

FRANCE'S POLICY

Will Demand Amends From Castro for Insult.

HER MINISTER IGNORED

Venezuela Is Buying Guns, While France Talks of Joint Franco-American Naval Demonstration in Caribbean.

PARIS, Sept. 22.—The dispute between France and Venezuela over the closing of the cable office has reached an acute stage. France will demand an apology from Venezuela, and it is believed that President Castro is preparing to resist.

Insurgency makes it perfectly certain that Venezuela has placed orders at the Creusot works for eight field batteries and four mountain batteries, the latter consisting of four guns each.

There is a disposition to attempt to draw the United States into the controversy on the side of France. A joint naval demonstration is suggested.

The authorities here claim that exchanges will occur at Washington relative to the mutual interests involved in the pending controversies.

M. Juseand, the French Ambassador to the United States, will sail for New York tomorrow from Havre on the steamer La Lorraine.

ACTION INSULT TO FRANCE

Refuse to Regard Treatment of Taigny as Personal.

PARIS, Sept. 22.—The offensive attitude of Venezuela against M. Taigny, the French Charge d'Affaires at Caracas, has aroused indignation in official quarters here. Although the Ministry has not taken definite action, it is said that the highest quarters that Premier Rouvier undoubtedly will demand that Venezuela disavow the offensive action and adopt a course conformable with the usual courtesies of diplomatic intercourse.

The Venezuelan authorities are now seeking to show that their action was directed against M. Taigny personally, and not against the French Government, but the officials here do not accept the distinction between M. Taigny's personal and official capacity. He has his standing at the Foreign Office, where he recently served. He also aided Ambassador Cambon at Washington during the most delicate phases of the Spanish negotiations. Therefore, there is no intention here to permit Venezuela to make a scapegoat of him.

The official directly charged with handling Venezuelan questions explained the general status of the controversy as follows:

Venezuela supports the closing of the French Cable Company's land stations on the ground of the decision of the Venezuelan courts. France does not question the general right of the courts, but maintains that the decision of the courts contained nothing authorizing the executive branch to seize and shut up the cable stations.

Moreover, only a day before shutting up the stations, M. Brun, of the French Cable Company, had given assurance that General Velutini, the Venezuelan Minister at Paris, would take steps to adjust the question satisfactorily.

The government holds documents proving that the French Cable Company has accepted the result of the judicial proceedings brought against it. The government is only waiting to establish new relations between M. Brun and M. Taigny, the French Charge d'Affaires at Caracas. It is to be expected that a demand will be made that Venezuela disavow the action taken. The subsequent course of France will depend upon Venezuelan reply.

WANTS AMERICA TO HELP HER

France Suggests Joint Naval Demonstration in Venezuela.

PARIS, Sept. 22.—It was announced from Caracas, September 20, that the Venezuelan Government had that day made the following reply to the protest lodged September 18 by M. Taigny, the French Charge d'Affaires at Caracas, relative to the closing of the land stations of the French Cable Company and the expulsion of the manager of the company, M. Brun.

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The semi-official Temps this evening printed a leading article ending with the following sentiment on the subject. It is said that M. Taigny has been ordered to insist on Venezuela's withdrawing her offensive refusal to deal with him. If the withdrawal is made and President Castro makes an apology, then negotiations will continue. If Venezuela does not accede it will be unwise immediately to break off diplomatic relations by the withdrawal of M. Taigny, since this would leave French interests unprotected.

The best course would be for France and the United States to make a joint naval demonstration similar to that in which Great Britain, Germany and Italy took part. Continuing, the paper says: "Already to our knowledge the Cabinets of Washington and Paris have examined certain questions. Mutual confidence will render easier an understanding for efficacious joint intervention. This intervention, in which firmness will not exclude moderation and prudence, appears today to be essential."

HE EXPECTS TO BE KICKED OUT

Taigny Finds It Impossible to Meet Venezuelan Demands.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—M. Taigny, French Charge d'Affaires at Caracas, expects his passport today. In view of the impossibility of making the explanation demanded by Senor Ybarra, Venezuelan Minister of Foreign Affairs, says a Caracas dispatch to the Herald.

Calhoun Will Soon Leave Venezuela.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Sept. 22.—Judge W. S. Calhoun, who was charged with a special mission to Venezuela in behalf of the United States, will sail for home October 2.

St. Paul Coming to Coast.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Sept. 22.—Rowland Miller, chairman of the board of directors

VICEROY HOLDS DOWN BAKU

Orders Nations to Be Reconciled and Stops Murders.

BAKU, Sept. 22.—Since his arrival here on Wednesday Count von Vorontzoff-Dushkoff, the Viceroy of Caucasus, has visited all the works in the district, received deputations of Armenians and Muslims and private individuals representing various interests and generally examined into the situation.

He presided at a conference of military authorities September 21 and decided to reinforce the troops and institute a court-martial. Friday the Viceroy presided at another conference which dealt with the question of the best means of hastening a resumption of work in the oil trade, and at which were discussed various suggestions for policing and protecting the oil industry by the troops and guards furnished by the nabhis companies.

