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NEW SPANISH REPRESENTATIVE

Senor Luis Polo Bernabe Named as Minister De Lome's Successor.

ATTITUDE OF UNITED STATES

Desire of This Government That Spain Repudiate De Lome's Letter, or Else We Consider it as Spanish Seditious.

Madrid, Feb. 14.—The cabinet met at a clock this afternoon and discussed the present state of affairs in Cuba and the De Lome matter at great length. It was decided to publish the decree accepting the resignation of Senor De Lome as minister at Washington and appointing Senor Luis Polo Bernabe as his successor. A decree will also be issued concerning the chambers before the end of the month, so as to enable the election of a cortes to occur on March 25.

Senor Guillon, minister of foreign affairs, informed the cabinet that United States Minister Woodford had just handed him a note referring to Senor Dupuy De Lome's letter, the meaning of several paragraphs in it.

WANTS EXPRESSION FROM SPAIN.

New York, Feb. 14.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: The De Lome incident is still unsettled. The cipher dispatch received from Minister Woodford was not entirely satisfactory. It was taken to the president by Assistant Secretary Day and after a short conference between them Mr. Day sent another telegram to Minister Woodford. Officially nothing will be said about these two communications further than that the incident is not yet entirely closed. It is said that Minister Woodford's cable was a report of his interview with the Spanish minister of foreign affairs and which showed that no direct disclaimer had been made by Spain of that feature of the De Lome letter which has been interpreted to indicate the insincerity of the Spanish government in the matter of autonomy and in the negotiation of a commercial treaty.

Absence of such disclaimer is not entirely satisfactory to the president. Accordingly Minister Woodford has been given further instructions on the subject. Without making any express demand for a disavowal, Minister Woodford is requested by his new instructions to impress upon the Madrid authorities the importance to all parties concerned of some distinct repudiation of Senor De Lome's declarations which the president can believe correctly represent the position of the Spanish government. Mr. McKinley believes that when the Spanish minister of foreign affairs fully appreciates the interpretation which has been put upon Senor De Lome's letter in some quarters in the United States, he will hasten to disavow it. Minister Woodford has been told in a positive way what the president would like to have done; in other words, it is the president's deliberate diplomacy to secure the end desired and the president is sincere in the belief that another interview between Minister Woodford and the minister for foreign affairs in Madrid will end the whole trouble.

As far as that feature of the case, the De Lome letter criticizing the president is concerned, the incident is closed. That was established when the state department received Senor Du Bose as charge d'affaires of the Spanish legation to succeed Senor De Lome. The other phase of the letter, the president considers should very properly be made the subject for further negotiations in order that Spain should have an opportunity to show that Senor De Lome falsely represented her position when he made the statement he did.

CANALEJAS TO HAVE LETTER.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Actuated by a sense of honor and a strict idea of justice, the state department has taken steps to place in the hands of Senor Canalejas the letter written by Senor Dupuy De Lome which led to the resignation of the minister.

U. S. COURT DECISION.

Decision Given in Favor of the Executors of the Ladd Estate.

San Francisco, Feb. 14.—Judges Ross, Gilbert and Morrow, in the United States circuit court of appeals today rendered several decisions in cases on appeal from Oregon, Washington, Montana and other parts of the circuit. In the case of Delbert Hiller and Sarah P. Hiller, his wife, plaintiff and appellants, vs. Caroline A. Ladd et al., as executors of the last will and testament of William S. Ladd, deceased, of Portland, judgment was rendered against the appellants, affirming the decree of the circuit court.

IRON PIPE TRUST.

Decided to Be Violation of Anti-Trust Act of 1890.

Cincinnati, Feb. 14.—The United States circuit court of appeals today decided the iron pipe trust case. Justice Hartland and Circuit Judges Taft and Lurton composed the court. The suit was begun in the circuit court at Chattanooga by a bill in equity filed by the attorney-general of the United States against various cast-iron pipe companies, to enjoin them from continuing business under the contract of the association, which as charged was a violation of the federal anti-trust act of 1890, because it was in restraint of the interstate trade in cast-iron pipe and an attempt of a monopoly of the same. The court dismissed the bill and the United States appealed. The judgment of the circuit court of appeals reverses the decree of the circuit court and instructs that the court enter a decree enjoining the defendants from attempting to do business under the contract of the association or from any way maintaining a plea.

