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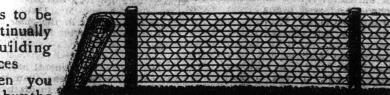
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SPANISH MINISTER POLO.

TORONTO, April 21.—Senor Polo Y. Bernbe, late Spanish minister to the United States, arrived at Niagara Fulls, Ont., at noon today. He will remain there until Saturday, when he will come to Toronto, being received at the station by a deputation of Spanish eitizens of Toronto. He will remain here several days, attending the banquet of St. George's society Monday evening.

BRITAIN'S IMPROVED MAJESTICS.

(New York Sun.)

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With the putting into commission of the Hilustrious, the Majestic class of battleships, the most formidable devised by British constructors, has been completed, and the nine vessels composing it have been added to the British navy in the space of three years. They are the Caesar, Hannibal, Mustrious, Jupiter, Magnificent, Majestic, Mars. Prince George and Victorious. Bach vessel is of 14,900 tons burden, is 390 feet long and 75 feet in beam, has a draught of 27½ feet, has triple expansion engines of 12,000 horse power, stying a speed of 17½ knots, and is prometric by twin screws. The main armament consists of four 46-ten wire wound 12-

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THE BRITISH BUDGET.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach Delivers His Annual Financial Statement.

LONDON, April 21.—Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, the chancellor of the exchequer, presented the budget state-ment in the house of commons today. He said the country was prosperous and that the apex of prosperity had not yet been reached. The surplus, he added, amounted to £3,678,000, of which sum £2,550,000 had been appropriated for public buildings. He also said the national debt had been reduced by £6,605,000.

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The revenue reached the gigantic total of £16,016,000. The customs revenues had increased £532,000, of which tobacco represented £419,000. The excise duties showed an increase of £640,000, of which sum the beer increase was £487,000. In addition, the death duties had increased £1,265,000; stamps had increased £390,000, and the income tax had increased £600,000.

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But the Acts of Thursday Practically Mean No Hope for Peace.

Spain Given Until Noon on Sturday—Her Quick Reply Fairly Paralyzed the United States Officials.

WASHINGTON, April 21.-War be- Oregon, now on its way from the tween the United States and Spain is Pacific coast around, to join Captain Sampson's command. There is also tween the United States and Spain is a fact, though not yet officially declared so by congress. The stirring events of yesterday were succeeded today with rapidity by others of equal importance, culminating in the afternoon in orders for the departure of the North Atlantic squadron for Havana. This practically is an act of war, so that the war between this country and Spain may fairly be said to date from today. Two minutes after the opening of the state department today came word from Minister Woodford that the Spanish government, having anticipated and prevented his intention to present the president's ultimatum, he had asked for his passports. The administration in bis passports. The administration in to the difficulties in getting them out a public statement announced that it is the Atlantic seaboard. It was, regarded the action of the Spanish incover, denied that any internabis passports. The administration in regarded the action of the Spanish government as rendering unnecessary further diplomatic action on the part of the United States, and further stated that it regarded the course adopted by Spain as one placing upon that country the responsibility for the breach of friendly relations. Mr. Boston, has been placed under combreach of friendly relations. Mr. Boston, has been placed under combreach of friendly relations. Mr. Boston, has been placed under combreach of friendly relations. Mr. Boston, has been placed under combreach of friendly relations. country the responsibility for the breach of friendly relations. Mr wand of Captain Clover, who will woodford's telegram resulted in the calling of a special cabinet meeting to arrange and outline a plan of campaign, or wafter to determine how to begin the execution of the plan of campaign already prepared by the campaign already prepared by the strategic boards of the army and navy departments. The immediate result was the order for the North Atlantic consultation with the president, resulting from the determination to call the order for the North Atlantic consultation with the president, resulting from the determination to call the process are congressed to the process of the process o squadron to begin the blockade of Havana. How much further than this the cabinet progressed in its deliberations it is not possible to say, for the obvious reason that the time has now come when the interests of the government requires that the same and Assistant Secretary Day and Day erament require that the movements of ships and troops should be guard-

publicity in order to prevent the enemy from taking advantage of the infor-The North Atlantic squadron, under Captain Sampson's command, makes a splendid array of fine vessels, comprising battleships such as the lowa and lidiana; monitors like the Puritan, Terror and Amphitrite; armoured cruisers like the New York; flagship; protected cruisers, such as the Cincinnati, Marblehead and Montgomery; gunboats likes the Vicksburg, Wilmington and Annapolis; regular storpedo boats such as the Eriesson, Cushing, Winslow and the like; not to speak of the large number of fast yachts and other vessels that lave been added to the fleet by pur-

ed with the greatest care from undue

ment consists of four 45-ten wire-wound 12-tich guns that are almost quick-firers, twelve 6-inch quick-firing guns, five torpedo tubes, and thirty-eight small and Maxim guns. They are the largest war vessels afloat, except the largest war vessels afloat, except the largest war vessels afloat, except the latian battleships Italia and Lepants, and cost \$4,500,000 apiece.

