

REPUDIATED BY SPAIN.

And Disacknowledged by the United States.

The Six Hundred Millions of Cuban Bonds Go Abegging—Cuba Also Refuses Spain's Debt.

The decision by the Spanish cabinet that the interest on the Cuban bonds must be paid by the Cuban government is a virtual announcement that Spain will not pay the interest and that the bonds are valueless. Involved in this announcement is the condition that there may be an attempt to entangle congress in a discussion of the responsibility of the United States for the interest during the American occupation of the island.

The action of the Spanish cabinet was referred to the state department from which the following authoritative statement was obtained.

"The United States commissioners at Paris never at any time or in any degree agreed that the United States should become responsible for Spain's Cuban debts. There never was any understanding that any other party should be responsible for that debt than Spain herself. The reason the United States did not assume the debt, or any part of it, was that the debt was incurred almost wholly by Spain to crush the several insurrections. The United States might have assumed to guarantee this debt if the funds named had been expended in internal improvements in Cuba. This government, as is well known, consented to pay Spain \$20,000,000 in the case of the Philippine Islands, solely on the ground that approximately that amount had been expended by Spain in improvements in the islands.

"The United States, therefore, had assumed no obligations for and has no interest whatever in the declarations of the Spanish cabinet on the debts of Spain, or how they shall be paid. The present declaration looks like a repudiation of the debt, principal and interest."

The state department argues that when Spain relinquished her sovereignty in Cuba she relieved that island of debts contracted to keep her in bondage. This construction, it is held, is affirmed in the notes which passed between the two disputing commissions when the treaty was under discussion in Paris.

From Millions to Poverty.

In Tacoma, Wash., James Collister was burned to death in his room at the Ohio house a few weeks ago. It is probable that he fell asleep with his clothes on after putting his pipe into his pocket, and that the fire gained considerable headway before he awoke to his danger.

Collister came to Tacoma from Iowa many years ago, and deposited \$48,000 in bank when he arrived. This was absorbed in real estate and other speculations, and he has lately sold crabs for a living. He refused several positions offered by friends, because he thought they were offered out of charity.

Previous to coming here he was Mayor of Belle Plains, Iowa. He had a brother in Victoria with whom he was not on good terms.

He was at one time high in the Masonic councils.

Gives a Fortune to an American.

New York, Sept. 26.—Rosa Bonheur's will bequeathes her fortune, coveted by relatives who were never in her circle of friends, to Miss Anna Klumpke of San Francisco. It is estimated at several million francs. Miss Klumpke is a native of San Francisco. She was educated in Paris and in Germany with her sisters.

One of them, Dorothea, has charge of a department in the Paris astronomical observatory. She won her office in competition with 50 other persons. Another sister, Julia, is celebrated as a violinist.

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the student was expressed almost as soon as Miss Bonheur and Miss Klumpke became acquainted with each other. Miss Klumpke was invited two years ago to live at the Chateau de By for the summer. The friendship then formed was so strong that the great French artist bequeathed her entire fortune to the American genius.

Manila Marriage Laws.

A great deal of discussion has been going on relative to the marriage laws as they now exist in Manila. Protestants who have never lived in a country where the church and state are identical cannot understand the application of these laws. Under the Spanish law the church is supposed to perform all marriage ceremonies, and those only are held as legal under the jurisdiction of the Spanish crown. A Protestant and a Catholic cannot be legally married by a priest; both must be Catholics. A Protestant clergyman cannot marry a Catholic and a Protestant under the Spanish law, but two Protestants can be married in Spanish territory by a consul or any official representative of the country to which they belong.

The Spanish laws are enforced here relative to marriage, but it does not prevent two Protestants from being made happy by any means. They can be married by any chaplain, or, if necessary, by any officer of the army, and the marriage will be recognized. A Protestant clergyman cannot marry any of the natives unless they have renounced the Catholic religion. This is on account of the community recognition of the marriage.

The laws pertaining to marriage, while they are not just what an American would like to have existing, show there is no danger of legality being questioned.

Two Filipinos were married some time ago by a chaplain. By going to a chaplain they indicated that they had no further use for the Catholic Church, and declared that they did not believe its doctrines. They were under the protection of the Americans and therefore Americans. The ceremony performed by an American minister made it legal.—Seattle Times.

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A Change of Managers.

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