

UNITED STATES AT WAR WITH SPAIN.

ULTIMATUM IGNORED.

Minister Woodford Presented With His Passports Before He Could Inform Spain of McKinley's Decision.

The ultimatum of President McKinley which gave Spain until Saturday noon to withdraw her forces from the island of Cuba has been ignored by the Spaniards.

The ships of the United States Navy have arrived in Cuban waters and a blockade of the important ports has been established.

England through her minister has assured the United States that she will permit no other nation to intervene in the behalf of Spain during the war.

An outline of the policy to be followed by this government in the treatment of neutrals and the matter of privateering is contained in the following statement.

BOMBARD HAVANA.

British Consul Gullin Has Been Notified That the City Will Be Shelled.

Havana is to be bombarded, according to a notification to British Consul Gullin by his government, which said warning had been given by the United States.

A STAMP TAX.

War Measure Which Will Raise \$100,000,000 as Additional Revenue.

The war revenue measure, as introduced in the House is estimated to produce \$100,000,000 in revenue.

The tax on beer, ale and fermented liquors is increased from \$1 to \$2 a barrel, and a tax of 1 cent on beer or destroyed stamps is allowed.

The provisions of the stamp tax include proprietary medicine and similar preparations, a tax of 1 cent on all packets, boxes, bottles, etc., which retail at 25 cents or less.

OUR WAR WITH SPAIN.

Spanish troops are concentrating in Havana. Spain will be refused coal at the ports of Haiti.

Fifty thousand men are now under arms at Havana. British naval officers say the war will be one of surprises.

The armistice in Cuba has been declared off by Spain. More than 100,000 men have enrolled in New York City as volunteers.

A fourth naval squadron may be formed to protect cities of the gulf. John Wanamaker, the Philadelphia merchant, is organizing a regiment.

The government has purchased the dynamite cruiser Netheroy from Brazil. Canada will see to it that Spain secures no coal at her ports during the war.

The Scotch ship Lucerne has been purchased by the United States as a coaler. All through the south the American and Cuban flags are floating side by side.

According to reliable estimates Pennsylvania alone could furnish 50,000 volunteers. The Spanish fleet at the Cape Verde Islands is stripped and ready to begin fighting.

A thousand Cuban volunteers at Key West have offered their services to the President. The Carpenter Steel Company of Reading, Pa., sent 600 projectiles to Washington Tuesday.

The revenue cutter Gresham, doing duty on the great lakes, has been ordered to the Atlantic coast. The Holland submarine torpedo boat navigated a mile beneath water during a trial trip the other day.

Havana newspapers are cautioning the people not to mistake Englishmen and Germans for Yankees. All of the European powers have sent representatives to this country to make observations during the war.

An American warship sailed last Monday with the intention of cutting the cable between Spain and Cuba. United States troops continue pouring into Chattanooga, Tenn., the rendezvous of the United States troops.

It is rumored that the Atlantic liner Umbria and Etrella have been purchased by the United States. Weyler says that if American troops reach Cuba, the fever will kill half of them and the Spaniards the other half.

SPAIN'S EMPLOYED BY OUR GUNS.

FIRST SHOT FIRED.

A Merchantman Flying the Colors of the Enemy Brought to Key West by the Gunboat Nashville.

The Spanish merchant ship, the Buena Ventura, is the first prize, having surrendered when the first shots of the Spanish war were fired.

Friday morning the fleet at Key West, under sealed orders set sail. When some distance out a vessel was seen, flying the Spanish flag.

The Buena Ventura, with her cargo, is worth, it is estimated \$500,000. To dispose of her as a war prize she will have to be condemned in the United States District Court.

The Ensign Marble led a prize crew, consisting of a file of marines and seamen. With great formality the Ensign swung aboard and assumed command.

The fleet captured last Saturday the schooner Mathilda, of Havana, laden with rum. The schooner was taken by the torpedo boat Porter after a lively chase in which a number of solid shots were fired.

The United States gunboat Helena left Key West Sunday morning to join the fleet now blockading Havana. While cruising the Spanish steamer Michela was in sight.

The transatlantic Spanish steamer Callina was taken Sunday morning by the cruiser Detroit and towed to Key West. The gunboat Wilmington captured the Spanish schooner Candida with a deckload of charcoal intended for Havana.

The torpedo boat Porter captured the Spanish schooner Antonio, laden with sugar for Havana. The revenue cutter Winona, captured the Spanish steamer Saturnia, at Ship Island, last Sunday.

The Winona also captured the Spanish steamer, La Cumina. She gives United States ships 30 days to leave her harbor.

Spain has officially declared war. In a decree gazetted Monday she publishes to the world the annulment of all treaties, protocols, agreements or connections in force between her government and that of the United States.

Spain will observe the principles of international law. The price of wheat in London has advanced 3 shillings per quarter.

The United States Squadron now at Hong Kong is stripped for action. Men in London are besieging the United States embassy, wanting to enlist.

TRADE REVIEW.

Enormous Demands for Finished Products in Iron - Prices of Wheat Not Diminished.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade reports as follows for last week: The war is no longer to be avoided, and business is somewhat retarded by bankers' apprehensions.

The exports from Atlantic ports have been 3,104,309 bushels (four included), against 1,190,392 bushels last year, and from Pacific coast points 435,636 bushels, against 63,230 last year.

With 40,000 tons of bessemer iron sold at Pittsburg for \$10 40, and with the dealings in gray forge unchanged, and sales of 30,000 tons to car wheels makers alone at Chicago, and 10,000 tons at eastern works of Pennsylvania, with some at the South for pipe manufacturers, the enormous production does not diminish.

With the heavy cancellations of contracts for iron and steel, the demand for wheat is in no sense fictitious. The exports of corn during the same three weeks have been 11,340,188 bushels, against 10,231,161 bushels last year.

