

WAR CLOSE AT HAND.

United States Forces Will Move on Cuba Before the Week Is Ended.

President Accepts Congressional Resolution and To-Day Will Send the Ultimatum.

Spain Checked Up Short as Her Adversary Is Better Prepared for Battle.

Washington, April 19.—Spain will not receive official notification of the demands of the United States before tomorrow. She will then 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 an answer within a short time, probably twenty-four hours.

Compliance is not expected and a forward move on the part of the United States will commence the latter part of this week, according to the plans of the administration. The congressional Cuban resolution will be signed at the same time. The President has decided to make the two practically one act by simultaneous signature.

Two cabinet meetings were held during the day, the first beginning at 11, and lasting nearly two hours, and a second lasting from 3 till 5:30 p.m. At their close the cabinet members held executive action was delayed until tomorrow was made. Both cabinet sessions were devoted principally to the discussion of the ultimatum to be sent to Madrid. At the morning session the President rather favored allowing Spain two or even three days to reply to the demands of the United States, but since that time he has changed his views somewhat and it is now believed to be his purpose to require an answer within a very short time, probably within twenty-four hours. The reason for hurrying the time to one day or less is said to be the fact that the ultimatum is to be sent to Madrid, otherwise two or three days would have been allowed.

The ultimatum itself, it is believed will be short and to the point. It will recite the main features of the resolutions passed by congress and demand a compliance therewith. It can be expected that there will not be a meeting of the cabinet this evening or tomorrow before the President signs the documents which it is believed he will probably sign this evening again so that the ultimatum will be sent to Madrid and make any changes which may be thought desirable, leaving the final act of signing the ultimatum to be done tomorrow.

MINOR INCIDENTS. Despatches from St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, say that the first-class Spanish cruiser Vizcaya and Albatros, Oqueno, last reported at Porto Rico, have arrived there to reinforce the Spanish fleet.

A member of the diplomatic corps at Berlin states that the general opinion among his colleagues is that although an intention not to take the initiative is expressed in good faith, nothing is certain that the eventual absorption of the island into the American Union. The Cubans have shown no capacity for self-government.

Advices from San Juan, Puerto Rico, report that the excitement on the island is increasing and that the inhabitants are leaving the coast for the interior. The local situation is very grave. At the town of Carinae there had been sent to maintain order.

Representative Hitt, of Iowa, chairman of the house committee on military affairs, introduced a bill authorizing the President to issue a call for volunteers to the number of 60,000 or 70,000 men.

The United States steamer Topeka sailed from Falmouth, Eng., last evening after shipping fresh supplies of provisions and coal.

Three companies of the Thirteenth Infantry, numbering 200, from Governor's Island, left Jersey City yesterday for the south. The companies are the Nineteenth Infantry, which will go to Mobile, four troops of the Sixth regiment of cavalry, bound for Chickamauga, also started yesterday.

The Cuban junta in New York displayed the American and Cuban flags by side in celebration of the adoption by congress of the resolution declaring the island of Cuba free.

There have been many applications at the United States embassy in London for enlistment in the army or navy. Most of the applicants were English, and they included several officers and former officers of the British army. A number of engineers have also applied and applications were received from women desiring to serve in the field.

HOW MADRID TAKES IT. Havana, April 19.—The one absorbing topic in the prospect of war, El Heraldo says war is inevitable and even imminent. Even the forthcoming meeting of parliament is unheeded. El Heraldo compares the indifference of the masses of the people to "Muslim fanaticism," considering it highly dangerous and fearing a terrible reaction. The paper says a serious task lies before parliament, which it hopes, will prove equal to "facing the dangers now hovering around Spain." The parties constituting the cortes have held their preliminary meeting, Senator Silveira presiding over the meeting of the conservative minority. In the course of his remarks, he advised all Conservatives to support the government. The Republican party has sent a message to Senator Emilio Castelar, appealing to his patriotism to take part in the parliamentary campaign. The communication points out that "dur-

ing the present situation it is the duty of every Republican to maintain an expectant attitude towards the morrow, but at the same time to stand ready to make sacrifices demanded by patriotism in the face of a powerful enemy for the defence of Spanish sovereignty over Cuba, the preservation of which is demanded by the historic security and rights of Spain."

Madrid, April 19 (Via Paris).—The supporters of the government and both houses of parliament met in the Senate chamber at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Senator Sagasta, the Premier, addressed them as follows: "The times are so grave and the conditions are so exceptional that acts not words are necessary to face the present difficulty. Attempts are being made to sully the glorious history of Spain by an infamous calumny. The different Spanish governments have done their utmost to avoid the war to which we are being provoked."

