

SECRETARY GRESHAM, denies the story that the Chinese Minister has notified the Department of State that the Chinese government would retaliate if the GEARY act were to be enforced. The attitude of China in this affair seems to be patient, conservative and dignified and fully worthy of imitation by the great Christian nation with which it seems anxious to maintain friendly relations. So far as the law is concerned the vexatious complications which it has precipitated illustrate conspicuously the folly of enacting legislation in obedience to the decrees of prejudice and to satisfy the demands of political demagogues. Popular sentiment in this country never favored the GEARY law. It was a purely sectional measure, but, unhappily, the penalty which attaches to its enactment must be borne by the whole country.

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