

THE MESSAGE DISCUSSED

Senators and Congressmen and Newspapers Give Their Opinion of the Document.

For the Most Part It Is Well Received by the Different Critics.

Party Lines Not Drawn in the Matter—The Honor of the Flag Must Be Upheld at Any Cost.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—A large number of congressmen and senators were interviewed by Associated press representatives. The results are given below: Senator Callahan thought the message a strong, effective and clear presentation of facts. "If those fellows don't back out," said he, "we will clean them out."

Senator Jones (Ark.) thought the message temperate, cool, dignified and worthy of all consideration. Senator Stewart (Nev.) thought the message a strong presentation of the case, and although every American citizen must deplore war it seems impossible to avoid it unless Chili gives satisfaction.

Senator Gibson (Md.) said he would stand by the president in the matter.

Senator Platt (N. Y.) thought the sentiment of the whole country ought to sustain the president in adhering to his ultimatum and give him power to enforce it.

A number of senators and representatives declined to speak until they had thoroughly considered the message and accompanying document. Particularly was this true of most of the members of the foreign affairs committees of both houses. But Representative McCreary, of the house foreign affairs committee, said while he hoped there would be no war, yet he was satisfied the house of representatives would be ready to take such action as will maintain our self-respect and uphold the honor of our flag.

Rayner (Md.), also a member of the committee on foreign affairs, said: "The situation is far more serious than has been anticipated. The United States certainly cannot let the matter rest."

Hitt (Ill.), leader of the republican minority of the foreign affairs committee, expressed great satisfaction with the message, and said the house should express its concurrence with the president by resolution, or if other action is necessary, measures to supplement the military or naval force should be taken. He calls attention to the conservative policy shown, and to the lateness of the request for Egan's recall as showing the spirit of delay which Chili manifested.

O'Donnell (Mich.), member of the committee, said the message was very patriotic, worthy of the executive, and will meet the approval of the American people.

Hartner (Pa.), another member of the committee, said if the country can receive reparation and satisfaction without the awful consequences of war he would avoid it, but not at the sacrifice of the flag and the rights of our citizens.

McMillin (Tenn.) said the whole message is in a belligerent tone. He thought we should be able to settle the matter without war.

Simpton (Kan.) thought it ridiculous and a disgrace for this country to go to war on the pretext given in evidence. The message sounded like a special plea to get the Irish vote, and he thought the president was desirous of getting up a row to secure a re-nomination if he couldn't get it by other means. The proper course to pursue was to appoint a commission to investigate the whole subject.

Springer (Ill.) said: "The message seems to be entirely ex parte in its statements and does not disclose the case presented by the Chilean government. I presume the case of Chili will appear in the correspondence and after all the facts are known the probabilities are the case will be presented in a different light. In any event the facts are disputed, and while they are in dispute we would not be justified in going to war without further investigation. It is a necessity for haste, say I am satisfied that when this investigation shall have been made and it is found the Chilean government is to blame, that government will make ample apology and reparation. If the facts can be agreed upon, a case for arbitration will be presented and the intervention of foreign powers should be avoided. There should be no resort to war until all efforts have been exhausted to secure a peaceful solution."

Brookbridge (Ky.) thought the message an able document, an excellent presentation by an admirable lawyer of a case he is prosecuting against an adversary. He hardly thought it a statement of the case to a great people about a question of war with a very small country in the throes of civil war, especially when the cause of offense grows out of the belief that our minister and navy have acted against them. He didn't think we ought to have war, but his opinion was provisional.

Oates (Ala.) was for war. He thought the message well timed and conservative in tone. If the demands are not complied with and suitable reparation made, he thinks it right to break diplomatic relations and not only that, but the government ought to send a competent force there to compel them to respect our flag. "In uttering this," said Oates, "in my judgment, I am uttering the sentiments of the old southern rebels. The old southern soldiers respect this flag as our flag, and if insults are offered are prepared to fight like devils for the maintenance of the honor of the country. If Chili does not apologize, we ought to send enough men and vessels down there to whip her out of them. Capt. Schley of the Baltimore exercised great forbearance. If it had been his own I would have torn the Chilean town to pieces."

Representative Warner (N. Y.) said the message seems to indicate fully as much of an exigency on the part of the administration which has got us into this difficulty to have its mistakes vindicated, as it is to maintain the dignity of our country and the rights of our citizens. The assertion by the president of the right of asylum, as practiced by Egan, is repugnant to the relations between civilized people. The assertion by the president in the opening of his message indicates that the administration sees no better way out of the mess in which it has permitted itself to be involved than by distracting attention and hiding behind the poor sailors of the Baltimore. "In other words, so far as the two nations are concerned, on the president's own ground, the United States seems the wrong aggressor. We have yet no reason to believe that when we shall have attempted to be just toward Chili the rights of our citizens shall not be respected and proper reparation made."

Chairman Holman, of the appropriations committee, said the message is a strong one and the house will stand by the president if the correspondence warrants the statement that the United States has no withholding in any sense of appropriations in case they shall be necessary.

