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reply which would convince the Dutch that there was nothing before them except a desperate resistance to a war of conquest.

The action of the United States state department has caused much surprise here, especially as it is misunderstood by the public in the absence of the text of the correspondence between the two governments. The European governments are credited with acting more cautiously in waiting for the publication of Lord Salisbury's reply before deciding whether there was any occasion for offering their services as peace makers.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

Marquis Ito Says Reports of War Between the Two Countries Unfounded.

NEW YORK, March 15.—A dispatch to the Herald from Yokohama says: Marquis Ito, former Japanese Prime Minister, in an interview said:

"The rumors of war between Russia and Japan are unfounded newspaper reports."

"An agreement exists between Russia and Japan to the effect that neither power will encroach upon Corea and we must believe that Russia is sincere. The new Russian minister to Corea has come to Tokio and our relations are most friendly."

Speaking about the South African war, Marquis Ito said:

"The outcome of the struggle will be to increase England's greatness and arouse new interest in the armies which her colonies have developed. England will have trained soldiers all over the globe."

"The policy of Japan is not a colonial one. The Japanese army and navy are intended to defend Japan and her interests, not for conquests. Japan has no money for war or aggrandizement."

"The new development of commerce in the East renders it necessary for each nation to protect its interests with a show of power."

"If the United States is to have the commerce of the world she must mix in foreign politics."

"Japan, England and the United States stand for the unity of China."

"Japan wishes China to develop under her own government. There is no danger of her swamping the world's market because China is far behind, and, as she develops, wages will rise as they have done in Japan."

"The present reform revolutionary movement," concluded Marquis Ito, "is insignificant because it has no following among the people."

CANADIAN PARLIAMENT ROW.

Disgraceful Scenes in the Ottawa House of Commons.

CHICAGO, March 15.—A special to the Tribune from Ottawa, Ont., says: Desk pounding, palm slapping, slinging of epithets and choruses of groans characterized yesterday afternoon's proceedings in the house of commons. It began with Sir Wilfrid Laurier declining to grant further courtesies to the opposition with regard to notices on the order paper. G. E. Foster took objection amid manifestations of approval and disapproval.

Mr. Foster angrily nicknamed Sir Wilfrid "His High Mightiness," "a Visier," "a Czar of all the Russias," "His Majesty," and so forth.

When the speaker had succeeded in restoring order, Sir Wilfrid reproved the opposition for violating the rules of decency, which brought up Sir Chas. Tupper with the counter charge that only a few nights back Sir Wilfrid's followers had shown their sense of decency by saying he had violated all the ten commandments.

There was a roar that drowned Sir Charles' voice and Sir Richard Cartwright got up, and insinuated it was probably in Sir Charles own interest the question was not gone into. Sir Wilfrid caught the speaker's eye and rose to assert the dignity of the house and said he would not indulge in personalities. The scenes continued till the end of the sitting.

GOAT BREEDERS ORGANIZE.

KANSAS CITY, March 15.—The rapidly increasing interest in the breeding and raising of Angora goats in the Southwest has resulted in the formation of the American Angora Goat Breeders' Association, which will have its headquarters in Kansas City. A herd book will be provided as a means of guaranteeing pedigrees and thus permitting Angora goat breeders to establish such standard as has been formed by breeders of other classes of purebred livestock. Thomas H. Martin of Kansas City, is president of the new association.

MONTAGU WHITE'S DEMAND.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Montagu White, who is here as the diplomatic agent of the South African republic, denied last night a story printed in the Fortnightly Review to the effect that he had received, a fortnight before the war was declared, the assurance that Lord Salisbury would agree to certain conditions made by the South African republic, and that after a fortnight's silence the Transvaal issued the ultimatum which made war inevitable.

JOUBERT'S OPINION.

PRETORIA, Tuesday, March 13.—Before returning to the front today General Joubert said to a press representative:

"The courage of the British soldiers is beyond question. They rushed the kopjes and entrenchments in a fearless manner, but were not a match for the Mausers, which simply mowed them down."

Nicaragua Will Object.

She Will Not Agree to Our Right to Defend the Canal.

NEW YORK, March 15.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: While Nicaragua has filed no formal complaint of the Davis amendment to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, the feeling in Pan-American circles is that country will interpose objection to any attempt on the part of the United States to carry out its provisions in time of war.

Senor Corra, the diplomatic representative of Nicaragua here, says that, as signed, the convention meets with the entire approval of his government, but he declined to discuss the Davis amendment and how he or his government regards it.

It is known, however, that he feels that Nicaragua would be justified in refusing to grant any concessions to the United States, when a provision in a treaty with a third power, announces that it proposes to take any measures that may seem advisable with reference to the canal for its own defense.

EMPLOYEES UNION SERVANTS.

Mrs. Emmons Blaine's Experiment With Her Household Help.

CHICAGO, March 15.—The Times-Herald says: The servants of the household of Mrs. Emmons Blaine are now working under union rules. Eight hours constitute a day's work. The idea is said to have been suggested to Mrs. Blaine by Professor Patrick Geddes, of Edinburgh, who lectured in Chicago a couple of weeks ago. The scientist offered the proposition that there was a chance for the betterment of the condition of household servants and so well did Mrs. Blaine regard the suggestion that she decided to adopt it in her home.

The system was inaugurated about 10 days ago and it is said to have proved highly successful.

Society and club women are interested in Mrs. Blaine's experiment and if it continues to work well the plan may be quite generally adopted.

THE PHILIPPINE CABLE.

Probability That the Government Ownership Plan Will Carry.

NEW YORK, March 15.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Senator Hale, chairman of the senate naval committee, is engaged in the preparation of the report of his committee, unanimously recommending the construction by the government of a cable between San Francisco and Honolulu as a part of the line to connect San Francisco, Manila and Yokohama.

It is likely from present indications that when the Pacific cable matter comes before the house that body will determine to pass a bill authorizing government construction of the line. Eight members of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce now favor this plan and two favor the subsidiary bill, with a provision for government construction as an alternative.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of the circuit court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Clatsop, upon the 18th day of March, 1900, upon a judgment and decree rendered therein on the 23rd day of February, 1900, in favor of William Tarrant, plaintiff, and against Charles S. Wright and M. J. Wright, defendants, for the sum of \$4,025.00, the costs and disbursements of this suit taxed at \$10.20 and the costs of and upon this writ commanding and requiring me to make sale of the following described real property, to-wit:

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