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### SARGENT'S RESIGNATION.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The appointment of Minister Sargent to St. Petersburg, and his subsequent declination and final resignation of the German mission, on the ground of ill health, has been the leading topic in diplomatic circles this week. Beyond doubt the state department, in transferring Sargent, intended to snub Germany, by leaving the American mission in charge of the secretary of the legation, for awhile; but how Frelinghuysen could have so miscalculated Sargent's disposition is a mystery not yet explained. The Russian ministry was not a promotion for Sargent. Its salary was the same, but Russia ranks last among the first-class foreign missions of Great Britain, France, Germany and Russia, because St. Petersburg is the least desirable place to live. It is stated here by those familiar with diplomatic life in Berlin and St. Petersburg, that no man appointed once to the former place would accept afterwards an appointment to the latter. President Arthur and his secretary of state must have known this, and may have transferred Sargent in order to give him a favorable opportunity to resign.

It is said here that besides his zeal for his country on the pork question, not the least part of Sargent's trouble at Berlin has arisen from his indifference to the etiquette of the German capital. In other words, Sargent has been democratic and unpretentious in his social life, and has not remained up at night doing honor to royal festivals. This has made him unpopular with the governing class, and with his zeal to do his duty has caused the trouble. He is probably now glad to end it with his resignation.

New York, March 31.—Ottendorfer, proprietor of the *Staats-Zeitung*, being interviewed, while declining to say anything concerning the general opinion held by his countrymen in this city, said that personally he looked upon the transfer of Sargent to the Russian ministry in the light of a promotion. Referring to the Lasker resolutions, Ottendorfer said: "The transmission of them was a mistake on the part of the secretary of state, and that Sargent's action in the matter was solely the performance of duties assigned. At the same time Sargent's position now in Berlin is very disagreeable, and perhaps it may be with a view to relieving him of that position that the secretary removes him to St. Petersburg. Insults have been heaped upon him by the semi-official press throughout Germany. The various little principalities, dukedoms and provinces throughout Germany have their own local semi-official organs, the utterances of which are published at the dictation of parties in Berlin. I have been in personal receipt of many of those papers, and in many of them I found articles extremely malignant and vituperative against Sargent."

A remarkable feature about those articles is that their phrasing is almost identical, showing that they emanate from one head, and I believe that head is in control of what is known as the repeal fund, located in Berlin. These official organs, for such they are, are supported by the fund, and are carried on with a view of educating the people in loyalty. With such a state of affairs Sargent's position is certainly not an enviable one in Germany. Although he does not, by any means, possess the ability of his predecessor, he is a gentleman, and perhaps it is with a view to avoiding his getting involved in another difficulty that he begs to be allowed to come home.

The Sun's Washington special says: "Sargent wrote a note to Hitzfeldt, German secretary of the state, in which he referred to the Lasker incident, for which he was gently reprimanded by Frelinghuysen. Now Sargent had not interfered in the internal affairs of Germany. He had barely suggested that if the commission of German experts proposed by our government was refused, and the order of prohibition was not modified, protective steps might be taken on our side. Frelinghuysen's rebuke, made the more stinging by the mode of its delivery, and by young Von Hitzfeldt's announcement that he already knew that Minister Sargent had been discredited at Washington, necessarily left Sargent without support at Berlin. He was disheated at home and insulted abroad. No wonder Bismarck snubbed him at the first opportunity. The wonder is that Sargent did not throw up his commission at the time, rather than carry with his own hands to the imperial secretary for foreign affairs the official reprimand which Frelinghuysen had administered."

The Journal says: "Aaron A. Sargent will arrive home in time from Berlin for a nice vice-presidential boom. He would have the German vote, certain."

