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War has begun and actual hostilities [illegible] between the United States and Spain. Congress has adopted a resolution, which the President promptly signed, officially declaring that war exists and has existed since the 21st of this month. The United States navy is blockading [illegible] ports, and a volunteer army of 125,000 soldiers is being rapidly recruited in every part of our country. The number of volunteers called for from North Carolina is 2,574, to be organized into two regiments of infantry and one battery of artillery. [illegible] The existing companies of our State guard have nearly all volunteered, and their ranks are being rapidly recruited to the maximum number of [illegible] allowed to each company. More men are volunteering and are eager to enlist than are needed or will be needed at this time. The [illegible] troops will be [illegible] at first at [illegible] near Raleigh [illegible] be ordered to some part of the United States [illegible] Cuba, and no doubt [illegible] never return.

The first [illegible] fired in our war with Spain was [illegible] the [illegible] off Key West [illegible] captured the [illegible] merchant vessel, named the Buena Ventura. [illegible] utterly [illegible] that war had been declared. This vessel had [illegible] in Spain, for a [illegible] cargo, and was returning with a cargo of lumber [illegible] off the southern coast of Florida. Since then several [illegible] merchant ships have been captured.

According to international law this is all right, and these Spanish ships and their cargoes will be [illegible] among the captors as [illegible] made prisoners [illegible] had been guilty of some crime.

Now while [illegible] lawful according to [illegible] international law of [illegible] honesty. These Spanish vessels were private property [illegible] private cargoes, and had left their ports while their country was at peace with ours, and were peaceably sailing along with no intention nor ability [illegible] But [illegible] was the [illegible] the guilty!

How long will the war last? Already this perplexing question is being asked, and no man can answer it. We sincerely hope that [illegible] true prophets, who predict [illegible] it will end in a few weeks. We [illegible] however, that just thirty-seven years ago many of our wisest men predicted that the war upon which we were then entering would end in a few weeks. Even as wise a man as President Lincoln thought it would soon be over, and so he issued his proclamation calling for only 75,000 volunteers to serve only three months. And yet that war lasted four years and nearly 3,000,000 men were enlisted in the Federal armies!

Profiting by the lesson taught by that experience, President McKinley has called for 125,000 volunteers to serve two years, and we doubt not that every man of them will be needed. While, of course, our country will be victorious, yet we will not have such an "easy walk-over" as some so confidently assert.

Now that war has begun we hope it will be short, sharp and decisive. While the Record had earnestly hoped there would be no war, yet now that war—horrid war—has actually begun we earnestly hope, and confidently predict, that our country will be completely victorious. All true Americans, whether they favored or opposed this war, should now discard their past differences and unite solidly together in urging it to a successful and early conclusion. Divided counsels and discussions as to whether the war is right or wrong would now be unpatriotic and opposition would be almost [illegible] our [illegible] country [illegible] be right, but right or wrong our country still!

The action of the British and [illegible] in our controversy with Spain deserves and should receive the thanks of all Americans, and should also remove the unfounded prejudice [illegible] political [illegible] in our people against that country.

When Mr. Woodford, our Minister to Spain, left Madrid, and when General [illegible] left Havana, each of them entrusted to the care and custody of the British authorities [illegible] personal property that they left behind, and placed under their protection all the interests of our countrymen who remain in Cuba and Spain. And the British flag will afford them full and complete protection.

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[illegible]

A [illegible] is levied in the new tax bill which Congress will pass [illegible] expenses of the war [illegible] articles [illegible] Republicans [illegible] refuse to levy [illegible] of the rich men!

The Naval Movements.

Washington, April 25.—Advance in the [illegible] for Capt. Sampson's [illegible] now [illegible] Spanish ports was tonight decided on.

Its execution [illegible] on the movements of the Spanish squadron now concentrated at the Cape de Verde Islands.

The new army [illegible] which will go into effect [illegible] Spanish fleet leaves Cape Vincent, which will probably be today, and if not reported within a reasonable period, provides for the withdrawal from the blockading squadron of six armor-clads, under Capt. Sampson's command, and their concentration at some central point on the Atlantic coast from which they would be enabled to make a quick movement for the protection of Northern cities, or to rejoin the vessel in the West Indies.

The plan of the Spanish fleet is very likely to go [illegible] to New York, Boston, or some other important place for the purpose of bombardment in the hope that the government was not [illegible] to send a [illegible] to meet them before great damage is inflicted.

Naval officers are looking forward to [illegible] in the Orient within the next few days.