SPANISH TAMPER WITH OUR MAIL

Reason for the Cushing's Trip to Havana Now Made Apparent.

VESEL TO ACT AS CARRIER

Cushing, It Is Said Will Fly Between Key West and Havana, Carrying All Official Documents of the United States.

New York, Feb. 14.—It is now known on the highest authority that the real reason for sending the torpedo boat Cushing to Havana was that the authorities have been tampering with mail sent to the battleship Maine in Havana harbor, says the Washington correspondent of the Herald. This resulted in Captain Sigbee of the Maine sending a protest to Washington with a suggestion that a regular service be established between Key West and Havana by means of torpedo boats. On the strength of this protest the Cushing was dispatched to Havana. Although she has been fully equipped, the department's action in sending the Maine on a friendly visit to that port and the Montgomery to Santiago de Cuba, I expect she is now on her way back to Key West.

CUSHING AT KEY WEST.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The torpedo boat Cushing has returned to Key West from Havana.

The squadron at Tortugas lost four ships today, that number being detached to redeem the president's promise to have warships present at the Mardi Gras at New Orleans. The Texas and Nashville left for Galveston, the Marblehead for New Orleans, and the Detroit for Mobile. The remainder of the squadron will remain near Tortugas for about ten days, coaling.

ARMS FOR THE CUBANS.

Philadelphia, Feb. 14.—It was announced today in Cuban circles in this city that a cargo of arms and ammunition was successfully shipped on a tugboat late Saturday night from a point on the Delaware river below Wilmington. The cargo is reported to have consisted of 100,000 rounds of cartridges and about 500 rifles.

CUBA IN THE HOUSE.

Washington, Feb. 14.—(Special to the Astorian.)—There was considerable excitement among members of the house before assembling today owing to the imperative summons sent out late last night by one of the subordinate officers of the house to each principal member, impressing on him the urgent necessity of his presence at the session today. All that was definitely known at first was that something in regard to Cuba was to be brought up in the house, although under the rules this was District of Columbia day.

It turned out that Chairman Hill, of the foreign affairs committee, was merely to call up some resolutions opened by his committee, calling upon the state department for general information, one of which related to Cuba, and the notice had been sent out as a precautionary measure to prevent a possible defeat of the resolution by the opposition, a proceeding which would be in order if a previous question was voted down.

WANT UNITY OF ACTION.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Senator Butler, ex-Senator Dubois left today for Minneapolis to attend a meeting of the Minnesota populists to be held there Wednesday. The purpose of their attendance is to try to induce the meeting to announce in favor of unity of action by the silver forces in elections of the future, regardless of the political affiliations of the candidates. This is part of the general movement inaugurated here by democrats, populists and silver republicans, looking to the unification of forces.

BRYAN WILL ATTEND.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 14.—W. J. Bryan left today for Minneapolis to be present at a conference of the leading silver advocates of the northwest. The conference will continue three days.

ANOTHER WAR IS IMMINENT.

Costa Rica and Nicaragua Are Ready to Fly at Each Other.

New York, Feb. 14.—The Herald correspondent at Managua says: Two British warships are now in Nicaragua waters and more are expected. One of these now in Nicaragua is at Corinto and the other at San Juan del Sur.

The Herald's Washington correspondent says: There is a general impression among pan-American diplomats here that Costa Rica and Nicaragua are very near war. Both governments have assumed belligerent attitudes, according to information which has reached Washington and is printed in the Herald and it is the expectation of Central Americans in this city that President Zelaya will demand a disavowal of Costa Rica's responsibility in connection with the revolution in San Juan del Sur. Whether the president of Costa Rica would comply with President Zelaya's demand and whether Nicaragua would have the support of Salvador and Honduras in case of war are questions which pan-Americans are asking each other. There is no touch with the Costa Rica legation in this city expressing the opinion that the government will not comply with the prospective demand of the Nicaraguan president, and in this event that war is likely to follow.

ANARCHY REIGNS IN GAY CAPITAL

Upspot of the Dreyfus Affair Is General Discard and Strife.

