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Secretary Gresham Makes Grave Accusations.

DECLARED PERSONA NON GRATA.

Correspondence Said to Have Been Sent to President Dole—Our Minister's Apology—Gresham Severely Censured—Now On the Way Home.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Secretary of State Gresham has requested President Dole of Hawaii to recall Minister Thurston on the ground that he has become persona non grata. This request was forwarded to Honolulu about ten days before the adjournment of Congress. The grounds on which it was based were that Thurston had violated diplomatic etiquette by giving out news to certain newspapers and the press associations calculated to intensify and increase the feeling



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in this country favorable to the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands, and had, moreover, made a speech at a banquet of the Board of Trade last winter in which he advocated annexation. These were, in the eyes of Gresham and Cleveland, heinous offenses, and there is much agitation in diplomatic and political circles. Grave, diplomatic and acute politicians are fluttering about like doves when the hawk is hovering over their heads. It is recalled that Cleveland, during his first administration, and when he was a candidate for re-election, requested the recall of Sackville West, British minister, for writing a letter to a supposed naturalized Englishman at Los Angeles advising him to vote the Democratic ticket, of which Cleveland was the head. In Cleveland's time Catezsky, Russian minister, was recalled by request for mixing himself up in doubtful public and private transactions. So there are precedents for this sort of thing, and precedents are the breath of life to the diplomatic soul.

THURSTON'S STRANGE ADMISSION.
Gossips were conjuring with a rumor late this afternoon that the Spanish minister's recall will be demanded. His offense is alleged to be similar to Thurston's, in that he gave an interview to the newspapers a few days ago criticizing Secretary Gresham.

A New York newspaper of February 13th contained a Washington dispatch stating that Minister Thurston has received official advice of the sentences passed upon alleged conspirators in the late insurrection, and names and other important data were given. Two days later Secretary Gresham sent for Minister Thurston. He took Thurston into his private room and in a white rage accused him of giving official information to the American newspapers before communicating it to the Department. Secretary Gresham says the Hawaiian minister admitted that his act had been undiplomatic. The entry of the occurrence on the State Department records states this fact, and it is important, as the records will form the official history of the occurrence. Minister Thurston today declined to say whether he had admitted that it was undiplomatic. It was a remarkable admission for him to make, if he did, under the spell of Secretary Gresham's sweatbox. Old diplomats say that such an admission from a diplomat would forever disqualify him for future service in his chosen field and cover him with everlasting disgrace. The records of the State Department show that the Hawaiian Minister admitted that he had been guilty of an undiplomatic act, but declined to comply with Secretary Gresham's request to put the fact in writing.

CENSURE THE SECRETARY.
Secretary Gresham is being as roundly censured here for his action in Thurston's case as he was praised for his recent vigorous dispatch to Spain. Above all he is censured for

his secret method of doing it. It is an open secret that Gresham has hated Thurston ever since that gentleman got ahead of him in the diplomatic game between them when the Administration was bending all its energies towards carrying out its policy, which had for its object the restoration of the ex-queen. Gresham has never forgotten nor forgiven Thurston for outwitting him then and has nursed his desire for revenge until he could find safe opportunity to wreak it. There never was any trouble about a pretext on which to base the request for Thurston's recall, but it was not safe to make it and have it become public when Congress was in session. So Gresham waited until within a few days of the expiration of Congress and then launched his bolt. He sent his request secretly to President Dole, secure in the knowledge that no news could return here until the Fifty-third Congress had expired.

No answer has yet been received from President Dole. It is expected to arrive by the next steamer, though it may be delayed until later. It is likely that while Dole will deny the sufficiency of Gresham's reasons, he will recall Thurston and send a new Minister. This will, it is thought, be Mr. Hatch, the new Premier of Dole's Government, and Thurston will succeed Hatch.

THURSTON SAYS NOTHING.

The Examiner correspondent called on Minister Thurston at the Hawaiian Legation tonight. He courteously, but positively refused to say anything on the subject. From his manner and from the fact that he would not deny it, it was judged he knew all about Gresham's action. From a source near the Minister it was learned that there had always been friction between Thurston and Gresham. So acute has this feeling become that Thurston for several weeks, in fact anterior to Gresham's letter to Dole, has not gone about the State Department, the business of the legation being transacted by Mr. Hastings, Secretary of Legation. There is no doubt of Thurston's knowledge of Gresham's letter, and that, in fact, he knew of it within a day or two at most of its sending.

A diplomat said to the Examiner correspondent that it is understood in these days when a foreign representative is declared persona non grata by the Government to which he is accredited, that this does not mean simply that he is unpleasant or disagreeable to the head of the Government, but to the people who really compose the Government. Formerly the wishes or whim of the king controlled in these matters, but now when the people are sovereign, they are the ones to be considered. Thus, he argued that Thurston might be persona non grata to Gresham or President Cleveland, and yet be persona grata to the people of the United States.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—An intimate friend of Minister Thurston, now in Washington, says that Thurston has no official information as to the request for his recall, while at the same time he has no doubt that such a suggestion will be made to the Hawaiian Government. It is likely, however, that Thurston will continue to look after Hawaiian interests in an unofficial manner. Thurston's friends say that as a matter of fact that he never has been treated at the State Department as other ministers have been treated. It is intimated that Frank Hatch may be selected to succeed Thurston.

