

SPAIN ASKED TO APOLOGIZE.

The United States Asks for Reparation for the Alliance Affair in Cuba.

Minister at Madrid Receives Instructions as to the Course to Pursue.

Washington, March 15.—Senator Muraga, the Spanish minister, expressed the opinion last night that the story of Captain Grossman and the firing on the Alliance was a pure fabrication, as all efforts on the minister's part to secure information on the subject from the Spanish authorities in Cuba have been unsuccessful. "I have received a cable from the captain-general of Cuba," said the minister, "in answer to my telegram asking for the facts of the case, and he reports that nobody in Havana seems to know anything about this affair. He says the naval commander of the station of Havana has ordered inquiries to be made at Santiago de Cuba and at Gibralta, which are the nearest places to the point where the supposed outrage was committed. It is strange that if the firing was done by a Spanish ship hoisting the colors of that country, she has not yet put into a Spanish port and reported the occurrence. If the vessel had been Spanish, one her commander would undoubtedly have some purpose in firing, and it is natural that he should communicate on the subject with his government. Of course, until the whole matter is sifted, I shall make every endeavor to secure information, and to this end I have already sent a cablegram to Spain informing the authorities of the matter and giving concisely the opinions of the press. What I consider would be fair to my government and the government of the United States as well, would be for this government to secure affidavits of Captain Grossman, his crew and his passengers. I am sure they would not agree with each other, and I believe that is the best course to be taken." The minister said he would receive information by cable from Cuba as soon as action could be taken by the authorities there.

Madrid, March 15.—The American minister to-day presented a demand for an apology and reparation from Spain on account of the Alliance affair. The minister's claim was based on a dispatch from Gresham in which the latter reiterates the facts of the firing on the steamship Alliance by a Spanish war vessel, and says the windward passage where the firing occurred is the natural and usual highway for vessels plying between the ports in the United States and the Caribbean sea. The dispatch further says the forcible interference with them cannot be claimed as a belligerent act, and can under no circumstances be tolerated when a state of war exists. This government will expect a prompt disavowal of the act, a due expression of regret on the part of Spain and will insist that immediate and positive orders be given to the Spanish naval commanders not to interfere with legitimate commerce nor in any way wantonly imperil life and property lawfully under the American flag.

Washington, March 15.—The Spanish minister manifested surprise at the action of Gresham in calling to Minister Taylor at Madrid to demand instant satisfaction for the Alliance incident. He expressed regret that the government should act so hastily and without hearing both sides. He added, "I don't think Spain will reply until she has heard from the governor-general of Cuba." The minister further stated that he had heard from Cuba within a few hours and nothing was yet known there of the alleged firing on the Alliance. He declared that if the facts in the Alliance case were as stated by her commander, the vessel was at the time within jurisdictional waters of Cuba. He failed to see how an apology could be expected. If otherwise, of course, an apology would be made.

New York, March 15.—The officers of the Columbian line of steamers to which the Alliance belongs stated to-day that no demand would be made by them on Spain for indemnity for firing on their vessel. If the government could not obtain reparation for the outrage the company could not. If they found that the firing on the vessel hurt the line they would sue Spain for damages.

Washington, March 16.—The Spanish minister had not up to noon received any information from the governor-general of Cuba regarding the Alliance incident. The minister said it was fair to assume that silence on the part of the governor was due to the fact that the governor had not yet heard of the alleged outrage. The minister declared that he was still skeptical regarding the statement that a war vessel fired on the Alliance and intimated that he believed the offending vessel was a yacht commanded by Captain Hildebrandt and that it made the assault ostensibly as a Spanish cruiser in order to create public sentiment in the United States unfavorable to Spain. He added: "Let us keep cool and await the other side of the story." The minister refused to speculate on what Spain's reply would be to Gresham's note, but said the reply would probably be sent through the American minister at Madrid.

A gentleman who spent many years in Spain, said to-day: "Spain has her fire eaters and it is just possible some of them in the Cortes now in session may deem Gresham's demand before hearing the other side, an insult and refuse satisfaction." In such an emergency, the gentleman declared, it was impossible to foresee the result.

New York, March 16.—There has been no further correspondence to-day between the officers of the steamer Alliance and the state department. The officers consider that they have furnished the department with every possible detail regarding the affair and are now relying

upon the authorities at Washington to see justice is done. The first officer of the Alliance said this morning: "Had the Spaniards been justified in firing upon us we would undoubtedly have reported the episode. That no such report has been made is proof that her commander realized that he had made a serious blunder and is anxious to hush the whole matter up."

VICTIMS OF THE MOB.

United States Government Claims the Italians Were Americans.

