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ENGLAND AND AFRICA.

The guns of Great Britain again have opened in war on the east coast of Africa, and a native power has gone down before them.

As for the prediction in this case it seems to have been more than the fact that the new sultan, Said Khalid, was not friendly to British interests.

He committed no breach of the peace, as far as we know, against the English. He is accused of having pursued the usual method among the natives there of getting rid of the heretic sultan by poisoning him, and then seized the throne. He was not favorable to British domination of the island, and the English commissioners interfered.

The new ruler was commanded to withdraw his forces, which he did.

Whether or not this affair will involve England with Germany remains to be seen. Perhaps it will, yet German interests are already involved.

The defeated ruler found refuge in the German consulate.

Zanzibar is an island off the coast of Germany's East African possessions, and a very important position commercially and strategically. This movement by the British fleet is what under their control unless Germany interferes.

There can be little question that the seizure of Zanzibar is part of a British design for an East African empire.

This design is to include the whole of northeast Africa from the Mediterranean over to the Indian ocean, and taking in Egypt, Abyssinia and everything north and east of the Victoria Nyanza, down to the present German possessions—the entire valley of the Nile. This would make an empire about as large as the whole United States. It is a great scheme of territorial aggrandizement, and no doubt the plan has been deliberately worked upon as an essential British policy.

MCKINLEY'S ACCEPTANCE.

The Republican nominee for our president, Hon. Wm. McKinley, has given his historical letter of acceptance to the public. While it covers much of the ground in the political controversy it is not burdensome in its length.

The language is plain, emphatic and dignified. There will be no question even among those who disagree with Mr. McKinley as to his views, but that from his standpoint he has made a clear cut, concise and strong pronouncement of the case.

Taken in its entirety, the letter is good and interesting reading either for those who would criticize or refute its assertions and arguments or who would adopt them as expressive of their political faith.

On the financial basis the statements are as distinct as could be desired. They give an official interpretation, if any was needed, to the point of the Mr. Louis platform adopted in June last. The precise meaning of this has been a matter of some discussion among minor rights in the political discussion, but the practical application of its rule there is the true definition, and this is furnished by Major McKinley as the person who, if any one to, will have the privilege of enlarging the party outlined. His statement, therefore, is authoritative. His pronounces emphatically against the unrestricted coinage of silver at a ratio of sixteen to one, by the United States, without the cooperation of other nations; he favors bimetallism by international agreement, believing that this stable standard can be established only by the concurrence of all nations; he favors maintaining the present gold standard in this country until such time as an international agreement for bimetallism is effected; he deems an international agreement, or that his party platform opposes its use as money; besides that, on the contrary, it favors the use of silver money and will keep in circulation all the silver and paper money now in existence in the currency of the country; and he pronounces most emphatically against the issue of paper money by the government direct.

The second great issue which the

Republican nominee holds before the people is that of protection. He reviews conditions and doctrines in the subject, arguing it as a matter of extreme importance to the people, and setting forth that in a stronger, more general application of the principles of a protective tariff the saving of boundaries lies the most potent remedy available for the nation's hard times. In association with the protection process he prints out, besides which, the following:

VICTIM OF FIRE.

The full extent of the damage by fire at Ossining, Michigan, are now known. A great factory has been wiped out of existence, two million dollars in property destroyed, and twenty-five hundred people left homeless.

With the fortunate exception that allives were lost, the town has been wiped off the face of the earth as completely as such thing can be. Its present state is dark as that of ancient Babylon, in that it will never be inhabited from generation to generation.

The town will not be rebuilt, it is usually done even after the most disastrous fire, for it is now longer a place for the great match factory which it was, its former existence.

The factory will not be again placed in operation there, if at all, for the reason that the wood supply which made the place suitable is all gone. The fire did not work thoroughly, and former day inhabitants of the town are many wanderers, looking for a new location which they may call home. Most of all their earthly possessions, dependent now on the charity of others for their necessities of life, how much suffering must be experienced are they again settled in the present measure of comfort they enjoyed earlier. They have lost themselves, however, although free to forest and swamp were all around them; yet no danger seemed imminent. Suddenly a wind brought the flames upon them, and they were helpless in the face of the devouring element. They were powerless to save, having been in the presence of the flood, the catastrophe of the tornado. Their experience adds another to the list of calamities that are being poured out almost without stint, and that cause the inhabitants of earth to mourn. The succession of these woes is so speedy that the news of each brings with it a wondering thought as to what shall be the next, and with each occurrence the task of relieving suffering is a matter of decreased interest in the public mind.

ANTIQUITY OF BABYLON.

Concerning the important discoveries on the site of ancient Babylon, according to which the history of that city is supposed to be carried thousands of years beyond the beginning of the community accepted chronology, a few further particulars have been published in the London Sun.

Professor Blyssard of the University of Cambridge, who has charge of the excavation, is as previously stated, confident that some tablets upon which is now writing date back about 10,000 years earlier than the present day, although he is not ready to fully submit himself yet to this point.

These latest discoveries, according to the published account, came about in this interesting way. Dr. Peters, waded down to a certain floor or platform, which he and others had taken to be the ground level of the ancient city. One of his party suggested that this level should be penetrated and digging continued until rock or virgin soil was reached. The suggestion was adopted, and, to the delight of all concerned, it was found that what was supposed to be the level of the ancient city, was only the level of a comparatively modern city, built over the ruins of the older one, or a number of older ones. Excavations above the level had gone through thirty-six feet of debris. They are now conducted to a depth of ten feet below. The excavations above the platform show some remains which covered a period of 4,000 years of Babylonian history. Below the platform, a virgin soil was the continuation of debris, preserved and broken pottery, and various other articles of interest.

Twenty-three feet below the platform Professor Haines came upon the most ancient pottery ever known, as well as within Professor Blyssard thinks cannot be later than 3000 B. C. Professor Haines excavated the lower part of the massive wall of the city. Indications were found to be sixteen feet below the level of the desert wall itself. He excavation took high and forty-five feet with upon the top. The wall stands upon a series of unknown thickness. These walls were built of bricks twenty inches square, probably the largest bricks ever used. The most valuable finds were inscriptions upon tablet vessels, bricks and tablets. From these it is confidently predicted by Professor Blyssard that the continuous history of Babylon will be written.

The conclusion as to the high antiquity of the evidences of civilization have been drawn by the real experts on the depth of the excavations made. It should be tolerably clear, however, that this mode of reasoning cannot be regarded as conclusive without using corroborative evidence. In a place like Babylon, successively subjected to invasions and destructions, partial at least, and finally, the mere finding of relics of any kind fed below the present surface does not prove the age of these to be 10,000 years or more. Geological and other evidence of volcanic and similar origin in places where the generally slow appearing weathering natural forces have exerted their action, may sometimes lead us to believe that such were necessary for that result. But where there are evidences of great revolutions in nature, such as violent eruptions of larger fields and great geological processes, such as may have brought about results for the accomplishment of which ages would seem to be necessary under ordinary circumstances. The stupendous buildings of Babylon, the gigantic walls, hanging gardens and towers reaching to the clouds, when all was destroyed, have left barren layers of debris over the

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D. H. Allen, Secretary University of Utah, Salt Lake City.

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