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A SENSATION IN WASHINGTON

The Spanish Minister Writes a Letter Grossly Defaming the President.

HIS RECALL TO BE DEMANDED

Original Letter in the Possession of the Cuban Junta and Not Denied by Senor Dupuy de Lome.

New York, Feb. 9.—The Press this morning says that representatives of the Cuban Junta yesterday gave out copies of a letter signed Enrique Dupuy de Lome, who is minister of Spain at Washington, and addressed to Jose Canalejas, who went to Cuba last September as Premier Sagasta's personal representative. In this letter the Spanish minister refers to President McKinley as "weak and catering to the rabble," and as "a low politician, who desires to stand well with the plagues of his party." The Washington correspondent of the Press says that when a copy of the letter was shown he promptly pronounced it a forgery. He also says that an official of the state department discussing the matter exclaimed:

"De Lome did not write the letter. The Cuban Junta has been imposed upon by somebody."

On the other hand Horatio L. Rubens, consul for the Cuban Junta, says:

"We know absolutely that this letter is genuine. A man risked his life to obtain it. We do not hesitate to acknowledge that it was stolen from Canalejas. It is written on the paper of the legation. The handwriting is De Lome's and the signature is his. He may deny it until he is black in the face, but it is genuine and everybody who has seen the letter knows that it is. The man who stole it abstracted it from the envelope and left the letter. If he had attempted to steal the envelope or had stolen the envelope, he never would have got away with the letter."

Mr. Rubens was asked about the translation and if there was not some danger that it was wrong. He replied:

"No; the translation was made by a man who thoroughly understands both languages and it is as near correct as a translation can be."

"Where is the letter now?" he was asked.

"That I decline to answer."

DE LOME DOESN'T DENY IT.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The publication in the morning newspapers of what is supposed to be an autograph letter written by Senor De Lome, the Spanish minister, to his friend Canalejas, criticizing the president with the utmost freedom, caused a sensation in official circles at Washington, and soon will be followed by Minister De Lome's departure from the United States. At the outset there was a disposition to question the authenticity of the letter, but circumstantial evidence accumulated until it was finally announced officially that the minister declined to deny the authenticity of the letter. All doubt was dissipated and the only question that remained was as to the line of action to be pursued by our government toward the offending minister. The writing of the letter is unquestionably an offense against the amenities of diplomatic relations, and such offenses have almost invariably been regarded in the United States as in other capitals as sufficient ground for the termination of the official status of the letter-writer.

As soon as the letter appeared in the press, the state department officials began an effort to settle its authenticity, and when they had learned all that could be developed on this point and had been told that the minister himself refused to deny writing it, the consideration of the next step began. Assistant Secretary Day was in consultation with the president at least four times during official hours today, and then spent much time in framing his message to Minister Woodford at Madrid.

The official statement of the sending of this message was accompanied by a declaration to indicate its contents at this time, the department merely giving to the press the following statement:

"Minister De Lome does not deny writing the letter. The department has communicated with General Woodford on this subject. Until that communication reached the Spanish government it would be improper in any manner to state the contents of the message to General Woodford."

While the department refused to add to this meager announcement, it can be stated without question that Minister Woodford was directed to lay the facts developed before the Spanish government together with the statement that in view of the minister's refusal to deny writing the letter, the Spanish government is asked to deal with the case properly. This amounts to an invitation to recall the minister, presuming that he himself has already taken steps to vacate his position. No doubt is entertained as to the compliance with the implied suggestion, but in case there should be undue delay in acting, the state department would feel called upon to move directly in the matter and give the minister his passports, as was done with Sir Julian Pauccefote's predecessor, who wrote the celebrated Murchison letter.

ANOTHER FIELD DAY FOR CUBA

Senate Rings With Eloquent Appeals for the "Pearl of the Antilles."

CORBETT'S CASE UP AGAIN

Aldrich Seated Over Plowman in the House—The Kansas Pacific Reorganization Negotiations.

Washington, Feb. 9.—For more than three hours today the senate chamber rang with eloquent appeals in behalf of the Cuban insurgents. Announced speeches were delivered by Cannon and Mason, adverse to the adoption of the resolutions which they presented to the senate yesterday.

The galleries were packed with people who were aware that this would be a field day of Cuban oratory. While Cannon was speaking a sensational incident occurred. A member of the house standing near the speaker audibly denounced as a lie, seemingly, some statement Cannon had made. Cannon, pale with feeling, made reply to what at the moment seemed an insult, but which was subsequently satisfactorily explained.

CORBETT'S CASE UP AGAIN.

Washington, Feb. 9.—In the senate today Chandler called up the resolution declaring Corbett not entitled to a seat as senator from Oregon in the United States senate, and Pettus spoke upon it. He contended that the question involved in Corbett's case had been long since settled in the senate. The question was one of law, and he argued that there could be no reason for further attempts at upsetting a precedent and overturning the law as established.

