

GERMANY ADMITS CRIME AGAINST CIVILIZATION

(Continued from last Friday.) (Germany) had unfortunately declined the proposal of the French Government to join in a declaration of disinterestedness and impartiality on the part of the powers." On the other hand, he says of Lord Grey: "From the beginning, the British statesman took the stand that England had no interest in Albania and was therefore unwilling to be involved in a war over this question. He wished simply as an honest broker to mediate between the two groups and settle difficulties. Thus he in no wise placed himself on the side of the entente (his allies) and during the negotiations, which lasted about eight months, by virtue of his good will and weighty influence, he contributed not a little toward bringing about concord and agreement. Instead of taking a position similar to that of the English, we invariably assumed the attitude prescribed to us from Vienna * * * On every point, including Albania, the Serbian harbors, in the Adriatic, Scutari, and the definition of the Albanian frontiers, we were on the side of Austria and Italy, whilst Sir Edward Grey hardly ever took the French or Russian point of view. On the contrary, he nearly always took our part in order to give no pretext for war. It was with his help that King Nicholas was induced to leave Scutari. Otherwise there would have been war over this matter, as we should never have dared to ask our allies to make concessions.

Turkish representative, in the person of Hakkı Pasha, all economic questions connected with German enterprises were adjusted essentially in accordance with the wishes of the Deutsche Bank. The most important concession that Sir Edward Grey made to me personally was the prolongation of the railroad to Basra, for this point had been given up by us in favor of the connection to Alexandretta. Bagdad had hitherto constituted the terminal point of the road. An international commission was to attend to the navigation on the Shatt-el-Arab. We also had a share in the harbor construction at Basra and obtained rights in the navigation of the Tigris which had hitherto been a monopoly of the firm of Lynch. Under this treaty the whole of Mesopotamia as far as Basra came into our sphere of interest in so far as this did not encroach upon prior British rights, as in the case of the Tigris navigation and the Wilcox irrigation plant, and the whole territory of the Bagdad & Anatolian Railroad."

British Not Jealous.
The English felt "uncomfortable," Prince Lichnowsky says, about the great increases in the German fleet. He admits, however, that "England would no more have drawn the sword solely on account of our Navy than on account of our commerce, which is supposed to have aroused her envy and in the end brought the war to a head. * * * The talk of English commercial jealousy, of which one hears so much among us, is based upon a wrong judgment of conditions. Germany's rise as a commercial power after the war of the seventies and in the following decades was certainly a menace to British commerce, whose industries and export houses enjoyed a sort of monopoly. But the increasing trade with Germany, which ranked as England's best customer, made it desirable for England to remain on good terms with her best customer and business friend, and gradually supplanted all other considerations. The Briton is matter of fact; he reconciles himself to facts and does not tilt against windmills. It was precisely in commercial circles that I met with the most friendly reception and observed an effort to promote economic interests common to both countries. * * * I became convinced soon after my arrival (in England) that we did not in the least have to fear an English attack or English support of a foreign attack, but that England under all circumstances would protect France. * * * I never ceased to point out that as a commercial nation England would suffer enormously in any war between the great European powers, and would therefore seek by every means to prevent it, but that in the interest of the European balance of power and in order to prevent a preponderance of German power she would not tolerate the weakening or destruction of France. Lord Haldane had told me this soon after my arrival. Every person in authority expressed himself to the same effect."

"Lord Grey conducted the negotiations with circumspection, calmness and tact. Whenever a question threatened to become involved, he would draft an appropriate formula of agreement which invariably proved acceptable to all. His personality commanded equal confidence among all the members of the conference. Once more we issued successfully from one of those numerous tests of strength which are characteristic of our foreign policy. Russia had had to yield to us at every point, so that she was never in a position to further Serbian ambitions. Albania was created an Austrian vassal state and Serbia was driven from the sea. The result of the conference was therefore a fresh humiliation for Russian self-consciousness."

British Concessions in Africa.
Similarly, when Germany sought concessions in the Portuguese colonies in Africa, England, as the protector of Portuguese interests in Africa, assisted Germany in obtaining all she wished. "Thanks to the obliging attitude of the British Government," Prince Lichnowsky writes "I succeeded in giving the new treaty a form which fully coincided with our wishes and interests. All of Angola up to the twentieth degree of longitude was assigned to us, so that we reached the Congo region from the south; and we received the valuable islands of San Thome and Principe, which lie north of the Equator and therefore really belong to the French sphere of interest—a fact which led my French colleague to lively though fruitless counter representations. Furthermore, we received the northern part of Mozambique, the Likungo forming the boundary."

