

ACTION WILL BE PROMPT AND EMPHATIC.

There Will Be No Delay in Congress.

When that Body Receives the President's Message

No Opposition Will Be Made to the Declaration of War,

But Republicans and Democrats Hold Widely Different Views as to How Revenues to Carry it on Should Be Raised.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—It is expected that the Senate will this week begin with the receipt of a message from the President asking that Congress shall make a formal declaration of war and that there will be a quick response to the request. There has been some apprehension that there might be a renewal of the effort to secure a recognition of the independence of the Cuban insurgents in connection with the war declaration, but the best information now is that this will not be undertaken and that there will be practically no opposition in the Senate to a war resolution. It is suggested on the part of some of the members of the Committee on Foreign Relations that it will not even be necessary to refer the President's message to the committee, but a resolution can be immediately introduced and passed. If this suggestion should not prove practicable, the committee will report promptly.

The Senate will resume consideration of the naval appropriation bill at the earliest possible moment. The only disputed point under discussion in connection with the naval bill is the provision in relation to the price of armor which Senators Tillman and Butler are making an effort to have reduced from \$100 to \$300 after the three battleships now building are supplied. Both these Senators and probably others will make speeches in support of this amendment and the debate will in all probability be quite sharp. It does not appear probable that the amendment will be supported by the Senate. The Senate also will take up the army reorganization bill as soon as it can be reached after it is reported from the Committee on Military Affairs, by which it will be given prompt consideration. The committee will also take cognizance of the supposed defects in the volunteer army bill with a view to correcting them if found as serious as reported. This bill has been investigated by some of the best lawyers of the Senate and most of them express the opinion that it is not defective. It is now believed that the war revenue bill will receive consideration from the Senate this week, owing to the probability that it will meet with sufficient opposition in the Finance Committee to delay it for some time. The Democrats will seek to eliminate the bond feature of the bill and they may attempt to incorporate a provision for an income tax when the bill reaches the committee and a stubborn contest is promised, both in the committee and Senate. Whether the bill is amended in the committee or reported as it comes from the House the indications are quite positive that it will be made the basis of a prolonged discussion in the Finance Committee.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—If the President sends a message to Congress to-morrow calling for a declaration of war, as is now anticipated, the response will be prompt and emphatic. Now that war has been entered upon even those Congressmen, like Johnson of Indiana, and Loud of California, who hung back protesting to the last, have sunk their individual ideas in the common cause and all are now anxious to give to the President a united support in every measure deemed essential or necessary to prosecute the war to a speedy and successful conclusion.

In order to show the world that all factional divisions have ceased and that the representatives of the American people are arrayed in solid and imposing phalanx behind the Chief Executive, the declaration of war will be passed without a word of debate and upon the roll-call it is not likely that there will be a dissenting vote. Following the declaration of war the House will proceed to the work of providing the sinews with which to prosecute it. But upon this there will not be a unanimity. The Republicans and Democrats hold widely different views as to the methods by

which the revenues to carry on the war should be raised. No factious opposition, however, will be offered by the minority. The leaders of the minority are extremely anxious, and they will insist, so far as they are able, upon presenting such substitute propositions as are in line with their ideas and doctrines of the bill framed by the Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee, which Chairman Dingley introduced in the House yesterday. The Democrats of the House, and especially the leaders and the members of the Ways and Means Committee, feel aggrieved because they have never been consulted nor had a voice in the preparation of the war revenue measure. In the face of a foreign enemy, they say, they have sunk party consideration and have voted to uphold the hands of the President, and they believe that in realizing war, inasmuch as they are expected to acquiesce, they should have a share. For the Republicans to meet in secret and prepare a measure strictly according to their own ideas, they maintain, is a display of partisanship such as should not have been given at such a time.

The bill will not be presented to them formally until to-morrow morning, and Chairman Dingley expects to get before the House during the day. He thinks the bill should pass and go to the Senate by Tuesday night at the latest. The Democrats will protest against this expedition, but will probably not carry their opposition beyond that. The Democratic leader, and other Democrats realize the necessity for prompt action, and while they feel that they have been unfairly treated under the circumstances they will make no factious opposition. They are particularly desirous of the opportunity to present substitute propositions for various features of the bill as prepared. Bailey said they would probably be willing to forego general debate if an arrangement could be made to consider the entire bill for amendment under the five-minute rule. The chief amendment they desire to offer is for an income tax, as they believe a considerable proportion of the war tax should be raised from this source. They are also opposed to some provisions of the stamp tax which they believe will prove onerous and irritating, and it is likely they will offer propositions in lieu thereof for a tax of 50 cents per barrel on petroleum and a graduated tax on railroad and other transportation tickets, both of which propositions were considered by the Republicans of the Ways and Means Committee, but rejected.

