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WE HAVE TOO MANY CANNED GOODS.

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Extra size and fancy quality, 2 for 25c.

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Extra early June, 4 for 25c. Sifted early June, 3 for 25c. Fancy quality, sweet and tender, 2 for 25c.

Gooseberries, 5 for 25c.

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Picnic size, 3 for 10c. Standard—large cans, 5 for 25c. Fine quality, very cheap, 4 for 25c. Extra quality, 3 for 25c. Fancy quality, 2 for 25c.

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Do you want a good Tapestry Brussels at 60 cents worth 75 cents.

At KEITER'S.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SAY WAR IS IMMINENT

Spain's Answer Unsatisfactory to the Administration.

CONGRESS WILL ACT ON TUESDAY NEXT!

The President is Preparing a Message to that Body—The Views of a Cabinet Officer, Referring to Spain's Broken Promises, Doubts Her Sincerity in the Latest Order, and Expects Congress to Declare for Prompt Intervention.

WASHINGTON, April 2. At midnight the relations between Spain and this government will be broken, unless Spain shall accede to the demands of President McKinley. It is not believed that the government at Madrid will recede from its position, and there is nothing in view but war.

Congress has adjourned until Monday, and President McKinley is preparing his message to be sent to that body, probably on Monday, but not later than Tuesday. Counsel General Lee will be recalled at midnight, but Minister Woodford will not be notified until Congress officially acts. That is the statement made at the state department this morning.

It will require several days for President McKinley to prepare his message. It will contain a complete recital of the case upon which Congress is expected to take action.

War is inevitable, and the conflict has practically begun. Spain is preparing for war at home and in her colonies. The Spanish cruisers Vizcaya and Oquendo, which steamed away from Havana bound for Porto Rico, have not yet reached that port.

A report was current in Washington that the Spanish torpedo flotilla had reached Porto Rico, but it could not be confirmed. The Navy officials do not expect the flotilla to reach Porto Rico much before the 5th inst.

The Spanish Transatlantic Company, which owns many vessels, has placed its entire fleet at the disposal of the Spanish government. These vessels can be turned into cruisers in a few weeks.

The movements of troops to the Spanish colonies include the despatching of two battalions of infantry, a battalion of engineers, half a battalion of artillery, and a regiment of marines to the Canary Islands, and a regiment of marines and additional artillerymen and infantry to Porto Rico. The garrisons in the Spanish possessions in North Africa have also been reinforced, but no details of the movements in this direction are made public.

A dispatch from Havana says: "The Spanish gunboat Vicente Yanez Pinzon left Havana last night and returned to-day. All the batteries and the forts are engaged in cannon practice. The situation here is critical. Gen. Blanco says that if President McKinley does not back down war seems inevitable. A dispatch from Madrid to Gen. Blanco says that the note of President McKinley to Spain was so grave that the Spanish government has no authority to discuss it, but must refer it to the Cortes."

Madrid, April 2.—"El Liberal" says that Spain must trust solely to her own energies and resources. The paper is the organ of Sagasta, and its statement is doubtless inspired, the purpose being to prepare the public for the knowledge that none of the European powers will in any way intervene in behalf of Spain.

The Spanish steamships Vivina, Gran Antilla and Riojano sailed from Santander on March 31, and are bound for Havana. These ships have heretofore taken supplies to the Spanish army in Cuba. They are now laden with stores and have troops on board.

Advices from Madrid received here to-day confirm the report that Minister Woodford is preparing to leave the Spanish capital.

The London Times publishes the following despatch from Madrid: "The substance of the Spanish proposals is that the insurgents and not the United States shall ask for armistice, and that the Autonomist Cuban Cabinet shall deal with the proposal without the intervention of good offices of the American Government."

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

The President Preparing His Message to Congress.

Washington, April 2, 3:00 p. m.—President McKinley began the preparation of his message to Congress early this morning, after a long conference with members of his Cabinet and public men. The advices proffered by the latter most urgently on the President was recognition and independence of Cuba and intervention at once. This course was urged especially by Senators and members of the lower House.

It was intimated this morning that another meeting of the Cabinet would be held this afternoon.

It was reported at noon to-day that Gen. Woodford, the American Minister at Madrid, had been recalled.

London afternoon newspapers declare that only the intervention of European power can now prevent war between Spain and the United States.

A dispatch from Madrid says: "Investigation shows that the Spanish torpedo flotilla has not arrived at Porto Rico, but at Cape Verde Islands. They will proceed from that port immediately after sailing."

