



STRICT NEUTRALITY ASSUMED BY NATIONS

Conditions at Washington Rapidly Settling Down to Those of Actual War—President Issues Proclamation Regarding Prizes—Some of the Ships Taken May Be Released. So Far as Known All U. S. Consuls Are Out of Spain. Plans for the Full Organization of the Army Are Perfect—Department Naval Officers Are Restless.

Washington, April 26.—Conditions in Washington are rapidly settling down to those of actual war. Notices came to the state department from the four quarters of the globe today showing that the nations as a rule are prepared to assume an attitude of strict neutrality as between the United States and Spain in the present struggle.

patches, but the press reports of the seizures were received with great satisfaction by the officers of the department, who in some cases did not hesitate to declare their envy of their more fortunate brother officers with the fleet. In fact, it is becoming very hard for Secretary Long to retain in the service of the department the officers who are absolutely required in view of their earnest desire to go to the front.

PATRIOTIC DETROIT.

Seems Unequaled Since the Breathing of Out the War of the Rebellion -- Schools Closed.

Detroit, April 25.—Never since the War of the Rebellion have such exciting and patriotic scenes been witnessed here as today upon the departure of the state militia for mobilization at the camping ground at Island Lake, fifty miles west of Detroit. A crowd which has not been equaled since the G. A. R. held its national encampment here, witnessed the departure of the Fourth regiment for Detroit. At Port Huron, members of the local militia company were each presented with a \$50 gold piece and two of their officers with horses.

The president issued a proclamation during the day laying down rules as to the seizure of prizes, and the result, it is believed, will be the release of some of the ships already captured, though it will be for the prize courts to determine in each case whether the conditions under which the ship was captured are such as to warrant release.

Great Britain Cannot Permit Our Torpedo Boat to Leave the Port. Falmouth, England, April 26.—Commander Hazleton, of the United States torpedo boat Somers, was notified yesterday evening, as a result of the neutrality measures adopted by the British government, that the boat was not to be permitted to leave the port.

Spanish Fleet Leaves Las Palmas. New Orleans, April 26.—Captain Jones, of the British steamer Montpelier, from Liverpool via Las Palmas, reports that the Spanish torpedo flotilla, consisting of two torpedo boats, four torpedo boat destroyers, and the Spanish trans-Atlantic steamer Cadix, with ammunition, sailed from Las Palmas on March 25 in great haste. Their destination was not known.

Club Dues Remitted to Volunteers. Boston, April 26.—The Boston Athletic association has decided to remit the dues of those of its members who may enter the army or navy of the United States, or those belonging to the militia who may be called out for active service.

Odd Fellows' Anniversary. Duluth, Pa., April 25.—The seventy-fifth anniversary of the institution of Odd Fellowship was celebrated in this city today by 2,900 members of the order. The counties and forty lodges were represented. Tonight there was a street parade, and 1,500 men were in line.

Ammunition from England. New York, April 25.—The White Star freight steamer Bovic, which left Liverpool April 15, arrived today, bringing 523 cases of cannon, carriage work, empty shells and empty cartridge cases shipped by the Sir W. G. Armstrong-Whitworth company for the United States government.

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S DEVELOPMENTS.

Lieut. Rowan lands on Cuban coast. Army re-organization bill becomes a law. Cruiser Minneapolis sighted off Mt. Desert. British consul is protecting Americans at Manila. Blanco cables home that he doesn't need any ships. A class of fifty-five cadets is graduated at West Point. Judge Day appointed and confirmed secretary of state. The American liner Paris sighted by the steamer Majestic. Spanish torpedo flotilla leaves Las Palmas: destination unknown. The Pennland, just arrived at Queenstown, saw nothing of the Paris. White star freighter Bovic lands a cargo of war supplies at New York. United States gunboat Newport brings in two Spanish coasting vessels. Blanco States that he does not believe the Americans would dare land in Cuba. State sanitary commission formed to look after the health of every Pennsylvania soldier. Spanish fleet is still at Cape Verde Islands and shows no signs of an intention to leave. All American mail for Spanish destination has been stopped by order of the government. Reported at Madrid the Spaniards will dodge a naval fight and prey on American commerce.

Spanish admiral at Cape Verde threatens to sail against United States fleet, orders or no orders. United States government buys Hamburg-American line steamers Fuerst Bismarck and Columbia.

Professor Charles Eliot Norton, of Harvard, says it is not patriotic to enlist in this disgraceful war. Governor Hastings will try to have the Pennsylvania division of the National Guard admitted into the federal service intact.

Consul Springer from Matanzas province, Cuba, says Spain will have from 250,000 to 300,000 troops in opposition to ours in Cuba. The little lighthouse tender Mangrove, carrying only fourteen men including her commander, captures the 2400-ton Spanish auxiliary cruiser Panama.

