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SHERMAN HAS RESIGNED!

His Withdrawal From the Cabinet Took
Effect at Noon.

IS SUCCEDED BY WM. R. DAY!

THE SPANISH FLEET ON THE MOVE

President McKinley Sends a Message to Congress Asking
That a Declaration of War Be Made at Once—
England Declares Neutrality and Orders
Ships From Her Ports.

WASHINGTON, April 25.

A special meeting of the Cabinet was held this morning, and was called to further consider the message sent to Congress this afternoon recommending a war declaration.

Secretary of State Sherman handed in his resignation to take effect at noon to-day. The resignation was accepted, and the President immediately tendered that portfolio to the present Assistant Secretary, William R. Day. The President urged upon the latter to accept, and he finally consented. Mr. Day's name was then sent to the Senate, and he was confirmed.

The week just closed, has been one of much excitement at the national capital. Admiral Sampson's fleet at Havana has captured two new prizes the Miguel Jover, a merchantman, worth \$400,000, and the Spanish transatlantic liner Catalina, worth \$1,500,000. This makes six prizes in all, the others being the Buena Ventura, the Pedro, the Mathilde and a fishing smack. The report that Morro Castle fired on the fleet came from the fact that ten shots were fired on a newspaper tug which lost her bearings at night and got too close to land.

Spain, in her official decree recognizing the state of war, gives the American ships thirty days to get out of her harbors.

ENGLAND'S DECLARATION.

Great Britain has formerly recognized the state of war between this country and Spain, and has declared neutrality. All other nations will do the same at once.

England has given American war ships, now in her ports, forty-eight hours to leave, and upon receipt of this information the squadron at Hong Kong was notified by our government to proceed at once to the Philippine islands to blockade that port. It is probable that the first real action of the war will take place in Philippine waters, and with the knowledge of the superiority of Admiral Dewey's squadron over that of the enemy, there can be no doubt as to what the result will be.

For this reason Admiral Dewey has been cabled to remove the American fleet from Hong Kong and make his demonstration at the Philippine Islands at once. This policy will force the Spanish fleet to leave the Cape Verde Islands at once, for the neutrality rules will have to be enforced by Portugal as well as every other maritime country.

IMPORTANT STRATEGICAL CHANGE.

The decision of Great Britain renders it impossible for the United States to secure the services of the Albany before the end of the war. It is also unlikely that the Somers will be called home before the expiration of the forty-eight hours. She would run too much risk of being captured by Spanish vessels.

There are no United States warships in any foreign ports excepting those of Great Britain, China, Hawaii and Nicaragua. Great Britain's declaration has caused an important change in the strategical situation. It forces this country to make its contemplated move against the Philippine Islands, and will also force the Spanish squadron from the Cape Verde Islands. This will bring about active hostilities, and leaves the Spaniards in a crippled condition and at a great disadvantage.

CONGRESS MAKES DECLARATION OF WAR

President's Message Gives Congress the Necessary Facts and that Body Declares War to Exist.

Special Despatch to EVENING HERALD.

The House passed the bill, in quick order, one minute and forty-one seconds.

The friends of the Administration express themselves as well pleased with this action in so promptly endorsing the President.

If Spain adopts the policy announced by this government, that the neutral flag protects the goods, if the vessel and its conduct are neutral, only contraband goods in such ships are subject to capture. Of course all merchant ships must respect an effective blockade on the penalty of capture and confiscation.

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt today announced that the government had purchased the steam yacht Allen for the auxiliary navy. This vessel, like so many others that have been acquired, is of light draught and excellently fitted for patrol duty in shallow waters. She is of 151 tons gross register, 119 feet long and 20 feet beam. She was built at Chester, Pa., and her home port is New York.

It was noted at the navy department that no additional information had been received of the movements of the Spanish fleet rediversed at Cadiz and at the Cape Verde Islands. Every step taken by these fleets is promptly reported to the department by the agents abroad. One officer explained that it was very necessary to receive with the greatest caution reports of the movements of the Spanish ships, as Spain naturally will try in every way to mislead the United States.

SPAIN'S SQUADRON LEAVES

They Will Depart From Cape De Verde Islands To-day.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

London, April 25.—A special just received from Cape de Verde Islands says that it is believed the Spanish fleet now at that port will sail to-day.

