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WILLIAMS PIANOS The Toronto Word

There May Be a Kick About the Capture of Buena Ventura. Claimed that the Cargo Belonged to Englishmen, Though the Vessel is Spanish. War to Be Formally Declared by the United States—Resolutions to Be Introduced To-day.

Actualities up to Date. Capture of Spanish steamer Buena Ventura by the cruiser Nashville. The cargo valued at \$500,000. Capture of the Spanish steamer Pedro by the cruiser New York after a hot chase.

KORRO CASTLE OPENED FIRE. Blazed away at the flagship New York at five miles distance.

THE SPANIARD HAD TO. The echo of the report had hardly died away when the Spanish steamer Buena Ventura was sighted.

Capture of the Pedro. The capture of the Spanish steamer Pedro, and the incidents attending on the squadron.

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JONATHAN: Oh, I'm not scared of the bar—but I wish it hadn't come on me so blame sudden!

MONTREALERS FAVOR SPAIN. Most outspoken sympathizers are English-speaking Protestants.

THE PATIENT AT HAWARDEN. Mr. Gladstone Reported to Be Sinking Rapidly—Family Summoned—Surgeon—To the Queen in Attendance.

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Decree Promulgated at Madrid

Telling of the War. Right of Recourse to Privateering Maintained By the Government. United States Ships Allowed Thirty Days in Which to Leave Spanish Ports.

Madrid, April 24.—The following decree was gazetted to-day: 'Diplomatic relations are broken off between Spain and the United States, and the state of war being begun between the two countries, numerous questions of international law arise, which must be precisely defined, chiefly because the injustice and provocation come from our adversaries, and it is they who, by their detestable conduct, have caused this grave conflict.'

As to Privateering. Continuing, the decree reads: 'We have observed with the strictest fidelity the principles of international law, and have shown the most scrupulous respect for morality and the right of government.'

Peace Treaty Annulled. 'Clause one: The state of war existing between Spain and the United States annuls the treaty of peace and amity of October 27, 1763, and the protocol of January 12, 1857, and all other agreements, treaties or conventions in force between the two countries.'

Auxiliary Cruisers. 'Four: The Spanish Government, upholding its right to grant letters of marque, will at the same time authorize the formation of a force of auxiliary cruisers which will cooperate with the navy, according to the needs of the campaign, and will be under the control of the navy.'

As to the Paris. Madrid, April 24.—It is said that at the meeting of the Spanish Cabinet just held, instructions were issued to effect the capture of the American liner 'Paris.'

May Formally Declare War. London, April 24.—It is announced in a special despatch from Madrid that Spain may formally declare war against the United States as a result of the capture of the Spanish steamer Buena Ventura.

An Act of Piracy. Madrid, April 24.—El Epoca (Conservative) characterizes the capture of the Buena Ventura as 'an act of piracy befitting a nation which has carried on three years of filibustering against a friendly power, and adding, 'This unprovoked intention of the United States to supplement their inefficient blockade by means of submarine mines would be illegal.'

Spanish Cabinet Says the Capture of the Buena Ventura was an Unlawful Act. London, April 24.—It is announced in a despatch from Madrid to The Evening News, dated last evening, that a Cabinet Council, presided over by the Queen Regent at noon on Saturday, summoned to consider the capture of the Spanish steamer Buena Ventura by the United States cruiser Nashville, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Señor Cailon, who instructed the secretary of the representatives of the Foreign Powers at Madrid.

China Squadron Sails. Hong Kong, April 24.—Five warships belonging to the United States squadron, headed by Commodore Rodgers, are expected to arrive here today.

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