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DE LOME HAS RESIGNED

The Remarkable Letter to Canalejas Causes His Downfall.

RESIGNATION IS ACCEPTED

A Profound Sensation is Created in Spain.

Special Precautions Are Taken to Guard the Residence of United States Minister Woodford--Spain Having Accepted De Lome's Resignation Will Not Insist That He Be Recalled--The Usual Formalities Will Doubtless Be Dispensed with When Senor De Lome Departs--Comments of the Spanish Press.

Madrid, Feb. 10.--Senor Dupuy de Lome, Spanish minister to the United States, has resigned. At today's meeting of the Spanish cabinet, under the presidency of the queen regent, a dispatch from the minister was read, saying that the published letter to Senor Canalejas was written by him and that his position had consequently become untenable.

The cabinet accepted the resignation and decided to entrust the affairs of the legation to the first secretary. The incident has created a profound sensation here. All the newspapers comment on the subject, and bitterly denounce "the business of stealing and publishing a private letter."

Additional precautions were taken today by the authorities to guard the residence of United States Minister Woodford. A number of mounted guards were posted in the vicinity. The legation has been guarded for some time past.

Washington, Feb. 10.--It is practically assured here, Spanish sources say, that Senor de Lome's resignation, this government will not insist that he be recalled. Up to the close of office hours, the state department had not heard from Mr. Dupuy. It was said, however, that the correctness of the report of the Spanish cabinet's action upon his resignation, and the opinion is entertained that the matter is now practically settled.

HOW BARRIOS WAS KILLED. Shot While Walking Near the Palace. A Price on His Head. Washington, Feb. 10.--The official confirmation of the assassination of President Barrios came today to the state department in the following cable from United States Minister Hunter at Guatemala City, dated yesterday.

THE ATTENTION OF EUROPE. The de Lome letter has already attracted the attention of foreign governments, and appears to be regarded by them as an important factor in the general Cuban question.

Whole Family Asphyxiated. Cleveland, O., Feb. 10.--Morris Abitzky, his wife and seven children were found unconscious at their home, 273 Forest street, early this morning. They had been asphyxiated by coal gas which escaped from a burner in the dining room. Mrs. Abitzky and her daughter, Bertha, are in a critical condition. The others will recover.

JAPAN DECIDES TO KEEP WEI HAI WEI

Chinese Government Will Require No Foreign Loans.

THE ACTION SETTLES THE INDEMNITY

The Reported Action of Japan Is Considered Most Significant as It Secures a Permanent Foothold on the Mainland of Asia--It Is Second Only to Port Arthur as a Naval Station.

Paris, Feb. 10.--Official advices received by the foreign office from Peking say Japan has notified China that she intends to keep Wei Hai Wei permanently. China, in notifying the Chinese ministers abroad to this effect, directs them to notify the powers also that in view of this no foreign loan is required, as the purpose of the loan was solely to pay the Japanese war indemnity.

A POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR. Madrid, Feb. 10.--The papers all discuss the de Lome incident this morning and the possible successor of the retiring minister at Washington. La Correspondencia de Espana mentions Senor Martinez as the most probable, but nothing has been as yet decided. El Heraldico de Madrid deprecates the incident, but remarks:

THE ACTION SIGNIFICANT. In other quarters the reported action of Japan is considered as most significant, as it accomplishes the purpose Japan had in view when the China war closed, namely, to secure a permanent foothold on the mainland of Asia. Russia resisted this extension of Japan from her present island condition, and it required the combined protest of Russia, Germany and France to induce Japan to give up Port Arthur and her other possessions on the peninsula. Wei Hai Wei is less important as a strategic position, but it has always been held by China as a second only to Port Arthur as a naval station.

LEAGUE OF WHEELMEN ELECTS MR. POTTER

Reports of Various Officials Show That the Organization Is in a Flourishing Condition.

St. Louis, Feb. 10.--The National American League of Wheelmen held its annual convention here today. The league was organized in 1893, and has since that time been steadily increasing in membership. The report of the auditing committee showed that the league has in its treasury over \$150,000. The principal heavy receipts for the last year were: Applications, \$25,877; renewals, \$39,012; subscriptions, \$25,247.

POISONING SENSATION. The Boarders at a Washington House Are Made Ill. Washington, Feb. 10.--The boarders and servants at 215 East Capitol street, a large boarding house, were badly scared last night as the result of a poisoning sensation. Twenty-six of the boarders and five of the servants made ill, but while some of them are still suffering quite severely from the attack, it is believed the recovery of all of them is assured.

FRUIT AFFAIR SETTLED. All Good American Products Can Now Enter Germany. Washington, Feb. 10.--The secretary of state, in answer to a senate resolution, today submitted the correspondence with the German government relative to the exclusion of American fruit.

