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## THE RESULT OF THE IMPERIAL "INTERVIEW."

(From our own correspondent.)

London, November 6.

Ever since the publication by the *Daily Telegraph* of the famous article purporting to be the substance of an interview with His Majesty the German Emperor, the London and provincial press has been devoting a vast amount of space to discussing the vexed question between Germany and Great Britain, and it is now possible to formulate a definite idea of the conclusions arrived at. Briefly stated, the immediate result of the "interview" has been an unanimous demand for largely increased Naval Estimates next year, a demand voiced by Liberal and Opposition journals alike. There is not the least room for doubt that when Mr. McKenna, First Lord of the Admiralty, lays the Government's proposals before the House early next year, Parliament will be asked to vote for funds sufficient to cover the construction of at least six battleships of the "Dreadnought" type, whereas it is current knowledge here that up to within two weeks ago the Cabinet intended to compromise with four such vessels. Several meetings of M.P.'s interested in questions of national defence have taken place within the precincts of the House this week, and arrangements are in preparation for a huge mass meeting to be held in the city early next month, when numerous speakers will advocate that pressure be brought to bear on the Government for the purpose of securing the authorisation of eight "Dreadnoughts" in the current shipbuilding programme. Never before has such marked unanimity on national defence questions been displayed by the press organs of both great parties. A day or two previous to the *Daily Telegraph* article more than one influential Liberal journal was throwing out tentative hints of further retrenchment in naval expenditure; now these journals have entirely abandoned this attitude, and joined with their Unionist contemporaries in the demand for a prompt and extensive augmentation of the Navy. The "interview" has had a precisely opposite effect to that presumably intended, and friends of peace and apostles of disarmament on this side the Channel are in despair at the phenomenon. What the persistent and prolonged efforts of alarmists and jingoes failed to achieve has been effected by a column and a half of matter in a daily newspaper, and the Government has come to realise that the slightest symptom of hesitation or parsimony when the Naval Estimates come up for discussion would precipitate overwhelming disaster to the Liberal party. Needless to say, that very unfortunate sentence about the feelings of hostility for Great Britain entertained by the majority of German people has put a very effective weapon into the hands of unscrupulous writers who for many months past have been inveighing against the deep-laid and perfidious designs of Germany. Formerly these fulminations were not taken very seriously by the general public, but several journals are now careful to point out that corroborative evidence of German antipathy to England has been furnished on "unimpeachable authority."

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## GENERAL NEWS.

NEWS FROM ENGLAND.

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR ON MR. TAFT.  
London, November 6.

Mr. Whitelaw Reid, the American Ambassador, speaking at a banquet of the Atlantic Union, held at the Criterion Restaurant, in response to the toast of "The United States," said that, according to the latest dispatches, the United States were doing very well.

They were supposed to have no politics in the diplomatic service, but even the most strenuous of the unsuccessful party would probably pardon his venturing to assure his hearers that the country was going to keep right on in the course which had brought it such power and prosperity in the past, and had now received such emphatic approval. Their friends the enemy would also permit him, he thought, to say that the character and antecedents of the President-elect gave the highest guarantee that the most powerful and popular President since Lincoln was to have a judicious and able successor, trained to the business, and quite competent to continue the great record made by recent Administrations. He was brought up in an atmosphere of honourable public service, and no American citizen doubted that his experience fitted him for his new post.

It was not for the servants of the Government in foreign parts to presume to forecast the future of the incoming Administration. But there was one thing the thought they might be sure of. It would pursue the same foreign policy with which they were already familiar—once defined by John Hay as consisting of the Golden Rule plus the Monroe Doctrine. It would try to maintain fair dealing and friendship with all nations, and particularly perpetual friendship with the Mother Country (applause).

MR. WHITELAW REID.

We understand that there is no foundation for the announcement in the *New York Herald* as to the retirement of Mr. Whitelaw Reid, the United States Ambassador in London.

BRITISH NAVAL POLICY.

London, November 6.

In a speech made at Brighton Mr. Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, said that England must have the strongest fleet in the world as an instrument for peace. He regretted that in the naval programme Germany was considered at all. England must build ships regardless of the existence or non-existence of Germany, because of her historical rank and the enormous extent of her commerce.

FRENCH CANARD REFUTED.

London, November 6.

The *Evening News* states by authority that the report of the *Gaulois*, according to which King Edward was supposed to have said to M. Delcasse: "We hoped to find a sword in France, but it was only a cane," is an invention pure and simple.

NEWS FROM AMERICA.

ECHOES OF THE CAMPAIGN.

Complete election returns from the entire West have slightly altered the electoral totals, but the proportional weight of Mr. Taft's triumph has not been modified one jot. Mr. Bryan, says a press report from New York, began to realise the humiliating character of his defeat in the early hours of Wednesday morning, and he forthwith went to bed. Since then the reporters have been vainly endeavouring to obtain from him a detailed enumeration and explanation of the factors which brought about his failure. Mr. Bryan is a bitterly disappointed man. It is clear now that he really believed down to the last moment that he was going to win, while all the world thought that he was merely bluffing.

Newspapers throughout the Union are speculating, in some cases with brutal frankness, as to his plans for the future. All agree that as a political force, or, at any rate, as a Presidential factor, "the Nebraskan" can be safely neglected. This is comprehensible, for apart from the fact that Mr. Bryan has failed for President three times, his poll has been reduced even in the "Solid South," while he has signally failed to "make good," as Americans say, in any of the great States like New York, without whose support no man can reach the White House. With the Nebraskan Legislature Democratic, Mr. Bryan may be sent to Washington as United States Senator, and that is the most that he can hope for.

Another individual who on the face of things has not "made good" is Mr. William Randolph Hearst. His friends are now saying that he made a great tactical mistake in dragging both the Democrats and the Republicans into the mire, because the exposures of personal unworthiness which he made and proved against public men on both sides about

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