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A HUNT CALLED ON WAR TALK

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THE GOAL OF GORE

Not Reached With Avidity by the Department Chiefs.

POSSIBILITY OF WAR ADMITTED,

But the Administration Will Move Slowly in the Matter.

Defeat at the Hands of an Insignificant

Foe Would Be Too Humiliating—No Bragging Heard in Washington Newsdays—A Significant Conference With Those Who Hold the Reins of War—The Cruise of the San Francisco—Senior Montt and Secretary Blaine Continue Their Conference—Evidence in the Valparaiso Affair Yet Being Taken at San Francisco.

Special Telegraphic Letter

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—While a faint suspicion may attach to the war talk of the day that much of it is due to a desire of newspaper correspondents to work the Chilean trouble for all it is worth during the dull days of the Congressional recess, that there is yet a very substantial possibility of war cannot be ignored or laughed down, as the officials of the State and Navy Departments would have done if they could.

What is in everybody's mouth must be discussed by the press, the reporters are certainly excusable for devoting a good deal of space to the subject, for nothing else is talked of now. It may be mere gossip, so far as this particular war flurry is concerned, and peter out in the regulation nine days. It may be an exaggeration of surface indications which in a very short time will develop a genuine lead of exciting news.

A Probability of War Recognized.

It seems to me that a justification of war talk is not to be found so much in real or alleged movements in War, State and Navy Department circles, as in the reasoning induced by the relations of the two countries, and while Acting Secretary Soley, of the Navy Department, and other high officials of other departments declare the sensational reports to be nonsense, it is well known to those to whom these same officials talk somewhat confidently in private that they clearly recognize a probability of war.

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George Washington's Maxim the Motto of Department Officials—Navy Yard Officers Do Not Think It Unusual Activity in the Work—Montt and Blaine Confer.

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A naval officer who should know, when asked if the cruiser was bound for Acapulco, replied that she would not go far South as that port, but that she would be bound for San Francisco, and that she would be bound for San Francisco, and that she would be bound for San Francisco.

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