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- 75c Zephyr Saques **48c**

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NO DISCLAIMER FROM SPAIN

The De Lome Incident is not Yet Closed.

Authoritative Statement of the Matter.

Expecting a Cable Report From General Woodford.

Nothing Will be Done Until That Arrives.

Government Does not Intend the Matter to End With Acceptance of Senor De Lome's Resignation

Washington, Feb. 11.—Surprise and disappointment is felt by the administration over the failure of the Spanish ministry to make amends for the reprehensible conduct of Senor De Lome. Not only has the ministry neglected to disavow responsibility for the sentiments expressed in the Canalejas letter, but it has made no attempt, so far as this government is aware, to show any regret that the embarrassing incident occurred.

Despite all statements to the contrary, incident will not be closed. Unless some other action than the acceptance of De Lome's resignation is taken at Madrid, this government will undoubtedly make known its displeasure in an emphatic way, perhaps by recalling General Woodford, our minister to Spain. The situation up to date, was explained this afternoon by an official of the state department, with authority to speak for the government. This is his statement in substance:

"As the matter stands, the incident is not closed. General Woodford has not been directed to request or demand a disavowal from the Spanish government. A cable message was received from his last night which said that the Spanish minister's resignation had been accepted before General Woodford presented the telegram of the state department. He said that the first secretary of the legation in Washington would be placed in charge of the legation and a new minister appointed at once. He also said a full report would follow. This is nearly the exact wording of the dispatch.

"We think Woodford's report will come by cable. Nothing will be done by this government until that report is received. Nothing has been done by this government beyond sending instructions to Woodford to represent to the Spanish government that the immediate recall of the Spanish minister here was deemed necessary.

"The acceptance of the minister's resignation precludes the department from sending him passports unless they are asked for. Until the report promised by Woodford has been received, the government will not decide definitely what course shall be pursued.

"This statement shows it rests with the Spanish ministry to determine whether the relations between Spain and the United States are to be further strained.

"A disavowal of De Lome's articles will close the incident, but this government does not intend to allow the matter to end with the acceptance of the minister's resignation. That he has no official status was the decision reached by the administration in considering whether he could be handed his passports and dismissed from the country after notice of the acceptance of his resignation had been given to the state department. Only foreigners of official position can be given official passports, guaranteeing them safe conduct from the country in which they have been representing their governments.

"It is with the broader question of the dignity of the president and the government of the United States that the administration has to deal, and it intends to deal with it in a very positive manner unless Spain shows a disposition to make amends for the action of its diplomatic representative.

Madrid, Feb. 11.—The impartial, referring to the resignation of Senor Deputy De Lome, says: "The government was wise to accept Senor De Lome's resignation. His indiscretion has only occasioned the government vexation.

"The Liberal takes the same view, and adds: "We do not wish to blame the vice conduct of persons capable of such a theft. Hebetudes contained in the official and private correspondence of Hannis Taylor were far graver."

London, Feb. 11.—A dispatch to the Standard from Glasgow says: The Span-

THE TRADE SITUATION

As Seen by the Bradstreet Agency.

Activity in the Iron and Steel Market.

And at Last an Advance in the Price of Raw Cotton.

Imparting a Cheerful Tone to Southern Business.

Quiet Improvement in the Distributive Trade—Slowness of the Spring Trade to Develop in Eastern Cities.

New York, Feb. 11.—Bradstreet tomorrow will say: "A number of favorable circumstances and events present themselves this week. The prospects of the most notable of these are the renewed activity and confidence in the iron and steel market accompanied by prompt and even rapid advances in several grades of crude pig iron and steel and an advance in price of raw cotton, long predicted, but unrealized until the present week.

"What might be remarked a minor feature in the business situation, though at the same time conveying much that is hopeful to the interests involved, is a quiet general improvement in the distribution trade and demand in the central west and in the south, where the spring trade is reported opening in good shape.

"The less favorable features of the week are the slowness of spring trade in dry goods to develop at New York and other eastern centres, except Boston, and the mild weather in the northwest, rendering it likely that retailers' stocks carried over will be larger than was earlier expected.

"Although the advance in cotton has been claimed to be too rapid, it has imparted a much more cheerful tone to southern business situations, and with the advance in iron and steel has done much to add to the confidence with which the trade outlook for 1898 is remarkable.

"Advances in prices have not been limited to iron and raw cotton. Corn and oats are higher, partly on speculation, as are also lard, pork, beef, sugar and lead.

"Men's wear goods are slightly higher. Firmness is a feature in the price of flour, corn, copper and prints, while some other makes of cotton goods are affected by the strike restricting production and are more firmly held in sympathy with foreign markets. Raw wool is quieter.

THE ALDERMEN

THE MACADAMIZING OF FRENCH BROAD AVENUE.

