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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1914.

Their "WHITE BOOK"

A "White Book" issued by the British government, and so called "White Book" put forth by the German Government, sets forth in detail the diplomatic correspondence and negotiations which preceded the outbreak of the European war. They throw a flood of light upon the case, and help to determine the considerations and influences which prevented the maintenance of peace, and precipitated the general war. As to Great Britain's "White Book" no unprejudiced person can read it's disclosures without concluding at least that Sir Edward Gray the British secretary of state for foreign affairs—and by the way, one of the ablest of living diplomates and most sincere friend of peace did the utmost possible that could be done to reconcile the parties in dispute and preserve the world's peace.

With wonderful skill, tact and patience he labored, from the date of the murder of Archduke Francis Ferdinand on June 28th until war was actually declared between Germany and Great Britain. August first, to prevent a clash of arms, he reasoned and pleaded alternately with Austria, Germany, Russia and France, and urged mutual concessions, and mediation or arbitration, but in vain, he conveys the impression that Germany refused to use her influence with Austria to prevent her going war with Serbia, but insisted that Austria should have a free hand to punish her little neighbor as she saw fit. The German White Paper, giving their side of the story confirms the British account in some noteworthy particulars, it shows that Germany fully approved of Austria's extreme demands upon Serbia, and assured her that any action she might consider necessary would receive our (Germany's) approval, it also frankly says, we were fully aware in this connection that warlike moves

on part of Austria—Hungary against Servia would bring Russia into the question and might draw us into a war in accordance with our duties as an ally—but Germany insisted that France should not go to the aid of her ally Russia, and did her utmost to persuade Great Britain to keep out of it, now Germany argues that Russia's course in mobilizing her troops to aid Serbia against Austria and France's refusal to forsake her ally Russia were sufficient reason for Germany to take up arms—though she claims that Russia really committed

the first aggressive act. As to her violation of Belgian neutrality, in the face of treaty pledges, Germany excuses by saying she had absolutely unimpeachable information that France planned to attack Germany across Belgium. Germany had consequently to disregard Belgium neutrality, it being for a question of life or death to prevent French advance. Moreover Germany knew she must strike France as quickly as possible, because of Russia's menace on the east—so she struck through Belgium, in spite of treaty promises. Germany appears

to think that Austria's promise not to acquire any territory from Servia in punishing her, should have been accepted by Russia, and that her own promise not to acquire any Belgium territory permanently and not to deprive France of any territory except in her colonies, should have been accepted by Great Britain and that those two nations should have kept out of the struggle, but Russia, France and Great Britain did not see their duty of interests that way and now the greatest war in the world's history is on.

PUBLIC AUCTION

I will offer at public auction at the old Murphy farm, one mi. east of the Estella Fall on the Little Nesutucca River, three mi. east of Meda, five mi. west of Dolph, the following property to-wit. Saturday Sept. 26. 10 A.M. SHARP.

1 span of horses 9 and 10 yrs. old, weight about 1400 lbs. each, milch cow a poled angus fresh 1st of March, set of new double harness heavy, 3 in. Bain wagon, 9 early calves, 6 heifer, and 3 bull, 2 T. wild 5 T. oat hay, 30 bu. gray winter oats, 5 bu. potatoes. And the following useful articles are all new. Tent 12x14, 100 foot 3/4 in. rope, single and double steel blocks with becketts size 1 in. mattock, extension bit combination anvil, vise and press drill, set of assorted drills, cold chisel, 1 1/2 in. steel swamp hook, 14ft. log chain, spading fork, garden hoe, shovel, manure fork, grass scythe brush scythe and brush hook, carborundum scythe stone, box assorted bolts, leather punch, clothesline, 4 doz. clothespins, lantern 2 bracket lamps, heavy tub and wash board, ideal clothes cleaner, star barrel churn, 8 gal. milk can and strainer, 4 steel wedges, 8 lb. maul. UNDERWOOD TYPEWRITER No. 5 New.

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