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REUSES TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, May 17.—President Nord has refused to accept the resignation of the Haytian cabinet, which was tendered Monday. The ministers retain the portfolios with the understanding that the cabinet will continue the investigation into the alleged extensive frauds in the issuing of Haytian government securities amounting to \$2,000,000. It was the opposition of the cabinet to a continuance of this investigation which caused the ministers to tender their resignations.

Choate Sails for America.

LONDON, May 17.—A crowd of friends assembled at Waterloo station today to bid farewell to Ambassador Choate, who is making a flying trip to America. Mr. McCormick, the American ambassador to Russia, and Senator Scott are fellow passengers of Mr. Choate on the Kronprinz Wilhelm, which sailed from Southampton shortly after noon today.

Absentee Chiefs Replied.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 17.—Forty-seven Albanian chiefs, who have been exiled to Asia Minor passed through the Bosphorus Monday night for a Black sea port. The Servian legation has notified the ports that the situation in Old Servia is compelling families to seek refuge in Servia.

Exhibit of Fish Industries.

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