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## MAY BREAK WITH SPAIN

### Serious Consequences Threatened From the De Lome Incident.

### Spain Appears to Overlook the Gravity of the Minister's Offense.

### A Dispatch From Woodford Causes Disquiet at the State Department.

### De Lome's Resignation Accepted by the Spanish Cabinet.

### The Administration at Washington Much Dissatisfied With the Manner in Which Spain Has Disposed of the Matter—Is the United States Legation in Madrid in Danger?

Washington, Feb. 10.—The United States government is tonight on the verge of severance of diplomatic relations with Spain on account of the De Lome incident. Senator De Lome has succeeded in his effort to forestall the intent of the state department to have him recalled in disgrace, by securing the acceptance of his resignation before the demand of this government to that effect had been acted on by the Madrid ministry. A cable message from Minister Woodford this evening notified the state department of the action of the Spanish cabinet, and contained other information which greatly agitated Assistant Secretary of State Day, who had been conducting the case at his end. He declined to discuss the matter.

The administration is much dissatisfied with the manner in which Spain disposed of so serious a matter. No disgrace attaches to De Lome for his conduct, such as would have been the case had he been recalled on demand or dismissed from the United States. He is now a private citizen, having no official status, and according to his view, can snap his finger in the face of the federal government and decline to recognize the right of the United States to compel him to leave the country, unless by order of expulsion, such as might be applied to an objectionable person not of official standing.

Though the state department is said to be making an effort to ascertain if it has the right to send him his passports, despite the fact that he has ceased to be the Spanish diplomatic representative. Spain appears to have overlooked the seriousness of De Lome's offense and to have ignored the demand for his recall. Under these circumstances, the United States cannot acquiesce in so easy a method of settlement. The displeasure of the government must be expressed with greater emphasis on the Madrid cabinet. If the United States incident were to end with the acceptance of De Lome's resignation, they will be discarded in the eyes of other nations. Furtive action is necessary therefore to maintain the dignity of the country. It may take the form of a recall of Minister Woodford, which is nearly all ways followed by a resort to hostilities.

Several prominent officials have expressed the fear that Woodford's legation will be attacked, but they will not tell the reason for their apprehension. It is understood that the guards about the legation and the minister's residence have been increased by Sagasta for fear the increasing hostility toward America, that has been so manifest in Madrid, would culminate in an attack on the legation, in which event war could hardly be avoided.

De Lome today repelled all social engagements and recalled invitations to the diplomatic corps to a reception at the legation tomorrow night. The state department this morning gave out for publication the substance of a cable dispatch sent yesterday to General Woodford as follows: "There has appeared in the public prints a letter addressed by the Spanish minister to Mr. Canalejas. This letter, the minister admits, was written by him. It contains expressions concerning the president of the United States of such a character as to and the minister's usefulness as a representative of his government in this country. General Woodford, therefore, was instructed at once to say to the minister of

## SPAIN'S ACTION.

Madrid, Feb. 10.—The queen regent today presided at the reading of the cabinet. Prime Minister Sagasta informed her majesty that as soon as the government heard reports of the publication by a newspaper of a letter addressed to Senor De Lome, he called to him, asking for an explanation. De Lome having admitted the authenticity of the letter, the cabinet accepted his resignation, which he tendered, and ordered the secretary of the Spanish legation at Washington to perform the duties of minister. It is understood De Lome's successor will promptly be appointed.

## COMMENTS ABROAD.

London, Feb. 10.—The St. James Gazette this afternoon alone comments upon the De Lome incident. It says: "Senor De Lome has resigned, and it was the right course, whether he wrote or did not write the letter; but the incident is bound to make unpleasantness between the two governments and add to the chances of trouble about Cuba, which are by no means so few as certain authorities profess to believe."

## FATAL DUEL AFTER THE HALL.

Atlanta, Feb. 10.—Last night Charles Brown had his right to dance with a girl at a country ball disrupted by Cyril Sullivan, who slashed Brown's throat with a knife. Brown then shot Sullivan in the head and left the place, followed by Sullivan. They repaired to a forest where a terrible duel took place. Sullivan, though slightly wounded, attacked Brown, a saboteur in the neck and back. Brown shot Sullivan through the heart. Brown's condition is critical.

## YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS.

### LITTLE ACCOMPLISHED IN EITHER HOUSE.

### Barring Foreign Vessels From the Klondike—Handy Prevented From Answering Bayard.

Commander Booth, of the salvation army, offered prayer in the senate this morning. The Indian appropriation bill, carrying \$7,517,454, was taken up, but not the point of order of adjournment.

The bill circulated to bar foreign vessels out of the Klondike business by imposing burdensome restrictions was passed. The republican leaders had no program to follow in the house today, but the session decided to debate the Lords bill regulating second-class postal rates, in order to consume time. This was unnecessary, however, as the democrats furnished ample material for debate. General Welber had presented the report of the election committee upon the contested election case of Thorpe vs. Hayes from the Fourth district of Virginia, recommending the seating of Thorpe, then Mr. Bailey got angry because the rules invoked to "snatch off" Handy of Delaware, who wanted to answer ex-Secretary Bayard's motion, a good standard interview.

Bailey and the democratic members spent the rest of the day filibustering under the evident impression that they were thereby having revenge upon the republican side and the speaker, when in fact they were doing better for the republicans than they could have done for themselves. When the session ended, practically nothing had been accomplished. The republican majority voted to adjourn until Monday.

## PURE FOOD CONGRESS.

The following delegates have been appointed from this state to attend the Pure Food and Drug congress which meets at the National hotel in Washington city, March 2: President A. Q. H. Hays, of the North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical college; Director W. A. Williams, of the North Carolina experimental station; J. L. Harris and J. L. Ramsey, of the North Carolina agricultural department; Dr. P. H. Lewis, of the state board of health; and Major William A. Graham, and James H. Lloyd, of the state museum. All these delegates will be accompanied by their wives.

## RUNAWAY BOYS.

A Mr. Williams, of Winston, was here Monday night and Tuesday looking for two boys about fifteen years old, named Lester and Wiley, who ran away from their homes in Winston Monday, says the Davidson Dispatch. He traced them within ten miles of Lexington. The boys are supposed to be on their way to South Carolina. Mr. Williams could find out nothing concerning them and returned to Winston yesterday.

## NORTH CAROLINA LAND.

Capt. John A. Ramsey, state engineer and agent, recently received a letter from a party in Philadelphia wanting 100,000 acres of good agricultural land in a body in the eastern part of the state to locate a colony. The letter was first addressed to State Superintendent of Public Instruction Mebane, at Raleigh, and re-addressed to Capt. Ramsey, for his attention. Ramsey then received a letter from a gentleman in New York through Mr. C. J. Thompson, secretary of state, inquiring about the purchase of land in North Carolina.

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## PITTSBURG'S 'GREAT FIRE'

### The Greatest Calamity Ever Known There.

### At Least Twenty-five Persons Killed

### And a Score Badly Injured and Missing.

### Two Million Dollars Worth of Property Destroyed.

### Women Almost Overcome by Flames—Belief That Ten Bodies Still Remain Buried in Ruins.

Pittsburg, Feb. 10.—The loss of life and destruction of property by the fire at Pittsburgh and Pike streets last night was the greatest in the history of Pittsburgh.

At least twenty-five people were killed and a score injured and property valued at one and a half million dollars destroyed. The work of taking out the killed and injured was begun as soon as the fire was well enough under control to give the firemen and police a chance to go to the sorrowful duty. At 11 o'clock this morning bereaved head bodies had been removed to the morgue, eighteen injured were in the hospital and three others were missing.

