

OPPOSITION COMES FROM THE KAISER

Emperor's Mind Poisoned Against Dr. Hill During Past Few Months.

CAUSE STILL A MYSTERY

Diplomatist Says He Can Recall Nothing in Which He May Have Offended - Interest in Incident Grows.

BERLIN, March 26.—The intimation that Dr. David Jayne Hill was not regarded as adapted to the post of American Ambassador to Germany, appears to have been made at the suggestion of Emperor William. His Majesty, since it was announced last November that Dr. Hill would succeed Charlemagne Tower, has received various impressions adverse to Dr. Hill. It is difficult to trace the origin of these impressions. Some came from members of the suite of Prince Henry, who saw much of Dr. Hill during his visit to the United States six weeks ago, some from the German Legation at The Hague, where Dr. Hill is at present Minister, while others doubtless were obtained in quarters not yet apparent.

Personal Conviction Grew. It is clear, however, that the personal conviction grew in the Emperor's mind that Dr. Hill would not adequately and agreeably represent the United States at this court. Something in the nature of a private and personal message was then conveyed to President Roosevelt.

The Foreign Office today issued a denial to the statement that official action had been taken by the German government on the proposal to send Dr. Hill to the Berlin Embassy.

Tower Denies Rumor. Replying to the question raised by certain newspapers which intimated that Charlemagne Tower was trying to hold his place as American Ambassador and remain in Berlin, Mr. Tower authorized the statement that it is his inflexible determination to send his resignation to the President within a few months and ask to be allowed to retire so that he may return to the United States.

This agrees with what Mr. Tower wrote of his own accord to the President last August in a personal letter and Mr. Tower says it is entirely satisfactory to the President and fully understood by him. There has been no reason why he should change his plans, says the Ambassador, nor is he aware that the President wishes him to do so in any event.

Their Relations Friendly. Ambassador Tower also authorizes the statement that his personal relations with David J. Hill are exceedingly friendly and have been for years. When he saw the newspaper announcement that Dr. Hill probably would succeed him, he wrote to him inviting the Minister and his wife to come to Berlin, adding that he and Mrs. Tower would be happy to assist in making their approaches to Berlin. In response to his invitation, Mr. Hill came to Berlin three weeks ago and dined with the American Ambassador at his home. They discussed freely and fully all questions that would naturally come up under such circumstances.

German Newspaper Comment. The Lokal Anzeiger prints a statement this morning, evidently emanating from the foreign office, regarding the Hill matter. It denies the report cabled to Washington that a letter is under way from the German government explaining its attitude, and concludes: "Germany is by no means placed in a situation where an explanation is needed because no differences of opinion whatever in this question exist between Berlin and Washington. It is superfluous to add that the assertion that Dr. Hill has become persona non grata since his appointment is pure invention."

Print Long Dispatches. The German newspapers are beginning to attach more importance to the case, printing long dispatches from New York. The Hague and London on the subject. Kolnische Zeitung also prints an inspired dispatch directly denying that the government has rejected Mr. Hill.

STATE DEPARTMENT IN DARK Strangely Ignorant of Cause of Hill's Rejection by Kaiser. WASHINGTON, March 26.—Just why, in these days of frequent cable communication, it should be necessary for the State Department to wait a week or ten days upon the arrival of a letter to learn the exact nature of the representations made to this Government by Germany in connection with the selection of Dr. Hill as American Ambassador at Berlin is not clear.

As far as official records go, the State Department is not even yet possessed of the information that Dr. Hill's selection is not acceptable to the German Emperor. It does not know that Ambassador Tower has dispatched a letter from Berlin to the State Department in relation to this matter and if public interest in the subject continues to increase the officials here may decide to call on Mr. Tower to cable the substance of the letter.

The diplomatic circle is still speculating as to the cause of the attitude of the German Government. One suggestion is that Ambassador Tower desires to remain in Berlin for some time and that his influence with the Emperor has been exerted to dissuade the authorities at Washington from relieving him. But this meets with little credence here.