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The ministers met to-day to modify the speech from the throne in conformity with the situation. Senator Silveira, the leader of the dissident Conservatives, when addressing his party, declared it inappropriate to formulate a political programme. He evoked the memory of the late Senor Canovas del Castillo and declared that his party would support the government by voting as much as should be necessary for the national defence without any opposition, although making note of the responsibility incurred in order to investigate, if need be, at a more opportune time. He declared also that the dissident Conservatives would respect whatever financial arrangements the government might enter into no matter what these might be, provided they were not a means of securing, later on, peace with honor.

MINISTER LEAVING. Washington, April 19.—The Spanish minister, Senor Polo de Barnabe, has made final preparations for departure and is calmly awaiting notification that the President has affixed his signature to the Cuban resolution, at which time the minister will take his leave. He has expected this would come to-day and every arrangement had been made with that in view. Now that the signing is deferred until tomorrow it is probable that the minister will depart before another twenty-four hours passes.

DETROIT, April 19.—The departure of the Fleet of the Nineteenth Infantry from Fort Wayne this evening was marked by a serious accident. During the firing of a salute in honor of the departing troops by those left in charge of the fort, Private Geo. Eggman had his right arm nearly blown off by the premature explosion of a cannon, and Sergt. John Wannis, in the immediate charge of the firing party, had his right hand severely injured.

RUSSIA TRIMMING. New York, April 19.—A special to the World from London says: "The antagonism of Russia to the United States has been a remarkable feature of the present crisis. The World correspondent has the most trustworthy authority for stating that the pro-Spanish tendencies of the Russian official press will be modified and that within a very few days these journals may be expected to take a more enlightened view of America's action. This impending change will be the result of modified intervention by influential sympathizers with the United States, who within the past few days have been in a position to convince a Russian diplomatist who has the ear of Foreign Minister Muraviev of the impolicy of recent Russian declarations."

THE PHILIPPINE DESIGN. London, April 19.—An influential politician told a World correspondent that he has reason to believe that the Spanish government now has further cause for anxiety regarding Japan's designs on the Philippines when Spanish sovereignty in Cuba is overturned by the United States. Premier Sagasta has been advised, he said, that by peacefully withdrawing from Cuba Spain can retain her other colonial possessions, but if she should go to war with the United States she will be the first step toward inevitable loss.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST. Premier Greenway's Scheme for Railway Connection With Lake Superior and Hudson's Bay.

Winnipeg, April 19.—(Special).—Premier Greenway to-day gave notice of his railway resolutions, which propose aid of \$4,000,000 per mile to the Winnipeg and Southwestern railway for 80 miles to eventually connect with the Ontario and Rainy River road, or another line from Lake Superior to compete with the C.P.R., also for a grant of \$5,000,000 per mile for eighty miles to the Lake Manitoba Railway and Canal Company for the extension of their road from Dauphin and Winnipegosis towards the Saskatchewan river. It is understood that the ultimate destination of the Dauphin railway is a point on Hudson's Bay, it being the policy of the company and government to build the line in sections, and not in advance of civilization. The railway resolutions will be debated on Thursday, when the Premier will explain the bill, rates, etc., entered into with the contractors.

The ice on the lower Saskatchewan has forced away the two center piers of the big railway bridge at Saskatchewan and through traffic on the Prince Albert branch will be interrupted for probably a couple of months. The bridge is 1,000 feet in length and it will be some time before repairs can be commenced owing to the high water. The government will make a contract to carry the mails by trail to Prince Albert, a distance of 90 miles, owing to the breach.

NEWS OF VANCOUVER.

Public Meeting to Promote Yukon Railway—Alaska Traffic Rates Very Low.

Waterworks Becoming a Source of Profit—Important Transaction in Mining Property.

Another Smelter Scheme Before the Council—Travel by the Overland Route.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) Vancouver, April 19.—The young son of J. Percival was killed yesterday just outside the city limits by falling into an unexcused well. The child's neck was broken by the fall.

Aschcroft is alive with Klondikers. From ten to twenty prospectors, it is reported, are leaving daily for Klondike by the overland route.

A young man whose name is withheld by all the papers shot himself from grief at losing \$75,000 of his father's money. The revolver was of small calibre and only a flesh wound was inflicted.

Fritchard Morgan, a member of the British House of Commons, left for China on the Empress of Japan this evening. He has been in parliament for ten years and he recently opened the Welsh gold mines in 1887. He recently attempted to negotiate a loan for China, and now returns in the hope that something may transpire to enable him to improve the relations between Great Britain and China.