Washington, Mar. 16.—The secretary of war has received a telegram from the governor of Colorado in which the latter declared that the two Italians reported to have escaped from the mob at Waldenburg and the two that were lynched had taken out their first citizenship papers and probably their second. He does not know whether the fifth man was a citizen or not. Nothing has been heard of the two Italians who were said to have escaped. The district attorney is taking steps looking to the arrest and prosecution of the lynchers.

CHINESE PEACE COMMISSION

Li Hung Chang and Ex-Secretary Foster Are Now on Their Way to Japan.

Commission is Simply Worded, But It Gives Commissioners Much Power.

London, March 16.—A Tientsin dispatch says ex-Secretary Foster accompanied Li Hung Chang on the mission to Japan. The unsuccessful Chinese envoys who have returned from Japan, speak in the most favorable terms of the courtesy of the Japanese officials but declare that while in Japan a cordon of police at all times prevented them from having any outside communication. The Japanese populace was intensely hostile to them.

Washington, March 16.—Official advices received here state that the powers of Li Hung Chang, the Chinese peace commissioner, are for negotiating upon four points, namely: First, Independence of Korea; second, money indemnity; third, cession of territory; fourth, readjustment of treaty relations between the two countries in regard to commercial relations.

Extra territorial jurisdiction and other matters previously covered by the treaties which were terminated by the Chang's credentials read simply "to negotiate," but he is clothed with full powers for this purpose. The negotiations will take place at Simonski.

CANNOT DECIDE.

Another Cabinet Meeting Being Held at Ottawa This Afternoon.

Ottawa, Ont., March 15.—A report is current to-day that parliament will meet on April 18. The ministers have given the information out to some of their friends, but the matter will not be finally decided until the Cabinet meeting this afternoon.

There will require to be three elections before the house meets, one in the West, another in Vercheres and another in Antigonish.

(Later) The Cabinet meeting which was to have taken place to-day at two o'clock has been adjourned until tomorrow. This is said to be due to the illness of Tupper, but it is due to the result of the Orange meeting at St. Catharines and the declaration of Clarke Wallace in going back on remedial legislation.

The public works department have a staff of men putting the Commons in order in order preparatory to a session of parliament, whenever it may come.

Sir Donald A. Smith has accepted the Conservative nomination for Montreal. Thomas Bain has consented to be the Liberal candidate in Westmoreland.

Toronto, March 15.—Petitions were received at yesterday's session of the Patron's convention for the adoption of women's suffrage and prohibition as planks in the Patron platform. A discussion ensued and it was decided to submit the matter to the subordinate lodges.

Waterloo Liberals have nominated E. W. B. Snider ex-M. P. P. North Hastings Conservatives have nominated John Casey, farmer, for the Commons. Ottawa, March 16.—The cabinet meets to-day at three o'clock to consider the Manitoba school case. The usual notices calling the meeting were sent out at noon to-day. All the ministers except Smith and Ferguson are here.

(Later) The cabinet met at three o'clock, all the ministers being present except Oulmet and Smith. The school question is not expected to be decided to-day. One of the ministers said only routine business would come up.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Patron Leader Moves to Discontinue Paying Government House Expenses.

Toronto, March 15.—In the legislature yesterday, Haycock, the Patron leader, moved that the maintenance of government house at the expense of the province be discontinued after the appointment of a successor or other earlier termination of the term of the present Governor. Sir Oliver Mowat's amendment to inquire into the matter was carried by 44 to 37.

Willoughby's motion that supplies for public institutions be purchased by tender instead of by contract, was defeated by 49 to 33.

Have you ever noticed how your system seems to crave special assistance in the spring? Just the help required is given by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

Grand Orange Lodge Pass Resolutions Respecting Manitoba School Question.

Motion to Reduce the Number of Members in the Manitoba Legislature.

Ottawa, March 14.—Negotiations are progressing for putting an additional steamer on the Australian route connecting with New Zealand, and making a trip every three weeks.

The department of agriculture is advised of the forwarding of one shipment of winter-made butter to England, amounting to 4,200 pounds, under the system of government advances to farmers and dairymen outlined some time ago.

Montreal, March 14.—James O'Brien, jr., son of James O'Brien the millionaire clothing merchant of this city, and partner in the broker firm of Meredith & O'Brien, was arrested last night on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences laid by the Quebec bank, the amount involved being \$20,000.

Woodstock, March 14.—At yesterday's session of the Supreme Grand Lodge, Sons of England, H. J. Boswell, P. S. G. V. P., who has been since last August in Australia, reported that he had secured a first application for charter with a list of 500 members.

James Dunn, aged 81, for fifty years a resident of this place, is dead. Toronto, March 15.—Rev. Dr. Sutherland, M. A., L.L.B., D.D., pastor of the Central Methodist church, died from typhoid fever, contracted in September, 1903. The deceased was born here in 1830. His charges have comprised churches in St. Thomas, Kingston, Toronto and Hamilton.

