

WILL SAIL AT SUNRISE

Flying Squadron Leaves This Morning.

DESTINATION A SECRET

Huntington Rifles in Readiness to Move at a Moment's Notice. Government May Purchase La Grande Duchesse.

Hundreds of eyes were turned toward the lead-colored ships of war lying off Old Point last night. Early in the evening the rumor that the squadron would sail for the South became current, and the result was that in a short time many people were hurrying thither to witness the departure.



COMMODORE W. S. SCHLEY.

would not leave before sunrise. All the officers were requested to be on board their ships at 10 o'clock, a peculiar time which indicates that Commodore Schley was expecting—if he had not already received notice to sail at daybreak—that orders would come at any minute directing him to put to sea at once.

There was much hurrying to and fro during the afternoon. The fleet little launches were buzzing between the ships, and the shore boats almost disappeared from view in the darkness, leaving only the glimmer of their lights to tell where they were lying.

Information concerning the destination of the fleet when it shall leave the waters of Hampton Roads, was purely of a speculative character last night. Commodore Schley is, of course, the only person who can throw any light upon its purpose.

It was said last night that within forty-eight hours the fleet of warships will have become a net work of submarine mines and torpedoes and that so perfect will the system of destruction be that it would amount to an act of blockade.

At 4 o'clock after the receipt of the Associated Press dispatch that the Key West fleet had moved and the further belief that the Spanish believed the ultimatum to be a declaration of war, Commodore Schley signalled from the Brooklyn to the other vessels to be coupled. The engines in port were uncoupled and not usually coupled until at sea and the order was for the evident intention of making good time if any order was given.

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The collars assigned to the squadron, the Merrimack and the Saturn, are not yet out ready, but may be in a day. They are fast boats and can

catch the squadron, which, in the hands of the army, will not attempt to make more than 12 knots an hour. The hospital boat is still in the hands of the shipbuilders, being converted, and cannot be ready with a crew for several days.

OFFICERS OF THE SQUADRON.

The officers of the vessels of the flying squadron follow: Commodore Winfield Scott Schley, of Maryland.

PROTECTED ARMORED CRUISER BROOKLYN.

Captain Francis A. Cook, of Massachusetts, in service since 1866. Executive Officer, Lieutenant Commander Newton E. Mason, of Pennsylvania.

PROTECTED CRUISER COLUMBIA.

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FIRST EDITION - 4 A. M.

Another edition of the Daily Press containing dispatches received up to 7:30 A. M., will be published at that hour. Anticipating important news, the Associated Press wires will be held open all night.

AMERICA AT WAR WITH SPAIN

Such Is the Situation, Although There Has Been No Formal Declaration

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES SEVERED

Minister Woodford Receives His Passports Without Having an Opportunity to Present President McKinley's Ultimatum. North Atlantic Squadron Ordered to Cuba. Naval Engagement Expected Soon.

(By Telegraph.) WASHINGTON, April 21. - War between the United States and Spain is a fact, though not officially declared so by congress.

The stringing events of yesterday were succeeded today with rapidity by others of equal importance, culminating in the afternoon in orders for the departure of the North Atlantic Squadron for Havana. This practically is an act of war, so that the war between this country and Spain may fairly be said to date from today, April 21, 1898.

Two minutes after the opening of the state department this morning word came from Minister Woodford that the Spanish government, having anticipated and prevented his intention to present the president's ultimatum, he had asked for his passports. The administration, in a public statement, announced that it regarded the action of the Spanish government as rendering unnecessary any further diplomatic action on the part of the United States and further stated that it regarded the course adopted by Spain as one placing upon that country the responsibility for the breach of friendly relations.

Mr. Woodford's telegram resulted in the calling of a special cabinet meeting to arrange and outline a plan of campaign or ray to determine how to begin the execution of the plan of campaign already prepared by the strategic board of the army and navy departments. This immediate result was the dispatching of the North Atlantic Squadron to begin the blockade of Havana. How much further than this the cabinet progressed in its deliberations it is not possible to say, for the obvious reason that the time has not come when the interests of the government require that the movements of ships and troops should be guarded with the greatest care from undue publicity, in order to prevent the enemy from taking advantage of the information.