LIEUTENANT ROWAN IS ON CUBAN SOIL

He Will Confer with General Galixto Garcia.

ARRANGING FOR THE CAMPAIGN Will Represent the War Department in Preparing the Details of the Attack in Which the Insurgents and U. S. Troops Will Act in Unison--The Dangers of the Mission.

(Copyright, 1898, by the Associated Press.) Kingston, Jamaica, April 26.—First Lieutenant Andrew S. Rowan, of the Nineteenth Infantry, under orders from the war department, was landed on the Cuban coast somewhere off Santiago, probably before dawn on Monday. His Cuban guides and an open sail boat were used. The guides have not returned.

Lieutenant Rowan is on his way to the camp of General Galixto Garcia. He will represent the war department in arranging for co-operation of the insurgents in the invasion of Eastern Cuba by forces of the United States. The time and place of invasion will be controlled by events and the character of Lieutenant Rowan's dispatches.

Lieutenant Rowan was detailed from the bureau of the war department for this dangerous service—dangerous because of his civilian dress he is liable to be treated as a spy. He speaks Spanish and knows Cuba, having written a book on the subject. Moreover, he is an expert map maker.

Lieutenant Rowan left Washington under instant orders on April 9. He was directed to wait here, prepared to go to Porto Rico or Cuba. As he went to Eastern Cuba it is inferred that a blow will be struck there before one is struck at Porto Rico.

The expectation is that General Galixto Garcia will dispose his forces to cover a landing of United States troops as prepared. A courier with Lieutenant Rowan's first dispatches to the war department will probably leave General Garcia's camp next week.

BLANCO IS CHEERFUL.

He Cables the Opinion that Americans Would Not Dare Land in Cuba.

Madrid, April 26.—In the senate today Marshal Count Chaste eulogized the army in Cuba and recalled his experience of forty-five years ago when as captain general of Cuba, he ordered the forts to fire on the Anglo-American fleet, which was obliged to retire. He said he hoped General Blanco would fulfill his promise to come through the contest dead or victorious. (Cheers.)

Senator Pulcifer, the minister of finance, replied that the government had great confidence in the army and navy. A senator questioned the government respecting the reported sailing of the American squadron for Manila, and asked if the former rebel chiefs in the Philippines, notably Chief Aguinaldo, were on board the American warships.

General Blanco cables that the situation is unchanged. His dispatch says: "This evening a division of five American vessels approached Maricao. The Spanish gunboat Nigra repulsed three destroyers which entered the port of Cardenas and compelled them to retreat. I believe the Americans will not dare disembark in Cuba."

SPIES AT CHICKAMAUGA.

Spaniards Tried to Gain Information About the Troops.

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 25.—General Brooke and officers in charge of the forces now located at Chickamauga Park awakened to the suspicion today that Spanish spies had been, and are probably still, here, advising their government as to the every movement of the United States army. Two men of Spanish extraction, but dressed like Americans, have been sauntering around the camp for several days

PATRIOTISM OF THE STATE MILITIA

The Enthusiastic Response to the President's Call for Troops.

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF DEMAND On Every Hand Has Been Expressed a Willingness to Come to the Government's Aid--The Equipment for Field Duty is Insufficient in Many Instances, But the Work of Collecting Arms and Stores is Proceeding Rapidly.

Washington, April 26.—At the close of office hours today Adjutant General Corbin has received dispatches from the governor of nearly every state and territory in response to Secretary Alger's call for information as to the troops the states and territories will be expected to furnish. The tenor of these reports shows there is no mistaking the patriotism of the people of the country in the present emergency.

WEST POINT CLASS.

For the First Time Since 1861 Cadets Are Graduated Before the Close of the Academic Year.

West Point, N. Y., April 26.—West Point at 2 o'clock today graduated the class of 1898. The stern requirements of the service permitted nothing but short ceremonies attending this hurried call to duty.

This is the first time since 1861 that any class has been graduated before the end of the academic year. There was none of the pleasant features which usually attend the graduating of the class, no hop, no dinner, but there were fifty-five happy young men. Most of the new officers will be assigned to the two new artillery regiments and the rest divided up among the volunteers. Of the class of fifty-five there are five from Pennsylvania, Frank Bonze, M. McCloskey, E. D. Bricker, Main Craig and R. C. Davis.

LOOKING FOR THE PARIS.

The U. S. Cruiser Minneapolis Will Act as Escort.

Queenstown, April 27.—(U. S. M.)—Steamer Majestic reports passing American liner, presumably the Paris, Monday morning 4 o'clock in latitude 45.52, longitude 29.08.

Portland, Me., April 26.—Steamer Mt. Desert sighted the cruiser Minneapolis at 3.30 p. m., off Mount Desert island, steaming to the eastward.

SO EAGER TO FIGHT.

