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SIGNOR CRISPI'S FURTHER DISGRACE

Chamber of Deputies Orders Inquiry
Into Charges Against Him.

ACCUSED OF COMMON FELONY

Veteran Statesman's Wife Flattered One
Bank of \$2,000,000—Charges of
Blackmail Made.

Rome, Dec. 2.—Early this chamber of
deputies appointed a commission of five
to inquire into the charges against Signor
Francesco Crispi, formerly premier, in
connection with Bank of Naples scandals
and alleged illegal traffic in decorations.
The special commission was appointed
after an impressive speech by Signor
Crispi, in which he declared that he de-
sired the most ample and complete dis-
cussion of the whole question and did not
dread the light which, he said, could re-
veal nothing against him.

Signor Crispi, who is the most brilliant
Italian statesman since the days of Cas-
sary, is called upon to face in his ex-
treme old age, not accusations of politi-
cal crimes, but ordinary felonies. He
has already been subjected to the humili-
ation of a magisterial examination in
connection with the charges of complicity
in the frauds that wrecked the Bank of
Naples, Banco Roma, Bank of Sicily, and
other kindred institutions.

The Crispi cabinet was driven from
office as the result of these scandals. In
each case the involvement of the bank ap-
pears to have been brought about through
the blackmailing extortions to which it
was subjected by the leading politicians
and government officials of the day. Most
of this dishonesty took place during the
administration of Crispi. Not even his
relentless enemy has ever accused him
of plundering the banks to his private
resources. On the contrary his country-
men for the most part accepted his as-
sertion that the money extorted from
these institutions was used by him for
the secret service of the government and
its electoral expenses. Unfortunately for
him the judicial authorities who inquired
into the causes that led to the failure of
the banks discovered that among the
most voracious of the plunderers was
Signora Crispi, the veteran statesman's
wife. It was stated at the time that
from one bank alone something like ten
millions of francs (about \$2,000,000) found
its way into her private banking account
and it is still urged that Signor Crispi,
not being a rich man, must have known of
his wife's predatory demands, as in no
other way could he have accounted for
the large sums of money she expended
upon her establishment while he was in
public life.

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stability in our banking system and
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ministration has the power and is deter-
mined to defend the present monetary
standard. Indeed, with a sufficient re-
venue to meet all current expenditures, as
we shall have in the next fiscal year, the
treasury department can accomplish the
purpose indicated without any new leg-
islation. Legislation, however, is desir-
able because under existing conditions by
which government notes are redeemed in
gold, there are only two ways in which
they can be disbursed, viz: by the pur-
chase of government bonds or in exchange
for gold.

IS IT CASE OF POISONING?

An Illinois Town Disrupted Over Dr.
Rice's Case.

Sandoval, Ill., Dec. 2.—This little town
is in the throes of a sensation that threat-
ens to disrupt the community. The man
who causes all this is Dr. George Rice,
a prominent physician of Marion county,
Mrs. Rice died last August and long-
continued rumors culminated today in
the exhumation of the body at the instig-
ation of the Metropolitan Insurance Co.,
of New York, in which she was insured
in her husband's favor for \$20,000. She
was the sister of his first wife who died
eight years ago. Dr. Rice is medical ex-
aminer for the Metropolitan company here.
The company sent its agents to investi-
gate the death and ordered the body
exhumed. Dr. Rice was greatly op-
posed, but finally consented and the body
was exhumed and portions of the internal
organs taken out and sent to St. Louis
for examination. The Metropolitan com-
pany's agents make the claim that ar-
senic has been discovered.

INDIANS AGAIN.

Craig, Col., via Rifle, Col., Dec. 2.—D.
P. Thompson, who lives in the western
part of Rout county, near the scene of
the recent fight between Utes and game
wardens, arrived in town yesterday and
gave the startling information that the
Indians were again invading that section.
Mr. Thompson says that although he has
not seen them, he has heard the shoot-
ing and on Douglas mountain he has
seen the moccasin tracks and the tracks
of the ponies. The mail carrier, whose
route lays between Maybelle and Lily
Park, reports having seen Indian tracks
near the road. Residents of Brown's

GENERAL PANDO REPORTED KILLED

Much Excitement in Havana Over
the News.

BIG FIGHTING NEAR BAYAMO

Desperate Condition of the Country Prov-
inces of Cuba—Smallpox has
Appeared.

