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FIGHTING Bob Evans will soon be in his glory, and then Spanish only will be spoken in hades.

DOWN in St. Louis they use Spanish flags for door mats. That is a proper and excellent use for them.

"OLD GLORY" is now waving over Honolulu. It will, perhaps, be waving in other distant countries before the close of the present year.

THE call for 125,000 volunteers for a period of two years, unless sooner discharged, is pretty good for a starter. The requisite number will readily volunteer; and ten times that number if necessary.

To a southern commander belongs the honor of hauling in the first war prize, and his action thrilled Dixie land from one end to the other. Commander Maynard, of the Nashville, is a resident of Knoxville.

THE first shot in the war between the United States and Spain was fired by Terrance O'Malley, or Michael Mallen, or Patrick Mullin, the several correspondents each having the name different. They all agree, however, that he was of Irish extraction.

OUR more or less esteemed populist friends, who have howled so much about the unpatriotic men of Wall street, will please notice that a regiment of one thousand bankers and brokers has been raised, and will furnish their own equipment. They are ready to go at the first call for volunteers.

THAT there is no south or north at the present time is evidenced by the fact that a South Carolina major was heard vociferously whistling "Yankee Doodle" the other day. When the southern majors begin whistling that tune you can rest assured that they have, temporarily at least, forgotten the strife of over thirty years ago, and are ready to uphold the honor of the country.

THE government has filed a petition in the United States court asking for a deficiency judgement the amount of $6,588,900 against the Union Pacific railway company. This suit grow out of the sale of the Kansas Pacific and represents the difference between the amount of the government claim against the company and that paid by the reorganization committee. An exchange remarks that it is a pity, but this suit knocks the populistic howl about the government surrendering part of its claim against the company into smithereens.

Arrivals at Chickamauga.

CHATTANOOGA, April 25.—Arrivals of troops at Chickamauga, both those originally destined there and those which have been diverted from the gulf destinations, are expected to be heavy for the next day or so. The number of soldiers originally ordered to Chickamauga has not arrived by one half. It is quite probable that nearly or quite 15,000 troops of the regular service will be encamped at Chickamauga by Thursday. It is estimated that the passage of the army reorganization bill, providing for an increase in the standing army of 68,000, will result in at least 50,000 troops being concentrated here.

Right to Search Ships.

MADRID, April 25.—The instructions respecting the right of search of neutral vessels were published today officially. It is announced that the queen regent still hopes for peaceful foreign intervention.

About 20,000 Spaniards have signed an address to Senor Castellar under the pretext of congratulating him upon his recovery from sickness, but in reality offering him their support if he proclaims a republic.

War Time Prices on Stock.

RAPID CITY, S. D., April 25.—A Chicago stock commission man, in conversation said: "You ask how the present trouble between Spain and the United States will affect the cattle business. We are going to see war-time prices. Should war last for more than three months, it would almost pay cattlemen to hold over all of their stock until fall shipments, for I expect a big raise in price under war conditions."

New York Stock Market.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Opening prices on the Stock Exchange showed losses generally, in sympathy with declines reported from London. The change was half a point or less in railroad stocks, but some of the specialties showed a larger decline. Metropolitan Street Railway was up 1¼ per cent, an exception to the general list.

Minister Barrett's Suggestion.

BANGKOK, Siam, April 25.—United States Minister Barrett suggests that after America captures the Philippine islands she should negotiate with Great Britain to trade them for the latter's West Indian islands.

SHERMAN STEPS OUT.

Secretary of State Hands in His Resignation.

FAILING HEALTH THE CAUSE

Retires From Public Life After a Service of Forty Years—Assistant Secretary of State Day Likely to Succeed Him.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Another resignation from the cabinet occurred today, when the venerable secretary of state, Mr. John Sherman, handed his resignation to the president at a special meeting of the cabinet, called together at 10 o'clock. The resignation is to take effect at as early a day as may be convenient to the president, and with it Mr. Sherman retires from public life after a service of over 40 years, embracing

JOHN SHERMAN.

the house of representatives, the United States senate, the secretaryship of the treasury and the secretaryship of state. The reason for the resignation is the condition of the secretary's health, which is now impaired, as the result of years of devotion to the public service, and the arduous labors of a lifetime, added to age, the venerable secretary now being within a few days of 75 years old. The secretary's resignation was tendered in a simple note, tendering to the president the portfolio entrusted to him upon the inauguration of President McKinley. The secretary was seen by an Associated Press representative before he went to the cabinet, but he declined to make any statement beyond saying to the representative that he was carrying with him his resignation, and that he might have something to say later in the day.

