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Germany Trying to Gain Possession of the West Indies.

THIS COUNTRY TO INTERFERE

An American's Greed Leads to the Exposure of a Carefully Planned German Intrigue---Monroe Doctrine Will Not Be Voluntarily Recognized.

NeW York, May 1.—The Times publishes an elaborate article declaring that Secretary of War Root's address at the dinner last Friday night, in which he hinted at the possibility of war to maintain the Monroe doctrine, was called forth by an intrigue concerning the Danish West India Islands. It appears that H. H. Rogers, of the Standard Oil Company, made a verbal agreement with Denmark, that if he should negotiate a sale of the islands, he should receive a commission of 10 per cent of the purchase price. Captain W. Von Christmas Direckineck-Hohenfield has also been acting as an agent of the Danish government. All accounts agree that Denmark is very anxious to get rid of her West Indian possessions. Mr. Rogers and Captain Christmas having quarreled,and the former having declared that it was in his power to defeat any negotiations that did not recognize his rights as an agent, Captain Christmas advised Secretary Hay of a plan to exchange the islands with Germany for territory in Europe.

He states that unless congress acts on the Danish West Indian Islands matter before June 1, a scheme will be carried out to exchange the islands with Germany for the whole or a part of North Schleswig, which, with Holstein, was taken from Denmark by Germany in 1867, and which country, it has always been the fondest hope of all the Danes to recover.

The sudden appearance in this country of Secretary White, of the American embassy in London, has also to do with this matter of the sale of the Danish West India Islands, according to the Times. Mr. White was the agent of the United States in Denmark during the negotiations and to him the Danish government named the price it wanted for the islands, between $3,000,000 and $4,000,000. Mr. White, it is said, failed to tell the department that the United States would have to buy the islands during this session of congress or abandon all hope forever of getting possession of them, and that he also did not impress upon the state department the fact that, failing in the negotiations with the United States, Germany was sure to get possession of the islands, either through cession or lease. It is to make these matters more clear to the state department, while congress is still in session, that Mr. White was summoned here.

It was not until the early part of 1899 that negotiations concerning the Danish West India Islands was taken up. At that time Captain Christmas was sojourning in Germany as a retired captain of the Danish navy. He had just returned from a trip to the Danish West India Islands where he had been making maps of the harbors and fortifications. He was approached by a syndicate of Germans, who asked him to use his influence in Copenhagen to obtain from the Danish government a contract with Germany by which the latter could purchase the Island of St. John. Captain Christmas was not slow in asserting that this would be next to impossible, for the reason that the United States would neither allow Denmark to sell the island to a foreign power or allow Germany to purchase it, because of the Monroe doctrine.

In his report to the Danish government, Captain Christmas attaches the proposition of the syndicate to his papers. This shows that the head of the syndicate was Admiral Von Zirzow, of the royal German navy, and that he and others of the syndicate had, in anticipation of the ceding or sale of the islands to Germany, bought up options on all land adjacent to the harbors and so, in the event of the acquisition of the island by Germany, he and the members of the syndicate stood in the position of virtual owners of the land, and could dictate terms to the purchasing power.

When the impossibility of this scheme was pointed out to Admiral Von Zirzow, he asked Captain Christmas to obtain other concessions for the syndicate, among them, to form a German colony on the island under the Danish flag and permission to use the harbor as a coaling station for German war vessels. Captain Christmas, while apparently falling in with their scheme, laid the whole matter before Minister Hoering in its true light. The outcome of this was that the permission was denied on diplomatic grounds, the Danish government recognizing that, should any such complications arise, the sale of the islands to the United States would be next to impossible. This led to Captain Christmas coming to America.

Captain Christmas, according to the Times, has had an interview with President McKinley and pointed out the importance of purchasing the islands. As a consequence Secretary White was sent from London to negotiate directly with Denmark. His mission became known to Mr. Rogers. Insisting on his commission of 10 per cent and declaring that he would prevent a sale to the United States unless he received $300,000, Mr. Rogers became involved in a quarrel with Captain Christmas.