The police believe several more are under the debris and no one is willing to predict what the total death toll will be when the complete search of the ruins will unfold. Following the last explosion in a moment, it seemed, the flames leaped across the narrow space that separated the building from Pennsylvania avenue and wrapped themselves around the building occupied by G. Glockner as a saloon at No. 1243 west up next, and this was followed by J. C. Wilson's barber shop at 1241. No. 1231, a great four-story building, occupied by a grocery company, then caught from the rear and in less than five minutes the entire structure was in flames and was soon in ruins. By 3 o'clock the flames were under control, but at noon to-day a thick fog was throwing water on the smoldering ruins.

The explosion were caused by the bursting of the large tanks filled with ammonia used in the manufacture of ice. W. C. Burns, a prominent insurance man, places the total loss at close to \$2,000,000. Mr. Burns said that there is not an insurance company in Pittsburgh or Allegheny that does not hold policies on the property destroyed. The cause of the fire has not been discovered.

## SHOOK'S REMOVAL.

Congressman Pearson Says He Had No Hand in It.

Congressman Richmond Pearson has written a letter to the Asheville Register, in reply to a published item from J. Wiley Shook, which Mr. Pearson says: "Knowing that Mr. Shook was an avowed candidate for the republican nomination for congress I willingly gave my consent to his appointment to one of the best real-estate jobs in the local revenue service. I had the most firm faith in Mr. Shook's systematic character of his course and character, but I was not narrow enough or self-sufficient enough to oppose his recognition on the party. Besides, without my knowledge or interference, Mr. Shook was notified in November last, by the acting commissioner of Internal Revenue that his name would be discharged, unless he ceased writing offensive letters to the press, and unless he attended strictly to the duties of his office. I made no complaint of anything which Mr. Shook did or said, until he made the attack through democratic newspapers, on my course and the matter of the civil service. This attack, Mr. Shook unceremoniously admitted, and was abandoned in fact. "This avowal was abundantly sufficient, and I regret exceedingly that he should have felt called upon to lay bare his motives for the republican nomination. I feel that he has a perfect right to run for congress, and as has every other man in the district. The nomination is given by the grace of the republican party, and the office is given by the grace of a majority of the electors of the district. The people change and ought to change the membership of this office whenever they see fit."

## A NEW ROAD.

Sheriff Worley yesterday summoned a jury to lay off a road through the Henry property from the old Henry hotel, facing the west end of Smith's bridge, extending up and over the hill to the New Found road, which it will intersect near Loomis' mill. This new road will run nearly along the line of the road that formerly crossed the ridge and was used by the early settlers. The correct grade will not be worked on the road in a week or ten days. The road will serve a good purpose as it cuts off a long drive around the south end of the ridge.

## DANCE AT BATTERY PARK.

### A German Last Night by Mr. Given McKissick.

Manager McKissick, of the Battery Park, gave a delightful complimentary German to a party of towns-people and some of his guests last evening. The event was thoroughly enjoyed, as are all social functions in which the genial manager of the Battery Park is the host.

Dancing commenced at 9:30 and continued till midnight. Music was furnished by Cobb's orchestra.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed Rumbough, Mr. and Mrs. Bortus, Mrs. Robert Butler, Savannah, the Misses Malience, the Misses Brown, Miss Patton, Miss Mayesburg, St. Louis; Miss Johnson, Miss Gardner, Kentucky; Miss Pfaff, Boston; Miss Mason, Miss Butler, Savannah; Miss Abner, Dr. Charles S. Jordan, Dr. Charles L. Pearson, Mr. E. F. McKissick, Mr. Haywood Parker, Mr. T. E. Clayton, Mr. Herbert Child, Mr. Holmes Conrad, Waynesville; Mr. Roubil, Mr. E. G. Hunt, Mr. Phillip Cooke, Mr. E. L. Ray, Mr. R. S. Bosch, Mr. Chesboro, Mr. Arthur Roberts, Mr. James A. Gwyn, Mr. Lawrence McLeod, Mr. Eugene Sawyer, Mr. Lyman Deal, Mr. Edwin Davidson, Mr. S. T. Dorsett, Mr. Samuel Kennedy.

