

WASHINGTON.

SERIOUS ASPECT OF THE CUBAN QUESTION.
THE TWELFTH INFANTRY SENT TO KEY WEST—
THEIR REAL DESTINATION SAID TO BE AD-
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BAILEY.

(BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TELEGRAPH.)

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, April 6, 1893.

Cuban affairs continue to occupy much attention here, and are the subject of discussion in Congressional Committees, in the Departments, and by the members of the Cabinet. There is a wide-spread sympathy manifested toward the insurgents in their struggle, not only among the officers of the Government, but among private citizens and persons who are temporarily sojourning here. This is apparent in all conversations on the subject, and the treatment extended to the representatives of the insurrectionary forces who are now in this city. It is said the subject was considered in the Cabinet meeting to-day, which lasted three hours. The latest news bearing on the question was communicated in a dispatch to the Navy Department to-day, from Admiral Hoff, commanding the North Atlantic Squadron, in which the Department is advised that expeditions in aid of the Revolutionists are being fitted out in various points in the United States, especially on the Mississippi, and that he had dispatched orders to the Commander of the steamer Narragansett, at the mouth of the Mississippi, to keep a sharp lookout for the expeditions, and to seize all craft destined for Cuba with warlike intentions.

LATER—Señora Emilia C. De Villavieja, Señora Manuela Yzquierdo, and Señor Leopoldo Yzquierdo, representatives from the American prisoners held by the Spanish authorities in Cuba, had an interview with the President to-day, in reference to the business in their hands. The President assured them of his sympathy, and stated that the Government would at once take effective measures to protect citizens of the United States in that Island. They subsequently called on the Secretary of War, and Gen. Sherman, who made the same assertions. It is thought here that the assignment of the 12th U. S. Infantry to Key West is only a preliminary movement, and that the real destination for the regiment is the squadron of Admiral Hoff. This belief is strengthened by the fact that Chaplain Kane of the flag-ship Contocook, now in the vicinity of Havana, has been ordered hence, bearing highly important dispatches from the Government to Admiral Hoff. It is understood that these dispatches have reference to the American prisoners in Cuba, and that a demand for their release will follow from the Admiral.

The Dominican question was resumed by the House Foreign Affairs Committee at their meeting to-day. After a long discussion and in consideration of the overtures which have been made by persons high in authority in that island, the Committee authorized Gen. Banks to report a resolution, which requires the assent of the House, to the following effect:

That the President of the United States be, and hereby is, requested, by a suitable commission, or by other means as may seem to him just and proper, to open negotiations with the Government of San Domingo for the annexation of that Republic to the United States.

Gen. Banks will endeavor to put this resolution on its passage at the earliest moment. It is understood that the Administration is favorable to the scheme.

The House Naval Committee to-day agreed to re-