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BERLIN, Jan. 19.—A White book has just been issued, entitled "German Claims to Lands of Fiji." It comprises thirty-three documents, ranging in date from October 31, 1883, to September 16, 1884, and containing records of Germany's efforts to obtain a settlement of the claims of German subjects to the lands of Fiji. The documents possess special interest, because it was England's resistance to these claims which induced Germany to adopt her present colonial policy. When England annexed the Fiji islands, all debts contracted by the islands prior to 1874, were declared to be irrevocable, and title deeds to lands were referred to a special commission. The latter proceeded very slowly, and contested several proofs of German ownership, thereby causing Germany to frequently remonstrate. In April, 1883, Germany proposed that a mixed commission be appointed to inquire into the disputed claims. Earl Granville, British foreign secretary, replied that the proposal could not be accepted by the British office. In October Germany asked to be informed as to the views of the English cabinet, not those of the colonial office, and reiterated her demand for a mixed commission. In January, 1884, Earl Granville replied refusing consent to the appointment of a mixed commission, composed of English and German colonial officials.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The excitement caused yesterday by the unusual occurrence of a council at the war office on Sunday was greatly increased today by the report that the government decided to resist any attempt on the part of Turkey to occupy any part of Egypt or land troops in that country. There is considerable bustle and excitement at the war office to day, and orders have been sent to Chatham, Portsmouth and Woolwich which caused much activity at those great naval stations. Another battalion of troops at Malta have been ordered to embark at once on the steamship *Poonah* for Alexandria. Other troops are under orders to be in readiness to move at a moment's notice. Indications all point to stirring events in the Egypt. There is no doubt that the ministry are determined not to allow Turkey to interfere in Egyptian affairs by placing armed force in any part of Egypt.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—Hassan Fehmi Pacha, Turkish minister of justice, in England on a special mission concerning Egypt, drove in state to the foreign office to-day. Musurus Pacha, Turkish ambassador, introduced Fehmi to Granville, British foreign minister. A long conference ensued. After the conference the court minister gave a long explanation to Granville of Germany's views on the Egyptian question.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—A Cairo dispatch says: It is understood here that the committee of inquiry which the powers propose to have investigate the financial condition of Egypt, shall comprise the present members of the Caisse de la Dette Publique, with the addition of German and Russian delegates, and consults of the great powers. It is believed here that this scheme will not be acceptable to England.

BERLIN, Jan. 19.—Baron Lambert's report to the Congo conference embodying the English proposal regarding neutrality and laying down formalities has been received by the powers. Annexing African territory is considered a further step to England's advantage.

IN THE HANDS OF RECEIVERS.

Suit was commenced in the United States circuit court yesterday by Lawrence Harrison and Lawrence Baker, for themselves and others, against the Oregon and California Railroad Company, the Farmers Loan and Trust Company and the Oregon and Transcontinental Company. The complainants, who are citizens of Great Britain, for themselves and for all holders of unpaid and due coupons on the first mortgage bonds of the Oregon and California, bring this suit against the company, a corporation which is a citizen of Oregon, the Farmers Loan and Trust Company, a citizen of New York, and the Oregon and Transcontinental Company, a citizen of Oregon, and complain on about twenty pages of legal cap, the substance of the complaint being that they are bondholders of the O. & C. R. Co., and that the company has not paid the six months' interest on the aforesaid bonds which fell due this month. That they are of the opinion that the proceeds of the road are not properly applied, the running expenses being, as they think, too large, and they therefore ask that a receiver be appointed to operate the road. The court appointed R. Koehler and A. G. Cunningham receivers to take charge of and operate the road. They are required to report to the court once a month the receipts and expenditures of the road, and the amount in hand, which they are required to deposit in the First National bank. They are required to give bonds in the sum of \$75,000. The bonded indebtedness of the road amounts to \$9,020,000. The monthly income is about \$100,000, and the operating expenses about \$70,000.—*Oregonian*, 20th.

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THE SPANISH TREATY.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—A special committee of the chamber of commerce reports after investigation among all members of the chamber, it finds the resolution adverse to the Spanish treaty, passed at the meeting of January 8th, satisfactory to the large majority of the representatives of all branches of trade and manufacture who have been called upon for an opinion. The committee adds: Mexico and San Domingo are sister republics. The latter especially is in sympathy with our people and institutions, and from her position might be of much value in giving us a cooling station in case of war. Treaties with these countries take but little from our revenue, open up avenues of trade at reasonable cost, and deserve favorable consideration. On the other hand Cuba and Porto Rico are dependencies of Spain, and under Spanish rule of the most arbitrary and oppressive character. She has taxed them until they are bankrupt, and now she seeks, at our expense, to make them further able to swell her revenue. In helping a European power to continue its oppressive system of government over the only islands in American waters that remain under its control, are we going to permanently extend American influence? Spain has uniformly treated American interests arbitrarily and unjustly. American ships have been seized and confiscated without cause. A constant series of fines have been imposed upon our vessels, and strange to say advocates of this treaty advance as one of their arguments that outrages of this kind shall cease, as a matter of favor, when we build a creditable navy, or fortify our harbors, or build a postal telegraph, or enlarge our canals—thus furnishing American laborers with employment; or we might relieve our citizens from taxation to that extent; or for one-tenth of this sum we could establish American steam lines to all South and Central American ports, which would do more to build up our commerce than ten such one-sided reciprocity treaties." The report has been sent to United States senators.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19.—The *Chronicle's* Washington special says the *Sunday Herald*, which is regarded as the organ of the army and navy, comes out violently against the bill placing General Grant on the retired list. It says if the country owes him any aid at all it should be given him as a pension, but not in the way he asks for it. It says that to place him on the retired list would be a perpetual menace to the peace and liberty of the country, and make him the center of all kinds of ambitious scheming.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Lieutenant Fred Schwatka, of Oregon, who resigned his position in the army some time ago, has asked permission to withdraw his resignation. It is believed that the war department will not allow him to withdraw his resignation, because at the time he sent it in he asked for one year's leave of absence, with pay, and the request was granted.

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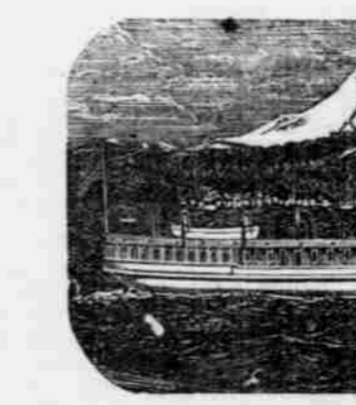
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