

THE WAR CLOUD MORE THREATENING

Neither Spain nor our Government Will Yield a Point.

DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATIONS ENDED.

The Plans of our Government Unprepared... The President's Message to Go to Congress Monday... War Preparations Proceeding...

Washington, April 8.—Good Friday passed in Washington without a ripple on the surface, either at the White house of the capitol, to show that the United States is on the brink of war.

Both houses of congress had adjourned until Monday and at the executive mansion there was no rush of eager and excited public men. At only the war and navy departments were there signs of an impending conflict, in the rush of "immediate" orders to a host of naval officers to report at once for duty on vessels to which they were assigned, and in conferences among bureau chiefs on details of war preparations.

At the capitol the senators who are devoting themselves to the task of securing a resolution on the Cuban question on which practical unanimity on the part of the Senate can be obtained were quite active and when the day closed they felt that they had made appreciable progress.

The cabinet members of the various parties during the day in the United States have been holding conferences, in which the whole situation has been canvassed.

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General Woodford remained at the United States legation until a late hour.

At that time also other United States consuls and most of the consular officials in Cuba were being hurried to completion.

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The Spanish government meets with the same fate as the most rapid finger disappers, twenty-four hours after flying, the fatal "sin curso" order reached the correspondent.

10:15 p. m.—The ministers continue their reserve, repeating yesterday's cabinet council. But it is believed to have been occupied principally with a telegram from Cardinal Rampolla, the papal secretary of state, relative to a papal action.

Washington, April 8.—A New Orleans special to The Post says: The steamer Ustein arrived at Port Pads this morning from Matanzas. On board were General Curtis, Major Richardson, of the Kansas City Star, who represented Kansas City in the distribution of supplies, and other persons.

The "manicure" has today higher hopes of success for the pope's intervention. It is not true that President McKinley has rejected the pope's intervention, as reported by the press.

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passed the Detroit as she proceeded to her station at the Havana entrance to the harbor. The usual greetings were exchanged. There was not a naval officer but breathed easier when the monitor joined her smaller sisters, the two gunboats.

HOW WILLIAM J. BRYAN Wants the Democrats to Stop Their Attack on Senator Butler—Rumors as to Proprietors of Railway Commission

It is reported that W. J. Bryan has written a letter to a prominent Democrat here, saying the attacks by the press on Senator Butler ought to stop, suggesting that this is advisable when looked at from a standpoint of reform movement; that Butler has the confidence of the western people where the greater part of the reform strength lies; and that it is unfortunate by his state people it will operate against the reform.

Children like it, it saves their lives We mean One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough, and all other lung troubles. R. B. Bellamy.

COMPLIMENTARY TO LEE. Havana, April 8, 10:20 p. m.—La Lucha today, commenting on the arrival of General Lee at the port, believes that he has sent word to the people in the United States, that the article, which represents the United States and not Spain and that this fact is a warning to the Spaniards.

PREPARATIONS FOR WAR REVEALED. Washington, April 8.—The members of the ways and means committee of the House of Representatives today prepared a report on the war preparedness.

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Net Earnings of our Railways. Raleigh, N. C., April 8.—Railway Commissioner Abbott tonight completed a table which shows that the average earnings per mile for the railways in North Carolina are less than in any other state in the Union; that the average gross earnings are \$2.846 per mile; that the taxes and average cost of operation is 70 per cent of this, leaving 30 per cent or \$859, which is 6 per cent on the valuation of \$14,200 per mile, while the average value is \$30,000 per mile, thus making net earnings less than 3 per cent.

Robbery This Morning. Early this morning some one smashed a large pane of glass in the show window of Mr. A. R. ReVelle, on Front street, between Spruce and Walnut, and stole a guitar and several other articles which were on exhibition.

Meat Car Robbed. At the Atlantic Coast Line depot this morning about 2:30 o'clock a car containing meat was broken into and robbed. Mr. Tom Price, the watchman, made his rounds as usual, and at the time discovered the car broken open and robbed.

Base Ball. Newport News, Va., April 8.—The Yale university baseball team defeated the Hampton aggregation here today by a score of 12 to 3.

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