

SURFACE IS CALM
NOT A RIPPLE INDICATING POSSIBLE WAR
WAR AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS ACTIVE

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Good Friday passed in Washington with not a ripple on the surface, either at the White House or the capitol, to show that the United States is on the brink of war.

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Some public men favored between these two propositions and favored a compromise. There was no definite lead by which it could be stated with anything like authoritative force that any course would be adopted, but the unsettled state of public opinion on the matter indicated that events of the next few days, the strength of the arguments of the forthcoming presidential message, or a distinct utterance from our consul general in Cuba, might be strong enough to incline the balance to either course.

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PREPARATIONS BEING HURRIED. Preparations for all eventualities are being hurried to completion. General Lee will leave Havana tomorrow, probably on the small naval vessel Fern, now in Havana harbor, although it was said at the State department that he might take one of the plant line steamers. At that time also the other United States consuls, and most of the American citizens residing in Cuba, will be ordered to the island.

Official reports received here today stated that large numbers of Americans were leaving on the several steamers from Havana and other ports. Entire quiet has prevailed there up to this time. The United States consul at Porto Rico is also preparing to leave.

CEIVING ORDERS FROM HIS GOVERNMENT TO DEPART. AS AN EVIDENCE OF THE COMPLETE CESSATION OF NEGOTIATIONS, IT CAN BE SAID THAT TODAY CLOSED THE SEVENTH CONSECUTIVE DAY SINCE THE SPANISH MINISTER CALLED AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

War and naval preparations are proceeding systematically, but the larger details of preparation have been shaped and there is little more to do than to see these regularly executed. While there are many naval movements, there has not yet been any decisive order affecting the movement of the fleets.

At the capitol the senators who are devoting themselves to the study of a resolution on the Cuban situation, which unanimity of the senate could be obtained were quite active and when the day had closed felt that they had made appreciable progress.

There was a joint meeting of the leading members of the steering committees of the various parties during the day in the rooms of the committee on appropriations, in which the whole situation was canvassed and the reasons for prompt action in the senate after the matter is once taken up were gone over much as they had been in preceding meetings.

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LONG NAMES THE NEW CRUISERS. Four Sections of the Country Are Recommended. WASHINGTON, April 8.—Secretary Long today decided upon the names for the new auxiliary cruisers acquired by the government from the Morgan steamship line.

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SNOW SLIDE DEALS DEATH
Thirty-One People Are Reported to Be Killed.

Fifty People on Their Way to the Mines Are Overrun by the Avalanche and Are Killed, Outright or Injured.

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THE BEE BULLETIN. Weather Forecast for Nebraska—Fair; Westerly Winds.

1. President Calhoun Awaits the Crisis. 2. Consul Lee to Leave Havana Today. 3. Plans for Indian School Buildings. 4. Nebraska News. 5. Editorials and Comments.

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Five Great European Powers Call the French Castilians Down.

France, Italy, Germany and Austria, in Union.

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