ACTION PUZZLES DR. HILL Can Recall Nothing That Might Explain Kaiser's Attitude. PARIS, March 26.—In the absence of official confirmation either from Washington or Berlin, David J. Hill declines today to credit or discuss the report that the German government had changed its original attitude and refused to receive the Ambassador. The only information that he received today from the subject was a private telegram from Berlin saying that the German foreign office has flatly denied that any official action had been taken.

It is learned that Dr. Hill is considerably disturbed and mystified by the whole circumstance, as he is aware of nothing either at the Hague conference or during Prince Henry's visit to Washington that could form a basis for objection to him as American Ambassador. After Prince Henry's visit to Washington the Prince presented to Mr. Hill

who was then Assistant Secretary of State, a large photograph of himself inscribed with his autograph as a testimonial of thanks.

SMITH ELECTED TOO EARLY

New Maryland Senator Narrowly Escapes Being Excluded.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Although the Senate met today with the intention of devoting the entire time of the session to the currency bill, the credentials of Senator-elect John Walter Smith of Maryland early became the subject of a discussion that consumed nearly four hours and destroyed all hope of disposing of the currency bill before adjournment today.

The result of the debate on the propriety of swearing in Mr. Smith was a vote of 24 to 23 in favor of receiving his credentials and leaving the regularity of his election to be considered by the committee on privileges and elections, and by the Senate later.

Burrows, of Michigan, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, objected to the admission of the Senator-elect on the ground that the law requires that two Tuesdays shall intervene between the time notice of a vacancy in



In Whan Chung, Assassin of Durham W. Stevens.

the Senate is given and an election. As the late Senator Whyte died on Tuesday and his successor was chosen on the following Tuesday, Burrows said that the law has not been complied with.

ROCCA ARRESTS ENEMIES

SAN FRANCISCO DETECTIVE MOVES AGAINST ANARCHISTS. Courageous Officer Takes Into Custody Four Men Who Had Threatened His Life.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—Innocent because their chief, Paul Bignami, the so-called king of the local anarchist colony, was taken into custody by Detective John Rocca yesterday, four anarchists took oath on a miniature coffin marked with skull and cross-bones and the red flag of anarchy, that they would have the life of the officer. This quartet is now with their chief, in detention at the City Prison. The four men who took the oath are Joseph Tumilatti, Charles Anzori, August Nocchi and Charles Dalbon.

Detective Rocca heard, yesterday afternoon, that he had been marked for death, and Chief of Police Bigsby and Captain of Detectives Kelley received secret warnings at about the same time. They instructed the officer not to visit the haunts of the men unless accompanied by other policemen, but Rocca was aroused when he heard of the threat, and determined to arrest the quartet and to do it alone.

August Nocchi is the only one of the quartet who is known to have any legitimate employment. He is said to be interested in a co-operative bakery, and is charged with responsibility for much of the trouble in the concern. He came here from Chicago about a year ago. Officer Rocca is now engaged in digging into the past history of the others.

Cannot Deport Bignami. SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—Paul Bignami, the anarchist arrested yesterday for inciting to assassination and to destruction of the fleet, when examined by Acting Commissioner of Immigration Crawford, stated that he came to this country from Italy in 1904. If this is a fact, it will place him outside the Federal deportation laws relating to anarchists.

Mr. Crawford has wired to Boston to see if there is any record of him there. More anarchists will be arrested in the next few days in the Latin quarter and charged with vagrancy.

Anarchist Sheet Barred Out. WASHINGTON, March 26.—Postmaster-General Meyer today issued an order annulling the second-class mailing privilege granted in 1905 to La Question Sociale, an Italian publication issued by an alleged anarchist group at Paterson, N. J.

The order was issued because "the publication is not a newspaper, within the meaning of the law, but is devoted to what the collector terms the 'science' of extolling assassination as a virtue."

Proclaim Anarchist Meeting. CHICAGO, March 26.—Three boys who were distributing circulars announcing an anarchists' meeting were arrested in the Ghetto Wednesday night. The bills advertised that William Nathanson would speak and that Knute Hanson would speak on "Hunger."

