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DECLARATION OF WAR.

President's Message Goes Through Congress Without a Dissenting Vote.

League Telegram.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The Cabinet met this morning and considered the President's message advising a declaration of war. The President says: "I recommend the adoption of a resolution declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and Spain, and I urge that speedy action be taken to the end that definite international status as belligerent be known and assertion of all its rights and maintenance of its duties in the conduct of public war may be assured."

The message was presented to Congress today. Both the House and Senate referred it to their foreign affairs committee. The Senate committee agreed to the resolution declaring war. At 11:20 this afternoon the house passed the resolution without a dissenting vote.

After the resolution passed the senate, and it was declared that a state of war has existed since the naval forces of the United States have been engaged, and that the militia be called into service to put the resolution into effect, if necessary.

The Paris Escaped.

NEW YORK, April 25.—The Evening Journal asserts that a Spanish vessel by sailing up the channel around

SECRETARY SHERMAN RESIGNED.

Assistant, Secretary Day to be Sherman's Successor.

Secretary's Resignation was Voluntary, as He Recognized the Need of a Younger Man.

League Telegram.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The resignation of John Sherman, Secretary of State, was handed to the President today. Sherman says that his resignation was entirely voluntary, and that he recognizes the need of a younger man at the helm. It was semi-officially announced at the White House that his successor, Secretary Day, would be appointed as Secretary of State. Mr. Day has gone to Ohio to settle some private business. His nomination will probably be sent to the Senate today. There is no doubt as to its confirmation.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—When Secretary Sherman first intended to take effect today, but the date has been postponed. Judge Day returns from Canton tomorrow and unless the President he cannot accept for private reasons, his name will not be sent to the Senate immediately as Secretary.

PORTO RICO AGITATED.

Law Declared and Refugees Prevented From Leaving the Island.

League Telegram.

ST. THOMAS, April 25.—Advices received here from Porto Rico that the agitation on the island is increasing hourly. The food is rapidly rising. Refugees seeking to leave the island are prevented from so doing by the government authorities. Martial law has been declared on the island.

BOMBARDMENT OF HAVANA.

Shots From Moro Castle Failed to Reach the Fleet.

Scripps-McRae Telegram.

KEY WEST, April 25.—A dispatch from the blockading fleet at Havana was received here this morning. It says that the second cannonading of the fleet from Moro Castle began yesterday (Sunday) at early dawn. The cannonading of the fleet by the Spanish was entirely without effect. No shots struck near the fleet. The Americans grew bolder and ventured nearer the shore with their vessels than hitherto. At one time during the cannonading, the New York was within five miles of Moro Castle.

A Spanish Torpedo Boat Destroyer.

LONDON, April 25.—The Spanish torpedo boat destroyer Audaz, sailed from Queenstown, England, this morning. Her destination is not known.

The Asiatic Squadron.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—It was stated positively at the navy department this morning, that the Asiatic squadron at Hong Kong has not been ordered to move. It had been assumed by some that the squadron had left Hong Kong for the Phillipine Islands.

SPAIN CAN'T BUY.

The Italian Government Refuses to Sell the Girabaldi.

Scripps-McRae Telegram.

ROME, April 25.—The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Italian government announced at the Chambers of Deputies that Italy would not sell the Girabaldi to Spain. It will probably be sold to the Argentine Republic.

TO ESCORT THE PARIS.

The Cruiser New Orleans Will Go Out in Search of Her.

Scripps-McRae Telegram.

NEW YORK, April 25.—It is stated at the Brooklyn Navy Yards today that the Cruiser New Orleans will leave tomorrow morning for the purpose of meeting the Paris and escorting her to New York.

It is the opinion that had she been captured she would have been carried into a Spanish port and the capture would have been known by now.

ROOSEVELT TO THE FRONT.

Is Closing Navy Department Business to Go to War.

Scripps-McRae League Telegram.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Assistant secretary of the navy, Theodore Roosevelt, is closing the navy department business this morning preparatory to going to the war. His successor may be appointed at any moment. It is believed that Admiral Walker will succeed him, at least during the war.

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FREEMAN-FELKER.

A Romantic Wedding at Mexico, Mo., Last Tuesday.

A secret is a hard thing to keep, and Mr. F. F. Freeman has found that his case is no exception to the rule.

The people of Fort Smith were very much surprised, indeed, to learn Saturday of the marriage of Mr. Freeman to Miss Irene Felker at Mexico, Mo., last Tuesday. The couple tried hard to keep the matter a secret, but it leaked out in spite of all their efforts.

Miss Felker is a student at Stephens College, of Columbia, Mo., and at that place Mr. Freeman visited her last week. Arrangements for the wedding were perfected, and the young lovers drove over to Mexico in a buggy, where the nuptial knot was tied, Mr. Freeman coming back to Fort Smith, and the bride returning to her studies.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. W. R. Felker, the well-known banker and business man of Rogers, Ark., and will graduate from Stephens College in June in the music and elocution department.

Mr. Freeman is the secretary and treasurer of the Fort Smith Wholesale Grocery Company, and is a young man of far more than ordinary ability. He stands at the top in both business and social circles in Fort Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman will be at home to their friends in Fort Smith after June 15.—Fort Smith Democrat.

Mr. F. F. Freeman was formerly connected with the Southern Grocery Co., of this city, and was universally esteemed for his gentlemanly deportment and business sagacity. His many friends in this city will join with the GRAPHIC in extending sincere congratulations and good wishes.

Ladies, the baking powder named "Perfect", is free from adulterations, made by competent chemists and will not cause sallow skin or indigestion. 3-11 d 1m.

Stocks Dull.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Stocks dull and generally lower.



whom have so little business in court that they are not capable of time. This is unfair and undemocratically. and have filled the position continuously, to date. upon the office to which I aspire, and it is my hope to represent my people in this capacity. To the