THE PLOWMAN-ALDRICH CONTEST

Washington, Feb. 9.—The house today decided that Plowman was not entitled to his seat by a vote of 189 to 114.

Party lines were strictly drawn on the vote, except in the case of Hornwell, republican, and Fowler, republican, who were present and did not vote.

The second resolution declaring Aldrich, republican, entitled to a seat was adopted 115 to 112. Aldrich took the oath.

PRESIDENT BARRIES MURDERED.

Guatemalan Minister at Washington Reviews the News—No Details Given.

Washington, Feb. 9.—(Special to the Astorian.)—Senor Lelo Arrica, Guatemalan minister to the United States, this afternoon received an official cablegram from the minister of foreign affairs of Guatemala, announcing the assassination of President Barrios and the succession to the presidency of Vice-President Manuel Estrada Cabrera. No details whatever are given.

KANSAS PACIFIC RAILROAD.

A Warrant Issued for \$7,000,000 to Pay Off First Mortgage.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The secretary of the treasury issued a warrant in favor of the treasurer of the United States for \$7,235,235.15, to be used in the payment of first mortgages on the eastern and middle divisions of the Kansas Pacific railroad.

Attorney-General Griggs in reply to inquiry has informed the representatives of the reorganizing committee that under no circumstances will the government accept less than the full amount of the principal of the debt, and that if the committee wishes to make this offer it may be done to the government at the time that the motion for authority to pay off the first lien is made to the court.

THE KANSAS PACIFIC.

Washington, Feb. 9.—There seems to be a probability that negotiations now pending between the government and the Union Pacific reorganization committee will result in a settlement of the government's claim against the Kansas Pacific without the necessity of a foreclosure. Up to yesterday the best offer made by the committee was \$2,500,000, and upon this being declined another proposition was made on a basis of \$4,500,000, which also was declined. The government is fixed in its purpose not to accept less than \$5,000,000, the principal of the debt, and as the difference between this amount and the offer already made is only \$1,000,000, it is believed that before the time arrives for making the motion for leave to pay off the first mortgage and for a postponement of the sale, the full amount will have been offered and accepted.

IN THE SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 9.—There were few senators who had not read the De Lome letter when the senate met today, but there were comparatively few of them willing to express an opinion upon it.

"It is a very serious matter," said Senator Gray, of the committee of foreign relations, "too serious to discuss carelessly. Mr. De Lome is entitled to suspension of judgment until the responsibility is more definitely determined than at present."

"If it is true," said Senator Foraker, also a member of the foreign relations committee, "Mr. De Lome ought to be given his passports immediately."

Senator Spooner—There is a gross attack and most astounding, but I cannot discuss it in view of the doubt as to its genuineness.

Senator Hawley—It is a matter for the state department to deal with and does not come within the domain of congress. I have no doubt that it will be properly handled by the department.

Senator Stewart—The sentiment expressed is in line with Spain's policy and disposition. We do everything to conciliate the Spaniards; they reciprocate by deepening us.

GERMANY IS NOW SATISFIED

China Made to Come Down Still More Handsomely.

LARGE TERRITORY CEDED

A Strip of Country Thirty Miles Wide and Two Hundred Long With the Port of Kiao Choo.

New York, Feb. 9.—A dispatch to the Herald from Peking says:

The imperial edict issued at the time of the German ministry being held to be unsatisfactory, a second edict was issued February 1. In this the emperor expressed regret at the murder of the German missionaries at Kiao Choo. The unfortunate crimes, he said, was committed by bandits in Shuang Tung province. He had already punished the governor and local officials.

Permission has been granted to rebuild the churches and the houses of the missionaries and orders issued to all officials to protect the missions.

According to the treaty with Germany they have ceded to that country the bay of Kiao Choo and a zone of territory 20 miles wide for the construction of a railway 200 miles long, from Kiao Choo to Shan Fu (Shan Tung), the capital of the province of the same name, together with mining privileges along the line of the zone.

CANADIAN PACIFIC ALARMED.

European Shareholders Fear a General Boycott Owing to Its Rate Policy.

Berlin, Feb. 9.—The newspapers here report growing dissatisfaction among the European shareholders of the Canadian Pacific because of the latter's aggressive policy in rail matters against the Canadian and American lines and its attempted inroads into unknown territory. The public fears a general boycott of the Canadian Pacific. The National Zeitung caustically advises greater conservatism if the Canadian Pacific "desires to retain the confidence of the Germans."

Other newspaper comments are in the same strain.

HAD A JOOLY TIME.

Jug of Whiskey Ends Disastrously to a Party in West Virginia.

