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Prime fight, eh ?

Just wars until Uncle Sam's boys facile semething that can shoot, if you want to see them on their mettle.

Not content with being a reco tration emmp for the Hornet's Mest Riflemen's pacificos, Charlotto wants to become a mobilization center for regular troops. We fear our neighbor is reaching out for too much.

Everybody is glad that Captain Clark of the Oregon has been informed that bostilities are on and that the Temenario is after it. He will now be on the lookout for that waspish craft and will know what to do with her on first sight.

When war was declared, there were as many as a hundred and twenty-five American vessels at sea, scores of them being lo danger of capture by the Spaniards. There are many in the lot which would prove enormously rich prizes for the enemy. Spain has about fifty on which our fellows may swoop down at the proper time.

The President will have no trouble about getting all the volunteers he calls for. The country is full of people who are tired of a dull time, to say nothing of ilnancial politics, nauscuting politicians, and fusion gubble. hould there be noticed at any time a lult in the volunteering business, just take a stick and stir up the orators and newspaper organs on these topics and the ranks will be crowded again.

Democrate should not become so absorbed in the soute conditions attending the war as to forget their duty as sovereign citizens. Our State as well as Cabs must be redeumed from the political opprosor. Attend your county convention Saturday and let your devotion and your wisdom be felt In its deliberations. If the war soon ands an end, we shall still seed government in North Carolina; but if it should be flerce and long, how much greater will be the need of wise government at home! Think upon these

In the few reports of precinct primaries which we publish this week, there appear two or three references to the wory fusion question, which, emansting from political bucket shops in Raleigh, is thus early in the campaign getting in its disintegrating and disceful work. Particularly ill-advised, worthy, and debeurtening is such a suggestion to this your of all years when the conditions are so heavily ripe for a clean, straight, white Democratic contest. It is cheering, however, amid It all to redect that there are yet left ob counties as old Gaston. Saturday, she may have something to say on

Is it not significant that no other nation so much as the United States has artitrated ice differences with other nations ? The chien that ours is the "artitrating nation" is clearly instified by Fraderic 2. Condert, as reently reported in the New York Herald. During the ninety-sine years nding in 1993 no less than 40 cases affecting the interests of the United States were actual by arbitration, in unly seven of which was this country ted. So it would appear that in resent serious Hispano-American erais the main reason why Uncle Sam chooses to fight rather than arbitrate must be that there is nothing to ar-

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#### WAR NEWS OF A WEEK

Record of Events Leading Up to the Rupture.

Spain Given Till Saturday. The Cuban resolution is now a law of the land and the ultimatum to Spain an accomplished fact. The president on Wednesday signed the joint resclution of congress requiring Spain to evacuate the island of Cubs. The ultimatum was prepared at the state de-partment by the assistant secretary, ned by the president and sent to the

The nitimatum announces that if a entisfactory response is not received from Spain by Saturday the president will proceed at once to ca .. y out the act

Immediately after the delivery of the altimatum to the Countsh minister Senor Polo de Bernalio, the latter asked for his passports, which were given him, and he withdrew from Washington, guing to Canada

Spanish Cortes In Section. The Spanish cortes was oponed on Wednesday and the queen regent read the speech from the throne. The queen reviewed the situation and referred to the efform of the pope for peace. She announced that she last summoned the cortes to defend Spain's rights. Her majesty appenled to the Spanish people to gather behind her son's throne.

All Relations Broken Off.

Diplomatic relations between the United States and Spain are at an end, Judge Day, assistant accretary of state, Judge Day, assistant accretary of state, sarry Thursday murning received a cablegram from Minister Woodford, at Madrid, stating that he had been handed his passports and had been notified that official relations between the United States and Spain were ended. His cablegram mid that he had been given the passports tafore he had an opportunity to present the ultimatum transmitted to to present the ultimatum transmission to present the ultimatum to the Spanish government, the delivery of the ultimatum to Minister Pole having been accepted to Minister Pole having be by the Hpanish government as a formal amountement on our part.

Spanish Fleet Sails. A semiofficial note issued at Madrid Thursday says the Spanish government considers the ultimatum of the United States constitutes a declaration of war and adds that the Spanish fleet is already on its way to meet the fleet of the United States.

War Is Practically On.

The war between this country and Spain is now on, though not yet officially declared by congress. Late Thursday orders were issued for the North Atlantic squadron to blockade Havana and about midnight the fleet steamed away from Key West.

