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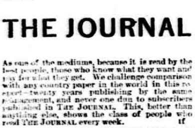

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  An error sad and grim;
I waited for the railroad train,
  The light was low and dim.

It came at last, and from the car
  There stepped a dainty dame,
And looking up and down the place,
  She straight unto me came.

"Oh, Jack!" she cried. "Oh, dear old Jack!"
  And kissed me as she spake;
Then looked again, and frightened, cried,
  "Oh, what a bad mistake!"

I said, "Forgive me, maiden fair,
  That I am not your Jack,
And as regards the kiss you gave,
  I'll straightway give it back."

And since that night I have often stood
  On the platform lighted dim;
But only once in a man's whole life
  Do such things come to him.

—*Boston Courier.*

Man the Life Boat!

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Beds of Various Natives.

In the tropics men sleep in hammocks or upon mats of grass. The East Indian unrolls his light, portable charpoy or mattress, which in the morning is again rolled together and carried away by him. The Japanese lie upon matting with a stiff, uncomfortable wooden neck rest. The Chinese use low bedsteads, often elaborately carved, and supporting only mats or coverlids. A peculiarity of the German bed is its shortness; besides that it often consists in part of a large down pillow or upper mattress, which spreads over the person, and usually answers the purpose of all the other ordinary bed clothing combined. In England the old four-posted bedstead is still the pride of the nation, but the iron or brass bedstead is fast becoming universal. The English beds are the largest beds in the world. The ancient Greeks and Romans had their beds supported on frames, but not flat like ours. The Egyptians had a couch of a peculiar shape, more like an old fashioned easy chair with hollow back and seat.

Doubts About It.

"You'll let me go to your wedding, will you not?" said one girl to another companion.

"Upon my word I can't promise. My folks are in such a rage about my wedding that I am not sure they will let me go to it myself."

Love and War.

Spatts—It is said that all is fair in love and war, but there is one great difference between them.

Bloobumper—What is it?

Spatts—In love the fighting does not begin until after the engagement is over.

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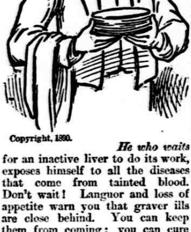

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DOES ITALY MEAN WAR

MINISTER FAVA RECALLED IN GREAT HASTE.

Speculation Rife as To What This Action Means—Italy Is in No Condition for War, Yet Its Course Seems To Point That Way—The New Orleans Affair in the Minds of All.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Baron Fava has presented to the state department his recall by the Italian government and has demanded his passport. The department is greatly surprised, because it was wholly unsuspected, and because investigation into the New Orleans matter is not yet completed. The reason of the recall is that the "King of Italy is dissatisfied with the progress of the adjustment between the two countries with regard to the New Orleans matter." This action can be construed in no other way than as an act of open hostility on the part of the Italian government to the United States, with which it has heretofore been on friendly terms.

Theories Touching the Recall.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The engrossing topic in all circles here is the recall of Baron Fava by the Italian government. It was a plain act of discourtesy to this government pending the action of the civil authorities of Louisiana relative to the New Orleans affair, and has developed three theories as to the cause. One is dissatisfation with the action of this government; the second is a desire to get rid of Fava, against whom grave charges have been made from time to time, and the third is a desire on the part of the new Italian government to stem the popular outcry in Italy. The massacre occurred on the 14th inst., eighteen days ago. Secretary Blaine immediately issued an appeal to the governor of Louisana, deploring the occurence as a "massacre," and expressing the condolence of the president. When Gov. Nichols' letter arrived here ten days later it was diplomatic to the verge of aggravation. It guaranteed nothing. This was cabled to Italy by Fava as the answer of Louisiana. Blaine, in the meantime, may have explained to him the utter inability of the federal government to give assurances of the punishment of the offenders, because Louisiana, as a sovereign state, has final and complete jurisdiction over its own people, and that the matter was now being dealt with in the courts. He probably also explained that redress in the way of indemnity could only be made by congress, and congress did not meet until next December. Even then it was likely to be made a political question, and the passage of an indemnity bill belonged to the indefinite future. This was doubtless unsatisfactory to Italy and may have precipitated action taken.

Baron Fava Called Down.

The second theory, that it was a slap at Fava and not at this government, is regarded as the more plausible of the three. Fava has been charged with many grave offenses, the chief of which are that he and Consul Riva, of New York, swindled the Italian government out of several million francs upon a contract for tobacco; that he was hand and glove with the padrons or slave system, and that he had even trafficked in the decoration of the "cross of Italy," which he had procured for individuals for a consideration. All these things have made him exceedingly unpopular with the Italians in this country. The theory that Fava's recall may have been in answer to a popular outcry in Italy is also very plausible. As stated above, Italian politics are in an exceedingly chaotic condition, the fall of M. Crispi and the elevation of Marquis Rudini has created intense dissatisfaction, and the popular clamor against the United States by the impulsive Italians who do not realize fully the relations existing between the state and federal governments, may have led the authorities to order Fava back. It may have been a combination of these causes.