Boatner (La.) favored the declaration of war immediately. He thinks the action of Chili warrants it.

Wilson (Va.) thinks the message a very adroit, but somewhat passionate statement of our case, and fears there are expressions in it that will make a peaceful solution of the difficulty harder to secure.

Hempill (S. C.) thinks Chili will either have to back down or be whipped.

Chairman Herbert, of the naval affairs committee: "I am a democrat, but an American first. I have no doubt congress will sustain the president."

Sonator Mitchell: "The people are behind that message."

Sonator Shoup: "The message is sound, patriotic, and will receive popular support. The American people will stand no more nonsense from any power, big or little."

Sonator Faulkner (W. Va.): "The mes-

sage is a lawyer's analysis of a great mass of correspondence, an analysis inspired by the very highest patriotism, an analysis that breathes determination to uphold the honor and dignity of the United States all the world over." O'Neill (Mass.), democratic member of the house committees on appropriations, considered the message a deliberate insult to the American people, and said if the Chileans did not show they would favor leaving them into the Pacific, he would favor leaving them into the Pacific. Gen. Joe Wheeler (Ala.) approved the message and said he would sustain the president. Representative Hopkins (Ill.) said Chili must apologize and make reparation or congress will declare war. Hatch (Mo.) said the president had set forth the situation with great force and dignity. Senator Palmer (Irk.) said: "The president has drawn harder lines upon the Chilean government than the occasion warrants. He has made it exceedingly difficult on the part of that government to accede to the just demands of our government. The relations of America to other republics on this continent should be that of a moral protector. Our power and condition demand the greatest possible forbearance. The policy should have been earlier to have sent to Chili some American who would have been recognized by them as a true exponent of American interests, with authority to settle the difficulty on the face of the demands, however, war will result from the present condition of things unless the president is determined it shall result, because war on the part of the United States against Chili would be an unjustifiable. I don't think the president's message forecloses the chances of adjustment, but I think he has made it more difficult."

PRESS COMMENTS

What the Leading Papers of This Country Have to Say of the Situation.

New York, Jan. 25.—The World will say to-morrow: "Our government is strong; Chili is weak. Magnanimity, forbearance and great patience will be becoming in us, and will cost us nothing in the respect of enlightened mankind."

Herald: "Had Harrison shown more patience and calmness, more statesmanship and patriotism, more desire for peace, the controversy might have been brought to an early settlement, satisfactory and honorable to both nations. What Chili will do in the face of the demands with which she may feel it humiliating to comply remains to be seen. Arbitration yet remains. We think Harrison has made a grave mistake. We trust it may be remedied."

Evening Post: "It has been continually great out from Washington and alleged as a grievance against Chili that no expression of regret for the Baltimore affair has appeared in the official Chilean correspondence. The publication of that correspondence shows how false that assertion has been from the beginning."

San Francisco. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—The Chronicle to-morrow will say: "If Chili will accede to our just demands as contained in the ultimatum, well and good, but if she refuses diplomatic intercourse is to be at once suspended and war must inevitably follow, although we may and shall regret it is a necessity. The option is now with Chili. We have been so patient as to almost become an object of contempt to the great powers of Europe; we have permitted ourselves to be browbeaten and insulted by a nation of pygmies; we have seen our sailors murdered in cold blood and no reparation tendered; we have heard our people grossly maligned and reviled. Now the end has come, and Chili must make reparation and withdraw the insulting letter. If not, the next thing is a declaration of war. The Examiner, in a long editorial headed "There Will Be No War" violently attacks Harrison's management of the Chilean controversy. It says nothing has occurred since the riot in Valparaiso that will do so much to quiet popular feeling as President Harrison's message. The Examiner says the people would be insane to go to war on such a showing. It says that the message disposes of Harrison. He proves himself a little man, not only incapable of dealing largely with questions so grave as a nation's peace, but also incapable of fairness and truth telling when truth will benefit a nation with which the United States is in controversy. Harrison lies deliberately concealed from the people of the United States that the chief reason for exasperation against Chili, that her government has expressed no regret for the Valparaiso riot, is groundless. The Examiner quotes the communications of Minister Monto of Dec. 23 and Jan. 8, in which Chili deplores the riot, and also quotes Harrison's statement that these expressions are inadequate, and continues: "Whatever differences of opinion there may be as to the adequacy of Chili's expressions of regret, there can be but one opinion of the conduct of the president of the United States in suppressing them."

The Post says: "If Chili recognizes her mistake and offers to do the right thing there will be no war, but if she persists in her present unjust, arrogant and defiant attitude we must declare war and bring her to her senses if it takes half a million American soldiers to do it."

The War Spirit in Oregon.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 25.—The Oregonian will say editorially: "If we do not deal promptly with Chili on this provocation, any nation, great or small, may administer kicks to our seat of honor. We should simply stick to the text—thus if Chili shall still refuse proper reparation congress ought to declare war."

Tracy Thinks It Will Take 30 Days.

