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THE WAR CLOUD LOWERS.

Spain Would Evade or Delay—The Situation Too Grave—Some Views on the Situation.

At no period in this excitable period has war been so imminent. Indeed a declaration of war is entirely probable by Monday or Tuesday. Spain sent a long cipher telegram Thursday night, the contents of which were not revealed to the press but are understood to be evasive or temporizing.

It is most probable that this will not be brooked by the president who, it is probable, demands all that congress demands, but in a wiser and more responsible and conservative way.

Spain seems, in her haughtiness and jealousy of her honor (?) (after treating Cubans as she has) about to sin away her day. Something more definite is expected tonight and if the president is unable to bring Spain to terms he will hardly counsel congress against immediate action. If he should he would hardly be heeded.

Capt. Gen. Blanco has extended his beneficence to western provinces of Cuba, it may be said even to abolish Weyler's cruel decree that clustered the people in cities to starve, but this, too, can hardly be considered as other than the force of emergency and is too late as a relief measure to stop the American demand.

In the meantime the warships at Key West are stripped of woodwork on decks and sent ashore, also the valuables of the crews have been deposited on shore and all is in fighting trim.

WHAT IS SAID.

London, April 1.—The Times says editorially this morning: "It is evident that peace and war hang in the balance, and that the world has not long to wait for definite information. It cannot be supposed that America's terms have yet been published in their completeness, but they may be guessed to include the freedom of Cuba.

"The Spanish government will make a fatal mistake if it fails to understand the terms now offered, which are the best it is ever likely to obtain, and if they are not promptly accepted, it is to be feared that the next presentation of American demands will be in a harsher shape. With every sympathy for Spain, her government and dynasty, it must be said that the government of Cuba has been a scandal which would have been resented even by other nations if they had been in as close proximity as the United States.

"It behooves Spain to consider whether Cuba is worth fighting for in such an unequal conflict that it is even doubtful if Spain would gain a temporary success, while her ultimate defeat would be certain. A moderate naval force could reduce the island by starvation, and privation could not be carried on to any extent worth mentioning by Spain, without calling for the intervention of neutral nations."

Lincoln, Neb., March 31.—Hon. W J Brayan tonight made the following statement for the Associated Press, in answer to the question whether in his judgment the time had arrived for the United States to intervene in behalf of Cuba and bring the war to an end: "Yes, the time for intervention has arrived. Humanity demands that we shall act.

Cuba lies almost within sight of our shores and the suffering of her people cannot be ignored unless we, as a nation, have become so engrossed in money making as to be indifferent to distress.

"Intervention may be accompanied by danger and expense, but existence cannot be separated from responsibility and responsibility some times leads a nation as well as an individual into danger. A neighbor must sometimes incur danger for a neighbor, and a friend for a friend.

"War is a terrible thing and cannot be defended except as a means to an end, and yet it is sometimes the only means by which a necessary end can be secured. The State punishes its own citizens by imprisonment or even death when counsel and persuasion fail. War is the final arbitrator between nations when reason and diplomacy do not avail.

"Spain might not resist intervention; it is to be hoped that she will recognize the right of the United States to act and immediately withdraw from Cuba, but whether she resents intervention or not, the United States must perform a plain duty.

"Spain has only herself to blame for the state of affairs in Cuba. If she denies to her former subjects the rights of war and calls the Cuban army a mob, let her remember the words of Victor Hugo: 'The mob is the human race in misery.' No nation can afford to make its people miserable.

"If the Cubans prefer death to Spanish rule, it must be because Spanish rule has robbed life of joy and hope. If a nation sows the wind it must reap the whirlwind."

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Sparks' Circus With Us.

Mr. Jno. H Sparks is here with his circus today (Friday). He still holds his reputation equally as well as he has in the past that it is one of the finest twenty-five cent shows that travels.

Since his trip here last year he has made some very valuable additions. He now has in his employ Mexican May, who has in the past traveled with the famous Buffalo Bill show. She is certainly an artist with a rifle.

The mummified body of Joe Scroggins, one of the gang of desperadoes in Alabama, and who was hanged some years ago, is to be seen at the show. One can plainly discern where the neck is broken.

The baby elephant is with them, and is under the best of control.

To say anything about the acting and the music, suffice it to say that it is good. The contortionist, or boneless man, is excellent.

The Sick To-Day.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hornbuckle is at the point of death with pneumonia. The little child has been very sick for about a week.

Mrs. Sheriff Buchanan has no fever this morning and it is hoped that the worst has passed with her. Mrs. Wm. Propst, who has been sick for a week or more, is now able to sit up.

The condition of Mr. W C Boyd is about the same.

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PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Mr. M J Freeman returned to the city last night.

—Cashier D B Coltrane went to Stanly this morning on business to be gone a day or two.

—Prof. and Mrs. Cranz, of Elizabeth College, arrived this morning from Charlotte.

—Miss Blanche Rueckert, of Elizabeth College, is stopping at the home of Mr. John A Cline.

COTTON SEED For Cows FOR SALE BY Ervin & Morrison GROCERS

A Busy Time For Our People.

Today, April 1st, is a busy day for our people and several things are on the program for tonight, so in order that our readers may at a glance take in all of that takes place, we will let them "fall in" in line.

The first thing noticeable is the bill collector going his rounds getting his cash or else the date of payment.

Before this is finished the circus band is out on the streets attracting the attention of the idle people, followed by trained horses and untrained people. The show will also have a performance tonight.

Tonight at the Baptist church the Sunday School Institute will meet. Quite a number of people will attend.

There will be an organ recital at the Lutheran church tonight which will attract the attention of quite a number of people.

Rain or shine, circus or no circus, the Lyceum will meet in their hall and initiate those that need such treatment.

There will also be choir practice at some of the churches in town tonight, and as this is the first of the month there will be quite a number of people paying their bills that could not be seen in the day.

Beside all this will be the long unrecorded roll of victims of All Fools' Day.

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