

# ELECTRIC FLASHES

NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

## DECLARATION OF WAR

MAKES THE STRUGGLE BEGIN ON APRIL 21.

Action Thus Legalizes the Seizure of Spanish Ships by United States Vessels—Takes House One Minute and Forty Seconds to Act.

**Declaration of War.**  
The president on Monday sent to congress a message recommending a declaration of war. After citing the action of Spain toward the United States in severing all diplomatic relations with this country the following recommendation is made:

The position of Spain thus being made known, and the demands of the United States being denied, with a complete rupture of intercourse by the act of Spain, I have been constrained in the exercise of the power and authority conferred on me by the joint resolution aforesaid to proclaim under date of April 22, 1898, a blockade of certain ports of the north coast of Cuba lying between Cardenas and Bahia Honda, and of Port Cienfuegos, on the south coast of Cuba; and further, in the exercise of my constitutional powers and using the authority conferred on me by the act of congress approved April 22, 1898, to issue by proclamation, dated April 23, 1898, calling for volunteers in order to carry into effect said resolution of April 20, 1898.

I now recommend to your honorable body the adoption of a joint resolution declaring a state of war exists between the United States of America and the kingdom of Spain, and I urge speedy action thereon to the end that the definition of the international status of the United States as a belligerent power may be made known and the assertion of all its rights and the maintenance of all its duties in the conduct of a public war may be assured.

The bill reported by the foreign affairs committee declaring war reads:

1. That war be and the same is hereby declared to exist, and that war has existed since April 21, A. D. 1898, between the United States of America and the kingdom of Spain.

2. That the president of the United States is hereby directed and empowered to use the entire land and naval forces of the United States and to call into actual service the United States militia of the several states to such extent as may be necessary to carry this act into effect.

It took the house one minute and forty seconds to pass the declaration of war. The senate then took up the house bill and passed it without amendment.

The president affixed his signature to the resolution shortly after 6 p. m.

## QUITS THE CABINET.

**Secretary Sherman Tenders His Resignation to McKinley.**

Another resignation from the cabinet occurred Monday when the venerable secretary of state, John Sherman, handed his resignation to the president at a special meeting of the cabinet. The reason for the resignation was the condition of the secretary's health. It is altogether probable the next secretary of state will be William R. Day, first assistant. He has been urged to take it by the president. Day has had entire charge of Cuban affairs almost since the beginning of the present administration.

Mr. Day accepted the secretaryship and Prof. J. B. Moore, an eminent international law expert, succeeds the assistant secretary.

## HAVANA CABLE CUT.

**Wires Severed Ten Miles from the City by the Mangrove.**

The United States has cut the Havana cable. The cut was made about ten miles out of Havana, and the southern end of the cable is now on the Mangrove, which was recently converted into an auxiliary cruiser. This gives the government exclusive use of the cable, and entirely cuts Blanco off from communication with Spain.

## DASH IN THE DARK.

**The Porter Lands a Reconnoitering Party Under Morro's Guns.**

The torpedo boat Porter, off Havana, made a daring trip inshore under cover of darkness Monday night and Lieut. Fremont landed with a small party, and obtained valuable information.

**Business in New Mexico.**

Plans for the establishment of a cannery factory at Santa Fe, N. M., are being pushed enthusiastically by local men, who have every assurance that capital for the enterprise can be had in abundance. Such an industry will be of very great benefit to not only the fruit growers of the Santa Fe valley but to the Espanola valley as well. Thousands of tons of the finest fruit in the world, which is now wasted for lack of a nearby market, will be saved.

**Washington Guards on Duty.**

A portion of the national guard of the national capital has been placed on duty along the conduit bringing the water supply from Great Falls on the Potomac to Washington. There is some talk of a military detail to guard the public buildings and the White House. No order has been issued on this line, but Col. Bingham, superintendent of public buildings and grounds, has spoken favorably of the plan.