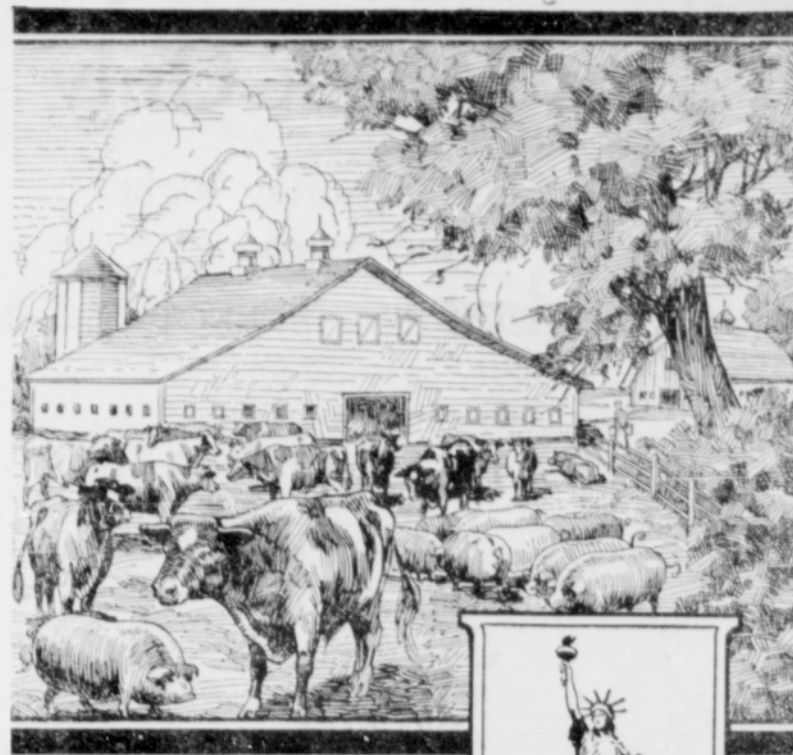
"The British Government showed the greatest obligingness in behalf of our interests. Grey wanted to manifest his good will toward us, but he was also interested in furthering our colonial expansion, it being the English idea to divert the developing German strength away from the North Sea and western Europe into the open ocean and Africa. 'We do not begrudge Germany her colonial expansion,' said a member of the Cabinet to me. Great Britain originally proposed to include the Congo in the treaty as well. This would have given us a right of preemption and an opportunity for economic penetration. However, we declined this offer, ostensibly out of regard for Belgian susceptibilities. * * * The sincerity of the British Government in its efforts to respect our rights was shown by the fact that Grey, even before the treaty was completed or signed, referred to us certain English promoters seeking investments of capital in the territories assigned to us by the new treaty and desiring British backing in the matter. He did this with the remark that the enterprise contemplated being within our sphere of interest."

British Concessions in Asia Minor.
Prince Lichnowsky continues: "At the same time I was carrying on in London negotiations regarding the so-called Bagdad treaty. * * * The real purpose of this treaty was to divide Asia Minor into spheres of interest, although this expression was carefully avoided out of regard for the rights of the Sultan. Sir Edward Grey repeatedly declared, however, that there existed no agreements with France and Russia for the purpose of partitioning Asia Minor. "After enlisting the aid of a

Late in June of the fatal summer of 1914, Prince Lichnowsky was summoned to Kiel by the kaiser, and he was on board the imperial yacht of the Austrian Archduke. "Being unacquainted with the Vienna viewpoint and what was going on there," he says, "I attached no very far-reaching significance to the event; but, looking back, I could feel sure that in the Austrian aristocracy a feeling of relief outweighed all others." As for the kaiser, "His Majesty regretted that his efforts to win over the Archduke to his ideas had been thus frustrated" by the Archduke's assassination. Lichnowsky went on to Berlin and saw the Chancellor, von Bethmann-Hollweg. "I told him that I regarded our foreign situation as very satisfactory as it was a long time indeed since we had stood so well with England. And in France there was a pacifist cabinet. Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg did not seem to share my optimism. He complained of the Russian armaments. I tried to tranquilize him with the argument that it was not to Russia's interest to attack us, and that such an attack would never have English or French support, as both countries wanted peace.

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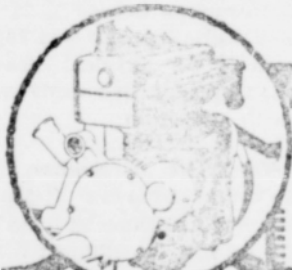
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