's visit is well voiced by Punch's cartoon representing the emperor, who challenged by a British sentry replies: "Friend," and the sentry responds: "Pass, friend, and all's well," emphasizing the word "friend."

After 25 years of bankruptcy America's first colony, Liberia, is now rehabilitated, the interest on her public debt being paid.

In 1871 Liberia floated a loan of \$500,000, chiefly in England, but, three years later the little republic failed to meet the interest and this condition of affairs has prevailed ever since, until now Liberia's fiscal agents in London have announced that the government is once more able to meet its obligations.

This step was rendered feasible by a new source of revenue derived from rubber and the interest which the bond

holders despaired of getting is now being paid from the royalties turned into the government of the republic by the Liberian rubber syndicate, an essentially English concern.

The United States learns that the arrears of interest are practically swept away as the bondholders agree to accept the comparatively small sum of \$75,000 in settlement of the full amount of the arrears, though this appropriation will not be applied until the extinction of the debt. In the meanwhile the current interest has been reduced from seven to three per cent, rising half per cent every three years until it reaches three per cent, which rate will be maintained until the extinction of the loan.

The development of the rubber industry in Liberia has attracted considerable attention, which has not confined itself to the commercial aspect for the Associated Press understands there is likely to be in the near future diplomatic activity in relation to the status of Liberia. The encroachments of the French upon its territory have caused no little disquietude at the foreign office, while it is the general belief that the United States would gladly secure a coaling station on the Liberian coast.

In these and other respects the renewed prosperity has brought the territory to the notice of the European powers and, though the press here has failed to observe this particular sign of the times, it can be said authoritatively that the future status of Liberia, was recently much deliberated upon by several cabinets. Having thus become the object of unsolicited attention, it is quite probable that the American negroes who still retain the reins of government in this slice of the west coast of Africa may soon be threatened with the possibility of exercising their privileges under the tutelage of one of the great powers, though in such an arrangement the United States by virtue of the original settlement would doubtless have some share.

The intense interest in the war has not abated and the enormous amount of the Mansion house funds is but one instance of the practical form such feeling assumes throughout Great Britain. Hundreds of all classes spend their spare time and money to provide comforts for those fighting in South Africa.

It is announced that the queen will offer Lady Symons, widow of General Symons, the first vacant suite of rooms in Hamilton Court where, under similar circumstances, now live Lady Napier and other widows of British heroes.

Although the general feeling of sympathy is undoubted, it does not prevent frequent criticism of the methods followed by the British.

The country around Ladysmith is eminently suited for cavalry, yet, with one brilliant exception, that of General Broeklehurst's sortie, this arm has been apparently of little service in either attacking or in preserving the lines of communication while the capture of the Eighteenth Hussars must have had a most serious moral effect.

Mail advices announce the safe arrival of the American explorer, Donaldson Smith, at Hargessa, Somaliland. Mr. Smith intends to push on to Lake Rudolph and thence explore the unknown country westward.

The moment it was known that Mrs. Brown Potter has succeeded in securing the patronage of the Prince of Wales for the Cafe Chantant which American performers are to give November 18, for the benefit of the hospital ship Maine, which American women are equipping for service in South African waters, the success of that entertainment was assured and the rush for tickets is now so frantic that absent-minded applicants even forget to send their addresses with postal orders. The whole ground floor of Claridges has been placed at the disposal of the committee and the question is now how the program can be crowded into a brief three hours.

SPRING RACES.

The Western Turf Association Announces Three Stakes.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 11.—The Western Turf Association has announced three stakes to be run at the spring meeting of 1909, 1901 and 1902. The Western stakes to be run in 1900 for 2 year olds, at five furloughs and the Western Foal stakes, to be run in 1901, are to have \$2,000 added money.

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30, 1899. The Western produce stakes, to be run at the spring meeting, in 1902, for two year old foals at five furloughs, is expected to be worth \$30,000.

CALIFORNIA A GOOD FIELD.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 11.—Alexander McAde, United States forecast official and director of the state weather service, has declined a call, which was virtually the offer of a professorship from the Johns Hopkins university of Baltimore. He believes that California offers a wider field for research in his chosen field. He is compiling a work on the climatology of California and expects to accomplish important results from the Mount Tamalpais observatory.

It wisdom be not our guide in the journey of life, it is more than probable that self-conceit will take its place.



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