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Richmond Carter from Lawrence, Mass., is visiting his parents Mr and Mrs Charles Carter.

Miss Julia McGillivray, trained nurse, is visiting her father in Maxwell Settlement.

Mr and Mrs Harvey Watson of Maxwell have been visiting relatives in Houlton, Maine.

Mrs John Dickinson, Miss Albina Nicholson and William McDougall were appointed as delegates to attend the Sabbath School Convention.

There was a pleasant gathering at the residence of John Kennedy, Maxwell Settlement, July 6th when his youngest daughter, Ida was married to Charles Blair of S. Marys, R-v B. A. McDonald from McKenzie Corner performed the ceremony, the couple left immediately on a short wedding tour.

Rumor says Laura Dickinson will teach the school in Maxwell the coming term.

Mrs Ella McNeil and Minnie Slater visited relatives in this place recently.

EUROPEAN POLITICS.

Triple Alliance and Triple Entente.

The most remarkable features of the last European summers were international politics.

As soon as the kings and emperors took their vacations and the diplomats started on their travels there seemed to be only one subject worth talking about in the European press; international politics.

This summer we shall miss the most prominent actor in the play. When King Edward, one of the very rare born politicians on a throne, left London via Paris for his Austrian bathing resort the continental press got nervous.

Especially in Germany it seemed to be difficult for the newspaper men to make themselves immune against this infection. They knew, that the most able antagonist of the German politics was on the warpath.

It was a pacific war. It was the duty of Edward VII as the king of the people, that sees in Germany its most dangerous competitor on the world market to beat the German influence out as well as he could and wherever he could. After his death the German press proved, that that was understood here. Before it seemed that the Germans did not see it. The reason must have been, that they did not feel very comfortable, when King Edward travelled over the continent. There was another reason still. They had seen that the diplomacy of King Edward had created in the Triple Alliance a counterpoise for the Triple Alliance in a period, that had not brought any success of importance to German politics.

The Triple Alliance is an enormous power. It was indeed very dangerous if not perfectly fool hardy for one of the other countries to run the risk of a collision with this colossus. Even England in its much talked of "splendid isolation" could not compete in Europe with that powerful rival. If there had not been a Triple Alliance who knows if ever King Edward would have gone to work as he did, who knows, if ever the ententes with Russia and France would have been born? They were created to bring equilibrium in European politics.

It was not believed, that the late King of Great Britain would be satisfied with this success, great though it was. And with reason. England's influence on the continent had been reinforced by manifold means and ways. The marriage of King Alfonso had made the relations between England and Spain stronger and more cordial. In Portugal the influence of British politics have been predominant for years. Although it is fairly certain, that those two countries will not play again a role of importance in European politics, what is due partly to the defeat of Spain in the war against the United States, at least not a subjective role, as long as they are merely the field, where Catholicism and Anarchism fight each other with alternative luck and success, yet it cannot be a matter of indifference on which side their sympathies are enlisted.

In Scandinavia also it is easy to see, that England's influence has been reinforced a good deal. The choice of a king in Norway after the Union with Sweden was dissolved, brought the son-in-law of the late British king on the throne in the old church of Trondhjem. King Haakon was a Danish prince and his marriage to princess Maud had already strengthened the ties of relationship between the courts of London and Copenhagen. The political party in the latter country that never will forgive Germany the loss of Jutland has grown mightily. How great its influence is, the discussion about the system of defense was proved only last year. In the eyes of this party England is the one true friend Denmark has.

No wonder that under those circumstances, the Germans did not feel at their ease and it can at least be understood that part of the German press saw everywhere the hand of King Edward, whenever anti-German feelings made themselves apparent, or as often as a success of English politics was revealed.

The Germans felt themselves surrounded. If the neighbour and ally at the Southern frontier, the Triple Alliance had not been, they would have felt themselves blocked up. With the estimation of the alliance the fear grew, that some day the relations with Austria might be disturbed, or that the third ally, Italy might not be willing to renew the pact. With the sharp eyes of suspicion the politics of the Italian government were watched and every deed of friendship for England and France, no matter how insignificant, was a reason for the German press to complain of lack of reliability, on

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the part of the Italian government. In parliament also those complaints were frequently heard. Bulow, the former chancellor, who knew more about Italy's aims, than any other politician in Germany, laughed at those fears. One might be sure of Italy's faith, who could object to a little extraradance of "bella Italia" with a French or an English beauty?

As a matter of fact, though Italy was not always on the side of Germany, for instance at the Morocco conference in Algiers, she has never sinned against the letter or the spirit of the Triple Alliance. As the relations between Italy and the other members of the alliance are not nearly as cordial as those between Austria and Germany, and as the relations between Italy and her rival on the Adriatic were ever, once in a while more or less critical, nobody could expect, that Italy would do things or neglect things for the sake of the allies against her own interest.

The relations between Austria and Italy were heel of this invulnerable modern Achilles Towards that heel the arrows would have to be directed. The English government saw in the enormous power of the Triple Alliance a danger to European peace. The possession of such a power lessened the risk of a disturbance of peace for Germany for instance.

The attempt to hit the Achilles heel undertaken from the Italian side was not half as successful as Downingstreet had believed. The Italian government left no doubt, that it wanted the friendship of England and France, but not at the cost of breaking with Austria and Germany.

