

EFFECTIVE MEDIATION IS PROPOSED BY THE POWERS OF EUROPE

SPAIN MUST FIRST FREE CUBA

After Which the Powers Will Preserve Spain From Foreign War or Internal Insurrection

Associated Press Special Wire NEW YORK, April 9.—A dispatch to the World from Madrid says: The ambassadors of five great European powers—France, Germany, Russia, Italy and Austria—have diplomatically informed the government of Spain that a war with the United States can only be avoided, in their judgment, by Spain's yielding.

The ambassadors of Europe have advised extreme concessions to the United States. They have appealed to Spain's pride, noble self-sacrifice and self-interest. They mean that she must abandon Cuba.

The ambassadors of the same powers called upon President McKinley in Washington in the interest of peace as a matter of form. There was possibly no expectation, no hope, that the United States would recede one inch from its one vital demand—that Spain must give up Cuba.

But the powers may have felt that, as they were about to use coercion in Madrid, it would be diplomatic to make a demonstration in Washington at the same time. There are reasons to believe the powers have made extraordinary propositions to Spain. They have said, in effect, that if she should make such concessions to the United States as they believed to be necessary, the powers of Europe would guarantee her against war, both external and internal.

The powers would delegate to one of their own number, Austria, whose throne is so closely allied to the throne of Spain by ties of blood, the duty of defending Spain against any internal foe that might arise as a menace to the dynasty, as a result of yielding to the demands of the United States.

In plain English, this means that Austrian troops would, if necessary, be sent to Spain to maintain order and to suppress civil war. The Austrian troops would have behind them the allied moral and physical forces of Europe.

The papal nuncio, who has been repeatedly to the palace in the last twenty-four hours, is believed to be in sympathy with this program.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—It is learned at a foreign embassy that the Spanish government today has under earnest consideration the issuance of a proclamation declaring an armistice in Cuba. This is known as not being signed so far as known, nor does the information indicate that a final termination has been reached yet.

The measure, however, is being strongly pressed upon the consideration of Spain by some of the Continental powers which have acquainted their embassies with the fact. It is the hope of the powers urging this move that by means of this concession war might be averted, although it is realized that the United States may not regard the concession as adequate to meet the case.

The Spanish government, it is said, holds to the position that it will yield everything to avert war save two things—the independence of Cuba and American intervention. It insists if either of these latter moves are insisted upon by the United States as a sine qua non and carried into effect it will regard them as overt acts, placing the United States in the attitude of taking the first step toward war.

It is because of Spain's refusal to yield on either the intervention or independence propositions that the armistice proposed is not regarded as assuring any change in the present outlook.

The foregoing was the one ray of hope through the darkness of the Spanish situation and even this could not be definitely and officially verified at this morning's session, though the State Department undoubtedly is acquainted, perhaps unofficially, with all that is going on at Madrid.

ENGLAND'S EASTER EGG IS SCARCELY A SYMBOL OF A PEACEFUL YEAR

A GOOD REASON IS GIVEN Why Spain Will Not Exercise Her Right to Search British Merchant Ships

Associated Press Special Wire LONDON, April 9.—(Copyrighted, 1898, by the Associated Press.)—The world's Easter egg, as in 1897, has a war shape, giving the holiday makers of Great Britain an unusually interesting subject to talk about. Although the regular exodus of Cabinet ministers has occurred, in view of the precarious nature of the Hispano-American relations and the threatening clouds of the Far East, it has been decided not to take too great an advantage of Easter. Therefore, the ministers will not go far away from the telegraph offices and their bureaux will be open day and night.

The annual turnout of the volunteers has also taken place, about 16,000 of them having gone to the Easter maneuvers and a big pleasure tour has been undertaken by the Automobile Club and by hundreds of thousands of bicycle riders, who are enjoying the balmy weather.

There is quite a stir in regard to the dangers British commerce will be exposed to in the event of war, but at the Admiralty and at the War office it is claimed that the fears expressed are practically groundless. It is pointed out that though the belligerents are not bound by the treaty of Paris, the belligerents' action in regard to neutrals would be determined by quite other considerations.

