SPAIN'S REPLY DELAYS.

With the Note Some Terms are Accepted, Some Modified.

NOT U. S. WAR MEASURES GO AHEAD.

Peace are Provided in Some Have Gone Beyond Their Instructions to Gen. Merritt, and Are Disavowable.

Washington, Aug. 3.—After a conference at the White mansion, lasting five or six hours, the Spanish reply to the President's ultimatum was delivered to the President by Minister Polo, accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of Arcos, who acted as interpreters. The reply was in the form of a note addressed to the President by the Duke of Arcos, and was accompanied by a long cablegram from Madrid, which was read to the President by Minister Polo. The note was very long, and was read by the President to the Cabinet at the beginning of the regular Cabinet session, which was held immediately after the conference. The Cabinet session lasted two hours, and at its close the President and Secretary Day left the Executive mansion together, the latter being in his carriage. The President's reply to the Spanish note was not ready for delivery when the Cabinet session closed, either a copy of it or a report of its contents being in readiness for the Spanish minister when he called at the Executive mansion. It was not known, however, that the reply would be ready for delivery before the Cabinet session, after a short delay, was over, and Secretary Day was at the Cabinet session when the Spanish minister called. The Secretary was not in the Executive mansion when the Spanish minister called, but was summoned from the Cabinet room to receive the Spanish note. The Secretary of State then left the Cabinet room for a few minutes, and returned with the Spanish minister, who had been waiting in the President's room. The Spanish minister then left the Executive mansion, and the Cabinet session was resumed