

THE HAD-D-WRITING ON THE WALL. President McKinley Sees it and His Cuban Policy Changes.

The Revolt Among Republicans Against Compromise Increases--A Majority of His Party in the House Decides to Force Him to Active Measures--He Assures Them of an Ultimatum for Cuban Independence Sent to Spain and Early Reply Demanded--The President Now Anxious to Force Measures--Spain for the First Time Stoops to Consider the Question of Giving Up Cuba--War Preparations On Both Sides Continued--Consul General Lee Notified of Plots Against His Life--Spain Pleading for Aid from Other European Powers.

Washington, March 30.--The republicans of the house who are aggressively in favor of prompt and energetic action in the Cuban matter and who met last night in conference held an hour meeting at the house this afternoon.

conferred with the president. To the leaders in congress he stated that the leading republicans were expected to meet at Madrid by Friday.

Excitement at the Capitol. At the capitol excitement was unbounded. After the vote on the Bailey bill the republicans went to the White house to confer with the president and to express to him their hope that something might be promised which would relieve the situation.

The situation at the capitol is one of waiting. The republicans are waiting for the president to give the president an opportunity to carry out his plans.

It was stated today in a high diplomatic quarter that the Spanish government, within the last ten days had advanced the initiative without any external influence.

A tender of good offices is one of the last resorts of diplomacy, when all other means have failed.

While these different reports were made to the conference, the president and the conference decided as to appoint a committee of eleven members to wait upon the president and explain their views on the situation.

The greatest anxiety prevails in many of the bureaus of the war and navy departments in regard to the various projects of the president.

Washington, March 30.--The vital point in the Cuban situation is the attitude of the president.

The United States minister, General Stewart L. Woodford, is working energetically and will continue to do so for Spain's peace until the first gun is fired.

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