

TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 4, 1898.

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THE CLIMAX THIS WEEK

War Against Spain Will Probably Be Declared This Week.

CONGRESS IS IMPATIENT

Will Wait, However, for President's Message.

Prospect of European Mediation Are Slight--Spain's Efforts to Secure Direct Intervention in Her Behalf Are Not Productive of Encouraging Results--Permission Will Be Asked of Denmark to Establish a Cable Station on the Island of St. Thomas. Minister Bernabe's Activity.

Washington, April 3.—The opinion almost universally held in Washington tonight by leading public men and diplomats is that the crisis will reach its climax this week and that the question of war or peace will be determined within the next seven days.

There is still a divergence of opinion as to what the president will recommend in his message; indeed there seems to be still a question as to whether the president will make any specific recommendations.

TRYING SUSPENSE.

The suspense caused by the necessary delay in the preparation of the message is very trying upon members of both houses and the most universal question in Washington tonight is whether congress can be restrained until the message is transmitted.

RE-ORGANIZING THE ILLINOIS MILITIA.

Springfield, Ill., April 3.—Governor Tanner this evening received a request from the war department at Washington, to have the militia of Illinois in readiness to meet any call for their services from the national government.

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Chicago, April 3.—Three thousand journeyman carpenters will go on strike in this city tomorrow morning.

PROGRAMME OF A WEEK IN CONGRESS

A Large Element in the Senate Opposed to War.

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OUR NEW CRUISER.

The Stars and Stripes Float Over a Ship That Was Built for Chile.

London, April 3.—The cruiser which Lieutenant Commander Colwell, United States naval attaché here, purchased yesterday afternoon from the Thames Iron works and over which he hoisted the stars and stripes, was built by the Thames Iron works for Peru.

PEACE EFFORTS OF THE VATICAN.

Archbishop Ireland Asked to Plead with President McKinley.

Rome, April 3.—Vatican circles announce that Archbishop Kenne, bishop assistant at the pontifical throne, in the name of the pope, has sent to Archbishop Ireland the expression of the earnest desire of his holiness that Archbishop Ireland use his influence with President McKinley in favor of a peaceful attitude in the Cuban question.

BUSINESS MEN LEAVE HAVANA.

Bankers and Merchants Leave the City in a Hurry.

Key West, Fla., April 3.—The steamer Mascotte, from Havana, which arrived tonight, brought a dozen or more French and English bankers and merchants, who had left Cuba under telegraphic instructions from the houses of the city.

THROUGH THE BALTIC CANAL.

Torpedo Boat from 'Schiehna' Yards on the Way to England.

Berlin, April 3.—The torpedo boat purchased at Schichau by his government by Lieutenant A. P. Niblack, the naval attaché of the United States, is today on its way to England.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

- Partly Cloudy; southerly winds. 1 Telegraph--Spanish-American Climax War Regarded as Inevitable by Spanish Newspapers. Spanish Torpedo Flotilla Held at the Cape de Verde Islands. Work of the Week Before Congress. 2 The Tribune's Popular Want Column. Financial and Commercial. 3 Local--West Side and Suburban. 4 Editorial. Comment of the Press. 5 Local--Councils Will Reorganize Today. Story--"A Cheek Mystery." 6 Local--Old Company I Reorganizing. "Dr." Komowski Practicing in Detroit. 7 Local--Innocent Man Victim of an Assault. New Orthodox Greek Church. 8 Mercantile Appraisement. 9 Lackawanna County News. 10 Telegraph--Quiet Sunday in Madrid. Chinese Officials Accused of Having Accepted Russian Bribes.

JACOBUS DEPARTS.

The Genial Landlord of the American House is Pursued by a Carbon-dale Constable.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Carbondale, April 4.—There were exciting scenes about Hotel American in this city last night.

WOODFORD'S STATEMENT.

Will Not Desist from His Efforts to Peace Until Guns Are Fired.

Madrid, April 3.—In answer to a request from the Associated Press, General Woodford, United States minister here, this evening made the following statement:

FRENCH MACHINISTS HIRED.

Have Been Engaged for the Spanish Warship 'Talos'.

Washington, April 2.—The navy department has received a dispatch saying that the Spanish warship Carlos V has been delayed from sailing for Ferrol up to this time because she was waiting for the arrival of 20 French machinists.

THE HERALD'S WINTER FORECAST.

New York, April 4.—In the middle states and New England, today, fair to partly cloudy weather will prevail.

PRESIDENT'S PAST SUNDAY.

Washington, April 3.—President McKinley did not go to church today, but was busy engaged. Quite a number of executive clerks were also at work during the day.

WAR REGARDED INEVITABLE

No Hopes of Settlement Are Entertained at Madrid.

THE SITUATION DELICATE

Officials Believe That Nothing Can Check It.

THE NEWSPAPERS ARE DENOUNCING THE BISHOP OF BARCELONA ON ACCOUNT OF A LETTER WRITTEN PROPOSING THE ABANDONMENT OF CUBA--OTHER BISHOPS CALL ON THE GOVERNMENT TO RESIST THE UNITED STATES.

Madrid, April 3.—The majority of the newspapers here today regard war as inevitable. They think General Stewart L. Woodford has communicated a final answer to the government.

WAR IMMINENT.

Officials here now frankly admit that the situation is delicate in the extreme.

The other bishops are calling on the government to resist the United States and are offering money to aid the military and naval preparations.

BERNABE'S OPINION.

Telegraphs That Mr. McKinley Will Be Overruled by Congress.

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