They and fine Italian ships, too, will be surpassed, however, by the three vessels whose construction has just been begun by the British admiralty, the Formidable class, described as improved Majestics. The keels for three of these battleships have been laid, that of the Formidable in the Portsmouth dock yard, that of the Implacable at Devonport and that of the Irresistible at Chatham. They are 400 feet long, ten feet longer than the Majestic; of the same beam, but of nine inches less draught, and of a displacement of 15,000 tens. The engines will be much more powerful than those of the Majestic class, indicating 15,000 horse power and insuring a speed of 18 knots, an increase of half, a knot an hour. The armament will be the same as for the line vessels now finished. The cost of each slip will be \$5,000,000. If constructed as rapidly as some of their predecesson; the three new battleships shorid be in commission by the end of 1900. This force is quite competent to blackade all the ports in Cuba or at. least all of the ports connecting by rail with Havana, and so likely to be used to supply that place with food and munitions of war. This statement is to be taken with the understanding that it does not contemplate the coming to Cuban waters of the Spanish fleet. In such case, however, the probable policy would be to abandon the blockade and endeavor to force the Spanish fleet to battle. Minister Woodford's action during the day, as reported to the state department in a late telegram, indicated that he was following a carefully pre-pared programme. A significant featune of his message was the statement that the Spanish government notified him that it regarded its withdrawal of Minister Polo yester-day as terminating diplomatic nego-tiations, showing that it was not disposed to accept the expressed inten-tion of the government to continue Mr. Woodford as a medium of communication until Saturday , noon. Mr. Woodford also announced that he had instructed Consul General Bowen at Barcelona to cause all the American consuls in Spain to immediately withdraw from the country. He further stated that he had informed the Span-ish government, after asking for his passports, that he had placed the American legation in Madrid and American interests in Spain generally, in the hands of the British embassy. The ambassador, Right Hon. Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, is not at present in Madrid, so American interests will be confided to the British charge, Sir Geo. F. Benham. To all intents and purposes this relieves the state de-partment from further negotiations as to Cuba, save those relating to pri-vateering, neutrality observations and the like. It was found necessary to frame a notice to the powers of the intention of the government to establish a blockade of Havans, a notification required by international law.

The navy department today, aside from giving the orders to the squadron, continued the work of adding to the navy

> ron. One suggestion was that it is heading to cut off the fine battleship

Woodford, minister, Madrid—You have been fasquished with the text of a joint resolution wated by the congress of the United States on the 19th instant, approved today in resign to the pacification of the island of Cubs. In obedience to that act, the president data directs you to immediately communicate to the government of Spain said resolution, with the formal demand of the government of Spain said resolution, with the formal demand of the government of Spain at once relinquish its authority and government in the Island of Cubs, and Cuban waters. In taking this step the United States that the government of Spain at once relinquish its authority and government in the Island of Cuba, and Withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters. In taking this step the United States hereby disclaims any disposition or intention to exercise oversignty, jurisdiction or communication thereof, and assents its determination, when that is accomplished, to leave the government as they may establish.

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Warlike bulletins follows to the content of the government and or the government and or treply until the experision of the time limit fixed by the president would not reply until the experision. It had been expected the navy, and purchased another ship at Norfolk as an auxiliary eraft and some small yachts. The news of the

