

PREPARING TO MEET ANY EMERGENCY IN CUBA

The Possibility of Intervention Was
Anticipated.

IT WILL BE A SERIOUS AFFAIR.

The President Has Been Arranging
in Advance With Secretaries Taft
and Bonaparte the Details in In-
tervention If It Should Become
Necessary.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The
impression is growing in Washington
that the administration is beginning
to believe that President Palma has
delayed too long the energetic steps
that he is now taking to crush the
rebellion in Cuba. President Roose-
velt has ordered that the moral sup-
port of this government shall be
given to the President of Cuba by
the presence of an American man-o'-
war in the harbor of Havana, and of
a gun-boat on the southeastern coast
of the island, near Cienfuegos, where
it is to be assumed the rebellion will
become serious if the present revolt
in the vicinity of Havana is not put
down by the government.

President Roosevelt is keenly alive
to the progress of the revolutionary
movement in Cuba and the responsi-
bility of the United States in case
the conditions grow worse and inter-
vention becomes necessary. It is
known that the President will not
intervene unless it appears absolutely
necessary, yet steps have been taken
which would make such interven-
tion effective. The ships that have
been sent to Cuba are there for the
purpose only of protecting American
interests and furnishing asylum for
Americans who may be in danger
from the warring factions. Actual
intervention would mean the use of
the Army, and all the available forces
would no doubt be needed, and will
be ready if a serious situation de-
velops.

Under present conditions the Army
has been kept in a better state of
preparation than ever before, and
will be ready if called upon. Corres-
pondence between the President, the
Secretary of War, and General Bell,
chief of staff, has provided for all
contingencies. It is recognized that
intervention would be no "holiday"
matter, but that an army would be
necessary and in event of interven-
tion every available man of the regu-
lar Army will be used and will be
sent to Cuba as fast as possible. Al-
though no regular transports are
available on the Atlantic Coast it is
known where transports can be ob-
tained as soon as needed. Secretary
Taft has also been interested in
everything that has been going for-
ward, and it is believed that the Cu-
ban situation has been the subject of
correspondence between the President
and the Secretary.

Authority for the intervention in
~~Cuban affairs~~ is contained in the
third article of the Pratt amendment,
adopted by Congress in the Army
Appropriation Bill of 1902, which
reads:

"That the government of Cuba
consents that the United States may
exercise the right to intervene for
the preservation of Cuban independ-
ence, the maintenance of government
adequate for the protection of life,
property and individual liberty, and
for discharging the obligations with
respect to Cuba imposed by the
Treaty of Paris on the United States,
now to be assumed and undertaken
by the government of Cuba."

This, with the other provisions of
the Platt amendment, were incorpor-
ated in the Constitution of Cuba.