Admission Bills Doomed.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—It is probable that all legislation looking to the admission of new states from the northwest during this congress is doomed. On Tuesday Senator Harrison, of the committee on territories, attempted to have a day set for the consideration of his bill admitting Dakota, when, to everybody's surprise, the Democrats drew the party lines, and every one of them, except Garland and Jones of Florida, voted against it. This was hardly expected, as the bill admitting Dakota has been stripped of every objectionable feature, including a provision that would have allowed the state to vote at the presidential election this year. The Democrats, however, are said to believe that Dakota would, if admitted, send two Republican senators to congress, and for this reason they oppose it. The vote, 33 to 23, shows the hopelessness of further agitation. Almost the same thing may be said of the bill admitting Washington territory and Idaho, under the name of Troama. Neither of these bills, nor the measure of Harrison, even if it should pass the senate, will

### What New York Papers Say of the Cincinnati Riot.

New York, March 31.—The *Times*, reviewing the Cincinnati riot, says: "The murder of Kirk by Berner was the most murder ever committed in the criminal records of Cincinnati. Judge Carter, prosecuting attorney, declared that he escaped the death penalty by the adroitness of lawyers known for their legal talent, and through his father, who had \$6,000 or \$7,000 to spend. This was not an isolated case. Twenty-three men condemned for or accused of murders are reported to be in the jail of Cincinnati. There is but slight indication that at any time what is usually known as the lawless element was present in any considerable force during the riots. From the beginning up to the hour of last reports there has been a notable absence on the part of the crowd of any sympathy with criminals. There can be no doubt that violence in Cincinnati will be repressed, if it has not already been before these lines reach our readers; but the lesson will not be lost. Traffic injuries will be stopped. The calling of criminal lawyers will not be so profitable as it has been. The laws of Ohio will not continue to give confessed murderers twenty-three chances to get a purchasable jury, and the state only two chances to get an honest one. The result may be worth more than it has cost."

The *Tribune* thinks the riot a "blistering disgrace and warning, which must not pass unheeded. The dangerous tendencies of the population in large cities must be distinctly recognized. In moments of excitement there is a contagious readiness to resort to force and violence. This is speedily followed by a mania for destruction. Since the riots of 1887 prudent Americans have not dared to underestimate the disturbing forces of social restlessness and disproportionate resentment in large cities. One way of halting the warning will be to add militia regiments in every densely populated state, and to increase the efficiency of the police force."

The *World* says: "Whatever may be the rights of outraged public opinion there can be no reason or mercy shown to a mob. Cincinnati is learning this dread lesson. Lawlessness and anarchy can right no wrong, and can make no headway at the time against the organization of military. It is possible the price Cincinnati is paying for this lesson is not too high."

### The Passage of Dolph's Bill.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—On Friday the senate passed a bill introduced by Senator Dolph, amending the revised statutes so as to authorize the unloading of coal, salt, railroad iron and other articles of like bulk under the superintendence of customs officers, at the expense of the parties interested, at a place to be designated by the secretary of the treasury. This bill, which was approved by Secretary Folger, is designed to allow the unloading of bulky merchandise at the Oakland side of San Francisco bay, which, under the present law, cannot be done; also to allow like merchandise to be unloaded on the eastern side of the Willamette river in Portland harbor. These two results were arrived at by Senator Dolph, and as others suggested a general law the bill was amended to apply to the entire country, and so passed. Notwithstanding the strict construction of the present law will not permit the unloading of any merchandise by ships outside of a port of entry, it has been the practice of the treasury department sometimes to allow it to be done. For many years shippers have been petitioning congress to pass such a law as this, and now there are fair prospects of its enactment.

### General Gordon Defeated.

LONDON, March 31.—Later advice give details of Gordon's engagement of the 16th inst. The rebels pursued the Egyptians two miles after the battle. The confusion during the fight was fearful to behold. The Egyptian regiments and the Bahi Banzouk kept shouting out that their generals had betrayed them. The wounded received no attention for seven hours. The troops had been clamoring three weeks before they met the enemy. In the early part of the encounter the Egyptians were successful and the enemy was actually in full retreat when their cavalry made a desperate charge. Despite this reverse the inhabitants still remain staunch friends of Gordon. One Arab sent Gordon £1000, as his treasury is empty. Another Arab equipped 2000 blacks for him. Two black pasbas have been arrested for charging into the ranks of their own troops, thus allowing the enemy to enter the gap made.

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