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eral, and his opinion was that pending the passage of the bill prohibiting all

exportations of articles of this char-

acter, this government should not in-

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The fol-

lowing statement of the text of the

government by delivering to Minister

Polo a copy of an instruction to Min-

ister Woodford, and also a copy of

the resolution passed by congress of

the United States on the 20th inst. Af-

ter the receipt of his notice the Span-

ish minister forwarded to the state

department a request for his pass-

Forts, which were furnished to him on

yesterday afternoon. A copy of the

instruction to Woodford is herewith

appended, The United States minis-

ter at Madrid was at the same time

instructed to make a like communica-

tion to the government of Spain. This

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(Signed) SHERMAN. actual beginning of war was received with gravity at the department, and there were many speculations as to the destination of the Spanish squad-Telegram, MADRID, April 21—Received 9.02 a. m., Sherman, Washington—Early this Thursday morning, immediately after the receipt of your open telegram, and before I had communicated same to Spanish government, Spanish minister for foreign affairs notified me that diplomatic relations are broken between the two countries, and that all offi-

HAVANA, Apil 21.—The Diaro de la Marina, in its editorial this morning, praises the Spaniards of Mexico, who are said to have raised by subscription about \$1,000,000 for Cuban relief. The same paper says: "There is no fear of a scarcity of provisions in case of war, owing to the measures adopted by the government and to the patriotic attitude of the Spaniards of Mexico."

The Union Consticuional refers in high terms to the stand taken by Spain, saying: "She does not need sixty hours, not even one hour, to return the Americans' insulting chal-

Referring to the ultimatum of the United States, the same paper adds:
"The disappointment of the seventy
millions of people will be great when
they come out of the fight with the
people over whose possessions the sun
has never set."

At a meeting of the directors of the Spanish bank it was agreed to declare compulsory the acceptance of paper money at its value on the day of presentation, estates to receive it at the previous day's value. It is currently reported here that the insurgents have declined to confer with the delegation of the colonial government which was sent to treat with them for peace on the basis of a breader form

surgents will only accept the Spanish generals as mediators. Secretary Sentore has called a meeting of the merchants and bankers to uss the financial situation. They

ernment. The volunteers were drilling usual on the Prado last night, and the Albiau theatre was crowded when the news that the United States had sent an ultimatum to Spain was made pub-The announcement was greeted with enthusiasm by the public, and the audience in the theatre called upon the orchestra to play the Cadiz Mar which they accompanied by singing

In the midst of the enthusiasm in the theatre, one of the actors brought a Spanish flag upon the stage, which caused another patriotic outburst and enthusiastic cheers for Spain and Spanish Cuba, accompanied by belli-cose demonstrations against the Unit-ed States, a climax being reached with the audience loudly calling for

The movements of troops continue, and the captain-general is holding daily conferences at the Palace with ss soon as congress passed the necesthe Spanish generals and with Admiral Matarela, the commander of the Spanish naval forces in these waters and Adoo. Several telegrams were renothing is allowed to be known conceived and others presumably sent, but their purport was not disclosed. The Spaniards say patriotic demon-At 5.15 the president joined Secretary strations are being made in all the interior towns, as well as in the in-For several days and especially tosurgent camps, where, it is added, day, the secretary of the treasury has white flags have been hoisted in the received a large number of telegrams vicinity of such camps by relatives from collectors of customs at ports on of the insurgents who have been carthe Atlantic and Gulf coasts, stating rying food and presents to the men in that ships were being laden for Cuban the field.

The local newspapers ridicule the idea of a blockade of Cuba, asking: Large shipments of mules were being made from southern ports and beef and coal from those further "Where is the patriotism, which does not exist, of the Americans who have north. The question as to whether these vessels should be permitted to offered \$500 bounty for sailors?" sall was referred to the attorney gen-

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Volun-thickest about him, Gen. Woodford ter bill for the eighty thousand troops forced his way through, and approaching Col. Moret, the chief of population passed the senate.

Minister Woodford left Madrid at 1

clock this afternoon. Reported orders also given the flying squadron to sail, but confirmation not yet obtainable.

ultimatum to Spain was issued today: There is good reason to believe both the flying squadron and the Key West squadron will blockade Cuba. "On yesterday, April 20, 1898, at 11 o'clock, a. m., the department of state The flying squadron also has order served notice of the purposes of this to sail. The fleet will depend on fast cruisers to keep posted on the enemy's

> WASHINGTON, April 21.-Two ad ditional cruisers will be placed in com-mission within the next month. These are the Newark at the Norfolk navy yard and the Charleston at the Mare Island yard. The former will probably be ready for sea on the first proxime and the latter by the 15th proximo. The Newark will be attached to Captain Sampson's fleet at Key West, and the Charleston will be assigned to service on the Pacific station.

