TELEGRAPHIC.

IN BEHALF OF CUBA.

Cleveland's Proposition to the Spanish Government.

FRIENDLY MEDIATION SUGGESTED.

Reasons Given why the United States Has a Right to Be Heard In This Matter.

Chicago, April 10.—A dispatch to the Times-Herald from Washington says: At last 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. The proposal was made in a cablegram of instructions to our minister at Madrid, Mr. Hannis Taylor, which was dispatched today. 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 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.

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

First—The President offers the good offices of the United States to mediation between Spain and the insurgents with the view of bringing about peace in Cuba.

Second—The note recalls the correspondence between this government and Spain at the time of the ten 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 the case.

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

Spain is assured of the fact that the United States is actuated only by disinterested motives and by a desire, through friendship, to bring about a more peaceful 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.

A LETTER FROM GOMEZ.

The Cuban Insurgent General Writes About the Conditions.

Washington, April 10.—President Palma of the Cuban delegation in the United States has made public the following letter received from General Gomez, the insurgent leader, regarding the conditions on the island:

[illegible]

The peaceful country people only find death and dishonor. Cuba today, as in 1895, only presents pools of blood dried by conflagrations. Our enemies are burning the houses to deprive us, according to them, of our quarters for spring. We will never use reprisals, for we are trained that the revolution will never need to triumph by being cruel and sanguinary. We will go on with this war, the ultimate result of which you need not worry about—with success for the arms of the Republic. We fight when convenient to us against an enemy tired out and without faith. My plans are well under-

stood by subordinates, and each one knows what to do.

Give us cartridges so that our soldiers can fight, and you can depend that in the spring campaign the enemy's army will be greatly reduced and it will be necessary for Spain to send another army, and I do not know whether it would be rash to say that perhaps Spain has not the money with which to do it. We have a great military advantage over the enemy in the incapacity of the [illegible] of General Weyler's generals. The [illegible] reports of supposed victories with which they pretend to deceive themselves, their government and the world, contribute to the speedy triumph of the revolution. No chance with which one has for its base falseness any enemy can be either firm or lasting.

Much is said and written about the recognition of belligerency of the Cubans by the American government. This would be very advantageous to us, and is only doing justice, but as when we rose against tyranny, we only counted on the strength of our arms and the firm resolution of victory, we follow our march unconcerned, satisfied that what is to happen will happen.

Yours truly,
MAXIMO GOMEZ.

HOLMES'S CONFESSION.

He Says He Was Born to be a Devil and Cannot Help it.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 10.—The North American of this city will tomorrow morning print what purports to be extracts from the confession alleged to have been made by murderer H. H. Holmes.

Among other things the story says:

In preparing the confession, which covers in all nearly thirty newspaper pages, written in Holmes's own handwriting, and detailing with a minuteness that is nearly at times revolting, the arch-murderer and author of twenty-seven murders, as he admits himself to be, states with absorbing [illegible] the pathos that he makes it simply that he may obtain enough money to sustain his boy. Holmes writes of his blood-curdling atrocities with an abandon that simply appalls one. Not one grain of remorse seems to enter into the construction of that document.

He says: "I was born with the devil in me. I could not help the fact that I was a murderer, no more than the poet can help the inspiration to sing, nor the ambition of an ideal [illegible] to be great."

"This inclination," continues Holmes, "came to me early in life. I remember when a mere lad my ambition was to study medicine that I might know the relative effects of poisonous drugs, that I might fully become acquainted with their use, and learn to be an expert in handling them."

"From what I can see, I believe fully I am growing to resemble the devil; that the bone on one side of my head and face are gradually assuming that elongated shape so pronounced in what is called the degenerate head, and the similitude is almost complete. In fact so impressed am I with the belief that I am convinced that I have no longer anything human in me."

Holmes's confession then [illegible] of the early experiences of his boyhood days on the farm up in Vermont and the life he led until he entered the college to study medicine in Michigan.

It was not until after he was graduated, fully equipped with the knowledge of poisons and the easiest way to sever the thread of life, that Holmes began his career as a murderer and mutilator. When he began he admits he was reckless, and never once halted until he took twenty-seven lives.

"And I would have committed six other murders," he added, "had not certain circumstances intervened."

Possibly one of the worst, most brutal, revolting and disgusting crimes this arch-murderer ever committed was one he speaks of to a chapter devoted to his boy—the son of his first wife. The only explanation he offers is that he did it simply to gratify a desire for mutilation.

"It was shortly after I was married," he declares, "and our boy was then only a youngster. I called him from the road where he was [illegible] about like an innocent, with a lot of other [illegible], and took him out to a cow barn. I don't know what it was that possessed me, but I took a surgical knife along with me. It was simply the craving of the murderer within me that inspired me to make a subject of my little one."

Instructed for McKinley.

