

AND NOW THE WAR IS ON

Last Diplomatic Tie Severed Between the United States and Spain--All Await the Shock of Battle.

SPAIN DOES NOT WAIT FOR AN ULTIMATUM

But Takes Judicial Notice of Its Existence and Hands Woodford His Passports--His Departure Followed by Rabid Anti-Yankee Demonstrations Led by the Governor of Madrid.

FLEET AWAITS ORDERS TO SAIL FOR HAVANA

Or Wherever the Warm Work is to Be--Concentration of Troops Nearly Completed--Congress Rushes Through Measures of Defense and Attack--Hundred Thousand Volunteers to be Called--Spanish Fleet is Coaling at St. Vincent--Activity in the Fleet at Key West Gives Promise of an Early Departure--Blanco's Manifesto.

Madrid, April 21.--The following is the text of the note received this morning by General Woodford from Senor Gullon, minister of foreign affairs:

"Dear Sir--In compliance with a painful duty, I have the honor to inform you that there has been sanctioned by the president of the republic a resolution of both chambers of the United States which denies the legitimate sovereignty of Spain and threatens armed intervention in Cuba, which is equivalent to a declaration of war.

DEPARTURE OF WOODFORD

Spanish Rabble Gives the Minister a Red-Hot Send-Off. Madrid, April 21.--General Woodford arrived at the station about a quarter of an hour in advance of the hour at which the train was scheduled to leave.

An immense crowd gathered at the station, composed of all classes. A strong force of police and civic guards maintained order, while amid the crowd moved a large number of private detectives.

ANTI-YANKEE DEMONSTRATION

Howling Mob in Madrid Led by the Governor of the City. Madrid, April 21.--Enthusiastic processions are now moving through the principal streets. The mob gathered in front of the building of the Equitable Life Insurance company, and gathered upon the removal of the American eagle, which was thrown down and smashed to bits.

IN THE FLYING SQUADRON

Everything in Readiness for Actual Sailing Orders. Fort Monroe, Va., April 21.--Beginning with the receipt of the first news bulletin from Washington, intense excitement prevailed here, both on shore and among the officers and men of the squadron.

must be restated a route entrance (to the utmost). The queen regent presided this afternoon at the cabinet council. Senor Sagasta, the premier, announced the departure of Senor Polo y Bernabe from Washington, and that the United States minister, General Woodford, had been informed that it would be useless to present any note.

The British ambassador, Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, called upon Senor Gullon, the foreign minister, and informed him that the affairs of the American legation were in his (the ambassador's) hands. At the cabinet council Senor Sagasta, addressed the queen regent thus:

KEY WEST FLEET IS ALIVE

Indicating That They May Anchor Up at Any Moment. Key West, Fla., April 21, 10 a. m.--Towards midnight a hurry messenger came ashore, ordering several officers of the fleet on board immediately. At 12:30 o'clock this morning there was no movement on the part of the fleet, but signaling was still progressing and there were many signs of activity.

WAR IS AN EXISTING FACT

No Matter About the Formality of a Declaration. Washington, April 21.--War between the United States and Spain is a fact, though not yet officially declared so by congress.

MILITARY AND NAVAL

Preparations are in Active and Efficient Operation. Washington, April 21.--The actual beginning of military and naval preparations was made yesterday.

TORPEDOES ARE BEING PLANTED IN THE POTOMAC RIVER

Washington, April 21.--The Post tomorrow will say: "A military guard will be placed at the White House in a few days. This has been definitely settled, but none of the details of the arrangements are known."

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Following the departure of General Woodford rabid anti-American demonstrations occurred in Madrid.

In congress important measures for active military and naval operations were rushed through with all dispatch, while orders issued from the navy department for a movement of the fleet to Havana.

At the war and navy departments nothing of the plans of campaign is given out, hence the time when the fleet shall start cannot be ascertained.

The Spanish fleet is reported as coaling up at St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, with no clear indications of future movements.

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BULLETIN OF The Wichita Daily Eagle. Wichita, Friday, April 22, 1898. Weather for Wichita today: Fair; warmer; south winds. Sun--Rises, 5:12; Sets 6:45. Moon--Sets, 8:57. IMPORTANT NEWS OF TODAY: 1. War With Spain Has Begun. 2. Postmaster General After All. 3. Wichita Livestock Market. 4. War's Effect on Share Values. 5. Baseball League Games. 6. Next Renison Goes to Topeka. 7. G. A. R. Veterans Against Evans. 8. Service on a Torpedo Boat.