

TROUBLE IN SAMOA

German Part of it in an Unsettled State.

MATAAFA FACTION WANTS TO RULE

In Tutuila and the Other American Islands the Natives are Peaceable and Happy.

APPA, Samoa, May 11, via San Francisco. June 1.—Since the German flag was hoisted in Samoa, affairs have been in an unsettled state. The Mataafa faction until after Easter remained in or around Apia, claiming that although they had given the King to the commissioners July last, they had not by any means given up their rights to govern the islands under the guarantee given to them by the Berlin treaty, which assured the autonomy of the Samoan group and the right of the natives to elect their own King. Mataafa claimed that the treaty powers had no right to hand over the government of the islands to any single power, and that such a course was not assented to by his people.

Dr. Solf, the newly appointed Governor of Samoa, had the day after yesterday in his office a difficult and trying position to face. After several interviews, in which the matters were discussed from different points of view, the natives agreed to return to their homes and there await further news after the arrival of dispatches from the German Government. It generally was understood that the natives conceded the right of the majority of the natives to be the party who should be consulted later in the formation of the native administration and be entitled to appointments to the same. The Mataafa party claims that "the spoils belong to the victors."

At first it looked as if the natives were certain to give up the islands to their late behavior it looks as if the whole of their opposition would be in words and not deeds.

The money agreed by the powers to be paid to the natives for the rights surrendered to the commissioners, amounting to \$100,000, has been for some time on hand in Apia, but for some reason or other none of it has been as yet distributed among the natives. Taxes and duties are the same as formerly, and Apia is the only port of entry.

In Tutuila the American representative, in the person of Commander Tilley, of the United States steamer Abrenda, has had much more agreeable and pleasant experience than in the other islands. He is hailed with enthusiasm as the bringer of "Old Glory." At Manua, the island lying east of Tutuila, the chiefs have requested Commander Tilley to visit the island in person and there hoist the flag. This he consented to do, and the date fixed for the function was May 11, but at the time writing there is no news from that place.

Customs regulations have been promulgated by the Commander. The only port of entry in Samoa is Apia. The duties are the same as formerly, collected under the Berlin treaty, with the one exception that the export duty on copra has been abolished. Lands are not to be alienated by the natives, although land may be leased for a period not exceeding 40 years with the approval of the commander. The natives will be governed in the future by three districts, each under a chief. Under the chiefs are the judges and village magistrates, and an appeal lies from all to the Commander.

READY FOR THE MEET.

Athletes are Harmonious and Enthusiastic for Today's Work.

SALEM, Or., June 1.—The preliminary arrangements for the intercollegiate meet were completed this evening, at a very harmonious meeting of the representatives of the schools. There was no unpleasantness over protests, and everything indicates that all contests will be fought out on the field.

All the athletes arrived yesterday afternoon and today. Some of the contestants have been out to the race-track looking over the ground and practicing to become accustomed to the track, and others interested in athletic sports.

Leon Kenworthy of Newberg, who is manager of the field meet, said today that the track is the best he has ever seen for athletic contests. It is hoped that the intercollegiate records may be broken in the hammer-throw, broad jump and half-mile run, and that the Northwest pole vault record is 10 feet 11 inches, and is held by Heater, of Corvallis, who is expected to make 11 feet tomorrow. The 440-yard dash record is 51 seconds. It is expected that the shot-put will be won by Heater, of Corvallis, who is expected to make 110 feet tomorrow. The 440-yard dash record is 51 seconds. It is expected that the shot-put will be won by Heater, of Corvallis, who is expected to make 110 feet tomorrow.

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