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EDITORIAL

During the past four years much has been said about an Anglo-Saxon alliance, and this theme has been kept much before the public until recently the tone of the press changed to lull the public to believe that an understanding of amicable relations existed between King Edward and Emperor William. Now comes rumor of a combination of American and German capitalists and England is on the anxious seat again.

New York, March 9.—The London correspondent of the Tribune says: The English people, already worried by reports of depressed trade, have now to face an announcement made by the Express that early in April J. P. Morgan will meet a representative of the leading commercial syndicates in Berlin to arrange terms of a combination between German and American trusts.

Trouble Brewing

MONTREAL, March 9.—At a meeting of the Federated Trades and Labor Council last night the following resolution was adopted: "That the Federated Trades and Labor Council protests against the action of the City Council in voting \$10,000 to entertain the Duke of Cornwall, believing that the money might be better spent in establishing a free library or home for incurables."

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My wife, Eliza J. Hagg, having left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, I hereby notify all parties that I will not be responsible for any debts she may contract. Dated at Bandon February 28, 1901. G. C. HAGA.

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Whose Land?

By Hudson Maxim in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly.

A British vessel was once cast away and totally wrecked upon a beautiful and fertile island in the Pacific, and all on board was lost save one man.

Having saved from the wreck a number of small arms with plenty of ammunition, a hammer and axe, together with various other implements, he was provided with means for killing wild animals, catching fish, clearing land and constructing for himself a comfortable habitation.

It was then discovered that the only point where fresh water could be obtained was within the Jewish territory. With ever an eye to business, the Jews charged for water, John and Samuel argued that it was absurd to place a price on water—that like the air, water should be free.

Being unarmed, nearly exhausted, and with the water to his neck, the American was at the mercy of the Englishmen; but he demanded: "By what right do you hold possession?" "Oh," said the Englishmen, "I was the first here, and that is a valid title to property throughout the world."

John: "Very well, then. You can come ashore on the condition that you will be my slave." American: "No, indeed. I will not submit to any such thing. I am a free born American citizen and—"

The Englishman, taking in the situation and realizing that the acknowledgment of his title to the island was equivalent to an acceptance of the relation of master and slave, replied as follows: "Oh, very well, very well, Samuel. I was not aware that you were a free born American citizen. That makes a difference. You can come ashore with the understanding that you shall work for me to pay land rent, and to earn your board and keep."

"Very well," said the Englishman. "The island is mine, the birds are mine, the gun is mine, and you have no right here. You must either work for the price I am willing to pay, or go without eating and get off my land!"

There was no alternative. The freeborn American was obliged to submit and serve the Englishman for the compensation offered. Thereafter, he was allowed to have the giblets of every fowl he cooked, and the table refuse, to earn which he was constantly occupied from sunrise to sunset, tilling the soil, milking the goats, catching fish, and preparing the food.

He could not strike or higher wages, because the Englishman owned the land and held the guns. He had free choice to either put up with his treatment, or go back into the sea. According to the laws of title through out the world, no one can deny the soundness of the Englishman's right to the island and everything on it.

One day there was a revolution on the island. The American finding the Englishman sitting under a tree, sound asleep, stole upon him, seized his gun and covered him with it, looking into the muzzle of a gun. There was no alternative but unconditional surrender. The American had won the island by conquest. No one can deny the validity of his title. He had weighty grievances and good and sufficient reasons for rebellion, and was entitled to all the rights of a victor.

John, being a free born Briton, protested against being enslaved. Samuel told him that he could call it anything he pleased. He said he would give John just enough to keep soul and body together, but he had no objection to his turning it either "Hard times," or "Slavery." It amounted to the same thing, as he had learned by experience.

It should be stated that the American allowed the Englishman the right to vote, but it was distinctly understood that he should vote his way.

A little later, three Jews were cast upon the same island. They were mobbed until after they had made good their landing. They were fortunate enough to get ashore guns and ammunition for their own protection, with a considerable quantity of merchandise, before their vessel went down.

The American was now obliged to take the Englishman into equal partnership with him for mutual protection against the Jews. But the Jews, being by nature the most law abiding and peace-loving of people, were much more inclined to barter than fight, while Samuel and John were only too glad to sell a good portion of the island to the Jews in exchange for some clothes which they sorely needed.

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