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Portugal Must Drive the Spaniards from Cape Verde or Take Sides With Them.

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WAR FORMALLY DECLARED

Washington, April 23.—(6.30 p.m.)—The President has signed the resolution declaring war against Spain, which was rushed through the House yesterday in less than two minutes. The declaration is as follows:
Be it enacted, etc.: First, that war be, and the same is hereby declared to exist and that war has existed since the 21st day of April, A.D., 1898, 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 is hereby 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 may be necessary to carry this Act into effect.

New York, April 23.—(Special to Toronto World).—A London special says: Our treaty requires Portugal, war having actually begun by decree of Spain, to order to sea the Spanish fleet lying in wait at Cape Verde Islands for the Oregon, or else seize and hold it to the end of the war. The beginning of war for international purposes, has been construed by Great Britain, which makes it the hour when Spain delivered his passports to General Woodford, and this decision is in strictest agreement with the principles applicable to the case, and cannot successfully be appealed from. Should Portugal not make the demand on Spain, she ceases to be neutral, and becomes a belligerent, to be dealt with accordingly. Should Spain refuse to comply with the demand, Portugal has no naval force to enforce the demand, and by her impotence ceases to be free and independent nation, and is practically a protectorate of Spain's for all purposes of war.

GRAIN EXPORTERS BE WORRIED.

Grain exporters are beginning to worry. Practically no charters have been made since early Saturday last, and dullness reigned the supreme feature to-day. The rate of insurance continues climbing, and is now almost prohibitive. Unless the war with Spain is of brief duration, dealers express the opinion that there will be a bad famine in many European countries. Exporters fear also that Spain will seize grain in neutral bottoms.

MR. SHERMAN WAS AGITATED.

Washington special to World: Mr. Sherman attended the special Cabinet meeting, and from his demeanor the impression gained ground that he had reconsidered his determination to resign. The President requested him to remain when the members were leaving, saying he had matters of importance to discuss with him. After ten minutes conversation the Secretary came down with the President and was visibly agitated. He drove to the State Department and immediately sent his resignation to the President, who accepted it instantly. Mr. Day has accepted the position.

AS TO ANNEXATION OF HAWAII.

A Washington special says: Members of the Foreign Relations Committee say they have no information that the Hawaiian Islands have been annexed by seizure by Admiral Miller. As, however, the United States has no base of operations in the Pacific closer to the Philippines than San Francisco it is probable the Hawaiian Islands will be annexed very soon.

The United States vessels have left Hong Kong and cannot return.
Washington special to Herald: Commodore Dewey is expected to establish a blockade of the Principal ports of the Philippines by to-morrow afternoon. The Navy Department is expecting reports of an engagement within the next twenty four hours.

WAR MAKES FOOD DEARER.

Yesterday witnessed another phenomenal advance in the grain markets of the world. At Chicago May wheat reached \$1.20, the highest point since 1888, when "Old Hush" engineered the famous \$2 corner. The net gain for the day at that point was 6c per bushel, while at Minneapolis and Duluth prices leaped up 8c. The advance is attributable to a decrease during the past week of over 3,000,000 bushels in the American visible supply, but more especially to the Spanish-American war, which threatens to stop the flow of food supplies from this side of the water to Europe, and this gives rise to a speculative demand in Liverpool. Additional strength is lent that market by the increased requirements of France and Italy, and by Russia's withdrawal of all offerings. Wheat yesterday rose an extreme 6d in England, from 10 to 30 centimes at Paris leaped up 8c. 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