Woodford's Train Attacked. General Stewart L. Woodford, the United States minister to Spain, accompanied by his staff and others, reached the French frontier at 8 o'clock Friday morning in safety after some exciting experinces. The Spanish police at-tempted to capture a member of the lo-gation and at Valladolid the train was

First Shot Is Fired. The first gun of the war between the United States and Spain has been fired. Friday the American cruiser Nashville captured, just off Key West, the Spanish ship Buena Ventura, of 1,000 tons, hav-

ing on board a cargo of humber.

The Mashville at first fired a blank shot, which the Spaniard ignored. This was followed by a shot from a 8-pounder. The Buena Ventura them surrendered with her crew of 20 men. A Call For Volunteers.

The president Saturday issued a proclamation calling for 120,000 troops to serve two years unless somer discharged. Another Spanish Prize.

A United States warship captured another Spanish vessel Saturday. The cruiser New York, while about 15 miles off Havana, sighted a steamer which proved to be the Pedro, bound for Penancola. Our ship fired on the enemy and the latter surrendered with the crew. She was taken to Key Wess.

Spensish becamera Seized.

Two more Spanish prizes bave been anded by American warships. The landed by American warships. The cruiser Detroit captured a steamer of 8,491 tons and the gunboat Helena to vessel of 3,000 tons, which, with her mrgo, is valued at \$500,000.

War Formatly Declared. Monday the president sent to congress a message requesting that a formal dec-seration of war be made and that body

matton of war be made and that body responded promptly by adopting the following without division:

A bill declaring that war exists be-tween the United States of America and the kingdom of Spain.

Be it enacted, etc.,

First, That war be and the same is

First. That war be and the same is hereby declared to exist and that war has existed since the twenty-first day of April, A. D., 1998, including said day, between the United States of America and the kingdom of Spain.

Second, That the president of the United States be and he hereby is directed and empowered to use the entire hand and naval forces of the United States and to call into the actual service of the United States the militie of the several states, to such an extent as may be necessary to energy this actinto effect.

The action of the president in resommenting a formal declaration of war was welcomed by efficials in every direction as patting the present struggle as a more dignified basis and tending to the avoidance of international complications.

Minneapolis is Still Blasing. Bosros, April 26.—The craiser Min-manpolis, which left the flying squadron at Hampton Roads last Saturday night

me manupoon Honds last Saturday night and pussed in by Highland light at 6:45 p. m. yesterday was nowhere to be seen in the buy this morning and incoming steamers from the ensewerd and other points this morning as w nothing of the variable. New York, April 26, —William Astor Chanter, who has foun recruiting a vol-meser regiment, has now 1,850 mm epalled and will receive no more applica-ions. All the men will be expected to deep physical enquirations and other padergo physical examination that drilling will be begun.



Chairman Dingley Submits a War Measure to Lower Branch of Congress.

DEBATE FOR THREE DAYS

Final Vote Will Be Taken Friday. Telegraphic Messages Subject to Taxation-Ways and Means to Carry ou War.

WASHINGTON, April 26. - Chairman Dingley reported the war revenue bill to the house at 12:06 p. m.

Mr. Dingley gave notice that the revenue bill would be called up tomorrow at noon, general debate to continue tomorrow and Thursday and Friday, the bill to be considered for amendment under the 6-minute rule until 4 o'clock,

when a vote should be taken. The mi-nority had agreed to this arrangement. The war revenue bill as reported to the house today contains three changes from the bill as originally drafted as follows:

A discount of 5 per cent on beer stamps is allowed after the passage of the act.

Tolephone messages are subject to a tax of 1 cent on messages transmitted

tax of 1 cent on messages transmitted 30 miles or more, the cost of which does not exceed 35 cents; between \$6 cents and \$1.50, \$2 cents; between \$1.50 and \$5, 5 cents; in excess of \$5, 10 cents. Official telegraphic messages of the government are excempt from taxation.

The differential of one-half a cent on mineral waters and beverages, domestic or imported, not otherwise subject to internal taxation, in half pint bottles, is eliminated so that the dividing line is plats. Bottles containing one pint or less to pay 1 cent, more than one pint, 3 cents.

The senate has agreed to the conference report on the army reorganization

The house agreed to the conference report on the army reorganisation bill without debate.

No doubt is expressed among the Be-publican members of the senate finance committee as to passing the war meas-ure with the bond proposition in it. Nearly all Republican members of the senate are said to favor it and from six to ten on the Damocratic side expect to vote with them.