**New York Central Officers.**

At a meeting of the new board of directors of the New York Central Railroad Chauncey M. Depew was elected chairman of the board, and Samuel R. Calloway was elected president, in place of Mr. Depew.

**Weekly Bank Statement.**

The New York weekly bank statement shows a reserve increase of \$6,179,000. Specie increased \$7,885,000; loans decreased \$7,489,000. The banks now hold \$63,000,000 in excess of the legal requirements.

## FIRE ON THE FLEET.

**Blockading Warships Bombaraded by Morro Castle Guns.**

Morro Castle opened fire on the fighting squadron of the United States at 11 o'clock Sunday night. About ten shots were sent in the direction of our ships, but not one of them took effect, and no shots were fired in return. The firing was reported by the officer of the deck, Ensign J. E. Edie, to Capt. Chadwick, who was asleep at the time. The young officer asked the captain in somewhat excited tones whether the New York had not better discontinue signaling.

"No," muttered Capt. Chadwick, with the utmost coolness, "there is no necessity for stopping the signals. Go ahead."

A little later Capt. Chadwick was on the forward bridge, whence he watched the tongues of flame shoot out from Morro Castle. He glanced in the direction of the Spanish fortifications for a few seconds and then turned his back on them in silent contempt, and went back to his bed perfectly certain the Spaniards could do no damage at five miles, which was then the approximate distance of the flagship from Morro Castle.

## MORE PRIZES TAKEN.

**Three Spanish Steamers and Two Schooners Captured.**

The United States gunboat Helena captured the Spanish steamer Miguel Jover, 2,500 tons, Saturday. The prize is estimated to value \$500,000, her cargo alone being worth \$150,000. She belonged to the Pinillo line, Barcelona.

Ensign Christy with a crew of sixteen from the cruiser Detroit and four from the flagship, brought into Key West Sunday the captured Spanish Steamer Catalina, Capt. Fano, 3,491 tons, which left Cadiz March 7, and was bound from New Orleans for Barcelona, via Havana, for which latter port she was making when taken. The Catalina was captured about 4 o'clock Sunday morning twelve miles from Havana.

The gunboat Wilmington captured the Spanish schooner Onadidia with a deckload of charcoal intended for Havana, where it is extremely valuable for fuel.

The torpedo boat Porter captured the Spanish schooner Antonia, laden with sugar for Havana. The revenue cutter Winona, from Mobile, captured the Spanish steamer Saturnia at Ship Island, Miss., Sunday.

## TAKES CHARGE OF THE WIRES

**Uncle Sam Assumes Control at Key West.**

At the direction of the president, Gen. A. W. Greeley, chief signal officer of the army, has taken general charge of the Key West end of the cable that runs to Havana.

A Key West dispatch says: The wires here have been taken by the government. The press matter is censored. The Havana connection is abandoned.

## Prune Crop Will Be Short.

The prunes that escaped the cold snap in California of about six weeks ago have been seriously affected by the hot winds that swept over the valley last week. The fruit has commenced curling up and falling off. The prunes were at that stage of growth where they would be most affected, and it did not take the hot air long to ruin all of the fruit on the exposed parts of the trees.

**Three Lives Lost in a Mine Fire**

Three men lost their lives in a fire in the Londonderry mine on Ironclad Hill near Phipple Creek, Colo. The dead are: W. J. Pine, mine superintendent; J. W. Foster, miner; J. P. Jones, miner. Jones and Foster were working in a drift at the bottom of the shaft when the shaft house took fire. Pine went to their rescue and the three were asphyxiated. The bodies were recovered.

**Sending Railroad Iron to Japan.**

The tramp steamer Urd, to load railroad iron for Yokohama, has been docked at Tacoma. She is the second of the vessels chartered to carry rails to the Orient and will be loaded without delay. The Devonshire, now loading rails, will be ready to sail in a few days.

