

THE DOOM OF DE LOME

Spanish Minister Does Not Deny Writing Indiscreet Letters.

WOODFORD INVESTIGATES

Told to Lay Facts Before Spanish Government.

Requests That Amount to an Invitation to Recall the Minister--In Case There Should Be Undue Delay in Action, the State Department Will Feel Called Upon to Move Directly, as in the Case of Lord Sackville, Interesting Developments Expected

Washington, Feb. 9.--The publication in the morning newspapers of what purported to be an autograph letter written by Senor Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister, to his friend, Canalejas, criticizing the president with the utmost freedom, caused a sensation in official 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 as bit by bit the circumstantial evidence accumulated, until it was finally announced officially that the minister declined to deny the authorship 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.

As soon as the letter appeared in the press, the state department officials began an effort to settle its authenticity and when it had learned all that could be developed on that point and had been told that the minister himself refused to deny writing it, the consideration of the next step began.

WOODFORD'S INSTRUCTIONS While the department refused to add anything to this men-re announcement it can be stated without question that Mr 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 the authorship of the letter the Spanish government is looked to with confidence to deal with the case properly.

THE BILL FOR PURE FLOUR.

Millers to Visit Washington and Urge Its Passage by Congress.

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that with Lord Sackville the department of state itself initiated the action. Lord Sackville had written a letter to one Murchison in Pomona, Cal., in September, 1888, in reply to his request for guidance, as a naturalized American of British birth, in casting his vote for president. The reply was sent from Beverly, Mass., where the minister was stopping and would not now, or probably at any time, except in the heat of one of the great four yearly elections, be regarded as particularly offensive. His lordship simply said that any political party which openly favored the mother country at that time would lose popularity and the party then in power was well aware of this fact. He believed, however, that President Cleveland would manifest a spirit of conciliation in dealing with the questions involved in his message.

Upon seeing this letter printed, Secretary Bayard sent for Lord Sackville and the latter frankly confessed the authorship. Thereupon Mr. Bayard cabled to Mr. Phelps, our minister at London, under date of Oct. 25, that Lord Sackville had declared that his reply to Murchison had been strictly private and not intended for publication. Mr. Bayard thereupon expressed his surprise and amazement and condemnation of the minister's act.

DE LOME RESIGNS.

Philadelphia, Feb. 9.--Special dispatches from Washington received in this city state that Minister de Lome cabled his resignation to the Spanish government once yesterday and twice today, but up to a late hour this afternoon had received no reply from Madrid.

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Wilkes-Barre, Feb. 9.--John M. Garman, chairman of the Democratic state committee, issued the following circular today:

Dear Sir: The signs of the times indicate a Democratic victory in Pennsylvania this year, not only possible, but probable.

Republican enemies have broken their ranks and Republican misgovernment has discredited the honest voters of Pennsylvania that they are ready to look to the Democratic party for relief.

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AN AWFUL FIRE AT PITTSBURGH

Nearly Fifty Men Are Caught Between Walls.

MANY ARE KILLED OUTRIGHT

A Conflagration of Mysterious Origin Destroys Much Valuable Property. An Explosion of Whiskey Blows a Wall Over Upon the Heads of Firemen, Policemen and Others.

Pittsburg, Feb. 9.--Fire of mysterious origin broke out tonight in the large six-story cold storage warehouse of the Chautauqua Lake Ice company. The plant and storage warehouse occupied the lower floors, and the Union Storage company the balance of the building. One of the compartments was used as the government bonded warehouse and contained about 400 barrels of whiskey and alcohol.

THE INJURED.

CHARLES SIMON, traveling salesman from Cincinnati; badly cut on hand. WILLIAM FLEMING, hurt by falling lumber; may die. DANIEL MALONEY, carried to the cellar but dug his way out; hurt internally. CHARLES WILSON, bridge builder, badly cut and hurt internally. WILLIAM DESMUCKE, puddler; head and shoulders badly cut. MARY DESMUCKE, his wife; hurt internally. DAVID STUART, bodily cut on head. CAPTAIN J. A. BROWN, building inspector; both legs broken. ROBERT ROSAMOND, lieutenant Engineer company No. 2. OWEN K. FLETCHER, engineer. GEORGE DOUGLASS, OWEN MONAGAHAN, WILLIAM HENNING, JOE HEADLEY, KIT WILSON, ROBERT DAVIS.