New York, Dec. 2.—A Herald dispatch
from Havana says:
A report that General Pando, who was
placed in charge of military operations in
Cuba by General Blanco has been killed
in an engagement with insurgents in San-
ta Clara province has just reached Ha-
vana. This has caused the most excite-
ment in the palace and official circles and
every effort is being made to get news
from General Pando's force to verify the
startling news.

No details of the killing of the com-
mander have been received, but the state-
ment is that he was shot in a battle with
the insurgents while on the march from
Sagua la Grande to the coast of Santa
Clara on the southern coast, where he
was to take a ship for Manzanillo. Of-
ficers at the palace declare that the story
must be thoroughly confirmed before
they will believe it.

General Pando's plan was to march
right through the heart of the territory
where General Gomez force is said to have
control. Simultaneously with the report
of Pando's death comes news of a battle
near Matanzas in which the Spanish
forces were driven from the field. This
engagement was very bitter and it is
asserted that the losses of the Spaniards
were very heavy.

The same report says that the Cubans
will not allow any such grinding, also
that the Spanish towns do not favor
grinding, because they hold the zones of
cultivation and grow tobacco with ab-
solute labor, which they would lose if the
concentration return to work on the es-
tates.

A letter received by a local paper from
a correspondent in the east gives news
of big fighting last week near Bayamo
between the rebel chief Rabi and Gen-
eral Linares. General Rabi had only 200
men while General Linares had two col-
umns. No details of the fight are at
hand, but the Spanish loss is said to have
been heavy, one column being nearly
destroyed. A force of 100 Spaniards with
artillery have forced the rebels into the
hills of Pinar del Rio. They must remain
there or come out and fight, a thing the
Spanish commanders think they are not
likely to do.

Small bands are still moving with great
caution.
Reports of the condition and movements
of rebels in the east are most conflicting.
It is said that Gomez is coming west with
400 men, but it is also said that Gomez
is still at the camp where he has been
for the last ten months and is being at-
tended by Dr. Candea, staff surgeon.

DEPLORABLE CONDITION.

Havana, via Key West, Dec. 2.—The
deplorable condition of the country grows
more and more apparent. Refugees and
reconcentrated are growing more and
more miserable. According to reports
from San Domingo smallpox is making
terrible ravages among the reconcentra-
ted. Since April last more than 4000 have
died in the city alone, to say nothing of
the suburban towns, which are likewise
affected.

The local authorities take no steps
whatever to check the mortality. The
streets of the city are thronged with fam-
ine-stricken wretches, who succumb to
disease under perhaps some lonely porch
and sometimes fall dead in the gutter
where they remain.

CHANGE OF OPINION.

New York, Dec. 2.—A dispatch to the
Herald from Madrid says:
Appreciable changes in public opinion
regarding the government autonomy
measure has taken place within the past
few days. The Jimos and Orlist party
are still as energetic as ever. Romero
Robledo says that the day the articles
of the history of Spain, but the class met
affected by the reforms, namely, the trad-
ing and working classes of Catalonia have
faced the situation and have in many
cases withdrawn their objections and in
a large measure is supporting the gov-
ernment. The government has received a
vast number of telegrams from com-
mercial bodies all over the country as
well as in Cuba, promising support in
carry out the reforms. A number of
Cubans in Madrid have called upon M.
Morel to thank him for the way the gov-
ernment has carried out its promises.

MR. DINGLEY ON CURRENCY REFORM

Little Prospect for Legislation of
Importance Now.

Senate and House Are Not in Harmony on
the Question—Present Standard
Will Be Maintained.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The Journal
this evening prints an interview with
Congressman Nelson Dingley, who left
for Washington today. Mr. Dingley said:
"If the senate were republican and in
harmony with the house on monetary
questions, I should look for currency leg-
islation, but with a free silver majority
in the senate antagonistic to the ideas
of the majority of the house as to what
constitutes a sound currency system, I do
not see how it will be possible to secure
desirable currency legislation of an im-
portant character until the senate is
brought into harmony with the house.
Possibly some amendment to the national
banking law might be passed by the sen-
ate."

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lation that would remedy the want of
stability in our banking system and
would separate these functions of the
treasury department which relate to gov-
ernment demand notes and certificates
used as currency from those which re-
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purpose indicated without any new leg-
islation. Legislation, however, is desir-
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which government notes are redeemed in
gold, there are only two ways in which
they can be disbursed, viz: by the pur-
chase of government bonds or in exchange
for gold.

PETITION OPPOSING McKENNA.

