

The Raleigh Hotel, Washington, June, 17th, 1906

Honorable Luigi Luzzatti,  
Chamber of Deputies, Rome.

Honorable Sir:-

The letter of June 1st, from Mrs. Agresti, shows that there was a mistake in the meaning of my cable to you of the 25th of May.

It read as follows:-"Favorable action probable provided American Ambassador forwards necessary documents to American Government. Positively see them mailed tomorrow, and telegraph me."

This was understood that I <sup>wanted</sup> the Ambassador to ask my appointment, whereas-I asked for the "necessary documents" in order to have them passed to the Senate for the ratification of the Protocol.

You sent a reply to the Italian Embassy which I did not recognize as intended as a reply, because it said nothing of the sending of the necessary documents. So on the 31st, I sent Mrs. Agresti the following cable. "Unless official protocol necessary for Senates action is mailed today will miss this session. Cable reply."

I got no cable reply, but on the 13th, I got a letter from Mrs. Agresti, saying that Comm. Malvano, Secretary General of Foreign Affairs, had told her that "without fail the Protocol would be mailed tomorrow, (June 2nd,)" which should have brought it to Washington on June 14th.

What was my surprise, therefore, when on the same day Mrs. Agresti's letter came I received word, as per inclosure, from Mr. Montagne, the Charge d' Affaires, saying that he had a cable telling him that the Protocol had only left Rome June the 9th.

All of this has cost me many nights loss of sleep, but as no one is responsible whether I sleep or no, -it does not matter. But, some are in earnest in trying to materialize the initiative of ~~the~~ H. H. the King, and it matters much to the people who are in earnest.

As you well know; legislation requiring appropriations must go before Committees, and besides, Protocols must go before the Committee of Foreign Relations. Now how on earth can it be expected that just a few days before adjourning we can have the matter introduced into two Committees and have those Committees act upon the matter?

It would now be a miracle to have favorable action at this session, and the reason why I am still here is because I am trying to avoid adverse action, and in the slender hope that some wonder may open the way for favorable action.

Whatever cause delayed the Protocol from reaching ~~Washington~~ Washington was unfortunate, for while all difficulties were cleared away, the constant absence of the Protocol is to be very much regretted.

Had it come here on the 14th, it would have been in time for the last Cabinet Meeting. I hardly know what ought to be done now. At all events, neither you, nor any of our friends are to blame.

I enclose some correspondence which may interest you.

With the assurance of my high esteem, and hoping that you are in good health,

I have the honor to remain,

Yours very sincerely,

David Lubin.

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