The Viceroy proposed that the Armenian and Musulman clergy practice conciliation and as a result of this advice delegates of the two nationalities have convened a conciliation conference.

Three days have passed in Baku without murders being committed, but the situation is still strained.

COMPROMISE WITH KOSSUTH

Hungarian Leaders Will Offer New Terms to Francis Joseph.

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Sept. 22.—The audience which the coalition leaders will have with the King-Emperor tomorrow is regarded most happily, and there is widespread expectation that the compromise proposals which will be submitted by Count Julius Andrássy, Francis Kossuth, Baron Banffy and Count Zichy will lead to a settlement enabling the formation of a ministry and the restoration of administrative order.

The coalitionists are prepared to demonstrate to the King-Emperor their strong desire to meet the views of the crown on the terms of the compromise.

It is a general proposition for the development of the Hungarian army in accordance with the national spirit without insisting upon the use of Hungarian as the language of command.

BOMB INJURES ITS THROWER

Aimed at Bank Which Refused Money for Revolution.

WARSAW, Russia, Sept. 22.—An attempt was made today to destroy the Rzeshevsky Bank. A man threw a bomb at the open window of the bank, but missed his aim and the missile exploded in the courtyard, dangerously injuring the perpetrator of the crime. It appears that the outrage was due to the fact that the bank officials had refused to contribute to the funds of the revolution.

Watt Gave Money to Buy Poison.

LONDON, Sept. 22.—There was a further hearing in the Marlborough Police Court today of the charges against Hugh Watt, a former member of Parliament, on a charge of attempting to hire a private detective to assist him in murdering his former wife, but little developed.

The prosecution called a barkeeper nicknamed "Nosey," who testified that Watt gave him money to buy chloroform with which to kill Mrs. Watt. The prisoner was again remanded.

Troops to Hold Down Finland.

HELSINGFOR, Finland, Sept. 22.—A large increase in the number of Russian troops in Finland is expected soon. About 4000, it is said, will be sent to Helsinki, 300 to Viborg and 600 to Vasa. The troops will be quartered in private houses.

An explosion near the residence of the Governor of Vasa yesterday created a commotion, but no damage is reported beyond the shattering of the windows of a neighboring house.

More Troops for Caucasus.

ODERSA, Sept. 22.—(Special.)—Seven thousand soldiers left yesterday for the Caucasus to be used in suppressing the rebellion of Tatars. As soon as order is restored, the troops will be distributed among the Russian garrisons in Central Asia.

MOTORMAN CAUSED WRECK

Railroad Commissioners Fix Blame for Elevated Railroad Disaster.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—Responsibility for the elevated railroad accident of September 11, when 12 persons lost their lives through the fall of a car from the bridge of Ninth avenue, was fixed today by the State Railroad Commissioners. They report that Motorman Kelly was responsible for the accident in running past signals without reducing speed and running past signals which showed that the Fifty-third street switch was set for Sixth avenue.

They also found that Switchman Cornelius A. Jackson contributed to the cause of the accident by having the switch set for a Sixth-avenue train when the Ninth-avenue train was displaying proper signals. Jackson was also blamed for having left the tower without being relieved. It was also found that the train's speed was too great.

SALOON DOOR KICKED IN

Arrests Made for Selling Liquor After Hours.

In a raid on the Wigwag Saloon, First and Main streets, this morning, Captain Bailey and Patrolmen Foster, Johnson and Kintner, kicked in the door of the saloon and arrested G. A. Martin, W. B. Robbins and J. K. Thompson, the bartender. This is the first case of forcible entrance of a saloon suspected of selling liquor after hours.

Admissions by Varianian.

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—Minister Leishman is awaiting the result of Consul-General Dickinson's inquiry into the naturalization of Varianian and Aftarian before taking further steps. In the course of his examination, Varianian admitted to Mr. Dickinson that he had been despatched to murder Apik Udjian, a prominent Armenian, who was shot and killed August 28 in the Bazaar of this city. Mr. Dickinson added that Aftarian was his accomplice.

Nine Fresh Cholera Cases.

BERLIN, Sept. 22.—The official bulletin issued today announced that nine fresh cases of cholera were reported between noon yesterday and noon today, and that two deaths occurred in the same period, making the totals 234 cases and 80 deaths. The new cases (located) are one each at Hattenburg, Marienwerder, Posen and Kolmar, two at Strasburg, East Prussia, and three at Randow.

SUMMER COLDS.

Laxative Dromo Quinine, worldwide Cold Cure, is the best remedy for all summer colds and for sufferers of E. W. Grove, etc.

EQUITABLE HOLD THE BOARD

VACANCIES GIVEN POLICY-HOLDERS.

Thereupon, and at the time of the execution of the trust agreement, the trustees determined that the policyholders would be given the election to fill existing vacancies in the board of directors.

Another syndicate in which the Equitable participated to the extent of \$200,000 was the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York. Mr. Hughes asked the witness to produce memoranda dealing with this and the Southern Pacific syndicate.