OUTCOME IS PROBLEMATIC

Writers Agree That a Great Wrong Has Been Committed and Fear for the Republic of France.

New York, Feb. 14.—A dispatch to the Herald from Paris says: What will be the upshot of the whole business is a question that may be asked with some profit at this juncture of the Zola trial. The gravest anxiety obtains and the Gauls go so far as to complain editorially that "anarchy prevails in the army, in the law and in the street" and calls upon M. Felix Faure to exercise his constitutional power and put a stop to this state of things.

Following are the views of well known Parisian journalists experienced in reading the signs of the times: "The case of Calvoite, of the Figaro, said: 'A fact has been committed, a fault which should be attributed to the course of affairs rather than to the men who have brought about this campaign of revision. The proper position to take is a strictly legal one and to ask but one question: In the parliament which complained against Dreyfus, was there a majority, to the court martial. If he has been convicted in connection with a document which he knows nothing of, then the law, no matter what the fault of Dreyfus, has been violated and the matter should be revised. The whole question is wrapped up in that. The court should associate himself with the campaign, so far as justice is concerned, but so one could do so properly before the revision takes place, nor with certainty have set in motion the conviction of Dreyfus. If the French would but have the courage to do so, the most terrible crime she has ever committed since 1870. I speak of the republic which can involve such localizable consequences. I refer to the danger of the antagonist now springing into existence between the judicial system and the army, between the coast and the sword, the antagonism between the political world and our army staff.'"

Henri Rochefort said: "Zola will be convicted. There is so great a pressure of public opinion acting on the jury that one cannot expect but conviction. On the other hand, Zola does not seem to me to be well defended and his counsel seemed to be dragging the affair out as long as possible. I do not think Zola will go to prison, nor do I think he will be obliged to pay a fine. After the trial is over his conclusions will be considered by the public and he will not be able to show himself in public in Paris, nor, for that matter, anywhere in France without personal danger to himself with a body-guard of daily soldiers."

M. Guadet, of the Temps, said: "I consider the present situation very grave, and the gravity is owing to the weakness of the government." Ferdinand Xau, of the Gaulois, said: "The extreme gravity of the situation does not lie in the question of the culpability of the impecable Dreyfus, but in the passions of the various parties. The question tends to separate into two camps or better yet, into two sects, the nation whose unity has been in force and which less than a century ago proclaimed the opinion of man—that is to say, liberty of opinion—regarding political matters. That is why there is reason to fear that if some grain of common sense does not enter our homes, if our politicians make use of our divisions, we will be a spring-board during the near elections and scattered hatred instead of teaching appeasement and reconciliation or rather reconciliation, that saved the republic in 1871, what heart desires to be left to work in peace and demand the right to consecrate itself wholly and for its creator glory to the success of a peaceful manifestation."

FIRE AT MARSHFIELD.

Marshfield, Or., Feb. 14.—The fire last night destroyed property valued at about \$5,000.

The losses were: The Sangstacke & Smith building, \$1500, insurance \$200 in the German-American Insurance Company; H. Sangstacke, loss about \$300, covered by insurance in the same company; Dr. C. W. Tower, loss \$800, no insurance; O. F. Smith, \$300, no insurance; C. O. Cole, \$500, no insurance; T. M. Barry, Coast Mall, \$400, no insurance; J. R. Hassett and W. H. Douglas, about \$100 each, no insurance.

CHINESE GIRL MURDERED.

San Francisco, Feb. 14.—Yit Sing, a Chinese girl, was murdered at her house at the corner of Pacific street and Alley this morning by Charles Dean, a half-breed Chinese, who stabbed her to death with a high-blinder's knife. The murderer escaped.

MADE A WORLD'S RECORD.

Trinidad, Col., Feb. 14.—Richard Powers, a member of the Trinidad rifle club, at the regular weekly shoot of the club broke the world's record for target shoot off-hand, 20 yards distance. Powers made a score of 96 per cent out of a possible 100, the world's record being 95, held in the east.

TO SPEAK IN OREGON.

McMinnville, Or., Feb. 14.—Charles W. Ballinger received a telegram from ex-Congressman Towne, now in California, requesting that his Oregon dates be changed to March 7, 8, 9, 10. He will speak at Roseburg, Salem, Portland and Pendleton, beginning at Roseburg on the 7th.

