ENGLAND AND HER ENEMIES.

Some of the Sore Spots on the Fringe of the British Empire and How They Affect the Peace of Europe.

GREAT BRITAIN is the best hated allow John Buil to score another terdon to open the old sore of the Egyptian question and fling the gauntlet in the face of her ancient areas. s her fauit or her misfortune de-

pends very largely on whether you are cry, but in a political sense the two pends very largely on an outsider. There is places are very closely related. It does Britain, and one that seems hopelessly patent fact, however, and that is not require much subtlety to establish intricate in its complications. This is one patent tact, more replications. This is that Great Britain's "splendid isola- how commercially, politically and stra- what is known as the French shore that treat in the recent tion" has never caused very much un- tegically the Nicaragua canal is of question in Newfoundland. The recent easiness to that power herself. in her attitude of chronic unreadiness ple. Outside of ourselves, Great Brit- press and a portion of the French min-England is very much like ancient Ath- ain is more interested in this canal than listry, in affiliation with the Fashoda af-

ens. The orator Demosthenes once com- is any other country. ens. The oracle pared the policy of the Athenians to the English statesmen have long recogpared the policy of the partial boxes. His nized the commanding position and imway in which was taken up with the blow portance of the Nicaragua route, for most two centuries' standing, when it is he is about to deliver or has just re- that country, like America, has found remembered that it practically hinges ne is about he never seems to have any herself in possession of an ever grow- on the vital query, "Is the lobster a dea beforehand as to what to expect ing market in the east. England has fish? next or what next to do himself. Brit- now the opportunity to pursue a dog in The French claim that the lobster to ish statesmen, it must be confessed, act the manger policy, for by insisting on all intents and purposes is a fish. The in very much the same manner. Great the provisions of the Clayton-Bulwer Britishers claim that this delectable has been so wrapped up in her treaty of 1850 she can claim that the crustacean is not and never was a South African war that she has scarce- United States has no right to the ex- fish. By old treaty rights the French south Attended her eyes toward the war- clusive control and fortification of any have the privilege of fishing on the west clouds that have been gathering omi- interoceanic waterway across the isth- and northeast coasts of Newfoundland. nously in other parts of the world. But mus of Panama. There have, it is true, Accordingly they have established lob-gathering they have been, and it is interesting to note just where these part of America against the perpetuity aforementioned delectable crustacean, clouds hang and what is their character of this treaty of half a century ago. At To this the Newfoundiander fishermen

francs from its few million visitors during the summer's exposition. But don to open the old sore of the Egyptian ting on his nerves

quarrel of long standing with Great great importance to the American peo- undisguised hostility of the French fair, has given this old matter a new importance. There is almost a touch of

is bent on making the coming expositreaties to frequent the seaboard only great white bear prefers to work in his has is eyes thoroughly open it is more tion a great success, and it is only natural that the statesmen of France will temporary structures for drying pur- and no waste. Even the will of Peter marching through the streets of that bend every chergy toward remaining poses, had assumed the right to conon friendly terms with all the great troi the entire region, had put up big, powers until the city on the Seine shall permanent factories and had persecuted suggested that it would be well to "has ready absolutely decided upon. The have wrung the expected number of the sparse and poverty stricken native ten the decay of Persia." During the line will be 1,300 miles long and will population along the coast.

Roadstead of St Pierre

Miguelon ad

Dog Islans

last 40 years Russia has truly hastened cost the Russian government 150,000,000 there are certain territorial considera. John Bull to swallow, but swallow them manner. A Russian rallway now runs by way of Tabriz, Hamadan, Ispahan there are certain territorial considera. The had to, because fust about that time from Resht to Kazvin. Russia has and Kerman. No nation in the world easy feeling and od Oom Paul was get- time empire of Xerxes, and half way has Russia during the last ten years, down to the gulf Russian interests are All these roads have been built not by England, over aid above this, has al- dominant. Not long ago the Russian private corporations, but by the Rusways had a well developed fear of government authorized the Loan Bank sian government. That is the way Rus-French aggression in Newfoundland of Persia to take up the national loan sia has been keeping her great army waters, because France enjoys the ab- of \$17,500,000. The czar, in guaranteeing out of mischief. Laying rails takes the solute and annoying ownership of St. the bonds, accepted as security the rev- exuberance of spirits out of would be lands off the head of Placenta bay. This excepting those on the gulf. Persia has Russia is not a wealthy country like the Frenchmen make their headquar- also promised not to contract any for- Great Britain. She has a tremendous ters during the fishing season. St. eign loan until this present loan is en- standing army to keep up, and it is Pierre, the capita of the little group, tirely paid off. In other words, Persia just as well that this army should earn is strongly fortifid, and, indeed, it is is financially and politically under the its sait. This it can do by building and believed that the sland holds immense heel of the White Czar, and England is operating such a fine big concern as the