It is altogether probable that the next secretary of state will be Mr. William R. Day, at present first assistant secretary of state. Mr. Day has been urged to take the office by the president, but is personally more inclined to return to Canton to the practice of law there, though it is believed here that he will yield to the president's wishes in the matter. Mr. Day himself is out of the city and is thought to be in Canton, O., arranging his personal affairs. He has had entire charge of Cuban affairs almost since the beginning of the present administration.

Senate Committee Considers Army Bill.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The senate committee on military affairs met at 10 o'clock today to consider the army reorganization bill and also to decide whether the volunteer army bill requires to be amended. It has been claimed that the volunteer bill contains some defects, but the authorities of the war department, where these were first pointed out, differ from these critics in their construction of the measure. Senator Hawley antagonized the contention that the bill was imperfect. The army reorganization bill received the principal attention of the committee. Several changes were suggested, but the committee went to work promptly on the measure with the hope of completing it at this sitting, in order that it could be disposed of at the earliest practicable moment.

Not Yet Ready to Move on Philippines.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—From the fact that the state department has not been called upon so far to prepare any proclamation giving notice of a blockade of either Porto Rico or the Philippines, it may be set down as a fact that the naval forces are not yet ready to move in that direction. It is the usual practice, as was shown in the proclamation relative to the blockade of Cuban ports, to give due notice to foreign powers by proclamation of an intention to blockade, and although it is not absolutely necessary to follow this course, it is believed the state department will observe the usual rule.

Roosevelt to Command Cowboys.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The president has decided to appoint Theodore Roosevelt of New York, at present assistant secretary of the navy, to be a lieutenant colonel of United States volunteers to serve in a regiment of cowboys and mounted riflemen to be raised by Mr. Roosevelt and Dr. Wood, the president's family physician.

Naval Bill Passes the Senate.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—An amendment was adopted to the naval bill appropriating $8,850,000 to enable the secretary of the navy to enlist men for the navy during the existing war. The naval appropriation bill was then passed by the senate.

The senate passed the army reorganization bill.

Cruiser Columbia Reaches Newport.

NEWPORT, R. I., April 25.—The United State cruiser Columbia passed Fort Adams at 11 a. m., bound in.

Clara Barton Goes to Key West.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Miss Clara Barton left here today for Tampa to join the steamer Texas.

Squadron Sails For Manila.

LONDON, April 23.—The American squadron at Hong Kong, according to a special dispatch from Shanghai, has sailed for Manila, which it will attack. The dispatch says: "Three steamers recently purchased by the United States government will follow the fleet with coal. The approaches to Manila are mined. It is reported here that the priests and the commercial classes in the Philippines are in favor of a peaceful surrender rather than suffer a bombardment, but that the military are determined to resist."

Refuse to Volunteer.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., April 25.—It is reported that the fourth section, signal corps, has refused to a man to volunteer.

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver, and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispels colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. today; 10, 25 and 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

TAKE A SHOT AT TORPEDO BOAT.

Was Making Soundings in Matanzas Harbor at the Time.

KEY WEST, Fla., April 25.—The first Spanish shots fired at the American flag were directed against the torpedo boat Foote, Lieutenant W. L. Rodgers commanding, between 5 and 6 o'clock on Saturday evening, while it was taking soundings in Matanzas harbor.

Long Campaign In Sight.