Their destination is not known, but they will likely sail to intercept the Oregon, now on her way up the coast to American waters.

Spain's Fleet Must Go.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

Washington, April 25.—The Portugal government has replied that it will order the Spanish war fleet away from neutral waters as soon as it is notified by the United States that war has been declared.

CALLING OUT VOLUNTEERS.

The Orders to the Governors Sent Out This Afternoon.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

Washington, April 25.—Officials of the War Department were busy to-day preparing the communications that are to be sent to the Governors of the States in compliance with the President's proclamation calling for volunteers. The statement was made that the call will go to the Governors this afternoon, giving them the quota of troops expected to be furnished and points of assembly.

Pennsylvania's quota is a little over 8,000, and the troops will mobilize at Mt. Gretna, Gov. Hastings will immediately issue his call which will probably be this afternoon at a late hour.

It is positively stated that the President does not contemplate a call for additional volunteers at present.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt will be appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the Cowboy regiment which he will at once raise.

A dispatch from Bridgeport, Conn., says that the fourth section of the Signal Corps has refused to a man to volunteer.

Quartermaster Johansen, of prize crew of the gunboat Helena, who accidentally shot himself, died at Key West this morning.

THE OREGON.

The Navy Department Has Not Heard From the Battleship.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

Washington, April 25.—Despite reports to the contrary, the Navy Department has not heard from the battleship Oregon since she left Callao on April 8, and does not expect to hear anything from her and her consort, the Marietta, until she reaches Montevideo, where she will take on coal. There is reason to believe, however, that her next port will be Rio de Janeiro.

If the Spanish fleet should leave St. Vincent before the Oregon and Marietta get to Rio, as now seems likely, United States vessels will possibly be sent to meet the battleship and gunboat and proceed with them to home waters.

Columbia in Port.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

Newport, R. I., April 25.—One of the two vessels of the Flying Squadron which left Hampton Roads Saturday night under sealed orders, the Columbia, arrived here this morning. Her officers know nothing of the Minneapolis. They separated after leaving Hampton Roads.

Spanish General Captured.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

Key West, April 25.—It is reported here to-day that an American warship has captured a coasting vessel on which Gen. Pando was a passenger. It is also believed that the Spanish schooner Matilde, cargo of sugar, is in the hands of the American fleet.

England's Neutrality.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

London, April 25.—The Prince of Wales presided at a meeting of the Privy Council, called for the purpose of approving a draft of a proclamation of neutrality. The Foreign office will to-morrow publish a notice that warships of the belligerents must leave British ports within twenty-four hours.

The British Admiral at Queenstown has ordered the Spanish torpedo boat Andez to leave her pier at that port before six a. m. to-day.

Two More Prizes.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

Key West, April 25.—The Algonquin has arrived here with two Spanish prize schooners "Sofia" and "Candia" in tow.

(War news continued on Fourth page.)



ROYAL BAKING POWDER
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POTTSVILLE LETTER.

Sentence of Allen, Rentz, Martin and Meyers Deferred.

ILLNESS OF ALLEN THE CAUSE.

Next Monday Fixed as the Day and Sentences Will be Imposed Separately if Mr. Allen Continues Ill—Another Move by the Tax-payers' Association.

Special HERALD Correspondence.

Pottsville, April 25.—The court was finally attended this morning in spite of the fact that the sentencing of the recently convicted ex-County Commissioners Charles F. Allen, of Tamaqua, Frank Rentz, of Ashland, and John P. Martin, of Pinegrove, and present Commissioner Charles Meyers, of Crosson, was on the program. The Judges were late in taking their places on the bench. Judge Peshing occupied a seat between his colleagues, Judges Bechtel and Koch, for the first time in many weeks, though he has not been idle meanwhile. He does a great deal of consultation work at his home.

Judge Bechtel stated that the District Attorney had this morning fixed for the sentencing of the County Commissioners. Mr. Marr, attorney for one of the defendants, stated that he had been told that Mr. Allen was ill at his home in Tamaqua and unable to be present. Judge Bechtel said that, such being the case, he would fix next Monday as the day for sentencing. Attorney Green, of Tamaqua, was called by Mr. Marr and he told the court that Mr. Allen was suffering from inflammatory rheumatism and, if reports were true, he did not think Mr. Allen would be able to reach court next Monday.

