

DIPLOMATIC TALK

In the Controversy Between Spain and Uncle Sam.

NO FOREIGN INTERFERENCE.

Their Mediation Will Be Not Acceptable to the United States.

SENATOR CHANDLER FOR WAR.

Other Senators Echo the Sentiments of the Member For New Hampshire, and the Prospects Are That Any Proposition For Intervention Without Demanding the Independence of Cuba Will Be Vigorously Combated.

Washington, April 6.—That the president's message will go to congress today was the best information obtainable in Washington last evening, through the kaleidoscope of internal events appears to be moving so rapidly at Madrid as to make possible some new and possibly remarkable change in the aspect of affairs that will prevent this statement holding good.

The day was prolific of reports of mediation on the part of the European powers, but a summary of all the news on this point is that the powers of



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Europe cannot agree, and that their interference would be unacceptable to the government of the United States.

The German ambassador, Dr. Von Holleben, appears to be the only one not actively participating in the conferences, but there is reason to believe he is kept fully advised on the sentiments at Berlin concerning the Spanish situation.

At the Capitol yesterday tremendous effort was made to have congress support the outlined policy of the president.

The prevailing opinion among senators is that the committee will recede from its position for both independence and intervention and report a resolution in accordance with the president's recommendation for intervention alone.

The United States ought immediately to declare war against Spain, and to maintain that war until the people of Cuba are made free from Spanish starvation and cruelty and the government of the island firmly established as an independent republic.

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foreign relations committee, briefly but scathingly reviewed the Spanish conduct in Cuban affairs and declared the strongest terms for intervention that would mean something—that would drive Spain from control of every foot of territory in the western hemisphere.

THE FEELING IN MADRID.

Conservative El Liberal intimates That War Is Inevitable. London, April 6.—The Madrid correspondent of The Times says: "The horizon blackens once anew, and congress is the cloud which grows more imminent."

"It has been usual of late, perhaps unreasonably usual, to attribute every sinister impression to a jingo source. No imputation whatever of jingoism can be attached to El Liberal, which is ministerial, deliberate and unsensational, and has loyally stood by the government in every detail of its procedure until quite recently.

"For many days past there has been talk of an armistice, which is now being attributed to the papal scheme of mediation, but the talk should have gone deeper. The stereotyped expression, 'peace with honor,' is just now the veritable watchword of Spain, but if peace means the sacrifice of her policy, or an armistice conducting to that loss, the result, in the unswerving opinion of the Spaniards, would be national dishonor, and war, external or civil, will be preferred.

"If mediation comes, it comes late; whether too late events will duly show. Passions are running high, while the American congress—so Madrid has been told—is not a barrier to be likely overcome even by a president with a sensible majority at his back.

WAR NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Spain's Formidable Torpedo Fleet Disabled at Cape Verde Islands. Washington, April 6.—On Wednesday of last week an effort was made to force a Cuban recognition resolution through the house by Mr. Bailey, the Democratic leader.

Thursday was a day of anxious waiting for Spain's reply to President McKinley's demand for Cuban independence. When the reply arrived, late at night, it was not given out for publication, but it was plainly intimated that it was entirely unsatisfactory.

Last Friday was a day of great excitement. It was given out, though not officially reported, that the reply of the Spanish government to the president's letter was very unsatisfactory, and that a message would be sent to congress explaining the whole position on Monday of this week.

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