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WAR AT HAND

Lacks Only a Formal Declaration.

SPAIN IS TO BLAME.

North Atlantic Squadron Ordered to Begin Blockade of Havana—Woodford Leaves Madrid.

WASHINGTON, April 21—War between the United States and Spain is a fact though not formally declared by congress. The stirring events of yesterday were succeeded today by others of equal importance, culminating in the afternoon in orders for the departure of the north Atlantic squadron for Havana.

This practically is an act of war, so that war between this country and Spain may fairly be said to date from today, April 21, 1898.

Two minutes after the opening of the state department this morning came word from Minister Woodford that the Spanish government, having anticipated and prevented his intention to present the president's ultimatum, he had asked for his passports.

The president, in a public statement, said the action of the Spanish government rendered it unnecessary for any other negotiations, and stated further that he regarded the course adopted by Spain as one placing upon that country the responsibility for the breach of friendly relations.

Mr. Woodford's telegram resulted in the calling of a special cabinet meeting to arrange an outline of a plan of campaign, or rather to determine how to begin the execution of the plan of campaign already prepared by the strategic boards of the army and navy departments.

The immediate result was an order for the North Atlantic squadron to begin the blockade of Havana. How much further than this the cabinet proceeded in its deliberations it is impossible to say for the obvious reason that the time has now come when the interests of the government require that the movements of ships and troops should be guarded with the greatest care from undue publicity in order to prevent the enemy from taking advantage of information.

A dispatch says Spain's reply to the United States may take the form of solid shot. Its formidable fleet which has been mobilizing at the Cape Verde islands for some days past, sailed on Wednesday from that point for an unknown destination.

Real Estate Transfers.

Table listing real estate transfers for the week ending April 20, 1898, including names like John Holmerson, Hugh W. Sawyer, and Charles H. Potter, with amounts ranging from \$100 to \$1000.

For Sale.

One hundred and sixty acres of unimproved land four miles northwest of Red Cloud, consisting of the west half of the northeast quarter, and the east half of the northwest quarter of section fifteen in township two north, range eleven west. The land is leased at present, but subject to sale. For terms apply to Mrs. James Kirkwood, Fairfax, Mo.

Vox Populi, Vox Dei.

The singing waves, with might sufficient to crush iron ships, are turned into harmless ripples by the sands; they have to break before the force of little gulls clinging close together.

The proud spirit of man vaunting itself to be something great, is brought to the dust by invisible creatures that permeate the system and gradually weaken the forces preparatory to the one great universal humbling.

The unrighteous nation whose guide is passion, and whose god is gold, whose spirit setteth its flint against mercy and tenderness, has its day. Its own willfulness prepares the way for its destruction. The small within it are used to confound the mighty.

To the sea, to the man, to the nation goes forth the fiat "Thus far shalt thou go and no farther!"

Thunder is not the voice of God, neither is clamor the voice of the people. His is the still voice—inadmissible to the world—that holds the planets in their silent orbits, and the seasons to their recurrence, that gives the dry-land its bounds, and to lives their sphere. The marshaled hosts of the night-skies, and the dumb ache of the trial-perfected soul both unite to give tone to his voice. The voice of the nation is heard in the majestic quiet, which, after much trial from evil, speak in acts that break down resistance, or it may even be heard in the silent suffering that seems to pass unnoticed, save for the attentive ear of the one to whom the fall of a sparrow is known. But, sooner or later, the silence of effort or suffering becomes a noise of victory—the oppression ceases, and the voice of the people mingles with the voice of God.

Let us apply the thought. Haughty Spain is tottering to national doom. It has ever oppressed without wisdom, and slain without reason. Its hands have been imbrued in the blood of its finest children, from the persecution of the saints to the expelling of the Moors; from the confiscation of Jewish property to the gathering of wretched Cubans to starve. The dumb tongues have been gathering volume all these ages; they have cried out for vengeance and they have been heard. The brutality to the helpless and harmless is the last drop in the brimming cup of wrath. The small and the oppressed are the chosen instruments of punishment; for it is these non-combatants who have aroused the thinking world, and a mighty neighbor. It is their feeble pipings; and the stern voice of those who would die for them that shouts at last to proud Castile "Thus far and no farther!"