Judge Bechtel dismissed the matter by fixing next Monday and if Mr. Allen should not be able to attend then sentence would be imposed separately. Judge Bechtel also stated that the court deemed it just to state that the meeting of the Judges on Saturday had no reference to these cases. Two other important matters were considered, however. The court did not state what they were.

COMMISSIONERS DO NOTHING.

County Commissioner Kantner was unable to be at his office today, on account of illness, and consequently no appointments were announced. It is not known when he will be there.

ANOTHER TAXPAYERS' MOVE.

Fergus G. Farquhar, attorney for the Taxpayers' Association, asked leave to file notice that an appeal would be taken against the annual statement for 1897 published by Controller B. B. Severn last February. Mr. Whitehouse moved that the matter be laid over until next Monday, and Mr. Marr seconded the motion. Mr. Farquhar stated that Saturday, next, will be the last of the 90 days allowed by law for the appeal. Judge Bechtel ruled that he would grant leave to file the appeal. The meaning of this procedure is that the Taxpayers' Association wants the Controller's bondsmen to be responsible for certain moneys which will be set forth in the bill when to-morrow morning comes.

THE MOTION TO QUASH THE THIRTEEN COUNTS IN THE INDICTMENT AGAINST FRED L. SCHLESER WAS OVERRULED AND A SIMILAR DECISION WAS MADE IN A SIMILAR CASE AGAINST J. C. EBY, OF LEADING, SCHLESER'S PARTNER.

The charges are embezzlement and false pretenses. George J. Wadlinger and W. D. Sellen, Esq., asked that exceptions be noted and that a bill of particulars be filed, giving the number of such stock certificates, a copy of it, etc. Charles E. Breckons and Charles E. Berger, Esqs., objected and said the particulars could not be given for the reason that the stock had never been delivered to their client. In his remarks Mr. Wadlinger used the term "short" and Judge Bechtel said, "Please explain the word 'short'."

Mr. Wadlinger: "It means selling what you have not got."

Judge Bechtel: "That was the late Franklin B. Gowen's definition, too."

Mr. Wadlinger: "If you come with me this afternoon and bring a hundred or two to your pocket I will try to show your honor what it means."

Mr. Breckons: "Tell him about that \$400, George." At this point there was a general outburst of laughter and the subject was dropped.

NOTES.

M. M. Burke, Esq., filed an application for a charter for the Simon Dankanto Beneficial Society of Shenandoah. He also secured an order to certify the bond of Tax Collector M. J. Scoulan for 1898 into court, in behalf of the borough of Shenandoah, which has judgment against Mr. Scoulan for \$15,418.08.

Two weeks from to-day was fixed for taking testimony in the case of Borough of Shenandoah against Lakoste Electric Railway Company.

Sentence in the Barrowsparrow liquor law violation case of West Mahanoy township was put off pending argument for a new trial.

The court ordered the transfer of Abraham Mosto from prison to the Alshouse insane asylum at Schuylkill Haven.

The saloon license of John W. Curtin, First ward of Shenandoah, was transferred to Peter Yanalavics.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

The appointments of Calvin W. Brower as warden of the prison, and Mrs. Brower, as matron, by the County Commissioners on January 17th last, was confirmed this afternoon by the court for one year from April 1.

DEEDS RECORDED.

Sheriff Toole to M. J. Lawlor, for property in North Union township, \$2,500; M. J. Lawlor and wife to George A. Briting and others, premises in Union township, \$4,000.

DEAD AT A LIME KILN.

Frank Steller, aged 20 years, of Palo Alto, was found dead at Hoch's lime kiln, Crosson, this morning. William Fredericks of Pottsville, was almost dead when found, but he recovered.

BROCKEN WILL FIGHT.

Warden Brower, in case the County Commissioners move him from office, will contest their right on the ground that there is a law providing that soldiers serving in the army cannot be removed from office without just cause. Such a law is on the statute books.

CITIZENSHIP ISSUED.

In the matter of the estate of John F. Higgins, deceased, permission was granted to withdraw the petition in citation, and Judge Dunn directed a citation to issue for an account to be filed, or show cause why a citation should not be issued, returnable May 23rd for argument.

COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Emmanuel Christ committed suicide in a blacksmith shop at North Pinegrove Saturday night. He separated from his family in Illinois about a year ago and is supposed to have been dependent.

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