TRANSPORT COMES SOUTH Panther Leaves Hampton Roads With Eight Hundred Men.

FOR: MONROR, Va., April 28.-The tirring incidents of this morning in Hampton Roads made men's blood leap in their veins and enthusiasm boil up to fever heat. Shortly before 8 o'clock, one of the little guard boats that the government will use bereafter to conduct friendly steamers through the lines of mines and torpodoes, shot off to the north and the signal man on the after bridge of the flagship almost simultane-ously called "Oruser Montgomery ap-

onaly called "Orniser Montgomery approaching, sir."

Sweeping along at a rapid rate, her beautiful lines showing up well in the Quaker gray paint, the cruiser came down the Boats preceded by the little picket boat guiding her between the sangerous lines of explosives. When near the Brocklyn a salute was fired to Commodore Schley and returned by the flagship. Then the transport Panther, with its 800 men, raised anchor, and with the formidable cruiser as escort, started for sea.

It was then that the enthusiasm broke out. The marines on the transport crowded the decks in long lines, and waving their hats gave vent to mighty cheers, while sailors, marines, even firemen on the big warships, crowded to the forecastles and returned them with a will. The men on the Montgomery joined in the chorus and the cheers resounded from ship to ship, continuing until transport and convoy were out of hall.

Each ship of the supadron returned proaching, sir.

hail.

Each ship of the squadren returned the cheer with a will and men went back to their ships with an aching desire to follow the ships out. The Panther goes out with spleadid protection on her journey to Key West, the convey being large and able to care for anything, while all along her route are strewn active and formidable members of the mosquite fleet.

of the mosquito fleet.

The orders for the closing up of the barbor here after sunset and until sunsiss goes into effect fully touight.

CHANGE IN THE CABINET

mistant Secretary is Also Appointed Foreign Relations Committee Reports on the Selection Buvorably.

Washington, April 26.—The presi dent today nominated William R. Day of Ohio to be secretary of state, vice John Sherman resigned, and John B.



JUDGE W. R. DAT. Moore of New York to be sesistant se retary of state, vice William R. Day.

The senate committee on fereign re-lations agreed unanimously to a favor able report on the nomination of Secre tary Day. The report will be mad later today, when it is probable he will be confirmed. The cabinet has decided not to release

he Busins Ventura or other early prines, us to let the courts settle such mattern. Meltatu Is After Hernabe. Acerbon, April 26.—The government will be questioned today in the house of commons as to whether Sanor Pole y

Sermabe is at liberty to use Teresite as base for supplying Spain with in-ternation. Spanisrds May He State. Hora-Koza, April 26.—The Philiptoo island forergents are massing round Manilla and a measure of the paniards is feared.

REVENUE BILL REPORTED. FEVER MAY PROVE PATAL NO NEWS FROM SPAIN'S NAVY

Opinion Expressed by Officers at Chickamanga That No Occupation is to He Ordered Until Rainy Verde Fleet.

CHICKAMATGA NATIONAL PARK, GO., April 26.—The entire Second regiment of infantry, four companies from Fort Keogh, Mon., two companies from Fort Harrison, Mon., and two companies from Fort Yates, N. D., went into camp here today after having remained in the Chattanooga yards all night. The regi-ment numbers 597 men and is in command of Colonal J. C. Bates, who, it is probable, will be given the command of the Second briade of infantry, of which the Second brisds of infantry, of which his regiment is to be made a part. The First regiment of infantry from the Prosidio and Benicis barracks, Cal., and Batteries C and F. Third artillery, from the Presidio, Cal., and Battery K of the First artillery from Fort Sam Houston, Tax., are scheduled to arrive within the next 24 hours.

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Major Sharps, chief commander of General Brooke's staff, has saked authority from Washington, to establish a provision depot in Chattanonga, such as the government has at St. Louis and other large cities. The provisioning of such a large force of troops as is now gathered at Chickamanga park renders it absolutely necessary to have the base of supplies at a nearer point than St. Louis, and it is expected that the authority for the establishment of the department will be granted at once. Major Sharpe has made his headquarters at the park and a local purchasing agent will be placed in charge of the Chattanooga depot, who will buy the supplies necessary.

Hundreds of applications for enlist-Hundreds of applications for onlist-ment in the regular service have been made since the encampment of the United States troops at Chickamanga and it is the intention to start a recrui-ing station at Chattanooga immediately. Opinion among the army officers va-ries as to the length of time the troops will be stationed at the Kational park. Among those best informed the opin-ion is firmly expressed that ne move-ment in the direction of Cuba will be

made for two mouths at least and pos-ably not before fall.

cally not before fall.

