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The Samoan Settlement.

A most important event of this month in diplomatic circles is the Samoan Settlement. England yields her interests in this quarter receiving two of the Solomon islands and full claim to the Tonga group, where there is the excellent harbor of Niue. Germany as a further consideration renounces certain exterritorial claims in Zanzibar, and apparently has come to a satisfactory agreement with Great Britain in regard to South Africa. In the division of the Samoan Islands Germany takes Upolu and Savaii, valuable to her because of commercial and industrial enterprises flourishing there in which her citizens have large sums invested. The United States gets Tutuila, the smallest in size of the group, but of most worth to her because of its harbor of Pango Pango, pronounced, by one familiar with those waters, the best in all the Pacific.

So, quite agreeably and advantageously to all, has been settled a question which for some years and increasingly has deserved to be called troublesome. The tripartite control was a failure because among those concerned there was not community of thought and action either political or social. Even Great Britain and the United States with their very similar colonial policies could not hope to avoid all friction in a joint government and with Germany in the question there was no prospect of other than petty disputes and