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SENOR DE LOME SAYS HE DID IT

Cables His Resignation to the Spanish Government.

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS END

Spanish Legation in Hands of First Secretary—Junta Jubilant Over the Capture of the Letter—The Mystery.

Madrid, Feb. 10.—At a meeting of the Spanish cabinet had today, under the presidency of the queen regent, the minister for foreign affairs read a dispatch from Senor Dupuy de Lome, saying that the published letter to Senor Canalejas was written by him and tendering his resignation.

The cabinet decided to accept his resignation, and he was so notified, the legation and correspondence will be conducted exclusively through Minister Woodford in Madrid until Spain sends a new minister to Washington or designates a charge d'affaires, says the Herald's Washington correspondent. Minister de Lome has called his resignation to the attention of the Spanish minister of State (by admitted that this was true by saying that Minister de Lome did not deny the authenticity of the letter to Canalejas, and by stating that a cablegram had been sent to Minister Woodford in Madrid, the contents of which would not be made public until it had reached its destination. While no official statement will be made as to the contents of this cablegram until its substance has been communicated to the Spanish minister of foreign affairs, it informs Minister Woodford of the publication of the letter, says that de Lome does not deny its authenticity and directs him to suggest to the Spanish foreign office that Minister de Lome can no longer be regarded as persona grata and to suggest that another minister be sent to Washington.

While naturally regretting the unpleasant incident which has terminated his diplomatic career in Washington, Minister de Lome says he regret being relieved of the onerous duties which have devolved upon him as the Spanish representative here during the insurrection in Cuba. As soon as he learned that the letter had been obtained by the junta he realized that its publication would make his official stay in Washington as Spanish minister impossible and he immediately called his government the facts and tendered his resignation. When the letter appeared he again called to his government stating that the letter had been published and reiterating his resignation.

This is not the first time that de Lome has placed his resignation at the disposal of the Spanish ministry. When Senor Sagasta came into power the minister being of the opposing party in Spain tendered his resignation, and he has offered his resignation again in all five separate occasions since that time. He has been retained by Senor Sagasta, however, on account of his intimate knowledge of the Cuban question and of the situation in the United States.

THE JUNTA JUBILANT.
New York, Feb. 10.—The members of the Cuban junta are jubilant over the capture of the letter of Dupuy de Lome. They gathered in large numbers at their headquarters last night and talked freely of the outcome of the disclosures made from the letter. T. Estrada Palma and Colonel Minera were at the head- quarters and it was said that they were in Washington prepared to act on the giving out of the letter and push the claims of Cuba. Dr. Sotelo, who was in charge of the headquarters refused to discuss the letter and referred all inquiries to Horatio S. Bowen, the consul for the junta. All sorts of rumors were spread around the Cuban headquarters. One of them was to the effect that a number of efforts had been made to get the letter out of the possession of the junta and that as high as \$200 had been offered for it.

One official at headquarters said: "I have a chance to make \$500 and three others have received similar offers. The offer was made to us if we would work together and steal the letter and give it to the men who approached me."

This is, however, discounted by the fact that the letter has already been forwarded to the state department. How the junta obtained the letter is being carefully guarded, and the exact facts are known to only a few leaders.

Who the man is who brought it to New York remains a mystery and also the manner in which he obtained it from the papers of Senor Canalejas.

One puts it that the letter was stolen in Havana, only the envelope being forwarded to Madrid.

THE PROOF GIVEN.
New York, Feb. 10.—The Herald's correspondent in Guatemala confirms the report of the assassination of President Jose Maria Reina Barrios, president of Guatemala. The dispatch says the assassination took place at 7 o'clock last night within 100 yards of the president's palace. The assassin is a German named Oscar Solinger. First Vice-President Manuel Estrada Cabrera has assumed the presidency. All is quiet in the city, the dispatch says.

ORDERED TO JOIN.
Boise, Idaho, Feb. 10.—Lieutenant Leonard of the Fourteenth Infantry who has been on duty with the Idaho National Guard, has been ordered to rejoin his regiment at Vancouver Barracks for service in Alaska.

THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS WIN

Proposed Change in Pension Law Defeated in the Committee

HOUSE WAS IN BAD TEMPER

Bills of Small Import Make a Row—Sensations in the Senate—Altes Attacks Speaker Reed Severely.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The contest which has been waged in the house committee on invalid pensions ever since the assembling of congress on the question of barring from the pension rolls the widows and children of soldiers who marry hereafter, came to an end today in the defeat of the proposition. A motion to this end was introduced by Smith, of New York, today, and it had the endorsement of Commissioner of Pensions Evans.

The committee had been agitating the question at all of its meetings and today after a very spirited discussion Representative Norton brought it to a sudden close by demanding a vote on the question of favorably reporting it to the house. The vote disclosed five members of the committee in favor of it and seven against it, the decision not being on party lines. The vote was:

Yeas—Hay, Warner, Henry, Smith, republicans; and Griggs, democrat.

Noes—Salloway, Kerr, Gibson, Sturtevant, republicans; Norton, democrat; and Hotkin and Castle, populists.

This practically ends the effort to secure the enactment of a general measure along these lines at this session.

HOUSE IN BAD TEMPER

Washington, Feb. 10.—The house was in very bad temper today and the whole session was consumed in filibustering against two bills of minor importance, one to issue a duplicate check and the other to make Rockland, Me., a sub-port of entry. Neither got farther than engrossment, and in the third reading trouble arose over the enforcement of the rule against the discussion of irrelevant subjects, when Handy attempted to reply on the floor during the consideration of those bills to a recently written article by Thomas E. Bayard, in denunciation of free silver democracy. Roll call followed roll call all day long and the partisan spirit reached a high pitch. Finally when it became evident that no progress could be made with the bills presented, an adjournment was taken until Monday.

SPEAKER REED ATTACKED

Washington, Feb. 10.—During the entire time of the senate today the Indian appropriation bill was under consideration. The reading of the bill was completed and all committee amendments were adopted. Subsequently several amendments of minor character were attached to the measure.

Allen criticized the proceedings a few minutes before adjournment by making an attack on Speaker Reed for preventing the enactment of the Nebraska senator declared, of meritorious legislation sent to the house by the senate. He denounced the speaker's action in this regard as "a disgrace" to congress and to the American people. When a point of order was made against him for the use of improper language concerning the other branch of congress, Allen said he was stating only the truth and that he was responsible here or elsewhere, at any time, for his statements.

GERMANY'S INTENTIONS

Washington, Feb. 10.—The state department today sent to the senate the correspondence with Germany regarding the exclusion of American fruits. It shows that Ambassador White and the state department, both took vigorous and prompt steps on learning of Germany's intention that Germany disavow any action to avert competition, saying it merely intended to prevent the introduction of infected apples.

INDIAN APPROPRIATION

Washington, Feb. 10.—The senate committee on appropriations has reported the Indian appropriation bill. The increase is \$123,000 over the house bill. A proviso is made in regard to the detaching of army officers for agents at such agencies as in the opinion of the president may require the presence of an officer. The number of Indian inspectors is increased five and each one shall be competent in the location, construction and maintenance of irrigation works. The Dawes commission increased to four and the provision is made for the commission to make up the rolls of the five civilized tribes and it is declared that when the rolls are made up and approved by the secretary of the interior, they shall be final. The time fixed for opening the Uncompagne land in Utah is extended six months. The legislation of the house bill regarding the Pottawottamies and Kickapoo in Kansas is stricken out.

FOR PEACE

Washington, Feb. 10.—A memorial has been presented to the president by a delegation of New York business men representing a large number of well known firms in that city asking action be taken by this government looking to the re-establishment of peace in Cuba.

NEW YORK'S POPULATION

New York, Feb. 10.—The health department today made an official estimate of the population of the greater city. The number of persons in all five boroughs is fixed at 3,438,880.

ROBBERIES AND HOLDUPS DAILY

Shagway and Dyea Overrun by the Lawless Element.