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PITTSBURG'S AWFUL CONFLAGRATION

Eleven Persons Dead--Twenty-Seven Missing

LIST OF THE KNOWN VICTIMS

Firemen and Police Bravely Engaged Clearing Away the Debris--Parties Who Are Supposed to Be Under the Walls--Mayor Ford Solicits Subscriptions for the Needy--Some of Individual Losses.

Pittsburg, Feb. 10.--Eleven persons dead, twenty-seven missing, and eighteen injured, and a property loss of \$1,500,000 with about \$1,000,000 insurance, is the record of the big fire of last night. The dead:

CLEANING THE DEBRIS. All day firemen, policemen and other city employes have been working at the risk of their lives, but up to nightfall little progress had been made in clearing away the debris. The work will be continued without cessation until all known bodies remain buried. Twenty streams are constantly playing on the still burning ruins. A heavy pall of smoke overhangs the desolate scene and the tired policemen have hard work to keep the thousands of onlookers from getting within the rope cordon. Many of the people who fled panic-stricken from their homes last night are plucking up courage enough to return to the houses not jeopardized by the fire-weakened walls.

THE SAUSAGE MAN IS VERY ANGRY

Luetgert Characterizes the Jury in His Case as a Pack of Cowards.

Chicago, Feb. 10.--"That jury was a pack of cowards," said Adolph L. Luetgert at the county jail today. The big sausage-maker showed some anger as he spoke. "If they had been men of nerve and character," continued Luetgert, "there would have been no compromise verdict. They did not decide the case on the law and the evidence. They simply compromised. I am either guilty or I am innocent. If I am guilty I deserve death; they ought to hang me as high as Gilroy's kite. If I am innocent I am entitled to my liberty. Luetgert is as innocent of the crime charged against him as any man who walks the streets of Chicago. It is said that I laughed last night when the verdict was read. That is true. I did laugh. I have laughed since. I laughed because the verdict, to me, is a ridiculous farce. It is a coward's verdict. They didn't have the nerve to find me not guilty when they saw the evidence did not prove my guilt, so they compromised. The case will go to the supreme court and eventually I will be free."

THE LOSSES. Some of the individual losses known are: W. A. Hoveler & Co., loss on building, \$75,000, with \$64,000 insurance; loss to the 1,600 customers who had goods stored in the building \$300,000 about 20 per cent of which are no insurance. The Chautauque Ice company owners of the building occupied by themselves and the Union Storage company, loss, \$275,000 on building, wagons, machinery, etc.

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RELIEF PARTY HAMPERED

Extraordinary Proceedings on Part of Canadian Government.

FEAR AMERICAN TROOPS

Canada Hesitates About Admitting the Escort.

Washington, Feb. 10.--In view of the apparent disposition of the Canadian authorities to prevent the United States troops from accompanying the relief expedition into the gold country a brief review of the correspondence that has so far taken place between the two governments is interesting. The negotiations proper started Dec. 50 last but refused to answer questions on the plea of "professional secrecy."

ZOLA'S TRIAL IS TRANQUIL. Major Paty du Clam Refuses to Testify--General Pellieux Bring Down the House. Paris, Feb. 10.--The Zola trial continued today with comparative tranquillity. Major Paty du Clam was called, but refused to answer questions on the plea of "professional secrecy."

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THE NUTMEG STATE RUNS ON THE MUD NEAR BRIDGEPORT. Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 10.--The Sound Steamboat Nutmeg State of the Bridgeport Steamboat company ran her nose into the mud of the first bend on the light shortly before 3 o'clock this morning and stuck there until about 11 o'clock, when she was able to back off and return to this city.

THE HERALD'S WEATHER FORECAST. New York, Feb. 11.--In the middle states and New England, today, fair to partly cloudy, slightly warmer weather will prevail, with fresh, variable winds, mostly southeasterly and southerly, and haze or fog on the coasts, followed by increasing cloudiness and rain in the western and northern districts and possibly on the coasts at night.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

- Weather Indications Today: Fair; Warmer; Variable Winds. 1 General--Resignation of Spanish Minister De Lome. Japan's Foothold on the Asia Mainland. Canadian Government Hampers the Klondike Relief Expedition. Eleven Dead and Twenty-Seven Missing in Pittsburg's Fire. 2 State--Uneventful Day at the Martin Trial. The State Capitol Award. 3 Local--Social Events of a Day. 4 Editorial. Comment of the Press. 5 Foreign Service Under Difficulties. Marine Gardens in the Bahamas. 6 Local--Sick Juror Delays the Olchetski Arson Case. Mayor Signs Wyoming Avenue Extension. 7 Local--Beware of the Money-Finder. New Quarters for the Y. M. C. A. Five Horses Burned. 8 Local--West Side and Suburban. 9 Lackawanna County News. 10 Neighboring County Happenings. The Markets.

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