Not Likely That Italy Means War.

A demand for passports is the last step in diplomacy and is usually followed by a declaration of war. Such is hardly the case, however. It is simply the recall of the Italian minister. His successor was not announced as is usual. This complicates matters and indicates that something is being suppressed.

All talk of war is deemed absurd, from the very fact that Italy is in a chaotic political condition and is bankrupt financially. It is doubtful whether Italy could raise the money to equip properly the great war vessels which have been talked about so much. The most astute diplomats do not hesitate to pronounce the action of Italy injudicious, unwise and petulant. One gentleman who has been in the service for twenty years said to your correspondent last night:

Had the incident occurred in any European government every one would have expected preparations for hostilities to follow. The next step is a declaration of war. But here all is different; no one looks for war. We shall have another minister accredited to the United States in short order. It cannot be possible that the king of Italy should so far forget what is due the official of your state department as to sever diplomatic relations because some of his subjects are supposed to have been murdered. We have all watched the proceedings in the New Orleans case with breathless interest and it seems that no one has yet proved that a single subject of the Italian king has lost his life. Until the allegiance of the murdered men is clearly proven it is not within the province of any foreign power to demand redress.

The Position of the Italian Government.

ROME, April 1.—The Associated Press correspondent here has perused all the dispatches exchanged from the outset between the government of Italy and the government of the United States in regard to the New Orleans lynching. The substance of them is that Italy asked that fair legal process should be instituted against the culprits, regarding them as common assassins. Italy likewise asked for indemnity for the families of the men killed in New Orleans by the mob which invaded the jail there. The answer from Washington is regarded as unsatisfactory. Italy instructed Baron Fava, March 27, to press these two original demands upon the United States government and in the event of his failing to obtain satisfaction to leave Washington after consigning the care of the legation at Washington to the first secretary. This action on the part of Baron Fava and his government is not regarded as a diplomatic rupture. It is merely the first step towards such rupture.

This Position Endorsed.

Political circles here fully endorse the action of the Italian government. The newspapers of this city pronounce themselves very strongly against the action of the United States government. Influential Italians advise the Italian government to send a circular note to friendly powers denouncing the United States as being confessedly unable to insure justice in the United States and as impotent to fulfill the duties of a civil government.

A Novel Proposition.

Other prominent Italians suggest that the Italian government should break off all negotiations with the government at Washington, and that it should in future, so far as the New Orleans lynching is concerned, deal directly with the state of Louisiana, and that the latter's government should be called to account for the killing of the Italian prisoners in the New Orleans jail.

The Premier's Views.

In the course of an interview to-day with the Associated Press reporter, Marquis DeRudini said he was personally most kindly disposed towards the United States government, and expressed the hope that the civil authorities of the United States would not fail in their duties towards society in justice, morality and law. Public opinion, however, demanded a more energetic course of action. "If the United States government," he continued, "does not perceive that it is in the wrong, a diplomatic rupture is inevitable."

The Hostages Fiasco.

Continuing the premier said:

The report that Americans have been insulted and arrested in Italy, as an outcome of the present negotiations, is ridiculous and false. Americans have always received here the best and kindest of hospitality, both upon the part of the Italian government and of the Italian people, both knowing perfectly the duties of a civilized country.

Another Reason Assigned.

BERLIN, April 1.—It is reported here that the mysterious warnings sent by the Mafia society have been conveyed to King Humbert, of Italy. In these warnings the Mafia society is said to have demanded protection from King Humbert and Italy for the Italian residents in foreign countries. It is further believed, according to this story, that the recall of the Italian minister at Washington is largely owing to fears for Italian ministers, aroused by the Mafia threats.

An Incident in West Virginia.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., April 1.—Upon the railroad lines known as the Camden system in the center of the state 700 Italians are working, and it is only once a week that news reaches them. At Alton the report of the New Orleans riot was received, and, while the Italians were discussing it among themselves the foreman of the gang, a Scotchman named McCauley, said the citizens of New Orleans did just right. The Italians became enraged and killed McCauley. They then mutilated his body in a terrible manner.. The excitement among the Italians when they read the particulars of the killing of their countrymen was intense. No arrests have been made.