The ruling of Chief Justice Meredith in the Hendershott case will bar out the evidence as to the insurance Harry Hyams attempted to place on his wife, Mrs. Hyams, and Mrs. Fallow will therefore not be a witness in the case against Harry and Dallas Hyams.

W. T. Wickham & Co., wholesale grocers of Brantford, are in difficulties and are offering their creditors 40 cents on the dollar. The firm's liabilities are about \$240,000.

The Ontario Agricultural and Arts association have arranged to hold Canada's first national horse show here, beginning on April 18th and lasting three days. There will be \$6,000 in prizes.

St. Catharines, Ont., March 15.—A resolution has been carried in the Grand Orange Lodge unanimously protesting against interference by the Dominion government in the Manitoba school question. A resolution was also carried in favor of severing such alteration in the act of confederation which will abolish existing separate schools throughout Canada and make English the official language of the Dominion in all the provinces.

Sherbrooke, Que., March 15.—At 5:30 o'clock yesterday the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty in the Beggs case. Sherbrooke, March 15.—M. F. Hackett, Conservative, and W. H. Cavhard, Liberal, have been nominated for the legislature.

Winnipeg, March 15.—In the legislature a motion was made that the number of members be reduced from 40 to 25 and the number of minister from 5 to 3. The council decided last night to repave Main street with cedar blocks.

Members of the Royal Black Preceptory, No. 380, passed a resolution last night endorsing the Manitoba school law and protesting against remedial legislation restoring separate schools.

St. Catharines, March 15.—At a meeting of the Orange Grand Lodge of West- Ontario, Clarke Wallace speaking on the resolutions in connection with the Manitoba school question, said the Roman Catholics took advantage of the high and collegiate schools, then why could they not do so with the lower ones of the country? The highest court in the empire, the Imperial Privy Council, declared the schools were not Protestant and no reasonable objection could be raised by the Roman Catholics.

Brandon, March 15.—Thomas Webster, charged with killing Adam Bole, has been acquitted. Fort Saskatchewan, N. W. T., March 15.—Two young men named Smith, who came from Calgary last fall and have been trapping 25 miles down the Saskatchewan river, were found dead in their shanty. It is supposed to be a case of accidental poisoning. The police are going down to investigate.

ARMENIAN HORRORS.

Terrible Means Taken to Force Men to Sign a Document.

London, March 15.—The Daily Telegraph has a dispatch from Moosh, dated not given, and forwarded from Kars yesterday. It says: "The commissioners have learned that the Armenian people are being forced to sign a document ascribing the massacre to the Kurds and clearing the Turks of all blame. The Bachevadors refused to do so. General Darnes then placed heated triangles around their necks. The commission desire to examine the two victims, but the latter are too ill."

The Turkish government tried every means to compel the survivors of the massacre to return to their respective villages and rebuild. They promised money, seed corn, exemption from taxation and the restitution of property. Nearly all refused and consequently were terribly treated. Some returned and are now in abject poverty."

The correspondent quotes instances of villagers who are almost naked and subsisting on millet seed. The stock of this seed, he says, must have given out a fortnight ago. These people had no hope of help and probably are dying or dead.

"If assistance be sent through the delegates in Moosh or the Armenian plenipotentiaries in Bitlis," continues the correspondent, "some lives may be saved." He writes of six girls of fourteen, daughters of victims of the massacre, who returned to Semal half naked and died without food or fire in a hut at night during a snowstorm. He names six villages where the few survivors of the massacre are starving.

Resolutions Passed at Hobart by the Premiers of Australia.

London, March 15.—The report received yesterday that at the conference of the premiers at Hobart, Tasmania, a resolution favoring the apportionment of the cost of the Pacific cable among England, the colonies of Australia and Canada was adopted, is incorrect. Such a resolution was offered but withdrawn. A resolution reaffirming the desirability of the Pacific cable was adopted by the conference.

GUILTY OF MURDER.

Hendershott and Welter Found Guilty of Murdering the Former's Nephew.

St. Thomas, March 15.—After eight days trial in the Elgin county assizes, of one of the most remarkable murder cases ever known in Canada, John D. Hendershott and Wm. D. Welter were to-night found guilty of the murder of Wm. Henry Hendershott on December 11 last. The murdered man was a nephew of the first-named prisoner and was engaged to marry his daughter. William Henry's life was insured for \$11,000 shortly before the date of the crime, in the girl's favor, her father paying the policy premium. Both Welter and William Henry Hendershott were in John D. Hendershott's employment, and the defence tried to prove that the victim was accidentally killed while felling trees in Hendershott's bush. The defence made out a fairly good case and were confident of a verdict of acquittal. The chief justice sentenced both men to be hanged on June 8. The prisoner's counsel will apply for a new trial.

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