CLARA NEVADA BURNED AT SEA

Went Down in Lynn Canal, Carrying About Forty Persons.

STEAMER'S BOILER EXPLODED

Believed That Passengers and Crew Have Perished, as a Great Storm Was Raging at the Time.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 14.—(Special to the Astorian.)—The steamer Islander, which arrived here today from Alaska ports, brings news of the loss of the steamer Clara Nevada, of Seattle. The disaster occurred in Lynn canal, and the forty men who were on board the steamer are thought to have perished.

The Nevada left Skagway for Juneau, February 5, and, when the Islander, which reached Comox this morning, arrived at Juneau, the Nevada had not put in an appearance. The day she should have reached Juneau fire was seen on the waters of the canal, and it is generally thought that the flames were from the burning vessel. Whether the passengers and crew reached land, or whether they perished, is not known. It is feared that the forty persons have met with death, as there have been terrible wind and snow storms in the north, in which it would be impossible for small boats to live. Captain Irving, of the Islander, reports that the weather has been terrific.

The Clara Nevada was in command of Captain C. H. Lewis. She carried a crew of twenty-eight men. The officers are: Pilot, Edward Kelly, first officer, Mr. Smith; engineer, David Reed; purser, Foster Beck; steward, Mr. O'Donnell; and freight clerk, George Rogers. Purser Beck was a son-in-law of Mrs. H. L. Hawthorne, of Portland, and one of the best known young men in that town.

The Nevada was formerly the Islander, which was built at Camden, N. J., in 1875, for the United States coast and geodetic survey service. Last summer she was condemned by the government, for the reason that she was out of date, and sold to the Pacific and Alaska Transportation Company, which had her thoroughly overhauled before placing her on the Alaska run. She was considered perfectly seaworthy.

REPORT CONFIRMED.

Seattle, Feb. 14.—News reached here today that the steamer Clara Nevada had burned in Lynn canal and that the crew and passengers are lost. According to the report, her boiler exploded, after which the vessel caught fire. No confirmation of the report could be obtained, as the owners had not been notified.

THE ROSALIE'S TREASURE.

New Whatcom, Wash., Feb. 14.—The steamer Rosalie, from Skagway, Alaska, put in here today to coal. She has five Klondikers and a large amount of gold dust aboard. One estimate placed it at \$125,000. The Rosalie reports that severe storms are prevailing on the Alaskan coast and nine steamers are anchored at Mary Island on account of the storms. She brings no news of the disaster to the steamer Clara Nevada.

HIS LAST HOPE GONE.

Chicago Congregational Association Drop Dr. Brown From Membership.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—Rev. C. O. Brown was today formally dropped from membership in the Chicago Congregational Association. A special meeting was called to take action on his letter of resignation, from San Francisco some time ago, and which was also a request to hear him. His letter admitting his guilt and asking to be released was read. Then Dr. Brown, who was accompanied by his wife, was given an opportunity to be heard, but was cut short when he requested that he be allowed to withdraw his letter of resignation. A committee was appointed to report on the advisability of accepting Dr. Brown's resignation as member of the association. The committee reported to accept by a vote of 3 to 1.

TROUBLE IN GUATEMALA.

New York, Feb. 14.—Dispatches from the Herald correspondent in Guatemala state that anarchy reigns throughout the country as a direct result of the assassination of President Barrios and the plot of General Mendizabala to get into power in the republic. General Mendizabala, who was called upon by the military to assume the presidency, is now marching on the capital, Guatemala City, with a force of troops. Besides the military, General Mendizabala has influential leaders, such as General Najera, behind him.

General Prospero Morales, who with General Fuentes, was at the head of the rebellion in September, has been recalled to Guatemala City by President Cabrera to take a position in the new cabinet. General Morales has been in the City of Mexico. Reports received here state that a party of friends of General Morales has started for Guatemala.

