

AUTONOMY FOR CUBA.

Spain Accepts President Cleveland's Proposal for Settlement of the Cuban Question—immense Stealings of Weyler and Other Officers in Cuba.

MADRID, January 11.—Spain has at last concluded that all her efforts to suppress, or even to make any impression upon, the Cuban insurrection are futile and useless.

Appreciating this fact, which has been patent to all other nations for nearly six months Prime Minister Canovas del Castillo has definitely accepted Secretary of State Olney's proffer of American intervention, as well as the terms which His Excellency President Cleveland and Mr. Olney prescribed as the price for their interference and the use of their prerogatives in attempting to bring about a state of peace in the island of Cuba.

Following the refusal of the American secretary of state to accept, so far as America was concerned, the plan of the Spanish prime minister for a restoration of Spanish rule in Cuba, Mr. Olney, through the usual official channels, submitted in full to Senor Canovas the terms for a peace with Cuba upon which the administration of President Cleveland was prepared to intervene and use its efforts to bring about a settlement between Spain and its colony.

The conditions, I am able to state upon the highest authority, mean perfect and complete autonomy for Cuba.

I am unable to transmit now an authentic copy of the correspondence on the subject between the United States and Spain, through Secretary Olney and the Spanish minister to the United States, Dupuy de Lome.

I can state with absolute knowledge of the facts, however, that they provide for home rule for Cuba as thorough as Canada, under the British North America act, enjoys. In brief they are:

Cuba to govern herself.

To collect all taxes.

To disburse all public moneys, Spain to be debarred from all share in the revenues of the island and all interference, in elections held on the island.

In fact, the scheme went to the extreme point of empowering Cuba to levy a tariff in her own favor against exports from Spain sent to the island. The Cuban attitude toward Spain was to be entirely one of independence, except on the one matter that Cuba was to remain in name a Spanish province.

The Cleveland administration promised, however, that if these terms were agreed to by Spain, and she would put Cuba on as strong footing toward Spain as Canada has toward England, it would attempt to bring about a money remuneration to Spain for this practical loss of the island. It in negotiating a peace Secretary Olney could induce the Cubans to pay Spain a sum something in the neighborhood of a hundred millions, it would be done. This might be brought about by a Cuban bond issue, and the United States would, in a fashion, stand sponsor for the bonds. But nothing definite was proposed in this direction. It was simply indicated that in event of Spain's acceptance, the best that could be accomplished in this direction would be done.

The Spanish government has notified Minister Dupuy de Lome that it would accept Mr. Olney's proposition. The minister was instructed to so inform the American secretary of state, and he has cabled the authorities here that he has done so. He does not make clear, nor does it appear from anything which has come to this capital from Secretary Olney, just how the Cleveland administration intends to force these terms on the insurgents. General Gomez himself said that nothing but absolute separation of Cuba from Spain would be agreed to by him.

With this unyielding attitude on the part of the general-in-chief of the insurgents it is difficult, from here, at least, to see how President Cleveland will enforce these terms on Cuba. The Spanish government, however, leaves that entirely to him. It is the American proposition, Premier Canovas argues, Spain on her part agrees to it, and Spain now leans back and expects America to carry it out.

Within the next two weeks the Marquis of Apezteguia is looked for in Madrid. He is the head of the constitutional party in Cuba; has from first to last adhered to Spain, and is most earnest in his wish to have the insurrection stamped out.

It is asserted here on the authority of a letter from Marquis Apezteguia that Weyler has already since going to Havana deposited to his own private account in a Madrid bank, over \$425,000 as his share of Cuban loot. The marquis also claims that subordinates of Weyler pillage and rob in all directions; that the customs officers

are engaged in embezzling the Spanish revenues, and that at the rate they are going on they will never put down the insurrection, but on the other hand, will rob the island to the last dollar.

Dupuy de Lome, he says, is inefficient and of no official consequence at Washington; that he is spending mounds of money, fully \$50,000 a month beyond the ordinary expenses of the legation, and that he accomplishes no good. He will therefore insist on the recall of both these men, but it is not understood that he will make any suggestions as to whom shall fill their places.

Just how much disturbance the marquis can create when he gets here is a question. There is no doubt, however of his very high standing with Canovas and the Spanish government generally. The news of his coming has therefore greatly alarmed the friends of both Weyler and Dupuy de Lome.—New York Journal.

BAYARD.

So Blinded By His Own Egotism That He Wont See.

Nothing so blinds a man to the true view of things as egotism. Mr. Bayard cannot or will not see the point of the criticisms upon him. It is not because he is friendly to England that he is censured. It is because he has manifested his friendship in a clumsy way, because he has been effusive, undignified, undiplomatic and un-American in his tone and method. He has been laughed at in England, and it does not promote the amity of nations when an Ambassador of one nation supplies too much cause for ridicule to the other nation.

Another fact might open Mr. Bayard's eyes if anything could open them. He has long been Ambassador only in name. The President, who is his personal friend, had to withdraw his confidence from him. No important negotiation has been intrusted to him for a long time. Even the knowledge of important negotiations going on over his head has been kept for him. We believe it to be the fact that when he went to the Guild Hall banquet, at which Lord Salisbury announced the Venezuela agreement, Mr. Bayard did not know that an agreement had been reached. There could be no harsher censure on him than that.

Queen of the Fakers.

New York Sun.

Mrs. Sarah Sanders, widow of Nathan Sanders, who was known all over the country as "the King of the Fakers," died of typhoid on Tuesday night, Sanders died about 18 months ago. They were an interesting couple. Nathan started in life as a faker and traveled from the Atlantic to the Pacific a dozen times selling his wares. He accumulated considerable money, part of which he invested in a barber shop in this city. The barber shop didn't pay, so Sanders went back to faking. Ten years ago he opened a peddlers' supply store at the corner of Ann street and Theater alley. Later he opened a branch on Leonard street, and about five years ago became the head of a syndicate which was formed to supply fakers with wares, and had branches in Philadelphia, Chicago and Francisco. He became known there as the King of Fakers, and when he died he left \$50,000. Mrs. Sanders married the King after he had established himself in business here. She became known as the Queen of Fakers, and after her husband's death carried on the business successfully.

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New York Telegram.

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