An Experiment to be Made of the Work—New Sidewalks—Light Towers to be Put in Order.

The aldermen met last night, and Mr. Jones, representing the auditorium committee, reported adversely on the prospective Nellis Park plan, because of the city's lack of funds.

Mr. Burnett stated that the firemen's gloves asked for last meeting, were needed. They were ordered purchased, as was the firemen's bedding recently accidentally burned.

Mayor Rankin reported that Mr. Girwood had examined the electric light towers, and that they would soon be put in good shape.

Upon motion, the Asheville Street railway company was requested to remove its superfluous switch at the old car shed on South Main street.

Mr. Locke Craig made complaint of the trolley poles, which, being in the sidewalk, obstruct the way from the graded school building to West Chestnut street. They will be removed upon order of the board.

License to conduct a restaurant on Walnut street was, upon request, transferred.

Charles A. Webb, in behalf of his neighbors, appealed for a sidewalk on Seney street from Merrimon avenue to East street. The matter was referred to the street committee.

A petition signed by most of the citizens on French Broad avenue offering to pay their tax for the following year, amounting to nearly \$1,500, in advance, if the city would accept the proposition offered by Mr. Collins, and appropriate the money to macadamizing their street, was presented. J. M. Gisher and Mr. Collins gave to the board numerous reasons why the work should be done. It was decided to experiment with twenty tons of crushed stone, beginning at Patton avenue. Should this prove a success, the work will be extended on to Depot street.

A brick sidewalk was ordered from Main to Market streets.

The matter of placing sewerage on West Chestnut street near Cumberland avenue, was referred to the sewer and water committees with power to act.

J. M. Lortick wanted to know who was to pay for theysters delivered by him outside the market house, which he claims were carried off by the trash wagon. He referred to the market house committee.

Mayor Rankin and several members of the board commended the handsome appearance of the new city clock, the work of the Asheville Printing Company and the Gazette's Mergenthaler machines. The hour for meeting of the aldermen was changed from 7 o'clock to 7:30 p. m.

The following bills were ordered paid: Dr. B. B. Glenn, \$2.50; Asheville Supply and Foundry Co., \$21.30; coupons, \$50.00; J. S. Mouseller, 50c; Asheville Hardware Co., \$2.10; Gazette Pub. Co., \$8.75; J. G. Duckett, \$10.00; H. E. Clevenger, \$10.00; Standard Oil and Gasoline Co., \$3.25; P. E. Hughes, \$8.00; Southern Railway, \$22.25; Dr. T. C. Smith, \$58.00; Belle Ramsey and W. C. Patton, \$3.69; Mrs. V. J. Ball, \$28.20; water pay roll, \$36.33; street pay roll, \$236.50; sanitary pay roll, \$79.65.

OFF FORTHE KLONDIKE

W. A. Boyce and W. L. Ketchum Will Leave on the 16th.

W. A. Boyce and W. L. Ketchum will leave on the 16th instant for the gold fields of Alaska.

Mr. Boyce came to Asheville fourteen years ago, and began business as a member of the firm of Rich and Boyce. Afterwards the firm was Ballard, Rich and Boyce, and he is now a member of the firm of Boyce and Rich.

In conversation with a Gazette reporter yesterday afternoon, Mr. Boyce said that he would leave his family in Asheville for the present. He will go direct from here to Seattle and take the first steamship possible for the Klondike regions.

Mr. Boyce stated that he had not covered his connection with his firm, and that during his absence his interest will be represented by J. L. Wagoner and J. L. Rich.

THE WRITING ESTERHAZY'S

A Sensational Incident in Zola's Trial.

Letters of the Count Mistaken for Dreyfus.

Colonel Picquart Tells of His Investigation.

First Touch on the Question of Dreyfus' Guilt.

The Secret Enquiry in the Esterhazy Case—Effect of the Evidence on Public Opinion.

Paris, Feb. 11.—If the testimony given by Col. Picquart in the assize court to-day can be believed, Zola's terrible charges against officers of the French army in his famous "l'Accuse" document, are completely justified. Picquart, whose discovery of the compromising telegram addressed to Count Esterhazy, first led him to suspect the latter's guilt, told a plain straightforward story to-day of the investigation into the Esterhazy case, which was made with the approval of the highest officials of the war department, until evidence was found connecting the suspected officer with the crime for which Dreyfus was condemned. He said:

"I submitted several of Esterhazy's letters, concealing their origin, to Bertillon and Major Paty de Clam. It is in the handwriting of Dreyfus," cried Bertillon, "but is later than 1894." He added, astonished: "The Jew must have striven to imitate the handwriting of Major Esterhazy." Gen. Gonze instructed me not to touch the Dreyfus affair, but to pursue the Esterhazy enquiry.

"But if Bordesquex was Esterhazy, then would it not prove that Dreyfus was innocent?" He was asked.