Very prominent members of Congress who saw the President to-day say McKinley in his message will recommend such action by Congress that will be satisfactory to Republicans, and with few exceptions rally them and the country in his support. He says that the diplomatic correspondence will be such that the Republican party and the country will be proud of it. The legal facts in the case are ably handled by Attorney General Gregg.

The Maine affair will be touched on.

The message will probably not be sent to Congress before Tuesday. The President will hardly complete it before that time.

As a sample of expression heard here to-day, the opinion of Representative Hull, one of the leaders in the House, can be given. "I regard war as inevitable as the future," said he.

The Senate's Foreign Relations Committee previously agreed to-day to accept the recommendation of the sub-committee for resolution recognizing the independence of Cuba and recommending armed intervention.

Preparing for Flight.

Berlin, April 2.—The German Ambassador at Madrid reports that the Spanish Royal family fears an outbreak unless the differences between Spain and the United States are soon settled. Everything is prepared in the Royal Castle for hasty flight.

Strawberry and Vanilla Ice Cream

To-day and to-morrow at Scheider's bakery, 27 East Centre street.

CABINET OFFICIAL.

He Refers to Spain's Cold-Blooded Statement.

Washington, April 2.—One member of the cabinet in speaking of the meetings yesterday, spoke substantially as follows:

"In the morning it was apparent to all of us that, having exhausted all diplomatic efforts to bring about a better condition of affairs in Cuba, and they having failed, the whole question must be submitted to congress. At our afternoon meeting the president requested each member of the cabinet to express freely his individual opinion as to what should be done. The discussion was entirely on the lines indicated by the members. Nothing definite was decided upon, and no conclusions reached. The president will now take the views submitted to him under consideration preparatory to his message to congress, which will be sent early next week. President McKinley has the great deal of work recently, and appears pretty well fatigued. Consequently he will take some little rest before beginning active work on the message. He has not yet determined upon what recommendation will be communicated to congress. My own individual opinion is that but little faith can be put in promises made by Spain, and this makes me hesitate about accepting with any confidence her latest proposals.

"In the first place, she promised a long time ago that the reconcentrados would be released. The result shows that this promise has not been kept. Now she proposes to release them, but keep them under militia supervision. Who can tell whether she will adhere to this expressed intention? Broadly, there appears to be three courses open to the president in dealing further with this matter. The first of these is to accept the proposals submitted by Spain in reply to the American representations, the second to relegate the whole matter to congress and let that body do as it sees proper (which I think would mean intervention), and thirdly to take a middle stand. But as I said before nothing has yet been determined upon by the president, or if he has arrived at a decision he has not communicated it to the members of the cabinet.

Spain's Cold Blooded Statement.

Yes, reference was made by Spain to the Maine matter in the reply she sent through Minister Woodford. She made no offer to pay for the loss, but suggested that the matter be settled by arbitration. So far as I recall she expressed no regret for the sad occurrence, and the whole thing was regarded as a cold blooded statement.

The second session of the cabinet lasted from 6 o'clock till 6:30.

THE ISSUE MADE UP.

Spain's Answer The Limit of Concession From Madrid.

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From the Spanish standpoint there is the same disposition as that shown by the authorities here to regard the issue as made up. The answer of Spain is looked upon as the limit of concession which Madrid will grant. If there is to be another move, the Spanish government looks to the United States to make it. This, at least, is the situation as it presents itself to those best informed in Washington. Of course it cannot be foretold what Madrid will do in the stress of circumstances while the rush into days. But those best able to judge do not expect any further move from Madrid, as they say that Spain has reached the limit of her concessions.

The Spanish minister has naturally been a center in the exciting incidents. He is fully conscious of the gravity of the situation, and while still expressing hope for peace speaks to his friends of the eventualities which may come. To one of them he said yesterday that he could not believe that two nations made up of calm and sensible people would be brought into the horrors of war. He added that it would be a wicked and cruel crime for this result to be precipitated. The staff of the legation is working day and night, and the lights in the legation office were burning until 3 o'clock this morning while the secretaries and attachés were deciphering ciphers and in return reducing dispatches to cipher for transmission to Madrid.

Late yesterday afternoon a Madrid bulletin was received stating that the pope was seeking to exercise pacific influence by inducing both Spain and the insurgents to accept an armistice in Cuba. If this be true the pope has not given any instructions or information along this line to Mr. Martinelli, the papal delegate at Washington.

