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No Orders Yet Sent to Minister Woodford to Leave Madrid, but No Negotiations Are Now Proceeding Between McKinley and the Sagasta Ministry.—Note Presented by the Powers Not Regarded as a Protest Against America's Cuban Policy.—Outlook Is Very Ominous.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—There is no longer any doubt as to the purposes of this government with respect to the situation in Cuba.

War, in the opinion of the administration, is inevitable, except in the unlooked-for event of a surrender on the part of Spain.

The president's message, which he had intended to send to congress yesterday, has not been changed in any particular, and embodies the unanimous views of the cabinet without the slightest variance or exception.

Any movement to avert war now must come from Madrid and must concede American demands, including an end to Spain's domination in Cuba.

Three features stand out plainly in the developments of today.

At noon the six great powers of Europe, through their representatives here, called at the White house and presented to President McKinley a joint note expressing urgent hope for a peaceful adjustment between the United States and Spain, to which the president replied with unmistakable plainness as to the duty and unselfish endeavors of this government to terminate the medium of official intercourse between the United States and the island.

War Fever Raging.

Third and almost equally important was the ominous tone of the press advices from Madrid, where the war fever seems to dominate instead of the concessions, the opening of prison doors and the other manifestations of peace and good will which Holy Thursday was expected to bring forth, and the more definite announcement of action that would bring peace to Cuba.

The heavy guard about Minister Woodford's house, the imperative character of his last note, the war utterance of Minister Correo and the turbulence at the Spanish capital left little hope that pacific counsels would prevail.

No negotiation are proceeding at Madrid on the art of this government, but the powers of Europe, it is expected, are doing their utmost to persuade the Spanish government to yield and avert war.

On the highest authority, it can be stated that no instructions have been given as yet to Minister Woodford contemplating his withdrawal, the only step in that direction being the determination that Gen. Lee leave Havana on Saturday.

The note of the European powers presented to the president today has not, in the opinion of members of the administration, changed the situation in the slightest degree. What the president was brought to hear to secure even this mildly expressed hope that further negotiations would result in the maintenance of peace is not known, but it is confidently believed that it is the result of persistent appeals on the part of Spain for some expression in favor of peace between the two countries.

Not a Protest.

The note is not regarded in any sense as a protest against the course this government has pursued thus far, or is likely to adopt to secure a stable government in Cuba.

Some of the governments represented in the note are known to be in full accord with this government in its purposes with respect to the Cuban question, and therefore any theory that the note was intended as a remonstrance is not regarded as tenable.

The reply of this government, which had previously been read and approved by members of the cabinet, is not considered as indicating any change in the fixed purpose of the president to intervene in Cuba at once, nor is it believed that it was the expectation of a majority of the foreign representatives present that the United States should change its policy or regard the joint note as other than an expression in behalf of peace and without special significance.

So far as known in administration circles, no further representations on this subject are expected. No offers of mediation on the part of any European power have been received, and there is high authority for the statement that none would be accepted or proffered. This has been the fixed policy of the government from the first, and there is no prospect of a change in this regard.

Historic Steps.

At the embassies and legations the presentation of the joint note of the powers was regarded as the event of the day. An ambassador from one of the great powers of continental Europe stated that it was without a parallel in history; that it was the first and the only time that the six great nations of Europe, representing the world, created the power of civilization, had united in this solemn manner to secure the peace of the world. It was, this high authority stated, a movement historical in character, and one that would stand on the advent of the twentieth century.

Calls at the various embassies and legations late in the day showed that the response of the president had created a most favorable impression in foreign quarters. The president's answer was looked upon, to some extent, as a counter appeal to the great powers for their aid in the struggle against the intemperance of humanity against the intolerable condition of affairs in Cuba.

In some diplomatic quarters there was disposition to read the joint note "between the lines," and to give it a suggestive character beyond the mild phrases adopted. This was not the generally accepted view, however. The favorable manner of its reception was looked upon as a wise move at this critical juncture, for, without rejecting as an intrusion the foreign suggestions, the president is expected to give the greatest promise of sympathy, rather than opposition from the most powerful joint influences in the world.

War Inevitable.

At the capital the situation was ardently discussed among individuals, and came up in public debate in both houses. Senator Morgan, of Alabama, said he was ready to vote for a declaration of war in discussing an amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill.

In the house a significant declaration was that of Gen. Grosvenor, who declared he believed war was inevitable. In fact, the speeches made by Gen. Grosvenor, in answer to charges against the administration by Mr. Lentz, of Ohio, was an important contribution to the debate of the day.

The importance of Gen. Lee's telegram was considered by members not to have been overestimated, and the impression that the president was amply justified in withholding his message became a conviction. This fact was emphasized by the adjournment on Monday of both houses.