LINCOLN, April 25.—Many inquiries have come to the adjutant general from the officers of the Nebraska National Guard as to what equipage the companies should take along when called out for service. To cover this question General Barry is getting out an order notifying the Guard to pack up and take along all tents, camp equipage, mess chests and articles necessary for a long season of camping out. The two Lincoln companies of the Guard have made every arrangement for the coming campaign. All the members who were physically unable to stand long marches and the rough usage of camp life were dropped out and their places filled by strong and rugged men. The object has been to select men of uniform size and none under the age of 24 have been taken. Several of the members who are married and whose present wages are the only support of their families have been notified by the officers that it is their duty to stay at home, as there are a large number of unmarried men anxious to go.

Spain's Dangers From Within.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Spain's dangers from within are becoming fully as grave as those from without, says the Madrid correspondent of the World. The war with the United States may cost her the last of her colonial possessions in the West and East Indies. But no one can tell what will be the result of her rapidly increasing domestic troubles—the cabinet crisis, the dissensions among statesmen and warriors, the intrigues of the Carlists, the plotting of Weyler and Robledo, and the popular agitations. The street demonstrations in the capital and elsewhere have assumed such a threatening character as to cause the gravest concern to the queen and her government.

Britain Officially Notified.

LONDON, April 25.—The British foreign office today was officially notified of the proclamation of the president of the United States in regard to neutral vessels and neutral goods, and the blockade of the island of Cuba by the United States fleet. With reference to Spain's declaration on the subject of privateering, issued from Madrid yesterday, the British foreign office officials point out that the resolutions announced by the United States on the subject were taken without reference to any policy which Spain might adopt. Therefore it is not expected that Spain's intentions will affect the decisions promulgated by the United States.

Audax Ordered to Leave Port.

QUEENSTOWN, April 25.—There is little doubt in naval circles here that the Audaz, which, in compliance of orders from the British admiral, left port at 5:45 o'clock this morning, will go to Ferrol or Cadiz from here, as a considerable quantity of her war equipments are still to be placed on board of her before she can be pronounced ready for active service. Her sister boat, the Odasado, which towed her here from Waterford, into which port they put in after the Audaz was damaged, went to Ferrol from Queenstown to be fitted with the equipments not furnished by their English builders.

Three More Captures.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Commander J. M. Forsyth, commanding the naval station at Key West, has reported to the navy department the seizure of three more Spanish prizes by vessels of Captain Sampson's fleet. He says that on the 24th inst., the Detroit sent into Key West the prize steamer Catalina of Cadiz, and that yesterday the Cushing and Algonquin arrived at Key West with two Spanish schooners which had been seized on neighboring waters.

Colored Volunteers.

ST. LOUIS, April 25.—Professor O. M. Wood, principal of L'Ouverture (colored) school, has sent a communication to Governor Stephens, tendering the services of himself and 1,000 negroes for the volunteer army. Professor Wood is a brigadier general of the colored Knights of Pythias of Missouri and Kansas, and was at one time prominently mentioned for appointment as United States minister to Hayti.

Spanish Fleet Ready to Sail.

LONDON, April 25.—A special dispatch from St. Vincent, Cape Verde, dated this morning, says: There is reason to believe the Spanish fleet sails today. It is exceedingly formidable, including four first class cruisers, six torpedo boats and two armed transports. Since the arrival of the transport San Francisco, the latter has trans-shipped to the cruisers 2,000 tons of coal.

Warships Must Leave British Ports.

LONDON, April 25.—The officials of the British foreign office expect that the London Gazette, the official organ of the government, will publish tomorrow evening a formal notice that the warships of the belligerents, Spain and the United States, must leave British ports within 24 hours.

Guards Ordered to Assemble.

CLEVELAND, April 25.—Captain McConnell, battery A, First artillery, received the following telegraphic order from Columbus today: "Assemble your command instantly at armory and await further orders."

French Cruiser Sails for Porto Rico.

ST. THOMAS, West Indies, April 25.—The third class French cruiser Amiral Regnult de Genouilly leaves here tomorrow for San Juan, Porto Rico, to protect the interests of France in those waters.

Smith Gets One Year.

BOONE, Ia., April 23.—George A. Smith, arrested in Chambersburg, Pa., charged with bigamy, pleaded guilty in the district court and received a sentence of one year by Judge Hindman.

