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## Telegraphic News.

**LONDON, April 5.**—The movement of the powers of Europe for a joint offer of mediation between the United States and Spain, received a severe and probably fatal rebuff from the definite refusal upon the part of Great Britain to participate in it.

**MADRID, April 5.**—The Spanish government admits that the United States government never asked for or suggested the mediation of the Pope, and regret is expressed that any misunderstanding should have arisen.

**LONDON, April 5.**—A dispatch from Rome says that a telegram received at the Vatican from the United States announced the failure of the Pope's intervention. It says that it is impossible for President McKinley to overcome the prejudice, even though it may be unjust, entertained by a majority of the American people against the Vatican's intervention in political affairs.

**MADRID, April 5.**—Minister of Foreign Affairs, Senor Gullon, in an interview today said that the Spanish government is expecting speedy arrival of a note from the Vatican in which the Pope will indicate the plan he proposes to terminate the present situation.

**ROME, April 5.**—The Pope's initiative is based wholly on the fact that Spain, when she asked for the good offices of the powers, also asked the Pope's good offices. The interposition of the Pontiff has thus far been confined to efforts to bring about armistice between Spain and the insurgents.

**ROME, April 5.**—It is authoritatively said that the Pope's proposed terms are such as can be accepted by Spain and supported by the United States, according to Minister General Stewart L. Woodford, in forwarding them to President McKinley.

**LONDON, April 5.**—France, not Austria, was the prime mover in the suggested mediation, in which Great Britain declined to join.

**WASHINGTON, April 5.**—At 11 o'clock today Sir Julian Pauncefote, British ambassador, had a long conference with M. Cambon, French ambassador, in regard to suggested concert of powers on the Cuban question. It is presumed. Naturally Sir Julian's representations are unknown, but it was the first official move in diplomatic circles here.

**WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5.**—The House Committee on Foreign Affairs met this morning. Captain Sigbee, Admiral Irwin and several experts in explosives had been summoned to give testimony, regarding the blowing up of the "Maine." Representative Quigg, of New York, said that Spain would be held responsible for the blowing up of the "Maine." He is in favor of reporting a resolution instructing the President to drive Spain from the western hemisphere.

**WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5.**—The Senate committee on Foreign Relations met for the special purpose of deciding whether the Committee should make a report on the Cuban situation today, or postpone action until the President's message shall be received. There is great impatience over the delay on the part of some of the members of the Committee, notably Senator Frye, who urged that every day's postponement was valuable time lost. Other members, while quite as anxious, have shown a disposition to extend the time to get our consuls out of Cuba safely. This necessity was urged upon the Committee strenuously today. Senator Davis gave quite a positive assurance that the way will be entirely clear for the message tomorrow. Senator Frye also had a conference with the President and showed a disposition to allow time absolutely necessary to take care of our consuls. In view all circumstances the committee lost little time in reaching the conclusion to delay its report until the message shall be received tomorrow.

**WASHINGTON, April 5.**—The Cabinet meeting to-day, was not of unusual duration, but extreme difficulty was encountered in obtaining details concerning it. The Cabinet officers, however, authorized this much: The situation on Spanish affairs remains unchanged; the President's message is practically completed and is now being copied; the President proposes to send it to Congress tomorrow; the message and the general condition of affairs were discussed, of course, quite fully but no changes had appeared which required any elaborate discussion of new measures.

**MADRID, April 5.**—11:30 a. m.—It is apparent that further negotiations are progressing. The absolute dead-lock which seemed have been reached yesterday evening has, for the moment, been removed, though no armistice has yet been proclaimed. The family of Second Secretary of the United States Legation, J. R. McArthur starts for Paris tonight. Mrs. Woodford holds her usual receptions this afternoon.

**LONDON, April 5.**—According to a special from Rome, the Pope is "disappointed at the reception of his overtures by America, but not discouraged. The dispatch adds: "This morning His Holiness dispatched a cable of 500 words to Archbishop Ireland, urging increased efforts in the interest of peace, as well as further immediate representation to President McKinley."