Com. Dewey's ships have started for Philippines, and it is expected that the first naval battle of the war will be fought in those waters before the end of the present week.

Great Britain has issued a proclamation announcing her neutrality in the war between the United States and Spain. The other European powers will follow her example, and their neutrality will be helpful to us and hurtful to Spain.

One of our army officers has landed in Cuba and gone to Gen. Garcia's camp to arrange with him the plans for the landing of our army in Cuba and co-operating with the insurgents.

The President has issued a proclamation declaring that Spanish merchant vessels in United States ports will be allowed until May 21st for departure.

Among the thousands now volunteering to fight Spain are none of the belligerent Congressmen [illegible] who have been clamoring so loudly for war.

Blockade Proclamation.

Washington, April 22.—The following proclamation, announcing a blockade of Cuban ports, was issued today:

By the President of the United States. A proclamation: Whereas, By a joint resolution passed by Congress and approved April 20, 1898, and communicated to the government of Spain, it was demanded that said government at once relinquish its authority and government in the island of Cuba, and withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters; and the President of the United States was directed and empowered to use the entire land and naval forces of the United States, and to call into the actual service of the United States the militia of the several States to such extent as might be necessary to carry said resolution into effect; and

Whereas, In carrying into effect said resolution the President of the United States deems it necessary to set on foot and maintain a blockade of the north coast of Cuba, including all ports on said coast between Cardenas and Bahia Honda, and the port of Cienfuegos on the south side of Cuba.

Now, therefore, I, William McKinley, President of the United States in order to enforce the said resolution, do hereby declare and proclaim that the United States of America have instituted and will maintain a blockade of the north coast of Cuba, including the ports on said coast between Cardenas and Bahia Honda and the port of Cienfuegos on the south coast of Cuba, aforesaid, in pursuance of the laws of the United States and the law of nations applicable to such cases. An effective force will be posted so as to prevent the entrance to said ports. No vessels will be allowed to enter said ports and if the same vessel shall attempt to enter a second time, any blockaded port, she will be captured and sent to the nearest convenient port for such proceeding against her and her cargo as prize, as may be deemed advisable.

Neutral vessels lying in any of said ports at the time of the establishment of said blockade will be allowed 30 days to issue therefrom.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the City of Washington, this 22d day of April, A. D., 1898, and of the independence of the United States the 122. William McKinley.

By the President. John Sherman, Secretary of State.

Call for 125,000 Volunteers.

Washington, April 23.—The president today issued the following proclamation calling for 125,000 troops to serve two years:

Whereas a joint resolution of Congress was approved on the twentieth day of April, 1898, entitled "Joint resolution for the recognition of the independence of the people of Cuba, demanding that the government of Spain relinquish its authority and government in the Island of Cuba, and 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," and

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 is authorized, in order to raise a volunteer army, to issue his proclamation for volunteers to serve in the Army of the United States.

Now, therefore, I, William McKinley, President of the United States, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and the laws, and deeming sufficient occasion to exist, have thought fit to call forth, and hereby do call forth, 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. The details for this object will be immediately communicated to the proper authorities, through the War Department.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this twenty-third day of April A. D. 1898, and the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-second.

By the President: John Sherman, Secretary of State.

Boy Killed by Lightning.

Special to the Charlotte Observer.

Winston, April 24.—The 7-year-son of Solomon Tesh was killed by lightning three miles south of Salem last evening. The boy had a hoe on his shoulder and lightning struck the blade, ran down the handle and killed him instantly. A brother who was near him was knocked down, but he soon recovered.

The Ohio State Senate has adopted a report charging that Senator Hanna attempted to bribe a member of the Legislature to procure his election.

Facts About Cuba.

THE POPULATION, SQUARE MILES, INHABITANTS, AND CHIEF PRODUCTS OF THE ISLAND.

From the Atlanta Journal.

Although Cuba is only ninety miles from our coast and has been the subject of more discussion among our people during the last three years than any other country, it is remarkable how much ignorance [illegible] of the United States. In the first place the island is much larger than is generally supposed. It is of irregular crescent shape, is 760 miles long, and has an average width of [illegible] miles, without including adjacent islands, which add 2,000 square miles. Although mountainous in the interior, [illegible] of the coast line is low, flat and difficult of [illegible] on account of the numerous [illegible] and islands. [illegible] this is [illegible] of [illegible] other island [illegible] in [illegible] ports [illegible] Havana, [illegible] Bahia, [illegible] Nipe, and [illegible] on the South side, and [illegible] dad, [illegible] on the South [illegible] pal and [illegible]