There is also considerable opposition to the bond feature of the bill on the Democratic side, and whether with unanimity or not, a motion will undoubtedly be made to strike it out. Bailey, however, is understood to recognize the necessity for an authorization for borrowing money. Some of the Populists desire an authorization for an issue of greenbacks. The bond feature of the bill will probably be bitterly attacked. The whole week in the House is likely to be given largely to the consideration of war measures, but such time as arranged will probably be consumed in disposing of two election cases and other minor matters. Possibly the general deficiency bill might be taken up before the week closes.

THE OREGON WARNED.

Her Commander Knows That War Has Broken Out.

NEW YORK, April 23.—"Times" special from Washington says: Interest in the fate of the Oregon is rivaling that of the success of the blockade of Havana. This interest is intensified by the fact that the vessel has just steamed out of the Straits of Magellan and is creeping slowly up the South American coast into the zone of danger. She has carried out her programme thus far with admirable precision. She was to stop at Punta Arenas (Sanly Point), Chile, where she was to join the gunboat Marietta, which had preceded her from Valparaiso several days in order to arrange for a supply of coal for herself and the big ship.

She reached Punta Arenas yesterday, took on 500 tons of coal, and has now left that coaling station on her way to Montevideo. This much was learned by the Navy Department yesterday. Captain Charles E. Clark, her commander, is now in possession of the news that war has broken out between this country and Spain. He did not know this when he left Callao, but he was advised when the left that port to be on the lookout for Spanish ships and to guard against any attack by torpedo or other vessels.

He was also advised that the Temerario was lying in wait for him at Buenos Ayres, and would probably sail down the coast to cross his track. As Captain Clark now knows that war has begun he will know what to do with the Temerario should that little waspish craft undertake to challenge him. He has been joined by the gunboat Marietta, and the two vessels ought to be able to make a good fight against any two vessels that Spain can send out under her flag.

BUENOS AYRES, April 23.—The Spanish torpedo gunboat Temerario sailed from here to-day to the southward.

PATRIOTIC FISHERMEN.

Cut Wires of Sandy Hook Mines That Interfered With Nets.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Men of the Engineers' Corps were employed in planting additional mines in the waters of the Narrows and about Sandy Hook to-day. When this work is completed only a channel for ships will remain open. Of Fort Wadsworth it has been found that shad fishermen, whose arts have been in the water there, have not hesitated to cut the cables of the mines and torpedoes already planted. It was these fishermen, it is suspected, who tampered with the cables off Fort Wadsworth.

To-day the boats from which the engineers were working were armed with rifles. The Narrows are now patrolled every night and a strict watch is maintained by day. The first fisherman caught cutting the cables will be arrested, and the next one, according to the orders issued, will be shot on sight.

WILL RUN AS USUAL.

The El Paso is Not Afraid of Being Captured.

NEW ORLEANS, April 23.—The Morgan steamship El Paso left here to-day for New York. Some apprehension was shown because she has to pass along the Cuban coast, but the Southern Pacific will run its steamers to New York as long as it can, and is accepting freight for a vessel to leave Tuesday. The company believes there will be no interference with a continuation of traffic between New Orleans and New York. El Paso has taken out a war risk on \$600,000 at half a cent, its insurance premium being \$3,000.

The steamship El Mar arrived here to-day from New York. Captain Grant took the instant route a week Spanish cruisers, and did not see a Spanish vessel.

SPAIN OUTLINES HER POLICY.

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ing it, and upon all neutral nations, in the absence of any disregard of the treaty engagement and of international law. Any gross disregard of such law or treaty obligations would perhaps provoke the interposition of any neutral State affected.

"Until such list is prescribed the question whether articles compared are contraband of war is governed generally by the law of nations and specifically by the treaty stipulations by the belligerent captor and the neutral State to whose subject the articles belong.

"International law has only one and the same rule for the determination of the question whether articles are contraband and destined for an enemy's use or contraband."

Many articles, such as provisions, coal, etc., are of an equivocal character, and if destined for the enemy's use are deemed contraband. It follows that if such lists should be prepared by the United States and Spain they may be identical or may be different, depending upon the policy of each Government. The action of each Government will bind only itself and its own prize courts and neutrals. The question whether contraband or not might therefore depend upon whether the captor was an American or a Spanish. And shippers in neutral vessels would not only consider the goods shipped, but whether destined for American or Spanish ports, and whether the goods are included in the list denounced as contraband by the one or the other States. This Government has already announced that it will not resort to the same policy. In the light of the previous declaration by this Government, Spain's announcement that she will treat our privateers as pirates is brutum fulmen, worthy of Don Quixote.

The Spanish Government has published its intention to extend the right of search. The right to do so is undoubted. But the right can be lawfully exercised only for the purpose of determining the nationality of the ship and its destination, whether its goods are neutral or enemy, whether contraband or not, and whether its conduct is unneutral or neutral. If Spain adopts the policy adopted by this Government, that the neutral flag protects the goods if the vessel and its conduct are neutral, only contraband goods in such vessels are subject to capture. Of course all merchant ships must respect an effective blockade, on the penalty of capture and confiscation.