BROOKINGS, Jan. 25.—The Eagle, one of Secretary Tracy's own papers, prints a Washington special purporting to give the following interview with Tracy: "The message can only be accepted one way. Chili insulted and maligned this government as it has never been insulted and maligned before. The president places the situation thus: Shall we acknowledge ourselves to be a nation of power, permitting national dignity to be assailed, or shall we act the part of men and resent such conduct. I believe the common sense of the American people and their love of country will assert itself. The president will be upheld and Chili forced to either apologize and make proper reparation, or take the consequences, which means that in thirty days we will be able to whip the entire Chilean navy. We will pounce on her from quarters where she least expects it. It will be a naval fight from beginning to end. If either the Porton or the Monterey were ready for sea we could destroy Chili's whole fleet with either one. Work on all the ships sailing round rapidly. Very many members of congress do not seem exact to understand the condition of affairs, but in case of immediate hostilities, as I said before, we can whip the Chilean navy with the ships we now have. They have some big boats, but they only run slowly and cruisers can run all around them. The Esmeralda is the only one of their boats we have any reason to fear and I believe the Baltimore can whip it in a straight fight."

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Look Out for the Arcade Reopening.

Mr. John R. Biles, who is well and favorably known by the patrons of the Arcade saloon on upper Main street, will reopen that popular resort this afternoon, with as fine a stock of liquors as can be found in Montana. Mr. Biles extends a hearty welcome to all his friends and a hostess to visit him at his place of business.

PERSONAL

Thos. Dean, of Townsend, is in the city. J. M. Sligh, of Granite, is visiting the capital. A. C. Fyhis, of Dillon, is a visitor in Helena. J. O. Powell, of Livingston, is visiting Helena.

S. H. Douglas, of Great Falls, is a visitor in Helena. Attorney General Hankell has returned from Glendive. J. L. Greenough, of Missoula, is at the New Merchants. Chas. A. Bond, of Crookston, Iowa, is visiting Helena.

Court Sheriff of Canyon Ferry, is at the Grand Central. Judge J. W. Eddy is still confined to his home by a gripe. L. E. Walker and W. J. Shotwell, of Salt Lake, are at The Helens. D. J. Miller went to Milwaukee yesterday over the Great Northern.

J. Wilson went to Cedar Rapids, Ia., over the Union Pacific yesterday. George W. Sylvester went to Norfolk, Neb., yesterday via the Northern Pacific. C. O. Hanna was among the east-bound passengers on the Northern Pacific yesterday.

Among the departures over the Union Pacific yesterday was J. Kline, for Lemars, Iowa. Hugh McQuaid started for England yesterday. He will be absent for several months.

Mr. C. H. Savage and son are in the city visiting the former's sister, Mrs. Frank Zeigler. F. R. Wallace and family leave for a visit to California to-day. They go via the Union Pacific.

Thos. McKeever, who is largely interested in Cooke district mines, was a visitor in Helena yesterday. State Senator O. F. Goddard, of Yellowstone county, came in from Billings yesterday to attend to some city business.

E. Platts and D. Otter for St. Paul, J. Peterson and W. Miller for Seattle, were among the departures over the Union Pacific yesterday.

J. J. Cunningham, who conducts a wholesale boot and shoe agency in Helena, has just returned from his annual visit to eastern cities. He reports having done a large business the past year and says our growth and prosperity is a wonder to the eastern world.

Arrivals at The Helens.

C. E. Pfaff, San Francisco. D. W. McCoy, Kirksville, Mo. J. Woods, Missoula. J. M. Sligh, Granite. J. J. Wood, Kalispell. H. S. Kaykondall, St. Paul. A. Lipman, Cincinnati. G. R. Robinson, Marysville. J. T. Jackson, Billings. H. Berg, Townsend. W. C. Mahan, and wife, Marysville.

Arrivals at The Grand Central.

G. H. Caron, city. Court Sheriff, Canyon Ferry. John S. Bristol, Whites. Frank Trand, Empire. H. H. Potting, and wife, Marysville. W. L. Foster, Tacoma. M. C. Foreman, Empire. D. C. B. Miller, city. Mrs. Welsh and child. White Sulphur Springs. O. Brodock, Trout Creek. C. B. Doggett, Townsend. Francis Bowers, Canton. D. P. Bathrick, Butte. H. Berg, Townsend. W. C. Mahan, and wife, Marysville.

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Montana Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F.

Meets every Tuesday. A regular meeting of Montana Lodge No. 1 will be held at Odd Fellows Temple, Jackson street entrance, this evening. Visiting members are cordially welcomed. H. F. WARNER, N. G. EARL KLECK, Secretary.

Ivy Lodge No. 21, K. of P.

Meets every Tuesday. A regular meeting of the above lodge will be held this (Tuesday) evening, at 7:30 o'clock, at the hall, A. O. U. W. hall, Park block. Members of sister lodges are cordially invited to attend. F. G. WARDEN, C. C. W. H. C. RIDDLE, K. of R. and S.

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