The heavy guard about the house and that war must come. Even the most optimistic of the conservative senators have given up hope of a peaceful settlement.

A great deal of consideration was given by senators and representatives to the form of action. On this point there is a wide divergence of opinion, but it has been generally agreed that the latter plan is said to be that of the president, and efforts are being made to have it adopted so there will be no division between the executive and legislative branches of the government. Fear is expressed that there may be a compromise in the senate, if some committee is not agreed upon before the committee on foreign relations makes its report.

TO THE WOMEN OF ST. PAUL.

How They Can Help Clara Barton in Her Relief Work, if So Disposed.

The Globe telegraphed Clara Barton calling her attention to the strength of women's clubs and sentiment in St. Paul and asking how these organizations could best combine their efforts, if so disposed, to aid in Cuban relief work. The telegram in full is as follows:

Miss Clara Barton, President Red Cross Society, Washington, D. C.: Cannot the organized energies of women's clubs be brought to bear during this crisis upon your Cuban relief work? There are a number of women's clubs in St. Paul, with a large membership. Will you tell the St. Paul Globe how, in your judgment, these clubs can combine their efforts for such object without unnecessary duplication?

Second—What are the most urgent needs of your work? Third—How could the fruits of their efforts reach you with the greatest rapidity and security? In the interest of justice and mercy.

THE ST. PAUL GLOBE.

In answer to this, The Globe received a telegram from Miss Barton, saying she would leave for Cuba in an hour, but that the matter had been referred to the Cuban relief committee. From that committee The Globe has received the following:

St. Paul Globe, St. Paul, Minn.: Your telegram of April 2 to Clara Barton referred to us. Women's clubs should be organized immediately to raise funds, food and medical supplies, which are needed if peace or war. If latter, vast sum may be necessary to equip and sustain Red Cross ambulance and hospital service. Reconcentrados must be relieved in any event. Send remittances and consign supplies to this committee. Miss Barton leaves Tampa tonight as representative of this committee in Cuba. See letter.

Central Cuban Relief Committee.

The letter referred to in this dispatch is appended:

St. Paul Globe, St. Paul, Minn. Dear Sirs: We are just in receipt of a letter from Miss Clara Barton, dated Saturday night, on the eve of her departure for Havana. She enclosed your telegram, asking in what way the organized energies of the several women's clubs in St. Paul could, if so disposed, be utilized to aid her work in Cuba. We enclose herewith a copy of our telegram in reply. In sending your telegram to us, Miss Barton remarks that it is a "fine thought on your part."

Notwithstanding the fact that a break in peaceful conditions seems more imminent than heretofore, this committee is not only not hesitating or halting, but is pursuing its work with greater energy, and this is the result of several recent conferences with the government departments in Washington.

The work of relieving the reconcentrados in Cuba has been begun by the people who have not been abandoned, even though hostilities might tend to interrupt temporarily. However, the Red Cross will, by its international rights, be permitted to enter the field, as both the United States and Spain are treaty nations.

Before her departure, Miss Barton made full arrangements for the immediate organization of military ambulance and hospital work, in case of hostilities, and the sum of money which would be necessary would be very large.

It is only necessary to reflect upon the work performed by the Red Cross during the Franco-Prussian war, in which work \$13,000 were raised by contribution and used in their hospital service. During 1876-1878, seven Red Cross societies accumulated over \$17,000,000, about \$13,000,000 of which was used in their hospital service, the army having practically turned the work over to them.

Miss Barton returns to Cuba as the fully authorized representative of this committee, appointed by the president, to purchase her work of distribution of supplies and reinstatement of the reconcentrados in a condition of self-sustenance.

The work before her is a very great one, and she needs all the support that can be afforded. All donations of money or supplies should be made to this committee, as we forward the proceeds direct to Miss Barton at whatever port in Cuba it might be desired.

If we can give you any further information, kindly command us.

Very truly yours, STEPHEN E. BARTON, Chairman.

WOMEN ENTHUSIASTIC IN THE WORK.

Mrs. Daniel Manning, president of the National D. A. R., when asked the other day whether the Daughters of the American Revolution would take any action in case of war, said: "Oh, yes. Perfectly certain plans which they will carry out in case of war." And over the signatures of three of the most prominent members appeared this statement:

"The mission of the Daughters of the American Revolution is worthy of every best effort its members can put forth, and, with its membership of 25,000 of the most able, reputable and representative women of America, a board of honest, capable women, and a president who has led a blameless life, who leans not to this faction or to that, there is nothing in the range of patriotic work which it cannot hope to effect."

