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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27th, 1898.

-The gathering of the war clouds has been followed by the thun er of the artillery of war, and soon, very soon, probably, we will read of engagements between a powerful Anglo Saxon and a Latin nation. The President's ultimatum, as sanctioned by the United States Congress, was forwarded to the American minister at Madrid last Thursday, and Spain was given till Saturday to reply, but the Spanish ministry had discerned the trend of American action and forestalled the delivery of the ultimatum by furnishing the American minister with his passports, declaring that diplomatic negotiations were at an end. Spain was prepared for action and exhibited a pec firmness in accepting the worst phase of the situation. Actual war now exists and perhaps it is useless to argue the cause at this late date. While the situation in Cuba was terribly exasperating to the American people, it is doubtful if Congress would have disaster to the "Maine" occurred. That was surely the direct cause of the present placed on it in the President's message to Congress, or in the decisions of that body. responsibility of the war rests with the United States, and while we on this side of the Atlantic are content to believe that she is acting solely in the cause of humanity, the nations of Europe do not look at the matter in that light. France, Germany and Austria characterize the action of the United States as unwarrantable, and were it not states as unwarrantable, and were it not that they are afraid of antagonizing the "Mistress of the Seas," substantial aid Europe has not yet become reconciled to the Monroe doctrine of the Americans, and the nations above mentioned have colonial inthat may some day cause them trouble, even as Cuba has troubled Spain. Spain, how ever much sile might ordinarily be willing to rearrifice in the interest of neares, is a pure. ently not in a position to relinquish her hold on Cuba, and it is shrewdly guessed that the island revenues are a portion of the security held by France to guarantee the payment of heavy loans. In that case Spain would, in yielding to American demands, provoke a trouble with France, a case of from the frying pan into the fire. The duration and the outcome of the war are subjects of much speculation. Until a naval engagement takes place, it is difficult to judge of the strength of the fleets, and until the American troops land in Cuba the true strength of the Spanish forces in that island cannot be correctly estimated. If is outer possible that rectly estimated. It is quite possible that Uncle Sam is underestimating the fighting strength of his adversary, and that there are heavy defeats in store for the Yankee tars

hot season is here and Cuba is not a whole-

After the Prince Edward.

The Boston Globe of Saturday says:
Lieut. Commander Colby, commander of the Massachusetts mosquito fleet, is after the Dominion-Atlantic new twin-screw flyer Prince Edward as his flagship. Commander Colby has looked the steamship over and is enthusiastic over over her. He believes she is just the boat for a flagship, as she is of light draft, is capable of doing better than 20 knots an hour, and is one of the handsomest, staunchest and fleetest vessels that comes into Boston harbor. The Prince Edward is 288 feet long, 33 feet in width, and a little over 12 feet in depth. Her tonnage is 729 that week Mr. Mills, the member for the state of the state The Command of the manufacture of the Command of th

Local and Special News.

-Mr. H. A. Snow has moved back to Le

—The schooner Stella E. is expected to-day to load piling for Boston. -Mr. William Lent, of Kingston Village, was in Bridgetown last Saturday. -One Scott Act conviction was secured before Stipendiary Cox last week in the Town

-The Lawrencetown Foresters expect to visit the Bridgetown court next Tuesday

-Revs. J. H. Strothard, of Bridgetown and J. Craig, of Bear River, exchanged pul--Mr. John Kinney is building a store

will conduct a grocery business. --Messrs. J. F. Masters and D. W. Smith, of the D. A. R. steamship service, have our thanks for late American papers.

—The Y. M. C. A. are arranging for a series of lectures to be given in their rooms, one each month, during the summer. afternoon at 2 o'clock to allow the extension of service pipes on the Church road. -A movement is on foot to extensively

advertise the attractions that Bridgetown offers to the visiting summer tourist. —The deposits in the Dominion post-office savings banks for March amounted to \$332,-747, and the withdrawals to \$854,332. —The Annapolis schooner Onora is being leaded at the wharf here with piling, by Shaffner & Piggott and Ricketson Bros., for Boston.

-Arthur B. Reagh, of Middleton, was granted a diploma from the commercial de-partment of Whiston & Frazee's college, Halifax, last week.

—The ladies will kindly take notice that I have a stock of sewing machine needles for sale, also the finest blend tea in town, at 40c per lb. R. S. Shipley.

-Constables have been active for the past week in trying to discover the whereabouts of McNaughton, the "moonshiner," but their efforts have so far been fruitless.

-I have received and offer for sale a large -Recent militia changes affecting the 69th 1st Annapolis Eattalion infantry announce the promotion of Lieut. and Adjutant John Henry Charlton to the rank of Captain.