Spanish Admiral at Cape Verde Threatens to Sail Without Orders.

Madrid, April 26.—The Pais announces that the Spanish admiral in command of the fleet at St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, has cabled to the government here that when the United States fleet is before Havana his place is not at the Cape Verde Islands, adding that he would sail against the American squadron in the morning, order or no order.

The Reading Receipts.

Philadelphia, April 26.—The report of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway company for the month of March, 1898, compared with the same period of 1897, shows an increase in gross receipts of \$15,372; increase in expenses, \$10,728; increase in net earnings, \$4,644. Operations for the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company for the same period shows a decrease in receipts of \$6,397; decrease in expenses of \$47,594; decrease in net loss, \$53,991.

No More Spanish Mail.

New York, April 26.—The exchange of mails between this country and Spain and all Spanish colonies has been stopped. Postmaster Van Cott received an order from Washington today to hold all Spanish mail. Since all mail from the United States for Spain passes through this office, the order stops all Spanish mail. Mails to Cuba are likewise stopped by the order.

No Warships in Sight.

Queenstown, April 26.—The report circulated early in the day that Captain Albrecht, of the Red Star line steamer Pennland, which has arrived here, and reported that the Pennland had sighted a Spanish warship, appears to have been based on a misunderstanding. Captain Albrecht says that the Pennland sighted no American or Spanish warships.

MANGROVE SECURES THE RICHEST PRIZE

The Baby of the Navy Captures a Vessel Four Times Her Size—A Trans-Atlantic Liner, The Panama, Carrying a Crew of Seventy-Two and Two Twelve-Pounders, Surrenders to the Smallest Vessel in the Navy Manned by a Crew of Thirteen Men—The Captain Greatly Humiliated. The Panama Is One of the Most Valuable Prizes Taken.

Key West, Fla., April 26.—The lighthouse tender Mangrove, the baby of the navy, puffed proudly into Key West harbor today with the richest prize of the war thus far, a vessel four times her size, trailing in her wake. The captive was the Panama, Captain Quevedo, a big trans-Atlantic liner and an auxiliary cruiser of the Spanish navy, which has been plying of late between New York and Havana. She had 29 passengers, including three women, one Frenchman and one Mexican, and a crew of 72.

As the Panama carried two twelve pounders, she could easily have annihilated the little Mangrove, and as the latter came into the harbor with her prize, she was saluted with rousing cheers from every craft.

The Mangrove, under Lieutenant Commander William H. Everett, who came down from the Hydrographic office a few weeks ago to take her, was cruising along the Cuban coast shortly before 6 o'clock last evening, about twenty miles north of Havana, when she sighted the Panama. The only other ship of the fleet in sight was the battleship Indiana, three miles to the rear. Lieutenant Commander Everett sent a prize and scudded toward the stranger. When the latter came within range a shot from the Mangrove's twelve pounder was sent across her bows, but the Spaniard ignored the challenge and went on. Another shot followed without result, but the Mangrove was drawing nearer. When a third shot was fired, she was within a hundred yards of the Panama, and Lieutenant Commander Everett shouted to the deck officer that if he did not surrender he would sink her.

The Mangrove officers admit that they expected the enemy's 14 pounder to open on them in response to the threat, but the Spaniard promptly came to. Emsen Dayton boarded the prize.

The battleship Indiana had seen the capture and drew up to the Mangrove, giving her a lusty cheer. Lieutenant Commander Everett reported to Captain Taylor of the battleship, and the latter put a prize crew on board, consisting of Cadet Falcon and 15 marines.

They then proceeded to the flagship New York where a formal report was made, and Rear Admiral Sampson ordered Lieutenant Commander Everett to convey the prize to Key West.

THE CAPTAIN HUMILIATED The Panama is about 2,800 tons burden. Her passengers were mainly Spanish refugees fleeing from New York to Havana. Captain Quevedo was grief stricken and greatly humiliated because of the capture. The passengers declare they knew nothing of the blockade, and that when they saw the searchlight of the Mangrove they thought it was the light of a Spanish man-of-war. The first shot changed their joy to apprehension, the second and third created a panic. The women ran screaming for shelter and the captain looked himself sullenly in his cabin.

RIFLES OF ANCIENT PATTERNS.

Many of the latter are armed with rifles which are, as one army officer said disgustedly, by every nation under the sun. So when the militiamen are mustered into the United States service, prompt measures will be taken to equip them thoroughly for every duty. It will take several days to tabulate the reports that came from the governors, and until this is done the officers of the department are unable to say just what will be required to completely equip the guard for active service.

Recruiting for the regular army under the Hall army reorganization bill will be begun at once. A circular has been prepared giving directions for this work, and this will be issued probably tomorrow. The recruiting will be carried on in the regiments where they are now located, and at the various army posts throughout the country. With an adequate force, the officials believe that quick progress will be made towards recruiting the army to its full strength of 61,000 men.

