

TIME TO CALL A HALT.

The policy which is actuating Germany in her dealings with Venezuela is certainly difficult to understand, says the Post-Intelligencer. It has been substantially agreed on all sides to submit the matter to arbitration. Negotiations to that end are under way and there is no hint of their possible interruption. Great Britain is accepting the situation in apparent good faith. Minister Howen, armed with full powers from Venezuela to make arrangements for the settling by arbitration of all claims which either Germany, Great Britain or any other country has against Venezuela, is now on his way to Washington, at which place, it has been understood, all parties have agreed to discuss and settle the terms of arbitration

Yet, under these circumstances, when there is every prospect of a peaceful settlement of the whole matter and the satisfaction in full through the decision of a competent tribunal of all legitimate claims which Germany or her subjects may have against Venezuela. Germany persists in acting as though war were raging in which it was incumbent upon her to take and maintain the aggressive. Twice within the past built in 1883 at a cost of \$2,500,000, has week, and without any apparent provocation, necessity or inducement, have vessels of the German navy attacked and shelled Venezuelan forts, and in forced to seek shelter in flight.

What is it all about? Why has Gerthat it has taken the field against him; type now under construction cost from even with his ports closed by the hos- 60 to 105 percent more than the Aga-

tile actions of the German fleet? It is Great Britain which should ask to predict how long battleships of the these questions of her German ally. present type will be regarded as valu-The present interest of able States is merely to secure a restoration nothing but naval uses, and their use of peace, if possible; failing that, to infulness as a symbol of invincible power. sure that the success of the allies in is at an end when something believed the British government is responsible to public sentiment at home. The al- The czar of Russia in praposing liance with Germany has not been popular. If Great Britain should seriously antagonize the United States by any action which she takes in concert with the world, but nations lack the moral Germany and against Venezuela, that is a desideratum all would like to see fact alone would be fatal to the present British ministry; for neither the but no power is willing to disarm until British people nor the American people want any difficulties created between the two countries which by the remot-Until then the lesson of the consign ment of the Agamemnon to the junk est possibility might bring about war. Germany's actions have been and are heap after less than 20 years of peaceirritating to many people in the United ful service, repeated, if you please, ; States. The prospect of peace and arthousand times, will not check the expenditure of hundreds of millions of doi bitration was halled with unfeigned relars annually in war ships. The fact lief by everyone in the United States; that the money is usually expended because the situation was one not without peril to this country; and we cerfor a short-lived shoy of power does not tainly are lesirous above all things of abate in the least the wide notions take in their navies. living in peace with all other powers.

Under all of these circumstances would be the part of sound policy for Great Britain to intimate to her all: that if a peaceful settlement of her claims is what she really wants, she must refrain from the amusement of firing upon Venezuelan forts and burning Venezuelan towns; and if this is not what Germany really wants, that Great Britain has followed Germany's lead along that particular road so far as she desires to go

THE COST OF WARS.

The announcement that the English government will make a Transvaal loan amounting to something like \$150,000, 600 within the next few months draws attention to the enormous cost of the Boor war. Its total cost to Great Britain is estimated by F. R. Fairchild of Yale university, to have been \$1,063,-A comparison with the other principal wars in which Great Britain has been engaged since 1688 shows that the total cost of this South African war has been exceeded by that of only one other war, the 23 years' war with France (1793-1815). No other war, not even the prolonged struggle waged against Napoleon, reached half the cost of this South African war. A greater proportion of the cost was met by borrowing than was the case in any other important wars. The cost of the South African war, according to Mr. Fairchild, was met as follows: By suspending the sinking fund, \$46,000,000; by taxation, \$266,000,000; and by borrowing, \$751,000,000.

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The British battleship Agamemnor

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been sold by the British government to a firm of metal dealers for \$100,000, She will be broken up and added to the junk heap. This battleship, which was this afternoon held a brief executive one case the German attacking force the largest, most formidable and most has been ignominiously routed and up-to-date naval fighting machine in the world less than 20 years ago, is many attacked the Venezuelan forts progress of naval construction has inunder such circumstances? Is she de- dead been rapid. The loss on the Agaliberately designing and Intending to memnon is 96 percent of her cost. The arouse such feeling of antagonism and question arises whether it pays to build resentment in Venezuela as to make it hattleships at enormous cost for so impossible to conclude a peace? Or is short a career. Regarded as a matter it true that Germany is really seeking of insurance on a maritime country's to aid to the extent of her ability and prestige and commanding induence, the opportunity the revolutionary force maintenance of a fleet of powerful batwhich Castro has defeated every time tleships comes high. Battleships of the

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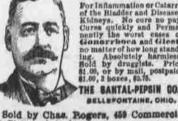
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