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WHAT IT AMOUNTS TO.

If the report be correct that at a special audience with Dr. W. J. Leyds, the Transvaal secretary of state, the emperor of Germany informed him he would not recognize any claim of suzerainty over that South African republic; the young emperor has sounded another defiance in the ears of England which is far more significant and alarming than his congratulatory dispatch to President Kruger after the defeat of Jameson. The latter might be excused upon the ground of youthful and impulsive enthusiasm over a victory achieved by his second-hand cousins, the Boers; but the declaration to Dr. Leyds assents a treaty stipulation between England and the Transvaal, and as such is well nigh tantamount to an act of war.

The Statesman's Year Book briefly gives the history of the organization of the Transvaal Republic. It was formed by the Boers who left the Cape Colony in 1837 for Natal, and quitted the latter colony when it was annexed to Great Britain. In 1852 the British government recognized the independence of the Transvaal. In 1877, however, England annexed the Transvaal, against which in 1880 the Boers took up arms. They defeated the English at Matabele, and a treaty of peace was signed in 1881 by which the republic was granted autonomy so far as internal affairs are concerned, but the control of its foreign affairs was reserved by the British government as suzerain, and a British resident was appointed. Another convention was signed by the British government in 1894 by which the Transvaal was recognized as "the South African Republic," and the British suzerainty was considerably restricted. Instead of a resident the government is now represented by a diplomatic agent.

Represented under the treaty England retains suzerainty or protectorate, though in a restricted sense, over the Transvaal and its suzerainty, though fixed by treaty, the emperor of Germany refuses to recognize. If this report be correct, then Dr. Jameson, by his foolhardy blustering, which ended so disastrously to himself, may have lighted the flames of a European war, for if England and Germany fall out no one can prophesy what the result may be as affecting the other powers.

THE ALASKA BOUNDARY.

The Alaska boundary question seems to be clearing up. Despite the unfavorable opinion expressed here and there, the report of the surveyors, so far as it has been made known, simplifies matters and improves the prospect of a speedy and equitable settlement. Concerning the northern half of the line there is, of course, no dispute. Both parties agree that it follows a certain meridian of longitude, and all that is necessary is to ascertain that meridian by scientific means and set up a row of posts along it. The only question is concerning the southern half of the line, along the eastern edge of the "panhandle." It is with that part that the surveyors have had most to do.

Apart from the question whether the southern extremity of the line should follow Portland channel, according to the old Russo-British treaty, or Behm channel, according to modern British contentions, the location of the boundary depended upon whether or not there was a well-defined mountain range running parallel to and not more than ten marine leagues from the coast. If so, that ridge must be the boundary. The British idea has been that such a ridge exists, and there have been rumors that the British surveyors expected to demonstrate its existence. Apparently they have not done so, but on the contrary have reported that there is no such ridge. If so, there is just one alternative. The line must be drawn parallel to the coast, in all its windings, and ten marine leagues from its inland.

That is the task now before the two governments. It is one to be performed mechanically, by civil engineers. But before that there will be some diplomatic discussion as to the meaning of terms. Does the "coast" mean the edge of the mainland, or the outer edge of the fringe of islands? Do the "windings of the coast" include all the bays and inlets, or is the coastline to be drawn boldly across from headland to headland? Upon the determination of these points will depend the ownership of much valuable territory. But it ought to be possible to reach such a determination promptly, peaceably and equitably.

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