Famous Old Hotel Burns. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 26.—Fire that started at noon today and was practically under control an hour later caused damage estimated at \$20,000 to the Leland Hotel, one of the best-known hostleries in the country. Most of the delegates attending the Republican convention had rooms at the hotel, and nearly all of them lost their baggage. Most of the delegates were at the convention at the time the fire broke out. No lives were lost. All the attendants, it is believed, escaped, as did those guests who were in the building when the fire broke out. Many guests fought with the policemen to enter and save their valises at the risk of their lives.

Japanese Get Damages. WASHINGTON, March 26.—The State Department today issued a statement that an agreement had been reached whereby the suit for damages by certain Japanese against the City of San Francisco for mob violence will be settled by the payment to the Japanese of \$450.

HELD FOR MURDER

Formal Charge Is Filed Against Stevens' Slayer.

REJOICES AT HIS DEATH

Corean Assassin Expresses No Remorse—Dead Diplomatist Firm Friend of Japan—Counseled Her to Restrict Emigration.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—I. Whan Chang and Ming Wan Chun, the Corean patriots who elected to kill Durham W. Stevens for what they believed his treachery to the Hermit Kingdom, were this morning charged with murder. They must face trial for their deed in the courts of this city, held in detention pending the struggle for life which the courageous diplomat made, the two men were charged on the police blotter as soon as news of the deed was conveyed to police headquarters.

In Whan Chang, the Corean who fired the shots which proved fatal to Stevens when informed last night at the jail of his victim's death, received the news without surprise and with manifest delight. Since the day of the shooting Chang has been expressing the hope that Stevens' wounds might prove fatal. Last night, when asked if he was sorry for what he had done, Chang said: "No; I am glad. He was no friend of Corean, and he is better dead."

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Pending the arrival here of Joseph I. Porter, of Washington, D. C., brother-in-law of Stevens, the remains of the diplomat will remain at the St. Francis Hospital. The arrangements for their final disposition will be in the hands of the Japanese Consul-General Chozo Kikue and Dr. Zuzumaki, who will act in accordance with the wishes of the relatives, when Mr. Porter arrives from the East. Mr. Porter is expected here day after tomorrow.

No intimation has been given as to where the remains will finally be laid nor what ceremonies will attend the funeral.

SORROW AND ANGER IN JAPAN

Stevens True Friend and Wise Adviser to Nippon.

TOKYO, March 27.—News of the death of Durham White Stevens in San Francisco reached Tokyo at 10 o'clock last night. The utmost grief is expressed by every one. American Ambassador O'Brien said to the Associated Press representative that his sorrow was most sincere. He regarded Mr. Stevens as a true and noble friend.

Considering the unobtrusive character of Mr. Stevens, the widespread concern regarding the tragedy is remarkable. It is safe to predict that the news of his death is published, it will arouse intense indignation in all circles. None is more outspoken than the missionaries, especially Americans, acquainted in Corea, who regarded Mr. Stevens as their most active friend. One of his last acts before leaving Japan was to secure a subscription of \$200 for the Young Men's Christian Association in Seoul.

Mr. Stevens was consistently a loyal American. He firmly believed that cementing the relations of the two countries would result in increasing the influence of America in the Far East, insure peace and benefit Japan. During the recent immigration negotiations he wielded great influence. He advocated the complete stoppage of Japanese emigration and urged the adoption of the most stringent regulations. He pressed these views, which ultimately were accepted.

Mr. Stevens also was a consistent friend of Japan. He believed that the control of Corea by Japan, without actual annexation, would mean finally the reclamation of that country by the Japanese and corruption. He bitterly opposed all elements connected with the old Corean regime who advocated its continuance, and expressed his views in this connection openly, whether against foreigners, Coreans or Japanese. One of the principal purposes of his visit to Washington at this time was to place his views before the American government and people and to controvert the statements of the organized anti-Japanese propaganda in America. Mr. Stevens carried with him much valuable information and many documents to prove the case he intended to present.

