

# NO FOREIGN INTERVENTION

## To Be Allowed in Settling Our Accounts With Spain.

### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE READY.

To Be Sent to Congress Tomorrow...Its Recommendations in Accord With the Feelings of Congress...Unsuccessful Attempt of European Powers to Agree on a Plan of Mediation...Ten Steamers Bought for Auxiliary Cruisers...Vessels Sent to Remove Americans From Havana.

Washington, April 4.—The president has completed his Cuban message and it will be presented to congress on Wednesday. Secretary Long, after the special cabinet meeting tonight authorized the Associated Press to make the following statement: "The message which in itself is long, will not be accompanied by the consular reports with the state of affairs in Cuba. These will go to the committee on foreign relations of the senate for their private information and will not be made public just now. The diplomatic correspondence will not be submitted at present."

The cabinet meeting lasted from 8 till after 11 o'clock and was devoted entirely to the careful reading and discussion of the president's draft of his message. Every member of the cabinet was present. The document was gone over point by point and met with the approval of the cabinet in every particular. The only changes made were in a few points of verbiage. When the meeting was over and the members dispersed there was a general air of relief and satisfaction on all faces as though the air had been cleared of a great weight. The members were firmly resolved on what they deemed the proper course of action, had set out to follow the course to its logical conclusion. The suspense evidently was over.

Secretary Long apparently had been deputized as spokesman for the meeting and gave the above brief statement. As to the character of the message he refused to speak. It was learned from other sources, however, that the message is in part a review of Spain's course in the present and previous wars in Cuba. That it will contain some definite recommendations may be inferred from the remark of one member: "While I cannot say anything explicit concerning the details of the message, I may say that it is a strong, explicit statement and one on which congress will be thoroughly in accord."

From the fact that the diplomatic correspondence is not presented with the message, it is inferred that its main features are touched on in the message itself, either in the form of extracts or in substance.

Washington, April 4.—The two foremost branches of the Cuban question in Washington today were the president's message, and European mediation, which have taken an active form in the courts of Europe, according to advices received at foreign embassies here, though no proffer has been made to the United States. Regarding the first it can be stated that it is fully expected by the administration that the message will be sent to congress on Wednesday, in all probability, and certainly by Thursday. Members of Mr. McKinley's cabinet and his friends in congress stated definitely today that it would deal vigorously with the question, will include the Maine incident and will make definite recommendations to congress, one of which will be recognition of Cuban independence. As to the mediation of Europe, the president's message, they declare that these material and moral powers must exercise their suasion on Spain, for this government will insist on independence of Cuba as an ultimate sine qua non, unless the insurgents themselves consent to Spain if they desire, but the United States will positively not listen to mediation of any kind that does not lead to the acceptance of our condition, which is independence for Cuba.

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President McKinley announced today to a leading member of congress who

has the confidence of the administration that there was no truth in the reported mediation of the pope of the Cuban incident and that he, (the president) had no knowledge of it whatever. He also announced that he was hourly expecting a cablegram from the Spanish government notifying this government of the formal proposition for an armistice to the insurgents.

#### ACTION AMONG EUROPEAN POWERS FOR MEDIATION.

Notwithstanding the many reports of European mediation they assumed their first tangible form this afternoon when at last two of the foreign establishments in Washington received official information that an exchange of notes between the great powers was now in progress with a view to arriving at a basis on which they could make a joint proposal for mediation. It is evident that the exchange has not yet been productive of a common understanding, as the ambassadors and ministers at Washington have not yet received instructions to initiate the movement. Their only information thus far is that the notes are passing by telegraph between the capitals of Europe. It had been understood that France and Austria were most active in bringing about the movement, and the Great Britain had held aloof from it, but it developed today that the British government was also taking part in the exchange, and that in case of concerted action by the powers great British influence would be brought to bear.

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Madrid, April 4.—The correspondent of the Associated Press has just had an interview with a high personage of great authority who cleared up many discrepancies in previous reports, showing just how the papal intervention question stands. The correspondent stated this high personage cannot be quoted; but, no one is better qualified to speak with knowledge of the subject. This minister said: There is no papal telegram whatever. What happened was that the Spanish ambassador at Washington was approached by Cardinal Rampolla (the papal secretary of state) who told him the president of the United States had allowed it to be understood that peace intervention would be accepted and that the pope would be wired here to that effect and thereupon indicated that though having sent a categorical reply to President McKinley the terms having previously been considered to the last point, consistent with Spain's honor, there were certain the pope would respect the rights and honor of Spain and agreed to his intervention. It was impossible for our regular army, fighting rebels, to agree to offer an armistice at the suggestion of a certain foreign power, but when the father of Christendom, without material force but with vast moral power, offered intervention we could not refuse accepting, knowing well that reliance might be placed upon his independent judgment.

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#### THE FERN WILL REMAIN HERE, SO FAR AS IS KNOWN.

#### NOW THAT NEW VESSELS TO THE UNITED STATES ARE IN FULL FORCE, THERE ARE MANY INTERESTING SCENES AT THE OFFICE OF DR. BRUNNER.

#### HUNDREDS STAND AROUND WAITING THEIR TURN TO BE VACCINATED—BABES IN ARMS, SCARCE NEGROES AND FINE LADIES IN SHORT ALL SORTS AND CONDITIONS OF MEN. RIGID RULES ARE OBSERVED AND THE FIRST ONE IS FIRST SERVED.

#### SOON AFTER SUN DOWN, THE TATTERED UNITED STATES FLAG WAS TAKEN FROM THE MAST OF THE MERRIT AND SHARP LEFT FOR AMERICAN WATERS TODAY.