The latter has taken no step toward mediation. It has been reported that one of the archbishops of the Catholic church, in the course of an informal conversation with high officials here, suggested the mediation of the pope. This, however, was unofficial, and no authorized proposition of any character has come from Rome. Furthermore, there is little reason to believe the administration would receive with favor any proposition of this character from foreign sources.

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In the various phases of the situation yesterday the flying squadron stood out prominently, both as a center of public interest in connection with the rumored orders for its sailing from the Rois and as a matter of consideration by the department. It is stated on reliable authority that the department discussed the question of ordering the ships to sea, presumably, though not officially so stated, in connection with the approach of the Spanish torpedo flotilla, which arrived yesterday at Porto Rico.

It has been an open secret for some time that the naval authorities have regarded the approach of the Spanish flotilla with apprehension, and their feelings in this regard were strong enough to call the matter to the attention of the authorities. After considering the matter, however, it was decided that no orders would be issued looking to a movement of the squadron. While the decision is understood to have been based primarily upon the fact that it would be unwise to remove the ships from their present valuable strategic position, yet it is believed that diplomatic considerations also had some weight. It was pointed out that the sending of the squadron in the direction of the West Indies, even though its mission were not to intercept the flotilla, would be regarded as a hostile act, not warranted by the present condition of affairs.

The flying squadron was completed today by the arrival of the Minneapolis group of warships and the swiftest command are now assembled under Commodore Schley's flag.

Misses Stank Opening.

To THE LADIES: The spring opening of our Easter millinery will take place this evening. In our exhibit can be seen a choice display of all the predominating styles, shades and shapes for the season. We also wish to state in particular that the desires of the most humble as well as the most fastidious may be satisfied, as the prices on our millinery are so arranged to suit all classes. Our ladies' headgear are revelations in millinery's art. Thanking the ladies of Shenandoah and vicinity for their past patronage, with a continuance of same, we remain

Yours Respectfully, MISS STANK, 23 S. Jardin St.

Our new headquarters.

Naval Cadets Called.

Annapolis, April 2.—The naval cadets of the first-class received orders this morning to join their ships immediately, and will leave here this afternoon.

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Hot Tamale, free, to-night. Hot lunch on Monday morning.

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The result of the judgment suit of J. E. Riffert against W. L. Torbert, decided at Potsville yesterday, is of far more importance to the people of Shenandoah than many people suppose. The case was decided in Mr. Torbert's favor. Had it been decided otherwise the borough would have been placed in a somewhat embarrassing position, owing to the fact that the land purchased for the public water works and upon which the pumping station near Brandonville stands is included in the land involved in the suit.

The suit was brought by Riffert to eject Torbert and recover possession of the Walter Beatty tract of 400 acres in East Union township on which Girard Manor is located. The suit was brought in the latter part of 1897. The plaintiff made his claim as one of the heirs of Valentine Brobst, deceased, a resident of Reading, Pa. The defendant, Torbert, set up a defense that he had been in continuous and undisputed possession of the land for more than twenty years, and therefore his title could not be ousted. At the trial yesterday Mr. Torbert showed that his possession had extended over a period of twenty-six years and Judge Ledwith directed the jury to find a verdict for the defendant.

It will be remembered that several years ago the borough condemned and took possession of the land and streams owned by Mr. Torbert for the public water works and upon an arbitration to assess damages Mr. Torbert was given an award of \$25,000. A little over a year ago, in order to avoid more litigation and expense, Mr. Torbert and the borough got together and made an agreement whereby Mr. Torbert was to transfer all title to the condemned land in consideration of three notes from the borough for the aggregate sum of \$10,000. The agreement was carried out.

Within a month after the borough had received the deed for the land and Mr. Torbert had received the notes a communication was received by the borough notifying that J. E. Riffert was claiming ownership of the land in question and wanted the borough to take action to eject him. When the communication was read it created a stir of uneasiness among the Councilmen, but was quickly dispelled when J. H. Pomeroy, Esq., the then borough solicitor, told the additional fact that Mr. Torbert for the public water works and upon an arbitration to assess damages Mr. Torbert was given an award of \$25,000. A little over a year ago, in order to avoid more litigation and expense, Mr. Torbert and the borough got together and made an agreement whereby Mr. Torbert was to transfer all title to the condemned land in consideration of three notes from the borough for the aggregate sum of \$10,000. The agreement was carried out.

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