The North Atlantic Squadron, under Captain Sampson, makes an splendid array of fine vessels, comprising such battleships as the Iowa and Indiana, monitors like the Puritan, Terror and Amphitrite, armored cruisers like the New York flagship, protected cruisers such as the Cincinnati, Marblehead and Montgomery; gunboats like the Vicksburg, Wilmington and Annapolis; regular torpedo boats as the Eberes, Cushing, Onslow and others; not to speak of the large number of fast yachts and other vessels that have been added to the fleet by purchase.

The force is quite competent to blockade all the ports in Cuba, or at least, all of the ports connecting by rail with Havana and so likely to be used to supply that place, in the event of siege. This statement is taken with the understanding that it does not contemplate the coming to Cuban waters of the Spanish fleet. In such cases the probable policy would be to abandon the blockade and endeavor to force the Spanish fleet to battle.

Minister Woodford's action during the day, as reported to the State Department in a late telegram, indicates that he was following a carefully prepared program. A significant feature of his message was the statement that the Spanish government notified him that it regarded the withdrawal of the fleet yesterday as terminating the diplomatic negotiations, showing that it was not disposed to accept the expressed intention of our government to continue Mr. Woodford as a medium of communication until Saturday noon.

Mr. Woodford also announced that he had instructed Consul General Bowen, at Barcelona, to cause all American consuls in Spain to immediately withdraw from the country. The Spanish government, after asking for his passports, that he had placed the American legation in Madrid and American interests in Spain generally in the hands of the British ambassador, the ambassador, Right Honorable Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, is not at present in Madrid, so American interests will be confined to the British charge, Sir George G. F. Bonham, Bart.

To all intent and purpose, this leaves the State Department from further negotiations as to Cuba, save those relating to privateering, neutrality observance and the like. It was found necessary to frame a notice to the powers of the intention of our government to establish a blockade of Havana, a notification required by international law.

The Navy Department today, aside from giving the orders to the squadron, continued the work of adding to the navy and purchasing another ship at Norfolk, as an auxiliary craft and some small yachts. The news of the actual beginning of war was received with gravity at the department, and there were many speculations as to the destination of the Spanish squadron. One suggestion was that they would try to cut off the fine battleship Oregon, now on its way from the Pacific coast around to join Captain Sampson's command.

There is also some fear that the Oregon may be taken at an unfair advantage, without the knowledge of the department, by the Spanish torpedo destroyer Tenmerie, which is now lying at Buenos Ayers. Possibly with a view to avoiding diplomatic relations with this government. This course renders unnecessary any further diplomatic action on the part of the United States.

Woodford, Minister, Madrid: "You have been furnished with the text of a joint resolution voted by the Congress of the United States on the nineteenth instant—approved today—in relation to the pacification of the island of Cuba. In obedience to that resolution, I immediately direct you to immediately communicate to the government of Spain said resolutions, with the formal 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 disclaims any disposition or intention to exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction or control over the 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.

For several days, and especially today, the secretary of the treasury has received a large number of telegrams from collectors of customs at ports on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts stating that ships were being laden for Cuban ports. Large shipments of mules were being made from Southern ports, and beef and coal from those further north. The question as to whether these vessels should be permitted to sail was referred to the attorney general and his opinion was that pending the passage of the bill prohibiting all exportations of articles of this character, this government should not interfere.

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will cut a considerable figure in the campaign. In fact, it is stated, though not officially, that the fleet will first go to Matanzas and there establish a base of operations.

Brigadier General Graham, commander of the Department of the Gulf, arrived on the steamer City of Key West this afternoon. He was met at the dock by Lieutenant Colonel Doggett and a detachment of artillery stationed here, and escorted to the barracks.

General Graham said no special significance attached to his arrival, and that he was here simply on a regular visit of inspection. Colonel Doggett is making efforts for the release of the prisoners on board immediately.

The Indiana, which has been coming at the Port of Spain, has been ordered to report here early tomorrow morning. Toward midnight a flurry message came from the department, and at 12:45 this morning there was no movement on the part of the fleet, but signaling was still progressing and some very signs of activity. No news of the Cincinnati's seaward was received, and the regular mail went out in a hurried form. It was said that the fleet was under orders to sail at 9 o'clock.