Audaz Still In Dock.

QUEENSTOWN, April 23.—The Spanish torpedo boat Audaz is still in dock in Cork. No truth in the report that she left here about the time the Paris left Southampton.

Syrian Victim May Die.

SIOUX CITY, April 23.—William Michael, a Syrian peddler, who was shot through the head by footpads here, may die, as blood poisoning has set in.

Beauty is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets Candy Cathartic clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets, beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed 10c., 25c., 50c.

PRIZE CREW ON PEDRO

Cruiser New York Captures a Spanish Freighter After Firing One Shot.

TAKE AN AMERICAN SHIP.

Reported Capture of the Shenandoah. Discredit Capture of the Paris—Not Worried About the Oregon. Cruiser Topeka Is Safe.

NEW YORK, April 23.—The Journal prints the following from Key West today: The Journal's dispatch boat Echo arrived this morning with the following dispatch: Friday, April 22.—(On board Anita, 15 miles east of Havana, off Cuban coast)—One of the first shots fired in anger from the gun of an American ironclad across the bows of an enemy's ship since the close of the civil war was hurled from the deck of the New York as a signal to the Spanish freighter Pedro of Bilboa to heave to shortly before 6 o'clock this evening. The little Pedro, scurrying like a scared rabbit, close in shore, favored by the closing of a foggy, misty day, was sighted by the New York, and immediately brought about with a solid shot across her bow. It was shortly after 5 o'clock that the New York signaled the fleet to halt, and scudded away like a greyhound along the coast of Cuba. Far off against the dim, vague background of Cuban hills, half seen, half guessed, could be traced a faint film of grayish smoke, the one visible evidence of a Spanish freighter striving vainly to race out the day without being discovered by the great grey monsters that blackened the sky to the west in one solid mass of black clouds from the funnels of roaring furnaces.

Vainly the Spaniard raced. Charging along at trial test speed, the New Yord soon lay across the bows of the Spanish ship and the crashing challenge blazed from the deck of the cruiser. A huge puff of white smoke rolled out from the side of the flagship and far off, just in front of the Spaniard, a fountain of white foam leaped into the air. In a moment the course of the strange Spaniard was changed and she hove to.

Shortly after the New York led her prize farther out from shore and laid her to. Crew and captain could be seen rushing about the deck of the ship like a nest of ants, hiding their valuables, and striving to avert some impending fate they could only guess at in their ignorance.

As she came around her name could be clearly read on her stern. She is the Pedro of Bilboa, a Spanish freighter. As soon as she was laid alongside, the Pedro was boarded by Ensign Frank Marble of the New York. Ensign Marble led a prize crew, consisting of a file of marines and seamen. With great formality the ensign swung aboard and assumed command. A burly barefooted American tar shoved the Spanish quartermaster away from the wheel and began to set the course of the Spaniard.

The Spanish crew began to huddle near the forecastle, to await developments. Hardly had the prize crew been put on board before another freighter was seen going down the coast to the eastward. The New York, leaving the captured Spanish craft in charge of the prize crew, drew across the bows of the stranger and sent a shot into the water directly in front of her bows. She paid no attention to the challenge, but kept steadily on, and a few seconds later another shot was sent hurling across the water in front of her.

After this hostile demonstration she halted, and was soon following the New York out to sea. It was discovered, however, that she flew the German flag, and consequently was permitted to proceed.

As this is carried from the scene of the occurrence by the Echo, the Pedro is now headed for Key West, to be used as a transport in carrying the troops to Cuba.

KEY WEST, April 23.—The Spanish steamer Pedro was brought in here at 3:30 this morning in charge of the prize crew.

Not Worried About the Oregon.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The navy department is fully aware of the whereabouts of the battleship Oregon and the gunboat Marietta, but for prudential reasons the officials positively decline to say where the vessels are, whether or not they have been ordered to return to San Francisco, or, in fact, to make any statement respecting them, further than that no apprehension for their safety is felt. It is known that the department has taken steps to have the commander of the Oregon met by friends and warned of the outbreak of hostilities and of the presence of the Spanish gunboat Temerario at Buenos Ayres, in the path of the warship on her way to the North Atlantic station.