BURNED THEIR PRESENTS.
How General Gomez Treated Spanish Emissaries.
NEW YORK, April 23.—Tomas Estrada Palma, of the Cuban junta, has received a letter from General Maximo Gomez, containing the following: "Blanco and Pando have sent me emissaries with presents. The presents I burned before their eyes and I told them if they should ever return I would hang them. The Cuban poor men were most astonished, and I have since learned that they refused to come back a second time, unless they were permitted to remain with my army.

"I hasten to tell you this so you can know the mind of the Spaniards. One year ago there was no clemency in my quarter. Women and children were made victims of the Spanish. The soldiers of Weyler were taking with them everywhere desolation and ruin. By means of the heliograph the Spanish Generals sent their soldiers everywhere through the island.

"Generals Luque, Ruiz and others destroyed cattle, horses and even the palm trees. The 200,000 men then in this island disputed the privilege of killing the greatest number. Not one peace commissioner came then.

"But all their efforts was to no purpose. We made their troops useless; the heliograph and the enemy's cannon of no account. All our fields have given us bountiful fruits, while hunger reigns in the cities. We do not know where the Spanish army has gone.

"I was then mentioned as the 'so-called.' To-day they address me as 'distinguished adversary.'

"Why this change? The answer is simple. It is that the Spaniards see that their cause is lost and they are trying to gain time to postpone the inevitable. I shall continue to fight with the same energy as in the past. Victory will crown my efforts."

ANNEXATION OF HAWAII.

No Information Can Be Gained as to McKinley's Plans.

NEW YORK, April 23.—A special to the "Sun" from Washington says: Practically no information is obtainable at Washington about the reported intention of the President to take possession of the Hawaiian Islands. Administration officials in a position to know will not talk, or profess ignorance of any such plans. Members of Congress interested in the annexation of Hawaii have been unable to find out anything about the purpose of the Government. There is a general impression that the Administration has not decided to take a step so vigorous. It is known, however, that the proposition to raise the Stars and Stripes

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over the islands has been under consideration. The principal objection urged against the seizing of the Hawaiian group is that it would make European nations suspicious of the intentions of this Government in regard to Cuba and might cause international complications. Admiral Miller, commanding the Pacific naval station, is now at Honolulu on the gunboat Bennington. A long cipher telegram sent from Washington to San Francisco went to him by the steamer Alameda, which left San Francisco for Honolulu Thursday. A "Sun" reporter was told by a high official that Admiral Miller was coming home to take charge of the naval defenses of the Pacific Coast. It is believed in naval circles that the order sent on the Alameda directed him to return to San Francisco.

THE SPANISH FLEET.

Reports That a Part of It Sailed From St. Vincent.

LONDON, April 23.—It is reported here on reliable authority that a portion of the Spanish fleet which has been anchored at St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, has sailed. Its destination is not known. It is regarded as possible that it may have started to intercept the battleship Oregon and the gunboat Marietta, which are now on their way to Key West from the Pacific Ocean.

Some persons at Cape Vincent believe an attack on American seaports is contemplated. NEW YORK, April 23.—The "Herald's" Washington correspondent telegraphs: No confirmation can be obtained in Washington of the report that the Spanish ships have left St. Vincent. That it is true is considered highly probable. In view of the fact that official information which has reached the authorities during the last few days is to the effect that the fires in the furnaces of the ships have been banked and that they have been ready to proceed to sea the moment orders were received from Madrid.

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House renovating time now and we would suggest that you may find need for portieres. Perhaps you'll want to take your double doors down to secure a more free ventilation and would cover the aperture with portieres. These tapestry are the kind you'll want, 3 yards long, new colors, new patterns, fringed ends and only \$2 25 the pair.

Chenille Portieres, \$2 50 pair.
Perhaps you may fancy the chenille portiere. They're also 3 yards long, fringed ends, with rich colored dado at each end. Colors light and dark olive, blue and red. \$2 50 the pair.

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Enamel Paint, 1/2 pint cans, all colors, 18c can.
Bath Tub Enamel, 1/2 pint cans, 35c can.
Ready mixed Gold Paint, complete with brush, two sizes, 10c and 13c.
Fancy Shelf Paper, 30 feet to the piece, pink, blue, yellow and white, 4c each.
Ideal Flat Iron Cleaner, cleans and waxes the iron at once, 20c.
Le Page's Glue, large can with brush, always ready for use, 14c can.

Ladies' Lawn Aprons, 15c.
Women's White Lawn Aprons with long, liberal cut strings, deep hem at bottom, headed with cluster of tucks. The correct size and length for afternoon house wear. 15c each.

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Full 50 inches wide, and Monday morning we place on the counter a half a dozen more pieces in light effects, large check, colorings of brown and navy, alternating with white. 'Tis all wool and one of Fashion's fads for those popular separate skirts for summer.

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