

SQUADRON TO HAVANA

This Order Was Issued Yesterday.

IT DECLARES WAR.

The Culmination of the Days Events So Regarded.

WOODFORD GIVEN PASSPORTS

Right of President to Declare Policy

ON PRIVATEERING QUESTIONED

In the Senate by Senator Money—Export of Coal is Now Forbidden by Law—Congressman Walker was Disposed to Delay the Measure But was Persuaded to Abandon His Intention—Proposed Reduction in the Term of Enlistment

WASHINGTON, April 21.—War between the United States and Spain is a fact, though not yet officially declared so by Congress.

The stirring events of yesterday were succeeded to-day with rapidity by others of equal importance culminating in the afternoon in orders for the departure of the North Atlantic squadron for Havana.

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.

ORDER FOR BLOCKADE. Minister Woodford's telegram resulting in the calling of a special Cabinet meeting to outline a plan of campaign, or to verify the executive plan of campaign already prepared by the strategic board of the army and navy.

The North Atlantic squadron under Captain Sampson makes a splendid array of fine vessels, comprising battleships Iowa and Indiana, monitors like the Puritan, Terror and Amphitrite, armored cruisers like the New York, fleetship, protected cruisers, such as the Cincinnati, Marblehead and Montgomery, gunboats like the Vicksburg, and torpedo boats, regular torpedo boats, the Ferriss, Cushing, Winslow and the like, not to speak of the large number of fast yachts and other vessels that have been added to the fleet.

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(From a photograph taken last Wednesday by Homer & Clark.)

department, and there were many speculations as to the destination of the Spanish squadron.

There is also some fear that the Oregon may be taken at an unfair advantage without the knowledge of the existence of war by the Spanish torpedo-boat destroyer Temeraire, which is now at Buenos Ayres.

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.

10,000 VOLUNTEERS. In the War Department orders flew to and fro, relative to the concentration of the troops in the South, and Secretary Alger was several times in consultation with the President resulting in the determination to call for 10,000 volunteers as soon as Congress passes the necessary legislation.

The change in the composition in the Cabinet, entirely unexpected, closed the list of its important events of the day.

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STIRRED UP WAR BUT WON'T FIGHT.

The Loud Talkers are Not Volunteering.

HOMES ARE MADE SAD

Young Men Tell Their Families They Must Leave Them.

ORGANIZATIONS TO BREAK UP.

If the Plan Proposed for Reorganizing the Militia is Carried Into Effect, the Virginia Brigade Will Lose Its Commandant and His Staff—The Regiments May Not be Kept Intact

The reaction has come. Those who were loudest in clamoring for war, as a rule, gradually coming to the conclusion that fighting is not such a good thing after all.

A DAY OF SUSPENSE. Yesterday was a day of great suspense among those who will have to do the fighting.

MUCH DISSATISFACTION. There is much dissatisfaction among the local military over the existing condition of things.

THE LETTER CRITICIZED. The letter to the captains of companies directing that a poll of their men be made to ascertain how many of them are perfectly willing to go to Cuba seems to have opened up the way to some extent for the military people to make known their grievances.

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VIRGINIANS ARE READY FOR WAR.

Militia Divided as to the Field of Action.

THE FITZ LEE RIFLES.

R. L. Miller, of Lynchburg, to Take 100 Men to Cuba.

REGULAR MILITIA THERE ENLIST.

Business Men Will Grant Employees Leave of Absence and Insure Their Lives—Action of Other Organizations—The Movements of the Troops of the United States.

LYNCHBURG, VA., April 21.—Special.—Mr. R. L. Miller, ex-member of the Virginia State Senate, and ex-United States Consul to Hull, England, has just returned to the city from Cuban waters.

FITZ LEE RIFLES. He is actively at work and expects to enlist by Monday one hundred men to form an infantry company to be known as "The Fitz Lee Rifles."

HOME GUARD AND ZOUAVES. The Home Guard and the Virginia Zouaves of this city, will send full complements of men if their regiments, the Third and Second, are called out.

WASHINGTON GUARDS. There were present forty-seven of the fifty-eight members, and after explanations and discussions, the company voted two-one for service as United States volunteers for service anywhere.