Spaniards After the Paris.

FALMOUTH, Eng., April 23.—The American line steamer Paris, chartered by the United States government and which, according to reports, the Spaniards are trying to capture, passed the Lizard yesterday evening and should now be well on her way west. She left Southampton yesterday afternoon.

MADRID, April 23.—The reported capture of the Paris has aroused excitement here and seriously affected prices on the bourse.

Spaniards Capture Sewall's Ship.

LONDON, April 23.—It is rumored here that the Spaniards have captured the American ship Shenandoah, Captain Murphy, which left San Francisco on Jan. 5, for Liverpool. She is a four-masted vessel of 3,256 tons register and owned by Arthur Sewall & Co. of Bath.

A dispatch from Singapore says there is reason to believe the Spanish mail boat Isla de Mindanao will be captured by the United States cruisers before she arrives at Manila.

Auxiliary Navy Needed.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The secretary of the navy has sent to the house committee on naval affairs an urgent request for immediate action on a joint resolution creating a United States auxiliary navy for sea coast defense.

Emperors to Meet at Dresden.

LONDON, April 23.—The Vienna correspondent of The Standard says: Emperor Francis Joseph and Emperor William will meet at Dresden today. They will probably discuss all phases of the Hispano-American war.

Mosby Will Fight Again.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—Colonel John S. Mosby of guerilla fame, who is now a resident of this city, has wired to General Miles for authority to raise a battallion or regiment of volunteers for special service in the front.

After years of untold suffering from piles, B. W. Pursell of Knitnersville, Pa., was cured by using a single box of De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. Skin diseases, such as eczema, rash, pimples and obstinate sores are readily cured by this famous remedy. North Platte Pharmacy.

HAVANA IS TO BE BOMBARDED.

Notification Given to British Consul Gullin by This Government.

HAVANA, April 25.—Havana knows today it is to be bombarded, and is on the verge of panic in consequence.

The news came in a notification to British Consul Gullin by his government that warning of the bombardment has been given by the United States.

The news spread over the city like fire through dry grass. The newspapers all prepared extras, but the censor at the palace crossed out every line of the news. They appealed to Captain General Blanco, but he told the editors he did not want the city alarmed and would not permit the fact that the bombardment was imminent to be made public.

But the news passed from lip to lip and Saturday night nothing else was spoken of in the Parque Central or in the cafes. It is pitiful to watch the women of Havana. The streets are full of them and nearly every one looks on the verge of hysterics. The government is doing all it can to keep the excitement down.

To Join Flying Squadron.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Five fleet ships probably will move out of New York harbor today ready for service in the war.

The auxiliary cruiser Yankee, formerly the Morgan liner steamship El Monte, is ready to sail, manned by the New York naval reserves and in command of Lientenant Commander Willard S. Brownson. She may be used as a scout to patrol the Atlantic coast and keep a sharp lookout for Spanish warships. The cruisers San Francisco and New Orleans are also reported as being ready to leave and they will go to Hampton Roads to join the flying squadron. Under Commander Casper Goodrich, the American liner St. Louis will steam out, and the Harvard, formerly the New York, will go at the same time in command of Captain A. S. Barker. The destination and duties of these two swift vessels are not known.

Strict Press Censorship Is Established.

KEY WEST, April 25.—(New York World Cablegram.)—Now that the government is preparing to strike a decisive blow at Havana, it has decided to let no further information get to the enemy. The cable to Havana has been cut and the people of that city will have no means of knowing anything about Admiral Sampson's fleet until it comes hammering with fists of iron and steel at the door of the Cuban capital.

The government has taken possession of the wires leading from Key West to the mainland and established a censorship over all cables offered as strict as strict as any that Spain ever enforced. No news regarding the doings or purposes of the fleet will be allowed to go out of Key West. The news of the bombardment of Havana or some great naval fight will be sent from other points not subject to Spanish or United States censorship.

St. Paul Nearly Ready For Sea.

