SAMOAN SLATE WIPED CLEAN.

Satisfactory Understanding Regarding Affairs in South Seas.

THREE POWERS ARE AGREED

Dr. William Rolf, Nominated by Germany as President Municipal Council at Apia, is Recognized.

Washington, March 13.—After numerous conferences and the exchange of notes between Secretary Hay, the British ambassador and the German embassador, a satisfactory understanding has been reached between the three powers interested in Samoa as to the conditions there. This seeks to open a new account of Samoa and to obliterate the troubles among officials which have recently occurred there.

To this end, Dr. William Rolf, who has been nominated by Germany as president of the municipal council at Apia, to succeed Dr. Raffel, will be recognized by the British and United States authorities. Already this recognition is assured but it remains for the consuls at Apia to carry it into formal effect, in accordance with the letter of the treaty of Berlin.

In order that this may pave the way to an agreeable and harmonious adjustment Dr. Rolf will go to London and make himself acquainted with the authorities there and afterwards come to Washington and become acquainted with our officials, so that there may be mutual understandings. Dr. Rolf will reach Washington the latter part of this month and will be presented by Dr. Von Holleben, the German embassador. He will then go to Samoa, reaching there in May. His accumulation of the municipal presidency, with the approval of the three powers, is expected to smooth out matters among the officials and go a long way toward adjusting the entire matter.

In reaching this conclusion, the officials of the three powers have decided not to attempt a settlement of the Samoan kingship for the present. That is left open for adjustment when each of the three powers have had opportunity to present full information. In the meantime the status quo is to be maintained. The last advices indicated that Mataafa was convening de facto kingship with Malietoa was on board the British site Porpoise and has the support of the British and American consuls.

According to the understanding reached there will be no more to permanently establish one or the other of these claimants to the throne, the best wishes of the Samoan people will be considered and with a more agreeable feeling among the officials of the three powers, the kingship will be settled by a full conference when all of the information on the subject is obtained.

One of the consequences leading up to the present understanding, it developed that Dr. Raffel was recalled from his post at Samoa last November but he persisted in staying after his recall and his presence appears to have had much to do with precipitating the trouble.

Dr. Rolf is described as an accomplished diplomat with service in Calcutta and more recently as district judge of the German colony at Dar-es-Saam, in South Africa. It is a post much similar to that of Judge Chambers in Samoa.

BAYONET CHARGE IN HAVANA.

Men, Including the Police, Run as Soon as the Regulars Appear.

Havana, March 13.—Frederico Mora, civil governor of Havana, when he learned this morning of the preparations of an outpouring of the people in honor of Gen. Gomez, directed the police to prevent the parade. The committee having the demonstration in charge asked Gen. Ludlow to revoke Senor Mora's order. Gen. Ludlow replied that he would not do so. Gen. Brooke was then called upon and asked by the committee for permission to parade. He replied that he would prevent the demonstration. Chief of Police Menocal, with his mounted patrolmen and policemen in plain clothes, attempted to turn back the various societies who were marching toward Quinta de los Molinos, the residence of Gomez. At first little attention was paid to these efforts. When a policeman seized a flag or made an individual arrest, the others in the line would simply march on, jeering and yelling. Cries were heard of "Long live Gomez," "Death to the assembly."

Col. Raul Arango, an officer, took a flag away from an American who was parading. Immediately surrounded by a hundred Americans, he clubbed one of the demonstrators until the blood flowed. Then, dismayed by the severe yells of his victim's fellow companions, he withdrew to another cabin. Chief Menocal was mocked by the crowd in Neptune street. When near Quinta de los Molinos, the demonstrators began to shove the policemen, pulling their caps and clubbing them, take away their clubs. There were more than a hundred police within ten blocks, but they did not interfere. Indeed, they were thoroughly scared and one policeman ran to Central park where the Tenth regulars were encamped.

The Tenth regulars who were sent at double quick with fixed bayonets to protect the police, charged down upon crowd of a thousand. Everybody ran, including the police and men, women and children tumbled over each other in the rush. Ten minutes later, the streets were deserted for blocks, but not a person was hurt by the regulars.

Incidently, with regard to the police, at immense crowd collected in front of the residence of Gomez, the summer palace, cheering and waving more than five hundred flags and banners. Gen. Gomez, accompanied by many notable persons, soon made his appearance upon the balcony and was greeted with long-continued cheering. Scores of bouquets were flung at him. He made a brief speech along the line of his appeal to the Cuban army and people of yesterday, and expressed his gratification at such an illustration of public approval.

TROPICAL TESSION.

Cuban Assembly Holds a Decidedly Warm Meeting in a Guarded Hall.

Havana, March 12.—While thousands of Cubans were demonstrating today in honor of Gomez, parading the streets, surrounding the summer palace, listening to a speech by him and conferring cheering his utterance with enthusiastic cries of "Death to the assembly," this body in a guarded house at El Cerro, the suburb, adopted the following resolutions:

"Considering that the assembly has been unable to carry out the mandate of the people, which was to work for the good of the island, and