ROSTER OF OFFICERS. KEY WEST, FLA., April 21.—The roster of the North Atlantic Squadron, stationed in Cuban waters, follows: LIST OF OFFICERS.

Captain W. T. Sampson, Commander-in-Chief.

Lieutenant S. A. Stanton, Assistant Chief of Staff.

Lieutenant C. C. Marsh, Flag Secretary.

Ensign E. L. Bonnett, Flag Lieutenant.

NAVY FLAGSHIP NEW YORK. Captain, F. E. Chadwick.

Lieutenant-Commander, W. P. Porter.

Lieutenants, J. Roller, F. W. Collin, R. T. Milligan, E. W. Capshaw, J. H. B. Marable, J. B. Edie, F. H. Drumbly.

Naval Cadets, H. C. Mustin, A. Kautz, N. D. Jones, O. D. Duncan, W. G. Durboss, E. T. Egbert, J. W. Powell, Chas. B. Boone.

Medical Inspector, M. G. Drennan. Past Assistant Surgeon, T. A. Berryhill.

Assistant Surgeon, L. Spear. Pay Inspector, A. Burts.

Assistant Engineers, W. Ball, A. M. Cook, H. T. Baker.

Naval Cadet, (Eng.), L. C. Richardson.

Captain, A. L. Royce. Captain United States Marine Corps, M. C. Doodrell.

Lieutenant, United States Marine Corps, P. H. Lamb.

Assistant Naval Constructor, R. P. Hobson.

Carpenter, J. T. Huley. Gunner, G. W. Muller.

Pay Clerk (Plect), F. F. MacWickie. Pay Clerk, W. A. Wallace.

U. S. S. IOWA. Captain, D. S. C. Taylor.

Lieutenant-Commander, R. P. Rodgers.

Lieutenants, W. P. Schuetz, W. M. Witzel, J. M. Orchard, L. S. Vanduzen, F. W. Lamm, G. T. Tarbox.

Ensign, N. C. Twining. Naval Cadets, O. J. Murfin, H. Williams, N. S. Houston, A. C. Owen, J. W. Graeme, A. J. Hepburn, W. C. Assen.

Surgeon, M. H. Simons. Past Assistant Surgeon, B. P. Cran-dall.

Pharmacist, J. A. Ring. Assistant Engineer, G. W. Rae.

Past Assistant Engineers, C. E. Rommel, H. O. Stuckey.

Assistant Engineer, M. F. Tronch. Captain United States Marine Corps, L. Karmayn.

Second Lieutenant United States Marine Corps, T. H. Low.

Boatswain, A. Whippy. Gunner, A. S. Mackenzie.

Carpenter, F. Johnson. Pay Clerk, C. W. Loomis.

Mate, H. Olsen. Naval Cadets (Engs.), H. L. Collins.

A. T. Graham, U. S. S. INDIANA. Captain, H. C. Taylor.

Lieutenant-Commander, J. A. Rodgers.

Lieutenants, S. P. Comly, R. Henderson, R. C. Smith, B. C. Decker (J. G.), J. Washington (J. G.).

Ensigns, P. N. Olmsted, W. R. Cushman.

Naval Cadets, G. Chase, W. H. Falconer, W. R. McDowell, A. B. C. Smith, C. T. Owens.

Surgeon, N. M. Frazee. Assistant Surgeon, G. D. Sestigan.

Paymaster, H. M. Parer. Chief Engineer, G. Cowie.

Past Assistant Engineer, H. Hall. Assistant Engineers, R. C. Moody, D. C. Moore.

Cadet (Eng.), E. C. Keenan. Captain United States Marine Corps, W. T. Waller.

Second Lieutenant United States Marine Corps, W. C. Dawson.

Carpenter, G. W. A. Bailey. Boatswain, J. Dowling.

Gunner, G. T. Mallory. Gunner, S. M. McEMERY.

Commander, G. A. Converse. Lieutenant-Commander, W. H. Beecher.

