

WOODFORD WICKED OUT

TO BLOCKADE HAVANA.

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Spanish Government Huddled Him Away Very Unceremoniously.

World Not Wait Until He Had Presented the Ultimatum, but Handed Him His Passports—Spaniards Are on Their Nettle and Are Taking a Defiant and Aggressive Course.

Washington, April 21.—The following statement of the text of the ultimatum to Spain has been issued today. Yesterday, April 20, 1898, at 11 o'clock a.m., the Department of State served notice of the purposes of this Government by delivering to Minister Polo a copy of an instruction to Minister Woodford, and also a copy of the resolutions passed by the Congress of the United States on the 18th instant. After the receipt of this notice the Spanish Minister forwarded to the State Department a request for his passports, which were furnished to him yesterday afternoon. A copy of the instruction to Mr. Woodford is herewith appended. The United States Minister at Madrid was at the same time instructed to make a like communication to the Government of Spain.

The State Department received from General Woodford a telegram, a copy of which is attached, showing that the Spanish Government had broken off diplomatic relations with this Government. The course renders unnecessary any further diplomatic action on the part of the United States.

The Message to Woodford.

April 20, 1898.

Woodford, Minister, Madrid:

You have been furnished with the text of a joint resolution, voted by the Congress of the United States, on the 18th instant, approved today in relation to the pacification of the island of Cuba. In obedience to that resolution, the President directs you to immediately communicate to the Government of Spain, with the demand of the Government of 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 declares its disposition or intention to exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction or control over said island, except for the pacification

thereof, and asserts its determination, when that is accomplished, to leave the government and control of the island to its people, under such free and independent government as they may establish.

If by the hour of noon on Saturday next, the 23rd day of April, instant, there be no communication to this Government by the Spanish Government, satisfactory response to this demand, and resolution, whereby the ends of justice shall be secured, the President will proceed without further notice to use the military and naval forces of the United States, and to take such other action as may be necessary to carry the same into effect.

(Signed) Sherman.

Woodford Told to Go.

Madrid, April 21, 1898.

(Telegram received April 21, 1898, Sherman, Washington.)

Early this (Thursday) morning, immediately after the receipt of your open telegram, and before I had communicated same to the Spanish Government, the Spanish Minister for Foreign Affairs notified me that diplomatic relations between the two countries, and that all official communication between their respective representatives had ceased. I accordingly asked for safe passports. Turned over to British Embassy, and leave for Paris this afternoon. Have notified Consul, Woodford.

The Troops Responded Promptly.

Washington, April 21.—Adjutant-General Corbin of the army is in receipt of telegrams from commanding officers of troops throughout the country, showing that every regiment of infantry and cavalry and light batteries of artillery have responded to the call which has started on its way there. In many cases where the troops are not in the field, they have started on their way there. In many cases where the troops are not in the field, they have started on their way there.

Woodford's Leave Taking.

Madrid, April 21.—United States Minister Woodford left here at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The British Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Barclay, and the Secretary of the German Embassy, saw the United States Minister off. There was a great jingo demonstration at the station.

Another Consul Leaves.

Malaga, Spain, April 21.—The United States Consul, R. M. Hartman, has started for Gibraltar. The steamer on which the American flag over the Consulate has been removed and the arches transferred to the British Consulate.

Coal Exports Prohibited.

Washington, April 21.—Senator Quay gave notice of a resolution prohibiting coal exports. The resolution passed the Senate without division.

Hailed to a War Footing.

Boston, April 21.—Governor Wolcott has issued orders to raise the Massachusetts militia to a war footing at once.

War Revenue Bill.

Washington, April 21.—A war revenue bill will be reported to full Ways and Means Committee Saturday.

Only those who have had experience can tell the tortures that lay over the men who were held in the hands of the Spaniards.

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Spanish paper, one of the speakers declared that if the Americans landed on Grand Canary Island the streets of the town would be barricaded with the bodies of foreigners.

As a matter of fact, the Spanish Government is in preparation of a communication to the United States Minister and Ambassadors about the landing of the Spanish fleet on the island of Cuba.

St. Vincent Flotilla.

News came to the department today that tended to confirm the newspaper reports that the Spanish fleet, under the command of St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, had been sighted last night for an unknown distance.

Naval experts say that leaving out of consideration the question of relative strength of personnel, the Spanish fleet is at least equal and probably much superior in some respects to the American fleet.

It is not believed by any of the naval officers that the Spanish fleet will undertake to cross the Atlantic and attempt to blockade the American fleet.

The Spanish Fleet.

The threat of the Spanish fleet to give America a surprise in the shape of a naval visitation, and the Spanish fleet, which is now in the harbor of Cape Verde, this indicating a purpose to give the United States a surprise in the shape of a naval visitation, and the Spanish fleet, which is now in the harbor of Cape Verde, this indicating a purpose to give the United States a surprise in the shape of a naval visitation.

Spain Will Not Reply.

But Her Possessions are in a State of Defence and Warships Have Gone to Meet the Enemy.

Madrid, April 21.—A semi-official note issued this afternoon by the Spanish Government, having received the ultimatum of the President of the United States, and which contains a declaration of a state of defence, and that the Spanish Government will not reply to the ultimatum before opening hostilities.

In the meantime, the Spanish authorities have placed the Spanish fleet in a state of defence, and their fleet is already on its way to meet that of the United States.

Stars and Stripes Torn Down.

London, April 21.—Mail advices from the Grand Canary Island, dated April 20, state that the Stars and Stripes had been torn down from the American Consulate by a mob of Spaniards.

Spain Helped by France.

Paris, April 21.—A national subscription has been opened here in behalf of the Spanish Government and \$50,000 has already been received.

Situation at Havana.

Havana, April 21.—The weather is fine and warm today, and quiet prevails here. The Diario de la Marina reports that the Spanish fleet is now in the harbor of Havana, and that the Spanish Government is preparing to defend the city.

A Cabinet Council.

Madrid, April 21.—The Queen Regent presided this afternoon at a cabinet council. The council was held in the presence of the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State, and the Ministers of War, Navy, and Finance.

A Cabinet Article.

Havana, April 21.—La Lucha this afternoon published a sensational article in which it claimed that the Spanish Government was preparing to defend the city of Havana.

Spanish Legation Deserted.

Washington, April 21.—The handsome residence heretofore occupied as the Spanish Legation in this city, and which had been used as a residence for the Spanish Minister, has been deserted.

Actual Beginning of War.

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