The Official Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The following correspondence between Secretary Blaine and Baron Fava was made public by the department of state last night:

ROYAL LEGATION OF ITALY, WASHINGTON, March 31, 1891.—Mr. Secretary of State: By my two notes of the 15th and 18th inst. I had the honor to call your excellency's serious attention to the occurrences of exceptional gravity which took place at New Orleans on the 14th, whereby four subjects of the king of Italy, who were confined in a prison of that city, were massacred by a crowd under the leadership of two American citizens. After having formally protested against the unjustifiable conduct of the local authorities, who were evidently recreant to all of their duties on that occasion, I reserved to the government of his majesty the right to demand such satisfaction as it might think proper, since the occurrences in question constituted a patent violation of the stipulations of the treaty in force between our two countries which secures to Italian subjects residing in the United States the same protection enjoyed by American citizens, and which has always been extended to them in Italian territory.

The reparation demanded by the government of the king, as I have had the honor to inform you in our interviews held during the last few days, were to consist of the following points: 1. Official assurance by the federal government that the guilty parties should be brought to justice. 2. Recognition, in principle, that indemnity is due to the relatives of the victims.

Your excellency was pleased to declare to me that as the federal government did not think it could take this view of the case it declined to take the aforesaid demands into consideration. Under these circumstances, the government of his majesty considering that the legitimate action of the king's minister at Washington becomes inefficacious, has ordered me to take my leave. In obedience, I have the honor to announce that I am going to leave Washington as speedily as possible, leaving Marquis Imperiali, his majesty's secretary of legation, in charge of the current business of the royal legation. BARON DE FAVA.

Secretary Blaine's Reply.

Secretary Blaine wrote to the charge d'affairs as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1, 1891.—Marquis Imperiali di Francavilla, Secretary of Legation: I beg to express the sincere regret with which the government of the United States receives the intelligence of Baron Fava's speedy departure from this capital. Though he has more than once intimated this purpose, the government of the United States has been unable to see any adequate reasons for such step. The baron's service here for the past ten years has been distinguished at all times by the most agreeable relations with the executive department of this government. Regret at his leaving is enhanced when, as the president believes, he has been recalled under a misapprehension of the facts by the government of Italy. The cause of his asundering his diplomatic relations with this government is thus given in his note:

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The first demand thus stated by Baron Fava is slightly changed in phrase from that employed by him in his many verbal requests based on the telegram from Marquis Rudini, which he left with me. Marquis Rudini declared that "Italy's right to demand and obtain the punishment of the murderers and indemnity for the victims is unquestionable." It is inferred that Baron Fava's change of phrase meant no change of demand. I have endeavored to impress upon him in several personal interviews with which he has honored me that the government of the United States is utterly unable to give the assurance wh'ch Marquis Rudini has demanded. Even if the national government had entire jurisdiction over the alleged murderers it could not give assurance to any foreign power that they should be punished. The president is unable to see how any government could justly give an assurance of this character in advance of a trial and verdict of "guilty." In the constitution of the United States it is declared that "in all criminal prosecutions the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed." It needs no argument to prove that the jury could not be impartial if it were in any sense or to any degree bound before the trial of the accused, by an assurance which the president of the United States had ventured to give a foreign power. In the constitution of the state of Louisiana, under whose immediate jurisdiction the crimes were committed, substantially the same provision is found, so the governor of that state would be as unable to give a pledge in advance for the result of a trial under the state law as the president would be, were it practicable to try the leaders of the mob under the law of the United States.

In Baron Fava's second point he demands recognition, in principle, that indemnity is due to the relatives of the victims. He is assuredly under a grave error when he declares that the United States government declined to take this demand into consideration and I shall regret if he has communicated such a conclusion to your government. The United States, so far from refusing, has distinctly recognized the principle of indemnity to those Italian subjects who may have been wronged by a violation of the rights assured to them under the treaty with the United States of Feb. 26, 1871.

I have repeatedly given to Baron Fava assurance that under the direction of the president all the facts and incidents connected with the unhappy tragedy at New Orleans on the 14th of March last should be most thoroughly investigated. I have also informed him that in a matter of such gravity the government of the United States would not permit itself to be unduly hurried, nor will it make an answer to any demand until every fact essential to a correct judgment shall have been fully ascertained through the legal authority. The impatience of the aggrieved may be natural, but its indulgence does not always secure the most substantial results.

JAMES G. BLAINE.

The Cow Boys Want to Be in It.

FORT SCOTT, Kan., April 2.—The following telegram was sent to Secretary Blaine by a number of patriotic cow boys: "An hundred thousand Kansas cow boys would like to spend a summer in Rome. Can you furnish transportation?"

London Press Comment.