**TAMPA, Fla., April 4.**—Miss Clara Barton, left for Havana last night. "If war is declared," she said, "I presume I will have more to do than ever, taking care of so many in trouble and destitute."

**LEAVENWORTH, Kans., April 5.**—Officers of the Twentieth Regiment, stationed at Fort Leavenworth, received orders, to-day, from the War Department to be in readiness to move at a moment's notice.

**LONDON, April 5.**—A dispatch from Barcelona says that the United States consulate there is guarded by the police, and the consul and vice-consul at Card, both said to be Spaniards, have resigned.

**WASHINGTON, April 5.**—In his message the President will not make any recommendation looking to the immediate recognition of Cuban independence, because, as he views it, the insurgents have not established a government of their own. In case this government should take possession of the island, and the insurgents should see fit to inflict capital punishment upon the members of the present autonomist government, or other persons, this government having recognized their independence would be powerless to prevent any action which the Cuban government might see fit to take. The better and safer way, it is argued, would be for the United States to take control of the island, if necessary to prevent further bloodshed, and administer its affairs, or at least supervise its administration, in the interest of justice and humanity, until Spain and Cuba themselves, if possible, have settled the whole question. What further action shall be taken will be dictated by the facts and conditions as they present themselves.

**WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5.**—Captain Sigbee, in an examination by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, stated that in his opinion his vessel was blown up by a submarine mine located by Spanish authorities. As to whether it was fired by Spanish authorities or not he declined to express an opinion. He told the Committee that the buoy to which the "Maine" was anchored, was the most unfrequented buoy in the harbor. The Committee is to meet again tonight to prepare the text of its resolutions to be submitted to the House. The members of the Committee believe that war is inevitable unless Spain makes a square backdown. Declaration of war may not be made just yet, because it will require several days to get the Americans off the island.

**WASHINGTON, April 4.**—Members of Congress are receiving scores of telegrams from bankers and corporations, appealing to them to sustain the "wise peace policy" of the President. Many telegrams couched in practically the same language, showing they were inspired from the same source. This pressure has strengthened rather than weakened Congressmen in the course they have mapped out for themselves.

**WASHINGTON, April 5.**—The President has practically completed his message. This completion, in advance of the expectations of many public men, has led to the belief among some that if passed upon by the Cabinet today, it might immediately be sent to Congress. It was positively announced, however, at the White House, that it would not be submitted until Wednesday.

**WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5.**—Archbishop Ireland came to the state department at 12:30 o'clock. He was shown at once into Assistant Secretary Day's room. To reporters, who asked his mission, Archbishop Ireland said he came simply to pay his respects. Assistant Secretary Day said at noon there had been no meditation or intervention by other powers.

**WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5.**—The Navy department today concluded the purchase of four of ten ships contracted for yesterday. They are the Morgan steamers, "El Rio," "El Sol," "El Norte" and "El Sid."

**NEW YORK, April 5.**—Dispatches to the *World* from St. Vincent, Cape Verde islands, says: The Spanish torpedo flotilla, under command of Commodore Villamilis, is still here.

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**WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5.**—The State Department has received a dispatch from Consul General Lee saying that in case of war being declared he could not be able to get American citizens out of Cuba before next Sunday.

**WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5.**—Members of the House have been informed that vessels had been dispatched to Havana to take off General Lee and our consular officers, as well as all Americans who desire to leave the island.

Chandler, of New Hampshire, said: "The United States ought immediately to declare war against Spain and maintain that war until the people of Cuba shall be made free from Spanish starvation and cruelty and the government of the island finally established as an independent republic."

Turpie, of Indiana, member of the Foreign Relations Committee, said it was only the Spanish Moloch which would say "suffer little children to come to me, and we will starve them to death." The cause of the war was Spanish dominion in Cuba and until this shall be removed there can be no peace.

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