The army organisation bill will necessitate whipping into army discipline an extraordinary number of raw men, at best a tedious job, but one necessary before the forward movement begins.

As by that time the weather in Oubs would be fatal to the landing of troops, it is believed by many that abould the occupation of Oaba by United States armed forces be finally decided on it will not be ordered before autumn.

TWO FORTS MAY BE TAKEN. Americans Likely to Establish a June

ture With Cubon Army. WASHINGTON, April 26 .- The strategic boards of the army and navy are being urged to supplement the pacific blockade by the taking of one port on the north coast of Cuba and one on the south coast, for the purpose of establishing a janeture with General Gomes's insurgent troops at Sancti Spiritus and with General Garcia's insurgent troops in Santiago de Cuba.

It is felt that small ports could be taken practically without opposition, taken practically without opposition, and that Chenfuegos, on the south coast, and Sagua la Grande, on the north coast, are probably best fitted in point of location and lack of coast defenses, as these bases of supplies. With two such bases of operation secured the Cuban authorities here feel that the Cuban forces in the field and those ready to take the field, could be specdily and efficiently equipped with arms, ammunition and supplies.

It is said that Gomes and Garcia have the enthusiasm canable of striking an

At 18 man tang Gomes and curcia mays the enthusiasm capable of striking an effective blow once they have arms in hand, and that the only reason for their present inaction is their failure to have adequate ammunition for a strong for-ward movement on the Spanish forces. Recent conference between the Open decent conferences between the Cuban nilitary officers here and General Miles eave little doubt that the war depart-

ment will equip the Cuban forces.

A decision on the move has not yet been made, but it is likely to follow as is ready to place adequate supplies of arms and ammunition in the hands of

To Lead Georgia Troops.

ATLANTA, April 26.—Captain Oscar J. Brown, acting adjutant general of the state, and Colonel A. R. Lawton, commander of the First regiment of infan-ing at Savannah, Ga., will command the Georgia volunteers in the invasion of Onbe. This was decided upon at a meeting of the governor and regimental commanders in war council yesterday norning, 2011 A1GH CROSS SAM.

LONDON, April 26 .- The dismissal of the United States squadron from Hong-Kong and the apparent severity of the Rong and the apparent severity of the British government in regard to the United States torpedo boat Somers, at Falmouth, the Associated Press hears, were incidents prearranged by American and British diplomacy, their real object being to force the Portuguese government to order the Spanish fleet to leave the Cape Vorde islands and to prevent other nations at a critical moment from offering similar hospitality.

Spanish Floot May Sail. Mannin, April 26 .- The Pais today announced that the Spanish admiral in ommand of the fleet at St. Vincent, Cape Verde islands, has cabled to the government that when the United States fleet is before Hayann his place is not as the Cape Verde islands, adding that he would sail against the American squadron in the morning, order or no order.

The Somer's Is Tied Up.

FALMOUTH, England, April 26.—The United States torpedo boat Somers has been notified, in view of neutrality measures, that she must not leave this port, and a British torpedo boat has taken up a position near her.

Williams at Hong-Kong. Hors-Kors, April 26.—The steam Esmeralda, with the United States consul at Manilla, Mr. O. F. Williams, on board, has arrived here from the capital of the Philippine islands.

Blanco Very Confident. HAVANA, April 26.—Captain General Manco has cabled Madrid that he can defend Havana without Spanish war

proclaining neutrality was printed in the London Canada this morning. The Spindle and Leon says the Cleveland Guerds have recruited to 80

Great Britain Neutral.

LOHDON, April 26 .- A royal dec

Flying Squadron Is Keeping Close Watch on the Cape

LATTER MUST SOON LEAVE

Violation of Neutrality Laws to Re main Much Longer at St. Vincent-Our Warships to Attuck Manilla at Ouce.

NEW YORK. April 26 .- In spite of persistent rumors, there has been no important movement of Spanish naval veasels since the beginning of the war. The first squadron remains at St. Vincent, Cape Verdo island; the second squadron is believed to be still at Cadiz, and the torpodo boat Temerario has no left the River Platte.