Portland, Or., April 10.—The Republican state convention today adopted a platform which declares for the use of both gold and silver, with such restrictions as will secure the maintenance of the values of the two metals. The delegates to the national convention were instructed to vote for McKinley for President. The following is the financial plank in full:

"The American people from tradition and interest favor bimetallism, and the Republican party demands the use of both gold and silver as standard money, with such restrictions and under such provisions to be determined by legislation, as will secure the maintenance of the parity of values of the metals, so that the purchasing and debt-paying power of the dollar, whether of silver, gold or paper, shall be at all times equal. The interest of the producers of the country—its farmers and its workingmen—demand that every dollar, paper or coin, issued by the government shall be as good as any other dollar."

Delegates to the St. Louis convention: [illegible]

Presidential electors: [illegible]

[illegible] was renominated for supreme judge by acclamation.

No Whisky for Indians.

Washington, April 10.—Representative McCleary has reported from the committee on Indian affairs a bill to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors to Indians holding land by allotment. The passage is recommended by the secretary of the interior, who says it is made necessary by the decision of Judge Bellinger of the United States district court for Oregon, which he says in effect permits the sale of liquor to Indian allottees without limitation.

Yamagata's Reception.

New York, April 11.—Great preparations are being made for the reception today of Field Marshal Marquis Yamagata, supreme general of the Japanese army. The marquis and his suite are now on their way from San Francisco to this city.

Cullom Withdraws.

Chicago, April 11.—The Times-Herald's Washington special says:

Senator Cullom has written a letter withdrawing from the presidential contest, but has not yet decided when to make it public. It was Mr. Cullom's intention to give the letter to the press tomorrow, but tonight he was urged by the friends of other candidates to defer its publication.

The Matabele Rising.

London, April 11.—Advices received by the Times regarding the situation in Matabeleland again take a rather alarmed tone, but no advices have been received by the government to bear out this view of the situation, and the present force of troops in South Africa is considered sufficient by the government.

A Bulawayo dispatch says:

The whole of the Matabele nation has risen, and 1,500 men is strong as [illegible] as will be required to clear the country. It is impossible to act except on the defensive with small patrols.

ONLY A RUMOR.

Tenant General Williams Said to Be Murdered in Havana.

New York, April 11.—A dispatch to the Herald from Havana says: Rumor is current here in the cafes and streets that [illegible] has been murdered in Havana and his body dragged through the streets. Authorities profess ignorance of the story. In consequence of this report, but the authorities have no knowledge of any such event.

The Fourth Coinage Discussion.

Albany, Ga., April 10.—Secretary Smith and ex-Speaker Crisp held their fourth joint discussion on the money question here today. The Georgia Chautauqua is in session here. A big crowd and as the sound money stronghold of South Georgia, being in Congressman Turner's old district, and the sympathies of the crowd were apparently about evenly divided. The speaking took place in the Chautauqua tent, Secretary Smith having the opening.

Governor Jones of Nevada Dead.

San Francisco, April 10.—Governor Jones of Nevada died at the Palace hotel in this city this evening.

Governor Jones has been ill several months, and came to this city for medical treatment.

Carson, Nev., April 10.—Governor John E. Jones was born in Wales, December 5, 1840. He came to the United States with his parents and settled in Iowa in 1856. He was educated in the public schools, finishing with a four year course in the Iowa State university. He was a school teacher in his early manhood, and afterward, like most Western men, followed mining and such avocations as came to his hand in Colorado, Wyoming and Nevada. In 1885 he held the office of United States deputy internal revenue collector, residing at Eureka, Nev. In 1890 he was elected surveyor general of the State by the Republican party. He was re-elected in 1892, serving until he took office as governor in 1895. He was elected governor by the silver party.

He will be succeeded by Lieutenant Governor Reinhold Sadler, now acting governor. News of his death caused great sorrow in this city and section.

NICARAGUA REBELLION.

Both Sides Sick of the Fight—Rebels Well Armed.

Corinto, Nicaragua, April 9, via Galveston, Texas, April 10.—For several hours on April 8th and 7th the insurgent troops, under the command of General Baca, president of the revolutionary government of Nicaragua, bombarded the fortifications of the government at [illegible]. The bombardment, however, did not dislodge the soldiers who were sent by Honduras to the assistance of the government of President Zelaya.

The British warship Comus, Captain Dyke, having on board over 100 officers and men, has arrived here, but she will leave Corinto today for San Juan del Sur. It is expected, however, that the Comus will return here on Friday and remain at this port until the revolution in Nicaragua is decided one way or the other.

The only real fighting done so far was in the early part of the revolution, and it seems to have sickened both sides. The insurgents have the largest quantity of arms and they are of a more modern description than those of President Zelaya.

"Reorganized" Church Still in Session.

Kirtland, O., April 10.—The "Reorganized Church of Latter-day Saints" general conference continues in session here. At the rate of progress made thus far the business of the conference will not be finished for another week. The matters taken up so far, aside from [illegible] a place for holding the next meeting, have not been of general interest. It has been decided to hold the next general conference at Lamoni, Ia., in April, 1897, probably beginning on the sixth day of that month.

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