Thereupon, the captain revealed to Secretary Hay the entire story of the German intrigue. It seems that Denmark is now disposed to make the deal with Germany. It has been said by those who are close to the Danish government, that King Christian will not allow the United States to plead the Monroe doctrine as a bar to negotiations with Germany for the ceding of the islands to other countries. He will maintain that he has alredy given the Monroe doctrine sufficient consideration, in that he offered a number of times to sell the islands to the United States and every time the negotiations have fallen through, on account of the failure of congress to ratify the agreement.

ALL QUIET IN CUBA.

New Cabinet Formed—General Wood Well Satisfied With the Course of Events.

HAVANA, May 1.—The Spanish consul general, Senor Sagrario, denies having cabled to Spain that there was uprisings in Cuba. He says he does not believe such occurrences probable and that he could not have communicated an idea so absurd to his government.

"No agitation exists," he remarked, yesterday, "and I do not believe that any will exist. So far as I can judge, the relations between the Cubans and Americans are most cordial."

General Wood, who was asked regarding the matter, replied:

"At no time since the occupation of the island has the province of Santiago been so quiet and restful as it is at present. I have assurances to this effect from many officers and others, who have very reccently been through the province on horseback. These alarming reports in Madrid could probably be traced to men like Miro, and other former Spanish officers, now resident in Cuba."

Colonel Valiante, formerly chief of the Rural guard in Santiago province, who recently arrived here, laughs at the idea of trouble of any kind there.

General Chaffee has requested to be relieved as chief of staff to the governor general. He also desires four months leave of absence.

Various changes in the cabinet will be made today. Senor Perfecto Lacoste will take the portfolio of agriculture, commerce and industry; Senor Berreio will take that of justice, Senor Esteves resigning it in accordance with the arrangement he made with General Wood when the position was offered him. Senor Varona will take the portfolio of public instruction, and Senor Cancio, now under Secretary of finance, will undertake the duties of chief secretary of the department.

Alexise Frye, superintendent of Cuban schools, will soon issue a circular to the teachers, giving them details regarding the trip to the United States. He says he will take about 45 per cent of the teachers, the selection of those to go resting with mayors of the municipalities. According to Mr. Frye's statement, there is not a teacher who does not want to go. The circular will also supply information as to the expense. Five doctors will accompany the party.

At a meeting of the members of the Spanish Casino here today, it was decided to give an elaborate banquet to the consul of the Argentine Republic in Cuba, as a reciprocation of the friendly sentiments of the consul in a speech he made at the recent laying of a memorial stone commemorating Spain as "the original discovering and colonizing nation."

WILL NOT THREATEN TURKEY.

No Naval Demonstration to Be Made in Case the Sultan Fails to Pay.

NEW YORK, May 1.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

The naval coercion of Turkey, to obtain settlement of the American missionary claims, is not contemplated by the administration. This statement is made upon high authority. Drastic measures against Turkey have been urged by former Minister Angell, by politicians on behalf of missionaries, and by ministers of the gospel, but the president and Secretary Hay have not considered their suggestions.

The administration is well satisfied with the concessions made by the Sublime Porte, and while it is anxious that the Sultan shall keep his promise to pay the claims, it feels that he has already been considerate of this government in permitting the reconstruction of the American mission at Harpoot, and in the extension of Roberts' college in Constantinople. It is authoritatively ystated that the latest not presented to the porte by Mr. Griscom, the American Charge, is not an ultimatum, but is merely a repetition of the demand for settlement.

There is no disposition in the state department to unduly hasten the Porte's answer. While an evasive reply is expected, an official said yesterday that the government would calmly await the outcome, believing that it wiuld be satisfactory to Turkey, as well as the United States. This official said the president contemplated the severance of diplomatic relations, and this possibility had almost disappeared, as a result of the concessions the sultan has already made.

It is likely, from all that can be learned, that the extent of the expression of displeasure by this government at the continued failure of the Porte to pay the claim, will be the maintenance of a charge d'affaires in Constantinople. Minister Straus is not expected to return, and until the claims are settled it is not proposed that any minister shall be sent to Turkey.