His death is a great shock to his friends here, who thought he had led to believe that he would recover. Prince Ito has arranged for an interview with Ambassador O'Brien on next Saturday.

The Emperor has sent an imperial message of condolence.

TAKAHIRA EXPRESSES REGRET

Ambassador Notifies Japanese Government of D. W. Stevens' Death.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—The most profound regret was expressed here today by Ambassador Takahira and the Embassy staff over the death at San Francisco last night of D. W. Stevens. The Japanese government was notified of the death today in a message from the Embassy.

One of Mr. Stevens' sisters, Mrs. Joseph I. Porter, wife of the assistant superintendent of railways in the Postoffice Department, is lying ill at her home as a result of the shock. Mr. Porter is now hurrying to San Francisco.

Will Investigate Killing. HONOLULU, March 26.—Secretary Ichikawa of the Japanese consulate here, who speaks the Corean language, has been ordered by Viscount Hayashi to proceed to San Francisco immediately to investigate the killing of Durham W. Stevens.

Big Closed Bank Reopens. KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 26.—All the requirements laid down by the Controller of the Currency for the reopening of the National Bank of Commerce of this city were complied with when Receiver George T. Cutts today received \$2,570,000 in cash from a syndicate which took over all the slow-paper of the bank and all the assets termed "bad" by the Government officials. The bank will open next Monday with 47 per cent of its deposits in its vaults, in accordance with Controller Ridgely as its president.

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HENEY EXPLAINS NEW INDICTMENTS IN GRAFT CASES.

Will Be Used Only in Event Previous Bills Are Held Bad by the Supreme Court.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—Three indictments, each containing three counts, against Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads; Tiley L. Ford, general counsel for the same corporation, and Abraham Ruef, former political boss of San Francisco, secretly voted by the grand jury last night, were filed with Presiding Judge Sturtevant this morning. The indictments charge Calhoun, Ford and Ruef each with having offered a bribe of \$4000, on May 10, 1906, to Superintendents E. P. Nicholas, John J. Furey and Daniel G. Coleman, in connection with the granting of a franchise giving the United Railroads the right to convert its cable lines into a trolley system.

The new indictments were returned with a view of meeting every possible technical objection that has been raised by the defense to the indictments returned by the former grand jury. Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney, in explaining the purpose of the new indictments, stated to the Associated Press: "While we don't concede that there is any flaw or defect in the other indictments, we have not the last say in

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road trolley cases was completed this afternoon. Judge Dunne will file an affidavit on behalf of the prosecution Saturday morning, and Judge Lawlor at that time will also pass upon Ruef's request for permission to place Heney, Burns, Langdon, Sprackels and others on the witness stand for cross-examination.

CAPTAIN KELLY INDICTED

Army Officer's Frauds Reduced One Victim to Poverty. CHICAGO, March 26.—The Federal grand jury today indicted Daniel Kelly, a former captain in the United States Army, on a charge of having stolen quartermaster checks from Captain Wiegsl, Quartermaster at Fort Sheridan, Ill.

RENO, Nev., March 26.—Captain Daniel Kelly, of the United States Army, indicted at Chicago for stealing quarter-

master's pay checks, is also badly wanted in Nevada for having passed the stolen checks upon which he forged signatures and secured \$7000. With the proceeds of the first check he gambled recklessly at Hixon and ingratiated himself with a saloonkeeper there, whom he persuaded to indorse a second, which was passed on the Washoe Bank in Reno.

After his escape to Klamloop, E. C., the bank sued the indorser and the judgment reduced him to poverty, still leaving the bank \$3000 loser.

Argument in Tevis Case Begins. SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—Assistant District Attorney William Hoff Cook this afternoon began his argument for the prosecution in the trial of R. A. Crothers and Fremont Older, proprietor and managing editor, respectively, of the San Francisco Bulletin, on the charge of criminally libeling William S. Tevis, of Bakerfield. It is expected that the case will go to the jury on Saturday.

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