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Spain Asks the United States to Act as Mediator.

DE LOME AND OLNEY HAVE AGREED

The Subject Will Be Laid Before Congress When It Convenes—The Proposed Reforms.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The post will say tomorrow:

It has been learned from an authentic source that Secretary Olney and Senor Dupuy de Lome have practically terminated the negotiations of the Cuban question, which are to be submitted to congress when it convenes, January 5. The terms of the agreement are based on recent official communications from Premier Canovas addressed to the secretary of state.

The premier states clearly the terms which Spain will accord to the insurgents, and practically asks the United States to propose these conditions to her rebellious subjects. In return for our good offices, Spain assures this government she sincerely deprecates the great commercial loss which we have sustained on account of the Cuban disturbances. She assures us she is even now considering a reciprocity treaty which will deal mainly with Cuban products, and which will be framed in such advantageous terms toward this government that our losses, both in commerce and in the destruction of American property in Cuba, will be most generously compensated.

Premier Canovas says Spain cannot, as a self-respecting and respected nation, stand before the world as having been coerced into measures by the United States. She has freely granted all she now offers, and that in the face of a rebellion. But she accepts the good offices of the United States to act as mediator, and to guarantee to the insurgents amnesty and the enforcement of the new reform law which she is about to proclaim in Cuba.

The form of government offered is, the Spanish statesman declares, the limit of independence which can be granted to a province by any nation without absolute-

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ly severing the bonds of union with the mother country. Autonomy as enjoyed by the Canadians can never be granted in Cuba. What Spain is willing to grant the insurgents, if they lay down their arms, and what she asks the United States to guarantee, is an act which provides for a council of administration which shall control all matters pertaining to the commerce of the West Indies and all estimates upon the general taxation and expenditures of the island, as well as its general home government.

THE SULTAN MUST YIELD,

Or He Will Be Neither Caliph Nor Khedive.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 28.—The Russian ambassador on Saturday, acting in concert with representatives of Great Britain, France, Italy, Germany and Austria, had an audience with the sultan, Abdul Hamid, one of many such interviews within the past year, on the same subject, the better administration of affairs in the Turkish empire.

The Russian diplomat began by warning the sultan and the Turkish government that if the revenues ceded for payment of the Turkish debt were touched, European control of the finances of the empire would become inevitable. M. de Nelidoff, the Russian ambassador, further informed the sultan that the czar guaranteed his personal safety and engaged himself to maintain the sultan's supremacy in the event of severe measures being necessary upon the part of the powers. The sultan, however, remained obdurate, refusing to consent to any measure of control, financial or otherwise, by the powers.

The Russian ambassador said the condition of the Turkish empire placed the throne and the caliphate in imminent peril. Thereupon Abdul Hamid remarked impressively:

"I may be the last of the caliphs, but I will never become a second khedive."

In addition to these warnings, M. de Nelidoff sent a note to the Turkish government and to the palace. The utmost significance is attached to it in diplomatic circles. He pointed out in precise terms the necessity for the sultan following the advice of the powers and acting in complete agreement with their plans for improving the situation, warning them once more that the sultan's refusal to do so involves the most disagreeable consequences.

The ambassadors of the powers will meet again to discuss the situation, and will reassemble in future twice a week until they complete their recommendations to the sultan and his advisers. The envoys acting together will henceforth maintain the strictest secrecy regarding their deliberations and the action taken or contemplated, and will not even inform the envoys of other powers of the decisions reached.

These latest steps upon the part of the powers are once again reported to have produced a profound impression at Kioek and in pursuance of the issuance of an amnesty decree the Armenian prisoners in Asia Minor and this city

and vicinity are being released daily in batches of fifteen.

JUSTICE IN THE CHINESE EMPIRE

Pirates and Counterfeiters Promptly Beheaded.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—According to the latest advices from the Orient Li Ka Chuck, superintendent of the Canton police, on November 28, seized a large number of counterfeit coins. The chief coiner, Cheng Tung, and his confederates, Chan Mei, Tse Sang and others, were arrested. An imperial decree from Peking commanded the immediate decapitation of the three named offenders, and enjoins the viceroy to deal with the others as he thinks necessary according to law, as a warning to the people. The officials who effected the seizure were all promoted in rank.

The Canton viceroy reported in another memorial the capture of two notorious pirate junks. In effecting the capture one military officer lost his life. A decree was issued on the 19th of November authorizing the execution of the captives and ordering the officials concerned in the capture to be promoted in rank and that the matter of the military officer having lost his life be referred to the board concerned for rewards and posthumous honors.

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Germany Would Advise Spain.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Chronicle's Berlin correspondence reports that Germany has offered no advice to the United States or to Spain in regard to Cuba. Germany would prefer to see Cuba in the hands of Spain, the correspondent says, and in the event of affairs becoming acute would advise Spain to grant such concessions as would enable her to retain the island.

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