

CUBANS HERE KNOW NOTHING OF IT

THEY ARE NOT INCLINED, HOWEVER, TO DOUBT THE STORY OF THE FORMATION OF A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.

Published reports of the election of a President of the Provisional Government in Cuba, by the Insurgents, have not been confirmed as yet by any messages received at Cuban headquarters in this city. There is no disposition, on the part of the Cuban patriots here, however, to deny the report. In fact they are inclined to think it true, and that when a steamer arrives from Santiago on Saturday such an announcement will be brought to them.

When Senor Thomas Estrada Palma was elected "Delegate" of the Cuban Revolutionary party in this country, it was announced that as soon as possible another election would be held in Cuba and that a provisional government would be formed and a President elected. Several times word has been received that plans were almost completed and that the announcement of the election of a President could be expected at any time. Senor Palma said yesterday:

"General Bartolome Masso may have been elected President, but we have heard nothing of it yet. I see that he is said to have been nominated by General Gomez. He is a warm friend of General Gomez and is an able man. We expect to have important news by steamer Saturday, and until then we will probably have nothing to say."