That the authors spoke in the spirit of the local, as well as the national organization is evidenced by the fact that when Miss Barton's appeal to the Central Cuban relief committee, was brought to the notice of the Distaff chapter, organized in this city yesterday, the officers decided that this was their first and proper work. The matter will be brought before the St. Paul chapter at its meeting to be held in Dayton Avenue Presbyterian church Monday afternoon. Said a member of this chapter: "We are patriotic and we are right, that, if all the women's clubs and associations in the land, we should take the first stand, and there is no reason why St. Paul should hang back for other cities."

Said another Daughter: "Before this we haven't known how to go to work. Now it has been pointed out to us. We have our organization, we know what is wanted, we have but to send it to New York and our part is done. We should go to work."

From the regent of the Nathan Hale chapter: "I don't have a meeting until the last Tuesday of this month, but I can say for our chapter that when the call for war comes we will fall into line."

But, without the stimulus of this direct appeal to local clubs, some of the societies are already at work—especially the organizations connected with the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. of St. John's Church. Then there are a few women of large sympathies who, in a quiet way, are at work, till the organized effort of the women's clubs over the country has been brought into full play. "Now is the time," said one, "for club women to prove to the world that their club life has made them better women and more efficient helpers to their country and to suffering humanity. As in times of war the national constitution, which is the right thing, is not sufficient, we must press into service their splendid organizations for vehicles wherein to transmit effective efforts. That the club is literary, or musical, or artistic, should make no difference. It is an organized body of women, and that very organization is needed at this moment."

THESE ORGANIZE TO TAKE UP THE WORK.

A new chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was organized yesterday at the home of Mrs. J. Q. Adams, on Crocus hill, to be known as the Distaff chapter. The following officers were unanimously elected: Regent, Mrs. C. E. Smith; vice regent, Mrs. J. W. Edgerton; secretary, Mrs. H. S. Cowen; treasurer, Mrs. S. C. Stickney; registrar, Mrs. Rufus Davenport; historian, Mrs. F. E. Foster. A committee, or council, consisting of Mrs. J. W. Adams and Mrs. A. E. Walker, was elected. In providing the organization with its purpose and its objects, the regent said: "The purpose of this society is to promote patriotism, to have the patriotic spirit in the hearts of all our citizens, to promote mutual benefit and pleasure, and for encouraging sympathy with the best interests of the country. The further objects of the chapter are to be those laid down by the national constitution, and in pursuance of those objects particular attention will be devoted to the last clause of the second article of the national constitution, which reads as follows: 'to cherish, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, to foster true patriotism and love of country, and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty.'"

In furtherance of this purpose the ladies have their eyes turned towards Cuba and the work being done there by Miss Clara Barton and the Red Cross society, and will render effective service along the lines of the appeal made by her through the Cuban relief committee.

From the New York Times, April 5.

Chairman Stephen E. Barton, of the relief committee, said yesterday that previous to Miss Barton's return to this country the Red Cross society had been organized in Havana, and that the work of collecting and forwarding the supplies was entirely in the hands of the state department, represented by the relief committee and Gen. Lee.

"The government's policy is that in the event of war these supplies would not only be liable to seizure and confiscation by the Spaniards," said Mr. Barton, "but the immense stores already in Havana awaiting distribution would certainly be seized upon to feed the Spanish soldiers. Miss Barton was therefore called here, and the entire system of relieving, storing and distributing provisions in the hands of the Red Cross society."

"In case war should break tomorrow we have arranged to place the Red Cross flag over our relief stores in Cuba, and the relief ship that is to be chartered by us will also fly the flag. By the international treaty respecting the Red Cross society, the relief work in Cuba thus protected, so that the two countries should be at war. Although Spain was one of the original sixteen nations who committed themselves to the Red Cross convention at Geneva, in 1864, her national society has thus far done no work as a body in Cuba. Gen. Blanco and other high officials are, however, and it is to be presumed that the relief system would not be interfered with during a war."

At Havana, the enthusiasm for the reconcentrados might sorely tempt the Spanish soldiers to loot, but a single act of depredation upon the Red Cross warehouses would call forth a condemnation, if not the active intervention, of other powers, parties to the treaty."

Miss Barton, who has been here since she engaged and while here in gathering the resources of the Red Cross society for hospital work in the field. It was stated at the offices of the Cuban relief committee yesterday that a full corps of surgeons and trained nurses had been selected, and are now holding themselves in readiness for a call to service. Dr. A. S. Lesser, of the society, who returned from Havana last Wednesday. It was announced that he has already secured his staff and equipments for field work. He has been appointed surgeon general, and has a full corps of surgeons and trained nurses had been selected, and are now holding themselves in readiness for a call to service. Dr. A. S. Lesser, of the society, who returned from Havana last Wednesday. It was announced that he has already secured his staff and equipments for field work. 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