

THE SITUATION IS MOST URGENT.

Congress to Act Today Upon the Cuban Question.

INTERVENTION AND INDEPENDENCE.

Committees of the Two Houses Agree to Immediate Intervention to Establish an Independent Government in Cuba.—The Resolutions Agreed Upon to be Reported Today.—Determined Efforts to So Draft Them as to Secure Unanimous Support of All Parties in Both Houses.—Quiet Reigns in all the Departments.

(Washington, April 12.—The burden of responsibility for the next move in the Spanish crisis having been shifted by the president's message upon the shoulders of congress, the foreign affairs committee of the house and the foreign affairs committee of the senate met this morning to discuss the question of intervention in Cuba. The committee of the house met in the morning and the committee of the senate met in the afternoon. Both committees were held in session until late in the day. The committee of the house met in the morning and the committee of the senate met in the afternoon. Both committees were held in session until late in the day.

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RUSSELL IN ANOTHER ROW.

With His Railway Commissioners.

OFFICE MADE VACANT.

The Governor Declines to Allow Chairman Caldwell to Withdraw His Offer to Resign—Accepts His Resignation—Spicy Correspondence Between the Governor and the Commissioner.

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., April 12.—It will be recalled that in his letter dated March 20th to the governor, Chairman Caldwell of the railway commission, tendered his resignation. It will also be recalled that three days later Caldwell withdrew that tender; but this letter was marked "Private." The governor says that whether a public official officially tender his resignation in a public letter and then withdraw it in a private letter, or indeed whether the consent of the public officer to whom it is addressed is a question of law.

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GEN. LEE IN WASHINGTON.

Rousing Reception by the People.

THE HERO OF THE HOUR.

Immense Crowds Meet Him at the Station—Cheered Along the Streets and by Officials in State Department—Ovation at Night—Before the Senate Committee—Says Spanish Authorities Wrecked the Maine.

(Washington, April 12.—Consul General Lee, hero of the Maine, arrived in Washington at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. A large crowd of enthusiastic admirers had gathered at the Pennsylvania station and when the general stepped from the train he was greeted with a tremendous outburst of applause. Women waved their handkerchiefs and men cheered and shouted the hero's name.

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Senators Make This the Cause of the Offense Against Spain.

THE OPENING GUNS OF THE CONTEST.

Vigorous Speeches by Senators Butler and Mason Along the Line of Avenging the Wreck of the Maine and the Murder of Her Crew.

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