

## A FABRICATION.

The Story Regarding the Note of the President to the Spanish Government

Said to Have Been an Invention. Minister De Lome Had Not Heard It.

Rumor of the Assassination of Consul Williams Effectually Denied.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—The story that Secretary Olney has addressed a note to United States Minister Taylor in Madrid suggesting mediation, as reported, is pure fabrication.

When the published story was called to the attention of Senor Dupuy De Lome, the Spanish minister, he said that he had received no information of the taking of such action, and that he had received no such note, either as going to Minister Taylor or himself. The report has appeared in various forms within the present week, the first statement being that the communications had been sent to the Spanish minister. It is customary in diplomatic affairs to advise the minister of a country as to the course of negotiations which are proceeding with his government, whether the note is sent through him or not.

### THE FABRICATION.

Story Which Is Denied in Washington Dispatches.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Following is the dispatch sent by the Chicago Times-Herald correspondent, which brought out the strong denial of the Spanish minister here:

At last it can be stated President Cleveland has taken action in behalf of Cuba. He has made to Spain a formal proposition that the good offices of the United States be accepted in mediation between that country and her rebellious colony in the West Indies.

This proposal was made in a cablegram of instructions to our minister at Madrid, Mr. Taylor, which was dispatched during the day. No diplomatic dispatch of equal importance has left this capital since Secretary Olney's note to the British government on the Venezuela boundary question was sent to London last summer.

It brings to a crisis the relations between the United States and Spain, which have been unsettled since the outbreak of the Cuban rebellion.

### Contents of the Note.

The note thoroughly explains the attitude of the United States and the reasons which have led to this action. The principal points of the dispatch are:

1. The president offers the good offices of the United States government in mediation between Spain and the insurgents, with a view to a settlement of the trouble and to bringing about peace in the island.

2. The note recalls the correspondence between this government and Spain at the time of the 10-years war, when President Grant and Secretary Fish proposed mediation and the Spanish government, though declining to accept it, promised certain reforms in Cuba. The fact that the United States was in part instrumental in bringing about that settlement, and the charge that the Spanish government has not kept its promises is given as a reason why the United States now has a right to be heard in this case.

### Present Insurrection Serious.

3. It is pointed out that the present rebellion in Cuba has assumed a much more serious phase than has any former insurrection, the insurgents having apparently taken possession of all of the island except Havana and a small section of country roundabout.

Spain is assured of the fact that the United States is actuated by only disinterested motives and by a desire through friendship to bring about a more pacific and satisfactory state of affairs in the island. Spain is urged to accept our good offices in the spirit in which they are tendered, and the hope is expressed that the Spanish government will see its way to granting reforms in Cuba.

The president does not ask Spain to grant the independence of Cuba, nor does he suggest that home rule be accorded the people of that island. He leaves all these questions of method to be discussed after Spain shall have expressed a willingness to accept mediation.

### WILLIAMS ALL RIGHT.

Effectual Denial of a Highly Sensational Rumor.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—A dispatch has been received at the state department from United States Consul General Williams at Havana, thus effectually disposing of a public rumor that he had been assassinated and his body dragged through the streets of Havana. The report of a great battle in which 500 of Maceo's men fell is similarly dis-

missed, no word of any such engagement having been received at the Spanish legation or elsewhere, although circumstantial details of the movements of the troops are constantly forwarded.

### Banker Shove Found Guilty.

OSHKOSH, Wis., April 13.—Banker T. C. Shove of the defunct State bank of Manitowoc has been found guilty of receiving money after his bank was insolvent. Shove broke down and wept bitterly when the verdict was announced.

### Hearing in the Kent Case.

BISMARCK, N. D., April 13.—The hearing of the appeal in the Kent murder case by the supreme court will be had April 24.

### FINANCE AND TRADE.

The Cuban tobacco crop will be very limited this year.

The price of Bessemer steel has been fixed by the combine at \$20 a ton.

Spanish securities fell on the London stock exchange in consequence of the vote of the United States house of representatives in regard to Cuban belligerency.

The Order of Pente, with headquarters at Philadelphia, a beneficial order, which has agreed to pay its members large profits at the end of seven years, has assigned.

The exports from Sheffield, Eng., to the United States for the first three months of 1896 amounted to \$832,220, compared with \$563,010 for the same period of 1895.

The exports from Bradford, Eng., to the United States during the month of March were valued at £312,000 (\$1,560,000), compared with £491,000 (\$2,455,000) for the same period of 1895.

A. Davis & Co. of Plainville, Mass., manufacturing jewelers, and Harlan G. Bacon, of Lincoln, Bacon & Co., also in the jewelry business, have made assignments, involving more than \$100,000.

### CRIMINAL NEWS.

H. H. Holmes is arranging his financial affairs. He is to die May 7.

John H. Green of Butte complains that his wife has seven other husbands. Treasurer Cobb of Lawrence county, Neb., committed suicide. He was \$35,000 short.

An attempt is said to have been made to assassinate Mayor Davis of Kansas City.

Richard Ringer of Friend, Neb., who was suffering from hydrophobia, committed suicide.

The trial of Scott Jackson has been postponed till April 21, on account of sickness in the family of Jackson's attorney.

The Missouri supreme court has affirmed the sentence of the Taylor brothers, convicted of the murder of the Meek family, near Milan.

Thomas Wharton, a newspaper man and novelist of Philadelphia, was killed by a fall from the fourth story window. It is believed that he committed suicide.

A scheme is alleged to have been concocted to kidnap Cornelius Vanderbilt and hold him for ransom. It was to have been accomplished on his recent trip to California.

Miss Josephine Manning, a dressmaker, and James Flynn, who had been keeping company with her, was found dead in a burning house at Salem, Mass. Probably murder and suicide.

### FOREIGN NEWS.

It is rumored the sultan will expel all missionaries from Turkey.

King Menelik of Abyssinia seeks an alliance with the dervishes.

General Weyler now says that he hopes to conquer the Cubans within two years.

The Turks have concluded not to expel the Christian missionaries from Asia Minor.

Spaniards are beginning to talk about arbitration as a means of settling the Cuban dispute.

A dispatch from Suakin says that Osman Digna and a large force of dervishes is threatening Sinkat.

Twenty-one sculptors competed for the statue of Sarah Siddons, to be erected in London. The model chosen is by a Frenchman, Chevalier.

South and Central American presidents almost unanimously endorse the stand taken by President Diaz of Mexico on the Monroe doctrine.

Admiral Berenger, the Spanish minister of marine, will propose to the cabinet an extra credit of 32,000,000 pesetas on account of naval construction.

The loss of 800 Spanish troops and the capture of a large amount of war material by the Cubans is confirmed by a cipher dispatch from General Garcia's son.

The Vienna Vaterland publishes a letter from the superior of the Catholic mission station at Orfah, declaring that 8,000 Armenians have been massacred there.

In consequence of the decision of a portion of the Vienna fire department to go out on strike, all of the firemen have been relieved from duty and military pioneers been substituted for them.

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