PETITION FOR MARTIAL LAW

Latest News from Alaska—Matters in Dawson Quiet and all of the Miners Busy at Work.

Seattle, Feb. 10.—W. Kenny, who left Dawson City January 15 arrived here tonight on the steamer of Topeka. He reports everything at Dawson quiet and all of the miners busy at work.

Dr. Rufus Smith, of Dyea, who was also a passenger on the City of Topeka, brings with him two petitions which are signed by leading citizens of Shagway and Dyea, asking the war department to declare martial law in those places.

Dr. Smith states that robberies and hold-ups are of daily occurrence. In his opinion the lawless element outnumber the law-abiding two to one.

The officers of the City of Topeka report that a body can be seen floating around in the creek of the steamer Corona; it could not be identified.

OFF FOR KLONDIKE

Portland, Or., Feb. 10.—The government pack train left for Seattle tonight on its route to Alaska. The train consists of 21 men and 19 animals.

MINERS FROM AUSTRALIA

San Francisco, Feb. 10.—Among the passengers on the steamship Mariposa which arrived today from Australian ports were fifty stalwart miners who are on their way to the Alaskan gold fields. Some of them stated that at least 5000 people would leave Australia for the gold fields during the next few months.

IN GUATEMALA

General Morales Declared President by the People.

New York, Feb. 10.—A dispatch to the Times from Mexico says:

News reached here that General Progreso Morales, formerly secretary of war under General Barrios and later head of the unsuccessful rebellion, has been declared president of Guatemala. General Morales is preparing to leave for Guatemala. He gave the following to the newspapers:

"I have this day received telegraphic news from Guatemala relative to the death of General Barrios, president of Guatemala. As a citizen of Guatemala and a member of the republican party I sincerely regret his tragic end. First the honor of the country is stained by a crime; second, as a loyal opponent of General Barrios, I would have preferred to have met him in a fair fight, and defeated him on the field of battle. Nevertheless, as this is an inevitable fact and much to my regret, the responsible parties are only those who with their anti-patriotic sentiments contributed to blind the man who now passes away and by his death obscured the true situation of that country. As yet I have no detailed facts of how General Barrios met death, but whatever they may be, I both deplore and condemn the crime, as it reflects on civilization and dishonors my native country. I was a personal friend of General Barrios, and although afterwards I have been his political opponent, I would have preferred many times to have seen him die on the field of battle fighting for the liberty of Guatemala."

BULLETS IN OUR FLAG

Central Americans Believe Revolution Will Soon End.

New York, Feb. 10.—Special cable dispatches from the Herald's correspondent at Rivas says that 300 insurgents evacuated San Juan del Sur on Monday evening. A thousand liberals reached Rivas Tuesday and there was hot fighting for two hours in the streets. Several were killed and wounded on both sides. The insurgents attempted to take Cuartel, but were foiled and driven from the city in disorder.

An attempt was made by insurgent leaders here to ship some arms today, but the agent of the Pacific Mail Company refused to receive them. The steamer Costa Rica sailing tomorrow will be allowed to call at San Juan del Sur, as that port is again in the hands of the constituted government.

Several bullet holes were put in the American flag over the canal commission's headquarters in San Juan del Sur during the fighting.

The liberals are happy over the victory and believe the revolution will soon be at an end, while Zelaya is still in power.

The canal commission has been unable to cross the river as the government has used the steamers for transports. The commission will probably get out in a few days.

Nicaraguan revolutionary exiles here were much crestfallen when the news of the rout of the rebel forces at Rivas arrived. Some of them left today for La Libertad.

They have not given up hope, however, and say that the greater number must have retreated to the Costa Rican frontier where they will reorganize. They also entertain hope of success in other parts of the country.

NICARAGUA CANAL

San Francisco, Feb. 10.—The chamber of commerce of San Francisco, the oldest commercial organization on the Pacific coast, through its officers and trustees, framed two urgent appeals yesterday in behalf of the speedy construction of the proposed Nicaragua canal. One is addressed to President Zelaya, of Nicaragua and the other to President Iglesias, of Costa Rica.

