

WAR WITH SPAIN.

CHICAGO, Sept. 13.—A special to a local paper from Washington says: Information as to the recent secret work in the navy department has leaked out and the result is sufficient to justify the belief that President Cleveland is meditating seriously the possibility of hostilities between Spain and the United States in the near future.

Whether the dispatch is due to a desire to recognize the Cubans as belligerents, or an intention of being in a position to enforce the Mora claim is uncertain, but it cannot be denied that the state and navy departments have been unusually active in the last few weeks. Certain branches of the navy department are now devoting their attention to the Cuban matter almost exclusively.

Acting under recent orders from Secretary Herbert, some of the officers have been working extra time securing data whose character is such as to indicate that the president and Secretary Olney recognize the necessity of preparing for active intervention in the affairs of Cuba.

Exhaustive reports have been prepared for Secretary Herbert and the president on naval conditions for a descent on Cuba. The question of transports and the facilities for landing troops on the island have been looked into thoroughly and the results filed with the secretary of the navy.—Statesman.

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