

GERMANY DOUBTS BRITAIN'S PURPOSE

Teutons Suspect Neighbors of Trying to Steal Good Will of United States.

WAR PARTY IS GROWING

Berlin Points to Fact That All Talk of Trouble Comes From English Sources—Official Effort Is Made to Check Comment.

BERLIN, Oct. 9.—The speeches recently attributed to Lord Northcliffe, Admiral Lord Charles Beresford and Earl Grey, Governor-General of Canada, together with various magazine articles dealing with the relations of Great Britain and Germany, have been widely reproduced and commented upon in this country.

The prevailing note is one of apprehension that a regular campaign has been organized for the purpose of depriving Germany of the good will of the United States and nourishing the idea that Germany is threatening Great Britain.

The German commentators point out that all the suggestions of coming trouble between Germany and Great Britain come from the British side and that no German of distinction, either in a public speech or in writing, has given voice to suspicion of Great Britain.

Apprehension is expressed over the growth of a war party in Great Britain. This party today is small, but it is influential and is gathering strength.

An official effort is being made to restrain German comment on these speeches and articles, with the idea of avoiding the production of material for irritating discussions.

ONLY KAISER CAN ANSWER

Seymour's Opinion on Chance of Anglo-German War.

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—While preparing to sail on the cruiser-battleship *Indiana*, after participating in the Hudson-Palton celebration, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edward H. Seymour, commanding the British squadron, is quoted as expressing himself for the first time, on the talk of war between Germany and Great Britain.

"In my experience with the Germans in all parts of the world," he said, "I have always found that they strictly observed the proprieties."

Asked whether he thought there was any probability of war between England and Germany, Admiral Seymour replied that the German Emperor was the only person who could answer that question satisfactorily. Personally, he hoped not, as war today meant a great loss of life and expense, which must be met by taxation, and in his opinion it was wrong even to discuss publicly the likelihood of war between two friendly nations.

"Do you think Germany is preparing for war?" he was asked.

"Germany is increasing her navy," said Admiral Seymour, "but I cannot tell you the reason, because I do not know it. The millennium is not yet in sight, and nations have to be prepared for war. It is easy to inflame the minds of one people against another and then one never knows what may happen."

PEABODY TO TALK MONDAY

Boston Man to Speak in White Temple Against Christian Science.

Frederick W. Peabody, Boston lawyer, who is delivering lectures on the Pacific Coast under the general title of "Christian Science Exposed," will speak tomorrow night, October 11, at the White Temple. Mr. Peabody claims to have investigated Christian Science and to have gone carefully into the history of Mrs. Eddy and her healing system.

At Los Angeles it is said the Temple Auditorium was packed with 4000 people, while 3000 more are reported to have been turned away. This is also said to have happened in San Francisco, where the lecture was given in a rink. For the lecture at the White Temple no admission will be charged.

SQUATTERS MAKE FILINGS

Forty Homesteads Are Filed on Land Claimed by Northern Pacific.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Oct. 9.—(Special.)—About 40 men filed homestead claims in townships 24 and 25, range 9, which were thrown open today. It was unsurveyed land, the survey of which has been accepted and the land was persons who had squatted on the land some years ago.

There was little opportunity for new homesteaders, for the fact that scrips has been placed on all of the land by the Northern Pacific and other large interests. Those who filed for homesteads claim that they have a squatter's right, and some declare they will take the cases to court to defend their claims.

SETTLE ROW WITH FISTS

Business Men Engage in Public Fight in Pendleton Street.

PENDLETON, Or., Oct. 9.—(Special.)—Jack Huston, secretary of the Pendleton Commercial Association, and Jack Mitchell, manager of the Oregon Theater in this city, engaged in a fist fight on the streets this afternoon. It was not strictly a Marquis of Queensberry bout, but neither of the combatants was seriously injured. The trouble was caused by a disagreement concerning the appearance of an attraction in the theater under the auspices of the Commercial Association.

EX-CONVICT REMARRIES WIFE.

HARRISBURG, Ill., Oct. 9.—John W. Nell, sentenced from Saline County to the penitentiary 10 years ago to serve 25 years for killing Cecil Willeford, but who was pardoned last week, was remarried here yesterday to his former wife, who had obtained a divorce after his conviction and married Augustus Gaylord. Gaylord died two years ago.

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CONSPIRACY IS ROT

Aged Mrs. Purser Asked for Guardian.

PETITION IS READ TO HER

Dr. Wood and Attorney Barrett, of Hillsboro, Explain Why Patient Was Placed in Sanitarium. Estate Is Well Cared For.

HILLSBORO, Or., Oct. 9.—(Special.)—Mrs. Hannah Purser, the aged Beaverton woman who has been creating a sensation by running away from the Crystal Springs Sanitarium, in East Portland, is the wife of the late David Purser, at one time known as the "Onion King" of the lowlands east of this city.