PHILADELPHIA, April 25.—No definite time for the sailing of the auxiliary cruisers St. Paul, now at Cramps, has been decided upon. Work was continued all of Sunday and today, provisions are being taken aboard. About 1,800 tons of coal have been stowed away and she will receive the remainder down the Delaware river, possibly at League island, at the same time ammunition will be taken on. The following officers of the big liner have accepted appointments as lieutenants, junior grade: First officer, Young; second officer, Patton; third officer, Dickson, and fourth officer, Osborne. From indications none of the engineers, including the chief engineer, will remain. They are holding out for higher pay.

Last Vessel to Leave Havana.

NEW YORK, April 25.—The steamer City of Washington from Havana arrived Sunday bringing 95 Cuban passengers, two-thirds of them women and children. She was the last vessel to leave Havana before the United States fleet established the blockade, having departed last Wednesday. She brought 1,050,000 francs of French gold and a general cargo. No trouble was experienced by Captain Frank Stevens in command of the City of Washington with the Spanish authorities in clearing from Havana.

French Republicans Friendly.

PARIS, April 25.—At the instance of Michael Davitt, member of the British parliament for South Mayo, Henri Rochefort has cabled to John T. Morgan, United States senator from Alabama, declaring that the assertion that all Frenchmen and the entire French press are on the side of Spain is erroneous. On the contrary, the editor of the Intransigeant asserts that all French republicans sympathize with the Cubans and their liberators.

Spanish Burn Interior Towns.

KINGSTON, Jamacia, April 25.—Fugitives from Guantanamo in the province of Santiago de Cuba say Spanish troops are concentrating in principal seacoast cities and laying waste by fire interior towns and plantations. It is feared devastation will be complete before Americans can occupy that territory.

Spanish Navy Fully Coaled.

MADRID, April 25. — The cabinet council approved the general budget. Despite published statements in New York to the contrary it is declared here that the Spanish navy is fully supplied with coal. The government has received no official information of the capture of any American vessels.

Wilmington Secures a Prize.

NEW YORK, April 25.—A dispatch to the Press from Key West says: The gunboat Wilmington Sunday captured the Spanish schooner Candidia with a deck load of charcoal intended for Havana where it is extremely valuable for fuel.

New York Stock Market.

NEW YORK, April 22.—With the exception of New York Central, all the leading railroad stocks showed gains at the opening. In Burlington the rise was 1¼, and in Louisville a point, and there were sharp fractional gains elsewhere in the list. The London market showed irregular changes for Americans and the bears were confident and aggressive.

Blanco Declare Cuba In a State of War.

HAVANA, April 22.—Captain General Blanco has published a decree declaring the island of Cuba in a state of war.

Delegations of Spanish merchants have visited Blanco, offering to furnish free provisions, if necessary, to the garrison and to the poor.

A Sure Thing for You.

A transaction in which you cannot lose is a sure thing. Biliousness, sick headache, furred tongue, fever, piles and a thousand other ills are caused by constipation and a sluggish liver. Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the wonderful new liver stimulant and intestinal tonic are by all druggists guaranteed to cure or money refunded. C. C. C. are a sure thing. Try a box to-day; 10c., 25c., 50c. Sample and booklet free.

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A Pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder.
40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

FLEET SAILS AT DAYLIGHT.

Harbor at Key West Is Almost Deserted. Only a Few of the Small Craft Remain.

KEY WEST, Fla., April 22.—The North Atlantic squadron, except the monitors Terror and Puritan and the smaller cruisers, sailed from Key West at 5:46 o'clock this morning, headed for the Florida straits. The skies were growing gray with the coming dawn when the formidable family of destroyers quietly and unostentatiously steamed away, presumably for the shores of Cuba. Besides the two monitors, the ships left behind are the gunboat Helena, cruisers Marblehead, Detroit, dispatch boat Dolphin and the torpedo boats Cushing, Dupont and Porter. Throughout the long night unusual activity on the vessels of the fleet told weary watchers on shore that the long-awaited advance on Havana was near at hand.