Failures for the week have been 201 in the United States, against 218 last year, and 29 in Canada, against 21 last year.

GOOD OFFICERS, POOR MEN.

Our Sailors are Unpatriotic Hirelings, Says a Spanish Diplomat. The Daily News of London publishes an interview with a Spanish diplomat who is in the secrets of the Madrid government.

What is the criticism the American fleet or the American army, because we know their officers are well trained and that they are brave, but what material have they to work upon?

Life Takes His Place. Mayor Harrison of Chicago a few days ago issued orders making Mrs. William W. Wells superintendent of city parks during the absence of her husband in the war.

A Benefit for Pennsylvania. A big fleet of coal is on its way to San Francisco from Australia and English ports. No more coal can come here from British Columbia.

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NATION HEARS THE CALL TO ARMS.

A QUICK RESPONSE.

The President, in a Proclamation, Calls for 185,000 Men - Will Serve Two Years.

Again have the peaceful pursuits of the American people been broken in upon by a call to arms, to fight a foreign foe.

The troops assembled at Washington, Richmond and Atlanta. At these points they will remain at least a month, during which time they will be drilled and prepared for the hardships of army life.

Whereas, By a joint resolution of Congress, approved on the 20th day of April, 1888, entitled "Joint resolution for the recognition of the independence of Cuba, demanding that the Government of Spain relinquish its authority and government in the island of Cuba, to withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters, and directing the President of the United States to use the land and naval forces of the United States to carry these resolutions into effect."

Whereas, By an act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for temporarily increasing the military establishment of the United States in time of war and for other purposes," approved April 22, 1898, the President was authorized in order to raise a volunteer army to issue his proclamation calling for volunteers to serve in the army of the United States.

Now, Therefore, I, William McKinley, President of the United States, in virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws, and deeming sufficient occasion to exist, have thought fit to call for, and hereby do call for, volunteers to the aggregate number of 125,000, in order to carry into effect the purpose of the said resolution, the same to be apportioned as far as practicable among the several States and Territories and the District of Columbia according to population, and to serve for two years, unless sooner discharged.

By the President, JOHN SHERMAN, Secy. of State. In many respects the call follows the outline of the first made by President Lincoln on April 15, 1861, when he asked for 75,000 men.

A Vow to the Virgin. Advice from Cadiz says that the commander of the new Spanish squadron now being formed there recently visited the shrine of the Virgin with his men and there addressed the crews of the ships, offering the choice of remaining behind to whoever felt fear.

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TELEGRAMS TRISLY TOLD.

Richard Croker, of New York, has sailed for Liverpool. The rumors of Indian uprisings in the West have been declared false.

A family of eight Cuban refugees arrived in New York last Tuesday. Colonists in Australia have offered their services to the United States.

Fire destroyed the Fulton Chapman Brass factory at Pittsburg last Wednesday. Loss, \$10,000. Jesse Cook, aged 23 years, was struck by a car in the Carnegie steel works at Pittsburg, Sunday and killed.

Passengers to this country from Europe are avoiding the larger steamers, preferring the boats which land them at Canadian ports. While engaged in a friendly boxing match, Robert McBride Brooks, of Pittsburg, a motorman, dropped dead of heart disease the other day.

Thomas Bram was found guilty at Boston of murder, without capital punishment, in the Barkentine Herbert Fuller case. He killed Capt. Nash on the high seas in 1858. Two robbers held up a train near Los Angeles, Cal., a few days ago. Engineer Gifford was killed after he had fatally wounded one of the desperadoes.

The grand jury in the United States district court at Wilmington, Del., returned an indictment against W. N. Boggs charging him with stealing \$107,000 from the First National Bank at Dover. He is charged with conspiring with Colonel Ezekiel P. Cooper, former register of wills of Kent county and former United States commissioner to Hawaii, and Thomas S. Clark, Charles H. Butler, Amos Cole and Harry P. Ford to secure the funds of the bank.

Farmer Ingraham Dead in Bed Nightly Until His Mind Gave Way. William Ingraham, a farmer, who lived near Rockland, N. Y., was taken to the State Hospital at Binghamton hopelessly insane. Ingraham's insanity is said to be due to excessive reading. It was his habit, after performing his day's labor, to lie in bed and read until morning.

Forced to Trample Upon the Flag. When the steamer Ely left Guantanamo, Cuba, last week a Spanish mob, including many soldiers, filled the public square and adjacent streets yelling: "Death to the Yankees." Several American flags were soiled, torn, trampled and treated with elaborate unmentionable indignities.

Advice have reached Austin, Tex., of great devastation done by prairie fires in Pecos and adjoining counties. Over 600 acres of fine range have been burned over in the past two weeks, and the fires are still raging.

An Enthusiast Injured. The departure of the First battalion of the Nineteenth Infantry from Fort Wayne, was marked by a serious accident. During the firing of a salute in honor of the departing troops, by those left in charge of the fort, Private George Egman fired a shot from his rifle which blew off by the premature explosion of a cannon, and Sgt. John W. Annise, who was in charge of the firing party, had his right hand severely injured. Egman's arm had to be amputated.

Spain is being advised to part with Cuba for a consideration. The government has given a four-year contract to supply envelopes to the Purcell Envelope Company, Holyoke, Mass., at \$467,296 per year. It is estimated the saving will be \$1,000,000.

A \$500,000,000 loan is provided in the new war tariff bill in the form of 5 per cent 10-20 bonds; \$100,000,000 certificate of indebtedness, to bear 3 per cent interest, are also provided for. The students of Gallaudet Institute, of Washington, a college for the deaf and dumb, engaged in an anti-Spanish demonstration.