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HOWITZERS WILL NOT VOLUNTEER.

But Will Do Their Duty if Called Out.

UNANIMOUS VERDICT.

Prefer to Follow the Officers of Their Own Selection.

"UNHOLY, UNRIGHTEOUS WAR."

Old Howitzers Express Themselves as Having No Heart in the Struggle.

At the Regimental Armory. Target Practice of Company D—The Troopers Who are to Disband To-Day.

There was quite a lively time at the Howitzers' Armory on north Eighth street last evening, when for more than an hour and a half the cannoners discussed the question as to what should be done in regard to general order No. 8, which required their captain to report how many men would volunteer to go outside of the United States or to follow the call of the President within the borders of this State.

It was nearly 9 o'clock when Captain R. A. Williams called the members of the battery to order. All men responded to the roll-call, except three, one of whom was in Baltimore at the time, while another one was sick in bed and the term of service of the third one had recently expired.

GENERAL NO. 8. General Order No. 8, which called for the information, as to how many were willing to do military service within the United States and how many outside of the country, was then read and discussed at some length, with closed doors.

THE RESOLUTION. "We the members of the Richmond Howitzers, Battery A, First Battalion, Artillery, Virginia Volunteers, fully appreciating the oaths we have taken in time of peace and not unmindful of the proposition in time of war, are ready at all times as an organization and with the officers of our own selection to obey the commands of our superiors; to support and protect the honor of our country; to stand by the officers of our own selection wherever we may be ordered."

A CONTRAST. Captain Carlton McCarthy said that while he had not been able to express his sentiment on the subject during the early part of the meeting, for the reason that the attention of the members to the fact, that if they enlisted under the resolution just adopted they would be just like the soldiers in the United States Army, they would not know, whether they would be sent to Cuba or to any other place.

PHILADELPHIA, April 21.—At a meeting of the Atlantic Base-Ball League to-day it was decided to submit to all the clubs in the league a resolution similar to the British anti-rowdiness resolution of the National League.

ROGERS AND KATADHIN SAIL. NORFOLK, VA., April 21.—Special.—The torpedo boat Rogers sailed to-day for Key West.

NORFOLK CITY ELECTIONS. NORFOLK, VA., April 21.—Special.—The primary election to-day resulted as follows: Mayor, C. Brooks Johnston; City Collector, J. F. Reid; Street Inspector, R. H. Lee; Inspector, R. H. Thayer; Keeper of Almshouse, H. A. Farrell.

NEGROES ARE READY. WASHINGTON, April 21.—A delegation of the most prominent negroes in the country to-day tendered the President the support of the colored Americans.

AT THE REGIMENTAL ARMORY. There was again a busy scene at the Regimental Armory last evening, for a large number of visitors thronged the lower hall all evening, apparently waiting for developments, which, however, did not come.

TARGET PRACTICE. Company D, First Regiment, Infantry, Captain C. A. Crawford commanding, yesterday celebrated its thirty-seventh anniversary. In the afternoon, as has been the custom for former years, a target practice took place in the rear of Chimborazo Park.

THE COMPANY, about thirty strong, assembled at the Regimental Armory at 2:30 o'clock, and from there, accompanied by some of its war members, went in a car to the Richmond Traction Company to their destination.

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THE DAY IN BRIEF.

Spain's negligence in not supplying Cuba with coal and provisions may end the war soon and may cost the dynasty the throne. The right of the President to formulate a policy in regard to privatization was questioned in the Senate yesterday by Mr. Money. The export of coal has been stopped by Congress. During the demonstrations in Madrid last night an American building was badly damaged. Senator Sagasta says the "first shot is almost audible." Several new ships were added to the navy yesterday. It is feared that the battleship Oregon may be cut off and taken at an unfair advantage by a Spanish ship at Buenos Ayres. The Oregon is on the ocean. The President will call for 10,000 volunteers. The North Atlantic Squadron has been ordered to begin the blockade of Cuba. This is practically an act of war. Minister Woodford was given his passports yesterday morning before he could present the ultimatum. He left at 4 P. M. and instructed all consuls to do likewise. American interests in Spain are in the hands of the British embassy.