is his. But this he hardly dare do. So he tentatively runs a railway toward it. In fact, he is a firm believer in railways. His Transcaspian railway has been pushed through from Baku on the Caspian sea. From Bunder Abbas, on man. Just at present every one in the commissioners had to tell how French more fissidious and less expensive the Persian gulf, he is stealing into Afgallic republic, from count to conclerge, fishermen, while permitted under the methods of enlarging his map. This ghanistan, and by the time John Bull None of these things was easy for the decay of Persia, but in a very overt rubles. Bundar Abbas will be reached few million francs, and Paris is walt- President Steyn was giving him an un-Pierre Miquelon, & group of little is- enues of all the custom houses of Persia fighters, and, besides, it comes cheap.

Transsiberian line, and incidentally al-

So, standing back and looking at these

different international tangles dispas-

sionately, it seems that Russia is slow-

ly, carefully and most calmly making

gigantic preparations for some great

struggle with her old arch enemy, the

Angle-Saxon. While Great Britain is

carrying on its war and grabbing its

occasional little bit of territory and pil-

is going on growing his wheat, opening

up his new grain lands and smilingly

building his railway bridges and his

fleet. Should war break out in time

would be a struggle in which England's

ing-it is more or less ominous. Anoth-

ways the foe of Russia in the east and

at the same time always the friend of

Great Britain. And if Japan were suck-

WILLIAM J. RUDOLPH.

WIVES OF BRITISH GENERALS.

branch might wish.

high position in India.

low Russia to menace Peking.

out stretch out one steel hand and it

SELLING GUNS IN AFRICA. It is well known that merchants sup-

ly guns and rifles of all sorts and conditions to the natives and others on the east and west coasts of Africa. Old Tower Hill muskets, with bayonets omplete, can be bought for a rupee at Zanzibar; Birmingham double barreled muzzle loaders are sold in great numbers-these guns are serviceable weapons and seldom burst; there are, besides many others, rifles of first rate make and high price, which are bought by the Arab chiefs on the east coast.

These chiefs are very particular about their rifles; they will pay a long price, but al-

ways insist on

having a trial

shot; neither will

they believe that

the powder is

good unless they

get a hearty kick on the

shoulder. The

traders are.

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The agent of a "firm" trading in one of the African protectorates undertook one day to explain to some naval officers the modus operandi of sell. ing an expensive rifle. The party to be let into the secret was taken on to the roof of a coal shed; there was a row of sheds, in all about 60 yards long, each shed being connected by a plank bridge, so that one could walk from end to end. Resting against the end wall of the last shed was a thick plank; on the plank a target was painted. On moving the plank after a trial shot a bullet was found imbedded in the wall exactly behind the center of the bulls-

Thus the most important condition of the Arab buyer was satisfied; the other ondition was easily met by the use of cartridges loaded with powder of extra strength. There is nothing wrong in these arrangements, as it is well known that you may sell a man a good gun, but you cannot make him a good shot.

WHEN THE PIE WAS OPENED.

The British naval service is said to even Thackeray could not find a specimen for his book. It may also be claimed for the service that dandles are few and far between, though occasionalty one may be found even in a gunroom The senior midshipman of a big ship "up the straits" was famous not only for the extreme smartness of his dress, but also for the remarkable figure-a broad

chest. wide shoulders and a wasplike waist certain that young ladles envied and many admired. Owing to the nature of the surroundings, there cannot be many mysteries

about the toilet ing up gold in Downing street the Slav of a midshipman. Consequently suspicions ripened into certainty; heads were soon laid together and a plot arranged. The result was that one morning a very peculiar dish appeared on the gunroom

should Russia attempt to wrest India sat at the top of the table and was very The senior midshipman, who always particular that all the dish covers boasted supremacy of the sea would should be taken of together ("make boasted supremacy of the sea would an evolution of it," he used to say), noshould be taken off together ("make boasted supremacy of the Russian train an evolution of it," he used to say), no-count for very little. The Russian train ticed on this particular morning that could dash down to Herat many a long the dish in front of him was not unday before the British troopship could covered. He called the steward, who reach Bombay, and this the Russian, you whisked off the cover. The result was may be sure, has most carefully figured that instead of the usual "ham and out. The situation is not only interest- eggs" a well worn pair of stays appeared. At first silence, then roars of laugher complication which adds to its sig- ter, in which, after a bit, the owner of

nificance is the activity of Japan, al- the "improvers" joined heartfly, FACTS ABOUT RIFLES.