The first streaks of the morning light were crossing from the east and two bells just sounded from the ships, when a tiny line of fire appeared on the sky, above where lay the flagship. A moment or two after and the signal staff of the Cincinnati, lying off Fort Taylor, in the inner harbor, flashed into colored light, acknowledging the call. The Puritan and Helena joined in the incandescent conversation and soon the skies were kaleidoscopic as ship after ship answered, new lights tickled messages fraught with the greatest importance and creative of history. What words, of course, no one ashore knew, but the few who watched with straining eyes needed no interpreter that it meant hostile action. The message was long in delivery, but sunrise had fully come as the last letter flickered and went out. Then the witnesses saw that the movement had actually begun under cover of the night. The big ships could still be discerned in the distance, but the others had moved towards them, the flag ship drawing the other ships of the squadron to her. The Wilmington and Amphitrite had slipped from their anchorage and advanced to within hailing distance of the flagship. It was just 5:42 when the New York, without unnecessary delay, moved pompously and slowly toward the outer waters of the gulf. The red light flashed the signal to eager eyes on the following fleet and told them to get in motion at last.

To those on shore it looked as if the New York was somewhat in advance of the line, with the Iowa and Indiana following on either side. The exact order of the ships could not be ascertained from the shore. From the highest point in Key West the line was semicircular. The ships that followed the three leaders were the cruisers Cincinnati, Detroit, Nashville, the gunboats Wilmington, Castine, Machias, Newport, monitor Amphitrite, the Mangrove, Mayflower and torpedo boat Foote. Why the powerful monitors Puritan and Terror did not accompany the fleet, it could not officially be learned, but it is said that they may follow shortly. The Marblehead is taking on water and will doubtless join the squadron in a day or two.

TROOPS ACTIVE IN CAMP.

Soldiers at Chickamauga Are Ready For Quick Service.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 22.—Work of organizing the United States troops centering at Chickamauga into brigades and divisions, in order, as General Brooke expressed it, "to place them on a war footing in the most effective manner," has begun. The cavalry and artillery formations have already been completed. The infantry regiments, of which a greater number than was supposed even by General Brooke will rendezvous at Chickamauga, will be organized into brigades as fast as they arrive. Camping grounds for two brigades of cavalry have been selected and occupied by the troops already there. Colonel A. K. Reynolds, who arrived today at the head of his command from Fort Riley, Kan., was placed at the head of the First brigade of cavalry, he being the senior officer on the ground. Colonel George G. Huett, of the Second cavalry, has been placed in command of the Second brigade. The artillery, which has been divided into two brigades, has been placed in command of Major Dillenback, the senior officer present, until the arrival of Colonel Randolph and Major Lancaster, and the latter will assume command of one brigade, both to be under Colonel Randolph.

Twelve train loads of cavalry, artillery and infantry, all from western points, arrived at Chattanooga today, and as fast as possible were sent out to Chickamauga and unloaded.

Before midnight almost as many more will have arrived. The Twelfth infantry from Fort Niobrara, Neb., in command of Colonel "Charity" Andrews, which was intercepted at Nashville on its way to Mobile, was among the first arrivals.

No Special Session Called Yet.

LINCOLN, April 22.—Governor Holcomb was interviewed on the probability of an extra session of the legislature. He said that the emergency had not yet arrived. Nebraska was able to at once equip and place its entire National Guard at the disposal of the government, and until some further call is made it would be unwise to make any move toward an extra session. The emergency might come soon and the state would respond in the proper manner.

Maccabees Are Patriotic.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., April 22.—The local tent, Knights of the Maccabees, has adopted strong resolutions upholding the government in its coming encounter with Spain and pledging to pay all assessments for, and keep in good standing, any member who may join the naval or military forces and fight for this country.

First Cannon Shot.

MADRID, April 22.—At the cabinet council Sagasta, addressing the queen regent, said: "The first cannon shot is almost audible."

Whooping cough is the most distressing malady; but its duration can be cut short by the use of One Minute Cough Cure, which is also the best known remedy for croup and all lung and bronchial troubles. North Platte Pharmacy.

CALL TO ARMS.

President McKinley Asks For 125,000 Volunteers.

TERM FIXED AT TWO YEARS.