"Yes, but I failed to comprehend the real meaning of my contradictory instructions," he replied.

The witness declined to reveal the contents of the compromising telegram addressed to Esterhazy. It is impossible to estimate accurately the effect of the Picquart testimony on public opinion in France, but popular prejudice is too strong for any radical change of attitude. Every resource of officialdom will be used to controvert the important evidence given to-day.

Gen. Pellieux testified that Gen. Sauserier, former military governor of Paris, desired a public trial for Major Esterhazy, but Gen. Billot, minister of war, ordered the trial to be secret. Nevertheless, the witness added, the countermajor refused to keep the entire proceedings secret, therefore, it was impossible to contend that Major Esterhazy was acquitted by order of the authorities.

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of goods stands without a peer. No old stock, all '97 pack.

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About the Oranges

We Had Advertised.

Owing to the big demand we have just one box left and we fear that they will not last longer than noon today (Saturday). So if your order is not filled you will understand that you have put a GOOD THING off too long.

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PURE FOOD STORE

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Read J. H. Law's ad on second page.

ON PATTON AVENUE, NO. EIGHTEEN CORNER STORE FOR RENT. APPLY TO H. C. CHIDESTER. FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING.

WEEKLY CASH STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 5	\$ 2,704.75
Collected by J. A. Campbell, T. C.	1,277.43
M. E. Roberts, water	444.95
W. A. James, fines	28.25
W. H. Bell, sanitary	46.70
Geo. H. Swanson, scales	32.24
M. W. Robertson, sundries	43.35
Total	\$5,586.81

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid street department	\$ 158.23
Paid water department	296.53
Paid fire department	61.20
Paid sanitary department	245.20
Paid police department	594.57
Paid market department	102.94
Paid miscellaneous	149.83
Paid City hall department	267.05
Paid salaries	83.33
Paid street lighting	645.89
Cash on hand	60.00
Total	\$5,586.81

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QUARANTINE CONVENTION

A NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

Congress to be Asked to Provide for it—A Conference at Atlanta in April.

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 11.—At the third day quarantine convention today, Clarke's amended substitute passed. It provides that congress be requested to arrange for a department of public health as soon as practicable; to provide for an efficient maritime quarantine, uniform and impartial in its application to the different commercial ports of this country, to be enforced by state and municipal quarantine or health boards, leaving also to the states the power to prescribe and enforce additional reasonable safeguards of health of their communities, provided that such state action shall not unreasonably obstruct commerce. It asks that congress leave exclusively to the states the regulation of their internal commerce.

There will be a conference at Atlanta on the first Tuesday in April, of the South Atlantic and Gulf states, to formulate a code of quarantine regulations.

BIG FIRE IN NEW YORK

LOSS OF HALF A MILLION DOLLARS LAST EVENING.

Seven Stories of the Tall Vanderbilt Building in Nassau Street Burned.

New York, Feb. 11.—Shortly before 7 o'clock tonight, fire was discovered in the basement of the building known as the Nassau Chambers. The flames spread so rapidly within an hour, that five big buildings were ablaze, and it looked as if the entire block, bounded by Nassau, Beekman, William and Astor streets, would be destroyed. All the buildings are high ones.

A strong wind carried away big chunks of burning timber and strewn the flaming torches on neighboring roofs.

Nearly all the firemen stationed south of Fifty-Ninth street were sent scurrying down town.

Seven of the fourteen floors of the Vanderbilt building were gutted. Several smaller buildings were badly damaged. Half a dozen scrubwomen were rescued from burning buildings.

The loss is about half a million.

PIN MONEY

PICKLES

Are a novelty even to epicures. They are the most dainty and delicious pickle made. A fresh shipment just received at

SNIDER'S

6 Court Sq. Arch Front.

USE FOR CHICAMAUGA PARK.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The house committee on appropriations has a statement from the chairman of the Chickamauga Park commission as to the use of the park as a place of army refuge from yellow fever. It was to the effect that all of the garrisons now stationed on the south Atlantic and Gulf ports, or which are likely to be stationed there when all coast fortifications are completed, could be encamped in the park without damage and that all except the Garibonzo force, which would require twenty-four hours, could reach the park in a night's travel.

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.

We have decided to close out some of these gems and offer them at prices that should make them all sell in a very few days.

WE OFFER:

- One lot of 41 gems at 50 cents each.
- One lot of 40 gems at 60 cents each.
- One lot of 169 gems at 75 cents each.
- One lot of 40 gems at \$1.00 each.
- One lot of 23 gems at \$1.25 each—Sold.
- One lot of 5 gems at \$1.50 each.
- One lot of 3 gems at \$1.00 each.
- One lot of 5 gems at \$2.50 each—Sold.
- One lot of 3 gems at \$4.00 each.
- One gem for \$4.00.

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