Weston, W. Va., Feb. 9.—"Doc" Snyder, Whit Chewath, and John Burton are lying dead at Glenview, Gilmer county, in a prohibition county and the three men with several others subscribed for a jug of whiskey which was shipped from Wheeling and the party started on a spree. The whiskey was exhausted and for the lack of more they bought a case of extract of lemon and a case of a potent medicine for cholera, composed of alcohol, ginger, capsicum and other hot ingredients. A second lot was consumed and Snyder, Chewath and Burton became sick. Burton and Chewath died in agony. Snyder lived until this morning. Chewath was 18, Burton is 35 and Snyder 23 years of age.

PROPOSED BREWERY SYNDICATE.

Negotiations in Progress for the Purchase of the Cleveland Breweries.

New York, Feb. 9.—Samuel Untermyer, who is closely connected with the syndicate of capitalists which is negotiating for the purchase of the Cleveland breweries, said last night that the report from Cleveland that the deal had been completed was premature. Untermyer's six representatives of the syndicate were not in the city and the terms had practically been agreed upon, but no final settlement had been reached. Until the transaction had been carried through, Mr. Untermyer said he could make no details public nor could he state the names of the capitalists composing the syndicate.

BLOOMERS PREDOMINATE.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—Riders in bicycle road races over any portion of the West Park system will have to wear more clothing than formerly. Commissioner Wilson succeeded in getting the approval of his fellow commissioners to such a regulation respecting racing permits. The commissioner in his demand that bicycle riders do not shock a sense of decency offered to donate a prize to the value of \$100 to the rider wearing a full suit of clothes who finished among the first big annual races.

SIX HEADS ARE LOPPED OFF

Wholesale Reductions in the Portland Custom House Force.

BUSINESS THERE DECLINING

Collector Black Not Consulted, but Politics Had Nothing to Do With It; Both Republicans and Democrats Going.

Portland, Or., Feb. 9.—Six government employes in the customs service of this district, seven day inspectors and one examiner of customs, today received word from Washington not at all to their liking. Six of the employes have been dismissed, and the others had their salaries reduced. Those who have lost their positions are:

Henry Montgomery, night watchman. George L. Biggers, of Baker City, night inspector. Charles Lappeus, Chinese interpreter. J. J. Kelly, laborer, of Roseburg. J. Creed Flood, of Roseburg, laborer. Frank O'Des, laborer.

The seven day inspectors, who have been receiving \$4 per diem, have their pay reduced to \$2.50, and Charles Oble, of the examiner's department, has his salary reduced from \$25 to \$19 per month.

Reductions in the customs service force of this district is directly due to the report made by Major Moore and Caleb West, special agents of the treasury department. Instructions from headquarters were to report what reductions could be made in the service here and special agents did so. Collector Black had no say in the matter, and the first intimation he had of who had been marked to go was his instructions from the treasury department Tuesday.

Owing to the fact that very few Chinese now seek to land at this port, the position of Chinese interpreter was considered a superfluity, and the services of Charles Lappeus, who filled the position, were dispensed with.

Politics had nothing to do with cutting down the force or the reduction of the pay. Democrats and Republicans have been treated alike, and two of those losing their positions, gained them through civil service examinations.

SOLDIERS FOR ALASKA.

Four Companies of Uncle Sam's Men to Preserve Order in the North.

Portland, Or., Feb. 9.—Arrangements have been made for the transportation of four companies of United States troops from Vancouver Barracks to Dya and Skagway, Alaska.

Companies A and G of the Fourteenth infantry will sail from Tacoma on the steamer Queen about February 15, and companies B and H will go by the steamer Cottage City from Seattle, February 24. The government pack train will leave Vancouver Barracks tomorrow according to present arrangements and take passage to Dya on the steamer Signal from Seattle.

Owing to the movement of the five companies of the Fourteenth infantry to Alaska it is reported that either the Ninth or Twenty-fifth infantry will be ordered to take station at Vancouver Barracks.

The officers attached to the regiment at headquarters will accompany Colonel Anderson on the Cottage City. It has been decided not to take the head. All the companies will be fully equipped and will be provided with thirty days' rations. A year's supplies will follow as soon as they can be secured.

NATIONAL REPUBLICAN LEAGUE.

The Executive Committee Meets in Chicago and Transacts Business.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—The executive committee of the National Republican League met here today. Fourteen members were present. The report of the finance committee showed that the league's financial condition was good. Secretary Dowling was ordered to have a manual for 1898 published as soon as possible. This manual will contain an outline of the plans for the league for the ensuing year and such general information. A communication from the Central Passenger Association requesting the committee to endorse the anti-scalping bill now before congress was tabled. It was decided that no action could be taken in the matter. Major Hayes, of Kentucky, introduced resolutions, which were adopted by the committee, congratulating the Ohio Republican League for the success it had attained and the people of the United States on the election of Mark Hanna to the senate.