**Joint Note from the Powers.**

It is understood Germany, Austria and France will send a joint note to the United States and Spain, enjoining great caution in dealing with neutral shipping.

## MARKET QUOTATIONS

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.10 to \$1.12; corn, No. 2, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2, 28c to 29c; rye, No. 2, 56c to 58c; butter, choice creamery, 16c to 18c; eggs, fresh, 10c to 11c; potatoes, common to choice, 45c to 65c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, common to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 95c to 96c; corn, No. 2 white, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2 white, 29c to 30c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, \$1.00 to \$1.02; corn, No. 2 yellow, 29c to 31c; oats, No. 2, 27c to 28c; rye, No. 2, 54c to 56c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 99c to \$1.01; corn, No. 2 mixed, 32c to 34c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 29c to 30c; rye, No. 2, 56c to 58c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.25 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, 99c to \$1.01; corn, No. 2 yellow, 33c to 35c; oats, No. 2 white, 31c to 32c; rye, 55c to 57c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.03 to \$1.04; corn, No. 2 mixed, 32c to 34c; oats, No. 2 white, 27c to 28c; rye, No. 2, 55c to 57c; clover seed, \$3.05 to \$3.15.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, \$1.02 to \$1.03; corn, No. 3, 31c to 33c; oats, No. 2 white, 29c to 31c; rye, No. 1, 57c to 59c; barley, No. 2, 42c to 48c; pork, mess, \$9.50 to \$10.00.

Buffalo—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 99c to \$1.01; corn, No. 2 yellow, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 31c to 33c.

New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.25; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.11 to \$1.12; corn, No. 2, 35c to 39c; oats, No. 2 white, 32c to 34c; butter, creamery, 15c to 18c; eggs, Western, 11c to 12c.

## STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

**The Parole System for Mildly Insane in Vogue at the State Hospital Is Working Well—Benefits Both the State and Patient.**

**Parole for Mildly Insane.**

The parole system at the Lincoln Hospital for the Insane, whereby convalescent or mild patients may be sent out of the institution and placed in the care of friends, has proven to be a wise provision in the regulation of the hospital, not only making room for new patients, but lessening the expense on those who are afflicted with only a mild form of insanity. After a medical report is made by the physicians, the state board inquires into the case and allows the patient to be paroled with some responsible party, usually a relative, for the period of ninety days, the state during this time being relieved of all expenses. At the end of the ninety days the patient may be returned to the hospital if the derangement is such as to make him unmanageable or unsafe to be left unrestrained. If no application is made for a return to the institution, however, a final discharge is given. When patients are brought back at the end of the parole term the expenses must be paid by the outside parties up to the time that the patient is received back into the institution. The release of patients on parole before final discharges are made often has a good effect in bringing about a complete cure.

But there are instances where the parole system is abused. One has come to the attention of the management of the asylum, which required prompt action.

A Swede, girl was paroled to her brother-in-law. People in the neighborhood said she was abused, and to work in the field like a man. Dr. Abbott inquired into the matter, found out that the reports of ill treatment were true, and telegraphed the authorities of the county to immediately take the girl away from the custody of the brother-in-law and provide for her until further arrangements could be made. The letters received by Dr. Abbott in response to his inquiry showed that the brother-in-law had secured the parole of the girl in order that he might have her take the place of a hired hand on the farm.

## NEW SHEEP SHEARING PLANT

**One of the Industries Brought into Prominence at Lincoln.**

The new plant for shearing and dipping sheep, which was added to the Lincoln stock yards last October, is now handling a large business and is becoming one of important industries of that section of the state. In the shearing department from six to ten men are employed and each one shears on an average of 100 sheep per day. These men are all experts and at the rate of 9 cents for each sheep their pay runs from \$8 to \$9.50 each per day. The fleece of the sheep being shorn at this time in the season weighs about six pounds per head and is sold on the market at 16 cents per pound. After the clip they are "dipped," then placed on feed in the yards for a time and then sold to the feeders or are shipped east. Each animal yields almost a dollar's worth of wool and the average price obtained for them when sold to feeders is \$3.50 each.

