

THE WAR WITH SPAIN. The President to Send His Ultimatum to the Spanish Government Today.

BERNABE PREPARED TO DEPART. The President to Sign Both the Resolution of Congress and the Note to Spain Today--Prompt and Direct Answer Will be Demanded.

A Refusal to Evacuate Cuba to Be the Answer--Spanish Sentiment Strong for War--A Scheme to Cede Cuba to the Pope--Bill to Increase Our Army--The Plan to Blockade Cuba.

Washington, April 19--Spain will not receive official notification of the demands of the United States before tomorrow. She then will be informed that the Cuban resolutions passed by congress at an early hour this morning are now a part of the laws of the United States, and an ultimatum will be sent demanding compliance with this law and answer within a very short time, probably twenty-four hours.

Compliance is not expected and a formal movement on Cuba will commence the latter part of this week, according to the plans of the administration.

The congressional Cuban resolution will be signed tomorrow morning. The ultimatum to Spain will be signed at the same time. The president early decided to make the two practically one act by a simultaneous signature of each.

Two cabinet meetings were held during the day, the first beginning at 11 o'clock and lasting nearly two hours, and the second lasting from 3 o'clock until 5:30 o'clock. At their close announcements that executive action had been taken were made.

Both cabinet sessions were devoted principally to discussion of the ultimatum to be sent to Madrid.

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FEDERAL ARMY ON THE MOVE. Troops Moving to the South From All Quarters of the Country.

Pensacola, Fla., April 19--Company G, Fifth Infantry, first of the new troops ordered to arrive. The train on Monday from Fort McPherson barracks at Atlanta.

The last Spanish steamship in port at Pensacola, Texas, for Liverpool with a good cargo.

Dallas, Texas, April 19--The general office of the Texas and Pacific railroad in this city was today notified of the departure of the new troops.

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CALDWELL LAUGHS NOW. The Commissioner Enjoys His Victory Over the Governor--Editor Ramsey Makes a Retrait.

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DEMOCRATS PUT ON THE DEFENSIVE. Senators Explain Their Votes Against the Conference Report on Cuban Resolution.

Senator Allen Introduces One For Recognition of the Present Cuban Government--Senator Butler Wants the Cubans Protected Against Franchise Grabbers--The Presiding Officers Sign the Cuban Resolution--The President's Cuban Policy Attacked--Mr. Grosvenor Makes an Explanation.

Washington, April 19--Comparatively little business was transacted by the senate today, all of the senators being fatigued on account of their long vigil last night over the Cuban resolutions.

Senator Allen introduced a resolution for recognition of the present Cuban government. Senator Butler wanted the Cubans protected against franchise grabbers.

The presiding officers signed the Cuban resolution. The president's Cuban policy was attacked by Mr. Grosvenor.

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IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE DAY. Wilson, N. C., suffers a \$6,000 fire. The Cuban Resolution is signed by the presiding officers of both Houses of Congress.

The President will today sign the Cuban Resolution and notify Spain that she must evacuate Cuba. Spain will be given twenty-four hours in which to answer.

The Spanish Cortes meets today. The members held caucuses last night. Universal sentiment in Madrid is to resist the demands of the United States to the utmost.

Trains were moving yesterday from all parts of the country, carrying troops to the seaboard. The bill for increasing the army in time of war was introduced in congress yesterday.

The Spanish minister has made all preparations to leave Washington as soon as the President signs the Cuban Resolutions. The Vatican was to decide last night on a proposition that Spain cede it Cuba and it make cession to the United States.

The plan of the naval campaign is the blockade of the Cuban coast. The flying squadron is perfect condition for battle. Enthusiasm is everywhere for the war.

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THE FLYING SQUADRON. Perfect Condition for Battle--Enthusiasm Everywhere for the War.

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Miraculous Benefit RECEIVED FROM Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure. A woman who thinks she is homely will consent to have her picture taken in 4 groups.