Minister Thurston has been very popular in Washington ever since he arrived here, a little more than two years ago, as one of the commissioners to negotiate a treaty of annexation between the United States and Hawaii. His popularity with the Harrison Administration, which at that time was upholding the cause of the



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Hawaiian Republic, seemed, however, to have rendered Mr. Thurston distasteful to the Cleveland Administration, and especially to the Secretary of State. Nothing that he did was satisfactory, and he was snubbed and ignored on all possible occasions. This ill feeling was carried to the extent of denying him certain social courtesies due his position, but the Minister never complained, but found comfort in the reflection that nine tenths of the American people were friendly to him and his Government, and bitterly opposed to and ashamed of the perfidious policy and actions of the Secretary of State.

It is recalled now that Thurston has not been at the Department in person recently, although Mr. Hastings, his secretary, has been a frequent visitor, though on no diplomatic errands so far as can be ascertained. One of the most notable cases of the

recall of a foreign Minister demanded by the United States Government was that of Mr. Catezsky, Russian Minister at Washington during President Grant's first administration. The circumstances in this case are fully set forth in Wharton's Digest. In the correspondence that passed between Secretary Fish and American Minister Curtis it is held that "an official or authorized statement that a Minister has made himself unacceptable or even that he has ceased to be persona grata to the United States, to which he is accredited, is sufficient to invoke the deference of a friendly power and the observance of the courtesy and practice regulating the diplomatic intercourse of the powers of Christendom for the recall of the objectionable Minister."

Secretary Gresham has not directly or otherwise let it be known to Mr. Thurston that he is persona non grata, and that the appointment of his successor is desired.

The Herald's Washington correspondent telegraphed the following: Not only will Minister Thurston sever his official relations with the Administration, but he may be compelled to leave the United States. I am reliably informed that Secretary Gresham has been seriously considering the advisability of demanding Mr. Thurston's deportation should he try to remain here after his official relations are closed, and persist in his antagonism to the Administration.

Mr. Thurston is, and has been for a long time, personally as well as officially obnoxious to the Administration authorities. It was scarcely believed, however, when the rumor was first circulated that in addition to demanding his recall, Secretary Gresham would insist upon his leaving this country, but there are good reasons for believing now that Mr. Gresham contemplates such a course.

I am told that the State Department officials have been looking into the question of the right of the United States to direct the deportation of an obnoxious alien, and they have come to the conclusion that there is no legal obstacle in the way. The expressed intention of Minister Thurston to remain in the United States after he had served his diplomatic relations for the purpose of furthering the annexation cause is thought to be the particular reason which caused the Secretary of State at this time to consider the propriety of ordering him to leave the United States.

New York, March 19.—The Herald's Washington correspondent says: The official demand for Minister Thurston's recall was made to the Dole Government through Minister Willis. It was telegraphed to the State Department's agent in San Francisco and forwarded by steamer on February 21st. The instructions to Minister Willis are extremely positive in tone. They direct him to inform the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Hawaii that Mr. Thurston has given copies of official correspondence to the press before they were furnished to the State Department.

Minister Thurston gave an excuse for his action that all matter concerning Hawaiian affairs was interesting to the citizens of the United States. On Secretary Gresham's representations that it was irregular and undiplomatic for a foreign representative to communicate official information to the press before giving such information to the Department, the Minister acknowledged that his proceeding was not diplomatic and he verbally apologized. This was not sufficient for Secretary Gresham. He requested Mr. Thurston to make an apology in writing. Mr. Thurston refused.

Secretary Gresham then formulated and sent instructions to Minister Willis. At the same time the Secretary told Mr. Thurston that in future relations with the Department he desired that all communications should be put in writing. It can be authoritatively stated that this is almost the text of the instructions sent by Secretary Gresham to Minister Willis, notwithstanding the refusal of either the Secretary or Minister Thurston to discuss the subject tonight.

Healani Boat Club.
It was decided at last night's meeting of the Healani Boat Club to give a reception on the completion of their new building. A committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the event, which will likely take place during the latter part of the month. Five new members were elected last night and a considerable amount of routine business transacted.

Teachers' Meeting.
At the regular monthly meeting of the Honolulu Teachers' Association, held in the Y. M. C. A. hall last night, addresses were delivered by Rev. J. M. Chase and the Rev. Kenneth Duncan. Musical selections on hand bells, were given by scholars from Kaulawela school, followed by a violin solo by W. Love. A fuller account of the meeting will appear later.

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