Sheep that have the "scab" are almost worthless as wool producers, as their continual rubbing and scratching pulls off nearly all the wool. In order to cure the scabby sheep that come into the yards, as well as to guard the healthy ones from infection, a dipping plant has been put in, where all the sheep that are sent to the range are first dipped and rendered secure from the scab for the coming season.

A great number of the sheep that are dipped are brought in from the range by the owners, who have them cured of the scab or made proof against it for the season, and are then taken back to the pastures. The charge for the dip is 1 cent per head, making it an inexpensive operation. Where the sheep are left in the yards ten days in order that they be dipped twice the charge is 5 cents per head for the dipping and the feed.

**Encounter with a Tramp.**

Perry Reynolds, brakeman on passenger train No. 5, which leaves Ashland at 9:35 in the morning for Denver, had a desperate tussle with a tramp the other day as the train was pulling out of the Burlington and Missouri yards. The tramp was determined to ride, but Reynolds succeeded in keeping him off until the train was well under motion. As the brakeman jumped on the tramp threw a rock at him, hitting him with sufficient force to knock him from the train, and he narrowly escaped falling under the wheels. The tramp escaped.

**Boy Has a Narrow Escape.**

Willie Pollard, aged 8 years, and his sister, older, were in the pit of the Omaha elevator at Silver Creek pushing down corn, when Willie was drawn down into the buckets. His sister being unable to hold him back, called to their father, who tends the elevator, for help. He came none too soon, shut off the grain just in the nick of time, found the boy buried about three feet in the grain and finally got him out unconscious.

**Badly Hurt.**

Bart Miner, 19 years old, employed in the railroad office at Table Rock went to Pawnee City and while attempting to board a sand train for Table Rock, lost his footing and fell beneath the train and was struck on the head, fracturing his skull across the crown. Two small pieces of bone were removed. His right arm from elbow to wrist was badly lacerated with a deep cut.

**Kicked by a Horse.**

Charles E. Dinsmore, one of the proprietors of the Hastings Milling Company, was kicked in the head by a horse. Physicians pronounce his injuries fatal.

**No Chautauqua This Year.**

Secretary D. L. Whitney announces that there will be no Chautauqua held at Beatrice this year.

**Warlike Spirit at Plattsmouth.**

Excitement over the Cuban situation is high at Plattsmouth. H. G. Livingston, son of the late Captain Livingston, has opened a recruiting station and is fast enrolling a company for service in the anticipated war.

**Went with the Soldiers.**

Two of the patriotic students of Bellevue College, W. E. Hannon and Chester Clark, took French leave the other day and went south with the twenty-second infantry. Friends will endeavor to locate Clark, who is a minor, and have him return home.

## FIRE AT HOSPITAL FOR INSANE

**Chapel and Kitchen of Norfolk Institution Destroyed.**

Fire broke out at the state hospital for the insane at Norfolk and it was only by the heroic efforts of the attendants assisted by the fire department that serious consequences were avoided. The fire started in a woodhouse adjoining the building used for a chapel and kitchen, but this was soon subdued by the attendants and the attendants retired to bed. Soon, however, fire broke out in the chapel and kitchen and burned fiercely, as it was fanned by a strong wind. The water supply at the hospital is quite limited and the burning building could not be saved, though the fire was kept from spreading to the main building, in which the patients were confined, and also kept from the other buildings. Everything was done in an orderly manner to remove the patients, in case it should become necessary, the only trouble being among the parole patients. The more violent ones were easily controlled. The loss is estimated at about \$5,000, with no insurance.

