

The War in Samoa.

A CONFERENCE, instituted by Admiral Fairfax, C.B., of the representatives of the three Powers took place last week on board H.M.s. Calliope. The subject was the better protection of the lives and property of the foreign residents in the city. The only matter discussed was the determination of certain lines forming the boundaries where-in no firearms should be used by either of the war parties, to be proclaimed neutral territory. Some discussion took place between the captain of the U.S.A. warship Adams and the German Consul as to including Mulinu Point in the neutral territory. This the German Consul said he could not agree to, so nothing was definitely concluded until Tuesday last. The settlement was, no doubt, hastened by the firing which took place that day between the boats of Tamasese and some few of Mataafa's people ashore. Some bullets fired from the boats struck the dwelling houses of some British subjects. and the Admiral immediately sent the British Consul, the captain of the Calliope, and Mr Wilson to Tamasese with instructions to inform Tamasese that if any more firing took place in boats passing in neutral territory, a flag would be hoisted on the British Consular flagstaff. The minute that flag appeared the captain of the gunboat would fire a shot in front of the boats, and then, if the boats did not immediately haul down their sails and come up to the gunboat so that the captain could find out who they were, he would fire at and sink the boats. The three gentlemen went on shore to convey the Admiral's instructions, and asked

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Mr Brandeis to be allowed to see Tamasese. He replied that he would answer them himself on Tamasese's behalf, as he represented the King. This was, however, declined, and the three gentlemen were introduced to Tamasese. They stated the Admiral's wishes and intentions, and then retired. On the same evening a proclamation in Samoan was printed, and posted on Thursday, defining certain boundaries as neutral territory and prohibiting the use of arms by natives in such boundaries, signed by Tamasese and Brandeis.

Yesterday a guard from the German man-of-war was posted at the German Consulate and two or three other places in the town.

A fracas occurred at Mr Morris Stanlon's house near Tamasese's flagstaff at Sogi on Sunday last. It appears two of Mataafa's men called upon Mr Charlie Scanlon, who is occupying the property, and then went close up to the fort to inspect it, returning almost immediately to Matafele; but shortly after the inspection, about 200 of Tamasese's men, all armed with guns, axes, knives, &c., surrounded Mr Scanlon's house, threatening to shoot him, and chop to pieces Mrs Silva, his sister, for having some of the opposing party secreted in the house, and shoot the two men supposed to be in the house. Mr Scanlon remonstrated with the two hundred warriors, stating that there was no one in the house but themselves, and invited them to view the premises, when the whole party rushed in and turned everything upside down, at the same time again threatening the lives of Mr Scanlon and his sister. The two hundred armed warriors to two unharmed men, being disappointed in their booty, recklessly ripped up and destroyed the

American flag flying outside the house.

A DASTARDLY ATTACK.

On Monday night, about eleven o'clock, a young Samoan woman residing at Matafele received a violent blow on the head, delivered by some scoundrels, who were evidently lying in wait for the purpose. They watched their opportunity until the young woman left her house for a few moments, and then felled her with some blunt instrument, inflicting a fearful cut on her head, nearly six inches long. The scoundrels unquestionably intended to kill the young woman, the blow being delivered with terrific force. The cut extended from the crown of the head to a little below the forehead. On hearing the screams of the woman her friends rushed out, but the miscreants got away. The police have been on the lookout for the perpetrators of the crime, but without effect. Many persons believe that the blow was not intended for the woman, she in the dark being mistaken for a man. If so, it is more than likely that some of Tamasese's people had crept into Matafele with the object of taking a head or two as a trophy to Tamasese. Since then the town is very closely watched during the night by Mataafa's people.

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN OPINION.

Letters from San Francisco to residents in Apia, state on good authority that Samoan matters are engaging much attention in England. The general feeling of the press is that Great Britain should exert her influence in the settlement of Samoan affairs. In Washington, the Samoan question is one of the principal matters under Government notice. It is reported that Mr Sewell has been requested to be prepared to go to Samoa as American representative. This in itself shows the interest

with which America regards us.

The U.S.A. warship Nipsic left Calao on September 24, for Samoa, to relieve the U.S.A. warship Adams.