—Mr. C. E. Snape, of England, who arrived in town last week, has purchased the J. F. Armstrong property at Carleton's Corner, and will take possession at once. The purchase price, we understand, was \$3300. Mr. Jno. Ervin negotiated the sale. and may not be entered with impunity even after the guns of the forts are silenced. The hot season is here and Cuba is not a whole some rendezvous for an American army. It is well to consider these things carefully before making up our minds that the war will be a short one.

——There is a strong probability that the county jail will, after this year, be located at the county asylum. The report of the committee appointed to inquire into the feasibility of the move, shows that an annual saving of about \$600 could be made by the change.

Special Business Locals

-Men's Suits of Clothes for \$3 99 at J. E -Lace Curtains from 35c. to \$4.00 per pair at Strong & Whitman's. To Loan.—On Real Estate, \$1,000. Apply to John Ervin, Solicitor. 5 li

—Call and see my fine line of Room Paper and compare prices. J. E. Burns. 5 li -Room Paper from 5c. to 25c. per roll a large assortment at Strong & Whitman's. 1i WANTED —Any quantity of good Butter at 20c. per lb. in exchange for Fiour, Meal, and Feed. J. E. Burns. 5 li

—Dress Goods and Trimmings, the largest, cheapest and best assortment to be found in the town at Strong & Whitman's. -Opened this week at Strong & Whit-man's another case of Ladies Straw Sailor Hats, extra value and correct styles. -Strong & Whitman are showing a fine assortment of Bicycle Suits, and Pants Caps, Belts and Hose at lowest prices. 1i

War Formally Declared.

Washington, April 25.—Congress to day formally declared war to exist between the United States and Spain. The senate passed the naval appropriation bill, carrying large amounts of money for the improvement of the navy. The Hull army re-organization bill was passed by the senate and now goes to conference; Secretary Sherman resigned as chief of the state department, to be succeed. by Assitant Secretary Day, and the latter by Assitant Secretary Day, and the latter by John B. Moore of New York, and the

by Assitant Secretary Day, and the latter by John B. Moore of New York, and the war department called on the several states for their quotas to the volunteer army of the United States. These were the important events of the day.

Until the fleet now operating under the command of Acting Rear Admiral Sampson off the coast of Cuba can be materially augmented by other ships now preparing for service, it will not be practicable to exercise a complete blockade of all Cuban ports. The president's proclamation indicates the limited scope of the work outlined for the present squadron, but the extensive coast line of Cuba and the great distances of even small ports from the larger and more important cities proclude the possibility of a wider distribution of the war vessels. But Cuba's scaports are few, and passages to most of them are through long bays and inlets, the entrances to which may be readily guarded and protected with a much smaller force than would be necessary were the island liberally dotted with coast towns. Admiral Sampson's orders when he sailed from Key West were to maintain an effective blockade against the chief ports, such as Havana, Matanzas and Sagua, and not to attempt to scatter his vessels so widely that speedy and prompt communication might not be held among them all.

Key West, April 22—The United States

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Key West, April 22—The United States cruiser "Nashville" has captured the Spanish ship "Buena Vuera," of a thousand tons, having on board a cargo of lumber. She was on her way from the coast of Texas. The cruiser fired a six-pounder and the Spaniard surrendezed. The cruiser fired a six-pounder and the Spaniard surrendered.

New York, April 23.—A special to the Press from Key West, Florida, says: The cruiser "New York" has captured a big ship, which at this hour is supposed to be the "Alfonso XII," from Barcelona for Havana, with a thousand Spanish troops.

London, April 23.—It is reported here that the Spaniards have captured the American ship "Shenandoah," which sailed from San Francisco on Jan. 5 for Liverpool. She was a four-masted vessel of 3,258 tons register, and owned by Arthur Sewall & Co., of Bath, Maine.

Maine.

Key West, Fis., April 24.—Another prize was brought in here this morning by the United States gunboat Helena, Commander W. T. Swinburne. She turned out to be the opain is handicapped by a bankrupt treasury and a shattered credit, while her total fighting strength of land forces is not a tenth of that of her enemy. But the end is not yet. Cuba contains 200,000 acclimatized Spanish soldiers, who, though they have not covered themselves with glory in the guerilla warfare with the Cubans, may give a good account of emselves in an open fight. Havana and atanzas harbors are possibly "mined," may not be entered with impunity are the guns of the force.

J. N. S. Marshall, Judge of Probate, Queens county, died last week. The Yarmouth ship Vanloo, 1,4.6 tons, built in 1884, has been sold to parties in Liv-erpool, G. B. A battalion now in Ireland will be stationed in Halifax in place of the Leinsters who have been ordered to Jamaica. en ordered to Jamaica. Sixty dollars per week is yet being dis-tributed for temporary relief to those who suffered from the Windsor fire.

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Dr. Maria Angwin, the first lady practitioner in Helifax, died last Monday at Ashland, Masz, where she was staying with a friend.

The S. P. Benjamin Co. will cut eleven multion feet of lumber this year, eight million at Falmouth Forks and three million at White Rock.

