

## CRANE EPISODE GETS INTERESTING

Chief Topic in Official Washington Which Has Become Excited Over It.

## WHAT WILL BE TAFT'S STAND?

Knox Said to Have His Approval—Incident Has Incidentally Given Japan Notice.

Washington, Oct. 13.—What will President Taft do with the resignation of Charles R. Crane as minister of the United States to China?

In one form or another this question was on the lips of all official Washington this morning. It is a long time since a diplomatic episode has excited the national capital more than this one.

Mr. Crane's stinging reply last night to the statement in which Secy. of State Knox yesterday afternoon announced that he had informed the minister designate that his resignation would be accepted, including, as the reply did, Mr. Crane's lucid telegram of virtual resignation to the president was read and reread with the keenest zest.

Little doubt was expressed that the resignation of Mr. Crane would be accepted by the president. It was accepted without qualification by those in the confidence of the secretary of state that Mr. Knox was perfectly assured of the approval of the president; that he was not the kind of man to take so drastic a step without knowing in advance that it would be supported in it.

## HIS USEFULNESS GONE.

Even the friends of Mr. Crane—and several very astute friends have stood beside him in this crisis—while highly indignant at the treatment with which he has been met at the hands of Mr. Knox, admit that the two ministers who left for San Francisco at the peremptory summons of the secretary had, regardless of the merits of the case, utterly destroyed any possible usefulness on his part at Peking and that he could not be of service to anyone else.

When it was known that her father had been sentenced to death, his daughter made a personal appeal to King Alfonso, calling upon him in the name of his known generosity and chivalry to stay his father's life.

When these facts were related by Mr. Ferret, Ferret broke down. It was but a passing emotion and presently the undamned revolutionist was again himself.

Ferret declined to receive the last sacraments and turned away from the two priests who had been sent to the prison authorities to give him the final communion of the church.

When the hour of his execution arrived he walked bravely through the prison yard to the ditch in the shadow of the encircling wall, a halberd in each hand, the 12 infantrymen who at the word of command fired simultaneously. When the report of the volley had died away Ferret lay dead upon the ground.

Therefore the press dispatches received fair night from the newspaper correspondents traveling with President Taft's special delegation regarding Mr. Crane must come from the department "where the entire matter has been handled" were interpreted here this morning as indicating not only that the president had no intention of intervening but also that he intended the secretary to bear all of the responsibility for that action.

One of the possible indirect results of the whole incident was discussed with much interest in some diplomatic quarters here yesterday and that is that the unilateral notice that Japan has indefinitely received, even in the words of Mr. Knox's statement of yesterday, that this government looks with disapproval on her gains in Manchuria, which have been made in connection with the Crane affair. According to this view Mr. Crane intentionally or unintentionally, has been made the pawn in the gambit of diplomacy.

**NOTICE TO JAPAN.**

A man who has studied international politics for many years but who could not be quoted by name, described it in this way:

"It is not necessary that Japan should be advised of the intention of this government to proceed to meet the interests of American trade in Manchuria, yet in such a way as to avoid placing the state department in a position from which it would be asked to retreat in the event of the odds being turned to great disadvantage."

The recent disclosure of the truth of which, as Mr. Crane in his statement of facts set out, the Department of state fails to deny, may have served this purpose well and the fact that the departure of Ferret called upon to punish Mr. Crane was as notice to the Japanese government of its serious objections to the new treaties."

## INENTION IN CLOSED.

Washington, Oct. 13.—The simple statement that the "Crane incident is closed" was the only response made today at the White House and the state department to the inquiry as to whether President Taft had accepted the resignation of Charles R. Crane, minister designate to China. It was stated that nothing had been heard from the president, and that Secy. Knox had left Washington for his Valley Forge home without having received word from his chief.

## NO WILL OF LATE CLYDE FITCH FOUND.

New York, Oct. 13.—A careful search has failed to reveal any will left by Clyde Fitch, playwright, who died recently in France and under the law, William G. Fitch of Hartford, Conn., at his suit, will go to his father's will.

Mr. Fitch, son of the late author, will help to settle the estate, and his wife, Mrs. Fitch, will act as executrix.

His death has been made public.

Many of his friends believe that he left his estate and securities in excess of a million dollars while others declare that although his income from his plays had been enormous, he gave large sums for the benefit of others.

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Haskell, the deputy who yesterday addressed a mass meeting of protest, had an interview in a morning paper in which he predicted that if Ferret was shot a conflagration would be started which would not be extinguished until "Spanish political life has been purged of the clerical influences which are paralyzing the progress of the nation and shocking the conscience of Europe."

Ferret's daughter, who has been grown on her own resources, and since her father's arrest has been working in a biscuit factory, is today prostrated by the news of his death.

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**POSTMASTER APPOINTED.**

Miss Maria Purmee has been appointed postmaster at Winter Quarters, Carbon county, Utah, vice James Adams resigned.

**BUYS RESIDENCE PROPERTY.**

By the purchase this morning of four building lots in Sunnyside addition on the southeast bench by R. A. Conner, a prominent manufacturer of glass, the present strike was taken off the election of a modern suburban home.

A. K. Kunkel, also of Cheyenne, bought lots in the addition which he will hold as an investment.

## FERRER FELL DEAD AT FIRST VOLLEY

Declined to Receive Last Sacraments and Turned from Priests Sent to Offer Consolation.

## DIED LIKE A HERO AND MARTYR

Faced Firing Squad Without Flinching —M. Jaures Predicts His Death Will Start Conflagration.

Barcelona, Oct. 13.—Prof. Francisco Ferrer, the Spanish educator and convicted revolutionist, was shot today.

The execution was at the fortress of Montjuich, where the prisoner had been confined since his condemnation by court-martial.

The doomed man faced the firing squad without flinching and fell dead at the first volley.

Ferrer, except for a momentary expression of emotion immediately preceding his death, retained his composure to the last. His attorney, M. Galceran, who had defended the prisoner so strenuously as to bring about his arrest for improperly addressing the court-martial, the doomed man faced the firing squad without flinching and fell dead at the first volley.

The American league champions are planning to pitch George Bush, the hero of yesterday's game, again in Thursday's game in Detroit.

According to Chairman Herrmann of the National commission, the seventh game, if it is necessary, will be played in this city, because of the superior accommodations that the Indians crowd.

The national commission announced that it had fined Miller of Pittsburgh \$50 for his conduct in yesterday's game and a penalty of \$25 was inflicted on Donovan of Detroit for his actions, which caused Umpire Klein to send him out of the field.

The finding of Manager Clarke, Gilmore, and Summers in favor of the action of Monday's game makes six times which have been inflicted during the last two games.

Tony Cobb, the star right fielder of the Detroit team, did not accompany his team-mates on the national commission's special last night because of his desire to attend a game of the American League.

Pittsburgh—Gibson beat out to Abstein, who had faced him in the previous game.

Pittsburgh—Bush struck out to Wilson, who had faced him in the previous game.

Pittsburgh—Byrne singled past Bush, Leach went out a hit along first base.

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