Portland, Or., Dec. 2.—A petition to
President McKinley signed by two fed-
eral court judges of this district, two of
the four state circuit court judges of this
county, and a large number of prominent
attorneys, protesting against the appoint-
ment of Attorney-General McKenna to
the supreme bench, has been circulated
here. The petition says: "The concen-
sus of opinion has been and is that he is
not either by natural gifts, acquired
learning or decision of character qualified
for any judicial place of importance,
much less for the highest place in the
land."

KANSAS PACIFIC.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The government
has fully decided to give a bidder at
the sale of the Kansas Pacific railroad
on December 16, in case of the failure of
the reorganization committee to guaran-
tee what is regarded as a fair and just
figure for its interest. Whether the pres-
ident and attorney-general will expect the
full amount of the government's claim
of approximately \$15,000,000 is not known.
If no other offer, which would be re-
garded as reasonable, is received prior to
next Tuesday on Wednesday, the gov-
ernment will qualify as a bidder by deposit-
ing in the court a certified check for about
\$50,000 and so be in a position to protect
its interests.

RECIPROcity TREATY.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Peru is the first of
the South American countries to open
negotiations with the United States for
the reciprocity treaty under the provi-
sions of the Dingley law.

GOV. BRADLEY'S HORNET'S NEST

Kentucky Much Stirred Up Over a
Christening.

TWO YOUNG LADIES AT WAR

Both Promised the Honor of Breaking the
Bottle Over the Frow of the
Battleship Kentucky.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 2.—Governor Brad-
ley stirred up a hornet's nest when he
announced Sunday that he would appoint
his daughter, Miss Christine, sponsor for
the new battleship Kentucky and that she
would break a bottle over its prow.
When it is launched next January. About
a year ago a commotion was created in
the W. C. T. U. by the publication of a
story stating that Miss Hattie, Bains-
bridge Richardson would break a bottle
of Kentucky whiskey over the prow of
the Kentucky when it was launched. Peti-
tions poured into Secretary Herbert,
praying that he would not allow whiskey
to be used for christening the vessel.
Now the whole matter is brought up
again by Governor Bradley declaring his
intention of choosing his own daughter to
christen the ship.

Miss Richardson is angry over the de-
clared intention of Governor Bradley and
has given out the following signed state-
ment to the public:
"I am urged to speak of the discourtesy
I have been shown in this matter by
Governor Bradley, stating that he would
appoint his daughter to christen the Ken-
tucky. I also object to the manner in
which he and his friends have gone about
securing the appointment of his daughter.
When I was asked by Secretary Herbert
to christen the Kentucky, I was by that
honorable placed before the public. I re-
ceived hundreds of congratulations from
patriotic Kentuckians, the highest officers
of the army and navy and from my
friends everywhere. The administration,
of course, has changed and Secretary
Herbert is not now in office.
"I have felt in the matter that I had a
right to christen the battleship, and it
would be an act of discourtesy to have
the honor changed. When Governor
Bradley takes the favor from my
head and places it upon that of his daugh-
ter, just because he thinks he has the
power to do so, I blush for the discour-
tesy of the governor of Kentucky."

WILL DO NOTHING.

Chairman Walker Says There is No Show
for Currency Reform.

Chicago, Dec. 2.—A Washington special
says:
Representative Walker, of Massachu-
setts, chairman of the house committee
on banking and currency, was asked after
a visit with the president, what he
thought of the prospective currency leg-
islation. Mr. Walker is at the head of
the committee which will have the matter
in charge, and considerable significance
is attached to his reply. He said:
"From my experience as chairman of
the banking and currency committee I
should say that congress will do nothing
on the currency question."

SHE GAVE THE BALL.

Louisville, Dec. 2.—A rather peculiar
petition and affidavit was filed in the
supreme court by the guardian and at-
torney of Miss Nettie Standiford, of
the late Dr. E. D. Standiford, of this city,
who was for many years president of the
Louisville & Nashville railroad. Dr.
Standiford left a fortune of \$75,000,
of which Miss Nettie is to receive about
\$150,000 on coming of age. Her allowance
is liberal, but the petition filed states
that she was preparing to make her debut
in society, and that among the members
of her social circle it is customary to give
a swell ball on such occasions, and that
she desired to give one at the Louisville
hotel, as her home was not large enough
to accommodate all her friends. This
would make it very expensive, therefore
she prayed to be awarded \$500 out of her
regular allowance. The request was
granted and the ball was given last night.

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