The conclusion of the administration not to adopt the suggestion, that this government make a naval demonstration in Turkish waters, is undoubtedly due to the knowledge that Europe would resent the entrance of the United States into the Turkish question.

LET HIM DOWN EASY.

Will Reprimand Captain Chadwick for Insulting Admiral Schley.

NEW YORK, May 1.—A special to the Herald from Washington, says:

Secretary Long will formally reprimand Captain Chadwick for his recent criticisms of Rear-Admiral W. S. Schley. This will probably be the extent of the department's action. Captain Chadwick's excellent record and the frankness with which he acknowledges the offense, while at the same time disclaiming responsibility for it, have favorably impressed the department.

Friends of Rear-Admiral Schley desire that Captain Chadwick be court-martialed, especially as he has told the department that the interview in which he was quoted as criticizing the rear admiral was correct.

Captain Chadwick admitted that he had criticised Rear-Admiral Schley, but said that the statements he had made expressed his personal views, and he had no intention of making them public through the press. He charges that a breach of faith was committed when he was quoted.

Mr. Long looks upon the Chadwick affair as similar, in some respects, to the case of Captain Coghlan, who was reprimanded for his criticism of the German emperor. Many officers, however, point that the department accused Rear-Admiral Schley of reprehensible conduct in a communication to congress and as Captain Chadwick substantially reiterated this statement in a personal conversation, they do not see how he can be severely punished.

FOREST FIRES STILL RAGING.

Passenger Train Entered Burning District on Sunday Last and Has Not Been Heard of Since.

MARINETTE, Wis., May 1.—Forest fires in Northern Michigan and Wisconsin have destroyed one village and several others are threatened. The dry timber is proving easy prey to the flames, which the high wind has spread over a wide area. Ames, the town entirely destroyed, had a population of 200. There was a store, cedar yard, station and fifteen or twenty houses. Along the right of way of the St. Paul railroad, north of Ellis Junction, the fires are still raging. A passenger train on the Wisconsin and Michigan railroad, which left Fisher, Mich., Sunday morning, has not been heard from since and is somewhere in the burned district. The wires are all down north of Fisher.

Forest fires are also said to be burning all along the Soo road to Minneapolis. A dispatch from East Tawas, Mich., says that forest fires are running through timber lands and cedar swamps in that locality.

MILLIONS SPENT ABROAD.

Americans Enriching the Coffers of Europe to the Tune of a Hundred Million.

NEW YORK, May 1.—Bankers estimate that American visitors to the Paris exposition will spend abroad this year, forty million dollars more than is usually spent by Americans in Europe during the vacation season. In 1889, it was estimated that about 120,000 people from the United States would attend the Paris exposition. The director of the United States mint at that time, estimated that the passengers from New York to Europe spent that year $92,771,550.

TRANSPORT WARREN SAILS.

Sending More Doctors to Manila—Another Lot of Recruits.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.— The trasnport Warren will sail at noon today for Manila, via Honolulu and Guam. In addition to a large quantity of supplies, the Warren will take many cabin passengers, including several acting assistant surgeons and a detachment of 225 recruits, ten casuals and 36 enlisted men, who came from Manila as a guard for prisoners.

The transport Sherman will be released from quarantine today and tomorrow the Wyefield will be allowed to dock.

PRESIDENT OR POPE.

Which of the Rulers Will the New Consul to Brazil Obey.

NEW YORK, May 1.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

Rev. Dr. Girimondi, the newly appointed consul to Santos, Brazil, said: "I shall be subject to the pleasure of the president of the United States and to the pope of Rome. Should either desire me to resign I will do so immediately. I shall heed no other authority. In the discharge of my duties the state will come first and the church second. I am a Catholic priest."