The United States North Atlantic squadron continues to blockade Onba and will probably be reinforced by the dynamits cruiser Vesuvius, which left Newport yesterday. The flying squadron remains at Hampton Roads watching the Spanish fices at St. Vincent. The cruisers Minneapolis and Columbia of the flying squadron reached New England yesterday. The Columbia arrived at Newport and the Minneapolis is off the Massachusetta coast. These fast cruisers are supposed to be waiting to meet the new cruiser Topeka and the anxiliary cruiser Paris, how ouroute from England to New York.

The cruisers New Orleans has finished coaling at the Brooklyn navyyard and is expected to sail today to join the Minneapolis and Columbia off the New England coast. The San Francisco is nearly ready for sea and will sail tomorrow or Thursday, probably in the path of the New Orleans.

The next movement of the flying Newport yesterday. The flying squad-

The next movement of the flying squadron, now split into two sections, will depend upon the first Cape Verda E-maish fleet which will be compelled to leave St. Vincent in accurdance with he neutrality law.

the neutrality law.

The United States Squadren, driven from Heng-Kong by the neutrality graelamation, is at Misra, China, to-day, and is believed to be about to attack Mantila.

The lattleship Oregon and the gunboat Marietta, coming north along the South American coast, are in no danger whatever.

whatever.

It is reported that Spain has leased a submarine vessel, which will be used as a mine destroyer. The vessel, it is said, is of the type invented by Count Posso and built in France. It is also reported that the vessel will be sent to American

MORE PRIZES ARE LANDED. Three Spanish Ships Captured by the

KEY WEST, April 26.—The Spanish steamship Panama of the Ceballos line, which left New York on April 20 for Havana, with a number of Spanish refngees on board and a very valuable cargo, including, it is understood, stores for the Spanish army, was captured last evening about 20 miles from Havana by the little lighthouse tender Mangrove, now belonging to the mosquito feet.

The Mangrove mounts two 5-pounders and four revolvers. She is commanded by Lieutenant Commander W. H. Everytt and has a crew of 15 men.

rett and has a crew of 15 men.
The United States guaboat Newport has brought in two prises, a sloop and a schooner.

THAT CALL FOR TROOPS

Prerogatives Given the Governors of the Various States by the Recent Proclamation Issaud by

the President.

WARRINGTON, April 26.—Somo difference of opinion exists among the war department officials as to the precise steps which shall be taked to recruit for the volunteer army called into service by the president. Although the telegrams sent by the

department yesterday to the governors of the various states were entirely those of inquiry, the inference is drawn that the governors are given certain preroga tive in the work of raising the volunteer tive in the work of raising the votanteer army. This is combatted by some of the law efficers of the war department who hold that the act as passed does not admit of such interpretation. Major J. N. Morrison, assistant to the judge advocate of the army and a high authority on military law, in conversation with a representative of the Associated Press, expressed his views on this subject, which, however, he said, were entirely unofficial and personal. unofficial and personal.

He says there is no provision in the volunteer army act for any state or the governor or other officer thereof to en-

ist any of the men of either the regular or volunteer branch of the army or for them to have anything to do with the raising of either branch, except the governors are to appoint certain desig-mated officers of the volunteer branch. nated officers of the voluntoer branch. The enlisted men are obtained in the same way in both branches, that is, by voluntary contracts of enlistment directly to the United States. The governors have no more authority, he says, to raise the volunteer branch than to raise the regular branches, and it is not likely that one of them has a single dollar in the state treasury that can lawfully be used for raising either branch. There is nothing in the act that can be construed to provide that any state organization shall be transferred as a state organization into the United States service—'mustered in,'' as the state service—"mustered in," as the state volumteer organizations of 1861 to 1865 were—and if the military officers are not appointed as volunteer officers, or if they are appointed and do not accept the appointments, they will remain mi-

they are appointed and do not accept the appointments, they will remain militie officers.

But if they are appointed and do accept the appointment they will probably have to assign as militia officers. If they do not resign they will stuply hold two offices—one in the state militia and one in the United States volunteer army. The act assumes that the members of the state militia organizations will emliat in the volunteer army, but does not provide for them to do so, that is, it does not require them to do so. Any one class is clearly eligible to cultat as they are.

Any one ease is as country with the last as they are.

It might be, said Major Morrison, that unless something is done by their respective governors to prevent it the seamen will find that their obligation. seamen will find that their obligations under the state law, as members of the state militis organizations, will be ob-stacled in the way of their entering the United States volunteer service. Most governors have made prompt and gratifying responses to the call for volumes.

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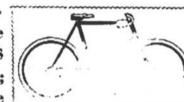
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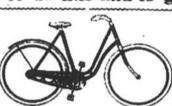
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