Capt. Wood of Halifax, who commanded the confederate cruiser Atlanta during the American civil war, has offered the States his services for the war with Spain.

British Lion Gets a Rest. New York, 23.—The Journal says: Somehow it seems that "twisting the British lion's tail" ought not to be quite so popular a sport in the United States heaceforward. Since our quarrel with Spain reached an acute state it has been evident enough that the unfaltering friendship of Great Britain has been the chief obstacle to a European alliance against us. Our "hereditary enemy" has proved our best friend.

HOUSE TO LET

New Advertisements.

THE subscriber will let a house and garden for one year, situated two miles east of Bridgetown, Possession given the first of May. For further particulars apply to

TENDERS WANTED!

FOR SALE 500 Hackmatack Posts.

Port Lorne, April 25th, 1898.

TO LET! CHOICE PASTURE for Calves, Cattle or Mares in foal.

CHAS. CHESLEY. Upper Granville, April 27th, 1898. 5tf

Farm for Sale At CENTREVILLE

Monday, May 2, '98, AT TWO O'CLOCK, P. M., -on the premises

the Farm formerly belonging to Timothy Brooks, marsh, upland and orchard, wit wn at time of sale. AMBROSE BENT.

NOTICE!

I have this day associated Mr. oseph E. Lloyd with myself as a onducted by myself on the Corner of Queen and Granville Sts., the new firm to be known as

SHAW & LLOYD.

Thanking the public for the very generous patronage accorded me in the past, and soliciting a continuance of the same for the new firm. I remain.

Yours respectfully,

HTOMMAM

AUCTION SALE of Stock, Farming Utensils, Household Furniture, etc.,

TEACHERS WANTED!

New Advertisements.

F. L. MILNER, Town Clerk

DRESSMAKING.

Dressmaking!

Building Lot for Sale

Bridgetown, April 20th, 1898.

Store to Let

LAWRENCETOWN, Formerly occupied by the undersigned, and now by H. S. Grant, Piumber. Changes will be made to suit tenant. Possession May

E. STEVENS. P. O. Box 438, Halifax The Schooners

"TEMPLE BAR," : : "HUSTLER,"

Our Opening of

EASTER HATS AND BONNETS

Saturday, April 7th & 9th, when we will show

the Latest Novelties. A cordial invitation is extended to the

MISS A. L. LeCAIN. PUBLIC

Cattle, Horses and Hay!

H. R. SHAW. Saturday, the 7th day of May, 1898, at two o'clock the afternoon, the following Farm Stock, Horses and Hay, viz.: J. E. BURNS, AUCTIONEER.

Bridgetown Importing House

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

We have opened 82 packages of DRY GOODS.

for the Spring Trade, which makes our stock now complete in every department, and the largest and best we have ever shown. Our last instalment of DRESS GOODS arrived last week per S. S. "Romanian." We are able to show all the newest

Dress Goods, Dress Linings and Trimmings,

Ladies' Blouse Waists, Corsets, Muslins, Waist Silks,

Carpets, Curtains, Art Draperies, Room Paper, Floor Oil Cloths.

MEN'S CLOTHING, in large variety. GENTS' FURNISHINGS,

> Quality Sells. J. W. BECKWITH.

We cheerfully invite inspection

AUCTION New Spring Stock

Will soon be complete in all lines. We are opening New Goods daily.

WE ARE NOW SHOWING

See our 4-4 Unbleached Sheeting at 16c. per yard. See our full yard width White Cottons at 6c., 7c., 8c., 9c. & 10c

per yard. All special values. The best ever shown.

Ginghams & Prints from 6c. per yard up.

READY-MADE CLOTHING!

Full stock of Ready-made Clothing opened this week, in Men's, Youths' and Children's.

NEW HATS & CAPS!

BOYS' GALATEA SUITS! Special Line of Boys' Galatea Washing Suits at 90c. each, only opened this week and

nearly sold out already. Also some better ones at \$1.00, \$1.15, \$1.20 and \$1.25. Call early as these are being "snapped up" at sight.

Just opened, one of the largest and best assorted stocks ever shown in the town.

12 - Ladies' Flannelette Wrappers! - 12 left, which we are bound to clear out at less than cost.
Sizes 32 and 34, only. Former prices \$1.45 and \$1.55.
Now you may have your choice for

ALL GOOD PATTERNS.

E. PALFREY'S. NEW SPRING GOO

SEEDS! - SEEDS! New Dry Goods, Carpets, Clothing, Gents' Furnishings, Hats and Caps.

SPECIAL

Dress Goods, Gloves & Hosiery, Blouse Waists, Ladies' Vests, VALUES IN Prints, Laces

We are giving away some valuable premiums Carpets & Oil Cloths! Our Carpets, Mattings & Oil Cloths are the best values ever shown in this town.

JOHN LOCKETT & SON.