AWFUL RECORD IN PITTSBURGH

Victims of the Big Fire which Occurred Wednesday.

LIST OF DEAD AND INJURED

Many Missing Who Are Supposed to be in the Ruins of the Ill-fated Buildings.

Pittsburg, Penn., Feb. 10.—Eleven people dead, 27 missing, and 18 injured, and a property loss of \$1,500,000 is the awful record of the big fire of last night. The following is a revised list of the dead, injured and missing:

The Dead.—Police Lieutenant A. J. Berry, John McHanna, William Scott, Jr., Stanley Stitz, John Dwyer, George Lovelace, William Smith, Albert A. Wolfe, Thomas Claffey, William K. Habenstein, and an unknown man, supposed to be the president of the Chattanooga Ice Company.

The Injured.—Robert Rossmund, single, aged 40; lieutenant of engine company No. 2; right foot crushed; amputated below the knee. He was also bruised about the body. Owen N. Felder, aged 18, compound fracture of the right leg. George Douglas, 25 years old, from Bellefonte; unconscious; internally injured. Owen Muligan, married, 39 years old; incised scalp. William F. Leming, 25 years old, single; contusion of the body and scalp wound. Joseph Hendley, aged 15 years; bruised about the body and head. Kit Wilson, 30 years old, Paducah, Ky.; received injuries about the head; not fatal. Robert Dobson, 25 years old; badly injured about the head and body. Captain A. J. Brown, superintendent of the bureau of building inspection; right leg cut and bruised. Peter Malone, aged 23 years, slightly injured about the legs. David Stewart, 32 years old; badly cut by falling bricks. William Desmoke, 25 years old, injured about the head and shoulders. Charles Wilson, struck by falling brick and seriously hurt. Peter Mahon; leg broken. Police Officer Hodges, cut and bruised and injured internally. Mrs. Mary Desmoke, 33 years old; cut about the head and arms and internally injured. Charles Simon, 28 years old, traveling salesman of Cincinnati; badly cut on the head. George King, engine company No. 7; scalp wound and bruised. John Hunter, engine company No. 7; both ankles sprained and bruised.

The Missing.—Nathan Cleour, accountant in the Dalmeier building, supposed to be in the ruins; Thomas Lynch, ice man in the employ of the Chattanooga company, supposed to be in the ruins; Howard Barry, watchman of the storage building.

RIOT IN PARIS.
Mutterings Heard on All Sides in the Zola Case.

New York, Feb. 10.—The Herald's Paris correspondent describing the turbulent scenes attending the trial of Emile Zola says:

The uneasiness as to the author, while reflected in the press, is much deeper than the newspapers care to admit, and an anti-Semitic leader has gone so far as to declare that France might have another Sordani Bartholomew which would be the sufferers. Certain it is that the cries "Abas Zola," have been succeeded by those of "A morte" (to the gibbet with him). The Echo de Paris says the "hoarse voice of riot is muttering."

While every scribe's report is colored according to the opinions of himself and his paper, it is a matter of extreme difficulty to diagnose the public feeling through the press reports. Wednesday afternoon possibly 15,000 people gathered in the neighborhood of the Palais de Justice. Crowds were waiting for the court to rise, orderly and not even excited, the majority were apparently there with the object of seeing rather than of making trouble. Here and there hot-headed members would vociferate opinions and when these—as was the case, nearly always, unfavorable to Zola, they were frequently couched in the form of a menace. In several instances where a partisan of Zola ventured to uplift his voice it was drowned by opposing clamors.

M. Zola is the object of the bitterest personal animosity. The vilest names have been hurled at him. His attitude is diversely described. The Petit Journal reporting his exit for the Palais de Justice yesterday says he held himself on the defensive, carrying a cane as if determined to defend himself against attack. Le Gaulois, on the other hand, thought he looked absolutely limp and despondent and deaf to Maitre La Borie's encouraging words. In the eyes of the Eclair it is reported that he was fearfully pale and almost green with his features contracted by nervous tremors.

