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HAS CHILE APOLOGIZED?

A Report From Santiago that She Has Withdrawn the Matta Note,

WILL LET EGAN REMAIN

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SANTIAGO, Chile., Jan. 26.—The Chilean government has sent a reply to the ultimatum of the United States. The reply is, in effect, as follows: Chile agrees to withdraw the offensive note sent by Senor Matta to all the Chilean ministers abroad and acknowledges that its issuance was due to an error of judgment. Chile also withdraws its request for the withdrawal of United States Minister Egan. In addition the Chilean government in its answer proposes that the affair of the attack on the Baltimore sailors in Valparaiso be submitted to the arbitration of some neutral nation. If this proposition is not acceptable to the United States government, the Chilean government suggests that the matter be submitted to the decision of the supreme court of the United States.

Favorably Received at Washington. WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The telegram from Santiago saying that Chile had decided to apologize was read with much satisfaction by all classes of people here. While nearly every one sustains President Harrison in his vigorous attitude, no one wants to thrust Chile simply as a means of showing the power of the United States. The proposition of Chile to apologize for the insolent Matta note and to submit the Baltimore case to the supreme court of the United States for adjudication, is regarded as fair and honorable.

Lacks Confirmation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—As Secretary Blaine was entering the White House at noon he was asked if any response had been made to the demand upon Chile. His answer was: "Not that I know of." Inquiry at the state, war and navy departments elicited the reply that nothing had been received there from Chile. Therefore there is no corroboration of the dispatch from Santiago concerning the apology. Minister Montt also declared he had received no news from Chile and declined to discuss the situation. It is probable that if Secretary Blaine, despite his denial, has any communication from Egan he will lay it before the cabinet before making it public.

The Cabinet Meeting.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The cabinet meeting lasted until 1:40 p. m. At its close every member was asked regarding the Chilean situation and positively declined to answer. It is now generally believed that no reply has been received from Chile to the ultimatum of Jan. 21. No confirmation of the Santiago dispatch can be obtained from any quarter and it is discredited in all official circles.

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Naval Officers and Men Anxious for Action.—San Francisco Safe. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 26.—There was great excitement in shipping and naval circles here. Naval officers and men all want war, and the Baltimore's men are simply wild to get a chance to return to Valparaiso and secure revenge for the dastardly outrage on their comrades. It warms the circles of the genuine American heart to see the eagerness of all the sailors and officers of the Baltimore and Charleston to have a chance at the Chileans. They all admit the Chileans are good fighters, but they say neither officers nor men know how to handle ships or guns.

Captain Selby, in discussing the situation a few days ago, said he would not be afraid to meet the entire Chilean navy out in open sea, where he could have space for maneuvering. He said the Baltimore was so much more easily handled than any of the Chilean vessels that she could sail around them and sink them one after another. Shipping men are eager for war also, as it means making Frisco an outfitting point on this coast for war vessels and transports.

The apprehension has been expressed about the safety of San Francisco, but experts declare that with torpedoes and torpedo boats the harbor could be defended against any attack. Stress is also laid on the fact that should war be declared all the fighting would take place in Chilean waters, and any Chilean cruiser that might leave that country would chase after American merchantmen instead of trying to lay this city under tribute and tempting an engagement with one of the White squadrons.

Another reason urged why the Chilean war vessels would not visit this port is a lack of coal. There is no place in the entire Pacific Ocean where a Chilean cruiser can obtain the requisite amount of coal needed to keep at sea for any length of time. All neutral ports would be closed against cruisers of both belligerents, and once the supply of coal on board a war ship ran short her only salvation would be to reach some port in her own country where she could replenish her bunkers.

The navy department positively refused to disclose the movements of the United States war vessels. It is known, however, that Admirals Gherardi and Walker's fleets are being concentrated in the south Atlantic and are on their way to Chile. The navy department will not announce their whereabouts until they arrive in Chilean waters. General Schofield, the commanding gen-

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