LONDON, April 2.—The *Evening Standard*, referring to the recall of Baron Fava, remarks:

The trouble will blow over shortly and Americans will be little the worse for it. The agitation will vastly strengthen the hands of those who are wanting to forbid the further landing of emigrants. When they succeed the export of ruffians and paupers from Europe generally will be diverted to our shores.

The *Daily News* says:

An official prosecution of the lynchers is certain to result in an acquittal which would place Mr. Blaine in an impregnable position, as Italy could not protest against an acquittal.

Brick Makers Strike.

PHILADELPHIA, April 1.—Because of a reduction of 10 per cent in their wages, 200 brick makers struck to-day. The strike will involve 3,000 men.

DUN FOR THE WEEK.

Money More Plenty, Collections Slow, Trade Uncertain, Crop Reports Good.

NEW YORK, March 28.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: If no news is good news, as concerns the condition of business at this season, the outlook is fairly satisfactory. Trade has been rather quiet and hesitating, as is natural at this season, and there is rather more complaint of slow collections, but throughout the northwest bad weather and the bad state of the country roads supply an explanation. Money is in fair and increasing supply, and though still tight at Salt Lake and scarce at Jacksonville, and in stronger demand at Omaha and Milwaukee, is almost everywhere easier, so that the wants of legitimate business are met without trouble. The outlook for the coming crops continues exceptionally good.

It has been a week of unhealthy speculation in some products, owing to the desperate efforts of powerful combinations to force prices of which they can unload without loss. Wheat rose to $1.16¾ on Monday, and at $1.15¼ is still 2 cents higher than a week ago, and sales here having been 73,000,000 bushels, and corn with sales of 25,000,000 bushels has risen 4¾ cents to 78½ cents, while oats at 59¾ cents are less than 1 cent higher. Pork products have advanced, and coffee and oil a small fraction each, while cotton is a shade lower. The general average of prices reached its highest point this year on Monday, and though now a fraction lower is still 1 per cent. above last week.

But manufactured products do not share in the advance except in few cases. The iron market has a better tone; rails are firm but very dull, and manufactured products are, on the whole, weaker. Copper is weaker and tin steady, with lead a shade higher.

Wool is selling steadily at Boston, and the very large consumption of Australian is a surprise. It seems due in part to the bad condition of many western fleeces, but in part to the fact that the home supply is nearly exhausted. The carpet works at Philadelphia are fairly busy and buying freely, many mills having orders for the season.

At Boston money is easy and trade dull because of the weather. Pittsburg notes some decline in structural iron, beams and billets. At Cincinnati the carriage trade is brisk, and at Louisville tobacco is largely offered without much change in prices. Cleveland has a fairly good trade, but clothing, iron and ore are dull; only $18.50 for charcoal iron but a good lookout for building. At Chicago, dry goods, clothing and shoes are dull, though sales exceed last year's for the same week, and the receipts of wool are considerably increased, while there is a decrease in flour and lard, and a decrease of one-half in dressed beef. At other northwestern points trade is fair, though much affected by the weather and the state of the roads, but slow collections are the rule. New Orleans finds trade only fair, but cotton receipts increased; sugar is dull, molasses stronger and rice firm. Trade at Savannah is holding its own, but at Jacksonville is dull, the orange crop having been marketed. The outlook for vegetables is good. A noteworthy feature of the south is the number of new manufacturing concerns announced.

The treasury has put out nearly $5,000,000 more than it has taken in during the week, but part has gone abroad.

The business failures occurring throughout the country during the last seven days number 256, as compared with a total of 275 last week. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 243.

NOSTRUMS GO UP.

No More Cutting Prices Upon the Country's Patent Cure-Alls.

NEW YORK, March 28.—The manufacturers of patent medicines are of the opinion that the public who buy the stuff are not paying enough money for it, and they are combining for the purpose of putting up the retail price. The last big combine of the manufacturers and drug men was in 1884, and was known as the Campion combine. It lasted just one year. It was finally broken by the Hegeman corporation and Wm. B. Riker & Sons, of this city, and other large drug concerns in other cities.

