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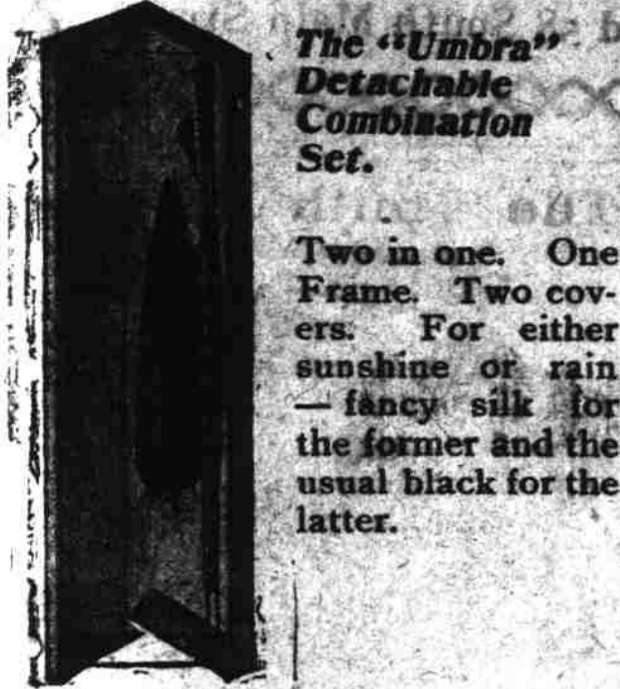
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NEGOTIATIONS ARE AT AN END

Nothing Left But War Unless Spain Yields Cuba.

European Influence at Work to Save the Dynasty.

Congress Adjourns Till Monday—The Situation a Waiting One.

Nothing Serious Intended by the Appeal of the Ambassadors.

Washington, April 7.—The only important features of the situation today were the presentation to McKinley of the note by the representatives of six foreign governments and a prolonged conference by republican leaders of the senate who are anxious to make certain of an agreement to the president's forthcoming recommendation for armed intervention. The visit of the diplomats is not believed to have other significance than an expression of a hope for peace. As one diplomat said: "We only meant what we said. It was as if a company of clergymen came upon a party of boys fighting in the street and said, 'Now little boys, you mustn't fight,' and then stood back at a safe distance to see the scrimmage."

The president welcomed the opportunity to make known to Spain and the world that the United States had done all possible, and that it remains for Spain to say whether peace will prevail. Diplomatic negotiations with Spain have ceased and nothing is left now but war unless Spain yields and relinquishes Cuba. Between now and Monday, when the message goes in, the screws will be applied to the Madrid government by European influences ready, if possible, to insure the maintenance of the dynasty. So the situation is a waiting one. The president is assured by Lee that all Americans who desire to go will have left Cuba by Saturday. The president's message won't be changed and congress stands ready to follow the president's demand for armed intervention which would result in Spain's withdrawal and Cuba's independence.

Washington, April 7.—An armistice is declared between the president and congress pending which an effort will be made to recapture the lost "situation" that mysteriously disappeared yesterday. Congress is disposed to accept the explanation of the withholding of the message, providing the president sticks to the statement that the delay is due to the safety of Americans in Cuba. It is impossible to find words to express the indignation and disgust which prevailed among senators and representatives during yesterday's events.

Upon learning that there were no riots and that all is quite in Havana, many members of both houses of congress expressed deep disgust over the delay in sending the president's message to congress on the ground that riots were threatened in Havana.

Congressman Grosvenor, after a conference with the president this morning said that there would be no change in the message unless there is a change of facts which is unlikely.

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SPAIN FIRM IN REFUSAL

Woodford Demands Quick Reply to a Note.

Sagasta Gives it and Queen Regent Approves.

Woodford Ready to Leave Madrid at a Moment's Notice.

Spaniards Become Defiant on Account of Our Delay.

Madrid, April 7.—Minister Woodford presented a fresh note from the United States government today to which he demanded a definite answer within six hours. The cabinet immediately met and the ministers decided firmly to adhere to the tenor of Spain's previous note. The queen regent approved the action.

HAS LEE DEPARTED?

Lee would not remain at their posts after the opening of next week.

Richmond, April 7.—General Fitzhugh Lee's family here tonight express uncertainty for the first time regarding the safety of the general. Each day for some time he has sent messages assuring his family of the quiet and safety surrounding him. His son expressed the hope tonight that he had already left Havana, his silence being taken as probable evidence that he had left for American soil.

CUBANS WANT TO LEAVE.

Havana, April 7.—The panic among the Cubans exceeds that among Americans here. They realize that in the event of hostilities they will be unable to leave and will be at the mercy of the volunteers. They would like to go to the United States. The report that the American fleet will simultaneously attack Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines has added to the rage of the Spaniards.

ARMISTICE WAS REFUSED.

Washington, April 7.—The Post says: The statement is made by a public man in close touch with the administration that the effort to secure a settlement of the war between Spain and the insurgent Cubans through an armistice had come to a definite conclusion and failure, and that the failure was due to the refusal of the government of the United States to remove its fleet from Key West. According to this statement Spain made removal a condition precedent to her offering an armistice, with the end in view of granting the independence of Cuba, and when the proposition was brought to the attention of the administration it was met with refusal, though not until it had been seriously considered.

The congressional opponents of a war policy who had counted upon the acceptance of this condition by the United States admit that the outlook for peace has grown almost hopeless since that determination was reached.

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A HOT SPEECH IN THE HOUSE

Lentz Charges the President With Duplicity

In Withholding His Message From Congress.

Said the Cause Was the Money Power and Not Danger in Havana.

Grosvenor's Indignant Denial—Says War is Likely Within a Week.

The Radical Element in Congress Disgusted Over the Situation.

Washington, April 7.—A speech by Representative Lentz, of Ohio, asserting that the postponement of the delivery of the Cuban message to congress was influenced by a desire to hold up the price of stocks and Grosvenor's indignant denial and denunciation were the stirring features of today's session of the house.

Lentz was recognized to speak on the army appropriation bill and branched off on the Cuban situation. All representations showed, he said, that there was no danger to Lee and all the other Americans in Havana, that the money interests were governing the country, that we had no differences with Spain, though 200 Americans had been assassinated in Havana harbor, and that the president's policy was intended to maintain the gold standard and Spanish tyranny over the Cubans.

The speech roused republican resentment. They applauded Grosvenor as he denounced the statements. Grosvenor called on Berry, of Kentucky, who had seen the dispatch from Lee, to confirm the cause for the delay of the message. If the president had been guilty of such conduct, as Lentz described he ought to be impeached and imprisoned. Grosvenor said that the recognition of Cuba's independence meant the valuating of \$400,000,000 of Cuban bonds otherwise valueless, and Lentz was a part in the conspiracy to put millions into the pockets of the holders of these bonds. He gave the opinion that within a week the United States would be at war.

The house after discussing the army bill all day practically killed it by recommending it to the committee on military affairs and adjourned till Monday.

IN THE SENATE.
Washington, April 7.—The senate spent the day in discussing the sundry civil bill, the pending question being the amendment appropriating \$200,000 for deepening and widening the channel at Mobile. Morgan attacked the appropriations committee and defended the amendment as a war measure and one that should free the government from the coal monopoly by making it possible to buy coal from Birmingham. Allison read a telegram from

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