## THE VANCE MONUMENT.

Work was resumed yesterday laying the granite blocks on the Vance monument on the public square. The pedestal was nearly completed, the massive blocks forming the four faces, bearing the word "Vance" were placed, and if good weather and good fortune attend the work tomorrow will see it progressed to the point of beginning the erection of the shaft.

## SAW STRIKERS SHOT DOWN.

### DAMAGING EVIDENCE AGAINST SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES.

### In the Shooting at Lattimer They Fired Repeated Volleys at the Fleeing Men.

Wikesboro, Pa., Feb. 10.—Daniel J. Perry, an intelligent tea and coffee dealer, gave damaging evidence against the defense in the trial of Sheriff Martin and his deputies for the Lattimer shooting at today's hearing.

He was driving along the road, and seeing the deputies and strikers coming together, he drew his team to the side of the road, from which spot he witnessed the slaughter of the strikers. He saw the sheriff wrangle with two men and get pushed into a ditch. At the same instant he heard a shot and immediately after a volley. Several in the front rank of the strikers fell, and then the crowd began to run in all directions.

The deputies continued to shoot after the fleeing men. One man was shot three times by deputies, falling after each shot. He saw Deputy Raught shoot at a fleeing man repeatedly. The cross examination, searching as it was, only brought out more clearly the point that when the shooting began, the sheriff was in a ditch alongside the line of fire, and therefore in no danger of being shot. The story made a marked impression on the jury.

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## THAT QUEER ZOLA TRIAL

### Crowds About the Assize Court in Paris.

### Demonstrative Mob Before a Newspaper Office.

### Secret Document on Which Dreyfus Was Condemned.

### The Subject of Criticism by a Former Minister.

### Protest Against the Attitude of the Government in Refusing to Make it Public or Answer Questions Regarding the Dreyfus Matter.

Paris, Feb. 10.—The hopeless struggle to drag the truth to light, despite the resistance of all the authorities of justice, went on today in the assize court, but Zola and his associates had little to speak beyond furnishing fresh demonstration of the injustice of the present regime of the French republic, which is the real defendant in the present trial. Examiner General Goese pointedly refused to say if he had communicated to Dreyfus judges the secret document on which Dreyfus was condemned. Ex-Minister Theodor, when forbidden to answer a question regarding secret Dreyfus documents, cried:

"Why? Why not disclose it? Is there a single man who bears me, lawyer, juror or magistrate, who can admit for an instant a man can be condemned on a piece of evidence he knows not of? I protest in the name of liberty, of free defense, in the name of human dignity. What could be the danger of the disclosure or of fresh agitation. This troubled country will not rest until this thing is done, a thing so simple, which cannot touch the respect due the army or the interests of the national defense."

This availed nothing. At the close of the session the crowd was greater than ever. When Zola drove away the crowd marched across the Seine, increasing in numbers at every moment. At seven o'clock this evening a mob of three thousand persons invaded the grand boulevard and went to the office of the Aurore, the only newspaper which champions Zola, where they amused themselves by shouting, "Spit on Zola." Down with Traitors and "Death to Jews."

## A MISSIONARY TEA.

There was a charming missionary tea given yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. M. B. Hilliard, on South Main street, for the benefit of the Kading school for boys in China. Refreshments were served and a delightful musical program was rendered. Miss Bing and Mrs. Van Horn, acted as accompanists for vocal solos by Miss Graham, Miss Detweiler and Miss Sawyer, which were rendered in the excellent manner characteristic of the young ladies. A recitation by Miss Duosan was well received.

## NORTH CAROLINA GEMS.

The rare beauties of nature, so well represented in Western North Carolina, are becoming better known every day as people who are better educated in the formation and utility of minerals have from time to time shown their appreciation of these Gems by using them in all kinds of adornment.

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  - One lot of 169 gems at 75 cents each.
  - One lot of 40 gems at \$1.00 each.
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  - One lot of 5 gems at \$1.50 each.
  - One lot of 3 gems at \$2.00 each.
  - One lot of 5 gems at \$2.50 each—Sold.
  - One lot of 3 gems at \$4.00 each.
  - One gem for \$6.00.

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