

ficated. Moreover, Mr. Crane in his state-ment reflected severely upon the state department officials, charging that not only had they refrained from giving lifth the instructions usually issued to a minister or annassador about to leave for his post, but that he had been denied access to them even after he had made repeated appointments with them.

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them. He enters a sweeping denial of the charge that be "gave out" a news-mper story, which is said to be the dame of his deposition, and placed squarely upon the shoulders of Presi-dent Taft the responsibility for the verious utterances be has made regard-ing conditions in the far east which have aroused the ire of Secy. Knox and for final action upon his resignation. Secy. Knox absolutely declined to discuss the statement of Mr. Crone, regarding the incident as closed. Asst. Secy. Huntington Wilson, who is re-

Seey, Huntington Wilson, who is re-covering from a source surgical opera-tion, was, of course, wholly unac-quainted with the latest developments in the case, including Mr Crabe's ref-evences to his failures to keep appoint-points made with him.

CRANE'S STATEMENT.

and the origination as to your wishing before taking action. You will under-stand, of course, that my resignation is in your hands.

"CHARLES R. CRANE."

Mr. Crane's statement is in part as

follows: "The statement issued by the de-"The statement is such by the de-partment of state is slightly luncour-ate in saying that the screetary has informed me that my resignation will be accepted. The letter I received from Mr. Knox at moon today says he has recommended to the president that the president accept my resignation Before this letter had been received by me I already had sent to the presi-dent, through his secretary, Mr. Car-penter, the following telegram: ""Washington, D. C. Oct 12, 1905 "President William H. Tatt-The state department objects to certain

Monrovia, Cal, Oct. 12.-President Taft, when shown the Associated Press dispatch from Washington that Secy, of State Knox had requested the resignation of Minister Crane, positive-ity declined to discuss the subject in any way. He sold that he was not sufficiently in touch wills matters which had come up since he left the capital to say anything on the subject.

## JAPANESE COMMENT

## ON THE CRANE CASE

things I have done in the effort to oury out my understanding of your wishes as expressed by you to me. I have carefully considered the entire matter, in my judgment no mistake has been made except as the depart-ment has made it a mistake. However, I did not and cannot guarantee to make no mistakes, and especially un-less I have the cordial support and contertation of the government. "The manner in which the depart-ment has proceeded and is proceeding is inconsistent with my own self-re-spect and my conception of the dig-nity of the position and with the un-derstanding upon which i accepted. I appreciate the personal consideration I have received from you and under all the direumstances have decided to await information as to your which Tokio, Oct. 13.-Little surprise was expressed by officals fiero at the news that Secy. of State Knox had deter-mined to recall Charles R. Crane when he was on the eve of miling as min-ister to China. Leading newspapers print long special dispatches giving the vensons for Mr. Crane's recall, most of the papers taking the stand that the reported utherances of Mr. Crane were exagge-sted. xaggerated.

reported utterances of Mr. Crane were exaggerated. Statements that President Tait ap-proved of Mr. Crane's attitude, and that the recalled minister had repeated only what he first had heard from the president caused much comment here. Officials said that if Mr. Crane ac-tually had disclosed the attitude of the United States government his recall was incultable. However, they declin-ed to believe; they said, that Washing-ton had any intention of protesting the Chinese-Japanese agreement because, they asserted, there was absolutely no ground for such action. Leading Japanese seen by the Asso-ciated Press correspondent expressed gratification at the action of Secy. Know as it indicated a determination to discountenance prejudiced speeches and an unfriendly attitude on the part

tempt proceedings against Mr. Gom-pers and other federation officials. The decision, however, failed to materialize.

DECLARATION OF INDEPEN-DENCE.

Mr. Gompers's "declaration of inde-pendence" followed a narrative of his visit abroad, during which he expressed his confidence in the formation of a world-wide confederation of all labor organizations.

organizations. Referring to the jail sentence rest-ing against him on a charge of con-tempt of court for refering to the Bucks Stove & Range company after being warned against action by the United States supreme court of the District of Columbia, Mr. Gompers de-clared Justice Wright had decided the contempt case against him because he was prejudiced against men that work. "There is no man to whom I will bend the knee, there is no man to whom I will look up to unless he possesses the attributes of honesty and fair deal-ing," he said.

I will look up to unless he possesses the attributes of honesty and fair deal-ing," he said. Expressing his respect for courts in general, Mr. Gompers said: "I have confidence in their integrity no matter what their dealston may be. But I know that their dealston may be. But I know that their ars men, human heings who are just as likely to err as any other man on earth." Mr. Gompers denied the right of any court to enjois him in advance from expressing his views although after he had spoken he realized that he might be tried for what he had said if the court of appeals should decide against him he declared the fight for free speech must go on until that right was achieved. "We cannot stop if we want," he

Was achieved. "We cannot stop if we want," he said, "and we do not want to mop. We have gone too far in the march of human progress to be driven back into

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