The great deeds of the past in which we profess to trace God's hand and interference in the affairs of men, have ever been wrought by men's hands. Miracles and men work together. Divine influence comes through human mediums, and thus now as we—a nation that hath itself been brought up through great tribulation—are spending our best, our blood, if need be ourselves for those too sunken to know scarcely what is being wrought for them—we, I say, are where the great unselfish ones have stood before us. Our deeds and our affections go out to the needy and the oppressed, and we are nationally raised thereby. Every deed done to bless the unblest, or to save the lost, is an uplift to a nation that has been too material, and that now sees clearly that there be things more precious than gold, and that one of them is "Service to the Weak."

The great parable of brotherly love shows us that the neighbor of the nation that fell among thieves does not establish its neighborliness by being rich, or by being on the other side of a narrow highway, but by tenderly lifting up the wounded, and by fearlessly driving off the persecutors. Our atti-

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lude is the attitude of the Good Samaritan. Our justification for interfering with those who are not blood of our blood, nor flesh of our flesh, is simply his justification—"I saw need and I met it, I saw suffering and I bent to relieve it; I saw evil treatment and I undid the work of the thieves." And the morning after the relief he went on his way. So shall we. We have neither part nor parcel in Cuba when the deed of merciful force is done. When the sick are refreshed, and comfort is given, we have our duties here at home, and they their privileges there at their home, and the two homes are not one. Thus, just because no nation on earth can read selfishness in our majestic rebukings and our tender ministrations, no one has reason for putting restraint upon us.

We declare that nearness entails responsibility; for the strong one who can defend is the one who ought to defend the near one who is oppressed.

We declare that force must be met by force; for savage beasts have no respect for gentle voices. A tightening grip upon the throat, and a belaboring cudgel were the only arguments for blood-hound whose jaws drip with innocent blood.

We declare that the moderation of the stench of cruelty and of war beneath our very nostrils has been promised again and again, only each time, for the promise to be broken, and we therefore declare that Spain has neither power to put down the insurgent government nor set up the autonomous

The voice of the people has spoken after silence too long, and hesitancy even fatal; but the quiet solemnity of its voice, the power and the volume of it, bespeak a national utterance from a national heart, that pulsates with one mighty throbbing in unison with every deed of nobility ever done. VOX POPULI, VOX DEI.

Never Saw Its Equal.

Postville, Neb., April 11, 1898.—Mrs. Helen Mooney of this place was so weak she could not walk, but after taking a few bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla she was able to do her work. She says she never saw the equal of Hood's Sarsaparilla to give strength and energy. It purifies blood and creates an appetite.

Speaking about smooth men in their business," remarked a Kansas City drummer to Topics, of the Kansas City Journal, "one of the smoothest that has come under my observation, is a flour merchant at Edgar. He let the story get out that while he was stooping over his flour bin a \$150 diamond ring had slipped off his finger into the flour. He appeared to be greatly excited over the loss, got a notice in the paper and finally announced with a sigh that he would have to give it up, that the ring was in the flour somewhere, that he supposed it would turn up in a sack of flour but he had no idea what one. Well, you ought to have seen the boom that guileless man had in the flour trade. For the next week he had to hire help to fill sacks out of that bin. One man who had never bought a sack of him before came in and laid in a winter's supply. And the smooth merchant whistled softly as he filled the sacks, and winked the other eye."

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STATE LINE.

Everyone is glad to see the nice spring weather. Some of the farmers have commenced planting corn. Frank Arrants is working for Mr. James Hassinger. Willie Spencer was thrown from a horse last Saturday and the result was a dislocated shoulder and many bruises. Misses Hattie and Mollie Cline were pleasant callers at Mr. Toland's on Sunday afternoon. Sarah Haskins is working at Mr. Eli Morris's.

The women who attended the carpet rag sewing last Wednesday did good work and enjoyed the day very much. Mrs. Hannah Carrier, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, is now the pleasant guest of Mr. Toland's. She came from Edgemont, South Dakota, where she has been visiting her sons. She has been visiting the neighbors in the country with whom she was acquainted when she lived here some thirteen years ago. Everyone is glad to see her again. John Fagan is working very faithfully on his new house.

Mrs. Toland and Mrs. Carrier spent the day with Mrs. John Arrants Tuesday.

Mr. Geo. W. Turner shelled corn Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson of Republican City spent Sunday with their daughter Etta, who is attending the North Branch academy.

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