WAS LAFAYETTE'S FLOWER GIRL

CHICAGO, May 1.—Mrs. Frederick G. Petrie died here yesterday. She was 85 years of age . Mrs. Petrie, when a child, was a flower girl for Lafayette, at a fete given in his honor when he revisited this country after the Revolution. She was acquainted with Andrew Jackson, Henry Clay, and other men who were making history sixty years ago.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

NEW YORK, May 1.—The Journal and Advertiser says: At a dinner given in honor of C. D. Wetmore and Ethel Barrymore, by Mrs. Albert Stevens, Mr. Wetmore announced his engagement to Miss Barrymore. Mr. Wetmore is a wealthy architect.

TO BE HAWAIIA'S GOVERNOR.

Ex-President Dole Has Been Chosen for That Position by President McKinley.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—President Dole has been selected as the first governor of Hawaii. The formal announcement will be made when the list of Hawaiian officials, to be appointed by the president, is completed.

RAILROAD STRIKE AT BUFFALO.

BUFFALO, May 1.—Approximately 700 more car repairers have joined the strike, which was begun by the men of that craft, employed by the New York Central Company and this constitutes today's active developments.

EIGHT HOUR LAW ESTABLISHED.

BOSTON, May 1.—The eight hour day was established today in almost every district in New England where journeymen of the building trades have organized, and the concession was obtained with little friction and only a few strikes.

NATIONAL BANKS MUST REPORT.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—The controller of currency today issued a call for a report of the condition of the national banks at the close of business on April 28.

ANOTHER TRUST FORMED.

TRENTON, N. J., May 1.—The Siegel Company, capital $24,000,000, was incorporated here today to deal in goods of all kinds in New York, Chicago and other cities.

SANTA FE REACHES 'FRISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—The Santa Fe railroad will begin its freight service to and from this city by way of Point Richmond. Passenger trains will not be run for several days.

FAMOUS BANDMASTER DEAD.

NEW YORK, May 1.—Joseph Gustav Rampon, a famous bandmaster, leader of the Old Guard band, died last night, aged 57 years.

ROBERTS' JURY DISAGREED.

SALT LAKE, May 1.—The jury in the case of B. H. Roberts, on trial for unlawful cohabitation, disagreed and was discharged.

TO PARIS IN 1900.

The passenger department of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway has taken advantage of the current interest in the Paris Exposition and has printed for free distribution one of the most charming books of the season, entitled, "Glimpses Across the Sea." Its contents describe a recent voyage across the Atlantic made by Sam T. Clover, journalist and author, and includes his diversified experiences in London and Paris. The "Glimpses" are entertaining and instructive to the prospective western patrons of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, who may be contemplating a trip to Europe. The enterprise of the railway company in augurating such a happy departure from the ordinary methods of advertising is commendable.

GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS.

Custom House, Astoria, Oregon; Collector's Office, April 26, 1900.

Supplies for Revenue Vessels:—Sealed proposals for supplying ship chandlery rations, and coal to vessels of the United States Revenue Cutter Service, regularly stationed, or temporarily, at Astoria, Oregon, and delivered on board said vessels at that place during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, will be received at this office until 2 o'clock p. m. of Saturday, May 12, 1900, at which time and place they will be publicly opened. The coal furnished to be anthracite or bituminous of best quality; uniform in character; to weigh 2,240 pounds to the ton; to be delivered on board the vessels at such times and in such quantities as may be required, at localities readily accessible to said vessels, and to be subject to inspection as to quality and weight. Bidders will name the prices both for steaming and stove coal, and also their facilities for furnishing the vessels with fresh water, and their charges therefor. Blank forms of proposals, with schedules showing articles of ship chandlery and component parts of rations, may be had upon application at this office; proposals must be submitted on these forms. Separate bids will also be received the same time and place for lubricating and illuminating oils. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids, and no contract will be put in force until congress shall have made an appropriation for the purpose.

JOHN FOX,
Collector.

GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS.

Treasury Department, Office, Supervising Architect, Washington, D. C., April 21, 1900.—Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 2 o'clock p. m., on the 28th day of May, 1900, and then opened, for the wharf and disinfecting and bath houses at the U. S. Quarantine Station, Astoria, Oregon, in accordance with drawings and specifications, copies of which may be had at this office or the office of the custodian of the station.

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