In the Erie bond syndicate, managed by J. P. Morgan & Co., the Equitable was to participate to the extent of 10 per cent. It paid \$24,275 to the syndicate. Mr. Winthrop knew of no profits. In the Union Pacific reorganization syndicate, no record could be produced of the amount of allotment, though it appeared \$2,000,000 was called for. Mr. Winthrop could give no details.

In the Atlantic Coast Line syndicate the Equitable participated as member of J. H. Hyde & Associates, paid \$1,750,000 call money and received \$14,500 profits.

At a meeting of the finance committee on August 1, 1904, when \$7,011,500 of securities were purchased, there were only two members present.

The participation of the Equitable Society in the Union Pacific syndicate was taken in the name of James H. Hyde. Mr. Hughes asked what authority the society assumed responsibility and profit standing in his name.

Not Assigned in Writing.

Mr. Winthrop produced the proceedings of the finance committee of July, 1904, at which the chairman reported he had received a written assignment of J. H. Hyde's interest in that syndicate.

"Do I understand that until July, 1905, there had been no written assignment of these interests?" asked Mr. Hughes.

"There had never been."

Passing on to the navigation syndicate, it appeared that the Equitable participated to the extent of \$200,000. The participation of this association was \$2,855,250. Mr. Winthrop said that J. P. Morgan & Co. called upon the society for payment of \$200,000 of the syndicate.

"In your report to the Superintendent of Insurance you showed in the navigation syndicate the par value at \$250,000 and market value at \$483,750," said Mr. Hughes.

Mr. Winthrop could not tell who Mr. Hyde's associates in this syndicate were.

"In the Frick report I find mention of a purchase of \$200,000 of the Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washington bonds by James H. Hyde and associates, but I do not find in the Frick report any mention of the allotment to the Equitable Society."

"The Equitable got its allotment from Kuhn, Loeb & Co."

"To whom were the payments of \$200,000, \$100,000 and \$100,000 made in 1904?"

"I think they were made to Kuhn, Loeb & Co. Is that correct?"

"I find records of the purchase of \$1,700,000 of E. W. Grove & Co. at various dates, of Japanese bonds, by the society. Are they correct?"

"I presume they are."

"Now, as to your first purchase of \$1,700,000 on May 25, 1904, I find no record in your sub-sheet, but I do find on June 30, 1904, a sale of \$1,700,000 bonds at par, but no purchaser named. Who was the purchaser?"

The witness said he did not know, but would look it up.

CLEVELAND ON MUTUAL WAR

He Tells Committee What Trustees Have Done About It.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—The following is the letter from Ex-President Grover Cleveland, one of the three trustees of the Hyde stock and Equitable Life Assurance Society, addressed to Senator W. W. Armstrong, chairman of the legislative committee, investigating the life insurance business, dated Tanworth, Md., Sept. 18, and received at the Senate office today.

The trustees, who are the holders for trust purposes of the majority of the stock of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, have been asked to furnish a statement of the aims and objects of the investigation your committee have in hand that they cheerfully comply with the request, and in doing so, they are touching the methods thus far pursued in the discharge of their trust.

The instrument, which the trustees hold stock and which defines their duties in respect thereto was executed on the 18th day of June, 1905. A copy of said instrument is annexed to this statement. It will be observed that its declared purpose is to carry out the policy of the society, and to protect the interests of the policyholders.

Through an amendment of the society's charter, the trustees have been authorized to select 25 of the 52 directors, being a majority thereof, by the policyholders of the society. Under the charter of the society, 52 directors are divided into four equal classes, each class holding office for four years, so that one class expires each year. The trustees, unless vacated by death or other cause, are elected by the policyholders, which occurs in the month of December.

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TACOMA LOSES BASEBALL.

Tigers' Games With Oakland Transferred to Spokane.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—Arrangements were completed today by which the six games scheduled between the Tigers and Oakland Community League will be played at Spokane. Oakland leaves San Francisco Sunday night and will arrive in Tacoma Tuesday morning. The night of the two teams will leave for Spokane, opening in that city in Natatorium Park on Wednesday.

It is likely that two games will be played there each week from Sunday, when the Pacific Coast baseball will end in Spokane.

While it has been a foregone conclusion for some time that Tacoma would lose the Coast League, not until today did the local management know where the Oakland series was to be played. The owners of the Tacoma Community League, who have been in the city since they left Spokane, will show its eligibility to a seat in the Coast League by turning out in good numbers. They expect to take in big money, but there is less liability of rainy weather at Spokane than on the coast. The whole matter in a nutshell is that there will be no more baseball in Tacoma for the year.

The Tigers will never again be seen here.

HAMILTON DENIES THE CHARGE

Did Not Use New York Life's \$100,000 to Influence Legislation.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—The Evening World today received a cable dispatch from Andrew Hamilton, of Albany, who is in France, to the effect that the \$100,000 received by him from the New York Life Insurance Company in March, 1904, was not used for influencing law legislation.

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