The difference between the various army rifles of Europe is considerable, ed into the vortex of this great mix up it is more than likely Uncle Sam would and, in fact, no two national weapons not be far behind, for we, too, have our are exactly alike. First, as to weight, little interests in the east just at pres- they vary from 8 pounds 3 ounces to 9 pounds 12 ounces. The lightest is car-So, on the whole, the political horizon ried by the Italians, and the heaviest of Europe is not so serenely blue and by the Austrians, while the British Leeunclouded as the advocates of the olive Metford weighs 9 pounds 6 ounces. In caliber the Roumanian and Italian rifles are the smallest, and the Portuguese is the largest. The English is a medium bore, being smaller than the French, Austrian and German and The wives of British generals in South larger than the Russian, Spanish and

Africa are an interesting group of wo-The heaviest bullet is thrown by the men who have done their duty nobly by putting aside all personal anxieties Portuguese and Austrian rifles, and the and devoting themselves with energy lightest by the Roumanian and Italto the relief of the soldiers' wives and jan. Here, again, England has chosen families. Few officers' wives have gone the middle way, having a bullet larger through times of greater anxiety than than the Swiss, Italians and Roumahas Lady White during the last 25 nians and smaller than the Belgians, years (about a year ago her ladyship Austrians, Germans and French. With and Sir George celebrated their silver regard to speed, the Italian bullet travwedding), for since her marriage her els the quickest of all, but the Roumahusband has been constantly on active nian ball runs it pretty close. The slowservice. Sir George White, it will be est bullet is the Portuguese; and the

remembered, accompanied Lord-then Austrian is also very slow. Sir Frederick-Roberts on his celebrat- Here are a few of the muzzle veloced march to Kandahar. Owing to the stiles per second: Portuguese, 1.672 feet; fact that she was the daughter of the Austrian, 1.706 feet; British, 2.000 feet; Venerable Joseph Bayley, at the time of German and Russian, 2,034 feet; French, her marriage archdeacon of Calcutta, 2,073 feet; Roumanian, 2,295 feet; Ital-Lady White was admirably fitted to be jan, 2.297 feet. The Mauser rifle is used the wife of the man occupying a very by Germany, Belgium, Spain and Turkey, and it carries five cartridges in the The present Lady Methuen belongs to magazine. The Lee-Metford and the a well known Somersetshire family, She French Lebel rifles carry eight car-

Hitherto the longest range on record

the position of the fall beforehand within a few hundred feet. He estimates that the 16 inch 126 ton gun in to order the men to aim at the eye of construction for the United States govas disagreeable for the Frenchmen as journalistic tradition that the Slav and the campaign against the Boers, and stationed at Metz once by some missist requires is 40 degrees. The shell is During the Boer war France has had possible. But the adjustment is only the Angle-Saxon were to come to some Russia, naturally, has realized that take received a ball cartridge, and, hav-Itably be war over the local state of the straight of opportunity to display her temporary, and the situation is a distribution of control of the situation of control of cont

WARTIME TOPICS.

In times of peace water in some parts | mean also that it is the foundation of of South Africa costs 25 cents a quart.

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and danger. Attention has been direct-

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but determined manner in which Eng-

land has declined all mediation in the

winding up of her bitter and expensive

campaign in the lower end of the dark

Although friendless, however, Eng-

land feels secure because of the fact

that each of her enemies is jealous of

the other. This international enmity, she knows, is so strong as to render

difficult an effective alliance against her

The British empire today has no less

than five tender spots, none of which

will bear very severe handling by elther herself or her enemies. The first of

these to suggest itself is the Alaska

boundary. One year ago England was

clamoring very noisily for a solution of

the Alaskan boundary difficulties. Ca-

nadian forces had even been sent up

into the disputed territory, and for a

time feeling was at a dangerous pitch.

Then John Bull saw that trouble was

brewing elsewhere and cooled down

very considerably. Both the conference

at Quebec and that at Washington

practically demonstrated the lack of

unanimity in the different members of

the congress of arbitration. But when

trouble in South Africa arose the officials at Washington, not wishing un-

necessarily to embarrass an ostensibly

friendly power, allowed the matter to

But of late a new difficulty has arisen.