Mrs. Purser, while in the Portland sanitarium, under date of June 19, wrote Dr. W. D. Wood, State Senator of this city, asking him to come to Portland, as she wished to talk to him about the care of her property. As the physician knew at once that the letter was not in Mrs. Purser's handwriting, he replied and sent word asking who the writer was.

The reply came back that the writer was a Miss Nettie Free, a nurse of Salem, and that she had written at the request of Mrs. Purser. Dr. Wood then went to Portland after the passage of two or three letters, and Attorney W. N. Barrett, joint Senator for this district, went with him, and at Mrs. Purser's request drew a petition asking the Probate Judge of Washington County to nominate Dr. Wood as her guardian, and desiring that he execute a bond in the sum of \$20,000.

Woman Understood Proceedings.

After the petition was drawn up, the paper was read carefully to Mrs. Purser by Attorney Barrett, who says the woman fully understood the proceedings.

The appointment was made and the bond approved by the County Court. Dr. Wood was given the keys to the Purser home, and the order for her

private box at a bank containing her money and private papers. The doctor secured the box and found in it several hundred dollars more money than Mrs. Purser had represented.

Mrs. Purser remained at the sanitarium until July 12, when she asked to be taken away. She was brought to Hillsboro and remained at the doctor's home two nights, and was then sent to the home of Mrs. A. R. Lincoln at Hillsboro, for care. She remained there a month and became unmanageable and was then sent to the Crystal Springs Sanitarium, where she could receive the medical care and attention her condition demanded.

Patton Home Refused Patient.

Mrs. Purser was only taken to the Crystal Springs establishment after the Patton Home had refused to care for her, and after she had been refused admittance to the St. Joseph's Home for the Aged.

Dr. Wood stated tonight that he was drawn into the matter through Mrs. Purser's request, and that after the nomination as guardian was made she appeared much pleased. He stated that the estate was worth \$15,500, of this \$12,000 being real estate and personal property and the balance money and bonds. He said that his bond was a sufficient guarantee that he would perform the duties of his charge faithfully and that he feared nothing, but very much disliked the cheap notoriety circumstances had brought about.

As a matter of fact, at one time C. H. Fry, a real estate man of Beaverton, had sworn to a complaint charging Mrs. Purser with insanity, but the paper was never filed. Mrs. Purser has been very erratic for some years and has made several wills, making other people than her nephew, Charles Johnson, legatees. When asked if he had talked with the nephew prior to his appointment as guardian, Dr. Wood replied in the negative, and said he had never talked with the relative until he went to Beaverton to take charge of the property.

Attorney Also Indignant.

Dr. Wood bagged: "I have had several chances to rent the Beaverton residence, but have refrained from so doing, because I hoped the patient would become sufficiently composed to allow her to remain at home in charge of a nurse, but as yet I have been unable to make these arrangements. All this talk of a conspiracy is nonsense."

Attorney H. C. Bagley, when seen tonight, insisted he had been misquoted in regard to proposed habeas corpus proceedings, and was indignant at the sensational turn given to the proceedings. He insisted that he was perfectly satisfied that Dr. Wood remain guardian of his client.

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LOST ON MAIDEN VOYAGE

STEAMER OCEAN QUEEN GOES DOWN OFF TAHITI.

Wrecked Vessel Reach Shore in Lifeboats—Later Picked Up.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 9.—Several men of the Pacific Phosphate Company, limited, of London, lessee of the vessel, Arundel's two daughters, his private secretary, H. H. Jay, Miss Whitley and Captain Johannessen, while passing the settlement of Maunua, on the east side of the island, the engine ceased running and it was discovered that the aft eccentric rod was bent. A strong wind was blowing toward shore and this, with an unusual current swept the vessel upon a reef, while the crew was attempting to break the rod.

The passengers were taken off immediately in the lifeboats and the captain and crew remained to save the passengers, the captain and a portion of the crew of the Norwegian steamer ship Ocean Queen, which was wrecked September 15 on a reef off the coast of Tahiti, arrived here today on the steamer Mariposa from Papeete, bringing details of the disaster. The party includes John T. Arundel, deputy chair-luggage. About 1 o'clock the last man left the ship and a few minutes later it had completely disappeared. The Ocean Queen was making her maiden voyage. She left England

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City Attorney to Speak. The executive committee of the Christian Brothers' College Bazaar Association has succeeded in obtaining

City Attorney Kavanaugh to address a booster meeting in Alumni Hall on next Wednesday night at 8 o'clock, instead of on Sunday afternoon, as previously stated. At that meeting steps will be taken to get the different organizations in the city interested in securing the beautiful Taft flag presented to the bazaar workers. A social hour will be held after the business meeting.

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