Cuba had [illegible] provinces, Havana [illegible] ly populated [illegible] the [illegible] pounds [illegible]

[illegible]

The idea that Cuba is one unhealthy [illegible] is [illegible] fact [illegible] the [illegible] island [illegible]

[illegible]

Another popular misconception concerning Cuba is that its native population is composed entirely of negroes. The fact is that of the 1,631,687 people of the last census more than [illegible] whites and [illegible] negroes. There were [illegible] Chinese in the island. Cuba is one of the most fertile regions of the world, but is also exceedingly rich in mines. Its iron ores are unsurpassed [illegible] beds of coal, an enormous quantity of hardwoods and rich deposits of gold. The island has been [illegible] developed [illegible] the possibilities cannot be estimated. We shall probably see a wonderful agricultural and industrial advance in Cuba in the next ten years.

Winston Republican: Mr. Charles Hartman, of Davie county, reported to our travelling [illegible] Davie county last week that he had a drove of seven ewes, every one of which had given birth to twin lambs this spring except two and they had increased the flock by triplets. This certainly "takes the rag off the bush," in the sheep raising business. We have never heard it equalled.

One Day's Important Events.

Washington, April 25.—Congress to day formally declared war to exist between the United States and Spain; the Senate passed the naval appropriation bill, carrying large amounts of money for improvements of the sea fighting arm of the service; the Hull army reorganization bill was passed by the Senate and goes to the President tomorrow; Secretary Sherman resigned and is succeeded by Judge Day, and the latter by John B. Moore, of New York, an acknowledged authority on international law, and the War Department called on the several States for their quotas to the volunteer army of the United States. These make up the important events of the day.

A Wonderful Discovery.

The last quarter of a century records [illegible] discoveries in medicine [illegible] have accomplished more [illegible] than that sterling old household [illegible] from Butts. It [illegible] the very elements of good health [illegible] man, woman or child can take [illegible] deriving the greatest benefit. [illegible] from Butts is sold by all dealers.

The Law of Blockade.

From the New York World.

There are complexities in the law of blockade, but its essentials are simple enough.

1. A blockade must be proclaimed so that ships of all nationalities may be notified of its existence.

2. Ships already at sea when proclamation is made must upon arrival be notified and permitted to depart for some other than the blockaded port. Until such notice the ship is not liable to capture.

3. Ships so notified, and all ships sailing after proclamation of blockade has been made, are liable to capture upon attempting to enter the blockade.

4. In case of capture they and their cargoes are confiscate, but [illegible] officers not seamen, if the ship carries a neutral flag, are subject to any other penalty. [illegible] time.

5. [illegible] It is not so [illegible] the [illegible] attempting to [illegible] "paper" blockade [illegible]

6. Ships of the enemy are subject to capture anywhere at sea, without reference to the restriction to blockade, as are [illegible] ships are subject to capture only when trying to break the blockade.

[illegible] President.

[illegible]

An infernal machine was sent to the President today. Fortunately its contents were suspected, and [illegible] to protect the [illegible] and no damage was done. [illegible] all [illegible] there was nothing [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] to the approach to the White House.

[illegible]

Havana is the capital of Cuba. It is the most important city of the West Indies and one of the principal commercial marts of America.

[illegible] north side of the Gulf [illegible] Its harbor is one of the [illegible] 1,000 vessels of any size.

Havana was founded in 1519. Its population is about 250,000.

[illegible] Matanzas and other important places in Cuba.

Since 1761 yellow fever has broken out frequently in the city and the [illegible] during the [illegible]

[illegible]

Washington, April 25.—Apropos in response [illegible] to the recommendation of the President [illegible] Congress declare a state of war between the United States and Spain, by unanimously passing a resolution declaring that war exists between the said countries, and has existed since and including April 21st, and directing the President to use all his powers to carry the act into effect.

The Senate in executive session passed the resolution without amendment, and at 6:18, the President signed it.

So far as known all the United States consuls have made their way safely out of Spain.

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[illegible] J. Perry [illegible] the 22nd of November [illegible] sell for cash at [illegible] township, [illegible] running south with [illegible] black jack [illegible] with his line [illegible] post [illegible] and another tract, [illegible] and running [illegible] 25 poles to [illegible] south with [illegible] red oak, thence [illegible] 90 poles [illegible] 25 degrees E. [illegible] about north 32 [illegible] road, with Dark's [illegible] north with Sam [illegible] a flint and poles [illegible] With the line of [illegible] containing [illegible] being a part [illegible] in said mortgage.

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