It has been perceived by our govern-

ment that even at the present time

go over on suspended judgment.

and her plans of empire building.

known as "Taal."

The British soldier has not always

war is the foundation of all the arts, I Wherever he may be or whatever the case of war, any of these bridges were British forces in the Transvaal was estimated at 750,000, of onetcy which the queen will confer upon town would be relieved

Cavalry covers four miles an hour struggling horses.

heavy loads up steep hills and save the latter included \$7,000 ultianders, 80 per city of London for its services in the cent of whom were British subjects. To mobilize the entire force of the The military rule is that five times

BAD FOR THE INSTRUCTOR.

Berlin manufacturers by the Transvaai but 17 telegrams from General Joubert. required to dislodge the latter. Wheat costs \$4 a bushel in Cape government. Cloaks for the army are | Lord Roberts telegraphed his congratulations to the lord mayor of Lon- relief came to Kimberley Cecil Rhodes

It is reported that six weeks before



THE CZAR OF RUSSIA AND HIS PRIME MINISTER, COUNT MURAVIEFF

Great Britain is busily engaged in one time it looked as though Great most vigorously objected. The French stores of arms and ammunition. This unable to do a thing. There has been strengthening her tremendous fortifica- Britain would insist on the letter of the fishermen went on catching and packtions at Esquimalt. The government treaty and that the actual construction ing their lobsters, so the Newfoundland St. Lawrence, the real doorway of Canof this republic, it might be added, has of the canal, accordingly, should be inbever understood just why Great Britan and an anow bear of the cannot be a definitely postponed. But now that the a factory or two just as a gentle hist believe the postponed. But now that the a factory or two just as a gentle hist believe the postponed. But now that the language on record all should convert this postponed. But now that the language on record all should convert this postponed. But now that the language on record all should convert this postponed. But now that the language on record all should convert this postponed. But now that the language on record all should convert this postponed. But now that the language on record all should convert this postponed. ain should convert this British Colum- matter has been looked into and the po- as to their attitude in the matter of rebig harbor into a second Gibraltar. This sitton and claims of the two nations particularly when it is represented that the personal countercharges, and the control of the when it is remembered that this fort seems less and less danger of serious matter finally had to be taken up by hension the present attitude of hostility ent is a port on the Persian gulf. Just to say, in 1885, Lord—then the dark and fell especially menages Portland. especially menaces Portland. Seattle, complications arising. Still Nicaragua the two home governments and then of France and feel some uneasiness re-Tacoma and other cities, notwithstand- must be looked upon as another of carried before a board of arbitration. garding the outcome of affairs when the ing the fact that English statesmen Great Britain's sore spots, to be touch- A modus vivendi was arranged and the present temporary adjustment expires. have been most assiduous in declarations of their undying admiration awards.

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Asiatic than European. England in the shell landed in the shell urally, seem a little strange that she Fashoda on the Nile. Frenchmen have end of 1899, when the term of the modus getic Slav has been creeping closer and Asia is an incongruity. Russia believes they spent a great deal of their time at distant. Captain—now Major—Ingalls they spent a great deal of their time at distant. Captain—now Major—Ingalls distant. Captain—no should make armed preparations not forgotten the Fashoda affair, nor is vivendl expired. England, as was the closer upon Persia. Tibet and Peking. in making sure of a thing, so now she the Wiltshire seat, Corsham Court. against a republic for which she is so the dispute for which it stands by any case with the Alaskan boundary dis-Industriously protesting eternal friend- means settled. In fact, it has been re- pute, was not at this time in a position England most affected with the imperithis and affection. Esquimalt is con- ported that French officials for outside trouble, so a crisis was allstic passion is the land of the czar. the face of such circumstances that their government that they should hold year. French fishermen are still resuctor of musketry, who is thus country have been notined by averted by an extension of time of one So it is only natural that when two from Peking in the east.

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prehension. Not that there must inevboundary line. But it takes only a spark to explode the powder magazine, and after the result of the Verset of the and after the result of the Venezuelan boundary case America is not likely to way altogether to please the English-

weather, a morning never passes but he destroyed, they could be replaced in conveyance of supplies. They drag whom only 115,000 were whites. The him as a special mark of favor to the six hours. takes a brisk ride.

them, cried a girl to the Gordons as The Boer has a language of his own, dark green or russet in the time of Elizabeth.

In one of his earlier published lectures

John Ruskin said. When I tell you that

Traction engines are employed by the

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