Spaniards Leave Mexico for Cuba.

Tampico, Mexico, April 26.—The war news has caused the American and Spanish posts throughout the country. With an adequate force, the officials believe that quick progress will be made towards recruiting the army to its full strength of 61,000 men.

German Ships Purchased.

New York, April 26.—The Hamburg-American steamship officials in Hoboken today confirmed the report of the purchase by the government of their vessels, the Fuerst Bismarck and Hamburg, now in port. The auxiliary board made the purchase. In a few days, Superintendent Hadenhausen said, the vessels will be sent to the Brooklyn navy yard and will be fitted up as auxiliary cruisers.

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PRESIDENT'S COMPLIMENT.

He Congratulates Secretary Sherman on His Successful Career.

Washington, April 26.—The following note was written today by the president in reply to the letter of Mr. Sherman tendering his resignation as secretary of state:

Executive Mansion, Washington, April 26, 1898. Hon. John Sherman, Secretary of State. Dear Sir: Your letter of the 25th instant, tendering your resignation of the office of secretary of state has been received and the resignation is accepted.

I cannot let this occasion pass without congratulating you upon your useful and distinguished career covering a period of nearly half a century in the public service and filled with exceptional honor and success.

Your great service has added lustre to American statesmanship and will always be gratefully remembered by your fellow countrymen.

With cordial good wishes, Very truly yours, William McKinley.

LEE AWAITING ORDERS.

Has Received No Challenge from Ramon de Carraza.

Richmond, Va., April 26.—General Fitzhugh Lee is on waiting orders and has no present intention of going to Washington until summoned there.

He has received no challenge to a duel from Lieutenant Ramon de Carraza, late naval attaché of the Spanish legation at Washington. He knows nothing more about the matter than what has been printed in the newspapers. Should a challenge come, General Lee will ignore it.

NOT CHAPLAIN, BUT SOLDIER.

Rev. Dr. Cyrus Townsend Brady, Wants Active Service.

Washington, April 26.—Rev. Dr. Cyrus Townsend Brady, Protestant Episcopal archdeacon of Pennsylvania, is anxious to fight against the Spaniards. He has offered his services to the Navy department in any position except that of chaplain. He is a graduate of Annapolis and has had active sea service. This he explained in his petition for duty, which was presented to the Navy department by Senator Penrose.

FLEET AT CAPE VERDE.

There is No Sign of Immediate Intention to Pat to Sea.

St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, April 26.—6.45 p. m.—The Spanish fleet is still here, and there is no sign of immediate intention to put to sea.

MR. SPRINGER'S OPINION.

Thinks That 60,000 Men Will Be Needed to Take Cuba.

New York, April 26.—"It will take more than 60,000 men to subjugate the Spanish in Cuba," said James H. Springer, United States consul at Cebu, Philippines, of Matanzas, Cuba, who arrived in this city today on the tramp steamer Havensdale.

Assured of Re-employment.

Reading, April 26.—The Reading Iron company has given notice to its 2,000 employees that those who enlist in the army or navy will be taken back into the service of the company upon presentation of honorable discharges and will receive places not lower in rank and pay than they now hold, provided they are capable of filling them.

John A. Logan to Be a Colonel.

Washington, April 26.—John A. Logan, of Chicago, son of the late General John A. Logan, has been selected by the president for a colonelcy in the volunteer army, and the appointment will be made as soon as the army shall have been recruited and ready for organization.

Secretary Day Confirmed.

Washington, April 26.—The senate today confirmed the appointment of William H. Day, of Ohio, to be secretary of state.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING. Weather indications today: Fair; northerly winds. 1. Telegraph—The Baby of the Navy Captures a Big Spanish Liner. Neutrality of Nations Assured. Enthusiastic Response to the President's Call for Troops. Lieutenant Rowan in Cuba to Confer with General Garcia. 2. Whitney's Weekly News Budget. Financial and Commercial. 3. Local—Ambulance Fund Continues to Grow. 4. Editorial—Comment of the Press. 5. One Danger That Spain Must Face. Apothecaries of the Field Gun. 6. Local—First Hearing in the Lanahan Meeting of the Boards of Health. 7. Local—Prosecution of the Speak-Easies. Chief of Police Robbing Leaves with the Guard Tonight. 8. Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 9. News Round About Scranton. 10. Telegraph—No Shots Fired at Havana. Literary Effort of a Burglar Used to Conquer Him. Convict Him. Feeble Resistance Expected at the Philippines.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, April 26.—Forecast for Wednesday: For eastern Pennsylvania, fair; winds becoming northerly. For western Pennsylvania, fair; winds northerly. For Ohio, fair; winds becoming variable.