If Spain searched British vessels for American goods it is believed she would bring on herself something stronger than a protest. There has been considerable criticism in shipping circles on the subject of the declaration made by the Attorney-General, Sir Richard Webster, in the House of Commons on Tuesday, as shipping people hold that his legal doubts regarding the rights to search or capture neutral vessels would render seizures certain, thus placing British shippers at a precarious position.

Political circles are busy forecasting the successors of the Earl of Egin and the Earl of Aberdeen as Viceroy of India and Governor-General of Canada respectively. For the Viceroyship Lord Balfour of Burleigh, the Chief Secretary for Scotland, and Mr. George N. Curzon, the Parliamentary Secretary of the Foreign Office, are the two most prominently mentioned, and for the Governor-Generalship the Earl of Selkirk, the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, and the Earl of Hopeton, the Paymaster-General, are generally considered the most likely candidates among the many who are in the field.

It is said that Earl Selkirk has been the Governor-Generalship of Canada if he wants it. Queen Victoria is pronounced to be stronger than she has been for a year past, and it is added that she is increasing her popularity at the moment, where the old story is circulated from mouth to mouth among the peasants that the Queen goes to the Riviera in order to "make her Easter," not having religious liberty at home.

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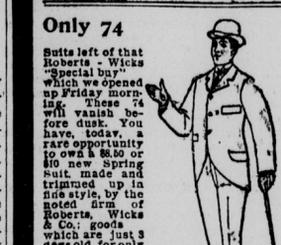
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Piles of Dervish Dead

ATBARA CAMP, April 9.—Mahmoud's zarabi rifle pits and entrenchments are literally full of dead, while the ground outside of these on the south side is covered with hundreds of bodies. The most striking feature of the engagement was the storming of the zarabi. General Hunter himself cheering, with hat in hand, led the troops. They lost heavily in the rush advance in pairs, prostrate themselves and then kiss the figure of Christ.

At the fall of the procession was Mr. Kenzils, surrounded by a body of friends. They advanced to the altar steps, but, instead of kneeling, Kenzils horrified the congregation by suddenly seizing the crucifix, raising it aloft and frantically rushing toward the door, shouting: "In the name of God, I denounce this idolatry and popery in the Church of England! My God, help me!"

A most painful scene ensued. A crowd of people surrounded Mr. Kenzils and struck him and whirled with him, one man going so far as to thrust a handkerchief into Mr. Kenzils' mouth in order to gag him. Finally the congregation rescued the crucifix and the police entered the church and arrested Mr. Kenzils. It is understood that Lord Wm. Seymour, uncle of the marquis of Hertford, has been selected to succeed Gen. Montgomery Moore in command of the British troops in Canada.

Men Were Barred SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—The game of basket ball at Odd Fellows' hall between the co-eds of the University of California and a team of young ladies from the University of Nevada resulted in a victory for the Berkeley girls by a score of 14 to 1. There was a large attendance of spectators, men being barred, and much enthusiasm was manifested.

The Dervish Defeat CAIRO, April 9.—The Anglo-Egyptian force surrounded Atbara last evening and the wounded were all placed in hospitals under tents. All the troops will return to their quarters on the Nile. The forces of Mahmoud Pasha are all broken up, part of them being toward Atbara and others in the direction of the Nile. The thickness of the brush renders pursuit of them by the Egyptian cavalry difficult. The bodies of 2000 Dervishes, including those of twelve important emirs, have been counted. Notable among the number of emirs who were slain is Wad Bialar, formerly Emir of Dongola. It is believed that 1000 other members of Mahmoud's cavalry were killed. Ten guns and a quantity of rifles were captured. Mahmoud says that his army consisted of 12,000 infantry and 4000 cavalry.

A Family Quarrel KNOXVILLE, Tenn., April 8.—As a result of a family quarrel, Henry and Ernest Howard, brothers, and James Murr were killed near here this morning by John B. and Joe McGhee, father and son, and Thomas Howard received wounds which will prove fatal. Both families are among the most prominent in East Tennessee, and the more deaths will undoubtedly follow. Immediately after the affair the McGhees, heavily armed, fled to the hills, and have not been captured. Trouble looked for when they are overtaken. Several years ago Tom Howard married John McGhee's 15-year-old daughter against the father's wishes, and since that time a feud has existed between the parties.

LONDON, April 9.—Mr. Gladstone passed a good night, got up earlier than usual, and went for a walk during the afternoon.

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