THE RICHEST YET

Wonderful Discovery on the American Side of Alaska.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 10.—It is reported that a great gold discovery has been made on the American side in the Yukon country. Fritz Behnsen, of Victoria, writes to his brother, Karl Behnsen, as follows: "We have struck it rich on an unknown creek across the border never before seen by man. In the crevices of the rocks in one day we picked up \$5,000 in coarse gold. Sell your business or give it away and come quick with us men."

The Behnsens have large interests in Vancouver and are said to be reliable. Several Klondikers were interviewed as to the probability of this report being true. The richness of the reported discovery seems so fabulous as to create in their minds a doubt as to its truthfulness.

THE VANDERBILT'S NEXT MOVE

All Their Northwestern Properties Will Be Consolidated.

NEW BONDS TO BE ISSUED

Terms of Exchange Liberal—No Opposition on the Part of Smaller Security Holders.

Chicago, Feb. 10.—The Post today says: The consolidation of the different companies which go to make up the Chicago and Northwestern system has been definitely decided upon. The chief roads are the Chicago and Northwestern, the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley; Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Omaha and Sioux City and Pacific. Together these lines embrace 796 miles of road. For years they have been operated in the closest harmony, the connection being almost as close as though the consolidation had actually taken place. The actions of all have been directed by one head. Marvin Huggitt is president of all the companies.

It is now proposed, however, for financial reasons, to consolidate all into one company and make one set of securities for all. In carrying out the plan there would be an exchange of the present securities of the smaller companies for shares of the Northwestern, the large increase of which will be an issue to meet the requirements of the deal. The exchange will be liberal enough to prevent any opposition to the plan on the part of security-holders of smaller properties.

PEARY TALKER

Cripple Creek, Colo., Feb. 10.—Prof. R. E. Peary has been the guest of Cripple Creek for several days. A committee of citizens escorted him through the mines of the district. Speaking of Andrew's journey by balloon in search of the north pole, Peary expressed grave apprehensions for Andrew's safe return. He is of the opinion that even should Andrew land on the ice in the Arctic he would experience great difficulty in again gaining control of his balloon so as to continue to the north or return home, and thinks the chances meager for Andrew ever again reaching land should he descend into the sea, a fate which he fears has already overtaken the explorers. Peary leaves for San Francisco today. He intends starting in July for the polar regions.

WORDEN'S CASE

San Francisco, Feb. 10.—The confession made by S. D. Worden relating his connection with the Yolo trestle wreck wreck and implicating Harry Knox and other members of the American Railway Union, has caused much comment. The general impression seems to be that it will much effect influencing Governor Budd to grant executive clemency. Those men who he says, planned and executed the crime emphatically insist on the truth of his story and asserted their innocence. It appears to be the popular judgment that Worden's confession amounts to an actual abandonment of the plea made to the governor in behalf of the prisoner's insanity.

THE STORAGE CASE

Washington, Feb. 10.—The interstate-commerce commission in the opinion of Commissioner Yeaman has announced its decision in the case brought by the American Warehousemen's Association against the Illinois Central Railroad Company and 22 other carriers, known as the free storage case. It holds that common carriers with no general duty to act as a warehouseman for indefinite periods, except its primary obligations as common carrier cannot assume to provide shippers with valuable warehouse facilities which are not essential to its business as a carrier, without furnishing them for all shippers at all times on upon the same terms and notifying them.

L. A. W. ELECT OFFICERS

St. Louis, Feb. 10.—J. E. Potter was today re-elected president of the L. A. W. J. Keenan, of Pittsburg, first vice-president, E. N. Hines, of Michigan, second vice-president, and J. C. Tattersall, of New Jersey, treasurer.

Secretary Abbott Bassett in his report said the year 1892 had seen the membership grow from 72,000 to 102,000, and the finances had shown a very healthy condition. The membership roll shows a gain of 42 per cent. The largest percentage shown in the past was 57 per cent in 1890. The gross income for 1892 was \$185,942, an increase of \$41,548 over 1891. Providence R. I. was chosen as the next place of a meeting.

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