

This President's long expected message was at last sent to both branches of Congress, on last Monday, and it seems to have been unfavorably received. It is a clear statement of the whole Cuban question, and concludes by saying that "the war in Cuba must stop."

And what will Congress do? No man can now tell, and it may be several days before Congress does anything definite. There is a very strong feeling in Congress to declare war, and without a day's delay.

The Spanish offer of an armistice in Cuba has published in another column has been changed in the outlook, and has entirely delayed a declaration of war, even if it falls to what it might be.

By Spanish officials, as a Spanish subject, and by others, it is regarded as a sincere effort in behalf of a reasonable adjustment without war. President McKinley in his message says he will do it without consulting or expressing any opinion on it.

The Spanish offer that they have now offered, and it is to be seen, is a reasonable and just demand. They say that they have offered to have a constitutional convention to settle the future of the island, and to stand by their decision. They say that they have revoked the constitution of 1892, and have granted a new one, and have allowed them to return to their homes.

Since the above was written, the latest telegrams under war inevitable unless Spain surrenders Cuba unconditionally. A revolution has probably been passed by Congress, and this is the road, recognizing the independence of Cuba and dissolving the President by assuming his intervention in securing Cuba's independence.

It was quite a striking coincidence that Gen. Fitzhugh Lee left Havana on last Saturday—the 9th of April—that being the thirty-third anniversary of the surrender at Appomattox Court-House. Yes, on the 9th of April, 1865, Gen. Fitzhugh Lee was one of the most distinguished officers in the Confederate army that then surrendered to the Union army, after a terrible war of four years.

The Populist railroad commissioner, L. C. Caldwell, and Gov. Russell are now at Cuba. Caldwell withdrew his tender of resignation, but Russell has declared his office vacant and will appoint another commissioner.

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The State Auditor's annual report for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1895, has just been published. It shows that the total assessed value of all real and personal property in this state is \$229,854,409, which is over a million dollars less than it was a year before.

The Auditor calls attention to and condemns the custom that now prevails in many counties of appointing incompetent list-takers—of appointing a man list-taker merely to give him a little job without regard to his qualifications for the position.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction has issued a circular calling attention to an act of the last Legislature that makes it a misdemeanor for any officer or teacher connected with the public schools, to sell anything for the use of any public school.

The last war began just thirty-seven years ago this week, and would it be quite a coincidence if the next war should begin this week?

Key West, April 10.—Bill the Oxheart, a great bull, was at once captured by the police, and the police of the United States, and placed in the hands of the police.

These were the words of General Lee, as he was being taken to the front of the battle, and he was being taken to the front of the battle, and he was being taken to the front of the battle.

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The attitude of the insurgents at Washington is that of rejecting the armistice. Senator Quesada, of the junta, declared today that the armistice was simply a Spanish trick, designed to create the impression that the insurgents were unreasonable.

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The Supreme court has affirmed the judgment for \$20,000 in favor of architect Norton, of Durham, who was so badly hurt by a railroad train.

What the Navy Will Do.

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A Fatal Snowslide.

Blanchard, Alaska, April 8.—At about noon today on the Chilkoot trail, between the Steeles and Stone House, at least 21 men met death and a large number of others were injured more or less seriously in a snowslide.

Fully 50 people were overtaken by the slide, and are either buried in the snow or scattered along the borders in the avalanche in a more or less injured condition.

Summer county, Kansas, recently offered a bounty of \$5 cents for every rabbit scalp brought in. The farmers all turned out one week with their guns and killed 158,514 rabbits, and broke the county.

Sanford, Kansas, Express, Wells, Fargo, Colorado, a steamer Air Line station had a freight train Tuesday morning by a freight train.

It is said that the fruit crop in the sandhills was not hurt by the recent cold weather, and the prospects for a full crop were never better.

REDUCED RATES IN N. Y. THE SEABOARD AIR LINE ASSOCIATION IS THE FOLLOWING: RATES FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS TO BE MADE BY N. Y.

General Conference of the M. E. Church, South. Rate of one fare for the round trip, tickets on sale May 2nd-10th, with final limit May 31st.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the U. S. Rate of one fare for the round trip, tickets on sale May 17th-19th, with final limit June 14th.

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