DUEL WITH KNIVES.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 14.—A desperate duel was fought with knives and pistols between George Voght and Arthur Waldron at Fourth avenue and Kost street. A son of Voght was also drawn into the encounter. Waldron is at a hospital in a precarious condition and is not expected to live. Fred Voght is at the Gray street infirmary, badly wounded, and the elder Voght is in jail charged with the shooting. The primary cause of the trouble was a murder case tried in the Jefferson county court about eight years ago.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT AWAKE.

Glasgow, Feb. 14.—The British government has invited tenders for four first-class armored cruisers, 21,000 horse power and about 14,000 tons displacement.

BOLD BURGLARS BEHIND THE BARS

Messrs. Miller and Nichols Did a General Business in Portland.

THEY OVERLOOKED NO BETS

Took Everything That Came Their Way, From Costly Cattle-Sticks to Socks and Garters.

Portland, Or., Feb. 14.—This afternoon at the police station the plunder recovered from burglars Miller and Nichols, captured Sunday night, was opened and claimed by the owners. The scene was a novel one. The detectives' room was crowded with families who had been visited by the robbers. One by one the various sachets, trunks and valises containing stolen goods were opened. Detective Snow, mounted on a chair in the middle of the room, held up each article and as quickly as it was identified it was restored to its rightful owner.

A big trunk proved a veritable Klondike. Delighted cries "Oh! that's mine!" greeted the unearthing of watches and all kinds of jewelry, toilet cases and pipes of underwear. Everybody was in good humor and the claiming of such articles as shirts, socks and garters was met with roars of laughter. Ethan Allen, the grocer, recovered considerable stuff, consisting principally of tobacco, soap and canned goods, which were indiscriminately mixed in with bottles of perfume, neckties and pillow cases. Seven umbrellas were recovered and most of them were claimed. Nearly two hours were consumed in going over the plunder and there is still a good deal of stuff unclaimed.

All day long the station was besieged by people who had been robbed and nearly all of them found their goods, or part of them.

Miller and Nichols have confessed to the robbery of every house charged up against them with one exception. They deny burglarizing the Lowenstein residence, which was entered January 25 and from which, among other things, two silver candlesticks, valued at \$50, were stolen.

PORTLAND WHEAT MARKET.

Eighty Cents Paid for Fancy Wheat—The Steamship Mogul's Cargo.

Portland, Or., Feb. 14.—There was a slight advance recorded in the eastern markets today and Liverpool opened steady. Among local dealers prices still have a wide range although 3 cents was about the top figure quoted by exporters for Walla Walla. Interior buyers though had apparently taken the limit off, and prices ranging from 7 1/2 to 8 cents (Portland basis) were reported paid by millers, and by others who desired fancy wheat for mixing purposes.

There is an active demand for flour from the Orient and the steamer Mogul cleared today with one of the largest shipments of the season. The Mogul's cargo is valued at \$17,000. Flour and cotton were the principal items on the manifest, there being 27,572 barrels of the former and 225 bales of cotton. A thousand bales of paper and a lot of machinery, old copper, etc., brought the cargo up to over 4,000 tons.

WOMEN HAVE THE FRANCHISE.

Salem, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special to the Astorian.)—The supreme court today handed down a decision in the case of Laura Harris vs. Sherwood Burr et al. from Lane county, involving the right of women to franchise in all elections for school purposes. The decision emphatically concedes their right to the privilege and will have a broad effect in the approaching school elections.

WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS MEET.

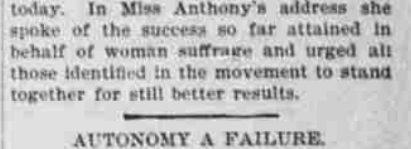
Washington, Feb. 14.—Susan R. Anthony called the annual convention of the Woman Suffrage Association to order today. In Miss Anthony's address she spoke of the success so far attained in behalf of woman suffrage and urged all those identified in the movement to stand together for still better results.

AUTONOMY A FAILURE.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Autonomy is a failure. This is the meat of a voluminous report which Consul-General Lee is said to have forwarded from Havana to the state department; and, as if to prepare the people for action by this government, Senator Foraker, of Ohio, granted an interview, of which the meat is contained in the following sentence: "The whole chapter, as it is now being written on the island of Cuba, is one of horror, shocking to civilization, and of such a nature that intervention and should be resorted to if necessary to put an end to it."

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