Time the Men Will Be Asked to Give Their Country.

ARE TO BE ENLISTED AT ONCE.

National Executive Issues a Proclamation Calling For Soldiers to Drive the Spaniards Out of Cuba—Quota For Each State.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The president today issued the following proclamation calling for 125,000 troops to serve two years:

By the President of the United States:

Whereas, By an act of congress, entitled "An act to provide for the increasing of the military establishment of the United States in time of war and for other purposes," approved April 22, 1898, the president was authorized, in order to raise a volunteer army, to issue his proclamation calling for volunteers to serve in the army of the United States.

Now, therefore, I, William McKinley, president of the United States, by virtue of power vested in me by the constitution and laws, and deeming sufficient occasion to exist, have thought fit to call for and hereby do call for volunteers to the aggregate number of 125,000 in order to carry into effect the purpose of the said execution, the same to be apportioned as far as practicable among the several states and territories and the District of Columbia, according to population, and to serve for two years, unless sooner discharged. The details for this object will be immediately communicated to the proper authorities through the war department.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at Washington, this 23d day of April, 1898, and of the independence of the United States, the 122nd.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

It is understood the volunteer army will be concentrated at Chickamauga.

House Passes Army Reorganization Bill.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The house met at 10 o'clock and at once began consideration of the army reorganization bill.

Chairman Hull stated on the floor of the house that the call for volunteers would be signed at once. He had been appealed to by the president to get the army reorganization bill through today to avoid complications. Mr. Hull said it was General Miles' purpose to effect a landing in Cuba as soon as practicable. It would take six weeks or two months to equip the volunteer army.

The army reorganization bill was passed by the house at 1:43 p. m.

Dons Are Indignant.

MADRID, April 23.—The capture of the Spanish steamer Buena Ventura by the United States gunboat Nashville off Key West yesterday has aroused the greatest indignation, the Spaniards claiming that hostilities are not yet supposed to have begun. The newspapers of the city characterize the seizure of the ship as an act of piracy and being in defiance of international law, "characteristic of the Yankees." It is again rumored that the Spanish squadron has sailed from the Cape Verde islands, but its destination is not given.

Must Get Coal From the East.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—A big fleet of coal is on its way to San Francisco from Australian and English ports. No more coal can come here from British Columbia, the principal source of San Francisco's supply, and to guard against a shortage the government has made arrangements for the transportation of 80,000 tons by rail from Pennsylvania.

Cruiser Topeka Is Safe.

LONDON, April 23.—The United States cruiser Topeka is safe. It was not the cruiser which collided with the Albatross today. The steamer Jesmond, British, has arrived at Cardiff in a damaged condition. She reports having been in collision with the Albatross.

Armistice In Cuba Is Ended.

LONDON, April 23.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily News says the government has instructed General Blanco to declare the armistice in Cuba ended.

German Press Is Hostile.

BERLIN, April 23.—The German press of every stripe is condemning the United States. All the newspapers impute selfish and base motives to America and praise the attitude of Spain.

Spanish Senate Organizes.

MADRID, April 23.—The Spanish senate was organized today. Captain General Blanco was congratulated on the enthusiasm shown by the army.

Price of Wheat Advancing.

LONDON, April 23.—The price of wheat has advanced 3s per quarter at various centers owing to the short supply.

Issues Neutrality Proclamation.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., April 23.—Governor Murray has issued a neutrality proclamation.

Fleet Still at St. Vincent.

ST. VINCENT, Cape Verde Islands, April 22.—(New York World Cablegram.)—The Spanish war fleet from Cadiz is expected here to reinforce the squadron of 10 war ships now here waiting orders from Madrid. The admiral in command and the senior officers of the combined squadrons here held a council of war today, but took great precautions to insure secrecy. The swift torpedo boat Rayo, whose speed is said to be twenty-four knots an hour, leaves this harbor nightly for patrol duty or reconnoitering.

Effigies in Abundance.

LINCOLN, April 22.—The shade trees and telegraph poles of this city were decorated with half a score of effigies last night which were made up to represent Spaniards. The neighborhoods where university students live were more favored than others in this respect.

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