**McKey Brothers Discharged.**

The preliminary hearing at Falls City of Thomas and James McKey for the alleged murder of Olliver S. Jones, near Argo on the 9th inst., was held last week. The only evidence brought against the McKey brothers was that on the day of the murder they had passed the house of Jones in going from their home to their father's, and stopped at one of Jones' nearest neighbors about the time the act was committed. Over a year ago the McKey boys and Jones had a few words over the loading of a gun. It was loaded heavy and Jones accused the younger brother of loading it to blow his (Jones') head off. The boys had been living with Jones and left him about that time. The judge thought the evidence was not strong enough to bind them over and discharged them.

**Western Nebraska Teachers.**

The sixth annual convention of the Western Nebraska Educational Association was held last week at Sidney. There was a good attendance and much interest manifested. Among prominent educators present were W. F. McDowell, D. D., chancellor University of Denver; W. R. Jackson, state superintendent; J. W. Crabtree, state inspector of high schools. The association's officers are: President, W. P. Kilton, Lodgepole; secretary, Minnie Chase, Sidney; treasurer, B. K. Bushee, Kimball. Executive committee—J. C. Orr, North Platte; Mrs. Rosa Dodds, Chappell.

**No Extra Session.**

Gov. Holcomb has been 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.

**Edward Lorenz Acquitted.**

Perhaps the most exciting trial in the history of Red Willow county ended at McCook last week, when Edward Lorenz was acquitted of the charge of murdering Michael Travers. This is the second trial, the case having been remanded back for a rehearing by the supreme court. On the first trial Lorenz was found guilty and given a life sentence. The jury was out only two and one-half hours.

**Want New County Buildings.**

A petition containing 1,000 names was presented to the board of county commissioners at Auburn, asking them to call a special election to vote bonds to the amount of \$60,000 to build a court house and jail at Nemaha County. The commissioners called the special election for the 28th day of May. The call was made for \$50,000 for court house and \$10,000 for jail.

**Burglars at Aurora.**

Some parties as yet unknown—supposed to be tramps—entered the residence of ex-State Senator Mighell of Aurora while the family was out and after helping themselves to the contents of the cupboard ransacked the house for valuables, taking some jewelry and what little money Mrs. Mighell had in the house and then left for parts unknown.

**Attempted Suicide.**

Timothy Cliff of Auburn fired a bullet into his brain with suicidal intent. He came to this country from France in 1878. Despondency from excessive drinking is supposed to be the cause of his act.

**Nebraska Short Notes.**

Falls City has a daily paper.

The Ponca creamery has opened for business.

Burglars last week made a \$200 haul at Fremont.

Arapahoe is enjoying a building boom this spring.

A Zepelin of West Point died in consequence of injuries received by the kick of a horse.

Great numbers of pelicans passed up the river at Loup City Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

The minstrel show given by the Wymore women was a grand success and was by far the most important social event of the season.

The Arcadia Champion is authority for the statement that a four-foot vein of coal has been struck near Anstey at a depth of 200 feet.

In one hour after the opening of the recruiting office at Gordon last week twenty persons had attached their names to the roll of honor.

George Ritterbush, who was sentenced a year ago to the penitentiary, pardoned and returned home last week, committed suicide at Crookston by shooting himself.

A gang of tramps at Dubois built a fire in a box car in order to keep warm. They got up a little more heat than they expected, but skipped out before they could be apprehended.

Teumseh's city council at its last regular meeting passed an ordinance giving the salaries of city officials a sweeping reduction. It is said that some of the incoming officers will not qualify.

A fight is on between the papers of Nebraska City over the publication of the notices for liquor licenses.

Captain H. O. Evans of Company E at North Platte has issued a call for twenty volunteers. The intention is to enlist enough men to bring the number in the company up to 65, the full number allowed by the governor.

A reward of \$1,500 is offered for the arrest and conviction of James Dalton, Ed Royal and Tom Taylor, who broke jail at Marysville, Kan., just over the Nebraska line, after beating the deputy sheriff, Charles B. Batterson, in such a manner that he died.

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