Lieutenant, A. Hatchings. Lieutenant, R. Spear, L. R. DeSteingner, R. H. Osborn.

Past Assistant Surgeon, L. W. Curtis. Naval Cadet (Eng.), T. M. Dick.

Naval Cadet, F. R. Holman. Past Assistant Paymaster, M. M. Ramsey.

U. S. S. MARBLEHEAD. Commander, B. H. McCook.

Lieutenants, J. A. H. Nickles, E. A. Anderson (J. G.).

Ensigns, F. Boughter, G. L. P. Stone.

Naval Cadets, D. E. Theelen, A. H. McCarthy.

Assistant Engineer, J. P. Morton. Pay Clerk, E. H. Roberts.

Chief Engineer, G. S. Villitts. Naval Cadet, G. VanOrd.

U. S. S. TERRER. Captain, N. Ludlow.

Lieutenants, F. P. Quaintance, H. O. Dyer, DeVart, Coffman.

Lieutenant-Commander, P. Garst. Ensigns, J. F. Hubbard, W. J. Terhune.

Surgeon, G. Diehl. Chief Engineer, J. P. Micky.

Gunner, P. Hanley. Past Assistant Paymaster, G. W. Simpson.

Past Assistant Engineer, P. E. Dismore.

Carpenter, L. D. Martin.

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SPAIN COURTS WAR

Breaks Off Diplomatic Relations With This Country.

OPENING OF HOSTILITIES

General Woodford, the American Minister, Given His Passports. Large Crowd at the Station When He Leaves Madrid.

(By Telegraph.) MADRID, April 21.—The declaration of the United States against Spain, and the government's immediate break-off diplomatic relations with the United States, notifying the United States minister to this effect before he was able to present any note.

12:30 P. M.—The news of the rupture was received calmly. There is no excitement apparent anywhere.

4 P. M.—Spain's action today is considered a virtual declaration of war and hostilities may begin immediately.

5:20 P. M.—A semi-official note issued this afternoon says: "The Spanish government, having received the ultimatum of the President of the United States, considers that the document constitutes a declaration of war against Spain, and that the proper form to be adopted is not to make any further reply, but to await the expiration of the time mentioned in the ultimatum before opening hostilities.

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

4 P. M.—The Queen Regent presided this afternoon at the cabinet council. Senior Sagasta, the premier, announced a cabinet of general resignation from Washington. It is that the United States minister, General Woodford, has been informed that it would be useless to present any note.

The British ambassador, Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, called upon the Queen Regent, the foreign minister, and informed him that the affairs of the American legation were in his (the ambassador's) hands. The chambers have elected provisional officers, the marquis Vega d'Armijo being chosen president of the congress, the lower house of the Cortes.

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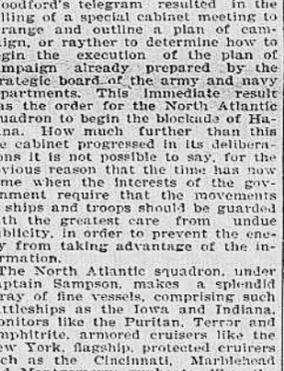
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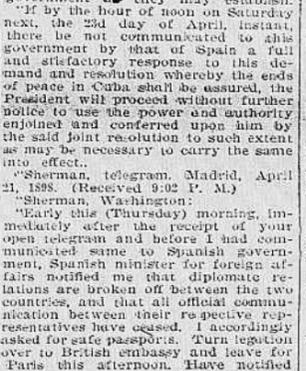
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CAPTAIN SAMPSON.



CAPTAIN EVANS.



MINISTER WOODFORD.

ing a conflict in the straits of Magellan, where she would be of great advantage, the Oregon has been ordered to go around Cape Horn.

The little Bancroft, now at Boston, has been placed under command of Captain Clover, who will meet the ship at Norfolk within a few days and take it to Key West.

In the War Department orders flew to and fro relative to the concentration of troops in the South and Secretary Alger was several times in consultation with the President, resulting in the determination to call for 100,000 volunteers and as soon as Congress passes the necessary legislation.

The change in the composition of the cabinet, entirely unexpected, completed the list of important events of the day.