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TO MEET AT OMAHA.

National Republican League Will Assemble July 13.

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 had a balance in the treasury and that its financial condition was good. Secretary Dowling was ordered to have the manual for 1898 published as soon as possible. This manual will contain an outline of the plans for the league throughout the country and much general information. A communication from the Central Passenger association requesting the endorsement of the anti-scalping bill was laid on the table.

MADAME DREYFUS WILL TESTIFY

Her Evidence Restricted to the Esterhazy Case--New Phases in Zola Trial--Barristers Indulge in More Horse Play.

Paris, Feb. 9.--In spite of the special precautions taken to prevent them from making a repetition of the excitement and struggling for entrance witnessed yesterday when the trial of M. Emile Zola and M. Perreux, who are being prosecuted by the government for denouncing the Esterhazy court-martial, was continued today in the Assizes court of the Seine.

Over 200 barristers, in their robes, gathered at the public entrance and indulged in horseplay. When the presiding judge ordered them not to obstruct the passage the barristers made a demonstration against the judge. Thereupon the commandant of the Republican Guards sent a detachment of troops to quell the disturbance.

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Terrible Results of an Explosion of Gas at Plymouth Yesterday Afternoon--List of Victims.

Wilkes-Barre, Feb. 9.--Thirteen men were seriously burned by an explosion of gas in No. 12 mine of the DeLeon coal company at Plymouth last night. A number of miners were sent down the mine to fight the fire. While engaged in their hazardous work a second explosion occurred which hurled the men in all directions. All were more or less as soon as possible a rescuing party entered the underground workings and brought the injured men to the surface. They were carefully wrapped in blankets and taken to their homes in ambulances. The names of the victims are as follows:

RESNIK WILLIAMS, assistant foreman. REESE JONES, fire boss. JOHN DULA, laborer. JOHN JONES, miner. JOHN HOLSISKI, laborer. ANDREW MERZELL, laborer. PATRICK HEALY, laborer. THOMAS HIGGINS, miner. ARTHUR LERICK, laborer. WILLIAM DUNN, laborer. WILLIAM JONES, driver. JOHN E. JONES, miner. DAVID B. DAVIS, night boss.

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Seattle, Wash., Feb. 9.--While in Honolulu on January 22, on her way around the world with her husband, Mrs. Thoma Watson, Claus Speckles' only daughter, took a strange legal measure into the Hawaiian courts.

PRESIDENT BARRIOS IS ASSASSINATED

The Ruler of Guatemala Was Cut Down.

OFFICIAL INFORMATION RECEIVED

The Dead President Succeeded by Manuel Estrada Cabrera--No Details of the Tragedy Are Given. Entire Calm Prevails.

Washington, Feb. 9.--Senator Lazo Ariga, the 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 succession to the presidency of First Vice President Manuel Estrada Cabrera.

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While Mr. Cannon was speaking a sensational incident occurred. A member of the house of representatives standing near the speaker, audibly denounced as a lie seemingly some words which Mr. Cannon made immediately to the senate.

MR. MASON'S SPEECH.

Mr. Mason followed Mr. Hale in a long and times fervent speech, in which he urged the president to immediately intervene in the Cuban war and end the struggle which on both sides had become so brutal as to shock the sensibilities of the civilized world. He disclaimed from the point of view of an international lawyer the right of the United States to intervene to put an end to the war and then with effective satire denounced as "a piece of Spanish fraud and chicanery" the scheme of autonomy which Spain was now endeavoring to force upon the Cubans.

WEST RIVER MYSTERY.

Latest Mutilated Corpse Found in That of a Scandinvian.

New York, Feb. 9.--The autopsy on the mutilated body found in the East river yesterday revealed the fact that the breast plate was fractured and that every rib was broken. The backbone was also broken. The man had probably been dead only three or four days.

TROTTLING CONGRESS.

Representatives of the Association Discuss Changes in Turf Code.

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