An interesting mining suit, Calland v. George, is proceeding in the Supreme court before Mr. Justice McColl. No less than seven legal counsel are engaged for the parties concerned. The action relates to the possession of three claims on Kokanee creek and bids fair to be protracted. It involves a case of alleged claim jumping.

The funeral of Mr. H. A. Brocklesby, a well known Vancouver telegrapher, took place yesterday. It was attended by a large number of prominent citizens and friends of the deceased and persons and of the deceased and persons under the auspices of the Masonic order.

A second funeral which took place yesterday was that of Dr. William H. C. MacGillis. This was conducted with the usual rites of the Roman Catholic church of which the deceased was a member and leading medical men of the city were amongst the pall bearers at the graveside. The deceased gentleman was a son of a former well known doctor and landed proprietor of Glenarry, Ontario, who was locally known as the Laird of Glenarry. He leaves a wife and four brothers, prominent in business and professional circles in Montreal.

The first stage of the new Canadian Pacific railway station was laid to-day by the Minister of the Interior. The city council made to-day its annual visit of inspection to the water system on Capilano creek. The reservoir and its connections are stated to be in excellent condition and the revenue there accruing to the city is so steadily increasing that the water works will in two or three years become an exceptionally valuable municipal property.

Messrs. Rand Bros. are completing arrangements for the transfer of the Alaskan mine of Nelson to a strong British syndicate. It is stated that the stockholders will receive a considerable bonus on the present value of their shares and that the sum of \$100,000 will be shortly forthcoming for further development work. A considerable part of the share money will, it is understood, be represented by paid up stock in the new company.

An inquest was held in New Westminster yesterday on the body of Dennis Fitzgerald, who died suddenly the other day after receiving a kick in the stomach. Some of the medical evidence was to the effect that the injuries found on the body of the deceased might have been due to the assault, but the jury, being unconvinced, returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

The ship City of Delhi is expected in Vancouver daily with a general cargo from England. She will take back with her a large portion of the remnant of last year's British Columbia salmon.

LOW RATES TO ALASKA. Inquiries made in shipping circles here indicate that the Klondike shipping boom has caused the acute stage through, and will for some time to come be steady business done. There are, however, reduced rates on the Alaska route than freight and passenger traffic at present calls for so that there is consequently little anticipation of the return to former rates for either freight or passenger traffic. The announcement in a local paper that the freight rates have not been reduced is incorrect, as they have fallen with passenger rates. Definite rates cannot be quoted, as each company is making its own, and a \$10 rate may have been reached for Skagway and Eym.

SMELTER PROPOSITION. The city council last night were favored with the latest of the long series of smelter propositions, all of which have proved so resultless that the people are growing weary of the subject. This proposal is from a company known as the Anglo-Continental Fuel Works Company, Limited, of London, England, who offer to erect a 350 ton smelter in or near Vancouver together with a refinery and other accessories upon conditions of certain concessions. They propose that the city shall give the company an exclusive franchise for the concession and also a subsidy of 50 cents per ton up to 30,000 tons per annum for twenty years, the company in return to give the city \$50,000 worth of 10 per cent. preference shares out of a total authorized capital of \$250,000. The promoters estimate that as a result of this the city would be a gainer during the twenty years period of bonus by the sum of \$2,000,000 per annum, assuming that the company pay ten per cent. dividend on the \$50,000 of preferred stock, making \$5,000, against which \$3,000 per annum is to be set off in respect of the smelter bonus on 30,000 tons of ore treated. The finance committee will consider the matter but there is no doubt that if the proposal is carried out it will result in the city will call for very considerable modifications.

STIKINE RAILWAY. The Mayor is calling a meeting of citizens this week to consider the advisability of a provincial bonus to the Stikine-Teslin railway and its proposed further British Columbia connection by Messrs. Cotton, Macpherson and Williams are attending the meeting the proceedings are to be both interesting and animated. Many here, however, think that the local members may prefer to absent themselves on the plea of pressure of legislative business. The commercial community of the city appears to favor the subsidy proposition, but so far the general public makes little sign of interest in the matter.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Free Miners' Certificates Hereforth to be Issued at Summit of Passes.

Ottawa Paper in Trouble for Libel About Klondike Transport Corporation Affairs.

Member of Parliament Excited by Beer—Great Dynamite Explosion—Klondike Nurses.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) Ottawa, April 18.—Congressman Lewis of Seattle has gained his point. Mr. Sifton has issued free miners' certificates at the summit of both the White and Chilcot passes.

Four Klondike nurses and "Faith Fenton," press correspondent, left for the Coast to-day. The Aberdeens and a great crowd were at the station to see them off.

One hundred and twenty cases of dynamite exploded near Hull last night. There was tremendous damage to shop fronts in Ottawa and Hull.

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