

THE CUBAN DEBT.

Spain Was Brought to Submission.

PARIS, Oct. 29.—The American Peace Commissioners at their sessions to-day will draw up a memorandum on the subject of the Philippine Islands which, it is expected, they will place before the Spanish commissioners at the joint session which is to take place on Monday next.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—Yesterday was a day of terror at the State Department. Canals poured into it like a deluge, and the effect of that President Payne was assassinated, that one of the Philippine Islands was in flames, that Wain had proclaimed himself dictator in Cuba, and so on. The whole uproar appears to have grown out of the visit of a department clerk to the President at Philadelphia, last evening, with a budget which was required to be approved by the executive eye, and which the President thought best to lay before some members of the Cabinet who had accompanied him. Every conceivable explanation of the incident was invented or suggested by the local gossips.

There does not appear to be any ground, however, for the alarms set in motion. Everything is progressing satisfactorily, though slowly, in our negotiations with Spain. The Spaniards until today have been simply up to their old trick of drawing the poor mouth. They assured the United States commissioners that their country was utterly ruined by the war, and that unless the United States helped her out she would not know which way to turn. Their proposals took several forms, each one being a modification of its predecessor. They began with a plea that the United States should assume or guarantee, the so-called Cuban debt, which is not a Cuban debt at all but a Spanish debt; then they proposed that this debt be cut in two parts, and that the United States make itself liable in some way for that part which was contracted for municipal improvements in Cuba.

The United States' answer to all these propositions was a sweeping one, that no debt of any sort or description, contracted in any way or for any object, played any part in the present negotiations, that when the peace protocol was drawn, its authors took special pains to frame it in such terms as to exclude

consideration of all extraneous questions, the only provisions in that instrument regarding Cuba being that Spain should renounce her sovereignty over the island and withdraw her troops from it; that, when the protocol was submitted to the Spanish Government, it raised no protest whatever to the treatment of the Cuban feature, no: ever mentioning the debt question; and that, with every disposition to be courteous and forbearing, the United States must insist upon Spain's fulfilling her obligation to the letter, and unquibblingly refuse to be drawn into the consideration of any side issue.

The Spanish Commissioners appear to have accepted this answer as a finality, and so far as the Cuban phase of the negotiations is concerned, it has narrowed down to the simple question of the extent to which the United States Government shall make itself responsible during the period of transition from Spanish rule to independence, for the safety of lives and property on the island. The report of recent threatening actions on the part of the insurgents in certain districts has embarrassed the settlement of this question somewhat, and it is still uncertain as to just how strict an obligation the United States shall commit herself in the treaty as finally framed.

Meanwhile the 'buggy' stories cabled from Paris must be looked at askance. The debt question is once and forever out of the way; but the ingenuity of some of the writers who are paid to make news when they cannot find it, and the devices of the concoctors of stock market scares must be kept always in view in discussing the daily budget from the French capital.

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