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The Samoan Situation Has Assumed a Thoroughly Grave Aspect.

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OFFICERS KILLED FROM AMBUSH

And the Heads Severed From the Bodies—Serious Feelling in London and Washington.

Auckland, N. Z., April 12.—Despatches received here from Apia, Samoa, April 4, say that a party of 105 American and British sailors were forced to retreat to the beach, after having been caught in an ambush on a German plantation that day.

The expedition was led by Lieut. A. H. Freeman of the British third-class cruiser Tauranga. Lieut. Freeman and Lieut. P. V. Lansdale and Ensign J. H. Monaghan of the U. S. cruiser Philadelphia were left dead on the field.

Ensign Monaghan remained to assist Lieut. Lansdale, and was shot in retreating. Two British and two American sailors were also killed.

The natives engaged were some of Mataafa's warriors. They severed the heads of the British and American officers killed, and the heads of the German plantation manager were severed from their bodies and brought to the beach.

German Manager Arrested. The manager of the German plantation has been arrested, and detained on board the Tauranga, on affidavits declaring he was seen during the fight among the rebels.

In a previous engagement 27 of Mataafa's warriors were killed, and there were no casualties among the Europeans force.

It is estimated that 100 warriors attacked the Anglo-American party from ambush.

Depredations Continued. Further advices from Apia, Samoa, say that on the arrival of the British cruiser Tauranga at Apia, the British and American Consuls issued a proclamation to give Mataafa a last chance, and that all efforts failed, and the rebels continued their depredations. Property was destroyed, and houses and roads were barricaded.

On March 29 the enemy was sighted at Hagia and machine guns and a seven-pounder were used. The fire killed several of the enemy during the latter's retreat, and several rebels were killed. The British and American forces carried one head through Apia, and the head of the German manager was brought to the King and threatened to shoot any man found taking heads. The king then issued a proclamation forbidding the practice.

German Consul to Admiral Kaniz. The German Consul wrote to Admiral Kaniz asking if two great Christian nations approved of this inhuman and barbarous practice against the Christians of Samoa, and the decree of the Supreme Court.

The Admiral replied, agreeing with the Consul as to the inhumanity of the practice, and pointed out that the German Consul upheld the decree of the Supreme Court of Samoa, there would have been no blood shed; that the custom was an old Samoan one, but first made known to the world by the expedition of 1874.

German soldiers were cut off by the barbarous Chief Mataafa, the representative of the great Christian nation of Germany, is now supporting.

Expeditions in armed cutters, belonging to the Tauranga and Porpoise, are doing considerable execution against Mataafa's strongholds along the coast. The British forces are being assisted by 100 Samoans, who have been destroyed, and several times flying columns are being sent daily along the roads and through the bush near Apia.

Rebel Forces Opened Fire. On April 4 a force of 214 British and American, and 100 Samoan, were engaged in an ambush at the German plantation on the rear, left flank and front of the American force. The fire killed several of the natives and the British and American forces were severely wounded.

The Colt revolver was the landing party, became jammed and the Americans and British were practically at the mercy of the rebels. The marines and blue jackets retreated.

Shot Through the Heart. Lieut. A. H. Freeman, first lieutenant of the allied force, was shot through the heart. Philip V. Lansdale of the U. S. cruiser Philadelphia had his leg shattered while endeavoring to fix the jammed gun.

An Extraordinary Escape. Seaman Hunt of the British cruiser Porpoise had an extraordinary escape. He remained with Lansdale until clubbed, and then he cut his way through the bushes and ran to the beach, where he was rescued by the British and American forces.

They Were All Beheaded. The same night the friends found the bodies of the three officers and the French priests, and the graves were reared and the heads placed with the bodies.

Lieutenants Freeman and Lansdale were captured and their bodies were found. They were single, while the latter had been married in June last.

The Enemy's Loss. The loss of the enemy is not known, but probably fifty of the rebels were killed and many wounded. The bodies of three rebels were found near the spot where Lieut. Lansdale and Ensign Monaghan of the Philadelphia were killed.

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HORSE SHOW OPENS TO-DAY.

His Excellency the Governor-General and the Countess of Minto Arrived in the City Last Night, Also Major-General Hutton; and Mrs. George Jay Gould and Party of New York—To-Day's Program.

Toronto's great annual spring social event has arrived. The Canadian Horse Show, which has been such a success in recent years, will open at 10 a.m. to-day. The formal opening, however, will take place at 2.30 p.m., when His Excellency the Governor-General, the Earl of Minto, will start the affair in the presence of Toronto's elite, who have paid high prices for the box seats in advance. The chief characteristics of the show will be this year as usual the beautiful gowns worn by fair Canadian women and the best horse flesh Canada has produced.

Their Excellencies Arrive. Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Minto, accompanied by Lady Sybil Bencher, Captain Lansdale and Major Drummond, arrived in the city at 7 o'clock last night, and were escorted direct to Government House, where they will be guests during their stay in the city. A dinner was given in their honor last night.

The Gould Party. Another distinguished arrival in the city last night by a special car was Mrs. George Jay Gould and her party, consisting of her eldest son of the late millionaire, Jay Gould, Mrs. Gould was formerly a resident of Toronto, having lived for some time on Yorkville-avenue, and Yorkville, where she has a beautiful residence. Mrs. Gould also has an aunt residing in the city, Mrs. Gould is accompanied by her daughter, Lady Mary Sackville, who is said to be the niece of Mr. Frank Gould. Another member of the party is Mrs. Gould's daughter, Miss Greta Pomeroy, and Mrs. Gould is said to be a warm friend of Lady Mary Sackville, who is a famous English beauty.

Major-General Hutton's Party. Major-General Hutton arrived in the city last night by a special car, accompanied by Mrs. Hutton and their children. Major-General Hutton is the son of the late Major-General Hutton, who was killed in the Boer War. Major-General Hutton is a member of the House of Commons, and is a member of the House of Lords.

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