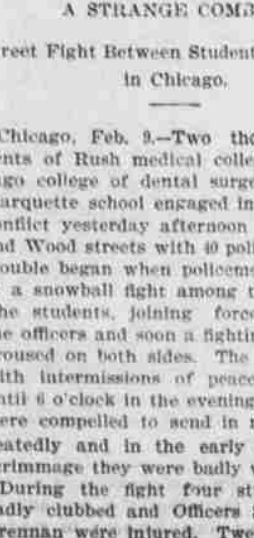
The national convention was changed to July 13 and 14. This was in order that it might not interfere with the state conventions.

A STRANGE COMBAT.

Street Fight Between Students and Police in Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—Two thousand students of Rush medical college, the Chicago college of dental surgery, and the Marquette school engaged in a desperate conflict yesterday afternoon at Harrison and Wood streets with 40 policemen. The trouble began when policemen interfered in a snowball fight among the students. The students, joining forces, attacked the officers and soon a fighting spirit was aroused on both sides. The battle raged with intermissions of peace from noon until 8 o'clock in the evening. The police were compelled to send in riot calls repeatedly and in the early part of the scrimmage they were badly worsted.

During the fight four students were badly clubbed and Officers Sullivan and Brennan were injured. Twenty-five students were placed under arrest.



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NEXT SAILING DATE, SUNDAY

Material for Snow and Ice Transportation Company Now Received and Work on Relief Train to Be Pushed.

Portland, Or., Feb. 9.—Agent N. Poston, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, today received a dispatch from Nanimo saying that the steamer Oregon had arrived there. She would take on coal for ballast, but no more, and continue on her way to the Columbia. She is expected to arrive in Portland Friday morning. Her sailing date is to be announced later, but it can hardly be sooner than Sunday.

The last carload of material for the locomotives of the Snow and Ice Company came in over the O. R. & N. this afternoon.

The contracts placed with the Portland manufacturers for the completion of the locomotives and cars which are to make up the government relief train, contemplate the completion of the work on or before the 20th instant, so that the train and its supplies and passengers shall be able to go north by the next sailing of the steamer Elder.

STEAMERS IN DEMAND.

Line of Seven Alaska Steamers to Start From San Francisco, April 15.

San Francisco, Feb. 9.—W. H. Davis, of Seattle, president of the Alaska-Skagway Gold Mining Company, has come here to purchase or charter steamers and with the purpose of establishing his line from this city. Dr. Davis says:

"My company has an option on four vessels at Seattle, but it is hard to get what we want there and especially for the trip to St. Michaels. I have come here to ascertain what can be done here. In any event, San Francisco will be the starting point of the line. The steamers will stop at Seattle on their way to Skagway and will go as far as St. Michaels, where the season opens. A supply station will be established there and be kept open all the winter."

"From St. Michaels boats will be run up the Yukon. We expect to get three steamers here and with the four under consideration at Seattle, we shall have seven in all. The first trip will probably be made April 15."

HIS FRIENDS TO THE RESCUE.

Von der Abe's Kidnapers to Be Arrested for Conspiracy.

St. Louis, Feb. 9.—Chris Von der Abe's friends lost no time in making preparations for his rescue. Von der Abe telegraphed to Benjamin McMickin, president of Sportmans Park, and all along the route to Pittsburgh. J. S. Ferguson, a Pittsburg attorney, was engaged by long-distance telephone to look after Von der Abe's interest. J. Scott Ferguson, of this city. Von der Abe's attorney, presented a petition before Judge Bullington, of the United States court, for the release of Von der Abe. Ferguson claimed that Von der Abe had been arrested without any process whatever within the meaning of the constitution of the United States, which provides that no man shall be deprived of liberty without the process of law. Judge Bullington consulted with Judge Acheson, of the circuit court, and then made an order that writs issue and arrangements were made to have it served. Ferguson asserts that all the people who have been responsible for Von der Abe's arrest would shortly find themselves in the United States court of Missouri for conspiracy.

MRS. OELRICHS' HEALTH.

New York, Feb. 9.—Mrs. Herman Oelrichs is being overwhelmed with congratulations because she has almost entirely recovered from her painful attack which at one time threatened the loss of one of her eyes. She is now able to resume her social duties.

LETZGERT FOUND GUILTY.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—The Letzger Jury brought in a verdict of guilty, fixing the penalty at life imprisonment.

ROCHFORD FOUND GUILTY.

Paris, Feb. 9.—In the libel suit of M. Joseph Reinach against M. Henri Rochefort today, the latter was sentenced to five days' imprisonment and to pay a fine of 300 francs. Rochefort recently charged Reinach with intending to prove the innocence of Alfred Dreyfus by means of forged documents.