In the meantime the last Macedonian crisis had brought a slight tension in the relations between the two other allies. The war, that had been threatening like a black cloud over the South East of Europe had been averted. The government of the sultan had made up with Bulgaria. Serbia had given up its foolhardy attempt to prevent the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and it was the German government, to which this result was due. The German ambassador in Petersburg had left the Russian government no doubt, that would put herself at once on the side of her ally, if Russia should support the Serbians either directly or indirectly. So the war was prevented, that as Mr Iswolsky and his slavophile friends believed, would have established the Russian hegemony in the South East of Europe, the hegemony of the slavonian race.

The Austrian press expressed her deep gratitude to Germany. The "Nebelungentrene" of the Germans was praised in the highest tones in the most cordial words. It did not take so very long, before the German press could not bring any more a leader about international politics, without mentioning the enormous service Germany had rendered the Austrians. That so far, that even sometimes officious papers in Vienna expressed their opinion, that quite enough had now been said about the fidelity of Germany.

The language would have been impossible, if the Austrians had not become aware, that the days of the selfunderstood leadership of Germany in the alliance were over. Austria, was—thanks partly to the help of Germany—by no means still the weaker part in the alliance. This knowledge also dawned on the Germans with the consciousness, that it was the help they had brought to their neighbors, that has caused this change. In fact the reason has to be sought deeper. The foreign politics of Germany have in Europe at least no special air, beyond merely to keep what the country possesses. Austria on the contrary had for the first time for 33 years a statesman again, you Aehrenthal, who led diplomacy resolutely to a new goal.

From here a little tension commenced. King Edward with his acute understanding for every little change on the political chessboard had seen this long before the government in Berlin or even in Vienna was aware of it. The previous year the king had tried in vain to persuade emperor Franz Josef to be his mediator in Berlin for one of King Edward's pet plans; the limitation of naval armament. That had been a mistake. The old emperor did not intend for a moment to mix herself

in affairs that had to be decided by the German government only. When the king left Ischl, the summer residence of Franz Josef the relations between the two sovereigns had become a little bit less cordial.

Edward VII did not give up his scheme. Germany should be compelled to an agreement about the marine. The armament had grown so much and were increasing so fast that the time could not be far off any more that those costs would be insupportable. If Germany could be blocked up in a pacific way, the government would be much more willing to negotiate about naval armament, as this government was at that time. Last summer, when the king went again to his bathing resort, first cordial telegrams were exchanged between London and Vienna to make away with the misunderstanding of the previous year. This time the king opened his negotiations with the presumptive heir to the throne, archduke Franz Ferdinand.

The Russian secretary of state misunderstood this plan of King Edward. He thought that the king's intentions were merely to bring Austria out of the Triple Alliance, Iswolsky, who never trusted English diplomacy, because he as a representative of the old fashioned art of diplomacy did not understand the modern English politics, Iswolsky, believed, that England looked for another weapon to be used in case of necessity, against Russia, if that country should prove to be an unpleasant neighbor for England in Asia. Iswolsky was no friend of the Anglo-Russian entente. When he came to Petersburg to lead the foreign politics he had another scheme. He dreamed of an emperors concenr n. The holy alliance, that had been born in Metternichs brains a century before, seemed to Iswolsky a thing worth imitating. It was not only for reasons of international politics he thought so. Russia, Germany and Austria should be a stronghold against modernism. Western ideas should be kept out of Russia, and the other countries he wanted to be the dyke, that should keep this flood back. Iswolsky knew very well, that the governments in Vienna and Berlin would not play that role, if they knew about his aims. His attempts to secure himself the help of Aehrenthal had been wrecked on the rocks of the Macedonian crisis. Now he thought the time had come to work out his plan in Berlin. The negotiations of King Edward with Franz Ferdinand gave him, he thought, the chance he had been looking for.

He came to Berlin. Nobody knew he was here, before he had left. Nobody knew, why the chancellor came from his countryhouse to Berlin again. Only afterwards papers from the Hague brought the message, that in the Russian embassy in Berlin an interview had taken place. What the result of the interview of the two statesmen was, is not yet known, but what Iswolsky tried to win, is told us from a side, that must be informed better than anybody else. Iswolsky had tried to convince the German chancellor, that King Edward had offered Austria the support of England in its Macedonian policy. Iswolsky believes, that Aehrenthal and archduke Franz Ferdinand are planning to bring Albania and some other parts of the Turkish empire in the power of Austria. The catholicism of the archduke makes the idea unbearable for him that so many Christians in Europe are the subjects of the Mahomedan Sultan. For that reason Franz Ferdinand and Aehrenthal have supported—that is the conviction of the Russian secretary of state. Bulgaria is its insurrection against the government in Constantinople. King Edward, so said Iswolsky to Bethmann Hollweg, understands those feelings, sympathies with them, and sees therein only the continuation of Gladstones policy towards the Sultan.

Germany and Russia as the friends of the Sultan and the new government in the empire, could of course not let those things go on. Germany also had to understand that her political position would deteriorate, if she did not insure herself against the consequence of an Anglo-Austrian entente, that would of course leave the Triple alliance formally intact, but would diminish its strength.

That was the position on the European chessboard at the end of last summer. Then parliaments met again. Home affairs demanded the attention of the politicians. Now the summer is here again. The time of international politics has returned. The Oreta affair, the rival of the Persian question ask for their solution. The time of travelling is here, but the most important traveler has found his rest for ever.

With his death European politics have changed. Nobody seems to feel strong enough to begin a campaign. All the governments follow the instance of Germany and seem only to be anxious to defend their

own possessions. The diplomats have to use their abilities to resolve crete questions, that are clear as the light of a mid summer noon, and we pressmen have to possess our souls in patience, for any chance, that there will come up a big scheme again, so we can help to work it out. Everything may happen, and maybe nothing will happen.

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