The present agitation to boom the price was begun by the retail druggists last November, and was quickly taken up by the manufacturers. An association was formed in January known as the National Wholesale Druggists, with L. M. Kline, a Philadelphia druggist, as chairman. The plan is to charge retailers the full retail price for all medicines. To each bottle of medicine a coupon is to be attached, which is to be torn off and preserved by the druggist when the bottle is sold. Clearing houses are to be established in the big cities, and these coupons are to be presented there at the end of every month, or every three months, with the affidavits of the druggists that the bottles that hold the medicines to which they were attached were sold at the full retail price. The coupons will be purchased then for 20, 33 or 50 per cent. of the retail price of the medicine, and that will be the druggist's profit on his sales. Detectives are to be employed to ferret out the men who cut rates and to report to the clearing house officials. Their testimony will destroy the value of the coupon. The following table shows the wholesale price of the medicines, the retail price, and the price of the cutters:

Medicine.	Cost per dozen.	Regular Price.	Cut price.
Schenck's	$8.00	$1.00	$ .75
Ayer's	7.75	1.00	.65
Hood's	8.00	1.00	.67
Hall's	6.75	1.00	.58
Warner's	10.00	1.25	.79
Pierce's	7.75	1.00	.75
J. J. Green's	5.75	.75	.69
Piso's	2.00	.25	.15
Kennedy's	8.00	1.00	.75
Tarrant's	8.00	1.00	.69
Parker's	7.80	1.00	.79
Swift's	8.00	1.00	.73

The New York city druggists who are on the black list of the association say they are prepared for a fight.

A MYSTERIOUS CASE.

A Girl Who Seemed Especially Fitted to Live Elects Not to Do So.

LANSING, Mich., March 28—The marriage of Miss Myrtle Coats and Frank Conkling was fixed for next Wednesday. Last night Miss Coates, who was of unusual beauty, and not quite 18 years of age, was seized with convulsions and died in less then two hours. Just before her death a lengthy letter to her family was found in her clothing. This letter admitted that she had committed suicide by poisoning, and revealed the cause of self-destruction, but her parents absolutely refused to show the message to her lover, or the authorities, except that portion of it which detailed with minute clearness her arrangements for the suicide, and her desire concerning her funeral.;

The Bee in McKinley's Bonnet.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The *Evening Star* says: Mr. McKinley is understood to be making a very bold strike to put himself in line of succession to President Harrison, while the latter is disposed to succeed himself. There is a very interesting game between them for honors. The Ohio statesman is said to have laid out a campaign for himself, which, unless he is less sanguine than his close friends are, he expects to lead to the white house.

Kansas Destitution.

KANSAS CITY, March 28.—A committee reached here from Wallace county, Kansas, yesterday afternoon, in search of aid for the starving and freezing farmers of that region. The 2,400 people of Wallace county are hovering about fires made of buffalo and cow chips, and their daily fare is not enough to suffice a child for one meal. Last year was the fourth successive crop failure in western Kansas.

THOS. C. LATHROP, treasurer of the Boston Car Spring company, has gone into insolvency.

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The tall giraffe with rapture glows
As he swallows his wisp of hay,
And he blesses his neck as down it goes,
For he tastes it all the way.

He Called It a Joke.

Says a New York writer: I have a friend who is one of the most talented young men in the west. The other day he came into my office and made a cold-blooded bluff about taking me out to lunch, at the same time flashing a $100 bill before my astonished eyes. I took him up, right then and there, of course. We went to the Richelieu and ordered in the neighborhood of $16 worth of food and drink, and pitched into it as if we hadn't had anything before for twenty years. It was a safe bet that this remarkable exhibition of generosity meant that I was to be called upon to give up something, and, sure enough, I was.

"By the way," he remarked, as he was lighting his cigar, "by the way old man, I want to get you to do something for me."

"All right," I replied promptly. "A friend who blows you off to a $16 dinner is entitled to a soft answer. What is it?"

"I hate to ask you," he went on, puffing slowly at the cigar. "I'm devilish diffident about asking favors of my friends, but you can do this, and I don't think that it will give you very much trouble. You know I have never struck you for any kindness, as long as we have known each other."

"That's so," I answered. "Go ahead, I'll do anything I can for you."

"Well, you see," he went on, "it's like this. I am—no," he broke off suddenly. "I can't bear to ask it of you."

There was real tears in his eyes.

"Don't let yourself be disturbed, old fellow," I cried, very much affected "Remember I'm your friend."

"No, I can't do it," he said, when he had recovered his composure. "I can't bring myself to ask you right to your face."

By this time I was very curious to know what the trouble was, and so I proved a soft mark. He had counted on that.

"No," he continued. "I can't tell you to your face. Perhaps I might be able to write it down and go out of the room while you read it. Will you promise not to look at it until I get clear outside?"

Of course I promised. What else could I do? So he wrote four or five words on the back of the wine card and handed it to me. Then he shook my hand effusively, said I would never know how grateful he was to me for my kindness and went out dissolved in tears. When he had shut the door behind him, and not till then, I unfolded the card, and this was what he had written:

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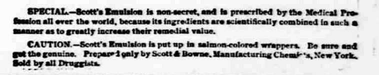

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