morning the department received KEY WEST, April 21.-At 5 o'clock from General Woodford a telegram, a this evening the recall guns boomed for the fleet ordering all the men and copy of which is attached, showing that the Spanish government had broken off diplomatic relations with the officers who were ashore to rejoin their ships forthwith. At nightfall, government. This course renders unhowever, there had been no move-ment of the fleet and there is not like necessary any further diplomatic action on the part of the United States: ly to be any before morning, as the Cincinnati and Marblehead have been

engagements. Three hundred and ninety-five men were in line under command of Captain M. C. Goo Brig. General Graham, con of the department of the gulf, arrived here this afternoon on a regular visit

ST. VINCENT, Cape Verde Island,



April 21, 8.30 p. m .- The Spanish Cape Verde squadron is still here, waiting,

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 21.-A from Key West, timed 7 o'clock, says: "Fleet steaming up. Will leave in about an hour. Officers on shore rush-

ing aboard. Immense excite NEW YORK, April 21.-A despatch to the Commercial-Advertiser from Landon says: "Trustworthy information is that the continental powers will preserve strict heutrality between the United States and Spain until there has been enough blood shed to appease Spanish honor. Then they will try a concert plan, already vague-

ly considered, to get Spain out of its of autonomy. It is added that the indifficulties as lightly as possible MADRID, April 21.-At the cabinet ouncil this afternoon Sagasta, addressing the Queen Regent, said: "The have already agreed to help the gov-

first caunon shot is almost audible."
In the lobbies of parliament this atternoon all deputies agreed "America must be resisted to the utmost." ST. VINCENT, Cape Verde Islands, April 21, 8.30 p. m.—The Spanish iron-

clads are coaling from the transport San Francisco. HAVANA, Arpil 21.-Blanco just issued a proclamation to the in-habitants of Cuba calling on them to rally around him to repel foreign in-

MADRID, April 21.-Crowds are parading the streets. Mob gathered in front of Equitable Life Insurance building and smashed American eagle to bits. Then carried fragments through the streets, crying "Death to

the Yankees.' LONDON, April 21.—A special de-patch from Madrid says War Minister Correa is authorized to call out eighty Lousand reserves. Three ves oaded with troops left Cadiz; destina

MADRID, April 21, 4.30 p. m.—General Woodford arrived at the station All the meetings are private, and varce of the hour at which the train nothing is allowed to be known concerning the conclusions arrived at. started half an hour late, and during the interval General Woodford conversed with the representatives of the foreign press and a number of private

An immense crowd gathered at the station, composed of all classes. strong force of police and civic guards maintained order, while amid the crowd moved a large number of pri-vate defectives. A detachment of the civil guards accompanied Gen. Wood-ford to the frontier. The retiring minister maintained his usual calmness, but looked worn and fatigued.

lice, shook hands with him cordially, thanking him for his kindness and zeal in guarding the United States le-gation and his (Gen. Woodford's) residence for so many months. When Gen. Woodford took his seat in the train there was a stir among the spectators and a rush toward the window of the carriage. The minister sat unconcerned and dignified.

Senor Aguilera, the civil governor of Madrid, his gigantic figure rising head and shoulders above the crowd, in a stentorian voice raised a cheer, which was thrice responded to by the crowd. "Viva Espana" resounded throughout the station until the train was fairly outside, This was not meant as a kindly farewell, but was an explosion of long pent up feelings of vengeance. Outside the station Senor Aguilera addressed the crowd, counselling calmness and confidence in the govern-ment, which he said would safeguard the honor of Spain. The English flag is now flying over the American legation, which is still guarded by the

MADRID, April 21, 5.40 p. m.—The authorities of the different Spanish provinces through which the train with Gen. Woodford on board passes have received instructions to take the necessary steps to protect it until the frontier of France is reached.

There is a bitter feeling here against Great Britain, especially on the contraband of war and privateer questions. It is the belief of the general public that Great Britain is playing in an underhand manner, the game of the United States.

CHICAGO, April 21.—The United CHICAGO, April 21.—The United States government may be deprived of the services of the three first-class revenue cutters on the lakes, which have been ordered to join the Atlantic squadron. It is intimated that the revenue cutter Gresham, which is the first of the cutters to start for the Atlantic, will not be permitted to pass brough the Canadian canals without permission from the Canadian government. As hostilities will apparently break out before the Gresparently break out before the ham can get through the canals, it is regarded as improbable that the Canadian government will give permission, as it might be deemed contrary to the neutrality laws.